

Supplementary information for

Elastic porous microspheres/extracellular matrix hydrogel injectable composites
releasing dual bio-factors enable tissue regeneration

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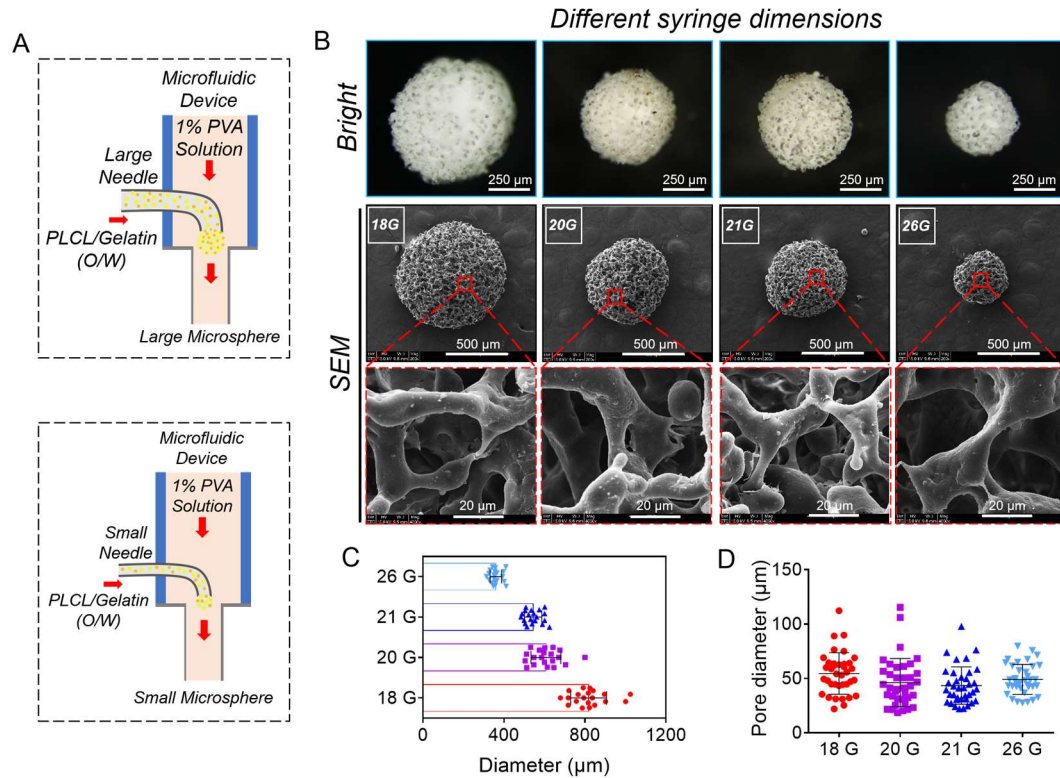
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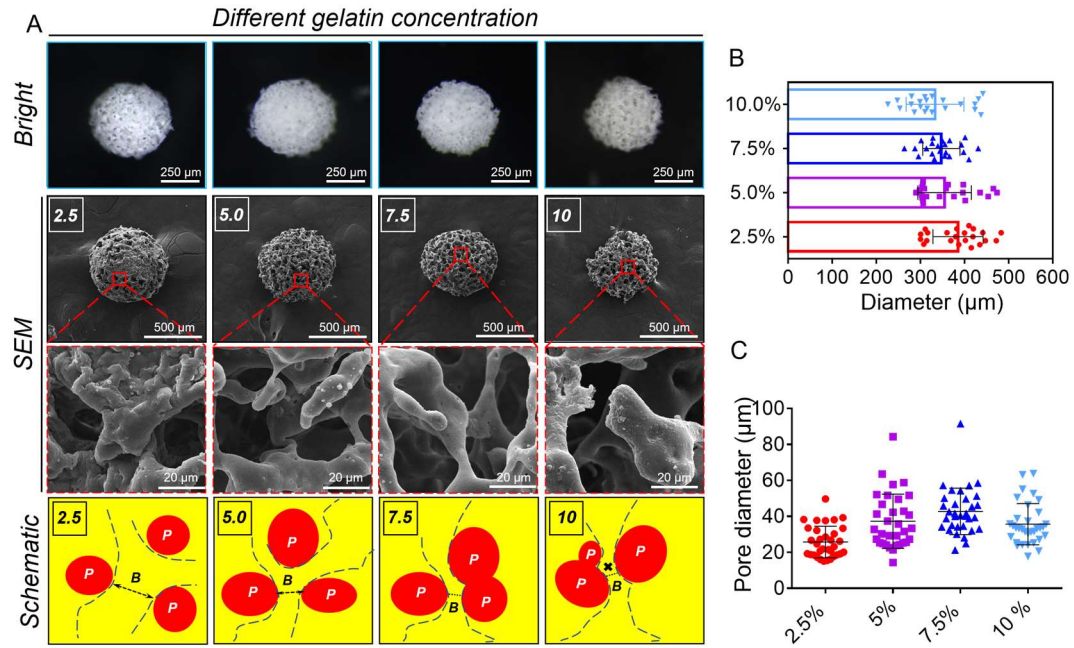
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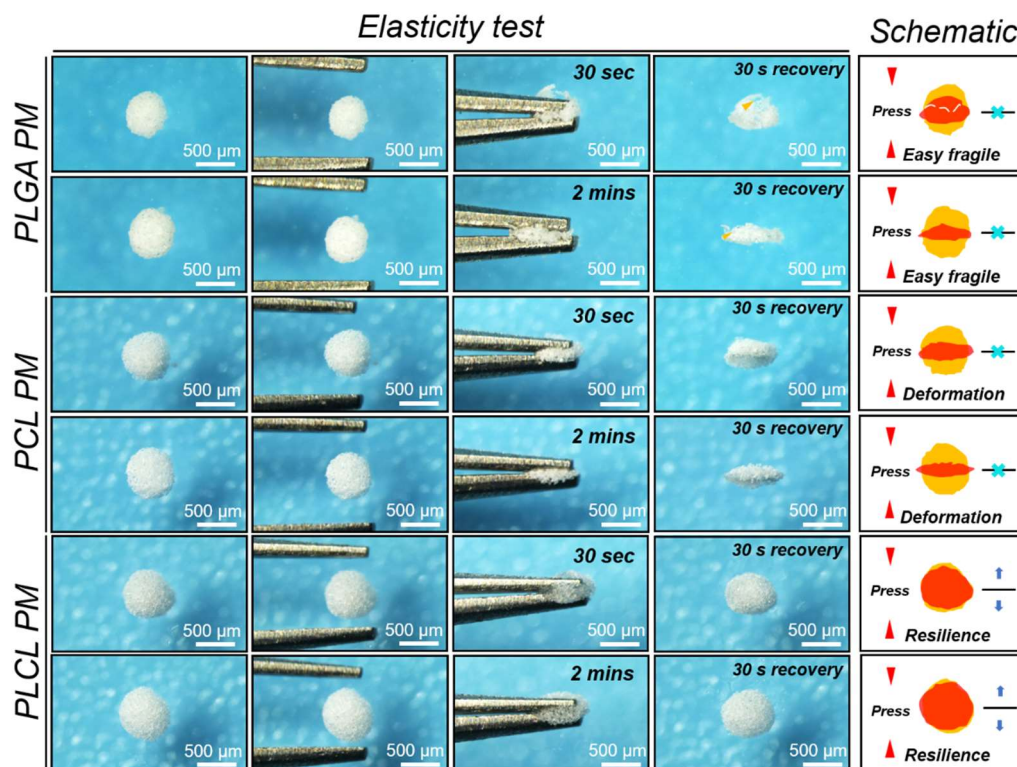
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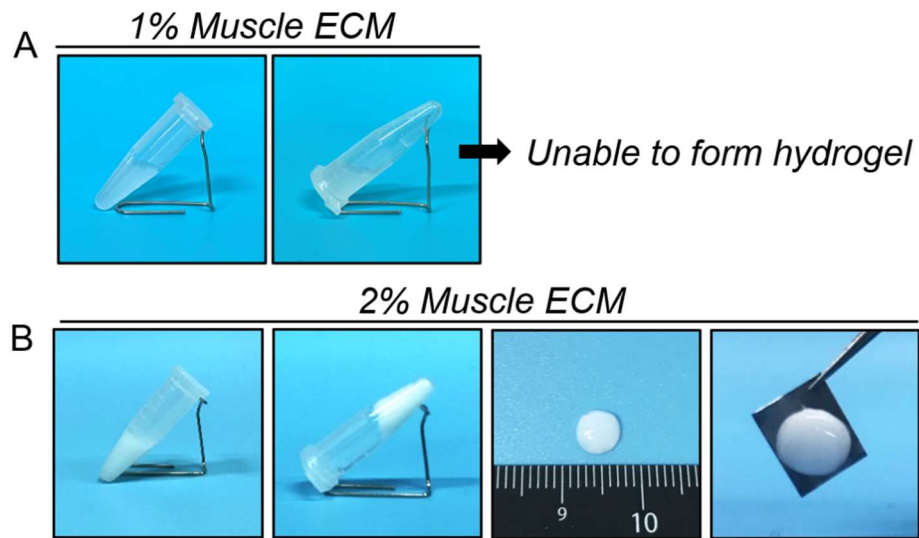
Supplementary Fig. 1. Preparation of porous PLCL microspheres with different needle sizes (18G, 20G, 21G and 26G). A) Schematic diagram of microfluidic device. B) Stereomicroscope and SEM characterization of porous PLCL microspheres. Red box: enlarged partial view. C) Statistical results of the diameter of microspheres. Data are presented as mean \pm SD (n=20 independent microspheres, from 3 independent batches of samples). D) Statistical results of the pore size of microspheres. Data are presented as mean \pm SD (n=37 independent pore sizes, from 3 independent batches of samples).



