

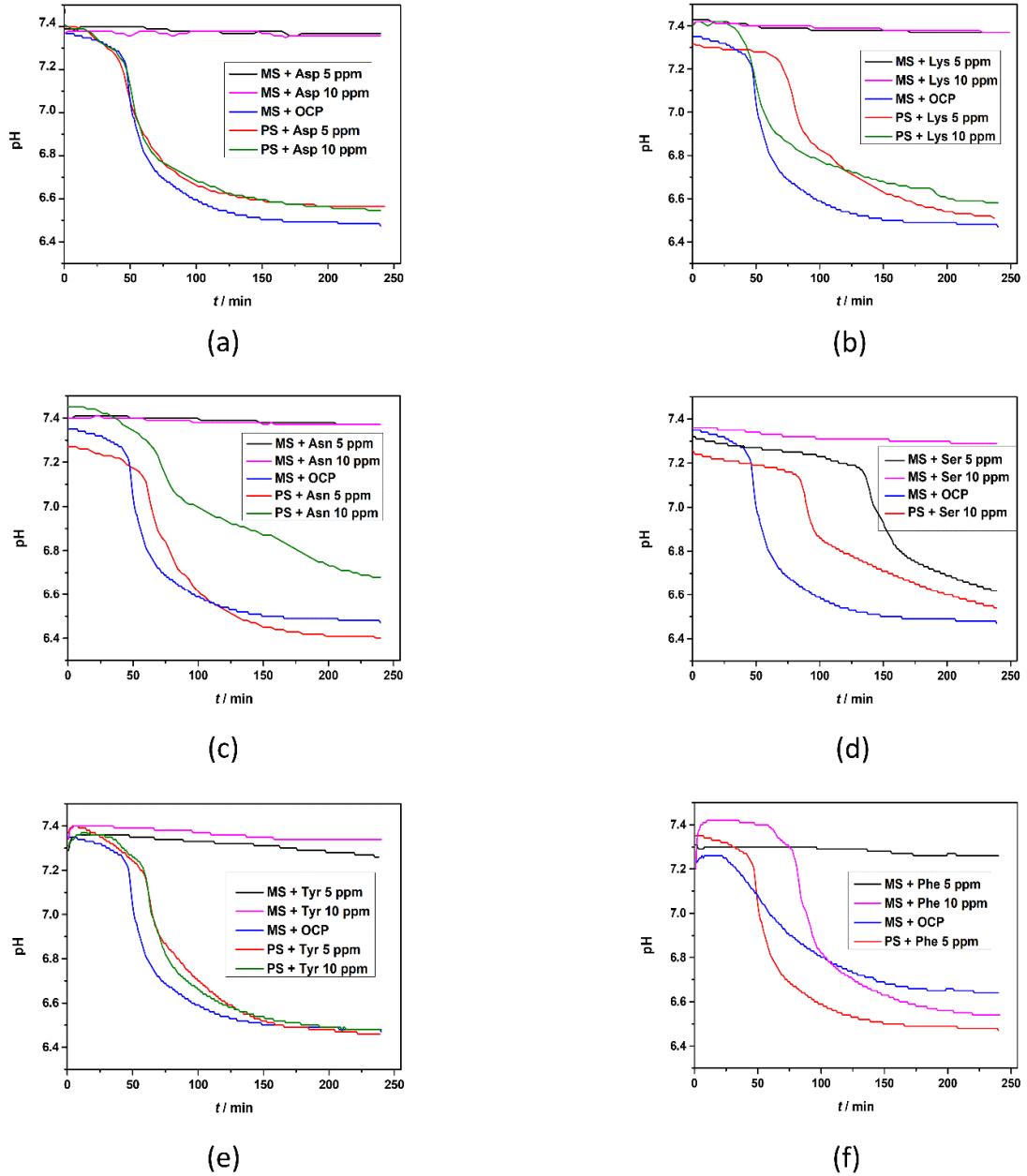
*Supplementary Material*

## The Influence of Different Classes of Amino Acids on Calcium Phosphates Seeded Growth

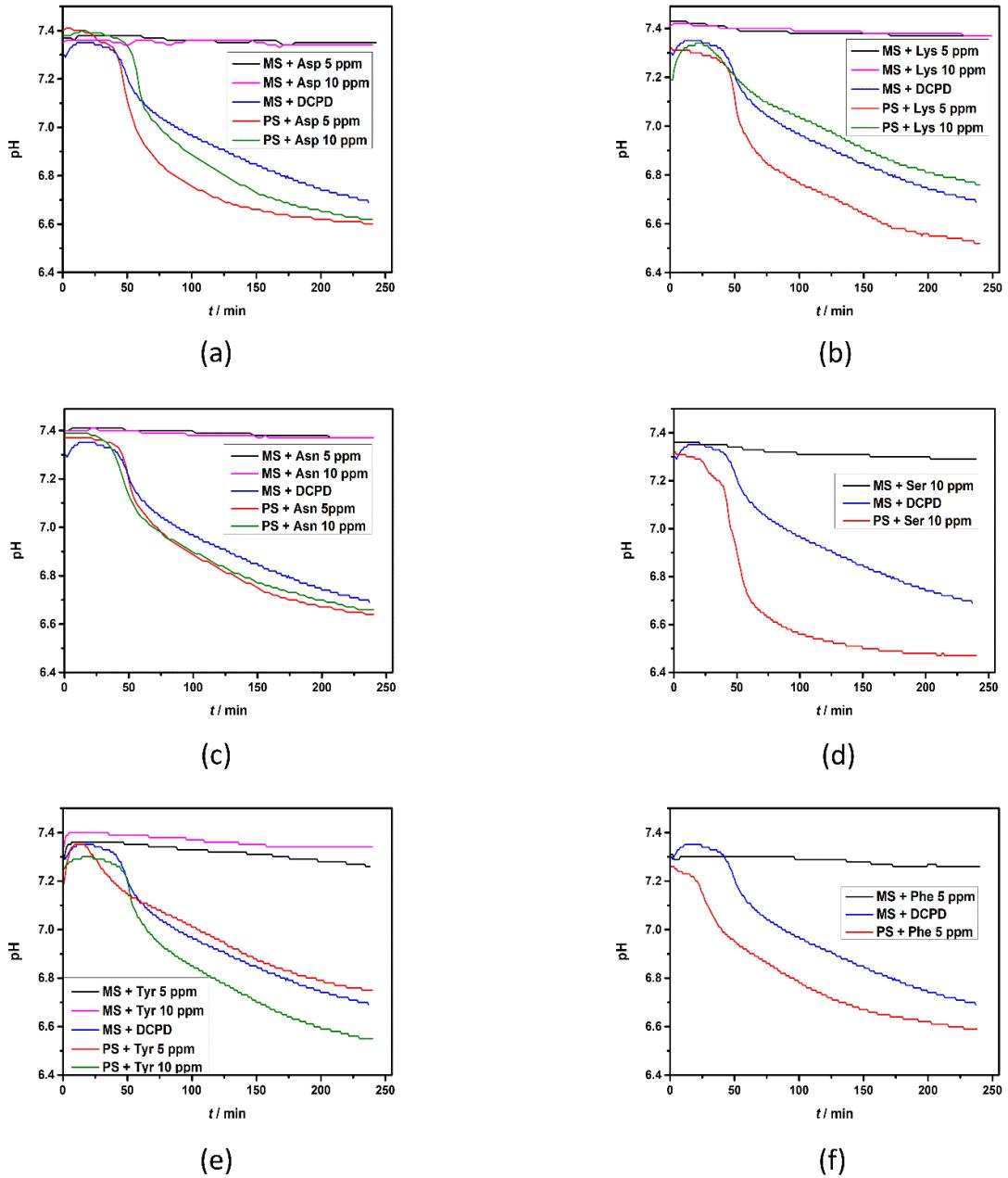
**Table S1.** pK and pI values of investigated amino acids,  $t = 25$  °C. \*Asp—L-aspartic acid, Tyr—L-tyrosine, Asn—L-asparagine, Lys—L-lysine, Ser—L-serine, Phe—L-phenylalanine.

