"A comparative multi-parametric *in vitro* model identifies the power of test conditions to predict the fibrotic tendency of a biomaterial"

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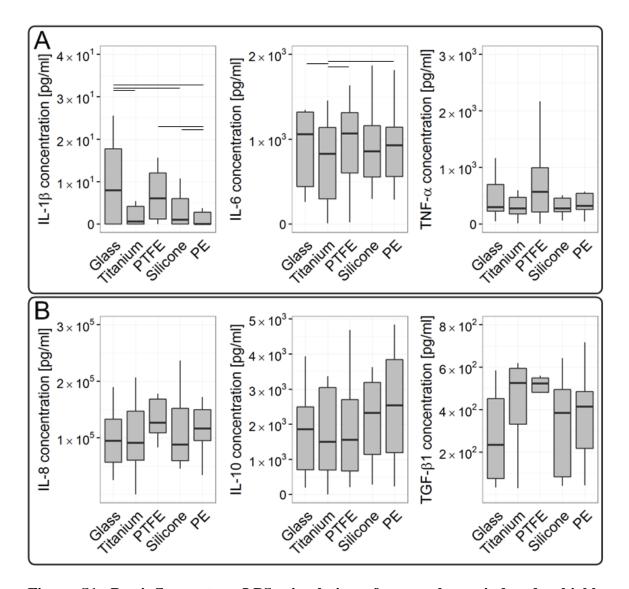


Figure S1: Pro-inflammatory LPS stimulation of macrophages induced a highly increased secretion of most cytokines compared to material-induced secretion; exceptionally TGF- β 1 levels entirely remained LPS-unaffected. (A) Significant differences between materials were found for IL-1 β and IL-6, whereas no differences were shown for TNF- α and (B) IL-8, IL-10 and TGF- β 1. Supernatants of ten macrophage donors (n = 10) were analyzed. A *p*-value \leq 0.05 is considered as significant.

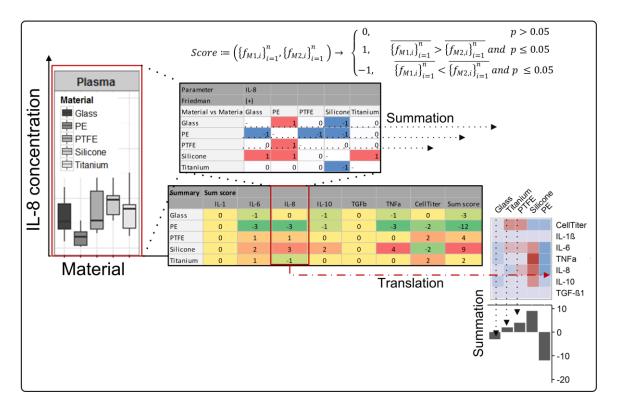


Figure S2: A scoring system was introduced allowing materials' evaluation. Therefore, under each test condition significant differences between two pairs of tested materials were translated into a scoring with a value of 1 for the significantly higher pair and a scoring of -1 for significantly lower pair (p-value ≤ 0.05). If no significant difference was found (p-value > 0.05), a zero value was included in the assessment. For each material, the relevance of a specific readout factor was derived by summation of the significance profile from pair-wise scoring. The obtained factor-dependent relation of a material in comparison to all other materials was visualized in a heat map. To generate a material ranking based on all measured readout factors, finally the sum of all factor-dependent scores was computed.