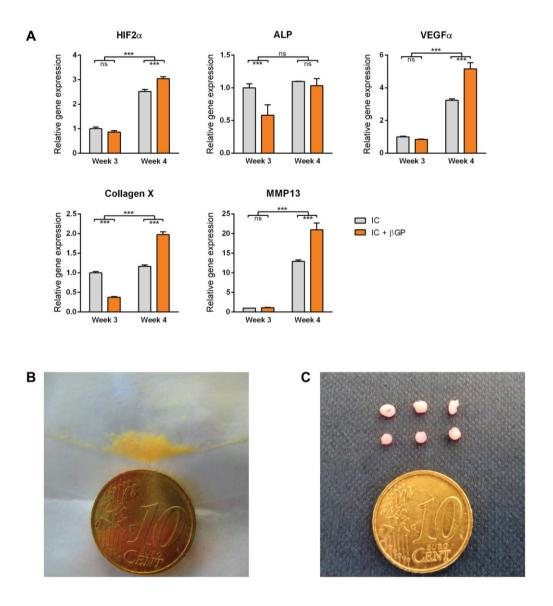


**Figure S1.** Gene expression of MiTEC cultured in BM (white bar) and IM (gray bar) at week 1-4 **(A)**. Gene expression of MiTEC cultured in BM (blue bar), IM (green bar), BC (yellow bar) and IC (red bar) medium at week 2-3 **(B)**. Error bars represent standard deviation (n=3). (\*) denotes p<0.05, (\*\*) denotes p<0.01, (\*\*\*) denotes p<0.001, and ns denotes non-significant.



**Figure S2.** Gene expression analysis of MiTEC cultured in basic medium and mineralization medium (1 week in mineralization medium before time point) at week 3 and 4 **(A)**. Error bars represent standard deviation (n=3). (\*) denotes p<0.05, (\*\*) denotes p<0.01, (\*\*\*) denotes p<0.001, and ns denotes non-significant. MiTEC were cultured in IC medium for 2 weeks, decellularized with SDS and airdried; the picture showed the amount of MiTEC harvested from one 12-well plate **(B)**. Pellets of  $2.5 \times 10^5$  hMSCs mixed with devitalized (top row) and decellularized (bottom row) MiTEC, and cultured in chondrogenic medium for 4 weeks **(C)**.