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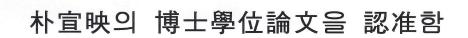
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본 논문에서는 Ti-29Nb-xHf 합금표면에 (Mg/Si)-hydroxyapatite 함유된 마이크로 포어 산화막을 형성하기 위하여 플라즈마 전해 산화법(PEO)으로 합금표면에 포아 를 형성하여 표면특성을 연구하였다. 이를 위하여 Ti-29Nb-xHf 이원계, 삼원계 합 금은 아크용해법을 이용하여 Ti-29Nb, Ti-29Nb-3Hf, Ti-29Nb-7Hf, 및 Ti-29Nb-15Hf 합금이 되도록 설계하여 제조하였다. 제조된 합금은 디스크형태로 두께 3mm로 절삭하여 1050℃에서 12시간동안 열처리 후 급속 냉각 과정을 걸쳐 시 편을 준비하였다. 플라즈마 전해 산화법을 이용하여 Mg, Si 이온이 함유된 Calcium acetate와 Calcium glycerophosphate 전해질 용액에서 표면에 마이크로 포아를 형성하였다. 모든 시편의 표면은 OM, FE-SEM, XRF 및 XRD 등으로 분석하였 다. 표면의 경도와 탄성계수는 나노인덴터를 이용하여 조사하였으며 동전위 분극 시험을 통해 표면의 전기화학적 부식 거동을 분석하였고, In vitro 분석은 표면 조건에 대한 생물학적 변화의 영향을 조사하기 위하여 MC3T3 세포로 수행하여 다 음과 같은 결과를 얻었다.

1. Ti-29Nb, Ti-29Nb-3Hf, 및 Ti-29Nb-7Hf에서 주로 층상(lamellar)과 침상 (needle)형상의 마르텐사이트(martensitic) 구조를 보였으며 α″상이 관찰되었 고, Ti-29Nb-15Hf 합금에서는 주로 등축정(equiaxed) 구조로 β상이 관찰되었다.



2. 기계적 특성의 분석 결과, Ti-29Nb 합금과 비교하여 Ti-29Nb-3Hf, Ti-29Nb-7Hf, 및 Ti-29Nb-15Hf 순으로 Hf 함량이 증가함에 따라 탄성계수와 경도 가 감소하였다.

3. 각 군마다 다양한 직경의 기공들이 산화막 표면에 균일하게 분포되어 있으며, 인가전압이 동일한 환경에서 Mg 이온의 함량이 높아질수록 직경의 크기는 작아지 고 균일한 기공이 형성되었으며 Ti-29Nb 이원계와 Ti-29Nb-15Hf 삼원계 합금에서 비슷한 포아 형태와 분포도를 보였다.

4. EDS와 Mapping을 통한 분석 결과, 플라즈마 전해 산화법을 이용하여 처리한 산 화막 표면에서 Ca, P, Si, 및 Mg 원소들이 잘 분포되었음을 확인하였다. 특히, Ca/P 및 (Ca+Mg)/(Si+P)비율이 Mg의 함량이 증가할수록 감소하였으며 5 mol%의 Mg 에서 이상적인 비율을 나타냈다.

5. XRD 분석 결과, 전해질에 Mg 이온을 첨가한 경우 Ti-29Nb-xHf 합금에서 아나타 제 피크가 더 낮은 회절각에서 나타났으며 Mg이 첨가되지 않은 것에 비해 왼쪽으 로 shift 하였다.

6. PEO법을 이용하여 표면처리한 Ti-29Nb-xHf합금의 E_{corr}는 Mg 이온이 증가함에 따 라 증가하였고, Ti-29Nb-15Hf 합금은 Ti-29Nb 합금의 E_{corr}보다 높게 나타났다.

7. 표면처리한 후 젖음성 분석한 결과, Mg 이온의 함량을 증가시킴에 따라 표면에 서 낮은 접촉각이 나타났다. 또한, Ti-29Nb 보다 Ti-29Nb-15Hf에서 더 낮은 접촉 각을 보였다.

8. In vitro 분석 결과, PEO 처리된 표면에서 전체적으로 안정적인 골성장과 세포 성장을 보였다. 특히, 5 mol%의 Mg에서 골성장과 세포의 성장이 가장 우수하였다.

결론적으로, 합금의 낮은 탄성계수와 (Mg/Si)-hydroxyapatite가 함유된 마이크로 포어 산화막이 형성된 Ti-29Nb-xHf 합금은 골형성을 유도할 수 있는 세포부착과 성장의 친화적인 환경을 제공할 것으로 생각되며 생체재료로서 응용이 가능함을 알 수 있었다.





I. INTRODUCTION

Commercial pure titanium (CP-Ti) and titanium (Ti) alloys have been used an implant material from orthopedics and dental field. Because, its alloys have low elastic modulus, mechanical properties, good corrosion resistance and excellent biocompatibility [1-5]. However, CP-Ti and Ti alloys have some problems such as high modulus of elasticity and toxic. Especially, Ti-6AI-4V alloy has toxic elements such as Alzheimer's disease of Al element and toxicity of V element, it can create harmful environment [6-8]. So, some researchers have been studies on problems of Ti alloys. They have focused on nontoxic element such as niobium (Nb), hafnium (Hf), tantalum (Ta), and zirconium (Zr) for controlling the contents. Especially, Nb and Hf element are effective titanium β -stabilizers and complete mutual solubility in Ti phases [11-15]. Therefore, Nb and Hf element will have superior properties of alloys and biocompatibility such as the Ti-Nb-Hf alloy.

Many researchers have been studies various surface modifications of Ti alloys to improve their bioactivity due to insufficient adhesion of cells on bulk Ti surface. The plasma electrolytic oxidation (PEO) is one of various process, it can occur very quickly to anodic spark oxidation from TiO₂ again. Micro-arc oxidation and anodic spark oxidation are created based on PEO process. The micro-arc oxidation shows many advantages, such as adhesion of substrate metal, corrosion of Ti alloy and biocompatibility of Ti alloy surfaces to improve a surface property [13-20]. From previous reports, surface provided higher cell adhesion, proliferation, and anodized TiO₂ cells cultured on anodized TiO₂ surfaces, it leads to higher ALP activity, compared with the control surface such as a physical change [21, 22]. Especially, PEO process can control electrolyte composition, applied voltage, current density and applied time, which can incorporate Ca and P ions on the TiO₂ surface [23-25]. PEO process for active surface can be carried out in electrolytes containing Ca and P ions or other ions. Natural

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bone is composed of mineral elements such as magnesium (Mg), silicon (Si), zinc (Zn), strontium (Sr), and manganese (Mn), etc. Especially, Mg is closely related to indirectly affect mineral metabolism and calcification of bone tissue. Also, role of Si deficiency has been reported to affect bone formation and growth after clinical implantation of bio-implants [25-27]. However, there were a little researches focused on PEO-treated Ti alloy in electrolyte containing Ca, P, Mg, and Si ions for improvement of biocompatibility.

In this study, the surface characteristics of (Mg/Si)-hydroxyapatite coated Ti-29Nb-xHf alloys by plasma electrolyte oxidation for dental implant have researched using various experimental instruments.



2.1. Titanium[20–27]

Dental materials have been used successfully for a varietv of biocompatible materials and other applications. CP Ti (commercial pure titanium), Ti-6AI-4V and nickel-titanium shape memory alloys are widely used due to several advantages, including low elastic modulus, excellent corrosion resistance and improved biocompatibility as shown in Table 1. [21-23]. Metal materials used for long periods of time in orthopedic and dental areas should be free of toxic or allergic reactions to patients or manipulators and should not cause changes in the corrosion or physical properties of the equipment in the environment. Table 1 summarizes the mechanical properties of various implant metal materials specified by the ASTM standard [24]. However, in the case of the Ti-6AI-4V alloy widely used, there are some disadvantages such as the release of the elements AI and V which are cytotoxic to the human body, and these elements may have an undesirable negative effect [25,26]. Principal requirements for all the biomaterials, incluing metalics, are presently understood to be: corrosion resistance, biocompatibility, bioadhesion (bone ingrowth), mechanical properties, availability. The characteristics of the implants when selecting or developing bio alloys are shown in Table 2. When a metal implant is implanted in a living body, biomolecules such as biological fluids including various cells and water, dissolved ions, and proteins surrounded by water molecules are adhered to determine the affinity of the alloy by the biological reaction with the metal material[25-27].

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Table 1. Mechanical properties of selected implant metals[25]

Alloys	SUS 316L	SUS 316	Co-28Cr-6Mo	Co-20Cr-15W-10Ni	CP Ti	Ti-6Al-4V (ELI)	Ti-6Al-7Nb	Ti-5Al-2.5Fe
ASTM designation	F745	F55, F56	F75	F90	F6 7	F136	F1295	
		F138	F799					
		F139						
Condition	annealed	Annealed 30% cold	as-cast/annealed	Annealed 44% cold	30% cold wor	Forged annealed	Forged anneal	Forged annealed
		worked cold forged	HIP hot forged	worked	ked	Forged heat treated	eđ	
Young's modulus (190	190	210	210	110	116	110	110
GPa)		190	253	210		116		
		190	210					
Yield strength (MP	221	331	448-517	448-648	485	896	900-1000	820-9202
a)		792	841	1606		1034		
		1213	896-1200					
Tensile strength (M	483	586	655-889	951-1220	760	965	1000-1100	940-1050
Pa)		930	1277	1896		1103		
		1351	1399-1586					





Table 2. Summarized properties of biomaterials[26]

Biomaterials	Mechanical Properties	
	- Elastic modulus	
- Osseointegration	- Tensile & yield strength	
- Bio corrosion resistance	- Elongation	
- Adveres tissue reaction	- Toughness	
	- Fatigue crack initiation, propagation	
	- Hardness, wear resistance	





2.2. Titanium properties[21-25]

Since the Kroll process has caused commercial potential in ore in 1936, titanium, also referred to as the "marvelous metal," has been used in more and more specialized applications because the Kroll process has made this material a mine. Titanium is the most common element found on all continents and is recovered from TiO₂-rich deposits of rutile, ilmenite and leucoxene. Until titanium was discovered in 1794 and Kroll's innovative process development in 1936, there was no practical way to recover titanium metal from this ore because of its affinity for oxygen. Modern ore extraction, benzylation and chemical processes have since made it possible to mass-produce titanium metal for the production of high-grade TiO₂ and CP-Ti (commercial pure titanium) grades, important pigments in paints and commercial products, alloys and other alloy systems [21,22]. Metal biomaterials are classified as stainless steel, cobalt-based alloys, titanium metal and etc., and other materials include solid gold, dental amalgam, and other special metals. Titanium can be transformed into two crystallographic forms. CP-Ti has a hexagonal close-packed (hcp) crystal structure called α -phase at room temperature. The crystallographic change of body-centered cubic (bcc) structure known as β-phase through the addition of alloying and thermochemical treatment at 883° C is shown in Fig 1. Titanium properties can lead to changes in alloying by bonding with other elements. The stabilization effects of the alloying elements are in Table 3. The main requirements for all biocompatible summar izes materials, including metallics, are now understood with regard to corrosion resistance, biocompatibility, bioadhesive (bone ingrowth), mechanical properties, and availability [23-25].

