

Electronic supplementary information

**Appropriate regulation of magnesium on hydroxyapatite crystallization  
in simulated body fluids**

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**Tables**

Table S1. The composition of simulated body fluid (SBF).

<b>Ion.</b>	<b>Na<sup>+</sup></b>	<b>K<sup>+</sup></b>	<b>Mg<sup>2+</sup></b>	<b>Cl<sup>-</sup></b>	<b>SO<sub>4</sub><sup>2-</sup></b>	<b>Ca<sup>2+</sup></b>	<b>HPO<sub>4</sub><sup>2-</sup></b>	<b>HEPES</b>
<b>C/mM</b>	140	5.0	0-1.5	148-151	0.5	5.0	3.0	10.0

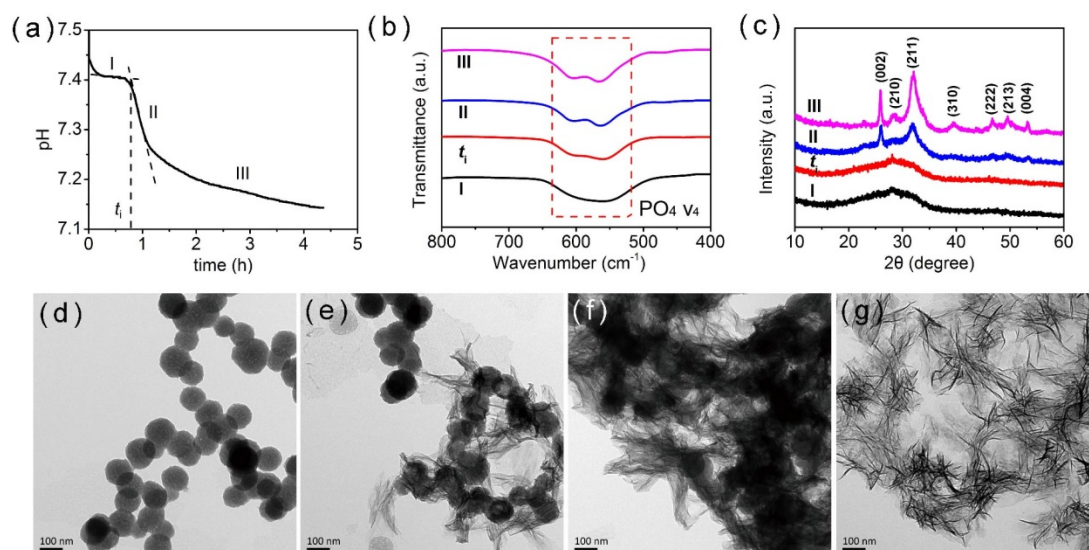
Table S2. The chemical analysis of Mg in ACP and HAP in the presence of different Mg<sup>2+</sup> concentrations in SBF solution, or adding 0.5 mM Mg<sup>2+</sup> at different reaction times.

<b>Group</b>	<b>Mg/Ca molar ration in ACP (mean ± s.d.)</b>	<b>Mg/Ca molar ration in HAP (mean ± s.d.)</b>
0.2 mM Mg	0.019 ± 0.004	0.017 ± 0.002
0.5 mM Mg	0.032 ± 0.002	0.029 ± 0.002
1.0 mM Mg	0.058 ± 0.005	0.040 ± 0.005
1.5 mM Mg	0.070 ± 0.005	0.047 ± 0.003
adding(0)	0.032 ± 0.002	0.029 ± 0.002
adding(5)	0.013 ± 0.001	0.032 ± 0.001
adding(10)	0.010 ± 0.001	0.028 ± 0.001
adding(15)	0.008 ± 0.002	0.028 ± 0.002

