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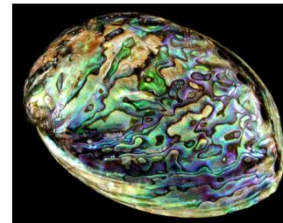
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# Principal components of biomineralized materials

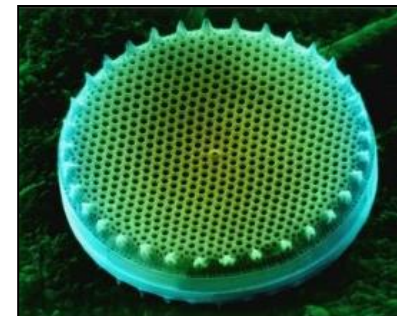
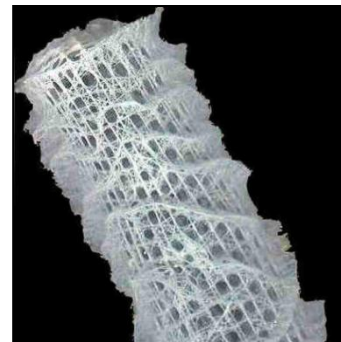
**Calcium phosphate  
(hydroxyapatite  $\text{Ca}_5(\text{PO}_4)_3\text{OH}$ )  
+ collagen**



**Calcium carbonate  
( $\text{CaCO}_3$ ) + chitin + protein**



**Amorphous Silica  $\text{SiO}_2 \cdot n\text{H}_2\text{O}$**

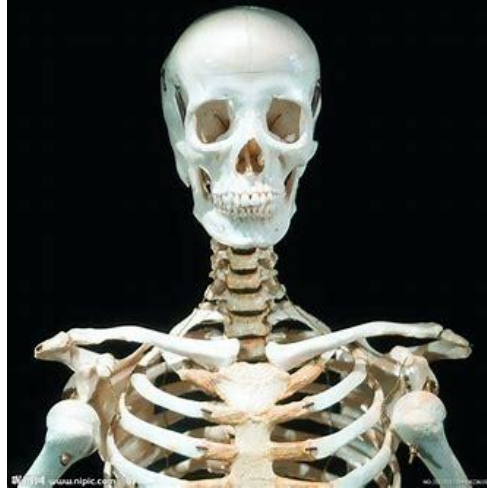


# Minerals in Biological System

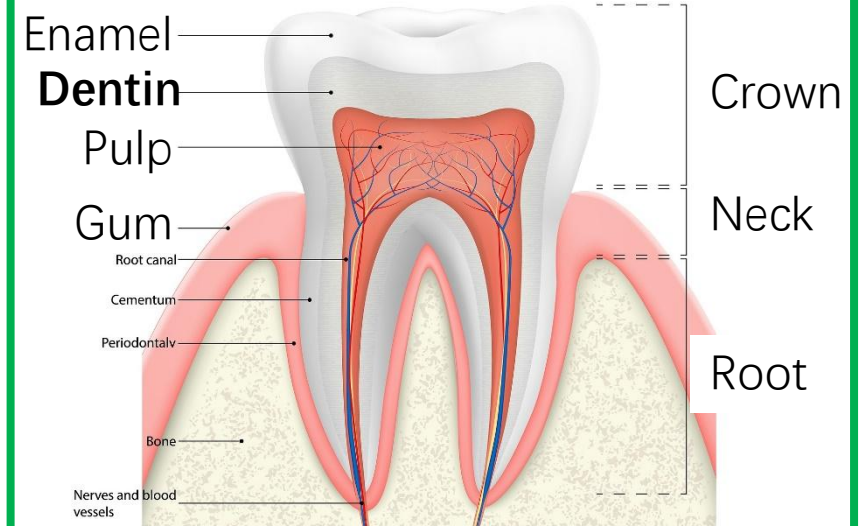
	Chemical formula	Distribution
Barium sulfate	$\text{BaSO}_4$	Algae (gravity sensor)
Calcium carbonate	$\text{CaCO}_3$	
Calcite (rhombohedral)		Mollusk shells, bird eggs, sponge spicules, sea urchin spines
Aragonite (orthorhombic)		Mollusk shells, corals
Amorphous		Arthropod exoskeletons, mollusk shells, plants
Calcium oxalate	$\text{CaC}_2\text{O}_4$	Kidney stones, plants
Calcium sulfate	$\text{CaSO}_4$	Jellyfish larvae (gravity sensor)
Dolomite	$\text{CaMg}(\text{CO}_3)_2$	Sea urchin spicules and teeth
Ferrihydrate	$5\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3 \cdot 9\text{H}_2\text{O}$	Ferritin (animals), plants
Greigite	$\text{Fe}_3\text{S}_4$	<i>Crysmallon squamiferum</i> foot (gastropod living near hot vents in Indian Ocean)
<b>Hydroxyapatite (HA)</b>	<b><math>\text{Ca}_5(\text{PO}_4)_3(\text{OH})</math></b>	<b>Bones, teeth, osteoderms</b>
Iron(III)oxide/hydroxide	$\text{FeOOH}$	Chitin and limpet teeth
Magnetite	$\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$	Mollusk radula, bacteria
Pyrite	$\text{FeS}_2$	<i>Crysmallon squamiferum</i> foot (gastropod living near hot vents in Indian Ocean)
Silica (hydrated)	$\text{SiO}_2 \cdot n\text{H}_2\text{O}$	Diatom exoskeleton, sponge spicules

# Compositions of bones and teeth

Composed of mineralized **calcium phosphate** (specifically, the calcium phosphate phase called hydroxyapatite (HA)  $\text{Ca}_5(\text{PO}_4)_3\text{OH}$ ) within a matrix of **collagen fibrils** (~1/3 dry weight, 50% of bone by volume, **90% of protein content**) and **200 other proteins** (e.g., acidic glycoproteins, proteoglycans & carboxylated proteins comprising the other **10% by weight**)

