

**Supplementary Figure 1. Membrane characterization** Scanning electron micrographs of air plasma-treated polydopamine poly( $\epsilon$ -caprolactone) (PCL) membranes prior to (PCL) and after 1 h, 4 h and 24 h incubation in a 2 mg ml<sup>-1</sup> dopamine solution to apply a polydopamine (pDA) coating. Scale bars = 1 µm.



**Supplementary Figure 2. Membrane characterization** Scanning electron micrographs of polydopamine (pDA)-coated poly( $\epsilon$ -caprolactone) (PCL) membranes **a**, prior to and **b**, after plasma treatment. Scale bars = 10 µm; magnification: x2000.



Supplementary Figure 3. Protein functionalization of membrane BSA binding on plasmatreated (AP) poly( $\epsilon$ -caprolactone) (PCL) membranes as a function of incubation time in a 2 mg/ml dopamine solution to apply a polydopamine (pDA) coating. BSA binding is normalized to the membrane weight. Data shown as mean ± standard deviation. \* p < 0.05.



Supplementary Figure 4. Characterization of cells cultured on membrane Representative immunofluorescence images (phalloidin staining, green) of normal mouse mammary gland epithelial cells (NMuMG) cells cultured directly on polydopamine-coated poly(e-caprolactone) membranes without (-fragment) and with (+fragment) immobilized recombinant laminin  $\beta$ 1-fragment in the presence of TGF $\beta$ 1 for 24 h. (a) Confocal planes in close proximity to membrane. (b) Confocal planes in the middle of the cell layer, and (c) confocal planes distal to membrane. Scale bars = 25 µm.





Supplementary Figure 5. Active MMP2 levels and EMT *in vitro* (a) Representative gelatin zymograph (corresponding to zymograph shown in Figure 4) of conditioned media of normal mouse mammary gland epithelial (NMuMG) cells cultured on membranes without (-fragment) and with laminin  $\beta$ 1-fragment (+fragment), with or without TGF $\beta$ 1-treatment for 24 h. White bands show degradation of the gelatin gel by pro- and active MMP2. "Active MMP2" refers to the recombinant active enzyme (positive control). "Blank" refers to the background from the medium. "PCL only" refers to acellular membranes. N = 3. (b) Full immunoblots corresponding to blots shown in Fig. 4c.





Supplementary Figure 6. Functionalization of membrane with different laminin isoforms (a) Active MMP2 levels assessed by gelatin zymography of conditioned media of normal mouse mammary gland epithelial (NMuMG) cells cultured on membranes without (-frag), with laminin  $\beta$ 1-fragment (+frag), with laminin-111 (+LN111), or with laminin-521 (+LN521), with or without TGF $\beta$ 1-treatment for 24 h. White bands show degradation of the gelatin gel by pro- and active MMP2. N = 3. (b) Representative immunofluorescence images (phalloidin labeling, green; DAPI, blue) of NMuMG cells cultured directly on polydopamine-coated poly( $\epsilon$ -caprolactone) membranes without (-frag), with (+frag) immobilized recombinant laminin  $\beta$ 1-fragment, with laminin-111 (+LN111), or with laminin-521 (+LN521), with or without TGF $\beta$ 1-treatment for 24 h.



Primary peritoneal Supplementary Figure 7. mouse mesothelial cells (a) Representative immunofluorescence images (actin, red) of primary mouse peritoneal mesothelial cells that were isolated from the mouse peritoneum of B6.Cg-Tg(CAG-DsRed\*MST)1Nagy/J mice and cultured on membranes without (-fragment) and with laminin β1-fragment (+fragment), with (+TGFβ1) or without TGFβ1 (-TGFβ1) treatment for 24 h. Scale bars =  $25 \mu m$ . (b) Active MMP2 levels assessed by gelatin zymography of conditioned media of primary mouse peritoneal mesothelial cells isolated from three mice and cultured on membranes without (-frag) and with (+frag) laminin β1-fragment, with or without TGFβ1treatment for 24 h. "Active MMP2" refers to the recombinant active enzyme (positive control). "Media" refers to the background from the medium. N = 3. 6



Supplementary Figure 8. Functionalized membrane triggers changes in EMT Densitometric semi-quantitative analysis of immunoblots shown in Figure 4c. Peak area was normalized to GAPDH and to NMuMG cells cultured on non-functionalized membranes without TGF $\beta$ 1 treatment. TNF = cells cultured on non-functionalized membranes with TGF $\beta$ 1 treatment; FNT = cells cultured on fragment-functionalized membranes without TGF $\beta$ 1 treatment; TF = cells cultured on fragment-functionalized membranes with TGF $\beta$ 1 treatment; TF = cells cultured on fragment-functionalized membranes with TGF $\beta$ 1 treatment; N = 2. Data shown as mean ± s.e.m. n.d. = not detectable.



Supplementary Figure 9. Functionalized membrane triggers changes in N-cadherin expression Representative immunofluorescence images of N-cadherin expression by NMuMG cells cultured on membranes with and without immobilized laminin  $\beta$ 1-fragment in the presence or absence of TGF $\beta$ 1 (N-cadherin labeling, red; DAPI staining, blue). Scale bars = 20 µm.



Supplementary Figure 10. Estimation of collagen content The hydroxyproline content is used as an estimation of the collagen deposited by NMuMG cells after 24 h treatment with TGF $\beta$ 1 on polydopamine (pDA)-coated poly( $\epsilon$ -caprolactone) (PCL) membranes with (+fragment) and without (-fragment) laminin fragment functionalization. Data normalized to DNA. Data shown as mean  $\pm$  standard deviation. N = 4.