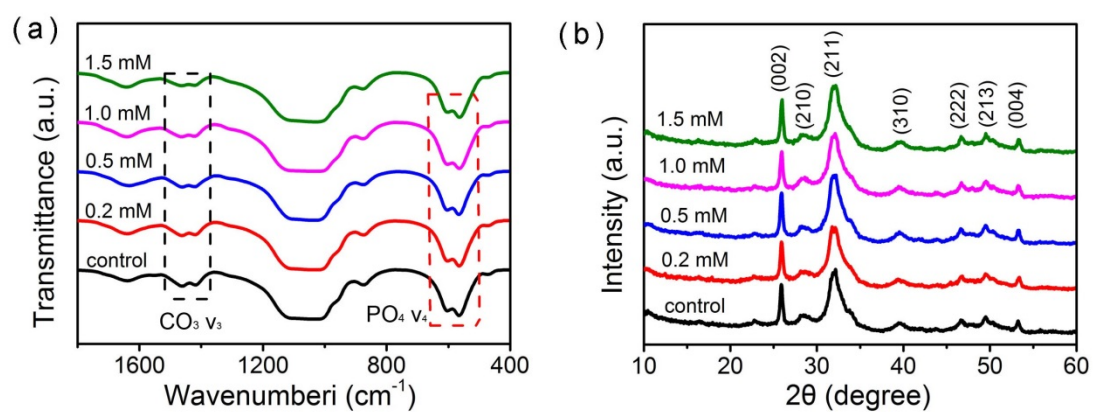
Table S3. The (002) d-spacing, *c* lattice parameter, and lattice distortion of HAP and Mg-doped HAP. The shrinkage of the *c* lattice (lattice distortion) is calculated by  $[c(\text{Mg}) - c(\text{control})] / c(\text{control}) \times 100\%$ .

	2 $\theta$ (002) (deg.)	(002) d-space (nm)	<i>c</i> lattice parameter (nm)	lattice distortion (%)
HAP (control)	25.889	0.3438	0.6875	control
0.2 mM Mg <sup>2+</sup>	25.911	0.3434	0.6869	-0.09
0.5 mM Mg <sup>2+</sup>	25.924	0.3433	0.6866	-0.13
1.0 mM Mg <sup>2+</sup>	25.938	0.3431	0.6863	-0.18
1.5 mM Mg <sup>2+</sup>	25.978	0.3425	0.6850	-0.36

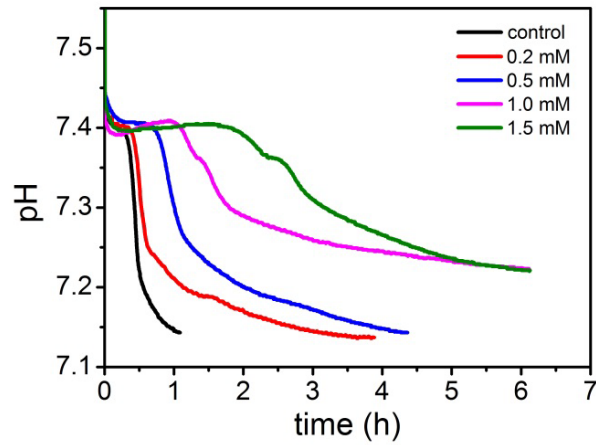
## Figures



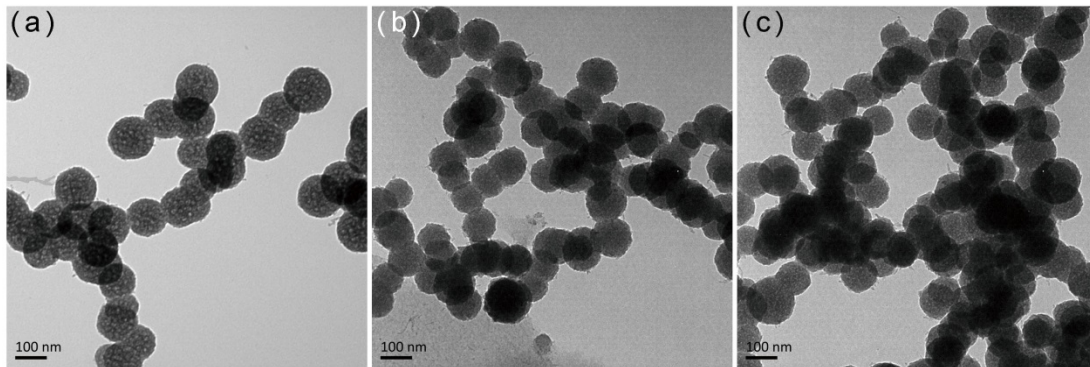
**Fig. S1** HAP crystallization process in the SBF solution with 0.5 mM  $Mg^{2+}$ . (a) A typical pH curve; FTIR (b), XRD (c), and TEM (d-g) characterization of mineral formed in stage I,  $t_i$  (induction time), II, and III.