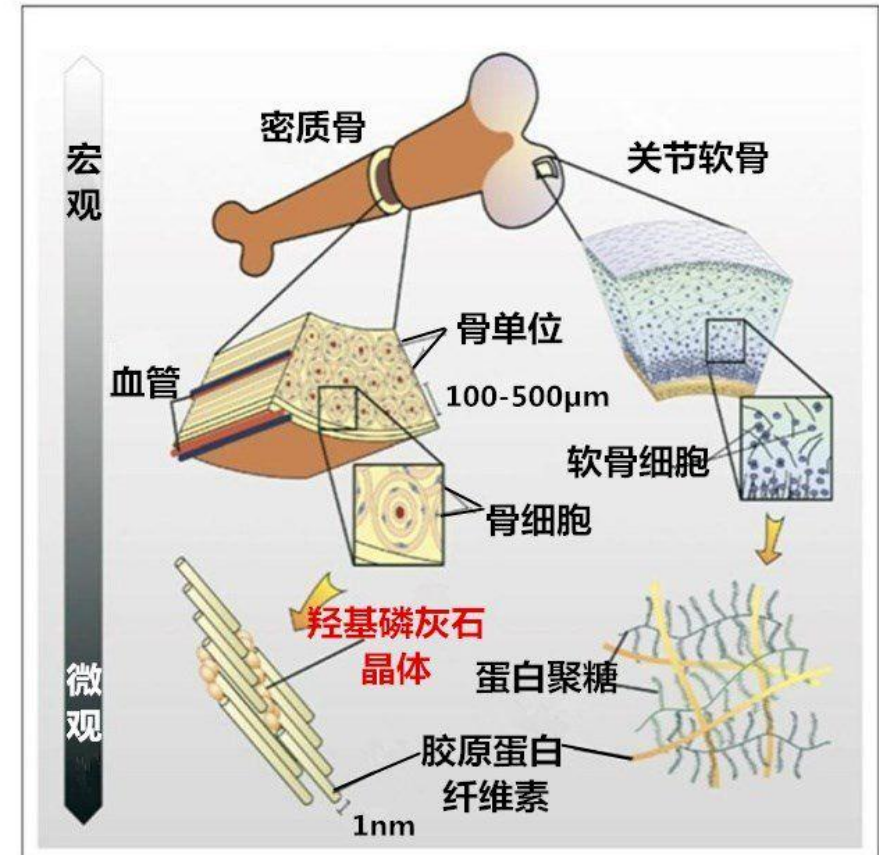
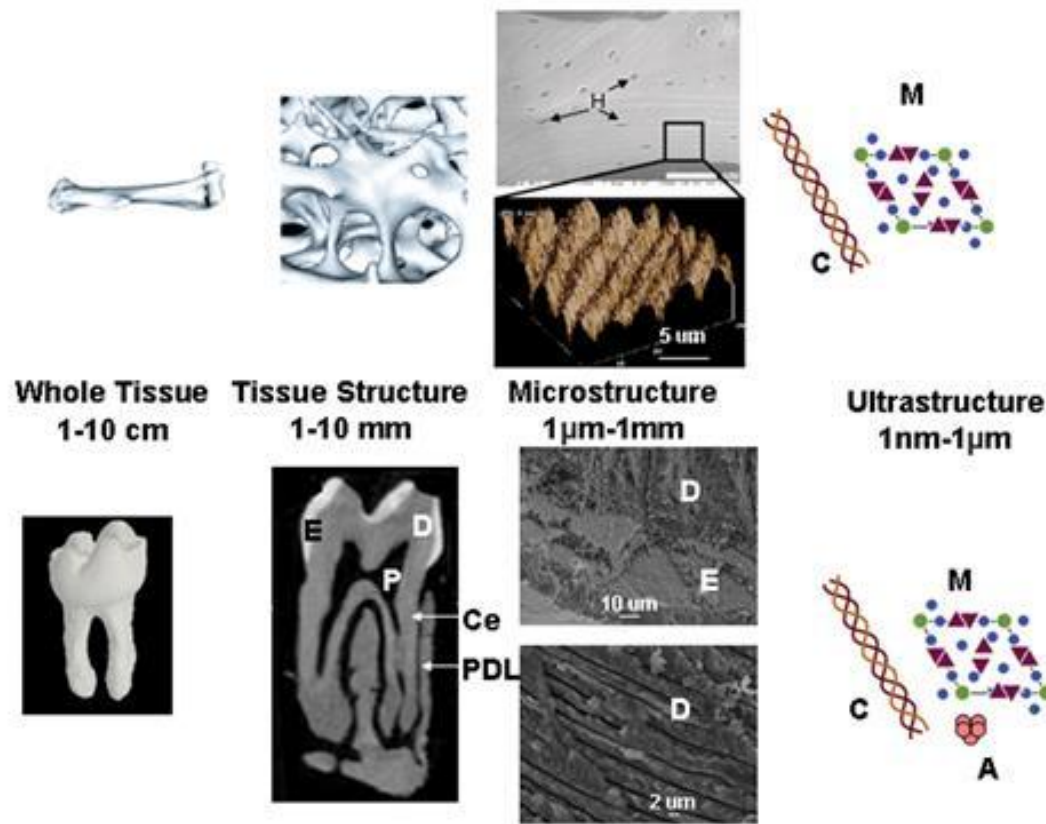


HA is a 'living mineral' that is continually grown, dissolved & remodeled in response to signals of internal (e.g., pregnancy) and external (e.g., gravity, exercise) origin



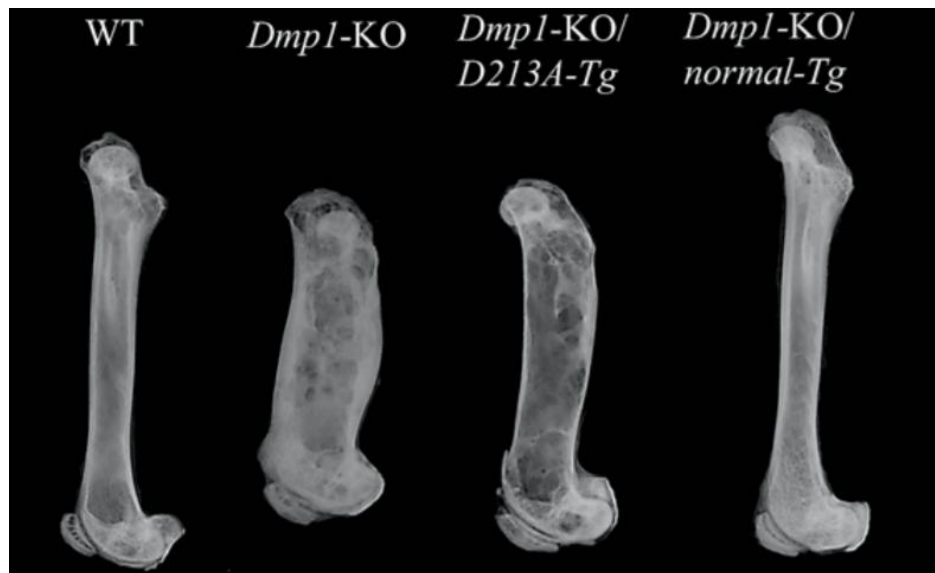
**Dentin contains collagen and is similar in composition to bone**

# Biomaterialization across length scales

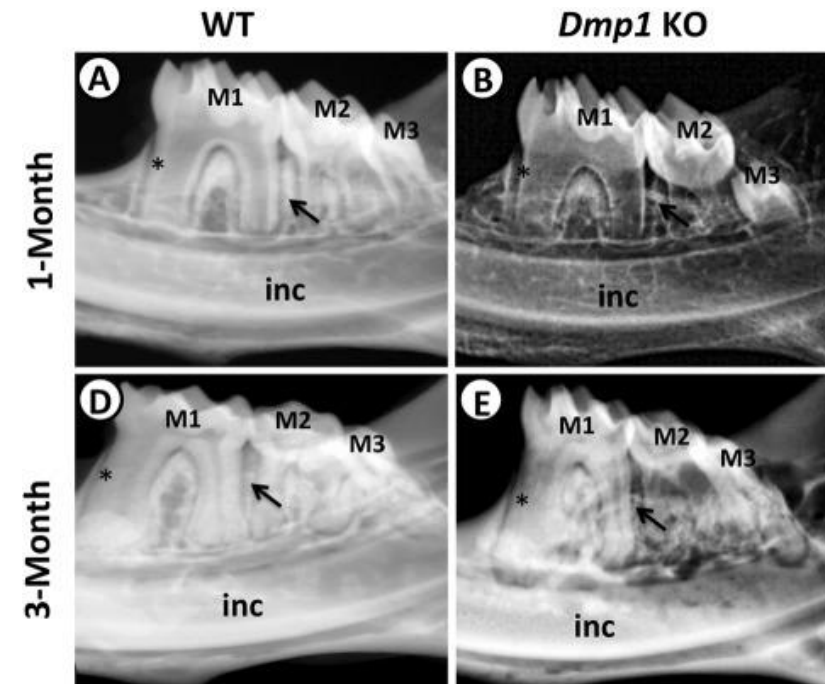


# Physiological roles of dentin matrix acidic phosphoprotein 1 (DMP1)

KO of DMP1 induces defects in bone and tooth development

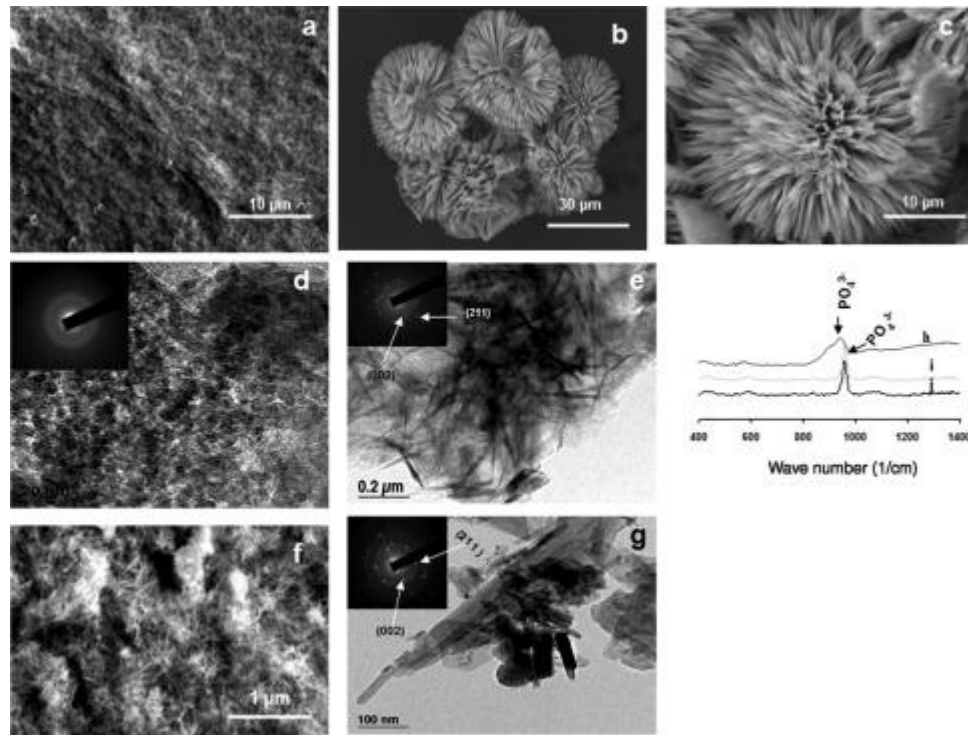
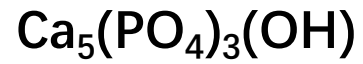