Amino Acid	pK <sub>1</sub> ( $\alpha$ -COOH Group)	pK <sub>2</sub> ( $\alpha$ -NH <sub>3</sub> <sup>+</sup> Group)	pK <sub>3</sub> (Side Chain)	pI
Asp	2.0	10.0	3.9	2.77
Lys	2.2	9.2	10.8	9.74
Asn	2.0	8.8	-	5.41
Ser	2.1	9.2	-	5.68
Tyr	2.2	9.1	10.9	5.66
Phe	1.8	9.1	-	5.48

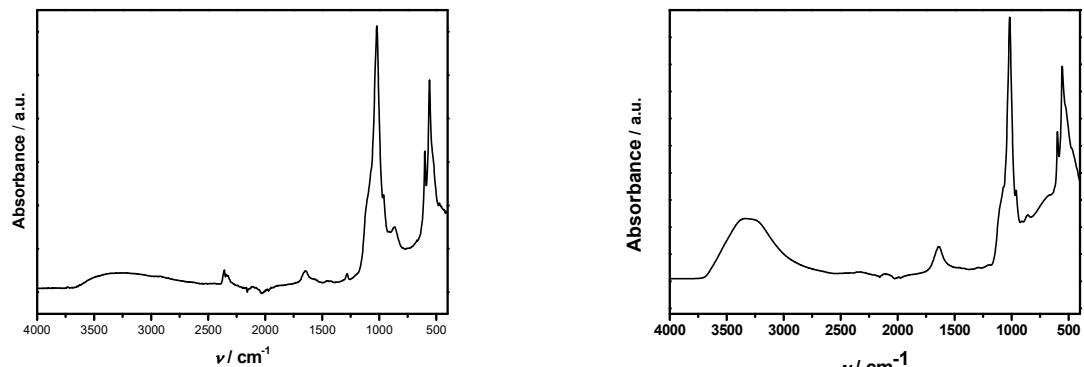
\* L. Stryer, Biochemistry, 4th edition, W.H. Freeman and Company, New York, 1995.



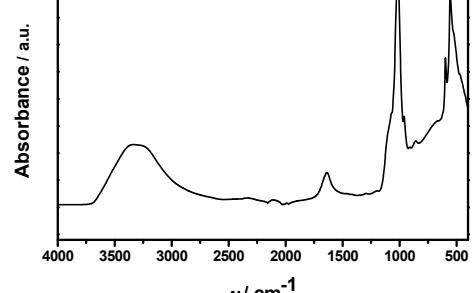
**Figure S1.** Representative pH vs.  $t$  curves obtained in metastable solutions (MS,  $c(\text{CaCl}_2) = c(\text{Na}_2\text{HPO}_4) = 4.198 \text{ mmol dm}^{-3}$ ,  $c(\text{NaCl}) = 0.148 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ ) with or without added octacalcium phosphate (OCP) seed crystals ( $m\text{OCP} = 1 \text{ mg}$ ) containing 5 and 10 ppm of investigated amino acids: (a) aspartic acid (Asp), (b) tyrosine (Tyr), (c) asparagine (Asn), (d) serine (Ser), (e) lysine (Lys) and (f) phenylalanine (Phe).  $t = 25^\circ\text{C}$ ,  $\text{pH}_{\text{initial}} = 7.4$ , magnetic stirring.



