

Supplementary Materials for
**Dissecting the recruitment and self-organization of α SMA-positive fibroblasts
in the foreign body response**

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Mouse model	Immune cells	Endothelial cells	Fibroblasts/pericytes
 WT	-	-	-
 GFP	GFP	GFP	GFP
 α SMA-RFP	-	-	α SMA-RFP
 α SMA-RFP/GFP	GFP	GFP	GFP α SMA-RFP
 α SMA-RFP ^{GFP}	GFP	-	α SMA-RFP
 α SMA-RFP/ GFP(stroma)	-	GFP	GFP α SMA-RFP

Fig. S1 Legend of the mouse models applied in the study.

Black mouse, C57BL/6 WT mouse, without any fluorescent cell; Cyan mouse, C57BL/6 UBC-GFP mouse, expressing GFP in each cell; Red mouse, C57BL/6 (Acta2-RFP)1Rkl/J mouse, expressing RFP in all the cells which produce α SMA (activated fibroblasts and pericytes); Cyan mouse with red stripes, α SMA-RFP/GFP mouse, expressing GFP in each cell and RFP in every cell expressing α SMA; Red mouse with cyan dots, α SMA-RFP^{GFP} mouse, showing GFP⁺ immune cells and RFP⁺ activated fibroblasts; Cyan mouse with red stripes and black dots, α SMA-RFP/GFP(stroma) mouse, showing non-immune GFP⁺ and RFP⁺ activated α SMA⁺ stromal cells.

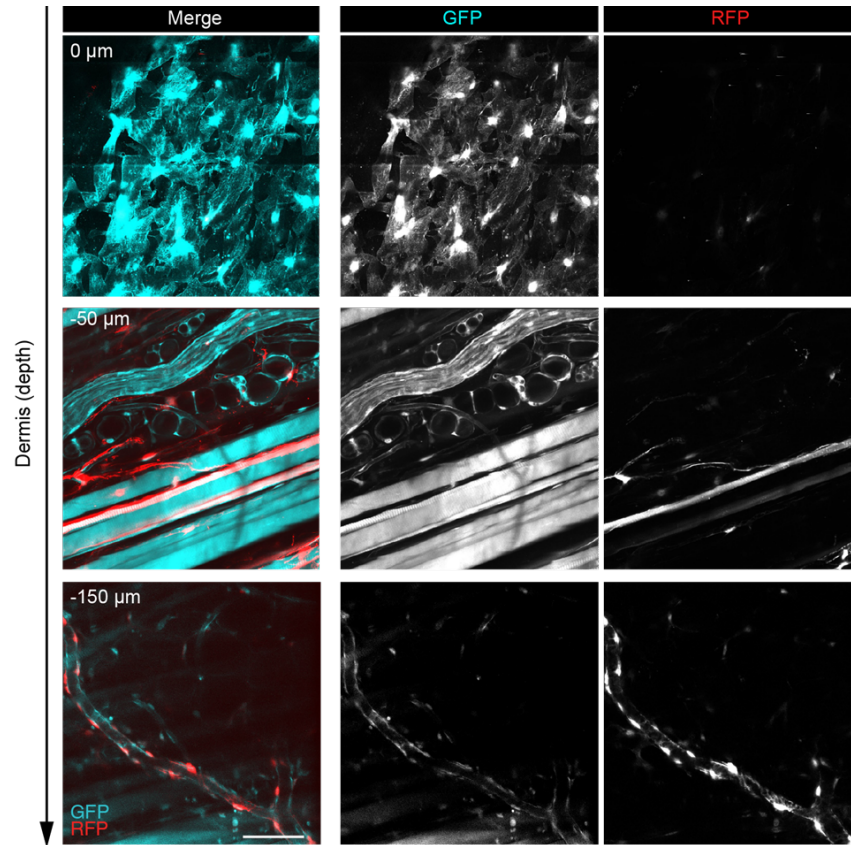


Fig. S2 Intravital imaging of implantation site in an α SMA-RFP/GFP(stroma) mouse.