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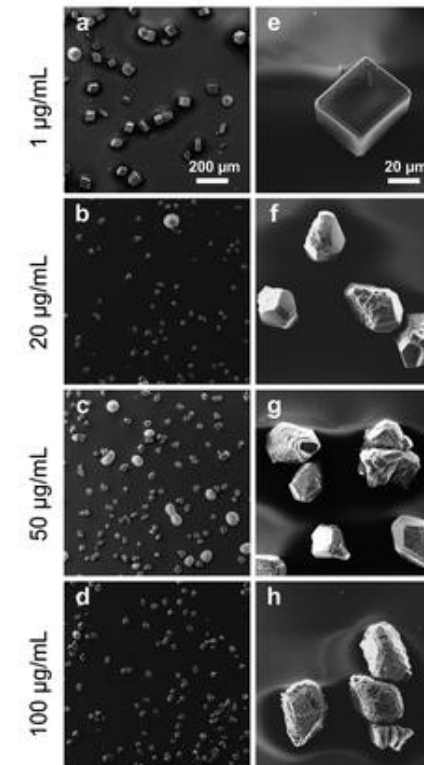
# DMP1 regulates biomineralization *in vitro*



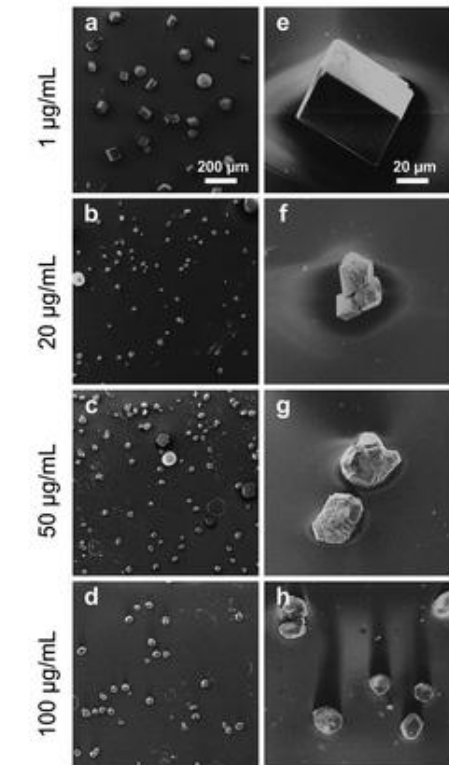
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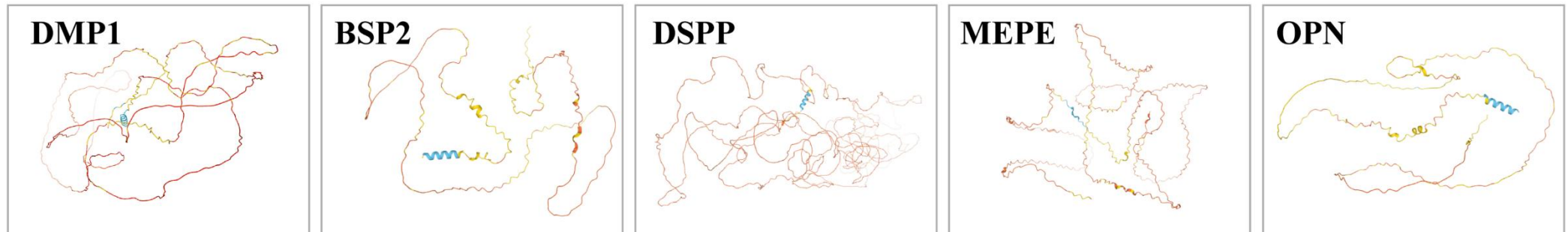
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# Peptide derivative of DMP1: SESSE