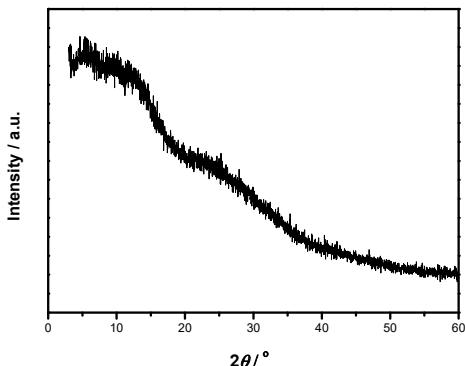
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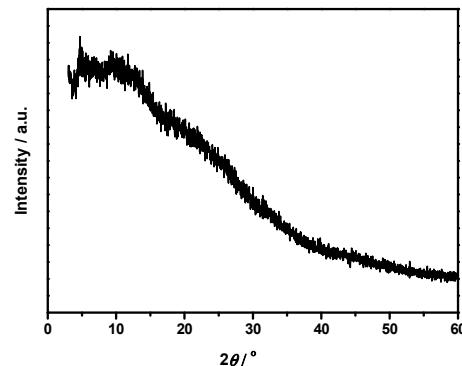
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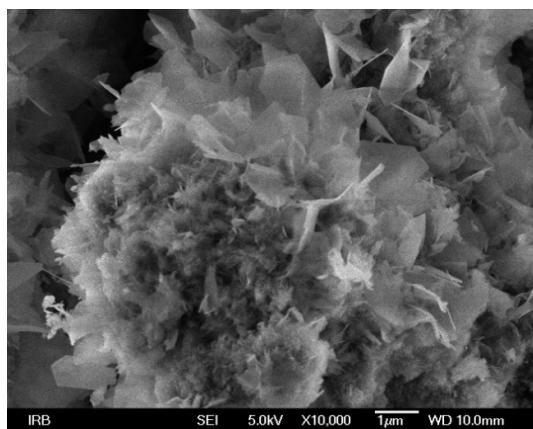
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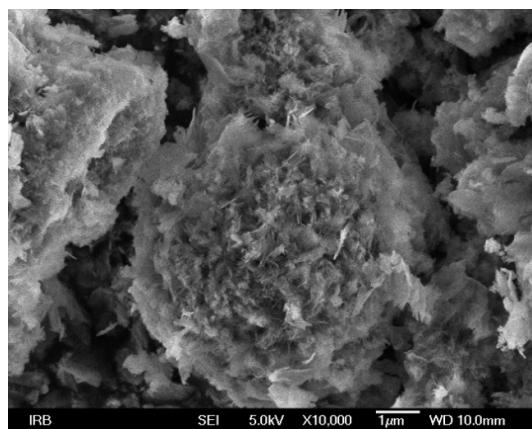
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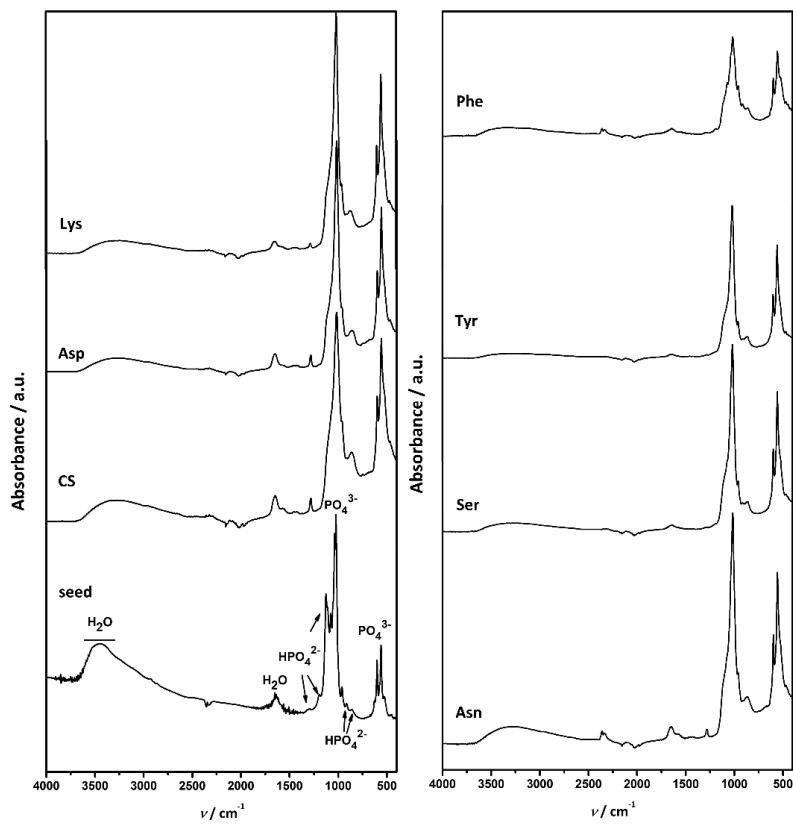
**Figure S3.** FTIR spectra (a,b), PXRD diffractograms (c,d), and SEM micrographs (e,f) of the precipitates formed after 240 min in metastable solutions ( $c(\text{CaCl}_2) = c(\text{Na}_2\text{HPO}_4) = 4.198 \text{ mmol dm}^{-3}$ ,  $c(\text{NaCl}) = 0.148 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ ) containing serine ( $\gamma(\text{Ser}) = 5 \text{ ppm}$ , a,c,e) and phenylalanine ( $\gamma(\text{Phe}) = 10 \text{ ppm}$ , b,d,f).  $t = 25^\circ\text{C}$ ,  $\text{pH}_{\text{initial}} = 7.4$ , magnetic stirring.

**Table S2.** Assignment of reflections in PXRD diffractograms of octacalcium phosphate (OCP) seed crystals and precipitates formed in the control system (CS) and in the presence of different amino acids after aging time corresponding to commencement of stage III in  $\text{pH}$  vs. time curves  $c(\text{CaCl}_2) = c(\text{Na}_2\text{HPO}_4) = 4.198 \text{ mmol dm}^{-3}$ ,  $c(\text{NaCl}) = 0.148 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ ,  $m(\text{seed OCP}) = 1 \text{ mg}$ ,  $\gamma(\text{AA}) = 10 \text{ ppm}$  except

$\gamma(\text{Phe}) = 5 \text{ ppm}$   $t = 25^\circ\text{C}$ ,  $\text{pH}_{\text{initial}} = 7.4$ , magnetic stirring. Asp—L-aspartic acid, Tyr—L-tyrosine, Asn—L-asparagine, Lys—L-lysine, Ser—L-serine, Phe—L-phenylalanine.

Seed	CS	Asp	Lys	Asn	Ser	Tyr	Phe	2 $\theta^\circ$	hkl
4.86	4.73	4.72			4.96			(100)	
9.42			9.45	9.55	9.61		9.61	(1̄10)	
9.89								(010)	
16.14								(1̄11)	
							22.61	(1̄21)	
22.92								(2̄21)	
23.88								(311)	
24.52	24.36							(3̄21)	
25.66								(4̄21)	
	26.16	25.95		25.94	26.03	26.01		CaDHA	
26.25								(102)	
27.38								(2̄21)	
28.01								(2̄12)	
29.35								(430)	
30.49								(611)	
31.68	31.61	31.50	31.61	31.71	31.61	31.74		(402)	
		32.10						CaDHA	
32.42								(4̄12)	
33.77			33.60					(711)	
34.14								(131)	
35.23								(5̄12)	
36.44								(701)	
		36.75						(730)	
40.78	40.86							(640)	
43.06								(612)	
		46.70		46.70	46.81			CaDHA	
		49.58						CaDHA	
		53.15						CaDHA	

Assignments made according to: a JCPDS No. 074-1301; b Koutsopoulos, S. Synthesis and Characterization of Hydroxyapatite Crystals: A Review Study on the Analytical Methods. *J. Biomed.Mater. Res.* 2002, 62 (4), 600–612; c Karampas, L.A., Kontoyannis, C.G., Characterization of calcium phosphates mixtures. *Vib. Spec.* 2013, 64, 126–133.