**Nuclear extract** 



## **Cytoplasmic extract**

α-tubulin	pY654 β-catenin	p-smad2	p-smad3	snail

Supplementary Figure 11. Laminin fragment triggers changes in EMT signalling (a) Densitometric semi-quantitative analysis of immunoblots shown in Figure 5b. Peak area was normalized to GAPDH and to NMuMG cells without TGF $\beta$ 1 treatment. TNF = cells cultured on non-functionalized membranes with TGF $\beta$ 1 treatment; FNT = cells cultured on fragment-functionalized membranes without TGF $\beta$ 1 treatment; TF = cells cultured on fragment-functionalized membranes with TGF $\beta$ 1 treatment. N = 3. Data shown as mean ± s.e.m. n.d. = not detectable, refers to no band on immunoblot. (b) Full immunoblots corresponding to 10 blots shown in Fig. 5b and c.



Supplementary Figure 12. Mouse peritoneal tissue explants Representative H&E images of mouse peritoneal membrane cultured *ex vivo for* 8, 24 and 120 h in the absence and presence of TGF $\beta$ 1 without membranes interfaced. Scale bars = 100 µm.



Supplementary Figure 13. Mouse peritoneal tissue explants interfaced with membrane Representative H&E and immunohistofluorescence images of mouse peritoneal tissues interfaced with polydopamine-coated poly( $\epsilon$ -caprolactone) membranes with (+fragment) or without (-fragment) recombinant laminin  $\beta$ 1-fragment after 24 h *ex vivo* culture without TGF $\beta$ 1 treatment (E-cadherin labeling, green; DAPI, blue). Scale bars = 100 µm. The separation of pCL membrane from the tissue is an artefact of histological processing.



Supplementary Figure 14. Mouse peritoneal tissue explants interfaced with membrane Representative gelatin zymograph of conditioned media from explanted peritoneal membrane tissues interfaced with polydopamine-coated poly( $\epsilon$ -caprolactone) membranes without (-fragment), with immobilized laminin  $\beta$ 1-fragment (+fragment) and with full-length laminin-111 (+laminin), cultured *ex vivo* for 24 h with or without TGF $\beta$ 1. Lane 1 shows active MMP2 as a control. White bands show degradation of the gelatin gel by pro- and active MMP2. N = 3.



E-cadherin

**Supplementary Figure 15. Mouse bladder explants interfaced with membrane** (a) Representative gelatin zymograph of conditioned media from explanted mouse bladder tissues interfaced with polydopamine-coated poly( $\epsilon$ -caprolactone) membranes without (-fragment; -frag), with immobilized laminin  $\beta$ 1-fragment (+fragment; +frag), and without biomaterial (tissue; t), cultured *ex vivo* for 24 h with or without TGF $\beta$ 1. Lane 1 shows active MMP2 as a control, and last lane shows media background. White bands show degradation of the gelatin gel by pro- and active MMP2. (b) Corresponding representative immunoblots of mouse bladder tissues

70kDa

50kDa

interfaced with PCL membranes. N = 3 mice.



Supplementary Figure 16. Mouse peritoneal fibrosis model Gene expression profile of peritoneal tissue extracts from mice administered empty adenoviral vectors for 8 days after implantation of polydopamine-coated poly( $\epsilon$ -caprolactone) membranes without (M), with (MF) laminin  $\beta$ 1-fragment or full-length laminin-111 (ML). Y-axis: log(2^(- $\Delta\Delta$ ct)). All data is normalized to GAPDH and to sham models that received an empty adenovirus injection. Data shown as mean ± s.e.m. N = 3 mice (2 replicates per condition per mouse; 3 technical replicates).



**Supplementary Figure 17. Mouse peritoneal fibrosis model** Gene expression profile of peritoneal tissue extracts from mice injected with empty (-TGF $\beta$ ) or TGF $\beta$ 1-expressing (+TGF $\beta$ ) adenoviral vectors. Tissue samples were taken further away from areas covered with polydopamine-coated poly( $\epsilon$ -caprolactone) membranes. M indicates non-functionalized membranes, MF and ML indicate membranes with immobilized laminin  $\beta$ 1-fragment and full-length laminin, respectively. Y-axis: log(2^(- $\Delta\Delta$ ct)), except for *Acta2* shown as 2^(- $\Delta\Delta$ ct). All data is normalized to GAPDH and to sham that received an adenovirus-mediated TGF $\beta$ 1 injection. Data shown as mean ± s.e.m. N = 3 mice for –TGF $\beta$ ; N = 5 mice for +TGF $\beta$  (2 replicates per condition per mouse; 3 technical replicates).



Supplementary Figure 18. Mouse peritoneal fibrosis model Representative H&E images of peritoneal tissues not in contact with the biomaterial from mice injected with empty or TGF $\beta$ 1-expressing adenoviral vectors. Samples were obtained 15 days after implantation of polydopamine-coated poly( $\epsilon$ -caprolactone) membranes with (+fragment) or without (-fragment) laminin  $\beta$ 1-fragment or full-length laminin-111 (+laminin), and 8 days after injections. Sham refers to mice that were not implanted with membranes, but underwent the full surgical procedure. Tissue samples were taken from control areas not covered with membranes (see Figure S17). Scale bars = 100 µm.

sham -TGF $\beta$ 



sham +TGF $\beta$ 

+ fragment +TGFβ

**Supplementary Figure 19. Mouse peritoneal fibrosis model** Representative immunofluorescent images of peritoneal tissue sections (corresponding to sections shown in Figure 7) stained with F4/80, a glycoprotein expressed by murine macrophages (antibody labeling, red; DAPI, blue; autofluorescence, green). Scale bars =  $50 \mu m$ .