

# Optimization of plasma electrolytic oxidation process parameters for modification of Ti6-Al4-V structure.

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Plasma Electrolytic oxidation is one of the novel coatings techniques for deposition of ceramic coatings on metals. One advantage of this process is its significant influence on osteo-integration. One of the key parameters in osteo-integration is the percentage of pores in the structure. Optimization of this process is a matter of importance especially in Bio-medical applications. In this study, Taguchi's method was applied as a design of experiments method to produce the most corrosion resistant surface on Ti6Al4V.

Four varying parameters were selected: Voltage, Time, concentration of Na<sub>3</sub>P<sub>6</sub>O<sub>18</sub> and concentration of Na<sub>2</sub>SiO<sub>3</sub>. Scanning electron microscopy (SEM) and ImageJ software was used to determine the percent of pores in each sample. Results of standard analysis using one-time experiment with respect to the interference of parameters indicate that parameters existing in the orthogonal Taguchi array have a significant effect on this process. Optimized parameters were determined. The percentage contribution of each parameter is determined using ANOVA magnitude analysis and it shows that Voltage has the strongest effect among the four parameters.

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