Small integrin-binding ligand N-linked glycoprotein (SIBLING) family

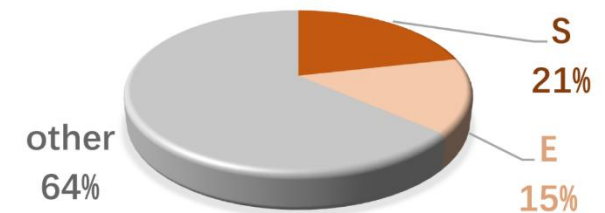
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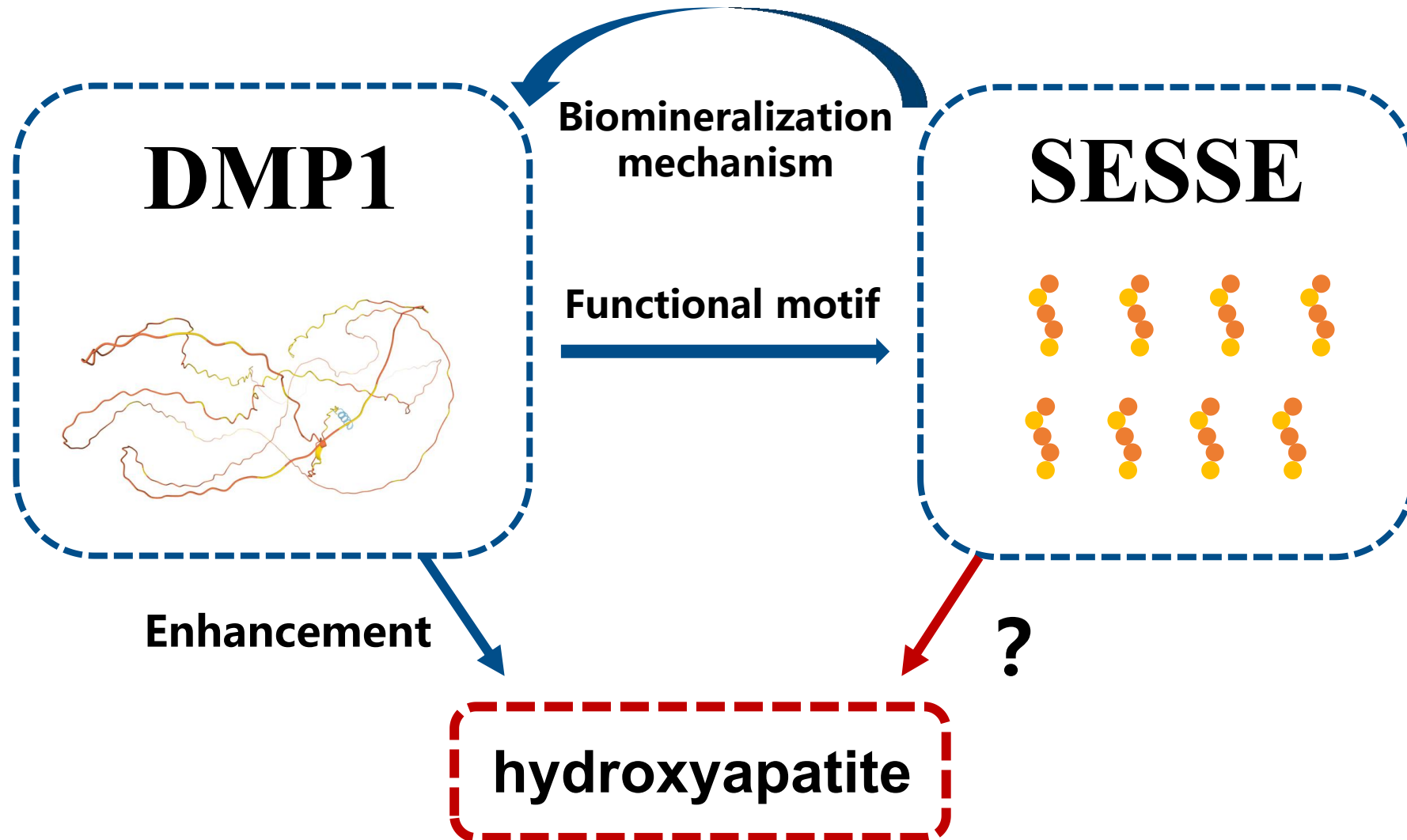
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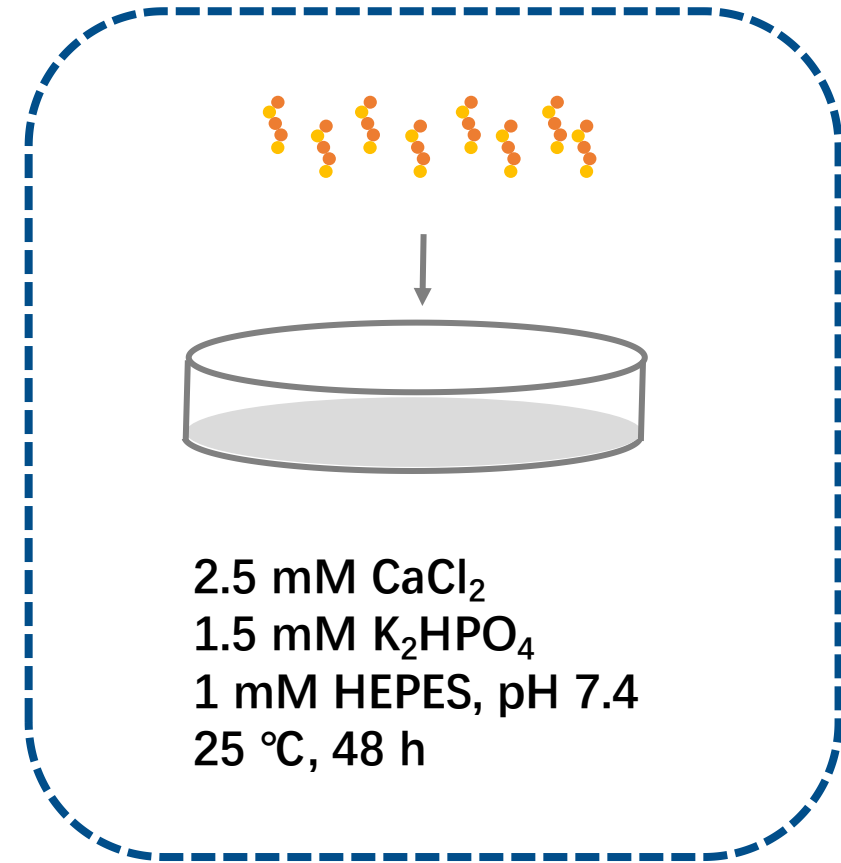
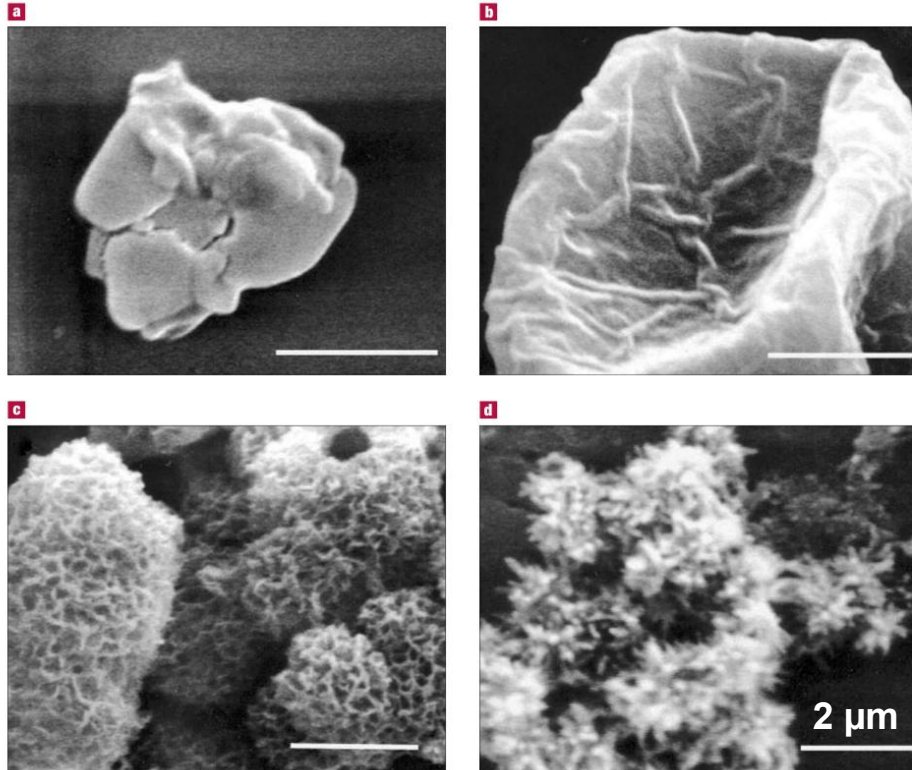
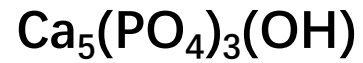
amino acid quantity ratio of  
S and E in DMP1



# Does the *peptides* induce biomineralization?



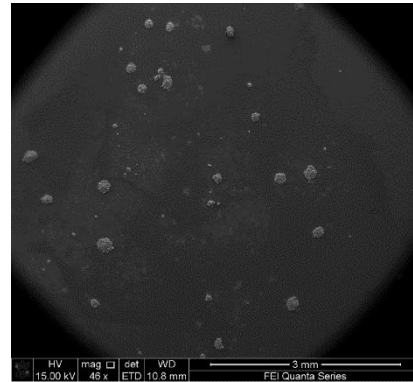
# *in-vitro* system to characterize biomineralization



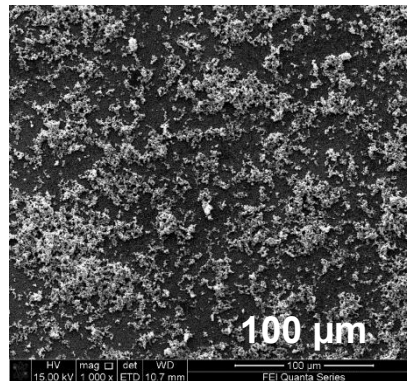
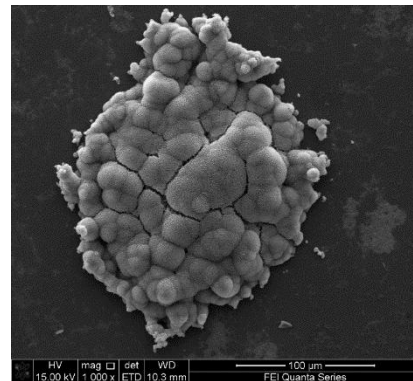
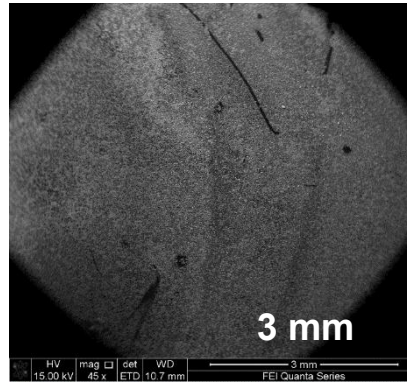
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# Peptide SESSE induces biomineralization *in vitro*

