

## Target Drug Delivery of Pamidronate Nanoparticles for Enhancing Osteoblastic Activity in Osteoporosis

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**Abstract :** Nanoparticles (NPs) that target bone tissue were developed using PLGA-mPEG (poly(lactic-co-glycolic-acid)-polyethylene glycol) diblock copolymers by using pamidronate as a bone-targeting moieties. These NPs are expected to enable the transport of hydrophilic drugs. The NP was prepared by in situ polymerization method, and their in-vitro characteristics were evaluated using dynamic light scattering, transmission electron microscopy (TEM) and in phosphate-buffered solution. The bone targeting potential of the NP was also evaluated on in-vitro pre-osteoblast MCT3E1 cell line using ALP activity, degree of mineralization and RT-PCR assay. The average particle size of the NP was  $101.6 \pm 3.7$ nm, zeta potential values were negative ( $-25 \pm 0.34$ mV) of the formulations and the entrapment efficiency was  $93 \pm 3.1$  % obtained. The moiety of the PLGA-mPEG-pamidronate NPs exhibited the best apatite mineral binding ability in-vitro MCT3E1 pre-osteoblast cell line. Our results suggested that the developed nanoparticles may use as a delivery system for Pamidronate in bone repair and regeneration, warranting further evaluation of the treatment of bone disease.

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