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2.2.1 Ti-Nb-Hf system[7-13,28-33]

Much research has been done on dental Ti alloying elements, focusing on alloys with AI and V added. So, focusing on Ti alloys, research on metallic biomaterials such as Ta, Hf, Nb and Zr composed of non-toxic elements are being conducted [7-9, 28-30]. Studies show that Ti-Nb alloys show great potential as implant materials. For example, Ti-25Nb has a bending strength of 1650 MPa and a bending strength of 77 GPa [10-13]. In addition, it is reported that Ti-Nb alloy shows excellent corrosion resistance when compared to Ti-6AI-4V alloy which is most used in dental field. Assis [31] also reported that the addition of Nb and Zr elements to Ti had slightly improved corrosion resistance compared to Ti-6AI-4V alloys. The Hf and Zr elements exhibit complete mutual solubility in both the α and β structures with the Ti phase. Also Ti alloyed with Hf will ikely to have good corrosion resistance [32-33]. In previously reported studies, the binding of Nb and Hf elements to Ti elements was spontaneously immobilized in 0.9% NaCl solution. I_{corr} and I_{pp} decreased slightly with increasing Hf content [12, 31-33].





HCP (Hexagonal close packed)

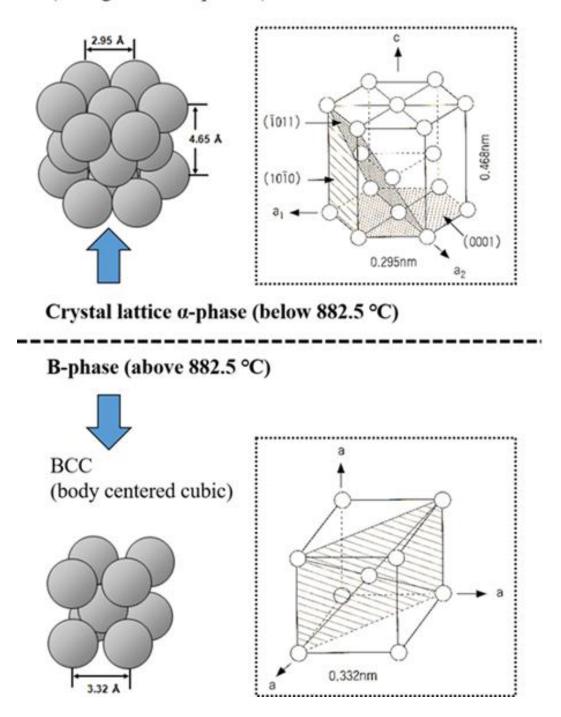


Fig. 1. Allotropic transformation of titanium [30].





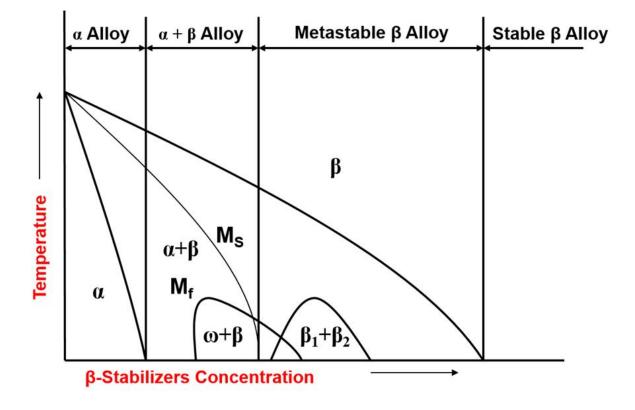


Fig. 2. Phase diagram of Ti and β -stabilization concentration [33].



Table 3. Physical property of titanium [9].

Property	Unit	Value
Density (20 °C)	g/cm ³	4.54 (α-phase)
Melting point	°C	1688
Volume change in α - β transformation	%	5.5
α- $β$ transformation tempeure	°C	882.5
Thermal expansion coefficient (20 °C)	10 ⁻⁶ / ℃	8.41
Thermal conductivity	cal/cm/cm ^{2/°} C/sec	0.035
Specific heat (20 °C)	cal/g	0.126
Electricity conductivity (about Cu)	%	2.2
Characteristics resistance (0 °C)	kΩ · cm	80
Elastic modulus	Gpa	103-107





2.3. Titanium oxide surface[35-38]

Titanium is known to form naturally on the surface of TiO₂ oxide when exposed to air. It is known that the oxide film of thickness of several nanometers generated on the titanium surface has excellent chemical inertness, corrosion resistance, repassivation ability and biocompatibility due to its chemical stability and structure [35-38]. The composition of the mechanically polished CP-Ti surface and the oxide thickness indicated by X-ray photoelectron spectroscopy (XPS) are summarized in Table 4. The properties of the titanium oxide film grown at room temperature are shown in Table 5 and summarized as follows:

- TiO₂ oxide is mainly composed of amorphous or nanocrystalline oxide film with thickness of 3-7 mm.
- 2. The TiO₂ /Ti interface has an O to Ti concentration ration that varies gradually from 2 to 1 from the TiO₂ to a much lower ration in the bulk.
- 3. TiO₂ induces biomolecules, and is surrounded by a glycoprotein layer that plays a role in recognizing cells or transporting chemicals between cells in vivo, and the implants quickly heal in the bone.

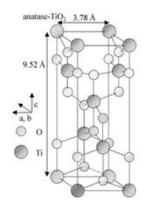


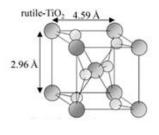




Table 4. Physical properties and crystal structure of $TiO_2[35]$

Property	Anatase	Rutile
Crystal structure	Tetragonal	Tetragonal
Atoms per unit cell (Z)	4	2
Space group	I4/amd	P4 ₂ /mnm
Lattice parameters (Å)	a = 3.7845	a = 0.4594
	c = 4.5937	c = 2.9587
Unit cell volume (nm³)	0.1363	0.0624
Density (g/cm ³)	3.894	4.250
Calculated indirect band gap (eV)	3.23-3.59 (345.4-383.9 nm)	3.02-3.24(382.7-410.1 nm)
Experimental band gap(eV)	~ 3.2 (~ 387 nm)	~ 3.0 (~ 413 nm)
Refractive index	2.54, 2.49	2.79, 2.903
Solubility in HF	Soluble	Insoluble
Solubility in H ₂ O	Insoluble	Insoluble
Hardness (Mohs)	5.5-6	6-6.5
Bulk modulus (GPa)	183	206





Crystal structure



Element	Most stable oxide	Isoelectric point	Charge at pH 7	Solubility at Ph 7 [mol/{]	Typical tissue response
Ti	TiO ₂	3.5-6.7	-	3*10-6	Inertness
Al	Al_2O_3	8.8-9.5	+	10-6	Sequestration
Nb	Nb_2O_5	3.4-3.8	-	~10-5	Inertness
v	$\begin{array}{c} V_2O_5\\V_2O_4\end{array}$	11.5-2.3	-	>1 ~10 ⁻⁴	Toxicity
Zr	ZrO ₂	4,6,7,10-11		<10-6	Inertness
Та	Ta_2O_5	2.7-3	-	~10-5	Inertness
Fe	Fe ₂ O ₃ FeO	2.2-9		<10 ⁻¹⁰ ~10 ⁻¹¹	Sequestration
Cr	Cr ₂ O ₃	6.7-7.4	±0	~10-11	Toxicity
Со	Co ₂ O ₃	10.8	+	~10 ⁻¹² (CoO)	Toxicity

Table 5. Physicochemical properties of titanium oxide and other metal oxides [36-38]





2.4. Electrochemical anodization process[34].

Anodizing is an electrolytic process that creates an oxide film that increases the thickness and density of oxide films on metal surfaces. To achieve this, the conducting piece performing the anodizing treatment is located in the electrolyzer connected to the positive terminal of the power supply and acting as an anode. The cathode uses platinum plates or rods. The electrons are forced to move from the electrolyte to the anode when power is supplied. This process allows metal surface atoms to be exposed to oxygen ions in the electrolyte. The atoms react to form the in situ part of the oxide layer. When power is applied, the electrons return to the cathode, and the description of the electrochemical anodization cell is shown in Fig 3.



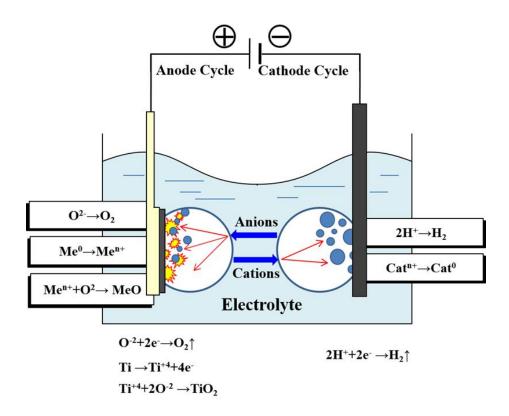


Fig. 3. Schematic diagram of electrode processes in electrolysis of aqueous solutions[34].





2.5. Micro-porous oxide formation[21-25, 35-38]

Ti and oxygen ions formed in this oxidation-reduction reaction are driven through oxides by an externally applied electric field to form an oxide film. The following reactions may occur:

(1) Main reactions at the Ti / TiO₂ interface during the anodic oxidation are as follows:

$$Ti \leftrightarrow Ti^{2} + 2e^{-} \tag{1-1}$$

(2) At the TiO₂ /electrolyte interface:

- $2H_2 \quad 0 \leftrightarrow 20^2 \quad \quad + \quad 4H^+ \tag{1-2}$
- $2H_2 0 \leftrightarrow 0_2 + 4H^+ + 4e^-$ (1-3)
- (3) At both interfaces:

$$\mathsf{Ti}^{2} + 20^{2} - \leftrightarrow \mathsf{Ti}_{2} + 2e^{-} \tag{1-4}$$

The drop in the applied voltage occurs mainly across the oxide film of the anode, and the anode TiO_2 has a higher resistance than the metal portion of the electrolyte and the electric circuit. The oxide does not have sufficient resistance to prevent current flow when the anodizing treatment is higher than the breakdown voltage. The process at these high voltages is commonly referred to as spark anodizing and has a porous oxide film on its surface. Surgical insertion of Ti implants, such as cortical screw threads and some artificial tooth roots, involves significant wear. These applications prefer to have high adhesion and surface hardness on the implant surface. The anodic plasma oxidation of Ti has been developed to meet these requirements. When a positive voltage is applied to Ti, Ti atoms are ionized at the metal





oxide interface and oxygen is diffused through the oxide layer. They combine and the oxide becomes thicker. As oxide thickness increases, resistance also increases, and this layer accounts for most of the voltage drop. Surface deformations of Ti implants typically use voltages of several hundred volts. In this case, micro-arc causes local formation. The intense oxygen gas generated during the decomposition process has a temperature enough to melt the oxide, which has crater-shaped pores on the surface. Moreover, micrometer-scale porosity and topography can contribute to implant fixation by mechanical interlocking.