**Figure S4.** FTIR spectra of octacalcium phosphate (OCP) seed crystals and precipitate formed in the control system (CS) and in the presence of different amino acids after aging time corresponding to the commencement of stage III in pH vs. time curves in the system  $c(\text{CaCl}_2) = c(\text{Na}_2\text{HPO}_4) = 4.198 \text{ mmol dm}^{-3}$ ,  $c(\text{NaCl}) = 0.148 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ ,  $m(\text{seed OCP}) = 1 \text{ mg}$ ,  $\gamma(\text{AA}) = 10 \text{ ppm}$ , except  $\gamma(\text{Phe}) = 5 \text{ ppm}$ .  $t = 25^\circ\text{C}$ ,  $\text{pH}_{\text{initial}} = 7.4$ , magnetic stirring. Asp—L-aspartic acid, Tyr—L-tyrosine, Asn—L-asparagine, Lys—L-lysine, Ser—L-serine, Phe—L-phenylalanine.

**Table S3.** Assignment of IR bands in FTIR spectra of octacalcium phosphate (OCP) seed crystals and precipitates formed in the control system (CS) and in the presence of different amino acids after aging time corresponding to commencement of stage III in pH *vs.* time curves in the system  $c(\text{CaCl}_2) = c(\text{Na}_2\text{HPO}_4) = 4.198 \text{ mmol dm}^{-3}$ ,  $c(\text{NaCl}) = 0.148 \text{ mol d}^3$ ,  $m(\text{seed OCP}) = 1 \text{ mg}$ ,  $\gamma(\text{AA}) = 10 \text{ ppm}$ , except  $\gamma(\text{Phe}) = 5 \text{ ppm}$ .  $t = 25^\circ\text{C}$ ,  $\text{pH}_{\text{initial}} = 7.4$ , magnetic stirring. Asp—L-aspartic acid, TyrL—tyrosine, Asn—L-asparagine, Lys—L-lysine, Ser—L-serine, Phe—L-phenylalanine.

Wavenumber/cm <sup>-1</sup>									Band Assignment
Seed	CS	Asp	Lys	Asn	Ser	Tyr	Phe		
3619–2579	3670–2540	3647–2551	3664–2542	3682–2579	3660–2565	3663–2579	3670–2575	water vibration <sup>a,b</sup>	
				2348			2334	HPO <sub>4</sub> (OH) stretching <sup>b</sup>	
1636	1648	1650	1651	1650	1649	1647	1642	water vibration <sup>a,b</sup>	
1293	1282	1282	1286	1284	1286	1282	1288	HPO <sub>4</sub> (OH in-plane bending) <sup>b</sup>	
1192					1194		1194	HPO <sub>4</sub> (OH in-plane bending) <sup>b</sup>	
1131								$\nu_3 \text{ HPO}_4$ stretching <sup>b</sup>	
1073							1075	$\nu_3 \text{ HPO}_4, \nu_3 \text{ PO}_4$ stretching <sup>b</sup>	
1028	1018	1014	1018	1018	1019	1018	1018	$\nu_3 \text{ PO}_4$ stretching <sup>b</sup>	
957	959	955	963	963	963	959	964	$\nu_1 \text{ PO}_4$ stretching <sup>b</sup>	
915					913	913	915	HPO <sub>4</sub> (P-OH) stretching <sup>b</sup>	
856	864	854	864	865	865	860	863	HPO <sub>4</sub> (P-OH) stretching <sup>b</sup>	
602	596	601	596	601	601	601	602	$\nu_4 \text{ PO}_4$ bending <sup>b</sup>	
560	554	553	562	555	560	560	560	$\nu_4 \text{ HPO}_4$ bending <sup>b</sup>	
525								$\nu_4 \text{ HPO}_4$ bending <sup>b</sup>	
453	463	461	461	466	466	466	466	$\nu_2 \text{ PO}_4$ bending <sup>b</sup>	
						448	447	H <sub>2</sub> O libration <sup>b</sup>	

<sup>a</sup>Koutsopoulos, S. Synthesis and Characterization of Hydroxyapatite Crystals: A Review Study on the Analytical Methods. *J. Biomed. Mater. Res.* **2002**, *62* (4), 600–612; <sup>b</sup>Fowler, B. O.; Markovic, M.; Brown, W. E. Octacalcium Phosphate. 3. Infrared and Raman Vibrational Spectra. *Chem. Mater.* **1993**, *5* (10), 1417–1423.

**Table S4.** Intensity of selected phosphate bands and their ratios for octacalcium phosphate (OCP) seed crystals and precipitates formed in the control system (CS) and in the presence of different amino acids in the system  $c(\text{CaCl}_2) = c(\text{Na}_2\text{HPO}_4) = 4.198 \text{ mmol dm}^{-3}$ ,  $c(\text{NaCl}) = 0.148 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ ,  $m(\text{seed OCP}) = 1 \text{ mg}$ ,  $\gamma(\text{AA}) = 10 \text{ ppm}$  except  $\gamma(\text{Phe}) = 5 \text{ ppm}$   $t = 25^\circ\text{C}$ ,  $\text{pH}_{\text{initial}} = 7.4$ , magnetic stirring. Asp—L-aspartic acid, Tyr—L-tyrosine, Asn—L-asparagine, Lys—L-lysine, Ser—L-serine, Phe—L-phenylalanine. A1—intensity of  $\text{HPO}_4$  ( $\text{OH}$  in-plane bending) at around  $1285 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ , A2— $\nu_3$   $\text{PO}_4$  stretching at around  $1022 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ , A3— $\nu_4$   $\text{HPO}_4$  bending at around  $557 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ .