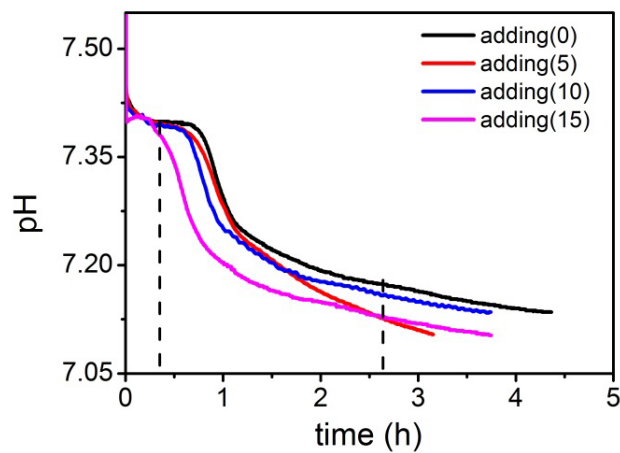
**Fig. S2** FTIR (a) and XRD (b) characterization of final minerals formed at different  $Mg^{2+}$  concentrations.



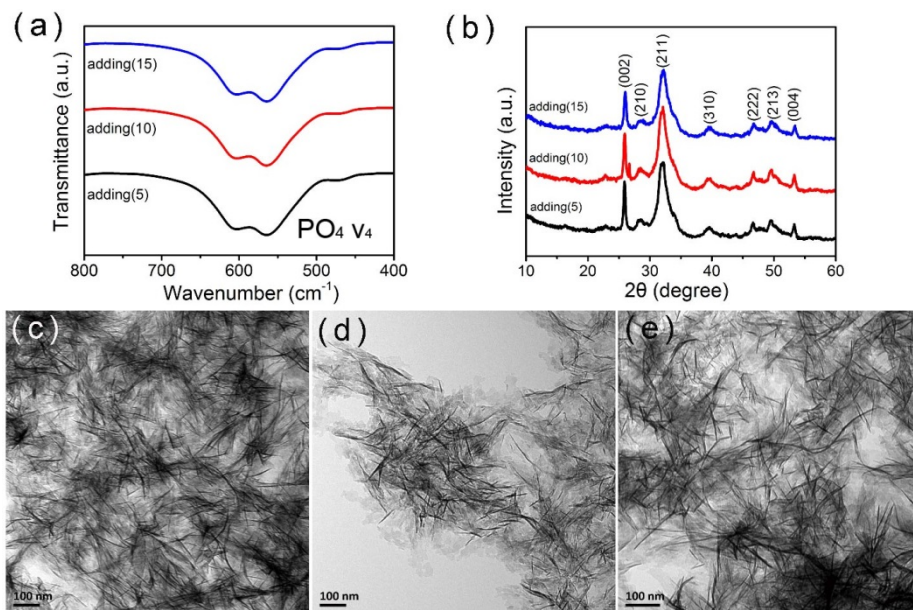
**Fig. S3** The pH curves of SBF solution by adding different  $Mg^{2+}$  concentrations.



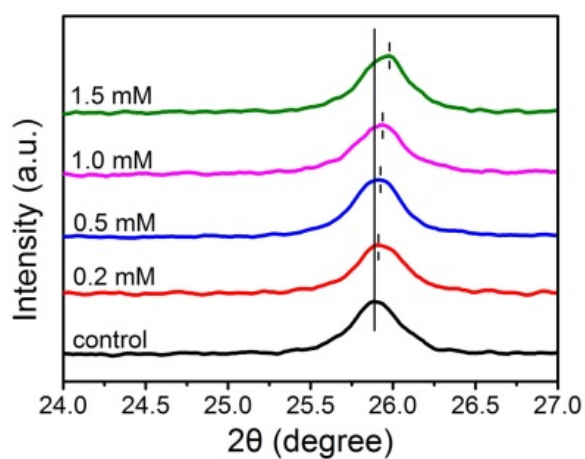
**Fig. S4** The morphology of ACP formed at different reaction times at induction period (in stage I) in control group. (a) 5 min; (b) 10 min; (c) 15 min.