2.6. Effect of magnesium (Mg) and silicon (Si) in the bone[35-41]

Various mineral elements exist in the human body, and essential trace elements have been reported to play an important role in bone formation because they affect bone density. Information on the effect of the mineral element in the human body is shown in Table 6, and the content of the mineral element present in the human body is shown in Table 7. Among the various factors, magnesium (Mg) is one of the major substituents of calcium (Ca). The amounts contained in the enamel, dentin and bone were 0.2 wt%, 1.1 wt% and 0.6 wt%, respectively. Mg is the fourth most abundant ion in the human body. Mg is known as Ca substitute, and it has a structure that can be easily substituted in HA lattice. This substitution structure is represented the formula Ca_{10-x} Mg_x (PO₄) ₆ (OH) ₂. Mg ions are known to play an by important role in the proliferation of bone metabolism by inhibiting crystallization, stimulating nucleation of large amounts of apatite nuclei, and influencing osteoblast and osteoclast activity. In the bone, Mg stimulates irregular bones to convert them into more crystalline and mature bones. Substitution of magnesium in Ca-deficient HA lattice is expected to be comparable to hard tissue with excellent biocompatibility of Mg-HA. As a result of solubility, crystallinity and particle shape, the bioactivity is expected to be controlled by controlling the Mg² + substitution in the Mg-HA solution window. Therefore, surface modification helps improve the activity between the implant and bone.

Silicone (Si) influences skeletal development and bone formation, which was established by Carlisle. In general, highly concentrated Si is present in metabolically active osteoblasts and is considered essential for extracellular matrix formation in bone and cartilage. In addition, a reduction in Si in bone results in a decrease in the number of osteoblasts, osseomatriceal collagen, and glycosaminoglycans. These findings suggest that

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Si may affect the cellular response at the implant/bone interface, thereby influencing the rate of skeletal repair. Si has been shown to be involved in apatite formation and HA in osteoblastic activity and simulated body fluids (SBF).



Table 6. Effect of selected metallic ions on human bone metabolism and angiogenesis : summary of literature studies[35-38]

Ion	Biological response in vivo / in vitro
Si	-essential for metabolic processes, formation and calcification of bone tissue -dietary intake of Si increases bone mineral density (BMD) -aqueous Si induces Hap precipitation -Si(OH) ₄ stimulates collagen I formation and osteoblastic differentiation
Ca	-favours osteoblast proliferation, differentiation and extracellular matrix (ECM) mineralization -activates Ca-sensing receptors in osteoblast cells, increases expression of growth factors, e.g. IGF-I or IGF-II
Р	-stimulates expression of matrix la protein (MGP) a key regulator in bone formation
Zn	-shows anti-inflammatory effect and stimulates bone formation in vitro by activation protein synthesis in osteoblasts -increases ATPase activity, regulates transcription of osteoblastic differentiation genes, e.g. collagen I, ALP, osteopontin and osteocalcin
Mg	-stimulates new bone formation -increases bone cell adhesion and stability (probably due to interactions with integrins)
Sr	-shows beneficial effects on bone cells and bone formation in vivo -promising agent for treating osteoporosis
Cu	-significant amounts of cellular Cu are found in human endothelial cells when undergoing angiogenesis -promotes synergetic stimulating effects on angiogenesis when associated with angiogenic growth factor FGF-2 -stimulates proliferation of hman endothelial cells -induces differentiation of mesenchymal cells towards the osteogenic lineage
в	-stimulates RNA synthesis in fibroblast cells -dietary boron stimulates bone formation







	Enamel	Dentine	Bone
Ca (wt.%)	37.6	40.3	36.6
P (wt.%)	18.3	18.6	17.1
CO ₂ (wt.%)	3.0	4.8	4.8
Na (wt.%)	0.70	0.1	1.0
K (wt.%)	0.05	0.07	0.07
Mg (wt.%)	0.2	1.1	0.6
Sr (wt.%)	0.03	0.04	0.05
Cl (wt.%)	0.4	0.27	0.1
F (wt.%)	0.01	0.07	0.1
Zn (ppm)	263	173	39
Ba (ppm)	125	129	
Fe (ppm)	118	93	
Al (ppm)	86	69	
Ag (ppm)	0.6	2	
Cr (ppm)	1	2	0.33
Co (ppm)	0.1	1	<0.025
Sb (ppm)	1	0.7	
Mn (ppm)	0.6	0.6	0.17
Au (ppm)	0.1	0.07	
Br (ppm)	34	114	
Si (ppm)			500
Ca/P	1.59	1.67	1.65

Table 7. Comparative composition of human enamel, dentin, and bone[37-41]



III. MATERIALS AND METHODS

3.1. The preparation of Ti-29Nb-xHf alloys

The CP Ti (G&S Titanium, Grade 4, USA), Nb, and Hf (Kurt J. Lesker Company, 99.95 wt.% purity, USA) were used for making the Ti-29Nb-xHf (x= 0, 3, 7 and 15) alloys. And prepared alloys were cleaned by ultrasonic cleaner with acetone and ethanol. After cleaning, all alloys were dried thoroughly.

The Ti-29Nb-xHf alloys were prepared by using the vacuum arc melting furnace (vacuum arc melting system, SVT, KOREA) at high-purity Ar gas. The gas was filled up to water cooling copper hearth in vacuum atmosphere. For keeping vacuum, atmosphere was controlled by chamber fine gage. To avoid inhomogeneity of Ti-29Nb-xHf alloys, ingots were remelted at least 10 times in Ar atmosphere at 1050°C (MSTF-1650, MS Eng, KOREA) for 12hrs, and then 0°C water quenching. The alloy ingots were cut off by using diamond wheel cutting system (Accutom-5, Struers, Denmark) by way of a thickness of 3.0 mm for experiments, and then ultrasonically cleaned in acetone and finally dried in air.







3.2. The characterization of Ti-29Nb-xHf alloys

The microstructure of the Ti-29Nb-xHf alloys were analyzed by optical microscopy (OM, Olymmpus BM60 M, Japan) after performing treatment in Keller's reagent (2 ml HF + 3 ml HCl + 5 ml NHO₃ + 190 ml H₂O). The compositions of each alloys were identified by X-Ray fluorescence (XRF, Analyzer Serial number-581331, OLYMPUS, Japan), Analyzer Serial number-581331, OLYMPUS, Japan), Composition of each alloy was observed by using X-ray diffractometer (XRD, X' pert PRO. Philips). The HCPDS files and characterization were used for matching each characteristic peak in this study.





3.3. Micro-pore formation on the alloy surface

The washed Ti-29Nb and Ti-29Nb-15Hf alloys were used as anodes and a carbon rod was used as the catode in different electrolytes containing Mg concentration of 0 Mol% (CaP), 5 Mol% (5Mg), 10 Mol% (10Mg), 20 Mol% (20Mg), as shown in Table 8. The concentration of the electrolytic solution was stirred during anodizing process in the beaker. The micro-pore formation was carried out using by DC power supply (KDP-1500, KOREA) at 270 V for 3 min as shown in Table 9. The current density was applied to 70 mA in anodizing process. The morphologies of micro-pore formed Ti-29Nb and Ti-29Nb-15Hf oxide were observed by a FE-SEM, EDS, and XRD. The image J (jttp://rsb. info. nih. gov/i/, NIH, USA) software and image analyzer (Image Pro Plus, Media Cybernetics, PA, USA) were used for measuring the surface fraction of porosity and pore size from FE-SEM image of micro-pore formed alloy.





Table 8. The condition of different electrolytes containing plasma electrolytic oxidation.

Experimental Condition	Composition of Electrolyte			
Specimen	Calcium Acetate (mol L ⁻¹)	Calcium Glycerophosphate (mol L ⁻¹)	Magnesium acetate tetrahydrate (mol L ⁻¹)	Sodium Metasilicate (mol L-1)
CaP	0.15	0.02	0	0
5Mg/5Si	0.1425	0.02	0.0075	0.001
10Mg/5Si	0.135	0.02	0.015	0.001
20Mg/5Si	0.12	0.02	0.03	0.001





Table 9. The condition of plasma electrolytic oxidation.

Working equipment	KDP-1500, KOREA		
Working electrode	Samples (Ti-29Nb and Ti-25Ta-15Hf alloy)		
Counter electrode	High dense carbon		
Applied voltage	270 V		
Applied current	70 mA		
Time	3 min		
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3.4. Measurement of mechanical properties

The elastic modulus (E) and the hardness (H) of the Ti-29Nb-xHf alloy were measured by using nano-indentation tester(TTX-NHT3, Anton paar, Austrial) and vickers hardness tester(DM-2D, AFFRI, Italy). The nano-indentation test was performed at allowable load range of 500 mN, a pulling speed of 25 N / min, depth range fine range 40 μ m, and large range 200 μ m. At least five indentation measures were obtained for each alloy in the nano-indentation test.





3.5. Surface wettability measurement

For performing wettability test, micro-pore surfaces of Ti-29Nb and Ti-29Nb-15Hf formed by PEO-treatment in electrolyte containing Ca, Mg, P, and Si ions, were used by water contact angle goniometer (Kruss DSA100, Germany). Surface wettability values were obtained through performing water contact angle test. The water contact angles were obtained by sessile droplet method and a video camera. At least ten water contact angle values were measured for each alloy with 6 μ drop mode.





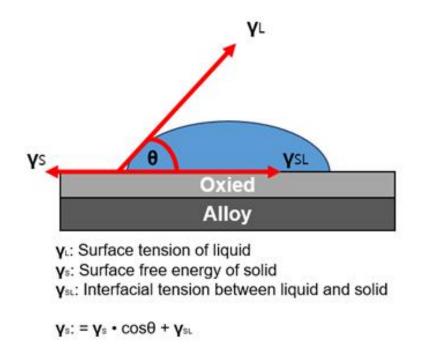


Fig. 4. Equilibrium wetting state of liquid.





3.6. Electrochemical tests

To evaluate the electrochemical characteristics of Ti-29Nb-xHf before and after PEO-treatment in a solution containing Mg. Potentiodynamic polarizatio and AC impedance tests were performed using a three-electrode n electrochemical system. A specimen was connected to the working electrode, a saturated calomel electrode (SCE) was used as the reference electrode, and a high density carbon rod was used as the counter electrode. Argon gas was injected and stirred to remove impurities, oxides and dissolved oxygen. All specimens were allowed to stabilize in the electrolyte at the appropriate open circuit potential for 10 min before the start of the test. The specimens were used for each test, and mean values with the standard deviations of the corrosion parameters were obtained from the raw data. Potentiodynamic polarization and AC impedance tests were carried out using a potentiostat (Model 2273, EG&G Co. USA) using a 0.9% NaCl solution at 36.5±1 ℃. The potential applied to the specimen was swept from the initial potential of -1500 to 2000 mV with scan rate of 100 mV/min, and the corrosion potential (E_{corr}) and current density (I_{corr}) were measured using a Tafel line analysis. An electrochemical impedance spectroscopy (EIS) test was performed at the open-cicuit potential. A sinusoidal voltage of ± 20 mV was applied over a frequency range of 0.01 Hz to 100 kHz. Experimental interpreted assuming an equivalent circuit results were usina the appropriate fitting procedure implemented in the ZSimpWin program (v.3.21, EChem Software, USA).





3.7. Formation of bone-like apatite in simulated body fluid

The PEO-treated Ti-29Nb and Ti-29Nb-15Hf specimens in solution containing Ca, P, Mg, and Si ions were prepared to examine the bioactivity in simulated body fluid (SBF) for 1 day. The ion concentrations of the SBF were listed in Table 10. Each specimen was placed in a beaker with SBF solution. The pH condition of SBF solution was kept in an incubator at 36.5 °C.





lons	Concentration (mM)		
ions	Blood plasma	SBF	
Na⁺	142.0	142.0	
K+	5.0	5.0	
Mg ²⁺	1.5	1.5	
Mg ²⁺ Ca ²⁺	2.5	2.5	
Cl	103.0	103.0	
HCO3-	27.0	10.0	
HPO42-	1.0	1.0	
504 ²⁻	0.5	0.5	

Table 10. Composition of SBF, in comparison with human blood plasma.