Merged multiparameter and single-channel representations of GFP⁺ cells (cyan) and RFP⁺ cells (red) of three different layers of the dermis at the implantation site. Upper fascia (0 μ m of depth) showing GFP⁺ inactive fibroblasts; Panniculus carnosus (-50 μ m of depth) showing GFP⁺ nerves, adipocytes, and muscle fibers, together with RFP⁺ muscle fibers, and activated fibroblasts; Subcutis (-150 μ m of depth) showing RFP⁺ pericytes and GFP⁺ endothelial cells around vessels. Scale bar, 100 μ m.

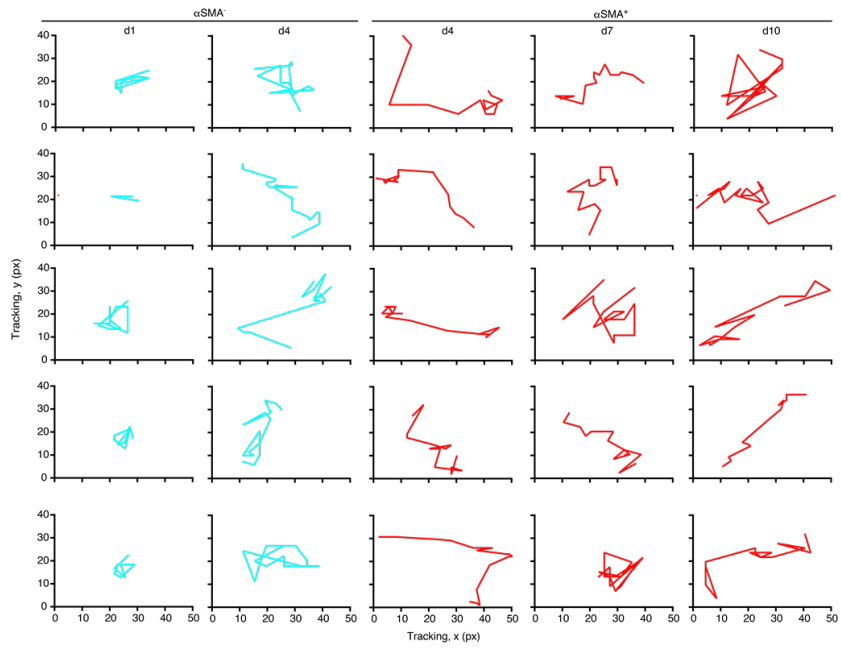


Fig. S3 Cell tracks.

XY plots representing examples of tracks of non-activated and activated fibroblasts monitored by time-lapse multiphoton microscopy at different time points (day 1, 4, 7, and 10).