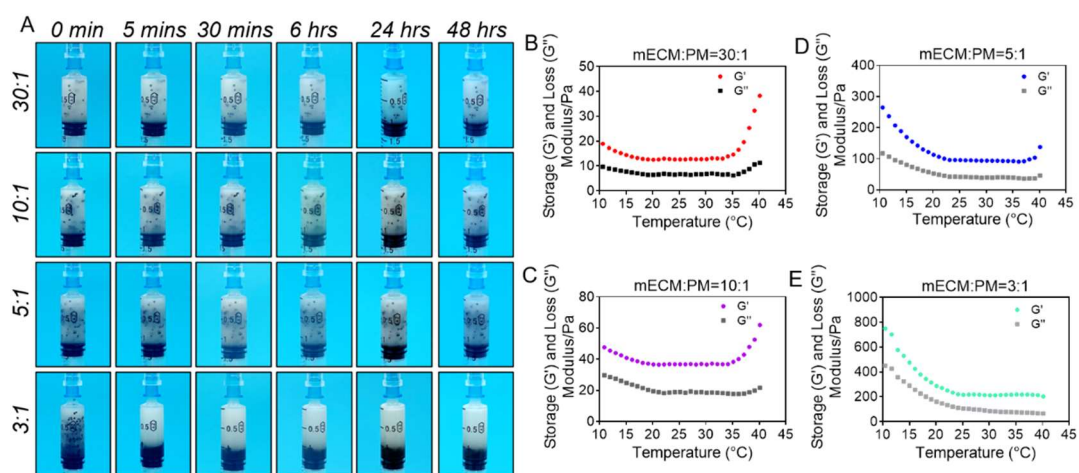
Supplementary Fig. 2. Preparation of porous PLCL microspheres with different gelatin concentrations (2.5%, 5.0%, 7.5% and 10.0%). A) Stereomicroscopy and SEM characterization. The schematic shows the pore distribution. Red box: enlarged partial view; P: pore structure; B: bridge. B) Statistical results of the diameter of microspheres. Data are presented as mean \pm SD (n=22 independent microspheres, from 3 independent batches of samples). C) Statistical results of the pore size of microspheres. Data are presented as mean \pm SD (n=33 independent pore sizes, from 3 independent batches of samples).



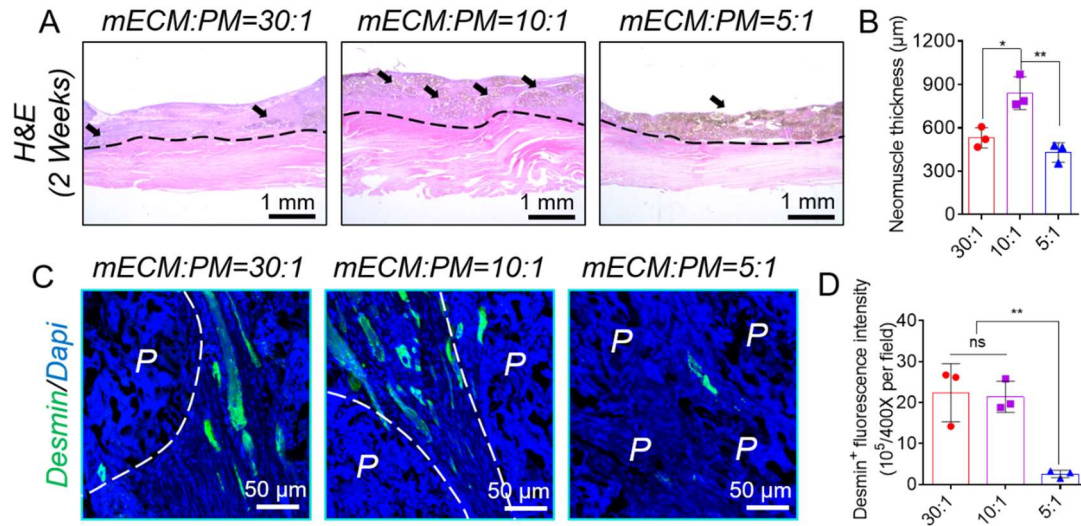
Supplementary Fig. 3. Physical properties characterization of porous PLCL, PLGA and PCL microspheres. The morphology of different microspheres after press a single press for 30 s and 2 mins. The schematic shows the morphological recovery of different polymeric microspheres.



