## **Supplementary Files 2**

## **Supplementary Figures and Legends**

Figure S7. Correlation relationships between PRG4 and surface roughness parameters. (A-D) PRG4 surface continuity was found negatively correlated with Ra and Rq before and after wear (P < 0.0001, respectively). (E-H) PRG4 expression quantity was also found negatively correlated with Ra and Rq before and after wear (P < 0.0001, respectively).

Figure S8-S11. O2PLS multivariate model scatter plots displayed the relationship and distribution between  $\Delta V/\Delta W$  and independent variables in the three groups, with the dot size referring to the volume/weight loss amount, and blue to red indicating the increase of variable quantitative value.

Figure S12. IHC images of negative control stainings of PRG4 and SOX9 antibodies in normal cartilage (400X, scale bar 50 μm). Rabbit polyclonal antibody PRG4 and only rabbit serum was respectively used as primary antibody (upper row). Mouse monoclonal antibody SOX9 and only mouse serum was respectively used as primary antibody (bottom row).

## Figure S7

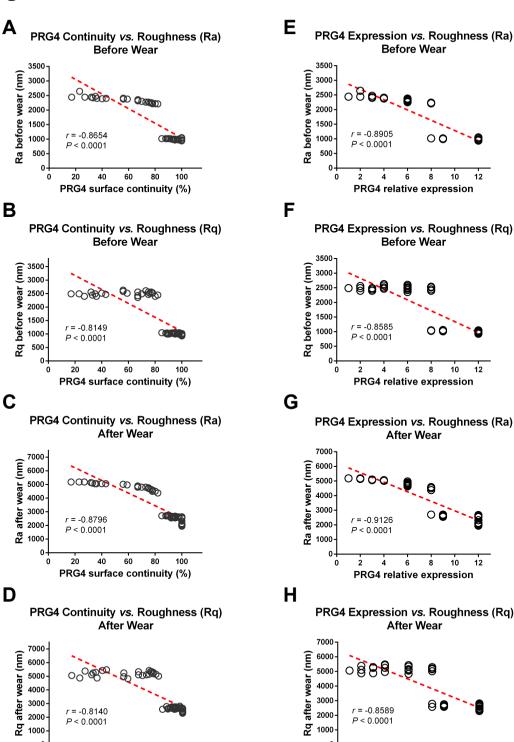
20 40

60 80

PRG4 surface continuity (%)

100

PRG4 relative expression



## Figure S8

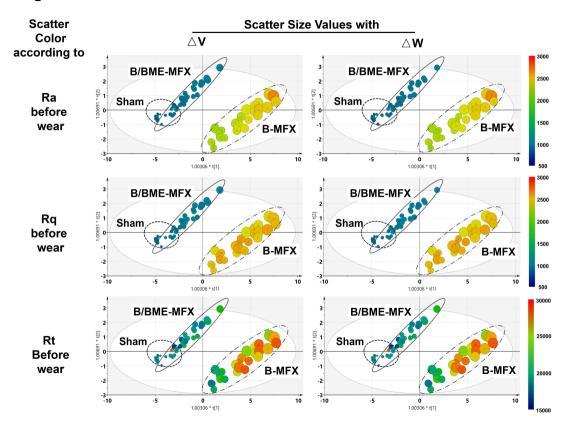


Figure S9

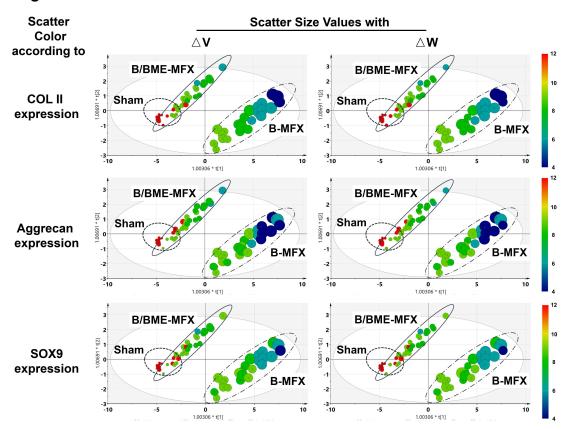


Figure S10

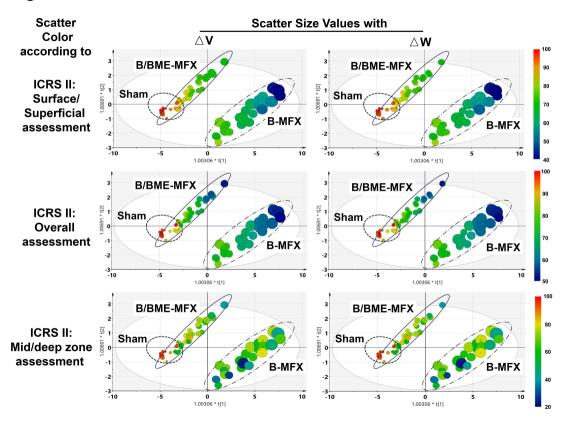


Figure S11

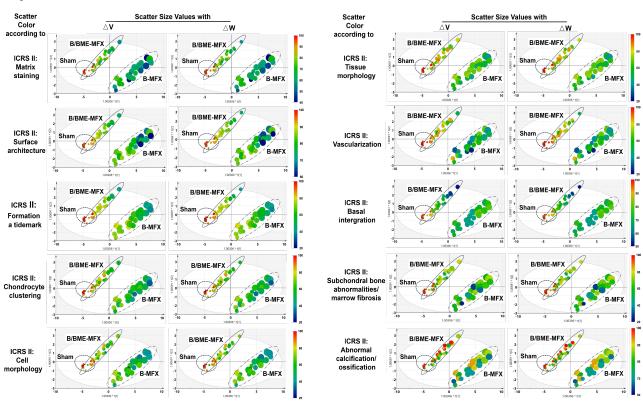


Figure S12

