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#### **Abstract**

The aim of this work was to examine the dependence of the local surface structure (surface structural heterogeneity) on the local thickness (thickness uniformity) and structure properties along the thickness of hydroxyapatite coatings (HACs) deposited by using the high power (52 kW) laminar plasma jet. For the deposition process, a relatively small size of the feedstock hydroxyapatite powder (HAP) (33 µm) was used. The HACs were deposited at different stand-off distances (SODs) (80, 100, and 150 mm) without preheating of substrates. The thickness measurements were performed by using the calibrated micrometer and light microscopy (LM). The surface micro-structure was analyzed by using the micro-Raman spectroscopy (MRS),

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