Osteogenic differentiation of human adipose tissue-derived MSCs by nontoxic calcium poly(ethylene phosphate)s

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S1. Synthesis of polymers and metal salts

2-Chloro-1,3,2-dioxaphospholane



The compound was synthesized via a modified literature protocol [45]. A flame-dried 500 ml three-neck flask, equipped with a dropping funnel and a reflux condenser with a calcium chloride tube, was charged with phosphorous trichloride (137.33 g, 1 mol) in dry dichloromethane (150 ml). Ethylene glycol (62.07 g, 1 mol) was added dropwise to the stirring solution. Argon was bubbled through the solution to remove hydrogen chloride. After 2 h, the solvent was removed and the residue was purified twice by distillation under reduced pressure. The yield was 80.7 g (64%). B. p. 83-84 °C (79-81 Torr), colorless liquid.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, 20 °C): δ 4.44 (m, 2H); 4.22 (m, 2H).

³¹P{H} NMR (162 MHz, CDCl₃, 20 °C): δ 167.61.

For NMR spectra, see Figures S1, S2.



Figure S1. ¹H NMR spectrum (400 MHz, CDCl₃, 20 °C) of 2-chloro-1,3,2-dioxaphospholane.





2-Chloro-2-oxo-1,3,2-dioxaphospholane

$$\begin{bmatrix} O \\ P-CI \\ O \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{O_2/C_6H_6} \begin{bmatrix} O \\ O \\ O \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{O_2/C_6H_6} \begin{bmatrix} O \\ O \\ O \\ CI \\ 71\% \end{bmatrix}$$

The compound was synthesized according to a modified literature procedure [45]. A flame-dried 500 ml three-neck flask, equipped with a reflux condenser, was charged with 2-chloro-1,3,2-dioxaphospholane (50 g, 0.4 mol), benzene (200 ml) was added, and the mixture was heated to 50 °C. A stream of oxygen was passed through the solution for 12 h. The solvent was removed *in vacuo* and the residue was purified by distillation under reduced pressure. The yield was 40.1 g (71%). B. p. 79-80 °C (0.4 Torr), colorless liquid.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, 20 °C): δ 4.63-4.46 (m, 4H).

³¹P{H} NMR (162 MHz, CDCl₃, 20 °C): δ 22.81.

For NMR spectra, see Figures S3, S4.





Figure S4. ³¹P{¹H} NMR spectrum (162 MHz, CDCl₃, 20 °C) of 2-chloro-2-oxo-1,3,2-dioxaphospholane.

2-tert-Butoxy-2-oxo-1,3,2-dioxaphospholane (tert-butyl ethylene phosphate, ^tBuOEP)

The compound was synthesized via a modified literature protocol [23].

2-tert-Butoxy-1,3,2-dioxaphospholane.

A flame-dried 1000 ml three-neck flask, equipped with a dropping funnel, was charged with dry tert-butanol (38.6 g, 0.52 mol), dry triethylamine (78 ml, 0.52 mol) and dry diethyl ether (500 ml). A solution of 2-chloro-oxo-1,3,2-dioxaphospholane (66.0 g, 0.52 mol) in dry ether (60 ml) was added dropwise under stirring at 0 °C. The mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature and stirred overnight. Triethylammonium chloride was filtered off, and the filtrate was concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by distillation under reduced pressure. The yield was 67.1 g (78%). B. p. 70-75°C (13 Torr), colorless liquid.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, 20 °C): δ 4.14 (m, 2H, OC<u>H</u>₂); 3.88 (m, 2H, OC<u>H</u>₂); 1.47 (s, 9H, O-C(C<u>H</u>₃)₃.

³¹P{H} NMR (162 MHz, CDCl₃, 20 °C): δ 134.57 (s).

2-tert-Butoxy-2-oxo-1,3,2-dioxaphospholane.

A flame-dried 500 ml three-neck flask, equipped with a dropping funnel, was charged with 2*tert*-butoxy-1,3,2-dioxaphospholane (8.2 g, 0.05 mol) in dry dichloromethane (100 ml). A solution of *m*-chloroperbenzoic acid (~0.055 mol) prepared by drying of the mixture of commercial 70-77% *m*-chloroperbenzoic acid (13 g) in 100 ml of dichloromethane over MgSO₄, was added dropwise under stirring at 0 °C within 3 h. The resulting precipitate of *m*chlorobenzoic acid was removed by filtration. The filtrate was treated with the aq. solutions of 15% K₂CO₃ (2×40 ml) and 20% sodium thiosulfate (2×30 ml), dried over MgSO₄ and concentrated *in vacuo* to give white crystalline substance (M. p. 28 °C). The yield was 6.1 g (67%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, 20 °C): δ 4.33 (m, 2H, OC<u>H</u>₂); 4.26 (m, 2H, OC<u>H</u>₂); 1.47 (s, 9H, O-C(C<u>H</u>₃)₃.