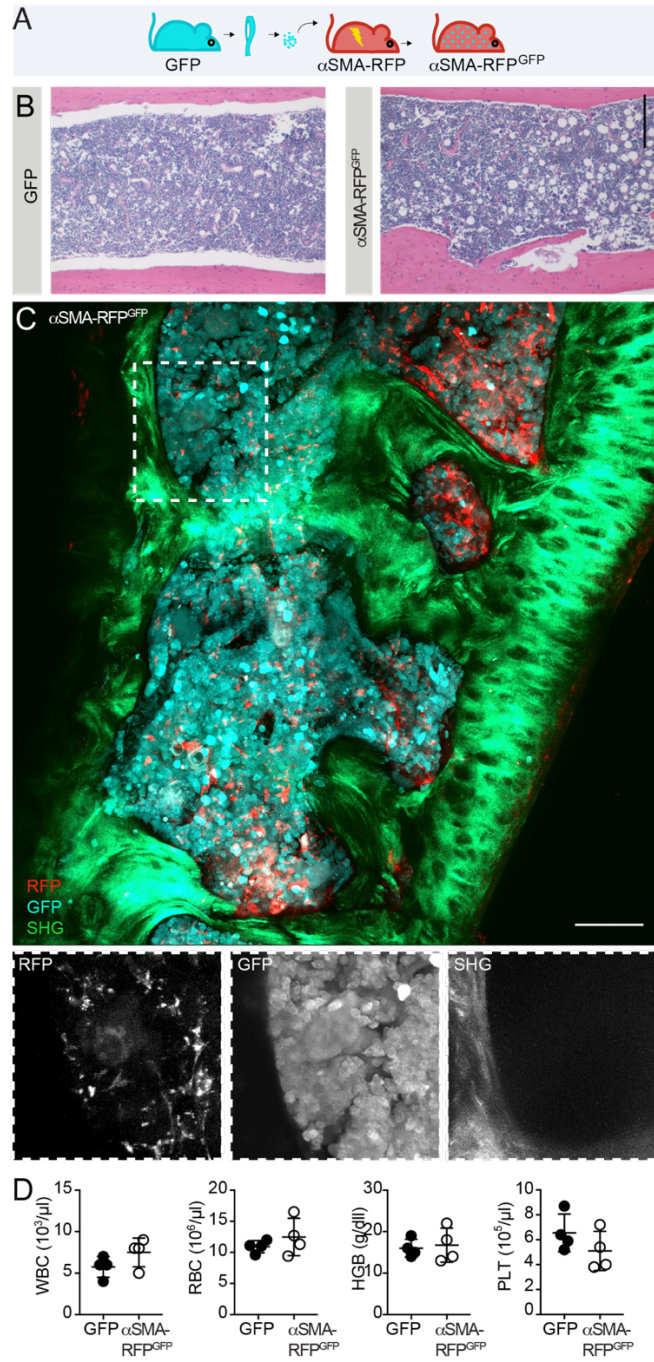


Fig. S4 Generation of a dual-color αSMA-RFP^{GFP} mouse through bone marrow transplant.

A, Schematic representation of the bone marrow transplant procedure resulting in a mouse with GFP⁺ bone marrow-derived immune cells and RFP⁺ myofibroblasts (αSMA-RFP^{GFP}).

B, H&E staining of a C57BL/6 GFP mouse bone marrow (left) and of an αSMA-RFP^{GFP} transplanted mouse (right). Scale bar, 100 μm.

C, Immunofluorescence analysis of a bone from a αSMA-RFP^{GFP} mouse. Overview with merged channels. Dashed box, inset; insets show single channels. Scale bar, 50 μm.

D, Circulating white blood cells (WBC), red blood cells (RBC), hemoglobin (HGB), hematocrit (HCT) and platelets (PLT) as monitored 30 days post-bone marrow transplant. Mean ± SD. No significant differences were identified by unpaired two-tailed Student's t-test.