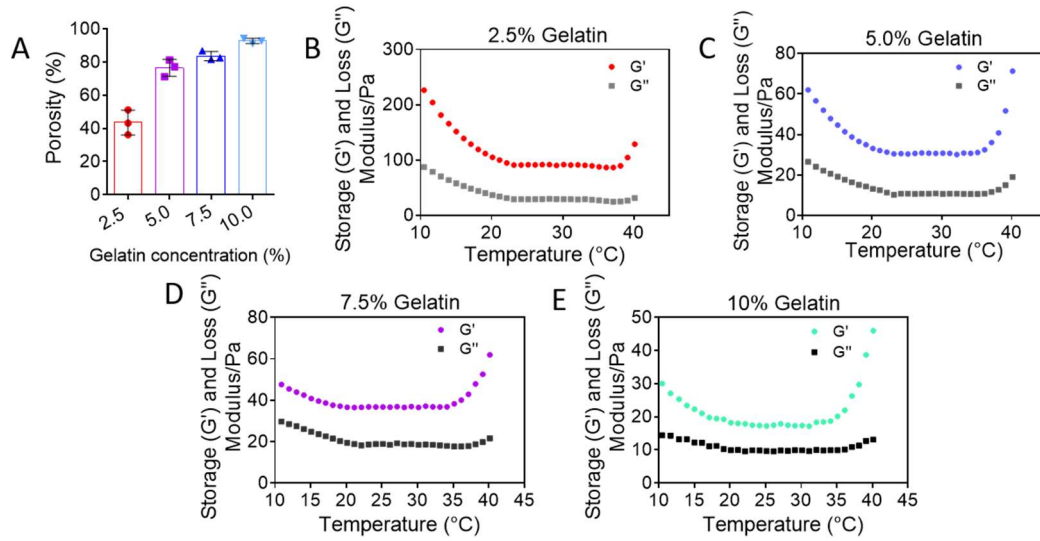
Supplementary Fig. 4. Characteristics of muscle ECM hydrogels with different concentrations (1% and 2%). A, B) 1% muscle ECM was not able to form a hydrogel, and the 2% muscle ECM hydrogel was unstable and could not be clamped.



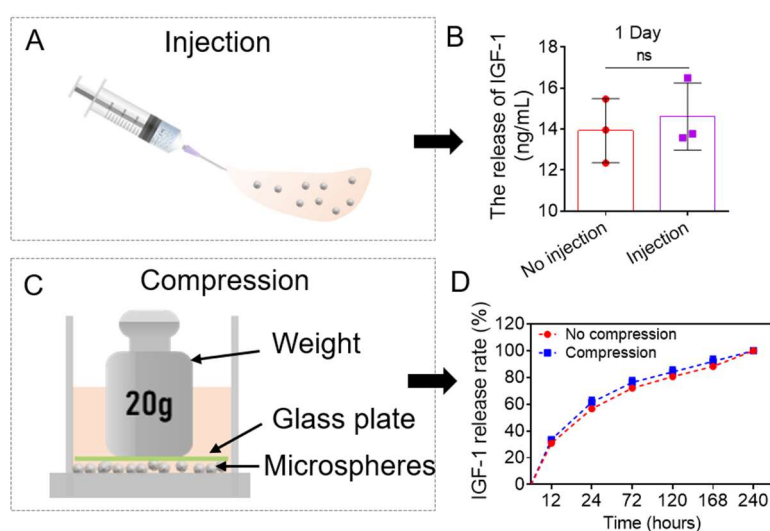
Supplementary Fig. 5. Stability and mechanical testing of composites with different mass ratio of mECM to PM. A) Sedimentation testing of mECM and porous microsphere composites at different time points. B-E) Rheological tests of composites.