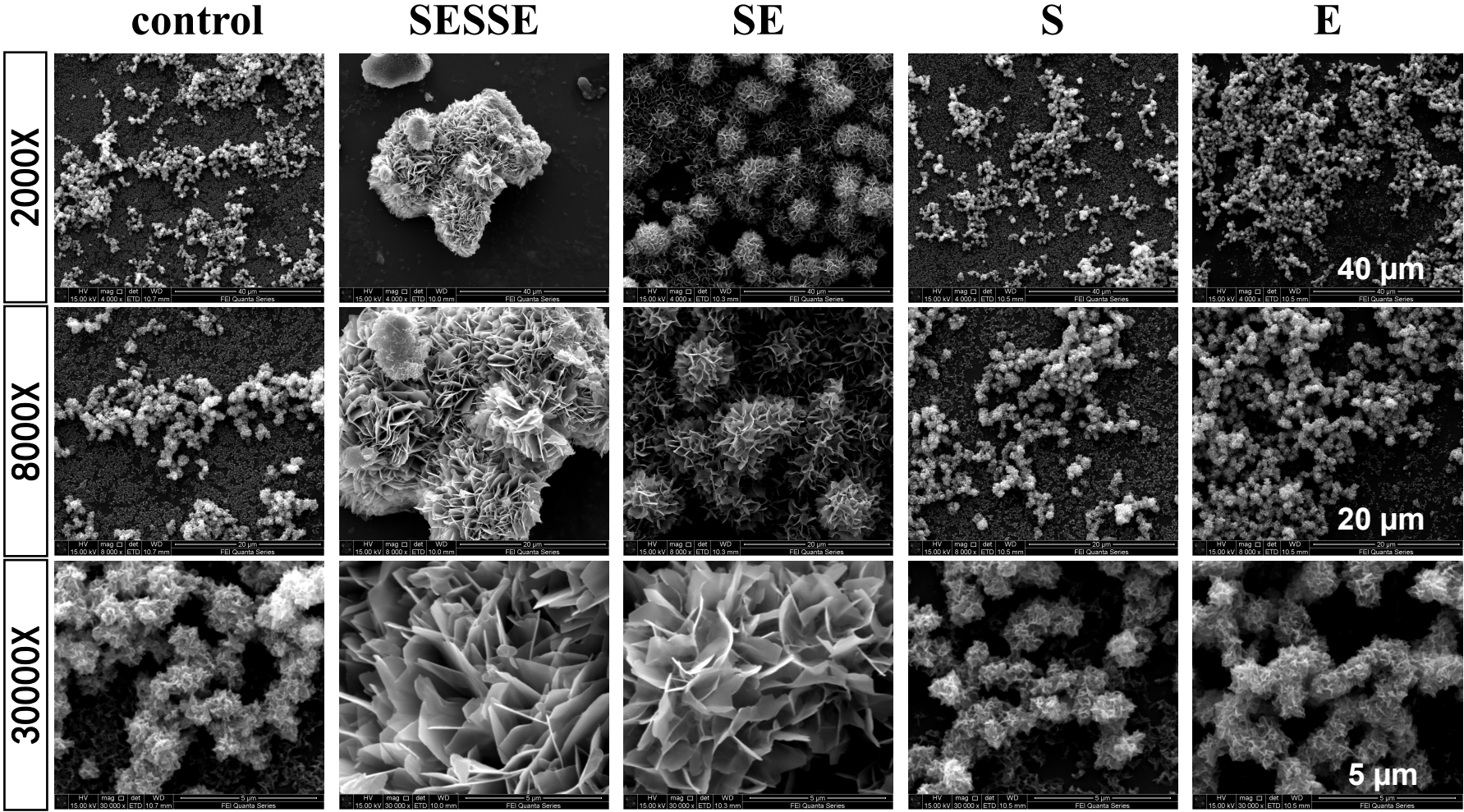
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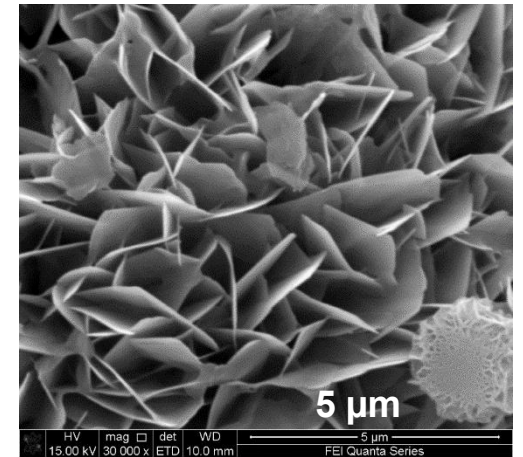
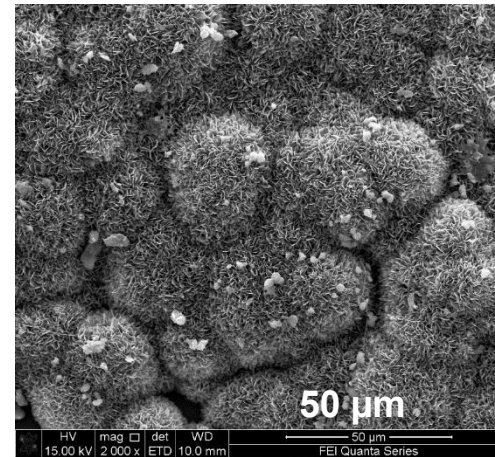
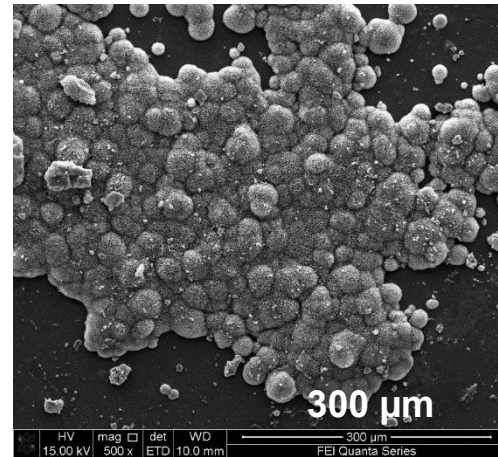
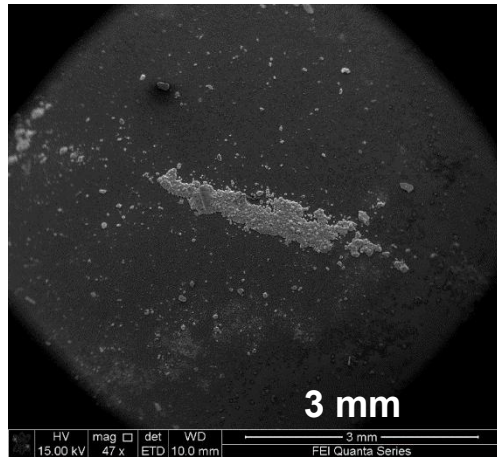
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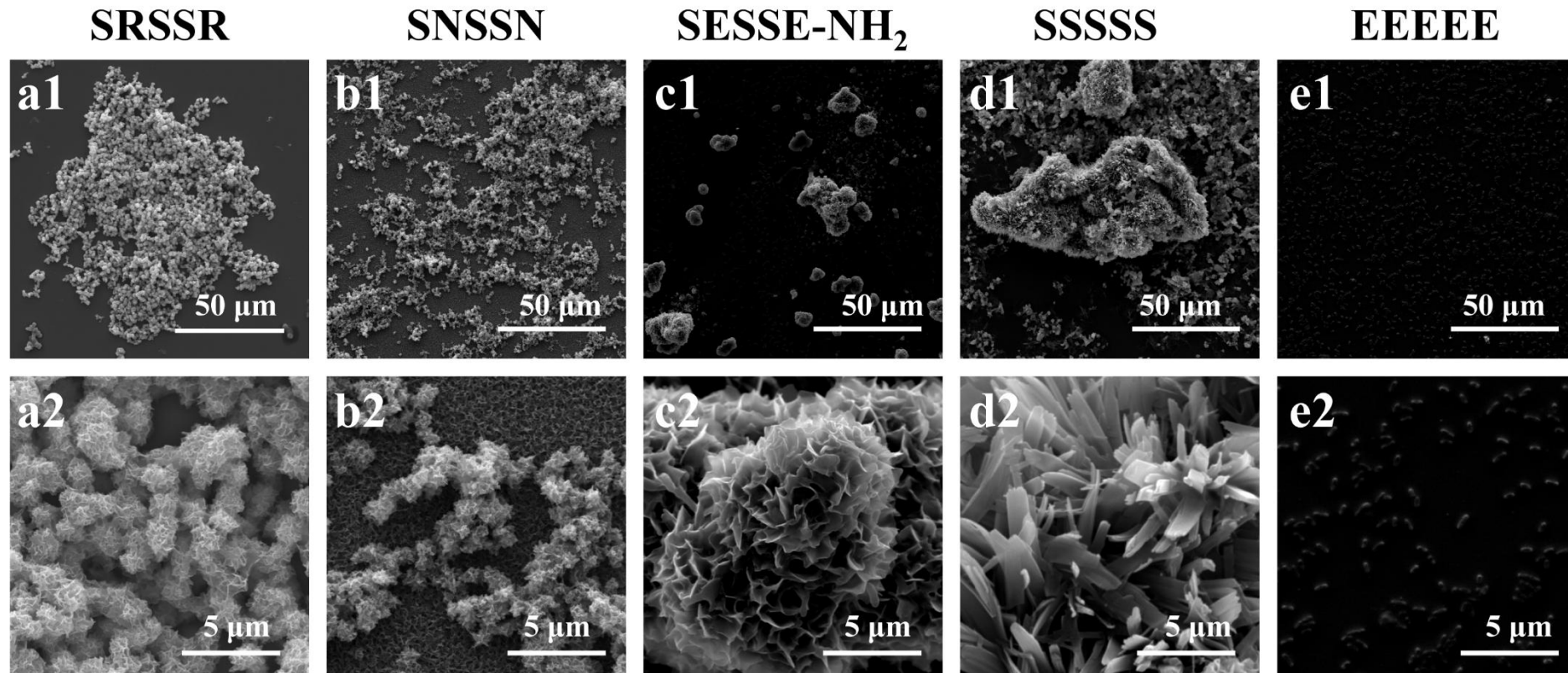
# Combinations of S and E induce biomineralization



