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Hybrid particles derived from alendronate and bioactive glass for treatment of osteoporotic bone defects

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Figure S1. Schematic illustrations of the chemical structures of A) bioactive glass and B) alendronic acid.



Figure S2. SEM micrographs with overlaid EDX maps of HP2-7 and HP2-9 particles. The green color corresponds to the distribution of silicon.



Figure S3. A) ¹³C, B) ³¹P and C) ¹H solid-state NMR spectra of pure ALN powder.



Figure S4. A) Zoomed-in region of the 45S5 BG and HP2-7 ³¹P solid-state NMR ³spectra. B) Direct- and cross-polarization ³¹P solid-state NMR spectra of HP2-7 particles.



Figure S5. Weight loss (%) of hybrid particles after 14 days of immersion in solutions with acidic or neutral pH. NS and **** indicate no statistical difference and statistical difference with P<0.0001, respectively. All values are presented as average \pm standard deviation for n=3 per experimental condition.



Figure S6. *In vitro* effect of hybrid particles on osteoclastic cells. Representative microscopy images showing A) actin/nucleus or B) TRAP stained cells upon incubation with different materials. All measurements were performed at a particle concentration of 100 μ g/mL. PS refers to particle-free polystyrene controls.



Figure S7. Digital photographs showing the surgical procedure for implantation of pastes consisting of hybrid particles dispersed in a hyaluronic acid carrier into femoral condyles of osteoporotic rats.

Rat No.	Left femur	Right femur		
1	4585 BG	HP1-7		
2	HP2-7	45S5 BG		
3	4585 BG	HP1-7		
4	HP1-7	45S5 BG		
5	HP2-7	HP1-7		
6	HP1-7	45S5 BG		
7	HP1-7	HP2-7		
8	4585 BG	HP2-7		
9	HP2-7	HP1-7		
10	4585 BG	HP2-7		
11	HP1-7	HP2-7		
12	HP2-7	4585 BG		

Table S1. Randomized scheme for the implantation of the particle pastes.

Table S2. Chemical composition of hybrid particles precipitated at different conditions after 3 days of incubation at 37 °C.

Sample	Immersion		Final composition (wt%)				
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	Ca _{BG} /ALN	pН	ALN	Ca	Na	Si	P*
	ratio						
HP0.5-7	0.5	7	69.3±0.5	11.5±0.0	11.9±0.0	<2	<1
HP1-7	1	7	62.3±0.6	11.4±0.0	12.8±0.0	<2	<1
HP2-7	2	7	25.5±9.8	16.7±0.3	34.7±0.0	7.3±0.3	9.9±0.2
HP0.5-9	0.5	9	68.6±0.2	10.5±0.0	10.7±0.0	<2	<1
HP1-9	1	9	55.6±2.5	10.1±0.3	10.8±0.0	<2	<1
HP2-9	2	9	25.6±4.4	11.3±0.4	20.5±0.0	5.8±0.3	4.3±0.2

* Derived from bioactive glass

Table S3. Solid-state DP ³¹P NMR chemical shifts of phosphate and phosphonate peaks during the formation of HP1-7 particles.

Time (min)	Phosphate chemical shift (ppm)	Phosphonate chemical shift (ppm)		
5	7.7	21.6		
50	7.7	20.8		
100	6.6	20.4		
200	4.2	18.4		
1000	Not observable anymore	18.2		
4320	Not observable anymore	17.8		