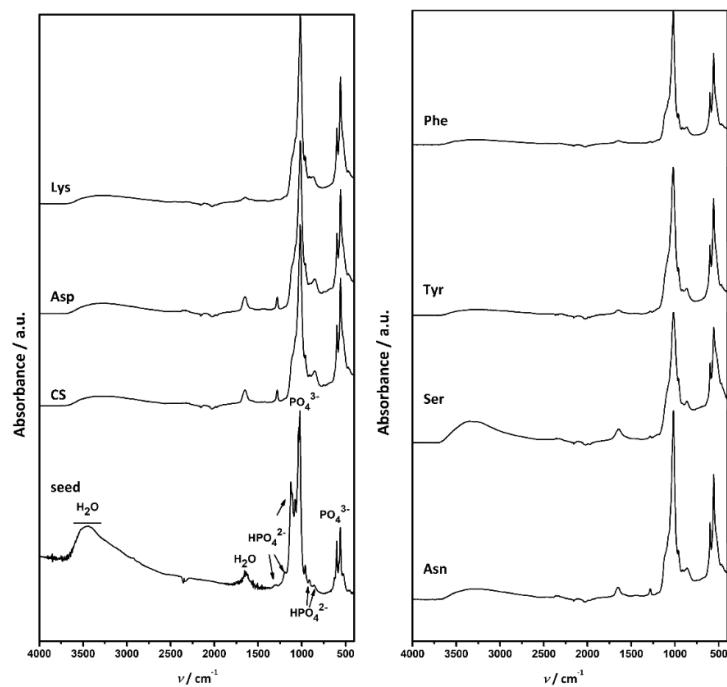
Aging Time Corresponding to Commencement of Stage III						
	A1	A2	A3	A1:A2	A1:A3	A2:A3
Seed	0.037	0.442	0.159	0.08	0.23	2.78
CS	0.008	0.101	0.007	0.08	1.14	14.43
Asp	0.022	0.406	0.247	0.05	0.09	1.64
Lys	0.006	0.303	0.194	0.02	0.03	1.56
Asn	0.023	0.313	0.232	0.07	0.10	1.35
Ser	0.009	0.286	0.215	0.03	0.04	1.33
Tyr	0.008	0.188	0.148	0.04	0.05	1.27
Phe	0.007	0.128	0.110	0.05	0.06	1.16
240 min Aging Time						
CS	0.023	0.354	0.223	0.06	0.10	1.59
Asp	0.022	0.290	0.176	0.08	0.13	1.65
Lys	0.002	0.450	0.266	0.00	0.01	1.69
Asn	0.016	0.437	0.251	0.04	0.06	1.74
Ser	0.004	0.233	0.159	0.02	0.03	1.47
Tyr	-	0.283	0.189	-	-	1.50
Phe	0.003	0.339	0.224	0.01	0.01	1.51

**Table S5.** Assignment of reflections in PXRD diffractograms of octacalcium phosphate (OCP) seed crystals and precipitates formed in the control system (CS) and in the presence of different amino acids after 240 min aging time in the system  $c(\text{CaCl}_2) = c(\text{Na}_2\text{HPO}_4) = 4.198 \text{ mmol dm}^{-3}$ ,  $c(\text{NaCl}) = 0.148 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ ,  $m(\text{seed OCP}) = 1 \text{ mg}$ ,  $\gamma(\text{AA}) = 10 \text{ ppm}$  except  $\gamma(\text{Phe}) = 5 \text{ ppm}$   $t = 25^\circ\text{C}$ ,  $\text{pH}_{\text{initial}} = 7.4$ , magnetic stirring. Asp—L-aspartic acid, Tyr—L-tyrosine, Asn—L-asparagine, Lys—L-lysine, Ser—L-serine, Phe—L-phenylalanine.

Seed	CS	2θ°						hkl
		Asp	Lys	Asn	Ser	Tyr	Phe	
4.86	4.65	4.77	4.64	4.61				(100)
9.42	9.61		9.56		9.54		9.39	(110)
9.89								(010)
16.14								(111)
22.92	22.83							(221)
23.88								(311)
24.52								(321)
25.66								(421)
	25.95	25.95	25.97	25.92	25.89	25.88	25.94	CaDHA
	26.25							(102)
	27.38							(221)
			27.87					(012)
	27.99							(212)
	29.35			29.20				(430)
	30.49							(611)
	31.68							(402)
	31.57	31.51	31.51	31.66	31.74	31.62	31.55	CaDHA
	32.42							(412)
	33.77							(711)
	34.14							(131)
	35.23							(512)
	36.44							(701)
				39.55	39.55			(040)
	40.78							(640)
			41.96					CaDHA
	43.11							(612)
		46.70	46.85	46.70	46.55		46.63	CaDHA

49.65	49.65	49.34	49.68	49.74	49.58	49.56	CaDHA
53.33	53.42	53.42	53.26	53.39	53.93	53.93	CaDHA

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**Figure S5.** FTIR spectra of octacalcium phosphate (OCP) seed crystals and precipitate formed in the control system (CS) and in the presence of different amino acids after 240 min in the system  $c(\text{CaCl}_2) = c(\text{Na}_2\text{HPO}_4) = 4.198 \text{ mmol dm}^{-3}$ ,  $c(\text{NaCl}) = 0.148 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ ,  $m(\text{seed OCP}) = 1 \text{ mg}$ ,  $\gamma(\text{AA}) = 10 \text{ ppm}$ , except  $\gamma(\text{Phe}) = 5 \text{ ppm}$ .  $t = 25^\circ\text{C}$ ,  $p\text{H}_{\text{initial}} = 7.4$ , magnetic stirring. Asp—L-aspartic acid, Tyr—L-tyrosine, Asn—L-asparagine, Lys—L-lysine, Ser—L-serine, Phe—L-phenylalanine.

**Table S6.** Assignment of IR bands in FTIR spectra of octacalcium phosphate (OCP) seed crystals and precipitates formed in the control system (CS) and in the presence of different amino acids after aging time corresponding to commencement of stage III in pH *vs.* time curves in the system  $c(\text{CaCl}_2) = c(\text{Na}_2\text{HPO}_4) = 4.198 \text{ mmol dm}^{-3}$ ,  $c(\text{NaCl}) = 0.148 \text{ mol d}^3$ ,  $m(\text{seed OCP}) = 1 \text{ mg}$ ,  $\gamma'(\text{AA}) = 10 \text{ ppm}$ , except  $\gamma'(\text{Phe}) = 5 \text{ ppm}$ .  $t = 25^\circ\text{C}$ ,  $\text{pH}_{\text{initial}} = 7.4$ , magnetic stirring. Asp—L-aspartic acid, TyrL—tyrosine, Asn—L-asparagine, Lys—L-lysine, Ser—L-serine, Phe—L-phenylalanine.

