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Supporting Information

Influence of the Al content on the *in vitro* bioactivity and biocompatibility of PVD $Ti_{1-x}Al_xN$ coatings for orthopedic applications

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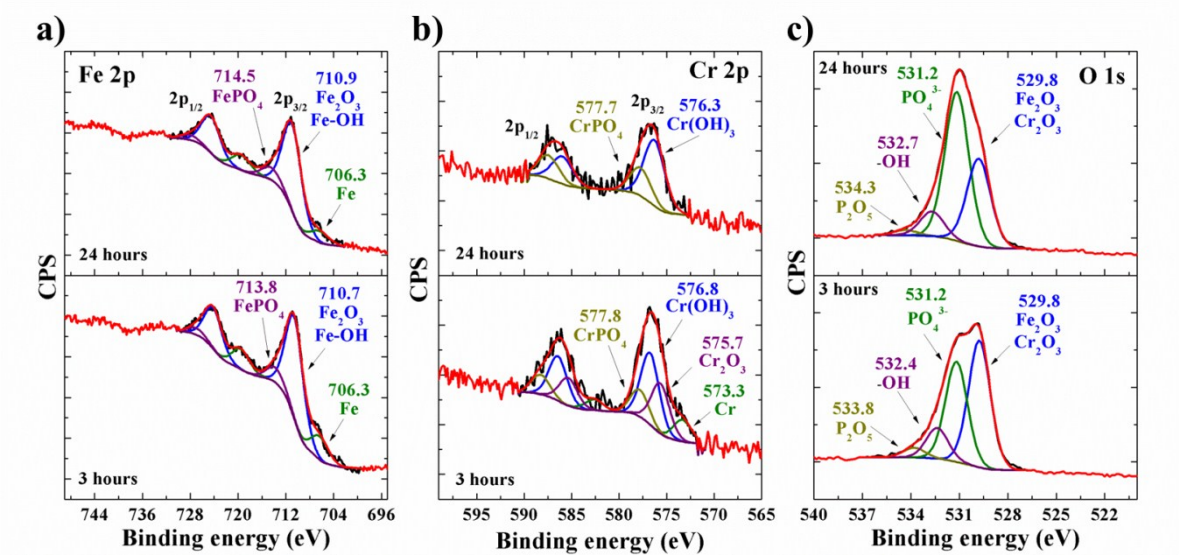
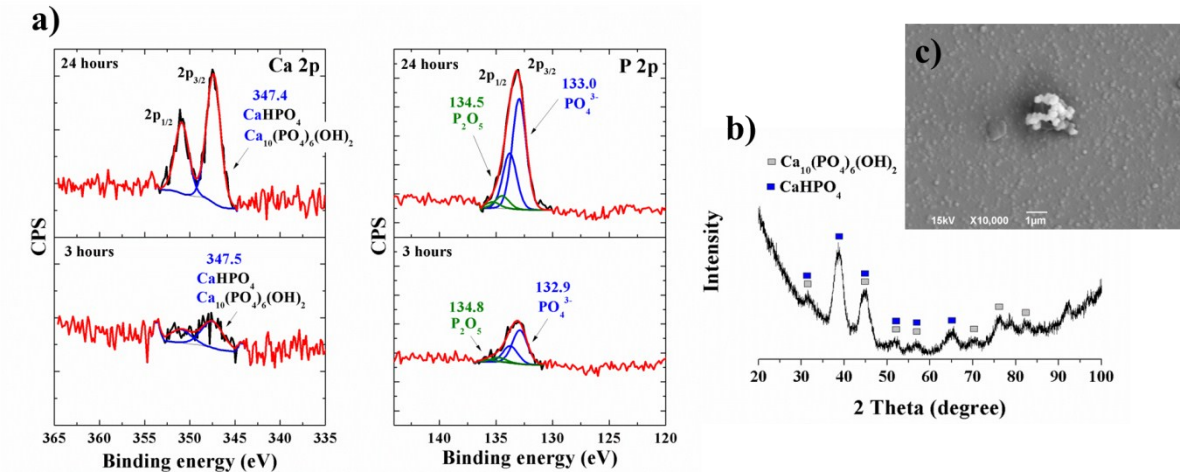