3.8. MC3T3-E1 cell culture test

The mouse osteoblastic cell line MC3T3-E1(DSMZ, Braunschweig, Germany) was used in cell culture for 1day. Cells were grown in 12 well plates at a density of 2×10^5 cells per 1 ml. And cells were routinely cultured on the he PEO-treated Ti-29Nb and Ti-29Nb-15Hf specimens in solution containing Ca, P, Mg, and Si ions in humidified atmosphere at 37°C for cell attachment observation. Cells cultured on each specimen were washed and fixed with phosphate buffered saline (PBS) and 4% buffered neutral formalin for cell adhesion. After fixing, the morphology analysis of the attached cells were observed using by field-emission scanning electron microscopy (FE-SEM).





IV. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

4.1. Microstructure observation of Ti-29Nb-xHf alloys

Fig. 5 shows optical microscopy (OM) images of Ti-29Nb-xHf alloys by different Hf contents (0, 3, 7, and 15 wt. %) after chemical etching in Keller's solution. Fig. 5 (a) is Ti-29Nb, (b) is Ti-29Nb-3Hf, (c) is Ti-29Nb-7Hf, and (d) is Ti-29Nb-15Hf alloy, respectively. The microstructure of the Ti-29Nb alloy showed needle-like structure in grain. And needle-like structure changed to an equiaxed grain structure with increasing Hf content. These needle-like structures were disappeared in Fig. 5(d). This phenomena suggest that the structure change with increasing Hf content in the Ti-29Nb-xHf alloys has the same role of increasing compositional Zr content in other alloys. It has β -stabilizing Hf and Nb with chemically similar properties [10,18].

Fig. 6 shows the X-ray fluorescence (XRF) analysis results of Ti-29Nb-xHf alloy after heat treatment at 1050 °C for 12hrs in Ar atmosphere, followed by 0 °C water quenching. Fig. 6 (a) is Ti-29Nb, (b) is Ti-29Nb-3Hf, (c) is Ti-29Nb-7Hf, and (d) is Ti-29Nb-15Hf alloy, respectively. The XRF results indicated that the elements of Ti-29Nb-xHf alloys were detected for Ti, Nb, and Hf. As a result, it was confirmed that the prepared alloys were in good agreement with the designed alloy.

Fig. 7 shows the XRD analysis results of Ti-29Nb-xHf alloy. Fig. 7 (a) is Ti-29Nb, (b) is Ti-29Nb-3Hf, (c) is Ti-29Nb-7Hf, and (d) is Ti-29Nb-15Hf alloy, respectively. The peaks of α phase showed higher intensity such as (100), (020), (101), and (021) in Fig. 7 (a) Ti-29Nb alloy compared to alloys. Especially, Fig. 7 (b) Ti-29Nb-3Hf and Fig. 7 (c) Ti-29Nb-7Hf alloys showed the α + β phases. However, in the case of Fig. 7 (d) Ti-29Nb-15Hf alloys, the β phase peaks such as (110), (200), and (211) have higher

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intensity compared to other alloys, change with increasing Hf content. From the previous study, Hf content of above 15 wt.% in Ti-Nb binary alloys was changed needle-like to equiaxed microstructure and α to β -phase [19]. It is confirmed that needle-like microstructure is mainly composed of α " -phase and equiaxed microstructure mainly consists of β -phase as shown in Fig. 5.



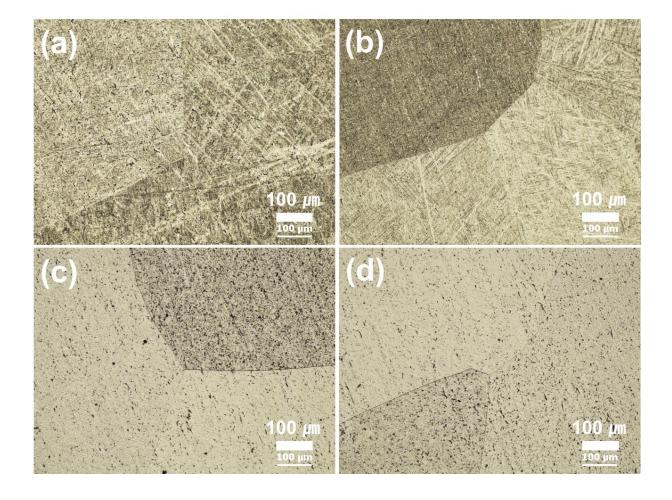


Fig. 5. OM images of Ti-29Nb-xHf alloys after heat treatment at 1050°C for 12hrs in Ar atmosphere, followed by 0°C water quenching: (a) Ti-29Nb, (b) Ti-25Nb-3Hf, (c) Ti-29Nb-7Hf, and (d) Ti-29Nb-15Hf.





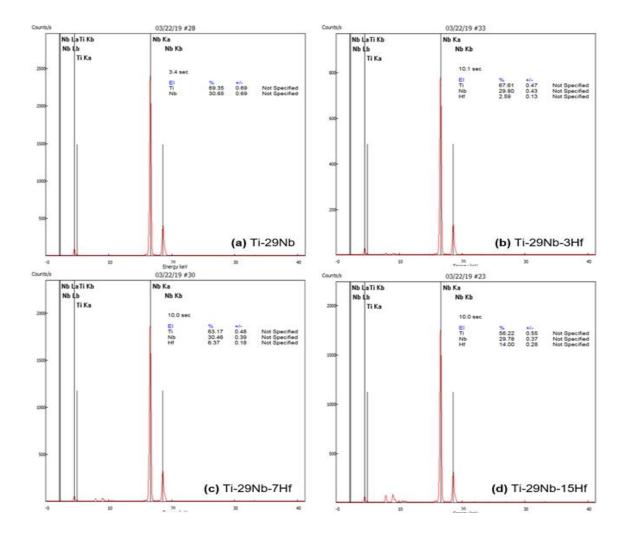


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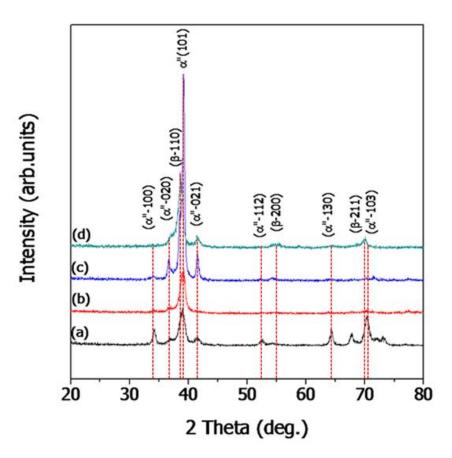


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4.2. Corrosion behavior of Ti-29Nb-xHf alloys

Fig. 8 shows the potentiodynamic polarization curves of Ti-29Nb-xHf alloys (x= 0, 3, 7, and 15) for various samples in a 0.9% NaCl solution at 36.5 \pm 1 °C. As a result, the corrosion potential (E_{corr}) values of Ti-29Nb-3Hf, Ti-29Nb-7Hf, and Ti-29Nb-15Hf alloys are -470 mV, -450 mV, and -370 mV. It is exhibited that increasing Hf element serves nobler E_{corr} values than the Ti-29Nb (-602 mV) without Hf element. And corrosion current density (I_{corr}) value of Ti-29Nb is $6.90 \times 10^{-7} \text{ A} \cdot \text{cm}^{-2}$, Ti-29Nb-3Hf is $8.78 \times 10^{-7} \text{ A} \cdot \text{cm}^{-2}$, Ti-29Nb-7Hf is 8.84 × 10^{-7} A · cm⁻², and Ti-29Nb-15Hf is 7.02 × 10^{-7} A · cm⁻². The I_{corr} value of Ti-29Nb-15Hf decreased slightly from 8.78 \times 10⁻⁷ A \cdot cm⁻² to 7.02 \times 10⁻⁷ A \cdot cm⁻². Furthermore, in the potentiodynamic plots, the Ti-29Nb-15Hf alloy exhibited the highest corrosion resistance. These results suggested that, upon addition of Hf, the passive area was significantly enlarged. Generally, Hf as an alloying element plays a crucial role in inhibiting the aggressive chloride ions present in solution. The corrosion current density was evaluated by using the based on a software approximation. The corrosion potential (E_{corr}), current density at 300 mV (1_{300mV}), corrosion current density (1_{corr}), and primary passivation potential (E_{PP}) from the summary of potentiodynamic polarization curve are reported in Table 11. Therefore, the corrosion potential found in alloys containing Hf is higher than that observed in alloys without Hf [8-13, 42].

Fig. 9 shows the Bode-plots and Bode-phase for Ti-29Nb, Ti-29Nb-3Hf, Ti-29Nb-7Hf, and Ti-29Nb-15Hf alloys after AC impedance test in 0.9% NaCl solution at 36.5±1°. Fig. 9 (a) is Bode-plots and (b) is Bode-phase plots. The electrochemical values of Ti-29Nb-xHf alloys were obtained from Bode-plots and Bode-phase plots by ZsimpWin software to simulate the equivalent circuit of bulk Ti alloy with anodic oxide layer in 0.9% NaCl solution system. Suitable values were found to fit the model presented in Fig. 10, and the approximated line in Fig. 9 generated by this model proved





appropriate data. It can seen that the result of the systematic error was fitted as shown in Table 11, suggesting that this model provided a reliable description of the electrochemical system. As shown in Fig. 9, the experimental AC impedance data results for a untreated Ti-29Nb-xHf alloys were obtained through the solution resistance (Rs), polarization resistance (Rp), constant phase elements (CPE), and empirical exponent of the CPE (n) calculation values. From Fig. 9 the untreated Ti-29Nb, Ti-29Nb-3Hf, Ti-29Nb7Hf and Ti-29Nb-15Hf alloy showed a stable passivating film on a phase angle near 90° in the mid-low frequency range. It is thought that the increase in impedance from Bode plot can be considered that the intermediate frequency region is related to the naturally formed stable oxide film in 0.9% NaCl solution [43-45].

Fig. 11 shows the OM images of Ti-29Nb-xHf alloys after potentiodynamic test in 0.9% NaCl solution at 36.5 ± 1 °C. Fig. 11 (a) is Ti-29Nb, (b) is Ti-25Nb-3Hf, (c) is Ti-29Nb-7Hf, and (d) is Ti-29Nb-15Hf. The microstructure of the (a) Ti-29Nb alloy showed the corroded area with black spots on the surface. The corroded area on the Ti-29Nb-15Hf was decreased compared to others. It is thought that addition of Hf to Ti-29Nb-xHf alloys can be increased the corrosion resistance due to stable passive film on the surface.





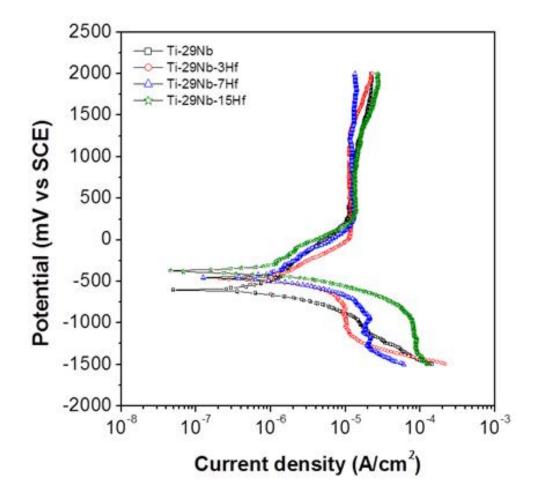


Fig. 8. Anodic polarization curves of Ti-29Nb-xHf alloys after potentiodynamic test in 0.9% NaCl solution at 36.5 ± 1 °C.





