

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Tribomechanical properties of PVA/Nomex[®] composite hydrogels for articular cartilage repair

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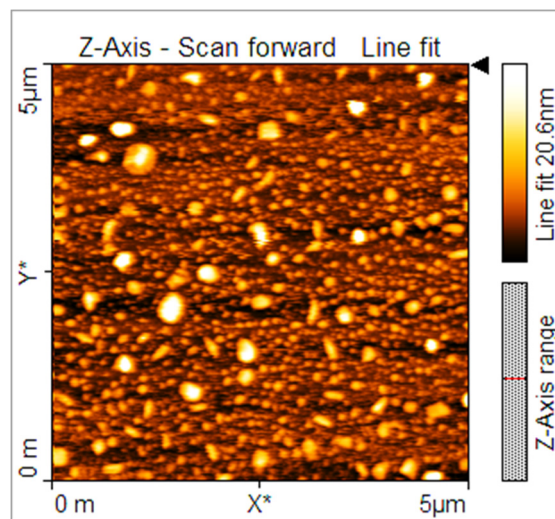


Figure S1. AFM image of the PMIA nanoparticles.

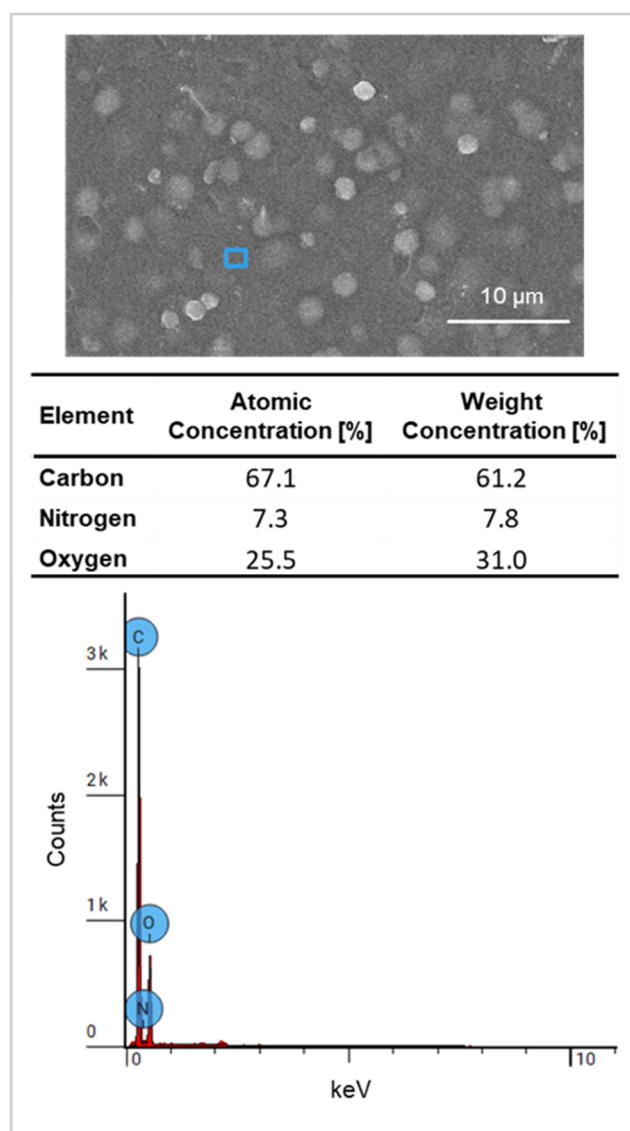
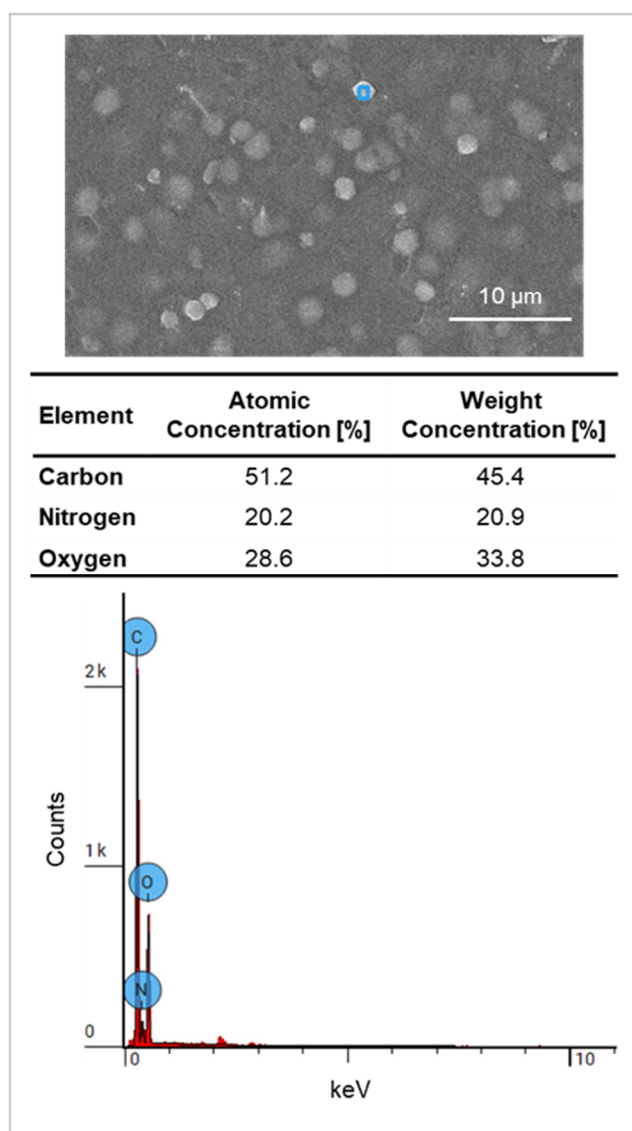


