## Electronic Supplementary Material (ESI) for Journal of Materials Chemistry B. This journal is © The Royal Society of Chemistry 2019 Supplemental Fig. 1A



Supplemental Fig. 1B



## Supplemental Fig. 1C



Supplemental Figure 1.

*In vitro* histology of LhCG+ and dLhCG+ A) with hematoxylin and eosin, B) Safranin O and C) immuno-histochemical staining using primary antibody of Type I collagen. The positive staining of hematoxylin stains nucleus into a purple colour. The positive staining of eosin stains extracellular matrix into pink colour. The positive staining of safranin O stains the glycosaminoglycan into a red colour. The positive immunohistochemical staining of Type I collagen emits green fluorescence. The positive staining of 4',6-diamidino-2-phenylindole emits blue fluorescence

## **Supplemental Figure 2**





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The histological scores are based on both Histological Histochemical Grading System (HHGS) and Wakitani scoring system. A low score (min. 0; max. 14) defines a native-like cartilage tissue with full thickness defect filling and good integration with adjacent host cartilage. (\*) indicates statistical significance (p < 0.05); \*\* indicates  $p \le 0.01$ , \*\*\* indicates  $p \le 0.001$ .

## **Supplemental Figure 3**



B. LhCG+



C. Untreated





Day 50







Supplemental Figure 3.

Macroscopic observation of osteochondral repair by engraftment of full-scaled osteochondral implants: LhCG+ and dLhCG+ in comparison to "Untreated" defect which did not receive any engraftment, at the two testing time points. Testing time points are on Day 50 and Day 100, respectively. Scale bar: 1mm.