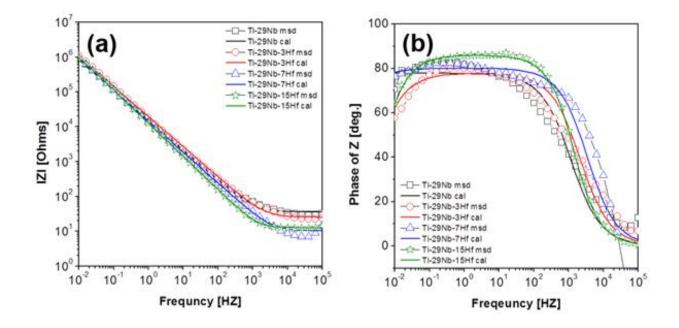


Fig. 9. Bode-plots and Bode-phase for Ti-29Nb-xHf alloys after AC impedance test in 0.9% NaCl solution at 36.5 ± 1 °C : (a) Bode-plots and (b) Bode-phase plots.





Samples	E _{corr} (mV)	I _{300mV} (A/cm ²)	I _{corr} (A/cm ²)	I _{pp} (A/cm ²)
0Hf	-602	1.11 x 10 ⁻⁵	6.90 x 10 ⁻⁷	1.13 x 10 ⁻⁵
3Hf	-470	1.30 x 10 ⁻⁵	8.78 x 10 ⁻⁷	1.12 x 10 ⁻⁵
7Hf	-450	1.22 x 10 ⁻⁶	8.84 x 10 ⁻⁷	1.11 x 10 ⁻⁶
15Hf	-370	1.32 x 10 ⁻⁶	7.02 x 10 ⁻⁷	1.17 x 10 ⁻⁶

Table 11. Electrochemical parameters of non-treated Ti-29Nb-xHf alloys from anodic polarization test.



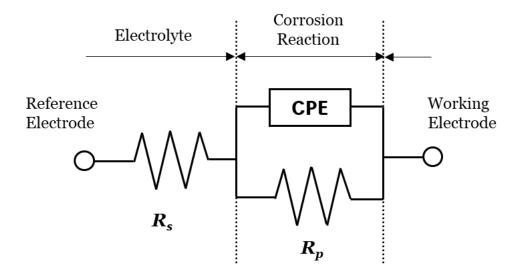


Fig. 10. Equivalent circuit of bulk Ti-29Nb-xHf alloys with anodic oxide layer [44].





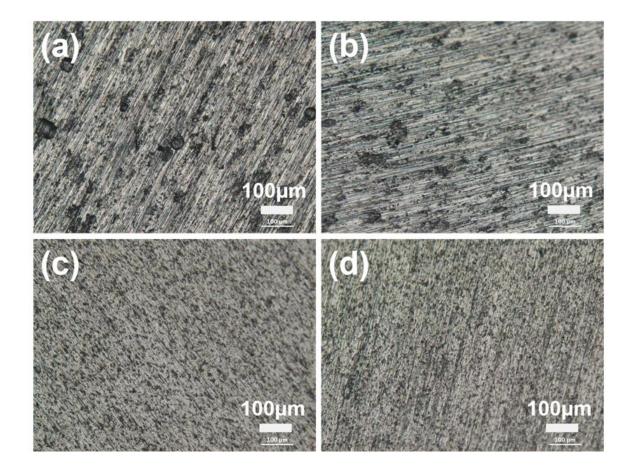


Fig. 11. Corrosion morphologies of Ti-29Nb-xHf alloys after potentiodynamic test in 0.9% NaCl solution at 36.5±1°C: (a) Ti-29Nb, (b) Ti-25Nb-3Hf, (c) Ti-29Nb-7Hf, and (d) Ti-29Nb-15Hf.





4.3. Mechanical properties of Ti-29Nb-xHf alloys

Fig. 12 shows the Vickers hardness results of Ti-29Nb-xHf alloys. Fig. 12 is (a) Ti-29Nb, (b) is Ti-29Nb-3Hf, (c) is Ti-29Nb-7Hf, and (d) is Ti-29Nb-15Hf. The Vickers hardness results of water guenched Ti-29Nb-xHf alloys are shown in Table 12. The value of Vickers hardness for Ti-29Nb alloy was 200.4 \pm 5.66Hv, while the corresponding values for the Ti-29Nb-3Hf, Ti-29Nb-7Hf, and Ti-29Nb-15Hf alloys were 189 \pm 7.96Hv, 186 \pm 3.19Hv, and 185 \pm 4.24Hv, respectively. Furthermore, the value of Vickers hardness decreased slightly as the Hf element increase. The content of Hf increases, phase transformation from α "-hexagonal structure to the ß -body-centered cubic was occurred and the alloy becomes sensitive to the indentation, resulting in a lower hardness value [46-50]. In the case of addition of Hf content to Ti-29Nb alloy, needle-like structure of α "phase changed to an equiaxed grain structure of ßphase, therefore, the value of Vickers hardness was lowered. It is assumed that the control of the metastable α " martensitic phase and stability of β phase were related to addition of Hf element during the water quenching process [46-52].

Fig. 13 shows the nano-indentation test results of elastic modulus measurements of Ti-29Nb-xHf alloys. The elastic modulus was measured using by nano-indentation. The nano-indentation test results of water quenched Ti-29Nb-xHf alloys are shown in Table 12. The results of elastic modulus for Ti-29Nb alloy was 99.29 \pm 2.00 GPa, while the corresponding results for the Ti-29Nb-3Hf, Ti-29Nb-7Hf, and Ti-29Nb-15Hf alloys were 94.71 \pm 2.36, 94.36 \pm 2.31, and 88.04 \pm 1.92, respectively. The low elastic modulus was the Ti-29Nb-15Hf alloy with the highest content of Hf compared with other alloys. It is shown that the elastic modulus decrease gradually with addition Hf increased. It is reported that the value reduction of elastic modulus was related to the β phase increases [42]. It is reported that the value of elastic modulus decreases with the β phase increases. Control of





the elastic modulus to lower the stress shielding effect can prevent bone resorption and bone destruction [42-44]. Therefore, value reduction of elastic modulus can be obtained from the addition of Hf element into the Ti-29Nb alloy.



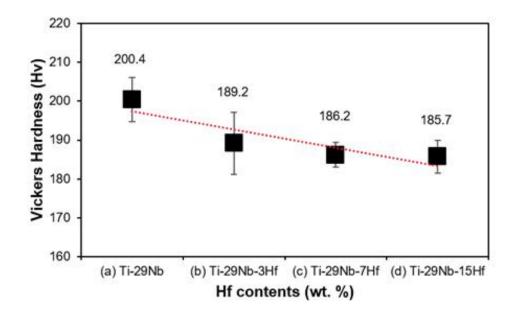


Fig. 12. Vicker's hardness graph of Ti-29Nb-xHf alloys: (a) Ti-29Nb, (b) Ti-29Nb-3Hf, (C) Ti-29Nb-7Hf, and (d) Ti-29Nb-15Hf





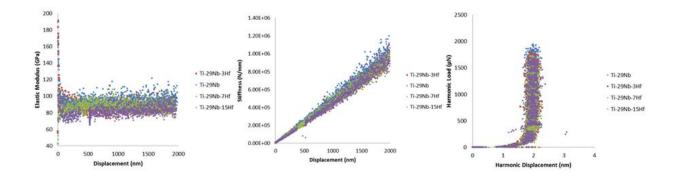


Fig. 13. Nano-indentation test results of Ti-29Nb-xHf alloys.





Somulae / Dronartice	Young's Modulus (E)	Vickers Hardness
Samples / Properties	[GPa]	[Hv]
Ti-29Nb	99.29 ± 2.00	200.4 ± 5.66
Ti-29Nb-3Hf	94.71 ± 2.36	$189.2~\pm~7.96$
Ti-29Nb-7Hf	94.36 ± 2.31	186.2 ± 3.19
Ti-29Nb-15Hf	88.04 ± 1.92	185.7 ± 4.24

Table 12. Vicker's hardness values of Ti-29Nb-xHf alloy.



4.4. Micro-pore formation on the alloy surface

Fig. 14 shows the FE-SEM morphologies of PEO treated Ti-29Nb alloy. Fig. 14 (a) is low-magnification (x 5,000), and (b) is high-magnification (x 50,000). Anodization treatment was performed at 270 V for 3 min on the Ti-29Nb alloy. After PEO coating result, surface showed formation of micro-pores with uniform distribution on the surface of alloys. Fig. 14 shows the small holes on oxide film are formed in the large holes. This is thought to trigger the increase in gas evolution on the Ti alloy surface. This formation of micro-porous is caused by sparks when processing PEO. In a short time, rough surfaces and various porous oxide films can be obtained [53-55]. The various porous oxide films of Ti alloy can be controlled by anodizing time in anodizing process.

Fig. 15 shows the FE-SEM morphologies of PEO treated Ti-29Nb alloy(a, b, c, and d) and Ti-29Nb-xHf alloy(a-1, b-1, c-1, and d-1) with different electrolytes containing Mg concentration of (a and a-1) 0 Mg (b and b-1) 5 Mg, (c and c-1) 10 Mg, and (d and d-1) 20 Mg, respectively. Anodization treatment was performed at 270 V for 3 min on Ti-29Nb and Ti-29Nb-15Hf alloys with ions (Ca, P, Mg, Si). The various types of micro-porous oxide layers were formed as shown in Fig. 15. The number of micro-pore increased with increasing Mg concentration, whereas, the size of micro-pore decreased with increasing Mg concentration. Also, the number and the size of micro-pore formed Ti-29Nb-15Hf alloy were occurred with the tendency like Ti-29Nb alloy with increasing Mg concentration. And chemical composition of oxide layer was investigated by EDS analysis. It was confirmed that the oxide films on Ti-29Nb and Ti-29Nb-15Hf alloy were in good on the composed of the alloying elements, including ions (Ca, P, Mg, Si) and oxygen. In the PEO process, anodic compounds with Mg and Si ions in electrolyte drawn into discharge channel due to electric fields, and competition of Mg and Si ions in the solution are occurred for substitution with Ca and P. In the case of





 Mg^2 ⁺ ions, the dehydration of aqueous ions, which needs to occur before incorporation into the crystalline structure, is slow. Also, it thought that the smaller ionic radius of Mg^2 ⁺(0.0069nm) might also affect the substitution for Ca² ⁺(0.099nm) in apatite [53-60].

