

Supplementary Figures

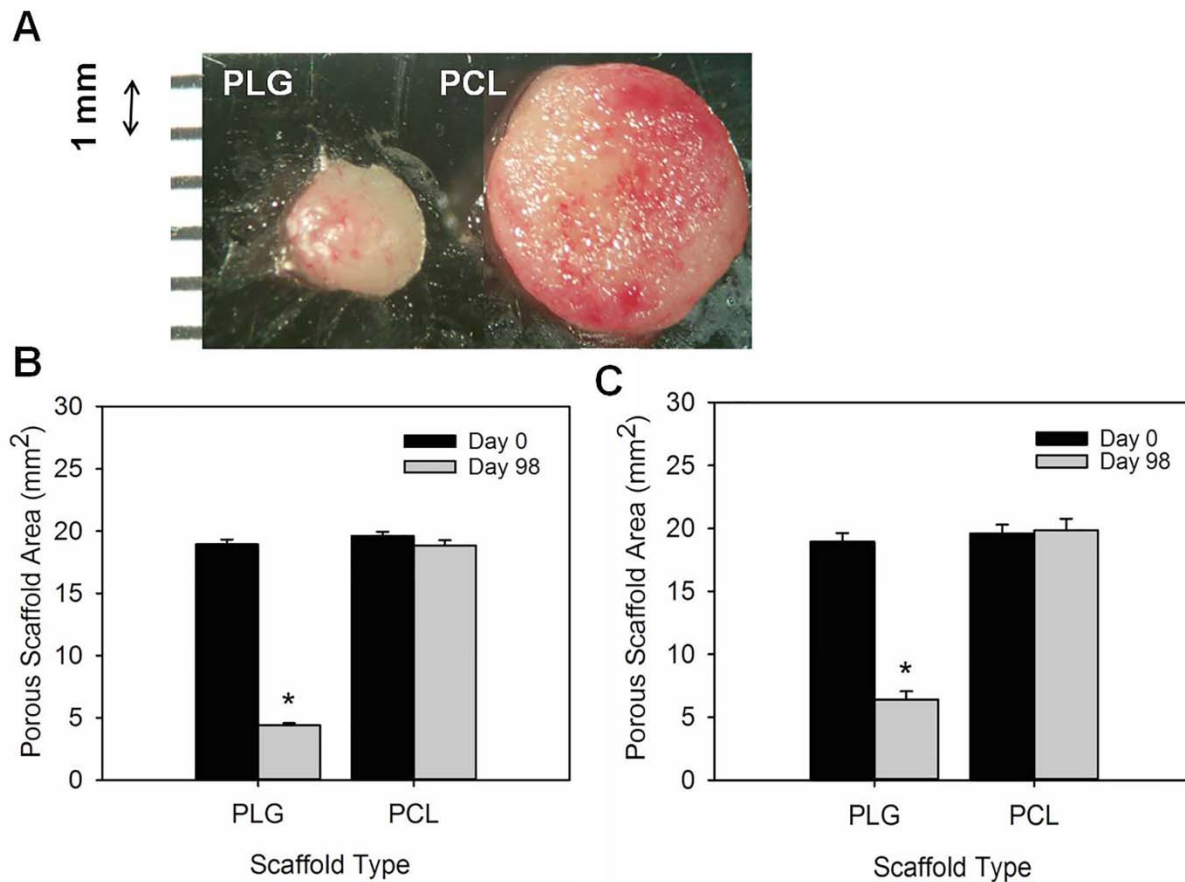


Figure S1: Micro-porous PCL scaffolds persist and maintain a space for extended times *in vivo*.

(A) Representative photomicrographs of micro-porous PLG and PCL scaffolds retrieved from tumor free BALB/c mice at day 98 post scaffold implantation. Average scaffold area at day 0 versus day 98 for PLG and PCL scaffolds when tested in a BALB/c (B) and NSG (C) mouse model. N = 4; *p < 0.0001 compared to day 0 for PLG scaffolds in BALB/c and NSG mouse; p = 0.22 compared to day 0 for PCL scaffolds in BALB/c mouse and p = 0.7 compared to day 0 for PCL scaffolds in NSG mouse as determined by t-test. Scaffold area was calculated using dimensions obtained from images of scaffolds taken at day 0 and day 98 post implantation using Image J software (<http://imagej.nih.gov/ij/>). Error bars denote s.e.m.