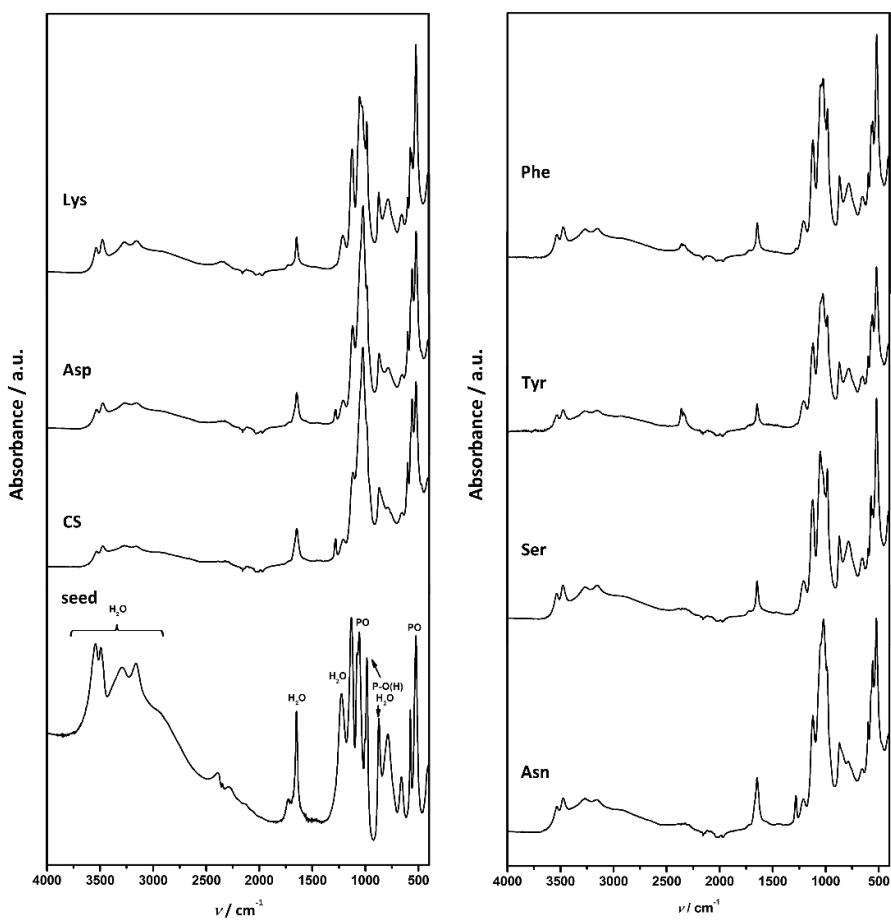
Seed	Wavenumber/cm <sup>-1</sup>								Band Assignment
	CS	Asp	Lys	Asn	Ser	Tyr	Phe		
3619–2579	3670–2540	3647–2551	3664–2542	3682–2579	3660–2565	3663–2579	3670–2575		water vibration <sup>a,b</sup>
				2348			2334		$\text{HPO}_4$ (OH) stretching <sup>b</sup>
1636	1648	1650	1651	1650	1649	1647	1642		water vibration <sup>a,b</sup>
1293	1282	1282	1286	1284	1286	1282	1288		$\text{HPO}_4$ (OH in-plane bending) <sup>b</sup>
1192					1194		1194		$\text{HPO}_4$ (OH in-plane bending) <sup>b</sup>
1131									$\nu_3 \text{ HPO}_4$ stretching <sup>b</sup>
1073							1075		$\nu_3 \text{ HPO}_4$ , $\nu_3 \text{ PO}_4$ stretching <sup>b</sup>
1028	1018	1014	1018	1018	1019	1018	1018		$\nu_3 \text{ PO}_4$ stretching <sup>b</sup>
957	959	955	963	963	963	959	964		$\nu_1 \text{ PO}_4$ stretching <sup>b</sup>
915					913	913	915		$\text{HPO}_4$ (P-OH) stretching <sup>b</sup>
856	864	854	864	865	865	860	863		$\text{HPO}_4$ (P-OH) stretching <sup>b</sup>
602	596	601	596	601	601	601	602		$\nu_4 \text{ PO}_4$ bending <sup>b</sup>
560	554	553	562	555	560	560	560		$\nu_4 \text{ HPO}_4$ bending <sup>b</sup>
525									$\nu_4 \text{ HPO}_4$ bending <sup>b</sup>
453	463	461	461	466	466	466	466		$\nu_2 \text{ PO}_4$ bending <sup>b</sup>
					448	447	447		$\text{H}_2\text{O}$ libration <sup>b</sup>

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**Table S7.** Assignment of reflections in PXRD diffractograms of calcium hydrogenphosphate dihydrate (DCPD) seed crystals and precipitates formed in the control system (CS) and in the presence of different amino acids after 60 min aging time in the system  $c(\text{CaCl}_2) = c(\text{Na}_2\text{HPO}_4) = 4.198 \text{ mmol dm}^{-3}$ ,  $c(\text{NaCl}) = 0.148 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ ,  $m(\text{seed DCPD}) = 1 \text{ mg}$ ,  $\gamma(\text{AA}) = 10 \text{ ppm}$  except  $\gamma(\text{Phe}) = 5 \text{ ppm}$   $t = 25^\circ\text{C}$ ,  $\text{pH}_{\text{initial}} = 7.4$ , magnetic stirring. Asp—L-aspartic acid, Tyr—L-tyrosine, Asn—L-asparagine, Lys—L-lysine, Ser—L-serine, Phe—L-phenylalanine.

Seed	CS	$2\theta^\circ$						hkl
		Asp	Lys	Asn	Ser	Tyr	Phe	
11.58	11.61	11.60	11.51	11.88	11.53	11.70	11.51	(020)
20.91	20.89	20.97	20.89	20.94			20.87	(021)
23.31		23.36						(040)
							23.64	
			25.87					CaDHA
25.98								(̄131)
29.22	29.29	29.29	29.29	29.30			29.27	(041)
30.52	30.69	30.52	30.51				30.42	(̄221)
31.84								(200)
		31.62	31.62					CaDHA
34.08	34.21	34.15	34.21	34.30			34.11	(̄220)
36.96	37.06	36.97	36.93				36.95	(022)
39.69								(220)
41.63		41.65	41.64				41.64	(151)
	41.73				41.80			
42.05								(̄242)
42.97								(̄152)
			43.06					
43.29		43.24						(̄311)
44.71								(170)
				44.93	45.00		45.06	
45.19			45.15					(̄171)
45.96	45.78							(112)
47.99								(080)
48.46	48.54	48.41	48.50		48.54			(̄260)
50.13	50.12						50.15	(241)
		50.28	50.21					
50.83								(062)
51.42								(081)
53.53	53.48	53.39	53.46				53.51	(181̄)
55.27								(253̄)
56.52								(181)
58.79								(082)
59.54			59.56					(204̄)

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**Figure S6.** FTIR spectra of calcium hydrogenphosphate dihydrate (DCPD) seed crystals and precipitates formed in the control system (CS) and in the presence of different amino acids after 60 min aging time in the system  $c(\text{CaCl}_2) = c(\text{Na}_2\text{HPO}_4) = 4.198 \text{ mmol dm}^{-3}$ ,  $c(\text{NaCl}) = 0.148 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ ,  $m(\text{seed DCPD}) = 1 \text{ mg}$ ,  $\gamma(\text{AA}) = 10 \text{ ppm}$  except  $\gamma(\text{Phe}) = 5 \text{ ppm}$   $t = 25^\circ\text{C}$ ,  $\text{pH}_{\text{initial}} = 7.4$ , magnetic stirring. Asp—L-aspartic acid, Tyr—L-tyrosine, Asn—L-asparagine, Lys—L-lysine, Ser—L-serine, Phe—L-phenylalanine