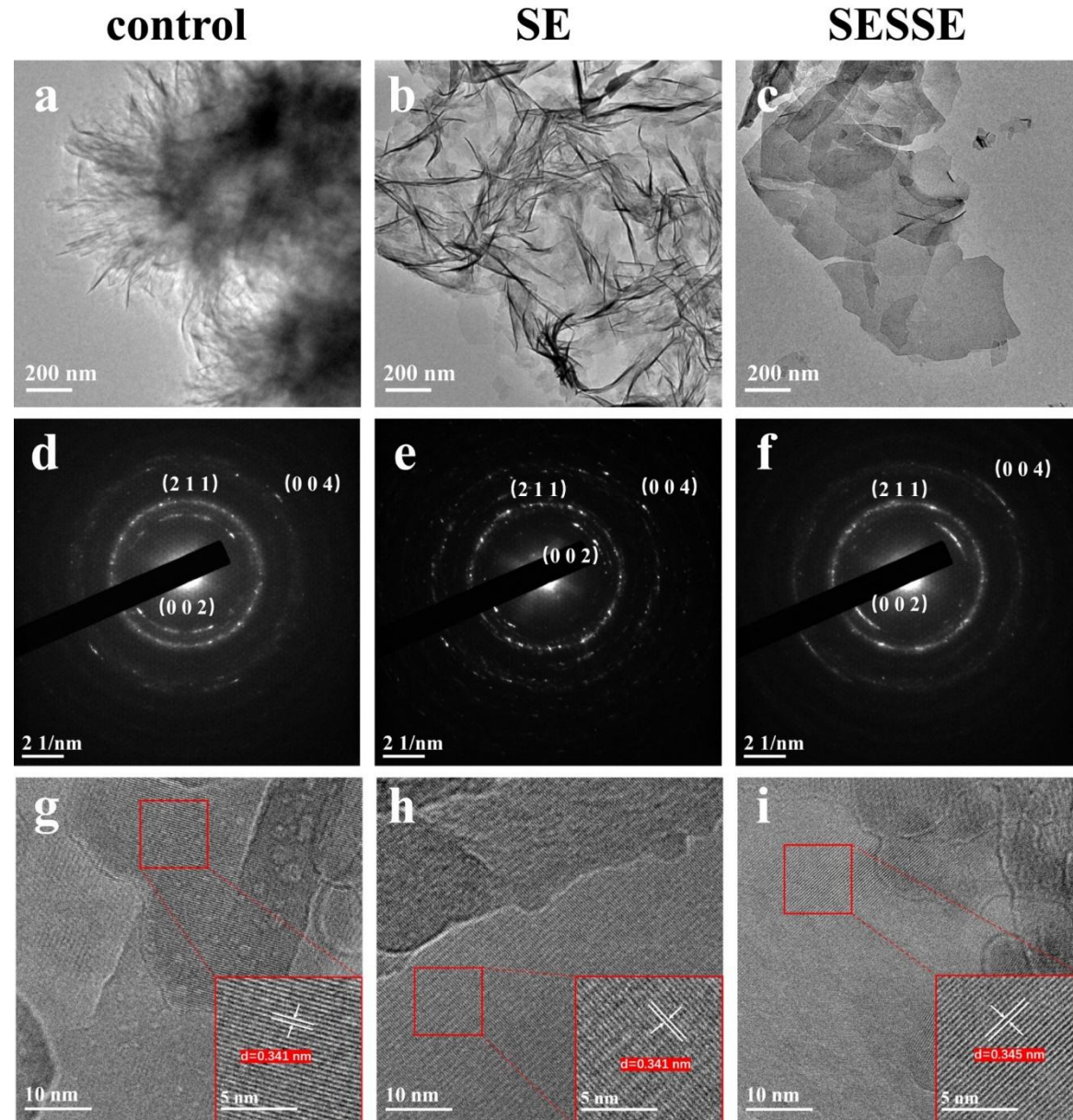
# Peptide SESSE induces very large crystal blocks



# ***Basic and neutral polar peptides fail to enhance crystal formation***



# Electron diffraction confirms HA formation

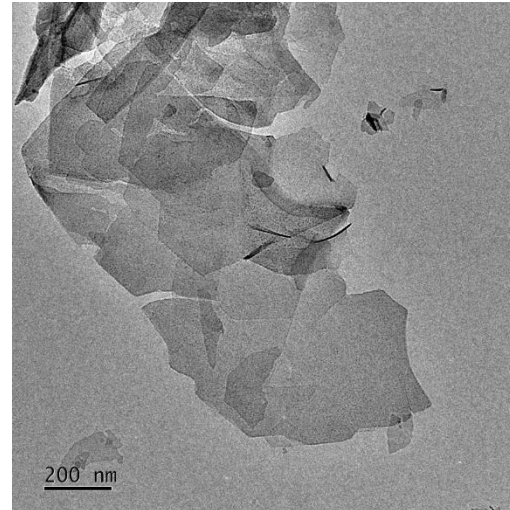


Indexed  $(0\ 0\ 2)$   $(2\ 1\ 1)$   
 $(0\ 0\ 4)$  crystal planes  
and lattice distance  
confirm HA formation.

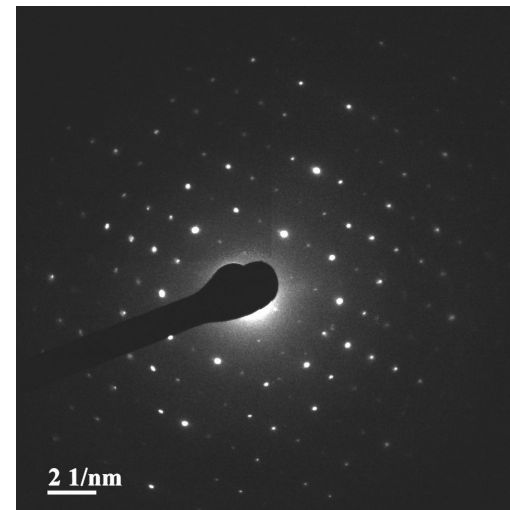
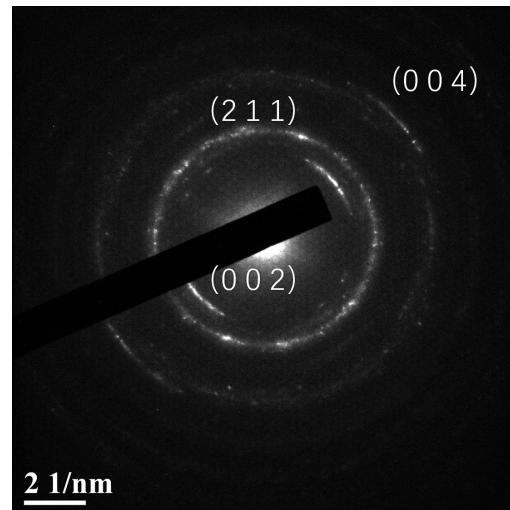
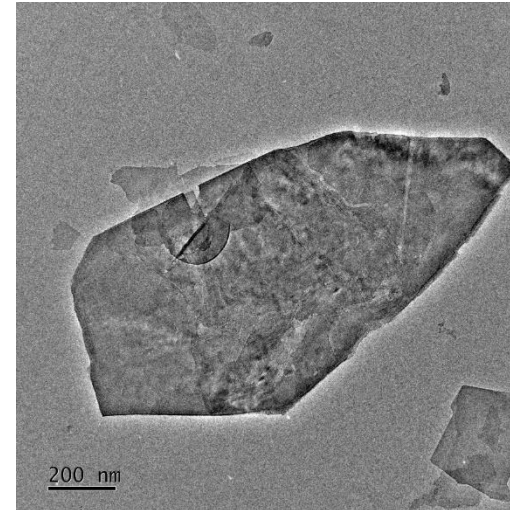