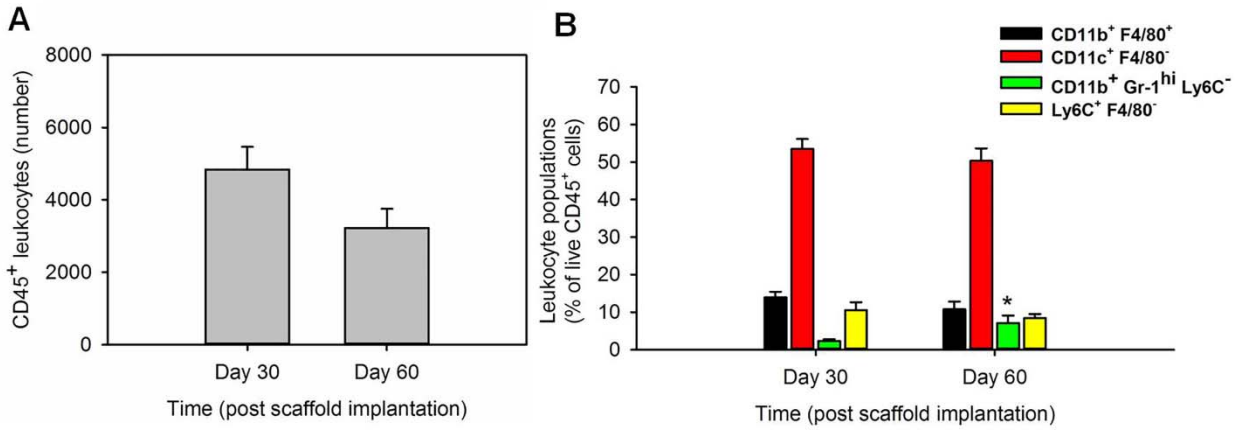


Figure S2: Host response following implantation of micro-porous PCL scaffolds in the dorsal subcutaneous space of an NSG mouse *in vivo*. (A) CD45⁺ leukocyte numbers and (B) Dynamics of CD11b⁺F4/80⁺, CD11c⁺F4/80⁻, CD11b⁺Gr-1^{hi}Ly6C⁻, and Ly6C⁺F4/80⁻ populations expressed as a percentage of live CD45⁺ leukocytes at day 30 and day 60 post PCL scaffold implantation (N ≥ 8 for each time point examined, *p < 0.05 compared to day 30 as determined by t-test). The relative distribution of immune cell populations was nearly identical between day 30 and day 60 post scaffold implantation. Error bars denote s.e.m.