**Table S8.** Assignment of IR bands in FTIR spectra of calcium hydrogenphosphate dihydrate (DCPD) seed crystals and precipitates formed in the control system (CS) and in the presence of different amino acids after 60 min aging time in the system  $c(\text{CaCl}_2) = c(\text{Na}_2\text{HPO}_4) = 4.198 \text{ mmol dm}^{-3}$ ,  $c(\text{NaCl}) = 0.148 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ ,  $m(\text{seed DCPD}) = 1 \text{ mg}$ ,  $\gamma(\text{AA}) = 10 \text{ ppm}$  except  $\gamma(\text{Phe}) = 5 \text{ ppm}$   $t = 25^\circ\text{C}$ ,  $\text{pH}_{\text{initial}} = 7.4$ , magnetic stirring. Asp—L-aspartic acid, Tyr—L-tyrosine, Asn—L-asparagine, Lys—L-lysine, Ser—L-serine, Phe—L-phenylalanine.

Seed	Wavenumber/cm <sup>-1</sup>							Band Assignment
	CS	Asp	Lys	Asn	Ser	Tyr	Phe	
3548	3542	3530	3538	3539	3533	3540	3537	O-H stretching of water
3493	3480	3480	3478	3475	3480	3473	3481	O-H stretching of water
3291	3265	3260	3274	3271	3269	3275	3267	O-H stretching of water
3149	3156	3150	3157	3161	3148	3159	3154	O-H stretching of water
						2362	2362	PO-H stretching
			2388	2341		2343	2337	PO-H stretching
			1723	1721	1721	1721	1721	O-H bending of water
1636	1644	1650	1647	1651	1644	1645	1647	O-H bending of water
		1282	1282	1279	1277	1282	1283	O-H bending of $\text{HPO}_4^{2-}$
1231			1206	1211	1215	1207	1207	O-H in plane bending
						1210	1210	O-H in plane bending
1131			1118	1122	1123	1121	1122	PO stretching
					1055	1051	1054	$\nu_{3a}$ asymmetric PO stretching
						1025	1019	Asymmetric PO stretching
987				984	986	982	986	$\nu_{3a}$ asymmetric PO stretching
						985	985	$\nu_1$ symmetric P-O(H) stretching
						963	960	P-O(H) stretching
			872	869	872	865	874	P-O(H) stretching
			783	787	780	784	789	H <sub>2</sub> O libration
			657	655	654	655	649	H <sub>2</sub> O libration
						603	600	$\nu_{4a}$ PO bending
							572	$\nu_{4c}$ PO bending (O-P-O)
							562	$\nu_{4c}$ PO bending (O-P-O)
							525	$\nu_2$ PO bending (O-P-O)

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**Table S9.** Intensity of selected phosphate bands and their ratios for calcium hydrogenphosphate dihydrate (DCPD) seed crystals and precipitates formed in the control system (CS) and in the presence of different amino acids in the system  $c(\text{CaCl}_2) = c(\text{Na}_2\text{HPO}_4) = 4.198 \text{ mmol dm}^{-3}$ ,  $c(\text{NaCl}) = 0.148 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ ,  $m(\text{seed DCPD}) = 1 \text{ mg}$ ,  $\gamma(\text{AA}) = 10 \text{ ppm}$  except  $\gamma(\text{Phe}) = 5 \text{ ppm}$   $t = 25^\circ\text{C}$ ,  $\text{pH}_{\text{initial}} = 7.4$ , magnetic stirring. Asp—L-aspartic acid, Tyr—L-tyrosine, Asn—L-asparagine, Lys—L-lysine, Ser—L-serine, Phe—L-phenylalanine. A1—intensity of P-O(H) stretching at around  $872 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ , A2— $\nu_{4c}$  PO bending (O-P-O) at around  $560 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ , A3— $\nu_2$  PO bending (O-P-O) at around  $525$ – $236 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ .

	60 min Aging Time					
	A1	A2	A3	A1:A2	A1:A3	A2:A3
seed	0.073	0.164	0.332	0.45	0.22	0.49
CS	0.041	0.104	0.116	0.39	0.35	0.90
Asp	0.049	0.122	0.162	0.40	0.30	0.75
Lys	0.062	0.081	0.211	0.77	0.29	0.38
Asn	0.051	0.045	0.141	1.13	0.36	0.32
Ser	0.048	-	0.153	-	0.31	-
Tyr	0.021	0.034	0.058	0.62	0.36	0.59
Phe	0.046	0.076	0.157	0.61	0.29	0.48