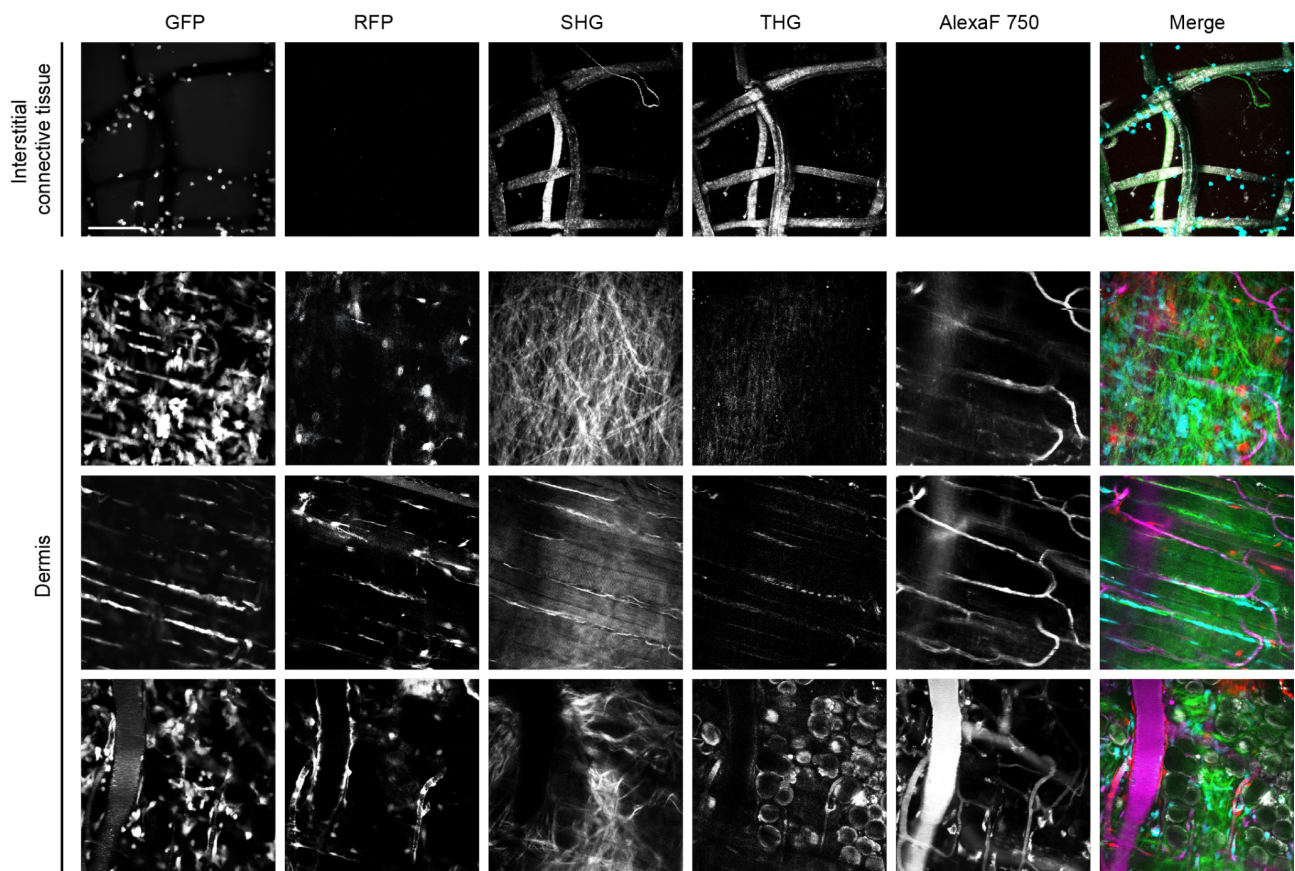


Fig. S5 Intravital imaging of PCL implant site in α SMA-RFP/GFP mouse.

A, B, 3D reconstruction of the implantation site up to 300 μ m deep from the cover glass of the chamber was performed (the depth of imaging in relation to the position of the cover-glass is shown on the right). Merged and single-channel representations of the scaffold 1-day post-implantation (A) Upper fascia, panniculus carnosus and subcutis underlying the scaffold (B). GFP-positive cells (cyan); RFP-positive cells (red); collagen and scaffold, SHG (green); scaffold, THG (grey); vessels, Alexa Fluor 750 (magenta). Scale bar, 100 μ m.