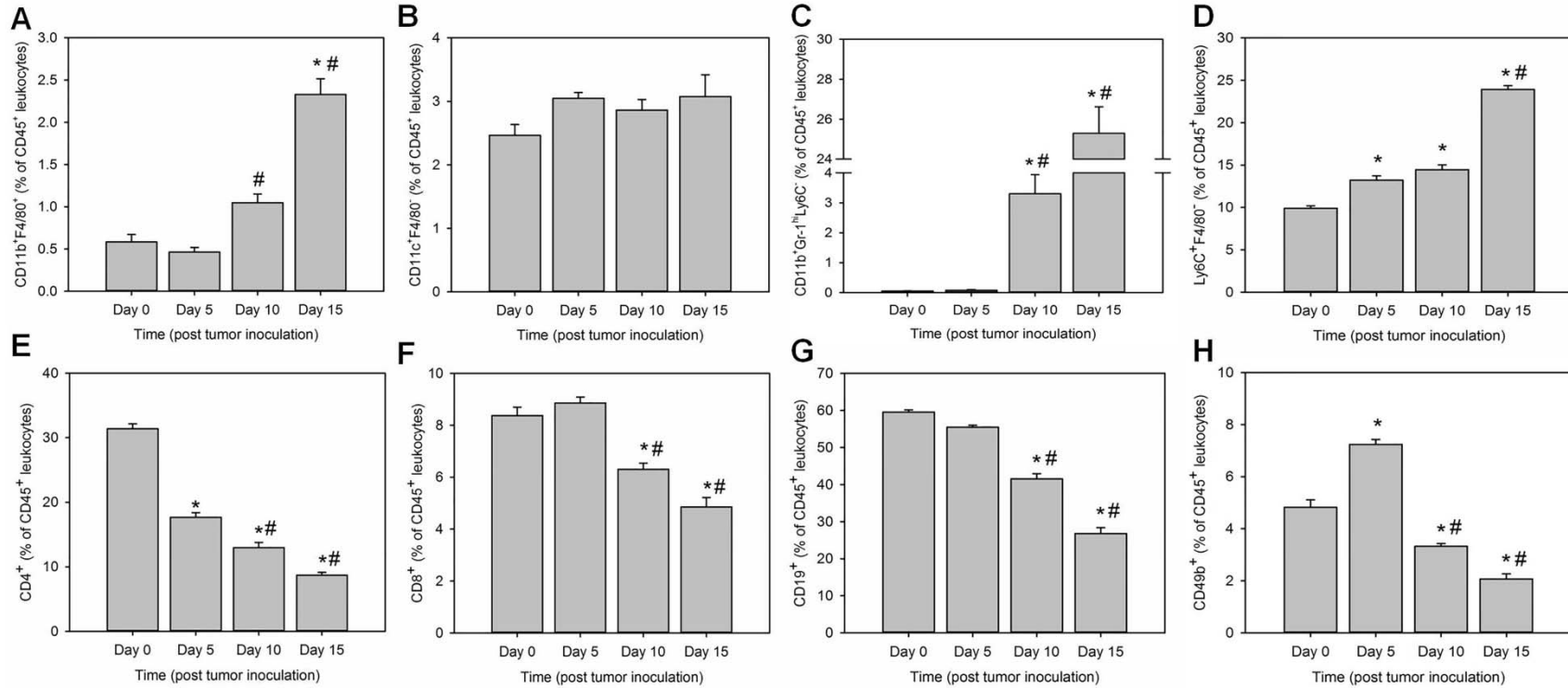


Figure S3: Dynamics of immune cell populations in the spleen of BALB/c mice with a PCL scaffold implant at day 0, 5, 10, and 15 post tumor inoculation. Percentage of (A) CD11b⁺F4/80⁺ (B) CD11c⁺F4/80⁻ (C) CD11b⁺Gr-1^{hi}Ly6C⁻ (D) Ly6C⁺F4/80⁻ innate immune cell populations and percentage of (E) CD4⁺ (F) CD8⁺ (G) CD19⁺ and (H) CD49b⁺ adaptive immune cell populations in the total population of live CD45⁺ leukocytes. (N ≥ 5 for each time point examined, *p < 0.05 compared to day 0 and #p < 0.05 compared to day 5 as determined by Tukey-HSD test post ANOVA). Error bars denote s.e.m.

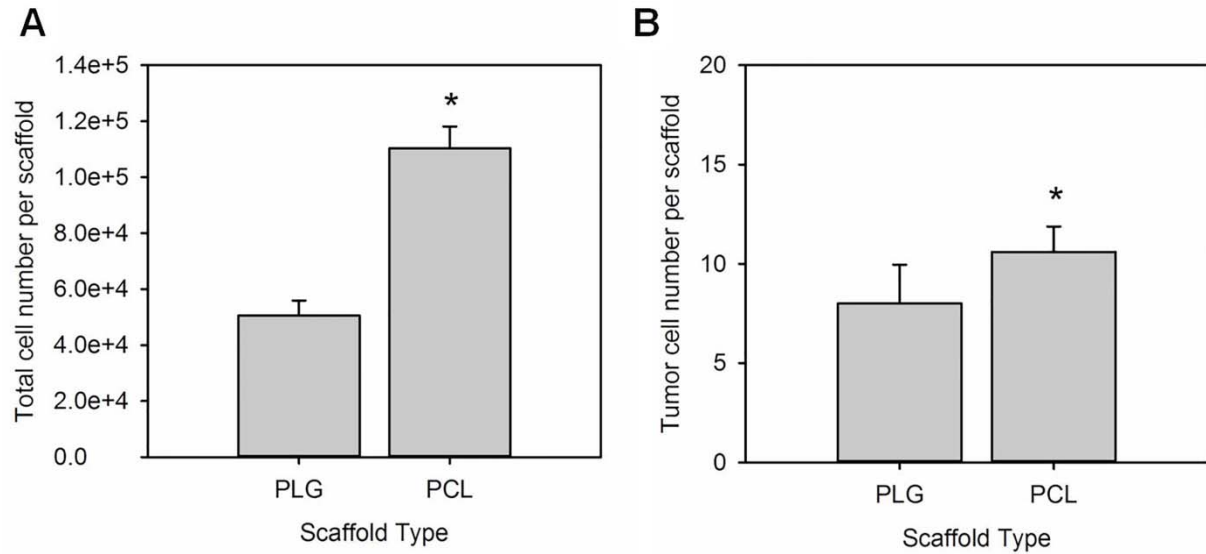


Figure S4: Micro-porous PCL scaffolds enable recruitment of human MDA-MD-231BR cells in a chronic model of scaffold implantation. (A) Total cell infiltration and (B) Tumor cell infiltration in PLG and PCL micro-porous scaffolds. Scaffolds were retrieved at day 15 post tumor inoculation, which was performed 1 month post scaffold implantation (N = 10 for each group, * $p < 0.05$ as determined by t-test for analysis of total cell numbers and Wilcoxon rank-sum test for tumor cell numbers). Error bars denote s.e.m.