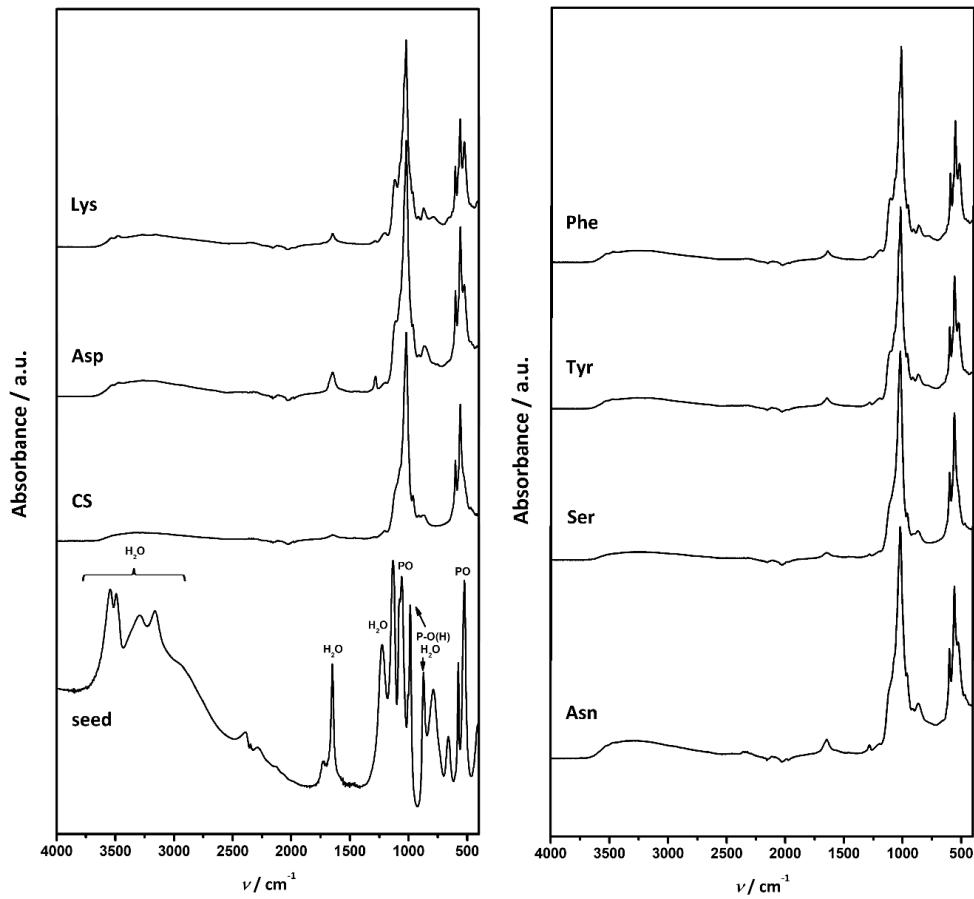
  

	240 min Aging Time					
	CS	Asp	Lys	Asn	Ser	Tyr
CS	0.027	0.239	-	0.11	-	-
Asp	0.034	0.179	-	0.19	-	-
Lys	0.041	0.192	0.142	0.21	0.29	1.35
Asn	0.036	0.169	0.094	0.21	0.38	1.80
Ser	0.016	0.141	0.046	0.11	0.35	3.07
Tyr	0.032	0.199	0.107	0.16	0.30	1.86
Phe	0.034	0.195	0.116	0.17	0.29	1.68

**Table S10.** Assignment of reflections in PXRD diffractograms of calcium hydrogenphosphate dihydrate (DCPD) seed crystals and precipitates formed in the control system (CS) and in the presence of different amino acids after 240 min aging time in the system  $c(\text{CaCl}_2) = c(\text{Na}_2\text{HPO}_4) = 4.198 \text{ mmol dm}^{-3}$ ,  $c(\text{NaCl}) = 0.148 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ ,  $m(\text{seed DCPD}) = 1 \text{ mg}$ ,  $\gamma(\text{AA}) = 10 \text{ ppm}$  except  $\gamma(\text{Phe}) = 5 \text{ ppm}$   $t = 25^\circ\text{C}$ ,  $p\text{H}_{\text{initial}} = 7.4$ , magnetic stirring. Asp—L-aspartic acid, Tyr—L-tyrosine, Asn—L-asparagine, Lys—L-lysine, Ser—L-serine, Phe—L-phenylalanine.

	46.52		46.54		CaDHA
47.99				(080)	
48.46		48.41		(260)	
49.14				(132)	
	49.44		49.58	49.50	CaDHA
		50.03		50.05	CaDHA
50.13		50.13			(241)
50.83				(062)	
51.42				(081)	
53.53				(18 $\bar{1}$ )	
	53.62	53.48	53.46	53.45	CaDHA
55.27			53.39	53.55	(25 $\bar{3}$ )
56.52				53.39	(181)
58.79					(082)
59.54					(204)

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**Figure S7.** FTIR spectra of calcium hydrogenphosphate dihydrate (DCPD) seed crystals and precipitates formed in the control system (CS) and in the presence of different amino acids after 240 min in the system  $c(\text{CaCl}_2) = c(\text{Na}_2\text{HPO}_4) = 4.198 \text{ mmol dm}^{-3}$ ,  $c(\text{NaCl}) = 0.148 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ ,  $m(\text{seed DCPD}) = 1 \text{ mg}$ ,  $\gamma(\text{AA}) = 10 \text{ ppm}$  except  $\gamma(\text{Phe}) = 5 \text{ ppm}$ ,  $t = 25^\circ\text{C}$ ,  $\text{pH}_{\text{initial}} = 7.4$ , magnetic stirring. Asp—L-aspartic acid, Tyr—L-tyrosine, Asn—L-asparagine, Lys—L-lysine, Ser—L-serine, Phe—L-phenylalanine.

**Table S11.** Assignment of IR bands in FTIR spectra of calcium hydrogenphosphate dihydrate (DCPD) seed crystals and precipitates formed in the control system (CS) and in the presence of different amino acids after 240 min aging time in the system  $c(\text{CaCl}_2) = c(\text{Na}_2\text{HPO}_4) = 4.198 \text{ mmol dm}^{-3}$ ,  $c(\text{NaCl}) = 0.148 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ ,  $m(\text{seed DCPD}) = 1 \text{ mg}$ ,  $\gamma(\text{AA}) = 10 \text{ ppm}$  except  $\gamma(\text{Phe}) = 5 \text{ ppm}$   $t = 25^\circ\text{C}$ ,  $\text{pH}_{\text{initial}} l = 7.4$ , magnetic stirring. Asp—L-aspartic acid, Tyr—L-tyrosine, Asn—L-asparagine, Lys—L-lysine, Ser—L-serine, Phe—L-phenylalanine.

Seed	Wavenumber/cm <sup>-1</sup>							Band Assignment
	CS	Asp	Lys	Asn	Ser	Tyr	Phe	
	3651–2574	3679–2570		3679–2565	3646–2615	3654–2572	3648–2591	water vibration <sup>a</sup>
3548			3530					O-H stretching of water
3493			3471					O-H stretching of water
3291								O-H stretching of water
3149								O-H stretching of water
2388			2343					PO-H stretching
1723								PO-H stretching
1636	1650	1651 1282	1646 1284	1651 1280	1647 1282	1645 1283	1642 1288	O-H bending of water
1229		1197		1206		1199	1194	O-H bending of HPO <sub>4</sub> <sup>2-</sup>
1131				1117			1202	O-H in plane bending
1055		1022	1022	1021	1020	1023	1023	O-H in plane bending
987			965		963	959	959	PO stretching
				916		964	959	PO stretching
872	865	861	865	861	865	863	869	$\nu_{3a}$ asymmetric PO stretching
783				784				Asymmetric PO stretching
657								$\nu_1$ symmetric P-O(H) stretching
		601	601	600	600	601	601	P-O(H) stretching
572	560	560	559	560	559	555	560	P-O(H) stretching
562			523	526	526	520	526	H <sub>2</sub> O libration
525								H <sub>2</sub> O libration
								$\nu_{4a}$ PO bending
								$\nu_{4c}$ PO bending (O-P-O)
								$\nu_{4c}$ PO bending (O-P-O)
								$\nu_2$ PO bending (O-P-O)

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