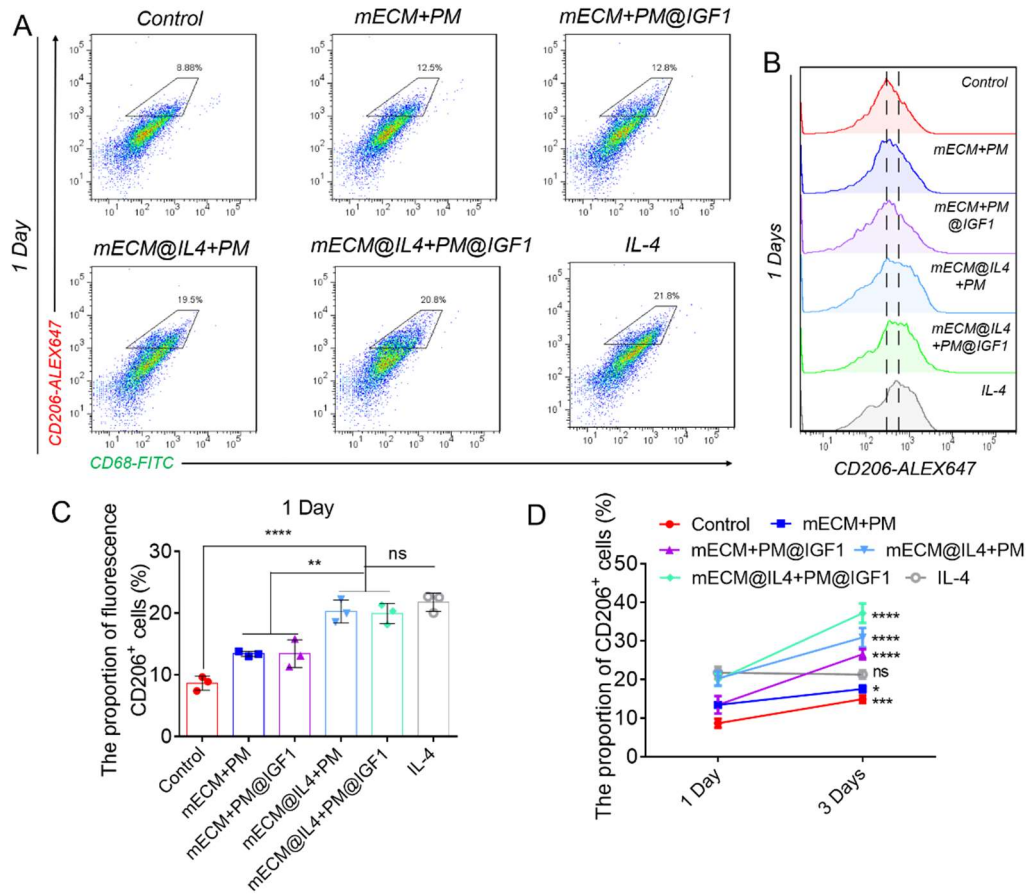
Supplementary Fig. 6. A) H&E staining images showing muscle regeneration. Black arrow: porous microspheres; black dashed line: the boundary between material and normal tissue. B) The statistical results of neo-muscle thickness. Data are presented as mean \pm SD (n=3 biologically independent samples). $**P < 0.01$, $*P < 0.05$, one-way ANOVA, multiple comparisons. C) Desmin (green) immunofluorescence images showing neo-muscle regeneration. Nuclei: blue. P: porous microspheres; white dashed line: the junction between microspheres and tissues. D) Statistical analysis of desmin fluorescence intensity in C. Data are presented as mean \pm SD (n=3 biologically independent samples). $**P < 0.01$, ns: no significant difference, one-way ANOVA, multiple comparisons.



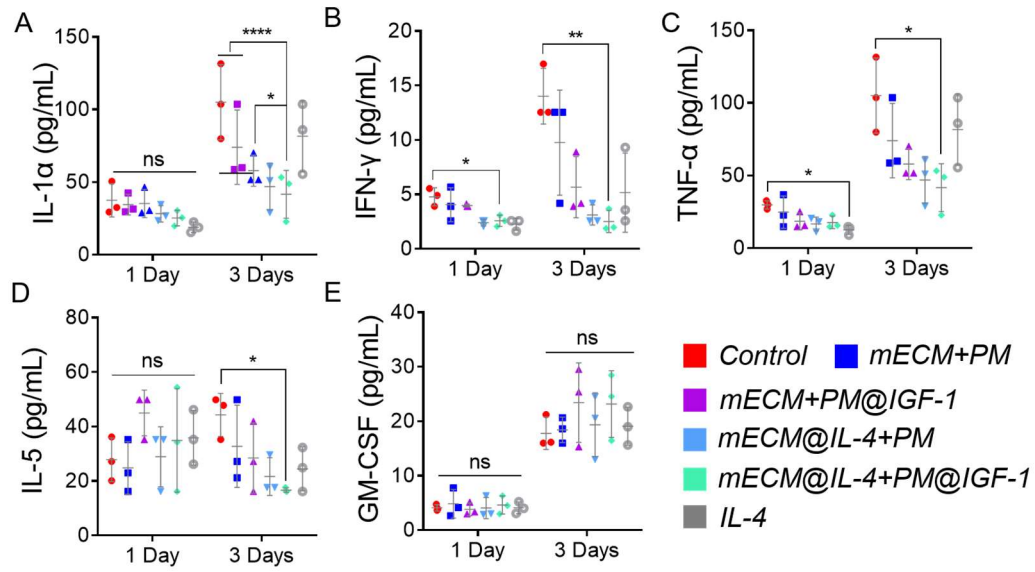
Supplementary Fig. 7. The effect of porosity of microspheres on the mechanical strength of composites. A) The porosity of porous PLCL microspheres at different gelatin concentrations (2.5%, 5.0%, 7.5% and 10.0%). Data are presented as mean \pm SD (n=3 biologically independent samples). B-E) Rheological tests of composites containing microspheres with different porosity, and the mass ratio of mECM to PM was 10:1 in all groups.



