

## Supplementary information

### **Effect of High Molecular Weight Hyaluronic Acid on Chondrocytes Cultured in Collagen/Hyaluronic Acid Porous Scaffolds**

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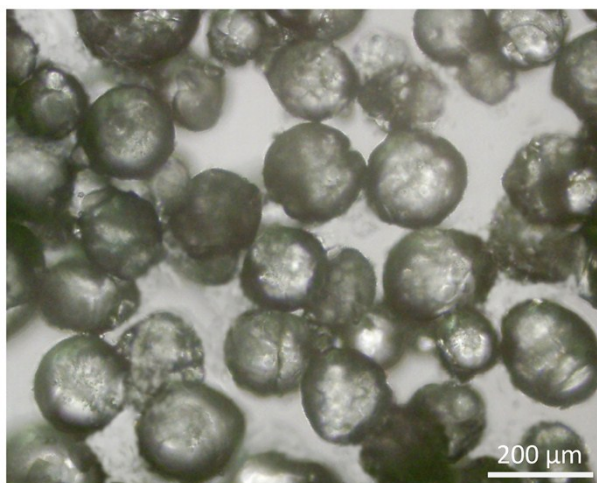


Fig. S1. Ice particulates with the diameter of 150-250 μm.

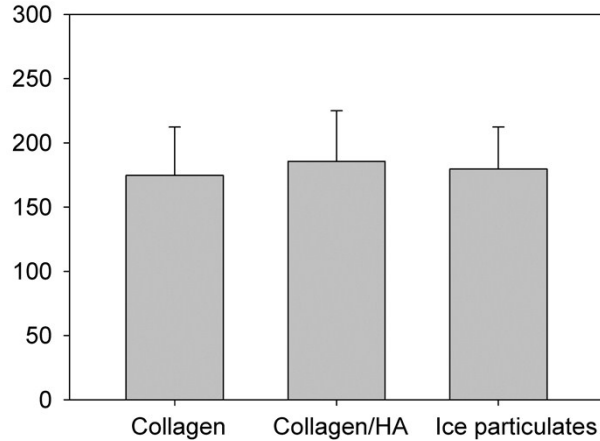


Fig. S2. The pore size of collagen scaffolds or collagen/HA scaffolds, and the diameter of ice particulates used for scaffold preparation ( $\mu\text{m}$ ). Means  $\pm$  SD,  $N \geq 60$ . There was no significant statistical difference among the data of three groups.

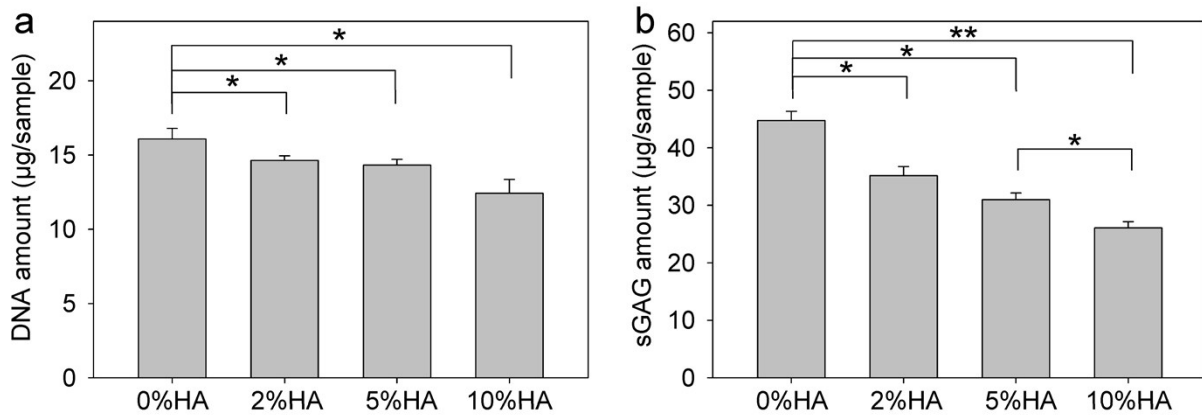


Fig. S3. The DNA amount (a) and sGAG amount (b) of cell/scaffold constructs from collagen/HA scaffolds that had different ratios of HA (0%, 2%, 5% or 10%). Bovine articular chondrocytes were cultured on these scaffolds for 2 weeks before the analysis. Means  $\pm$  SD,  $N = 4$ . \*,  $p < 0.05$ ; \*\*,  $p < 0.01$ .