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Main aim of the conference is to enable young researchers (post-graduate, master or doctoral student, or a PhD holder younger than 35) working in the field of materials science and engineering, to meet their colleagues and exchange experiences about their research.

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Development of a physiologically relevant 3D *in vitro* model for osteosarcoma cell cultivation comprising alginate composite scaffolds and a perfusion bioreactor system

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Osteosarcoma is the most common type of bone cancer, which affects both children and adults. Treatment of osteosarcoma exhibits slow progress due to inadequacy of both *in vivo* animal models and 2D *in vitro* models regularly used for antitumor drug testing. Our approach is to create a physiologically relevant 3D *in vitro* model for osteosarcoma cell cultivation, which has the potential to overcome inherent weaknesses of 2D *in vitro* and animal models. In order to imitate native osteosarcoma microenvironment, macroporous alginate scaffolds with incorporated hydroxyapatite/ β -tricalcium phosphate (HAp/ β -TCP) powder were produced with two compositions: 1 wt% alginate, 1 wt% powder and 2 wt.% alginate, 2 wt% powder. Bioactivity and stability of the scaffolds were investigated under biomimetic conditions of continuous flow of the culture medium in perfusion bioreactor at the superficial medium velocity of 400 $\mu\text{m/s}$, which was reported in literature to be beneficial for osteogenesis. Scaffolds with the higher alginate concentration was shown to be more stable in the culture medium, since the scaffolds with the lower alginate concentration disintegrated after 5-7 days under flow conditions. Biocompatibility of the obtained scaffolds was investigated in short-term cultivation studies of murine osteosarcoma cells K7M2-wt seeded onto the scaffolds. The scaffolds were cultivated in perfusion bioreactors at the superficial flow velocity of 15 $\mu\text{m/s}$, while static cultures served as a control. After cultivation, osteosarcoma cells remained adhered to the scaffold surface, expressed metabolic activity and retained their initial proliferation ability while the flow was shown to positively affect the cultivated cells.