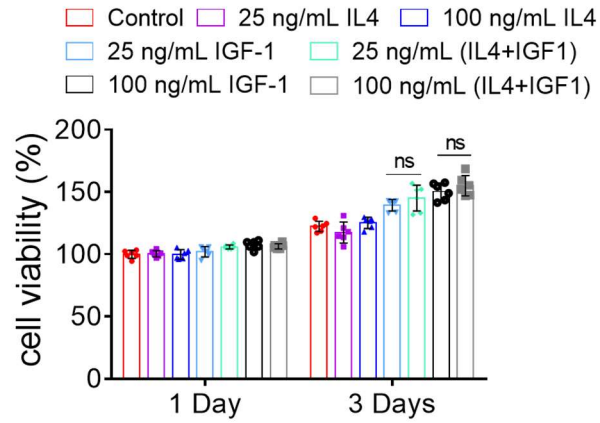
Supplementary Fig. 8. IGF-1 release behavior after injection and compression. A) Schematic diagram of injection in vitro. B) The release amount of IGF-1 on day 1 after injection. Data are presented as mean \pm SD (n=3 biologically independent samples). ns: no significant difference, one-way ANOVA, multiple comparisons. C) Pattern diagram of parallel plate compression testing. D) Release profiles of IGF-1 under compression or non-compression. Data are presented as mean \pm SD (n=3 biologically independent samples).



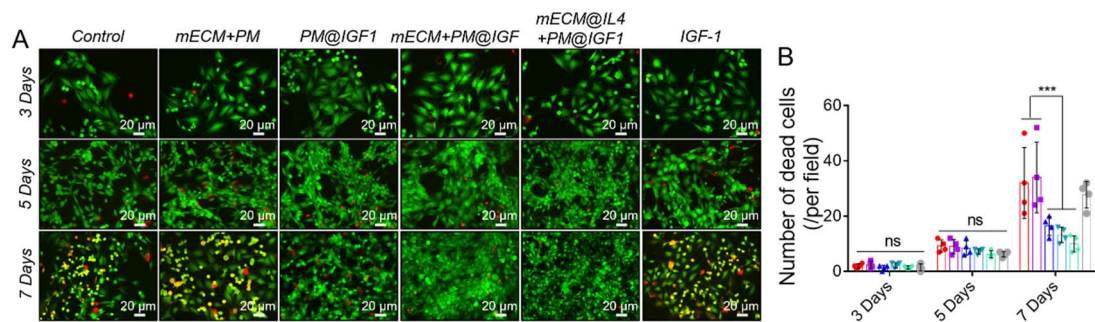
Supplementary Fig. 9. A) Flow cytometric results of primary macrophages treated with different composites for 1 day, mainly observing the expression of CD206⁺ gated cells. B-C) Histogram of the peak shift of CD206 expression and corresponding statistical results. Data are presented as mean \pm SD (n=3 biologically independent samples). **** $P < 0.0001$, ** $P < 0.01$, ns: no significant difference, one-way ANOVA, multiple comparisons. D) The change trend of the proportion of CD206⁺ cells from day 1 to day 3. Data are presented as mean \pm SD (n=3 biologically independent samples). **** $P < 0.0001$, *** $P < 0.001$, * $P < 0.05$, ns: no significant difference, two-way ANOVA, multiple comparisons.