Fig. 16 shows the FE-SEM and images of micro-pore distribution formed Ti-29Nb and Ti-29Nb-15Hf alloy by PEO processing with different electrolytes containing Mg concentration of (a and a-1) 0 Mg (b and b-1) 5 Mg, (c and c-1) 10 Mg, and (d and d-1) 20 Mg. The summarized values for the micro-pore formed on Ti-29Nb and Ti-29Nb-15Hf alloy were obtained using by Image J software (http://rsb.info.nih.gov/ij/, NIH, USA) and Image analyzer software (Image Pro Plus, Media Cybernetics, PA, USA). Fig. 16(a) is OMg, Fig. 16(b) is 5Mg, Fig. 16(c) is 10Mg, and Fig. 16(d) is 20Mg for Ti-29Nb alloy. And Fig. 16(a-1) is OMg, Fig. 16(b) is 5Mg, Fig. 16(c) is 10Mg, and Fig. 16(d) is 20Mg for Ti-29Nb-15Hf alloy, respectively. It shows the change of the number of pores and the size of pores according to the Mg concentration in the electrolyte. The average numbers of micro-pore formed on Ti-29Nb alloy by changing the Mg concentration at 270 V for 3 min were 22.98 \pm 1.77 for OMg, 31.35 ± 1.75 for 5Mg, 54.33 ± 1.34 for 10Mg, and 59.45 \pm 0.15 for 20Mg, respectively. The average numbers of micro-pore fabricated by changing the Mg concentration from Ti-29Nb-15Hf alloy at 270 V for 3 min were 23.43 \pm 2.11 for OMg, 31.66 \pm 2.32 for 5Mg, 55.67 \pm 1.54 for 10Mg, and 60.77 \pm 0.23 for 20Mg, respectively. It is confirmed that the numbers of micro-pore depends on the composition of electrolyte with added ions and the chemical composition of the alloy. In the case of the Ti-29Nb alloy, as the Mg concentration increased from OMg to 20Mg for a constant alloy composition, the mean pore size decreased drastically from 1.35 \pm 0.09 to 0.83 \pm 0.29. It is thought that the activation energy depend on the increasing Mg concentration in the solution to attack on the alloy surface leading to the small size of micro-pore formation gradually. In the case of the а Ti-29Nb-15Hf alloy, as the Mg concentration increased from OMg to 20Mg for a constant alloy composition, the mean pore size decreased drastically from

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 1.51 ± 0.08 to 0.89 ± 0.34 . The area ratio of occupied micro-pore for Ti-29Nb alloy with increasing Mg concentration was 10.59 ± 0.33 , 11.02 ± 0.47 , 12.17 ± 0.55 , and 13.15 ± 0.32 and the area ratio of occupied micro-pore for Ti-29Nb-15Hf alloy with increasing Mg concentration was 9.83 ± 0.29 , 10.99 ± 0.44 , 12.38 ± 0.51 , and 13.11 ± 0.41 , respectively. The values of the micro-pore number and layer sizes for the Ti-29Nb and Ti-29Nb-15Hf alloy with different Mg concentration are shown in Table 13.

Fig. 17 shows the EDS mapping analysis results of PEO-treated (a) Ti-29Nb and (b) Ti-29Nb-15Hf alloys in Ca, P, Mg, and Si electrolyte, respectively. As a result of the EDS mapping analysis, Ca/P ratio was obtained by oxide film and was found the distribution degree of doping of ions. In Fig. 17, Ca / P ratios were determined on the oxide film surface, it is summarized in Table 14 and Fig. 18. Ti-29Nb and Ti-29Nb-15Hf alloy were observed 1.62 and 1.64 for Ca / P ratio. Also, as the content of added Mg increased, the ratio of Ca / P tended to decrease. In same concentration of electrolyte, the Ca / P ratio decreased with increasing Mg content. It is considered that there is a transition zone consisting of Ca, P, Mg, Si and O complexes between the exterior and interior of the coating material. Therefore, it is thought that Mg and Si ions on the PEO-treated implant surfaces serve a biocompatibility and good effect on cell and bone binding [45-47, 60-63].

Fig. 19 shows the TF-XRD patterns of PEO treated Ti-29Nb and Ti-29Nb-15Hf alloy with different electrolytes containing Mg concentration of (a) 0 Mg, (b) 5 Mg, (c) 10 Mg, and (d) 20 Mg, respectively. The peaks of TiO₂ consisted predominantly of anatase with small amount of rutile, which was mixture structure as shown in the surface of the micro-pore formed Ti-29Nb and Ti-29Nb-15Hf alloys. Regarding with this result, the hydroxyapatite and anatase phases are believed to have more efficient nucleation and growth than the rutile layer because of their good lattice match [64-66].



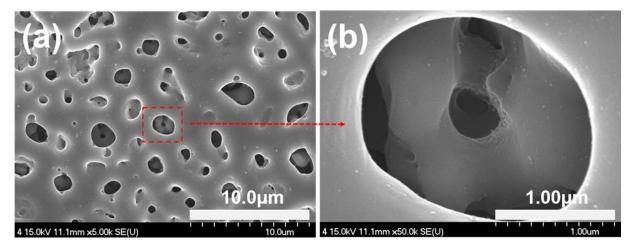


Fig. 14. FE-SEM images showing morphologies of PEO-treated Ti-29Nb alloy: (a) low-magnification (x 5,000) and (b) high-magnification (x 50,000).





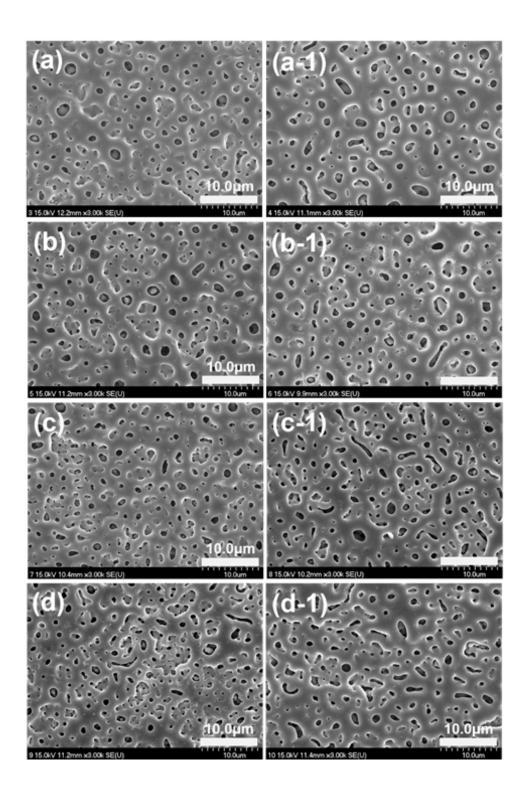


Fig. 15. FE-SEM images showing morphologies of PEO-treated Ti-29Nb alloy(a, b, c, and d) and Ti-29Nb-xHf alloy(a-1, b-1, c-1, and d-1) with different electrolytes containing Mg concentration of (a and a-1) 0 Mg (b and b-1) 5 Mg, (c and c-1) 10 Mg, and (d and d-1) 20 Mg.





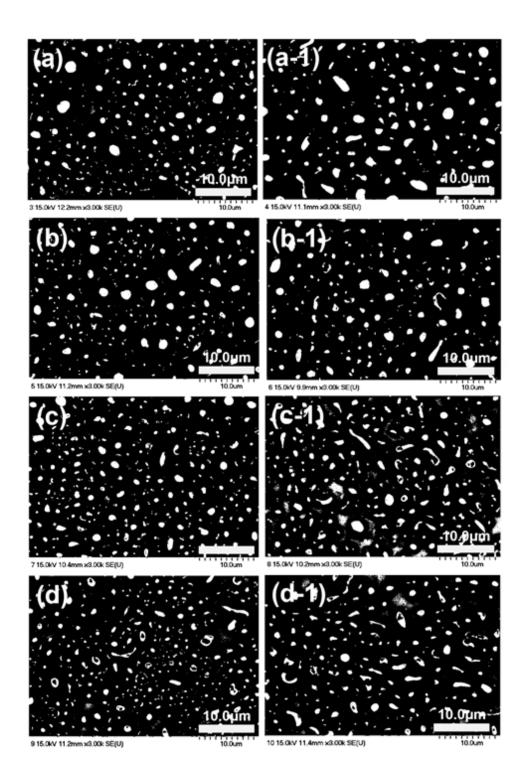


Fig. 16. FE-SEM and pore distribution images of micro-pore formed Ti-29Nb and Ti-29Nb-15Hf alloy by PEO processing with different electrolytes containing Mg concentration of (a and a-1) 0 Mg, (b and b-1) 5 Mg, (c and c-1) 10 Mg, and (d and d-1) 20 Mg.





Table 13. The summarized data from image analysis for the micro-pore formed on Ti-29Nb and Ti-29Nb-15Hf alloys by PEO.

	Numbers of micro-pore (N/10 ² ·u	m ²)		
	(Ca+0Mg/P+5Si)	(Ca+5Mg/P+5Si)	(Ca+10Mg/P+5Si)	(Ca+20Mg/P+5Si)
Ti-29Nb	22.98 ± 1.77	31.35 ± 1.75	54.33 ± 1.34	59.45± 0.15
Ti-29Nb-15Hf	23.43 ± 2.11	31.66 ± 2.32	55.67 ± 1.54	60.77 ± 0.23
	Mean pore size (um)			
	(Ca+0Mg/P+5Si)	(Ca+5Mg/P+5Si)	(Ca+10Mg/P+5Si)	(Ca+20Mg/P+5Si)
Ti-29Nb	1.35 ± 0.09	1.21 ± 0.13	0.93 ± 0.19	0.83 ± 0.29
Ti-29Nb-15Hf	1.51 ± 0.08	1.27 ± 0.10	1.04 ± 0.15	0.89 ± 0.34
	Area ratio of occupied by micro	-pores (%/10 ² ·um ²)		
	(Ca+0Mg/P+5Si)	(Ca+5Mg/P+5Si)	(Ca+10Mg/P+5Si)	(Ca+20Mg/P+5Si)
Ti-29Nb	10.59 ± 0.33	11.02 ± 0.47	12.17 ± 0.55	13.15 ± 0.32
Ti-25Nb-15Hf	9.83 ± 0.29	10.99 ± 0.44	12.38 ± 0.51	13.11 ± 0.41





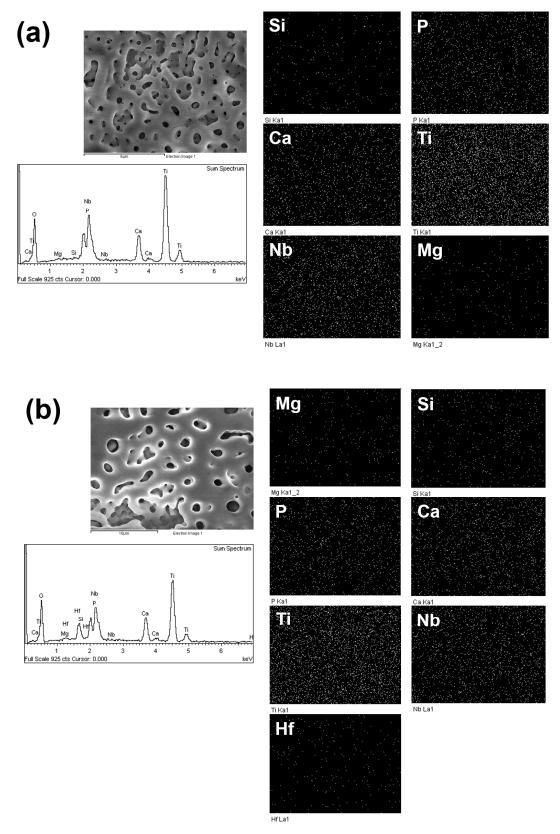


Fig. 17. EDS mapping analysis results of PEO-treated (a) Ti-29Nb and (b) Ti-29Nb-15Hf alloy.