Figure S2. EDS analysis of the spherical structures within the reinforced hydrogels (left) compared to the surrounding material (right). The data presented are from the analysis of the sample PVA10/PMIA1.5_G.

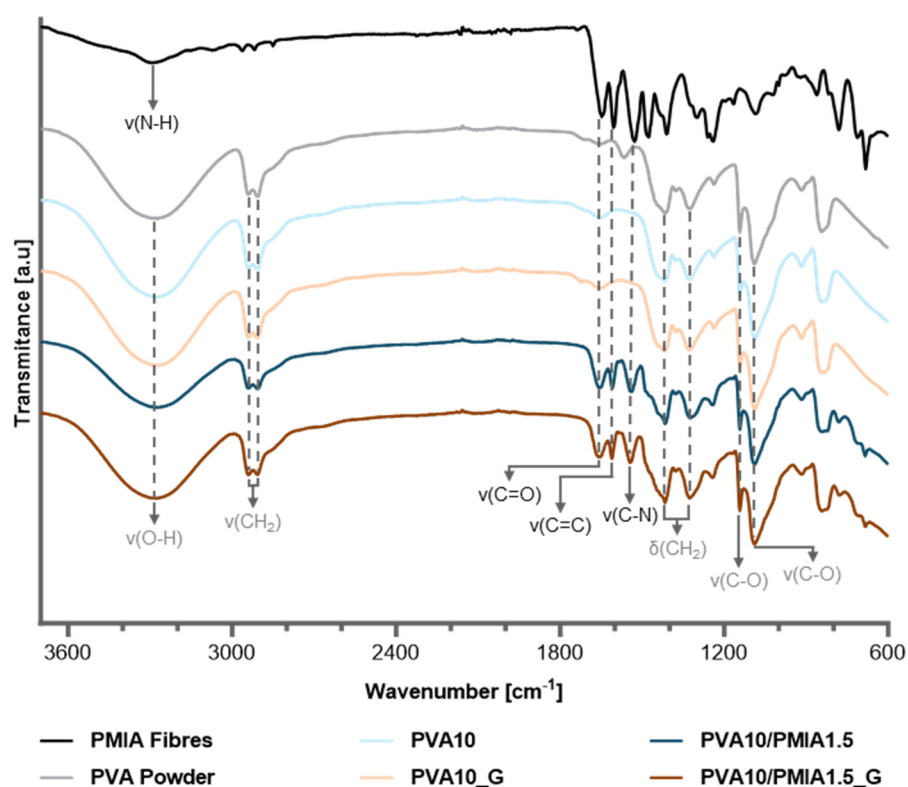


Figure S3. ATR-FTIR spectra of commercial PMIA fibers, commercial PVA powder, and