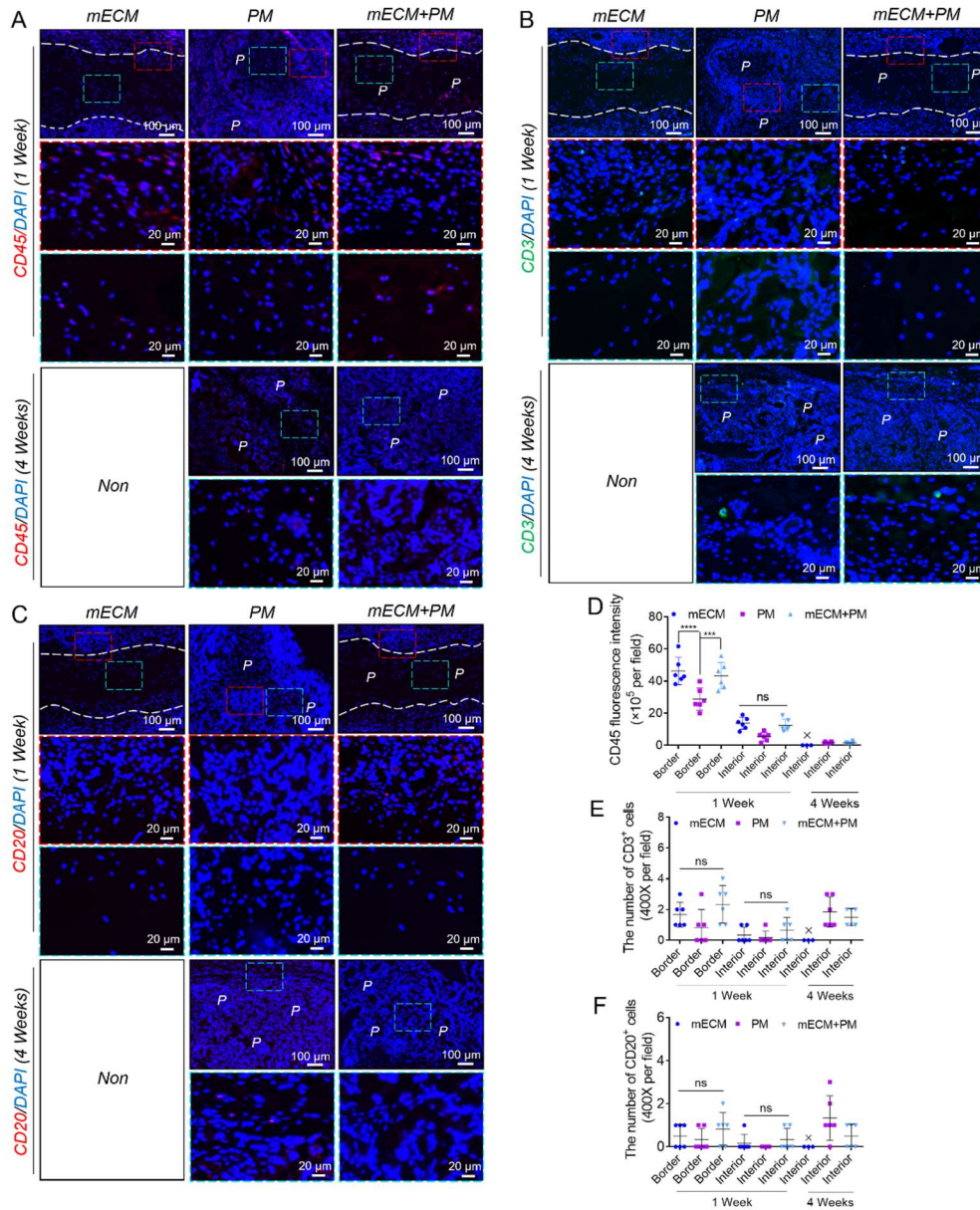
Supplementary Fig. 10. Luminex detected the secretion of inflammation-related factors after treatment of primary macrophages with different composites on day 1 and day 3. Data are presented as mean \pm SD (n=3 biologically independent samples). **** $P < 0.0001$, ** $P < 0.01$, * $P < 0.05$, ns: no significant difference. one-way ANOVA, multiple comparisons.



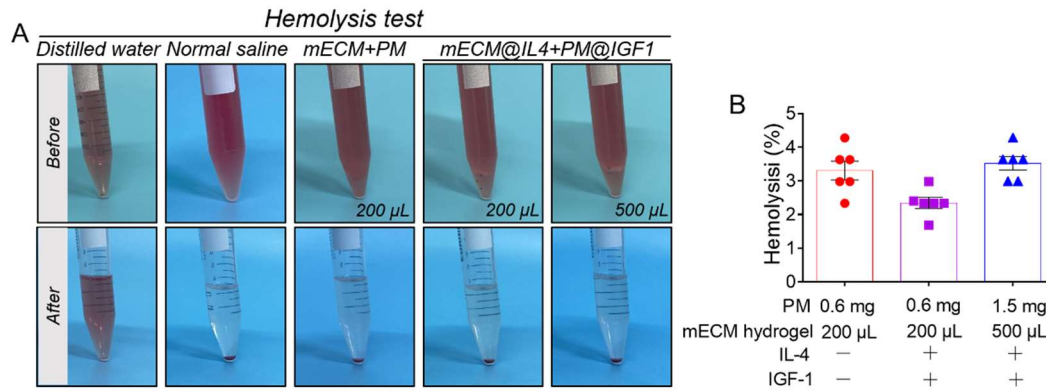
Supplementary Fig. 11. Cell viability of L6 cells treated with different concentration of IL-4 and IGF-1 on days 1 and 3. Data are presented as mean \pm SD (n=6 biologically independent samples). ns: no significant difference, two-way ANOVA, multiple comparisons.



