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Abstract

The aim of this chapter is to illustrate the most applied methods for covalent and non-covalent functionalization of scaffold surface with biomimetic molecules, including bioactive proteins, [peptides](#), and [polysaccharides](#) to improve scaffold [biocompatibility](#). Additionally, the main techniques for surface physicochemical characterization are presented together with the commonly used approaches for in vitro testing of biocompatibility. Finally, new perspectives in scaffold [surface functionalization](#) and application of functionalized scaffolds are discussed in the conclusions.

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