Table 14. EDS mapping results of Ti-29Nb and Ti-29Nb-15Hf alloys with different electrolytes containing Mg concentration.

Samples	Composition (wt. %)								Ca/P	(Ca+xMg/P+5Si)	
	0	Mg	Ca	Si	Р	Ti	Hf	Nb	Total	 ratio	ratio
PEO 270-treated											
Ti-29Nb (0Mg)	41.33	-	6.80	-	4.49	31.17	-	16.20	100.00	-	1.51
Ti-29Nb (5Mg)	36.29	0.14	11.30	0.50	6.52	36.29	-	11.14	100.00	1.73	1.62
Ti-29Nb (10Mg)	37.97	0.24	6.51	0.22	4.13	35.76	-	15.18	100.00	1.57	1.55
Ti-29Nb (20Mg)	38.58	0.47	6.60	0.22	4.46	35.28	-	14.39	100.00	1.47	1.51
PEO 270-treated											
Ti-29Nb-15Hf (0Mg)	36.32	-	6.08	-	4.20	33.29	9.27	10.84	100.00	-	1.44
Ti-29Nb-15Hf (5Mg)	38.40	0.09	6.99	0.30	4.00	28.98	7.01	14.53	100.00	1.74	1.64
Ti-29Nb-15Hf (10Mg)	35.17	0.40	6.03	0.31	4.14	31.48	8.93	13.55	100.00	1.45	1.44
Ti-29Nb-15Hf (20Mg)	38.77	0.82	5.69	0.11	4.61	31.16	4.10	14.74	100.00	1.23	1.38





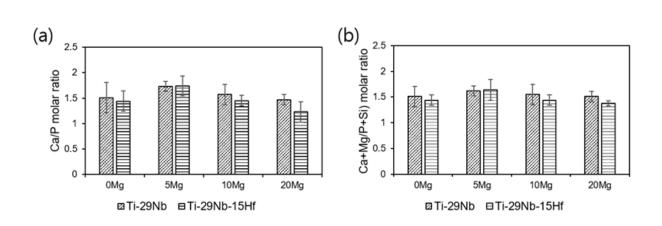


Fig. 18. Variation of Ca/P molar ratio with different electrolytes containing Mg concentration: (a) Ca/P ratio and (b) (Ca+Mg/P+Si) ratio.





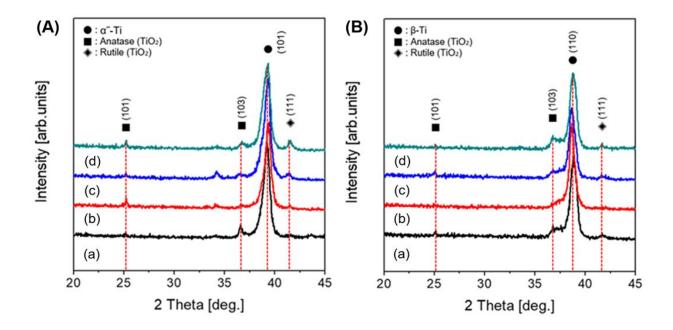


Fig. 19. TF-XRD patterns of PEO-treated Ti-29Nb and Ti-29Nb-15Hf alloys with different electrolytes containing Mg concentration: (a) 0 Mg, (b) 5 Mg, (c) 10 Mg, and (d) 20 Mg.





4.5. Electrochemical behaviors of Ti-29Nb and Ti-29Nb-15Hf alloys

Fig. 20 shows the anodic polarization curves of PEO treated Ti-29Nb-xHf alloys after potentiodynamic test in 0.9% NaCl solution at 36.5±1℃. Fig. 20(a) is Ti-29Nb and (b) is Ti-29Nb-15Hf, respectively. These values were obtained from the polarization curves and the Tafel curves using the negative and positive polarity branches of the curves, respectively. This phenomenon means the more higher corrosion resistance of PEO-treated Ti-29Nb-15Hf alloy compared to PEO-treated Ti-29Nb alloy. It can be seen that the corrosion potential of the PEO-treated Ti-29Nb-15Hf alloy are higher than that for the PEO-treated Ti-29Nb alloy. The value of E_{corr} for the PEO-treated Ti-29Nb alloy with Ca, P ions was -950 mV, while the corresponding values for the 0 Mg, 5Mg, 10Mg, and 20 Mg coatings were -920 mV, -880 mV, and -860 mV, respectively. And the value of E_{corr} for the PEO-treated Ti-29Nb-15Hf alloy with Ca, P ions was -850, -750, -720, and -660, respectively. The I_{corr} values of PEO-coated specimen were obtained from the polarization curves using Tafel line analysis. Furthermore, the decreases of corrosion current density in the bulk Ti alloy, relative to the I_{corr} value calculated for the other specimens, could be associated with an increase in the corrsion resistance of the dense oxid films such as TiO_2 . The value of I_{corr} for the PEO-treated Ti-29Nb alloy was $1.37 \times 10^{-6} \text{ A} \cdot \text{cm}^{-2}$, while the corresponding values for the 0 Mg, 5 Mg, 10 Mg, and 20 Mg coatings were $1.42 \times 10^{-6} \text{ A} \cdot \text{cm}^{-2}$, $1.48 \times 10^{-6} \text{ A} \cdot \text{cm}^{-2}$, $1.60 \times 10^{-6} \text{ A} \cdot \text{cm}^{-2}$, respectively. The value of I_{corr} for the PEO-treated Ti-29Nb-15Hf alloy was $1.77 \times 10^{-6} \text{ A} \cdot \text{cm}^{-2}$, while the corresponding values for the 0 Mg, 5 Mg, 10 Mg, and 20 Mg coatings were 9.76 \times 10⁻⁷ A \cdot cm⁻², 9.63 \times 10⁻⁷ A \cdot cm⁻², 1.03 \times 10^{-6} A \cdot cm⁻², respectively. E_{corr} of PEO-treated Ti-29Nb-15Hf alloy with Mg concentration showed higher than that of PEO-treated Ti-29Nb alloy with Mg concentration. When the porous oxide layer is formed on the surface of the

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specimen, it affects the thickness of the oxide film and increases OCP. Therefore, this reaction was able to obtain lower results in current density of PEO-coated specimen than current density in bulk specimen. In other words, a stable passive film is formed in the passive region of all specimen, as shown in Fig 20. The results for corrosion potential (E_{corr}), corrosion current density (I_{corr}), corrosion current density of oral environment at 300 mV (I_{300mV}), current density of primary passivation(I_{pp}), and critical current density in passive region(Ip) from the polarization curves are given to Table 16. Especially, corrosion potential of PEO-treat Ti-29Nb-15Hf alloy with Mg concentration, that of E_{corr} increased compared to non-coated surface with Mg concentration. Also, the corrosion rate of the micro-pore formed Ti-29Nb and Ti-29Nb-15Hf alloy in solution containg Mg ions, decreased compared to the non-Mg treated surface. that of the micro-pore formed Ti-29Nb-15Hf alloy was lower than the corrosion rate of the micro-pore formed Ti-29Nb alloy. It is comfirm that the pore size and the number of the Ti-Nb alloy containing Hf element increased as compared with other samples. Although the titanium surface forms a stable passive film in the anodizing process, the active reaction in the pores can be affected by the corrosive solution. And surface pores tend to act as corrosion sites in NaCl solution [65-68].





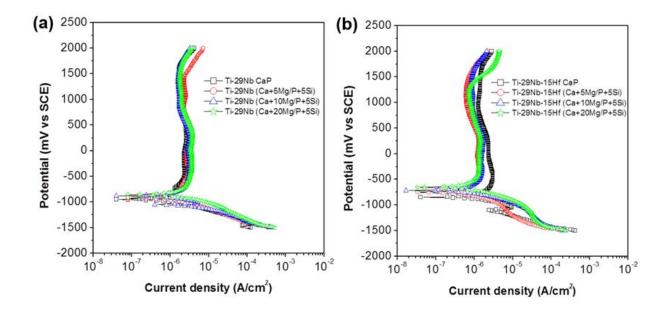


Fig. 20. Anodic polarization curves of PEO-treated Ti-29Nb-xHf alloys after potentiodynamic test in 0.9% NaCl solution at 36.5±1℃: (a) Ti-29Nb and (b) Ti-29Nb-15Hf.





Table 15. Electrochemical parameters of PEO-treated Ti-29Nb and Ti-29Nb-15Hf alloys with concentration of Mg ion from anodic polarization curves: corrosion potential(E_{corr}), corrosion current density(I_{corr}), current density at 300 mV(I_{300mV}), and primary passivation current density(I_{pp}).

Sample	S	E _{corr} (mV)	I _{300mV} (μA/cm²)	I _{corr} (μA/cm²)	I _{pp} (μA/cm²)	I _P (μA/cm²)	
Ti-29Nb	0Mg	-950	2.63 x 10 ⁻⁶	1.37 × 10 ⁻⁶	1.56 × 10 ⁻⁶	1.42 × 10 ⁻⁶	
	5Mg	-920	3.61 × 10 ⁻⁶	1.42 × 10 ⁻⁶	2.72 × 10 ⁻⁶	2.07 × 10 ⁻⁶	
	10Mg	-880	3.21 x 10 ⁻⁶	1.48 × 10 ⁻⁶	2.80 × 10 ⁻⁶	1.42 × 10 ⁻⁶	
	20Mg	-860	3.79 × 10 ⁻⁶	1.60 × 10 ⁻⁶	2.96 × 10 ⁻⁶	1.65 × 10 ⁻⁶	
Ti-29Nb-15Hf	0Mg	-850	2.80 × 10 ⁻⁶	1.77 × 10 ⁻⁶	2.84 × 10 ⁻⁶	1.16 x 10 ⁻⁶	
	5Mg	-750	1.29 × 10 ⁻⁶	9.76 × 10 ⁻⁷	1.27 × 10 ⁻⁶	5.43 × 10 ⁻⁷	
	10Mg	-720	1.67 × 10 ⁻⁶	9.63 × 10 ⁻⁷	1.42 × 10 ⁻⁶	7.36 × 10 ⁻⁷	
	20Mg	-660	1.42 × 10 ⁻⁶	1.03 × 10 ⁻⁶	1.30 × 10 ⁻⁶	6.32 x 10 ⁻⁷	



4.6. Biocompatibility of Ti-29Nb and Ti-29Nb-15Hf alloys

Fig. 21 shows the contact angle measurements of Ti-29Nb and Ti-29Nb-15Hf surfaces with different electrolytes containing Mg concentration of (a and a-1) 0 Mg, (b and b-1) 5 Mg, (c and c-1) 10 Mg, and (d and d-1) 20 Mg, respectively. In Fig. 24 (a), (b), (c), and (d) of PEO-treated Ti-29Nb alloy, the contact angles are 48.71°, 45.09°, 41.58°, and 39.53°, respectively. And in Fig. 21 (a-1), (b-1), (c-1), and (d-1), the contact angles are 49.11°, 38.81°, 37.10°, and 36.64°, respectively. From the Fig. 21, the contact angles of PEO-treated Ti-29Nb and Ti-29Nb-15Hf alloys in different electrolytes containing Mg ion shows slightly the lower value compared with PEO treated Ti-29Nb and Ti-29Nb-15Hf alloys in electrolytes un-containg Mg ions. Porosity was formed on the PEO-treated surface, and as the Hf content increased, the pore size decreased and secondary pore was formed in the first formed pore. Such a high wettability leads to a good biocompatibility for the implant surface [69-72]. Also, surface morphology of micro-pore structure is important to achieve improved cell adhesion on Ti alloy implant surfaces. Therefore, micro-pore formed oxide surface of Ti alloys shows a hydrophilic behavior, due to complete spreading of water on the entire and into the pores. It is thought that, the surface roughness is an important factor in the contact angle of the implant surface, and the implant surface should have a low contact angle and high surface roughness in order to be suitable for the living body [69-75].