# Peptide SESSE has the best capability for biomineralization

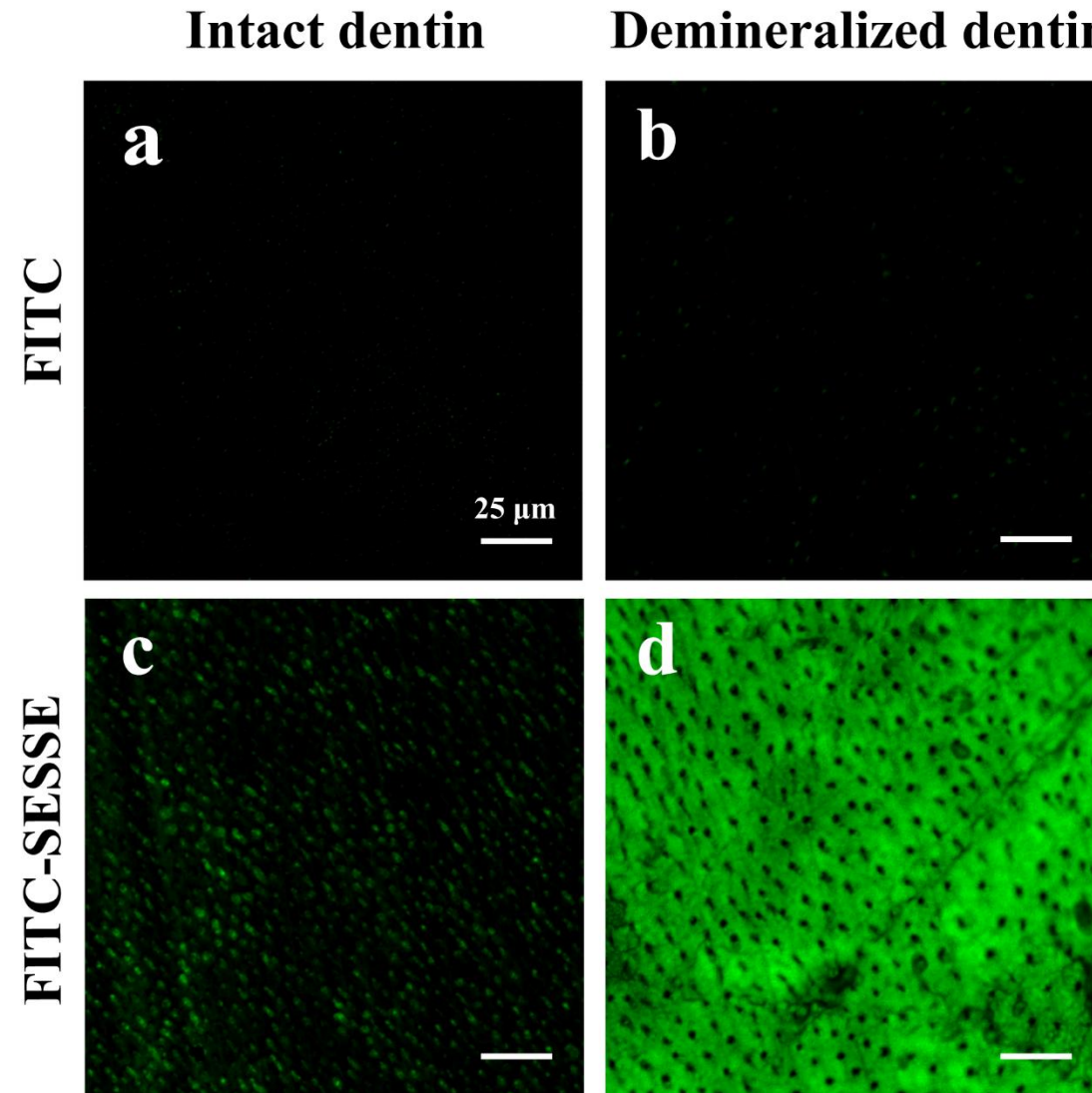
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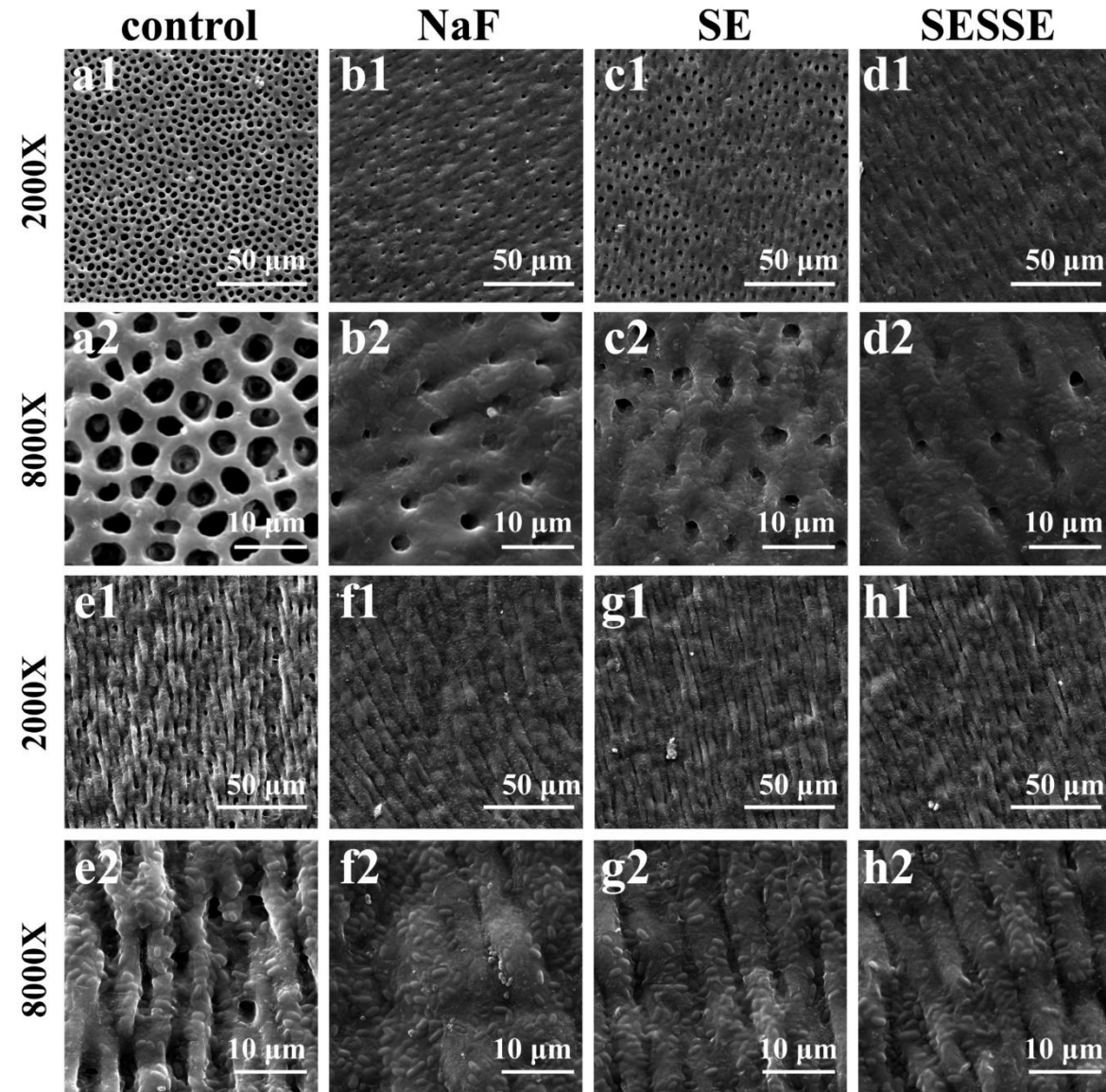
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# Peptide SESSE has strong affinity for dentins



