SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Directional nanotopographic gradients: a high-throughput screening platform for cell contact guidance

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S1: Experimental setup and approach for surface wrinkle formation



Figure S1. Schematic diagram and picture of formation of wrinkle gradient by air plasma oxidation.

S2: Details on sub-nano wrinkle features

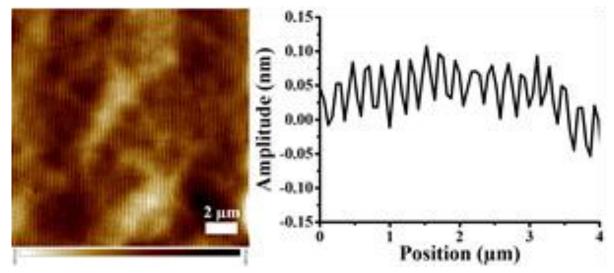
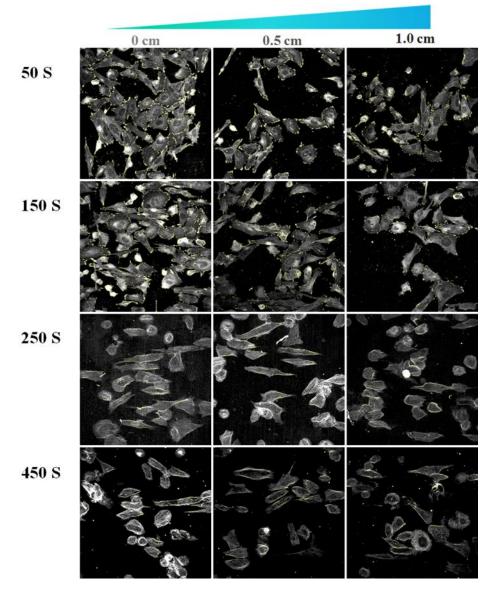


Figure S2. Zoom of surface features on position 0 cm on gradient formed using 50 s plasma treatment determined by atomic force microscopy.



S3: Images for focal adhesion area/cell determination

Figure S3. The highlight of focal adhesion contact points via Focal Adhesion Analysis Server

(http://faas.bme.unc.edu/upload?static=1&max_adhesion_count=5000) for SaOs after 2 days cultivation on gradient surfaces.

S4: Analysis of surface features reached with longer oxidation times

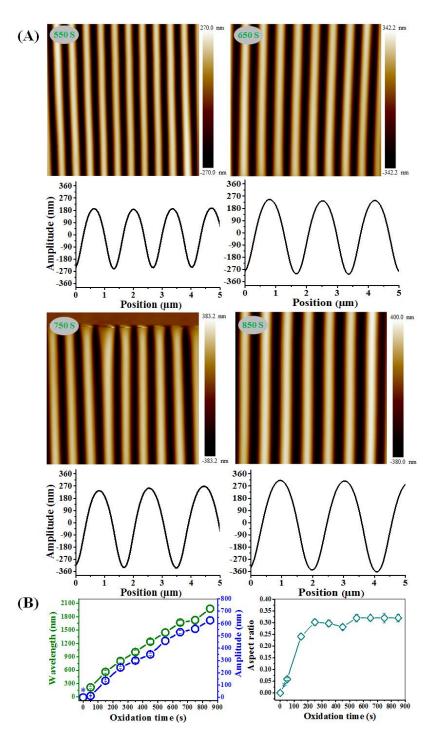
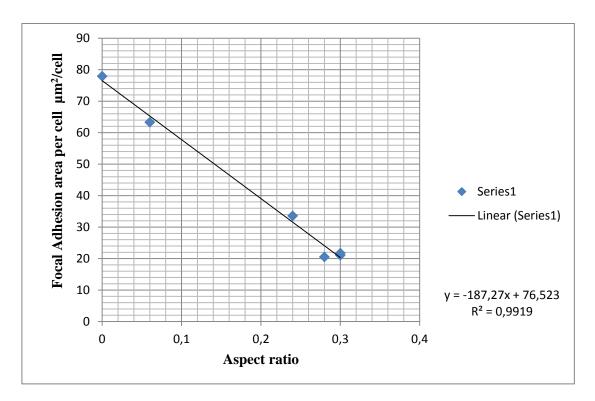


Figure S4. Dependence of the wavelength, height and aspect ratio of created wrinkles on the plasma oxidation time from 0 s-850 s with a fixed initial strain (30% substrate elongation). * indicates approximate value.

S5: Linearity analysis of focal adhesion area/cell on non-gradient



substrates

Figure S5. Determining the degree of linearity of wrinkle aspect ratio vs focal adhesion area/cell shows an R^2 -value of 0.992 indicating that the trend can indeed be perceived as linear.