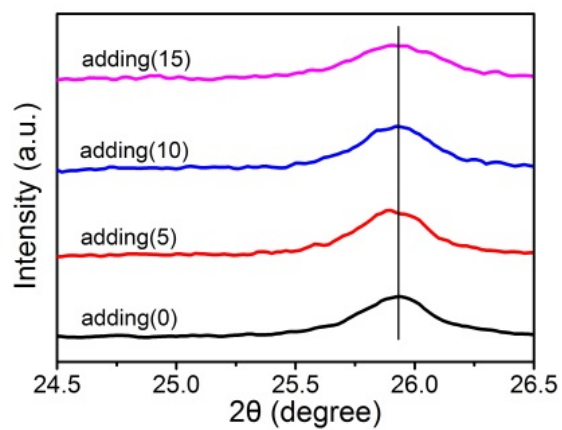
**Fig. S5** The pH curves of SBF solution by adding 0.5 mM  $Mg^{2+}$  at different reaction times.



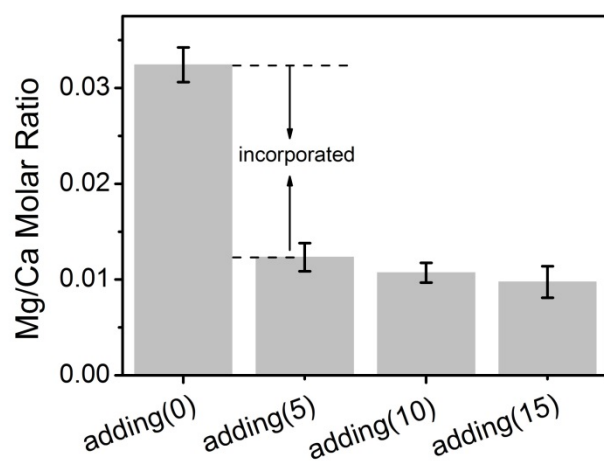
**Fig. S6** FTIR (a), XRD (b), and TEM (c-e) characterization of final minerals formed by adding  $Mg^{2+}$  after ACP formation at 5 min, 10 min and 15 min.



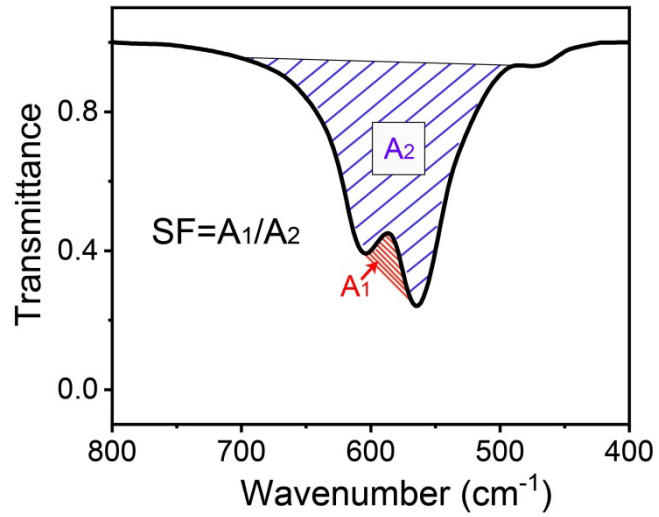
**Fig. S7** The enlarged view of (002) diffraction peak in XRD patterns (Fig. S2b†). The (002) diffraction angle is slightly increased with the increasing  $Mg^{2+}$  concentration.



**Fig. S8** The enlarged view of (002) diffraction peak in XRD patterns (Fig. S2b† and Fig. S6b†). The (002) diffraction angle is not evident change when adding 0.5 mM Mg<sup>2+</sup> at different reaction times.



**Fig. S9** The change of Mg<sup>2+</sup> content in ACP by adding 0.5 mM Mg<sup>2+</sup> at different reaction times.



**Fig. S10** Scheme of the calculation of splitting function (SF).  $A_1$  is the area enclosed by the spectrum and the straight line and  $A_2$  is the area enclosed by spectrum and straight baseline, the SF is defined as the ratio of  $A_1$  to  $A_2$ . SF is used as the crystallization indicator of calcium phosphate.