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Antimicrobial and Osteogenic Properties of Iron-doped Titanium

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Fig. S1. O1s high-resolution XPS spectra obtained from apparent surfaces of the samples



Fig. S2. Contact angle of Ti and Fe PIII treated samples



samples calculated from AlarmaBlue assay

Experiments

Antibacterial effect towards *Staphylococcus aureus* ATCC 25923 (*S. aureus*) was explored with respect to bacterial morphology, bacterial colony and live/dead viability test. The experiment procedures were same to the description in the manuscript, only that here *S. aureus* was cultured in tryptic soy broth or tryptic soy agar plates instead of Luria–Bertani (LB) broth or LB agar plates.

Result

As shown in Fig. S4(a), the cell membranes of *S. aureus* on the Ti sample were intact without apparent damage, and most of the bacteria cells on the Fe PIII treated samples remained intact. The photos of re-cultivated bacterial colonies on agar plates showed in Fig. S4(b) also confirmed that *S. aureus* strain cultured on Fe PIII treated samples was not suppressed. The microscopic images of *BacLight* DNA stain as shown in Fig. S4(c) revealed that the mortality rates of *S. aureus* strain seeded on Fe PIII treated samples were rather low. These results showed that, the Fe PIII treated samples didn't show bactericidal effect towards *S. aureus*, just like in the case of *E. coli* strain.



Fig. S4. SEM observation (a), photos of re-cultivated bacterial colonies on agar plates (b) and microscopic images of *BacLight* Live/Dead staining (c) of the *S. aureus* cells seeded onto various samples.