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Micro-Clotting of Platelet-Rich Plasma Upon Loading in Hydrogel Microspheres Leads to Prolonged Protein Release and Slower Microsphere Degradation

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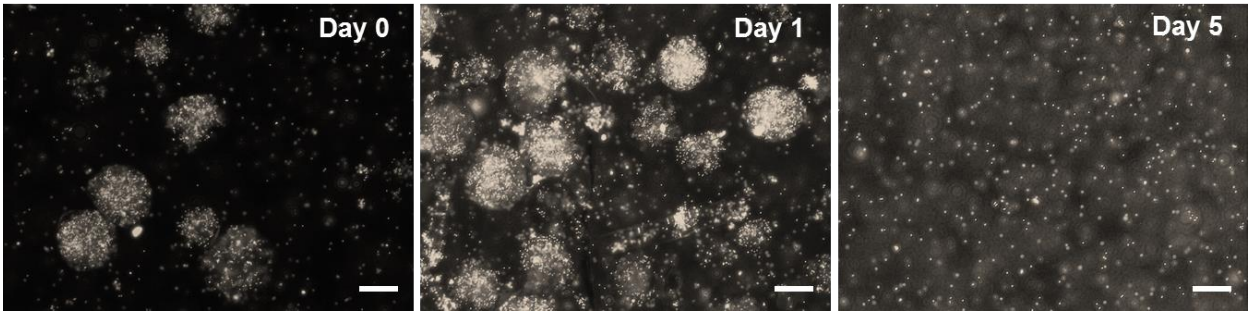

Figure 1. **Degradation of microspheres loaded with 10% w/v liquid PRP.** Microspheres were prepared with four-arm PEG-Ac and PEGDD-1 as a crosslinker at 7.5% w/v in PEG. Red fluorescent beads were added to the microspheres for visualization. The scale bar is 100 μm.

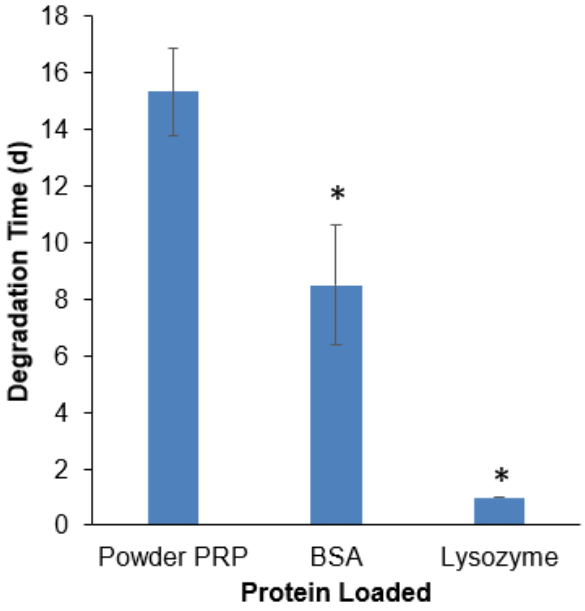

Figure 2. **Degradation of microspheres loaded with 10% w/v protein as a funciton of protein type.** Microspheres were prepared with four-arm PEG-Ac and PEGDD-1 as a crosslinker at 7.5% w/v in PEG and loaded with powder PRP, BSA or lysozyme. *denotes significant difference from powder PRP ($n = 50$; $p < 0.05$)..

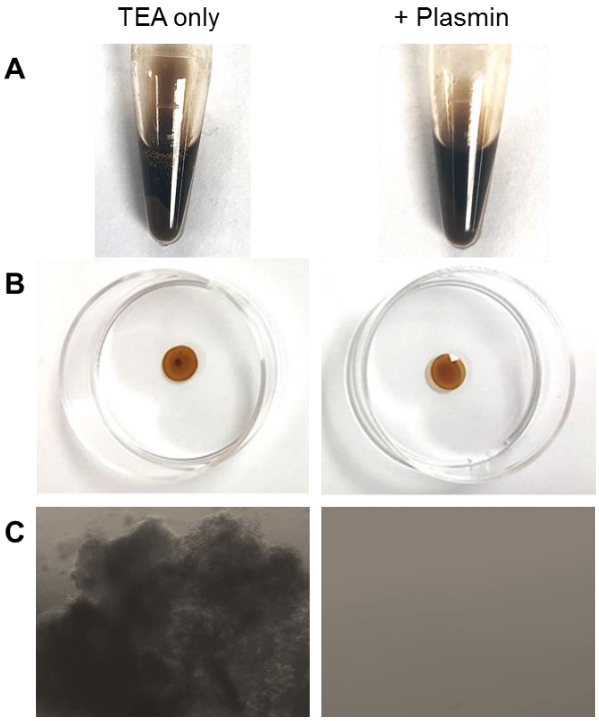

Figure 3. **Plasmin activity.** (**A, B**) Macroscopic images of powder PRP at 10% w/v reconstituted in TEA buffer only or in TEA buffer containing 1% v/v plasmin. (**B)** Microscopic images of powder PRP at 10% w/v reconstituted in TEA buffer only or in TEA buffer containing 1% v/v plasmin.