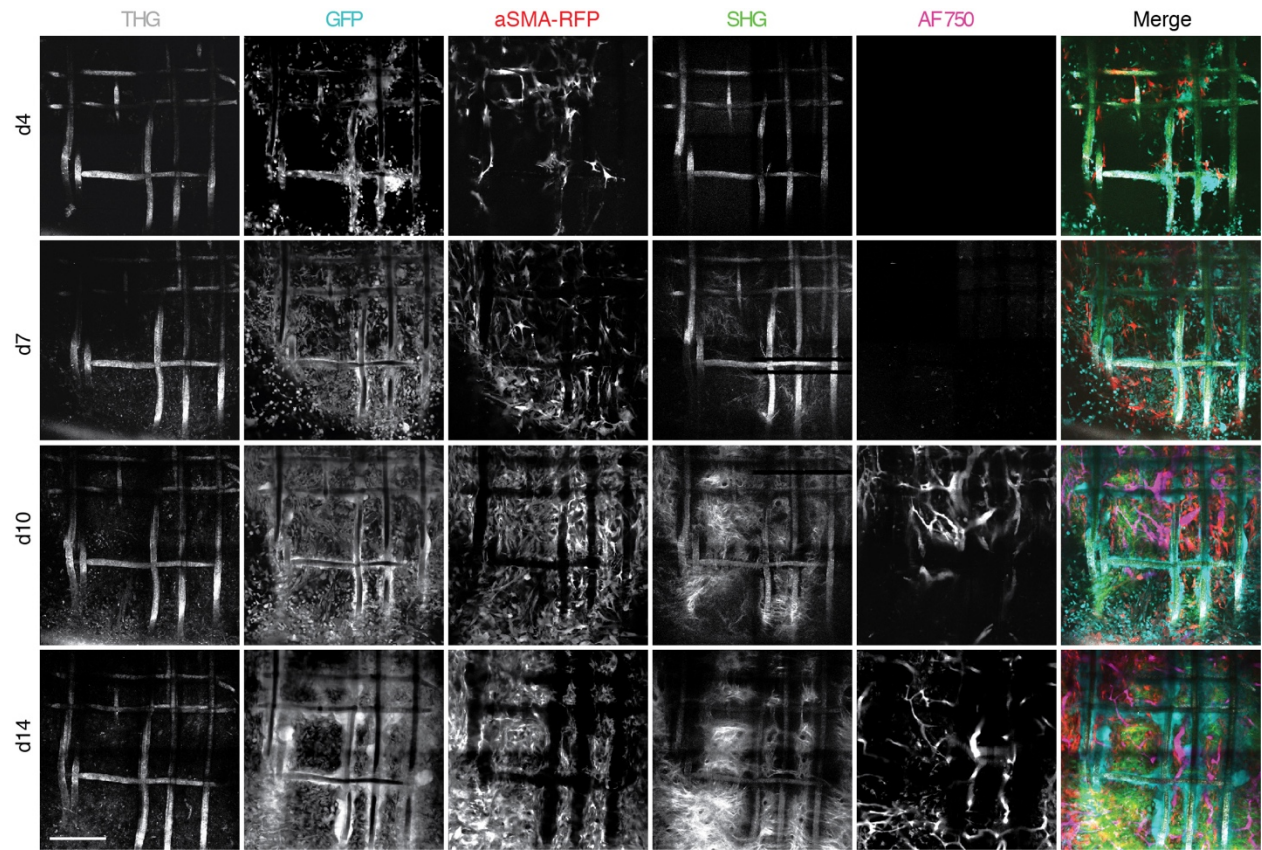


Fig. S6 Longitudinal intravital imaging of FBR at days 4, 7, 14 and 21 performed for the same lesion and subregion.

Extended version of Fig. 3A. Single-channel representations of scaffold fiber (THG), GFP-positive infiltrate cells, RFP-positive cells, SHG, detecting PCL fibers and fibrillar collagen and dextran-positive blood vessels. Merged multiparameter images on the right. Scale bar, 100 μ m.