# Peptides SESSE and SE boost dentin remineralization



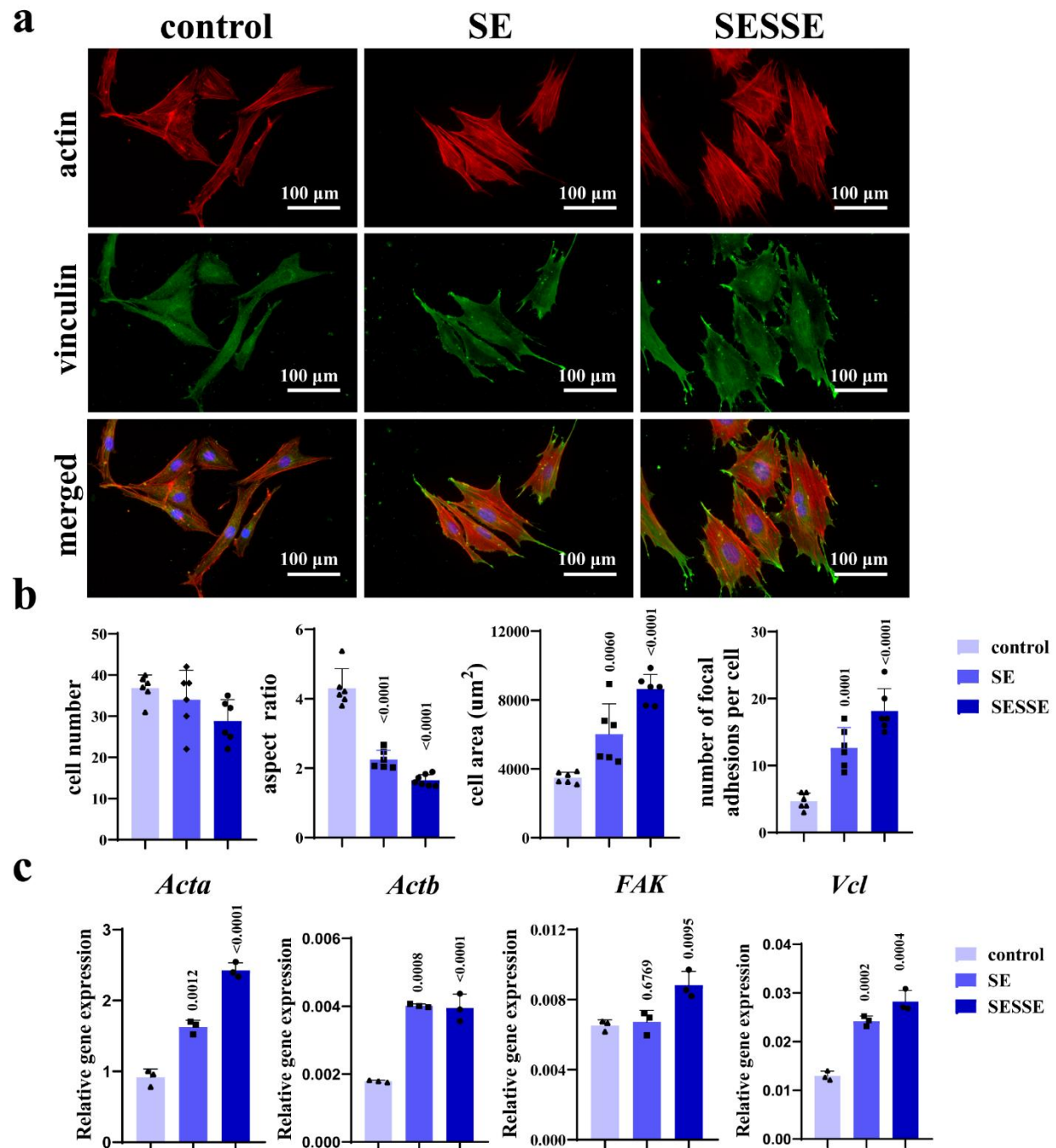
# Peptides SESSE and SE promote cell adhesion

**ACTA** provides instructions for making a protein called  $\alpha$ -actin, which is part of the actin protein family

**ACTB** provides instructions for making a protein called  $\beta$ -actin, which is part of the actin protein family

Focal adhesion kinase (**FAK**)

Vinculin (**VCL**) is a cytoskeletal protein associated with cell-cell and cell-matrix junctions



# Peptide SESSE improves bone formation *in vivo*

BV/TV:

bone vol./total vol.

Tb.N:

trabecular number

Tb.Sp:

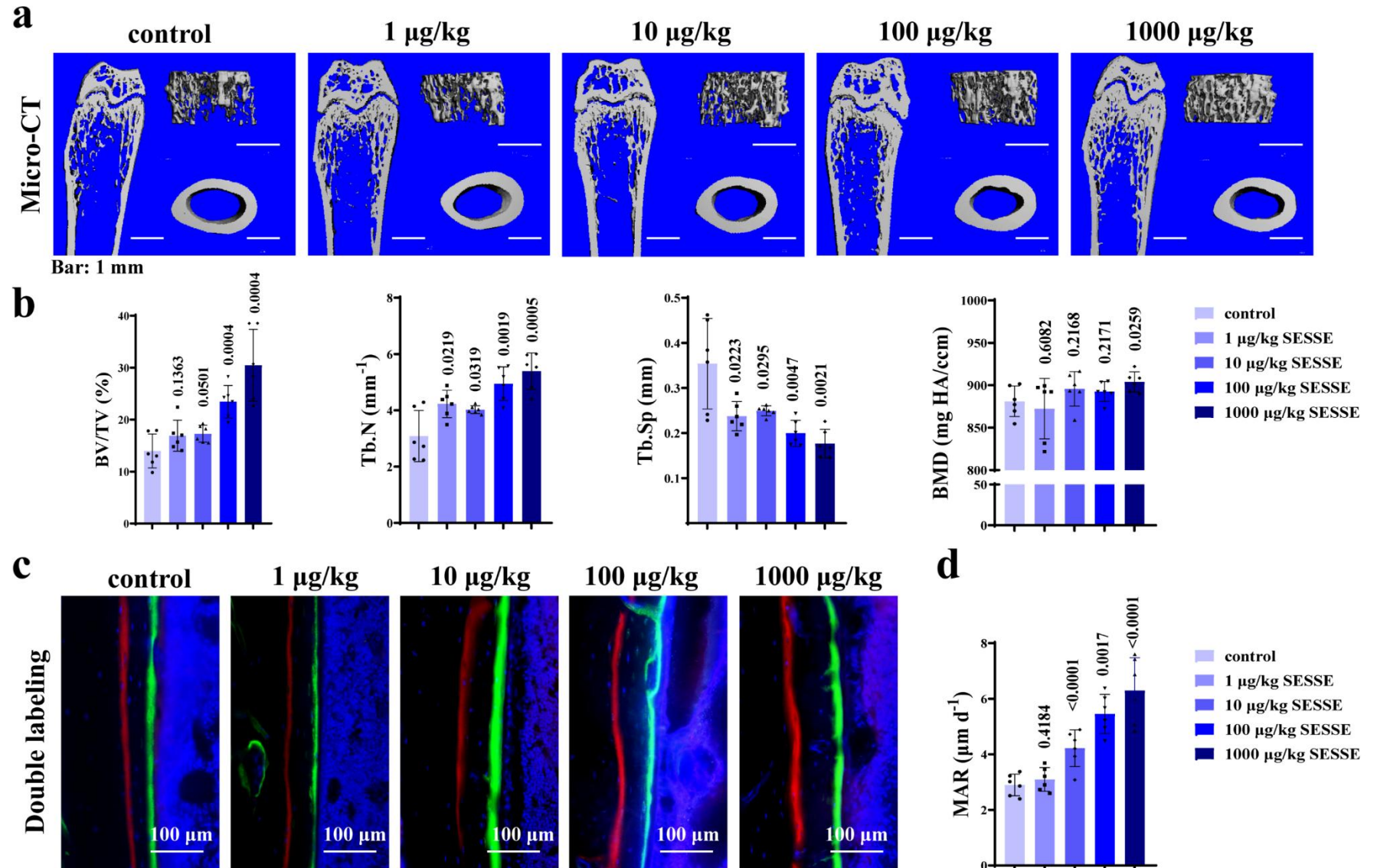
trabecular separation

BMD:

bone mineral density

MAR:

mineral apposition rate



# Summary