Figure A Fe 2p, Cr 2p and O 1s high resolution spectra of 304ss after 3 and 24 hours of exposure to SBF



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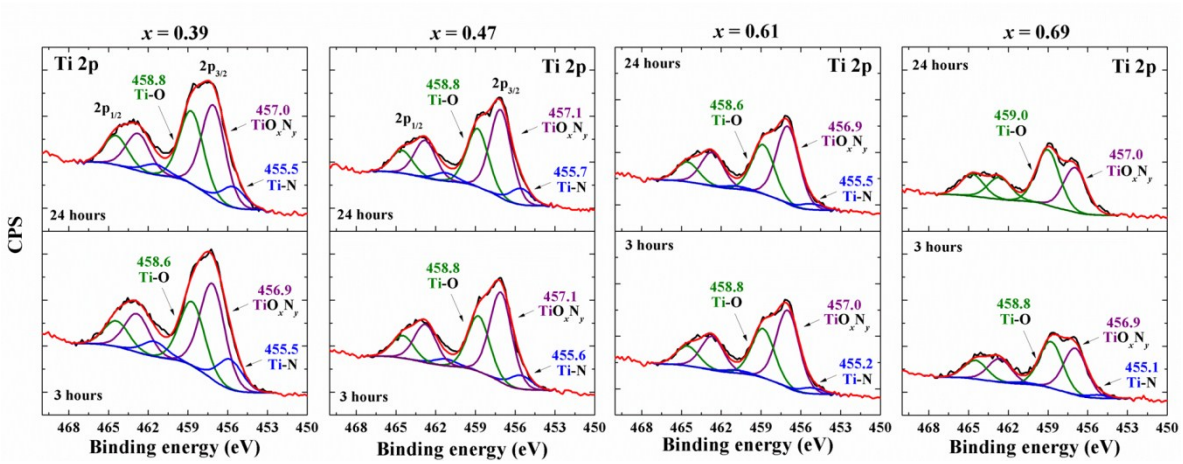

Figure C Ti 2p high resolution spectra of $Ti_{1-x}Al_xN$ after 3 and 24 hours of exposure to SBF

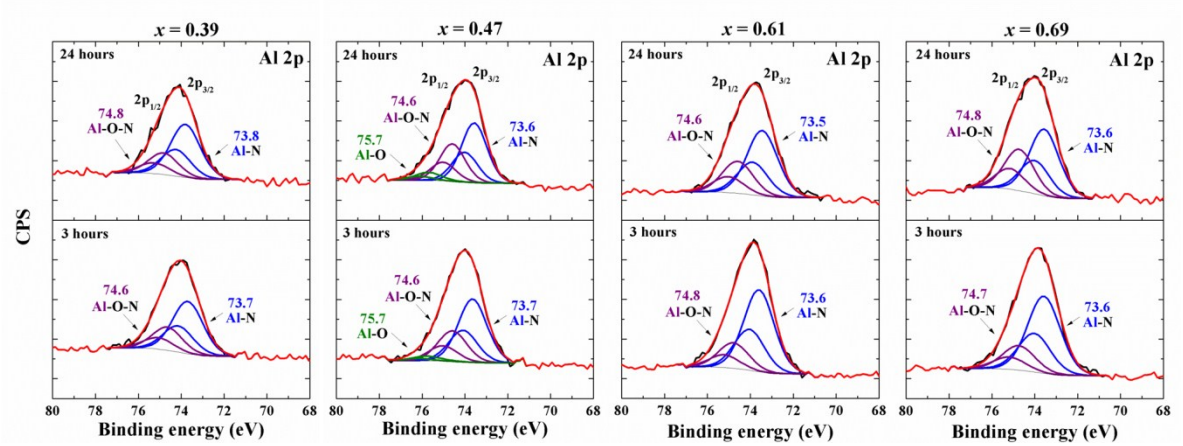

Figure D Al 2p high resolution spectra of $Ti_{1-x}Al_xN$ after 3 and 24 hours of exposure to SBF