hydrogels PVA10 and PVA10/PMIA1.5, before and after sterilization.

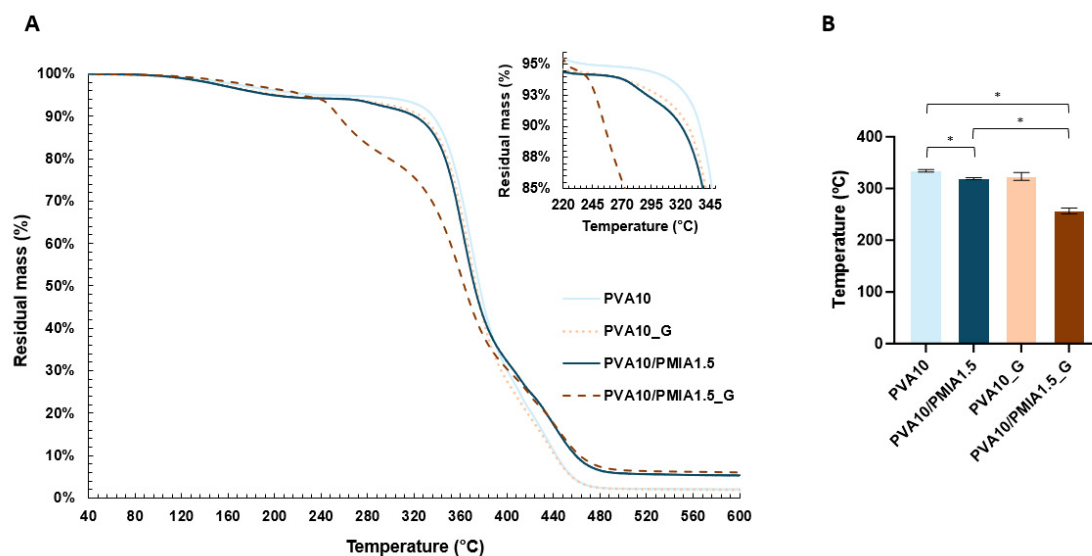


Figure S4. TGA curves of irradiated and non-irradiated PVA10 and PVA10/PMIA1.5.

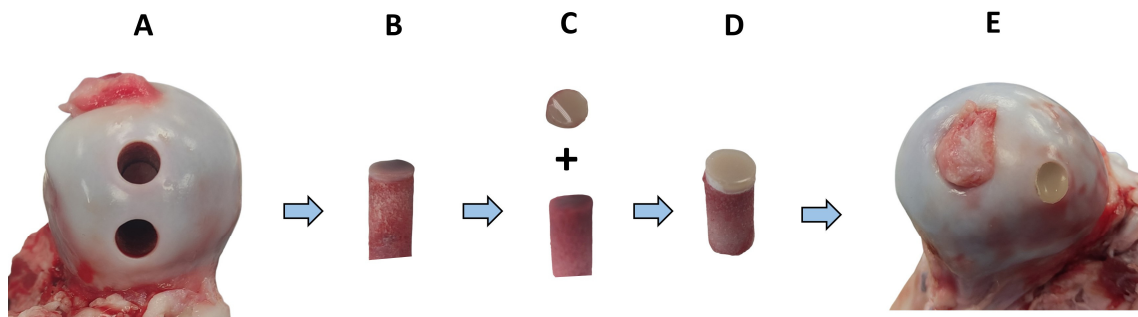


Figure S5. Schematic representation of the hydrogel-modified bone plug insertion procedure.