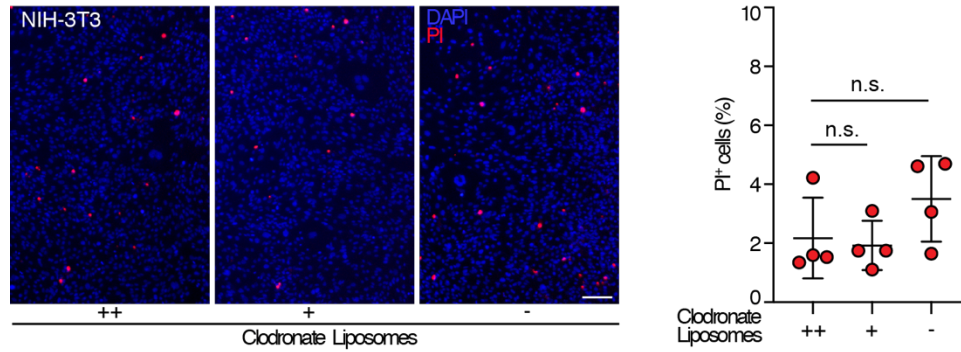


Fig. S7 Effect of clodronate liposomes on fibroblasts, *in vitro*.

Total nuclei (Hoechst) and dead cell (propidium iodide, PI) staining of NIH-3T3 cells treated with two different doses of clodronate liposomes (1:100, ++; 1:200, +) versus control-treated cells. Scale bar, 100 μ m; n.s., non-significant difference based on one-way analysis of variance followed by Tukey's HSD post hoc test.

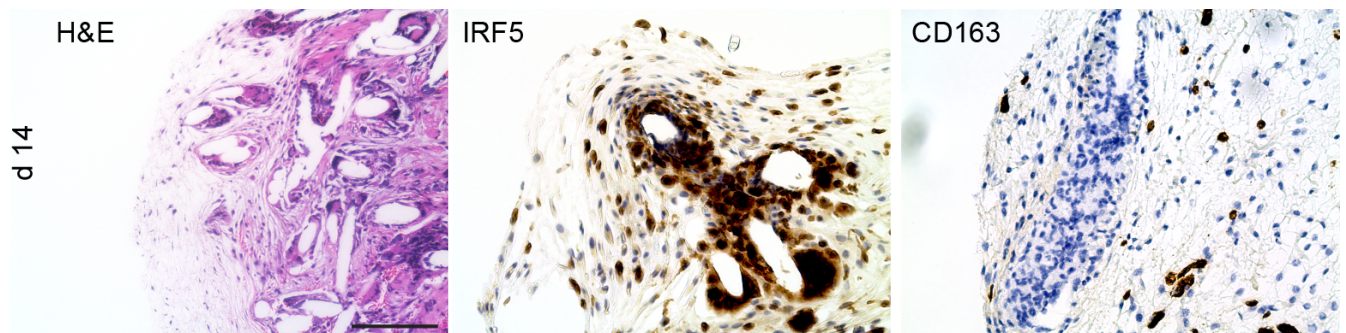


Fig. S8 Characterization of the PCL elicited FBR by histology.

Histology, (H&E staining) and IRF5 and CD163 expression detected by immunohistochemistry of the FBR in response to the PCL scaffold implantation 14 days post-implantation. Scale bar, 100 μ m.