Fig. 22 FE-SEM images showing morphology of bone-like apatite formed (a) Ti-29Nb-15Hf alloy. low-magnification (x 5.000) and (b) high-magnification (x 50,000), respectively. Fig. 22 (a)-(b) indicate bone-like apatite formed well in the SBF for every specimen. The bone-like PEO-treated Ti-29Nb-15Hf apatite of the alloy surface was formed definitively in the hole. It is thought that apatite formation in the hole can help to fix the implant [72-76].





Fig. 23 shows the FE-SEM images morphology of bone-like apatite formed Ti-29Nb and Ti-29Nb-15Hf alloys with Mg concentration after anodization at 270 V for 3min. Fig. 23 (a) is 0 Mg, (b) is 5 Mg, (c) is 10 Mg, and (d) is 20 Mg for Ti-29Nb micro-pore surface, and Fig. 23 (a-1) is 0 Mg, Fig. 23 (b-1) is 5 Mg, Fig. 23 (c-1) is 10 Mg, and Fig. 23 (d-1) is 20 Mg, respectively. From the bone-like apatite formed results, bone-like apatite is well formed on the surface of 5 Mg/Si PEO-treated Ti-29Nb-15Hf alloy compared to the other specimen after SBF immersion. Generally, these reactions are thought to be influenced by the action of Mg and Si ions in the human body. It is known that Mg and Si ions are closely related to tissue calcification in the human body and indirectly affect mineral metabolism [77].

Fig. 24 shows the FE-SEM images showing morphology of cell cultured Ti-29Nb-15Hf, (a) is low-magnification (x 1,000), middle-magnification (x 3,000), and (b) is high-magnification (x 10,000). Fig. 24 shows the cell growth of PEO-treated Ti-29Nb-15Hf alloy with Mg concentration at 37 °C for 1day. The mouse osteoblastic cell line MC3T3-E1(DSMZ, Braunschweig, Germany) was used in cell culture. The pores and surfaces were well covered with lamellipodia and filopodia on the PEO-treated Ti-29Nb-15Hf alloy in the solution containing Ca, P, Mg, and Si ions. In Fig. 24, cell growth on the surface can be observed. Cell was proliferated from the nucleus to micro-pore formed surface.

Fig. 25 shows the FE-SEM images showing morphology of cell cultured Ti-29Nb and Ti-29Nb-15Hf alloys for 1day. Fig. 25 (a) is 0 Mg, Fig. 25 (b) is 5 Mg, Fig. 25 (c) is 10 Mg, and Fig. 25 (d) is 20 Mg for Ti-29Nb, and Ti-29Nb, Fig. 25 (a-1) is 0 Mg, Fig. 25 (b-1) is 5 Mg, Fig. 25 (c-1) is 10 Mg, and Fig. 25 (d-1) is 20 Mg, respectively. In the case of PEO-treated Ti-29Nb and Ti-29Nb-15Hf alloy with Mg concentration, the number and growth of cells were distributed all pore surface. Cell culture and high wettability are closely related, and surface morphology of micro-pore formed alloy is important to achieve improved cell adhesion. According to previous study,





According to previous study, Mg is the most abundant cation in the human body as a factor that induces the proliferation of osteoblasts. Therefore. magnesium plays an active role in the process of new bone tissue formation process [75-80].



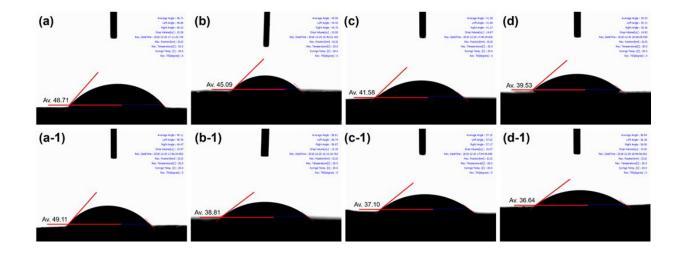


Fig. 21. Contact angles measurements of Ti-29Nb and Ti-29Nb-15Hf alloy surfaces: (a and a-1) 0 Mg, (b and b-1) 5 Mg, (c and c-1) 10 Mg, and (d and d-1) 20 Mg.





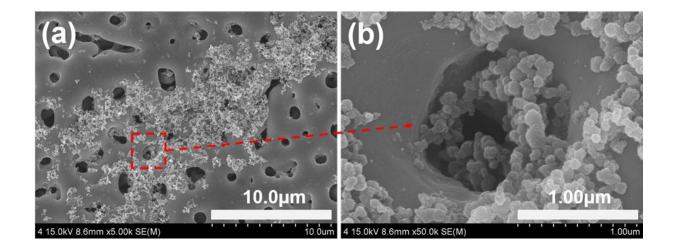


Fig. 22. FE-SEM images showing morphology of bone-like apatite formed Ti-29Nb-15Hf alloy: (a) low-magnification (x 5,000) and (b) high-magnification (x 50,000).





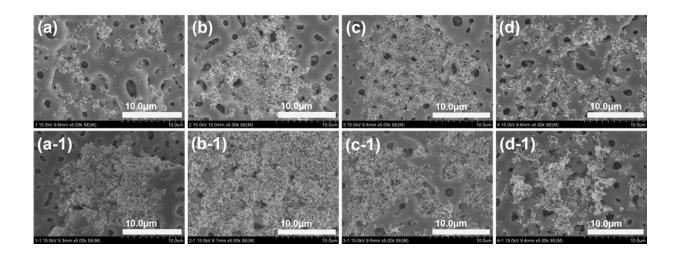


Fig. 23. FE-SEM images showing morphology of bone-like apatite: Ti-29Nb alloy: (a) 0 Mg, (b) 5 Mg, (c) 10 Mg, and (d) 20 Mg, and Ti-29Nb-15Hf alloy: (a-1) 0 Mg, (b-1) 5 Mg, (c-1) 10 Mg, and (d-1) 20 Mg.





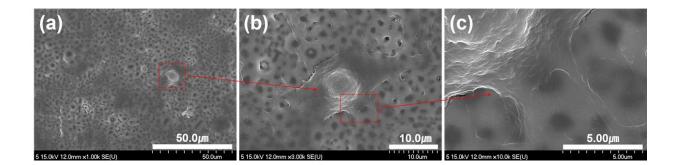


Fig. 24. FE-SEM images showing morphology of cell cultured Ti-29Nb-15Hf alloy: (a) low-magnification (x 1,000), middle-magnification (x 3,000), and (b) high-magnification (x 10,000).





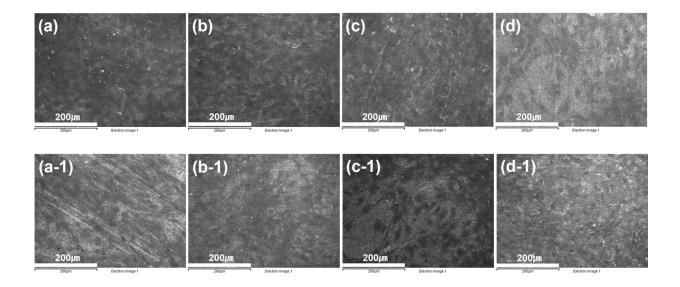


Fig. 25. FE-SEM images showing morphology of cell cultured Ti-29Nb-xHf alloys for 1day: Ti-29Nb alloy: (a) 0 Mg, (b) 5 Mg, (c) 10 Mg, and (d) 20 Mg, and Ti-29Nb-15Hf alloy: (a-1) 0 Mg, (b-1) 5 Mg, (c-1) 10 Mg, and (d-1) 20 Mg.



V. CONCLUSIONS

In this study, surface characteristics of PEO-treated Ti-29Nb-xHf alloy in electrolytes containing Ca, P, Mg, and Si ions have been researched. The results were as follows;

1. The microstructure of the Ti-29Nb-xHf alloys showed α and β phase. As the Hf content increased, the shape of the needle-like decreased and the shape of the equiaxed structure and the β phase increased.

2. The hardness of Ti-29Nb-xHf alloy decreased slightly as the Hf content increased, and elastic modulus decreased.

3. The surface of oxide films showed the uniform micro-pore formation on the surface. Especially, in the case of PEO-treated Ti-29Nb-xHf alloys in electrolytes containing Mg ion, pore size decreased and numbers increased compared to PEO-treated Ti-29Nb-xHf alloys in electrolytes without Mg ion.

4. From the XRD analysis, in the case of Mg ion addition to electrolyte, the anatase peak on the Ti-29Nb-xHf alloy was shifted slightly to left side with a lower diffraction angle,

5. The Ca/P and (Ca+Mg)/(Si+P) ratios were the closest to the ideal value for PEO-treated Ti-29Nb and Ti-29Nb-15Hf in solution containing 5Mg Mol%. Also, these ratios of PEO-treated Ti-29Nb-xHf alloys in solution containing Mg and Si ions decreased as Mg ion increased.

6. Corrosion potential of the PEO-treated Ti-29Nb-xHf alloys increased as Mg ion increased, and corrosion potential of PEO-treated Ti-29Nb-15Hf alloy showed higher than that of the Ti-29Nb alloy.

7. The contact angles of micro-pore formed Ti-29Nb and Ti-29Nb-15Hf alloy surface with Mg ions showed lower than those of other alloy surface.





8. The PEO-treated Ti-29Nb-15Hf alloy in electrolytes containing 5Mol Mg was a good cell proliferation and growth with lamellipodia and filopodia covered the pores and surfaces.

In conclusion, the formation of the anatase and micro-pore on Ti-29Nb-xHf alloys can be controlled by varying the Mg concentration of electrolyte for improvement of biocompatibility.





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본인이 저작한 위의 저작물에 대하여 다음과 같은 조건아래 조선대학교가 저작물을 이용할 수 있도록 허락하고 동의합니다.
 지작물의 DB구축 및 인터넷을 포함한 정보통신망에의 공개를 위한 저작물의 복제, 기억장치에의 저장, 전송 등을 허락함 위의 목적을 위하여 필요한 범위 내에서의 편집ㆍ형식상의 변경을 허락함. 다만, 저작물의 내용변경은 금지함. 배포ㆍ전송된 저작물의 영리적 목적을 위한 복제, 저장, 전송 등은 금지함. 저작물에 대한 이용기간은 5년으로 하고, 기간종료 3개월 이내에 별도의 의사 표시가 없을 경우에는 저작물의 이용기간을 계속 연장함. 해당 저작물의 저작권을 타인에게 양도하거나 또는 출판을 허락을 하였을 경우에는 1개월 이내에 대학에 이를 통보함. 조선대학교는 저작물의 이용허락 이후 해당 저작물로 인하여 발생하는 타인에 의한 권리 침해에 대하여 일체의 법적 책임을 지지 않음 소속대학의 협정기관에 저작물의 제공 및 인터넷 등 정보통신망을 이용한 저작물의 전송ㆍ출력을 허락함.
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