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ABSTRACT:
Fused Deposition Modelling (FDM) is one of the most extensively used Additive Manufacturing technique which has substantially shortened the product development time and cost. The application has been extended to fabricate biomedical implants through investment casting process. But the FDM replicas exhibit poor surface quality which requires further post finishing. Thus, it is very difficult to achieve adequate dimensional accuracy as surface finishing techniques resulted in material removal and erosion of upper surface. The