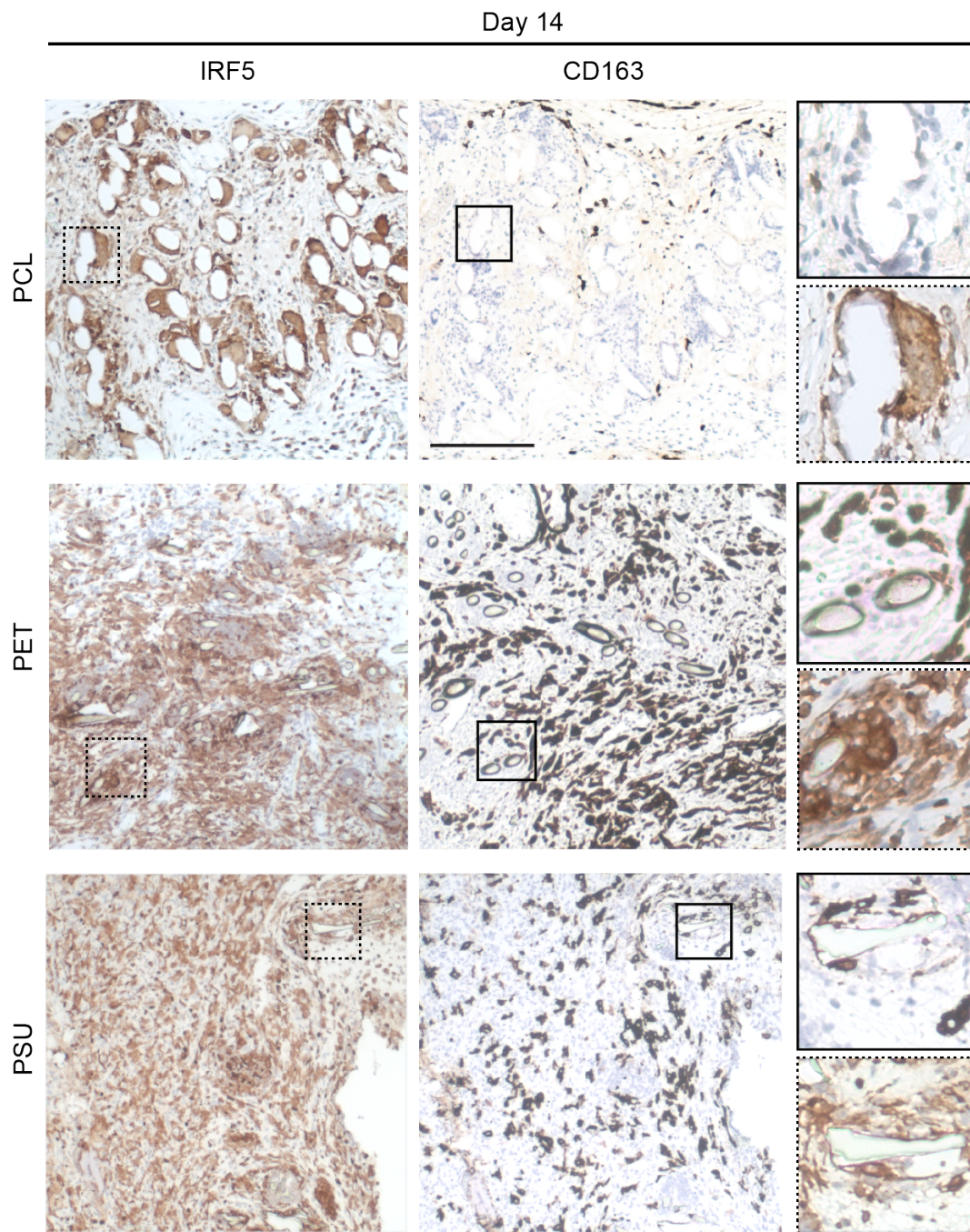


Fig. S9 M1 and M2 macrophages polarization around the three biomaterials fibers over time. IRF5 and CD163 expression detected by immunohistochemistry at day 14 post-implantation. Box, inset; inset, magnifications. n=3 scaffolds/group. Scale bar, 100 μ m.

Supplementary movies

Supplementary Movie 1. Examination of α SMA negative and positive fibroblasts speed through iMPM. The region shows part of the edge of the scaffold and part of the implant-free dermis, 4 days after the surgery. Cyan, GFP⁺ cells; red, RFP⁺ cells. Time interval, 7 min; total time-lapse duration, 3 hours.

Supplementary Movie 2. Detail of an α SMA⁺ fibroblast in a region close to the scaffold implantation site 4 days after surgery monitored by iMPM. Time interval between frames, 7 min; total time-lapse duration, 3 hours.

Supplementary Movie 3. Detail of an α SMA⁻ fibroblast in a region close to the scaffold implantation site 4 days after surgery monitored by iMPM. Time interval between frames, 7 min; total time-lapse duration, 3 hours.