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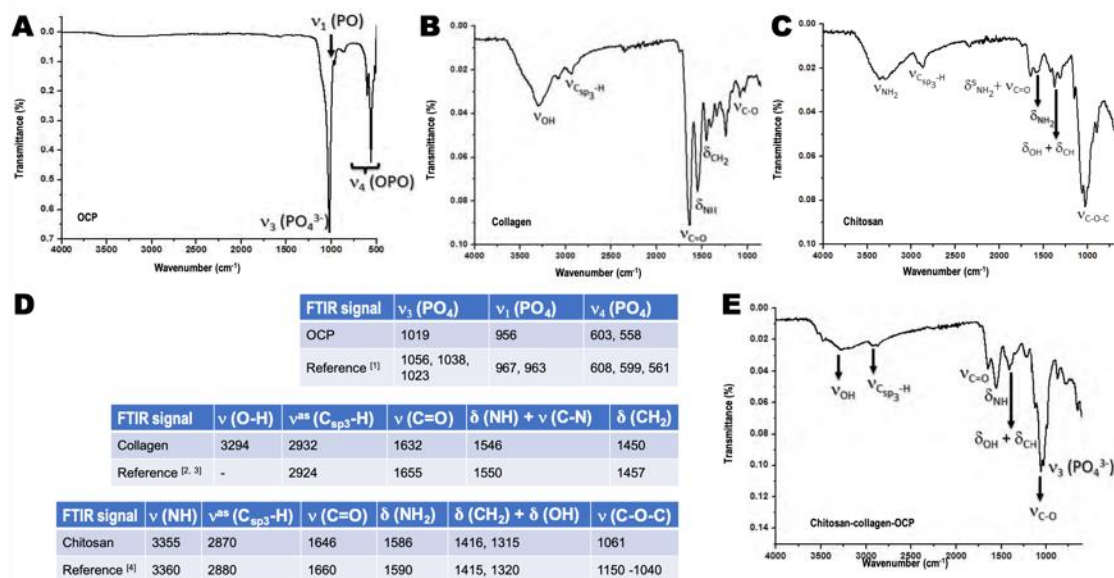


Figure S1. Characterization of the raw materials and the composite obtained by means of FTIR. Spectra of **A)** octacalcium phosphate, **B)** collagen, and **C)** chitosan raw materials are shown. **D)** Characteristic bands assigned and the corresponding literature reference. **E)** Spectrum of the chitosan-collagen- octacalcium phosphate composite.

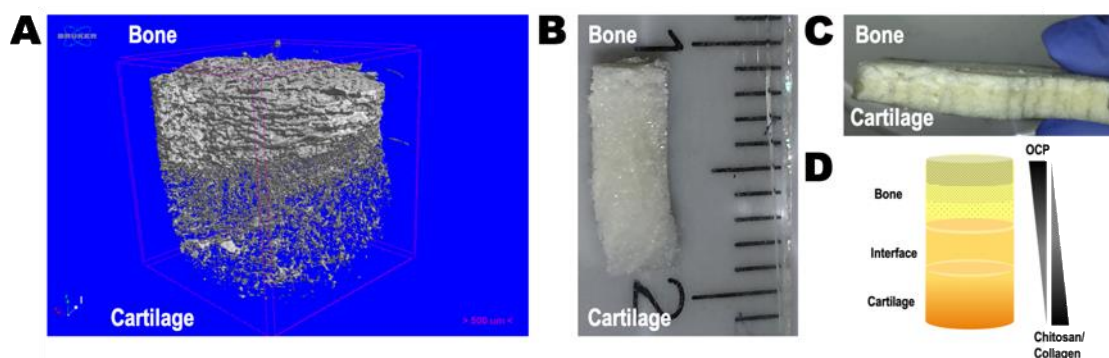


Figure S2. **A)** μ CT reconstruction showing the inorganic material gradient (i.e. octacalcium phosphate) present in the scaffold. From top to bottom, bony part, interface, and cartilage zone. **B)** Image of the punched-out scaffold from a **C)** bigger fabricated one. **D)** schematic representation of the material; gradient used in the developed osteochondral scaffolds.

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