¹³C{H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃, 20 °C): δ 84.08 (d, ²*J*_{CP} = 7.2 Hz, 1C, O-<u>C</u>(CH₃)₃); 65.52 (d, ²*J*_{CP} = 2.3 Hz, 2C, O<u>C</u>H₂*C*H₂O); 29.67 (d, ³*J*_{CP} = 4.4 Hz, 3C, O-C(<u>C</u>H₃)₃).

³¹P{H} NMR (162 MHz, CDCl₃, 20 °C): δ 13.21 (s).

For NMR spectra, see Figures S5–S7.





Figure S7. ³¹P{¹H} NMR spectrum (162 MHz, CDCl₃, 20 °C) of ^tBuOEP.

[(BHT)Mg(µ-BnO)(THF)]₂

The compound was synthesized according to a modified literature procedure [46]. A solution Bu_2Mg in heptane (20 ml, 1 M, 20 mmol) was dropwise added to a stirred solution of BHT (4.410 g, 20 mmol) in a toluene/THF mixture (8 ml and 4.5 ml, correspondingly). After 40 min, a solution of BnOH (2.168 g, 20 mmol) in THF (1 ml) was dropwise added to the stirred reaction mixture. The formed solution was then stirred for 3 min. After 5 min, crystals of **4** started to form. Two hours later, the mother liquor was decanted. The crystals were washed with toluene (2×5 ml) and hexane (2×5 ml), dried under dynamic vacuum till the constant weight. The yield was 6.785 g (80%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, THF-d₈, 20 °C): δ 7.37 (d, ³*J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H, o-H_{Ph}); 7.20 (t, ³*J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H, m-H_{Ph}); 7.13 (t, ³*J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H, p-H_{Ph}); 6.77 (s, 2H, m-H_{BHT}); 5.02 (s, 1H, O-C<u>H</u>₂-Ph); 3.64-3.59 (m, 4H, CH₂C<u>H</u>₂O_{THF}); 2.13 (s, 3H, -C<u>H</u>_{3 BHT}); 1.80-1.75 (m, 4H, C<u>H</u>₂CH₂O_{THF}); 1.37 (s, 18H, 2,6-^tBu_{2 BHT}).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (101 MHz, THF-d₈, 20 °C): δ 161.4 (ipso-C-O_{BHT}); 145.8 (ipso-C-CH_{2 BnO}); 137.7 (o-C-^tBu _{BHT}); 129.1 (o-C_{BnO}); 128.1 (m-C_{BHT}); 127.6 (p-C_{BnO}); 125.7 (m-C_{BnO}); 121.0 (p-C-Me_{BHT}); 68.4 (CH₂<u>C</u>H₂O_{THF}); 66.6 (Ph-<u>C</u>H₂-O); 35.7 (-<u>C</u>Me_{3 BHT}); 31.4 (-C(<u>C</u>H₃)_{3 BHT}); 26.5 (<u>C</u>H₂CH₂O_{THF}); 21.6 (p-CH_{3 BHT}).



Figure S8. ¹H NMR spectrum (400 MHz, THF-d₈, 20 °C) of [(μ-PhCH₂O)Mg(BHT)(THF)]₂.

S2. NMR spectra of polymers



7.4 7.2 7.0 6.8 6.6 6.4 6.2 6.0 5.8 5.6 5.4 5.2 5.0 4.8 4.6 4.4 4.2 4.0 3.8 3.6 3.4 3.2 3.0 2.8 2.6 2.4 2.2 2.0 1.8 1.6 1.4

Figure S9. ¹H NMR spectrum (400 MHz, CDCl₃, 20 °C) of poly(^tBuOEP). The signals of Bn end group (a, b), ethylene phosphate fragment (c), CH₂OH end-group (d) and *tert*-butyl fragment (e) are highlighted.



fragment (a) and CH₂OH end-group (b) are highlighted.



³¹P NMR spectroscopy was used for the determination of the concentration of phosphate groups in aqueous PEPA solution. Tromethyl phosphate (TMP, 27.9 mg) was added to 203 mg of PEPA solution. The resulting mixture was diluted by D₂O to total volume of 600 µl. The molar concentration of phosphate groups was determined by integration of the signals of TMP and PEPA in ³¹P NMR spectrum of the mixture (Figure S13).



phosphorus atoms in PEPA (a) and TMP (b) are highlighted.

S3. Study of cell proliferation



Figure S14. The microphotograph of DAPI-colored cells.



Figure S15. The results of cell adhesion and proliferation experiments for the solutions of PEPA metal salts (Na, Ca1 and Ca2) diluted by the factors of 1000, 100 and 10. The numbers of cells in the field of view are presented in blue (after 1 day) and in red (after 7 days).