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In vivo decomposition study of coated magnesium alloys¹ DESIREE WHITE, TYLER PIERSMA, DAVID LECRONIER, Kettering University, XINGGUO CHENG, Southwest Research Institute, MONTSERRAT RABAGO-SMITH, Kettering University, MONTSERRAT RABAGO-SMITH COLLABORATION², XINGGUO CHENG COLLABORATION³ — In the last decade, magnesium has resurged as an important biomaterial. Its mechanical properties are very similar to natural bone, and it degrades in vivo to non toxic substances. Unfortunately, corrosion of pure magnesium in vivo is rapid, thus coated alloys that decrease its corrosion could be used as implants in orthopedics. This presentation will describe the degradation results in cell cultures and in rats.

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