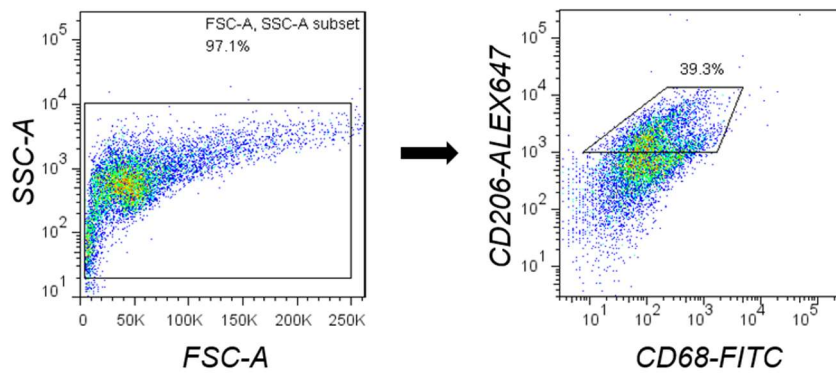
Supplementary Fig. 12. A) Live/Dead cell staining of L6 cells cocultured with different materials on days 3, 5 and 7. Living cells: green; dead cells: red. B) Statistical analysis of the number of dead cells on days 3, 5, and 7. Data are presented as mean \pm SD (n=4 biologically independent samples). *** $P < 0.001$, ns: no significant difference, one-way ANOVA, multiple comparisons.



Supplementary Fig. 13. A-C) Immunofluorescence staining images of CD45 (red), CD3 (green) and CD20 (red) after subcutaneous injection at 1 and 4 weeks. Nuclei: blue. P: porous microspheres; light blue dotted box: central region; red dotted box: marginal region; white dashed line: the boundary between material and tissues. D-F) Statistical analysis results of CD45, CD3 and CD20. Data are presented as mean \pm SD (n=3 biologically independent samples, 2 random fields per sample). **** $P < 0.0001$, *** $P < 0.001$, ns: no significant difference, one-way ANOVA, multiple comparisons.



Supplementary Fig. 14. A) Hemocompatibility analysis of different materials. B) The statistical results of the hemolysis rate. Data are presented as mean \pm SD (n=5 biologically independent samples). One-way ANOVA, multiple comparisons.



Supplementary Fig. 15. The gating strategy for the flow cytometry.

Supplementary Table. 1. Information of primary and secondary antibodies.

Primary/secondary antibodies	Dilution Factor	Manufacturer	Cat.No
Mouse monoclonal to CD68 antibody	1:250	Abcam	ab31630
Rabbit polyclonal to iNOS antibody	1:200	Abcam	ab15323
Rabbit polyclonal to CD45 antibody	1:150	Abcam	ab10558
Rabbit monoclonal to CD3 antibody	1:100	Abcam	ab16669
Rabbit monoclonal to CD20 antibody	1:100	Abcam	ab64088
Rabbit polyclonal to CD206 antibody	1:300	Abcam	ab64693
Rabbit polyclonal to desmin antibody	1:50	Abcam	ab15200

Mouse monoclonal to desmin antibody	1:200	Santa	sc23879
Rabbit polyclonal to α -SMA antibody	1:300	Abcam	ab7817
Mouse monoclonal to NF-09 antibody	1:200	Abcam	ab7794
Rabbit monoclonal to TNF- α antibody	1:100	Abcam	ab183218
FITC® 488 CD68 antibody	1:100	Biolegend	137012
Alexa Fluor® 647 CD206 antibody	1:200	Biolegend	141712
FITC phalloidin	1:80	Solarbio	Ca1620
goat anti-rabbit IgG Alexa 594	1:500	Invitrogen	A11037
Goat anti-mouse IgG1 Alexa 488	1:500	Invitrogen	A11029
goat anti-mouse IgG Alexa 647	1:300	Invitrogen	A21235
goat anti- rabbit IgG Alexa 561	1:300	Invitrogen	A11036