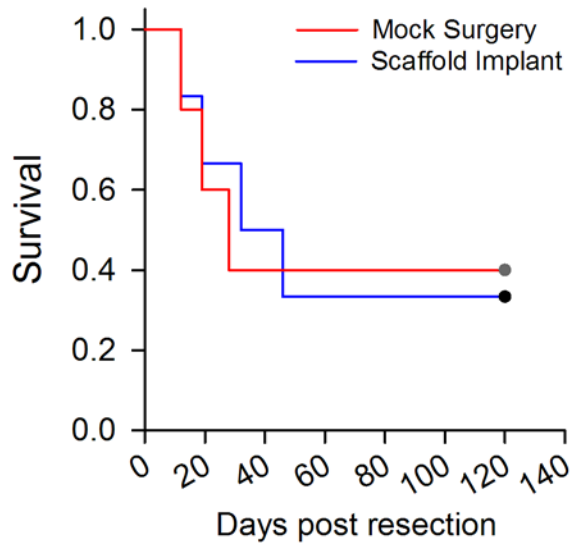


Figure S5: Micro-porous PCL scaffolds do not significantly improve survival in a post-surgical model of breast cancer metastasis with day 6 post tumor inoculation resection. ($N \geq 5$ for each group).

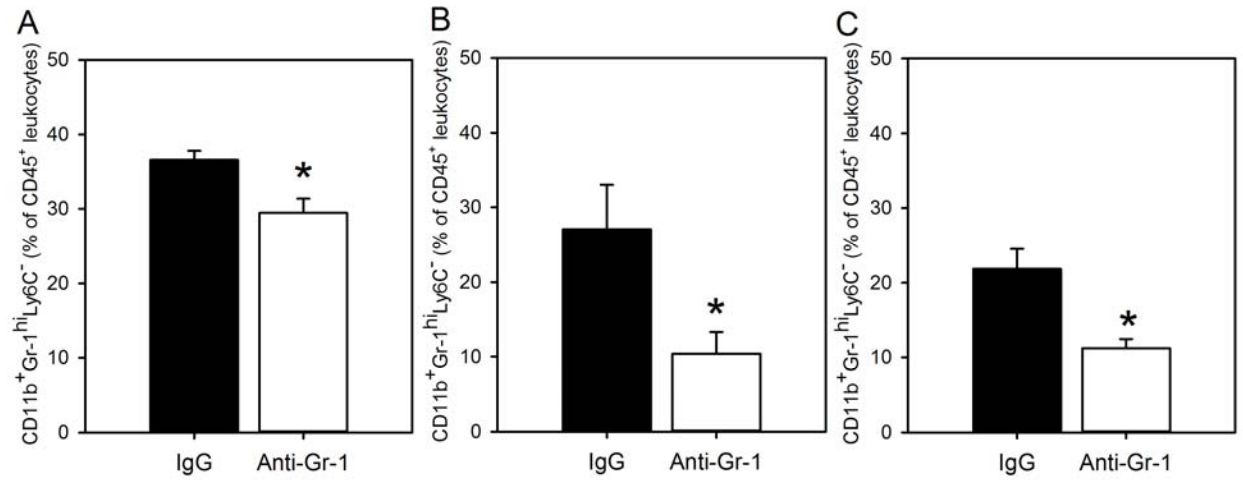


Figure S6: Anti-Gr-1 depletion significantly reduces the presence of CD11b⁺Gr-1^{hi}Ly6C⁻ MDSCs in the spleen (A) primary tumor (B) and scaffold (C). The percentage of CD11b⁺Gr-1^{hi}Ly6C⁻ cells in the CD45⁺ leukocyte population was examined via flow cytometry at day 15 post tumor inoculation after three 300 μg antibody injections (day 5, 9, 13) (N=5 for spleen and primary tumor, N = 10 for scaffolds, performed in one experiment *p<0.05 as determined using t-test.) Error bars denote s.e.m.