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The aim of this doctoral thesis is the development of novel porous biomaterials using a lowenergy-emulsification method. Emulsions have been traditionally used for product development in familiar areas such as food and cosmetics. In the medical field, droplets of emulsions have been mainly used to form drug carriers. In recent years, spontaneous emulsification, in which emulsions are formed by using the chemical energy inherent in the system without external energy application, has attracted attention. Although the mechanism of spontaneous emulsification is only partially understood, it is being actively studied due to its low energy cost and low potential to destroy drugs. Previous studies using spontaneous emulsification have been limited to the preparation of spherical particles where the emulsification forms o/w emulsions as particle precursors. On the other hand, a new technique to prepare porous particles was recently reported where an amphiphilic block copolymer, poly(ethylene glycol)-*b*-poly(lactic acid) (PEG-PLA), was used as a surfactant to induce spontaneous "w/o" emulsification and porous particles were obtained with only a single moderate energy application. Porous materials are useful in the medical field for various applications such as pulmonary drug delivery system, tissue regeneration, and cell culture. Therefore, in this study, the development of porous particles and porous films was investigated under the concept of "using spontaneous emulsification to form a porous internal structure of materials". In Chapter 1 of this doctoral thesis, recent advance and perspective for emulsions, emulsification methods including lowenergy emulsification, and porous materials are reviewed. Various porous materials, including porous particles prepared through double emulsions as precursors, have been skillfully used as biomaterials. Therefore, the features and applications of various forms of porous materials used in the medical field are especially reviewed. In Chapter 2, the applicability of developed porous particles for pulmonary delivery was discussed. In Chapter 3, to elucidate the aerodynamic behavior of the porous particles, the method to control the porous surface and internal structures independent of the molecular weight of the PEG block was proposed. In Chapter 4, a new method for film fabrication was investigated by using spontaneous emulsification phenomenon, which has been used only for porous "particles" preparation. The result presented in this thesis has provided a new technique to prepare the low-energy-fabrication of porous materials for potential applications as biomaterials using spontaneous emulsification. (英訳) ※和文要旨の場合(400 words)