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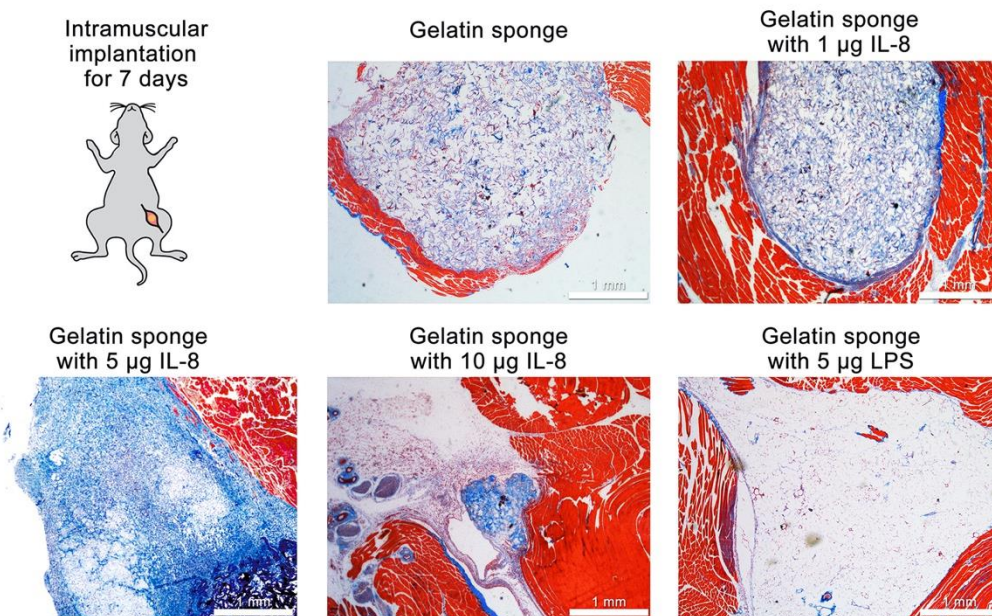


Figure S1. Intramuscular ectopic implantation of gelatin sponge, gelatin sponge with 1 µg IL-8, 5 µg IL-8, 10 µg IL-8, and 5 µg LPS. Gelatin sponge with a low IL-8 dose (1 µg) was insufficient to recruit myeloid cells and induce endochondral ossification, while a high IL-8 dose (10 µg) led to the rapid degradation of gelatin, indicating predominant catabolism. The gelatin sponge with LPS was completely degraded and pathological fat liquefaction was observed at the implantation site (n = 3 for each group).

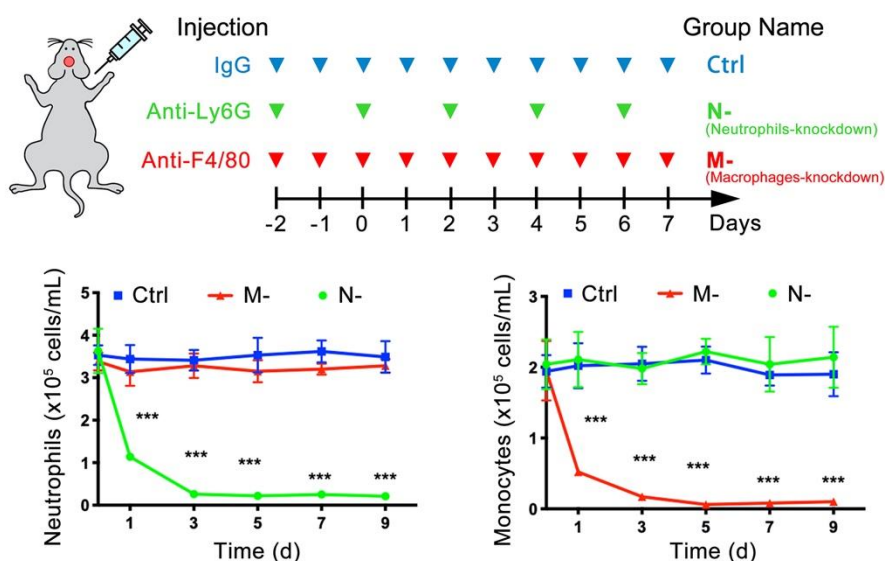


Figure S2. Time-course of circulatory neutrophils and monocytes quantified using flow cytometry after treatment with anti-Ly6G or anti-F4/80 neutralizing antibodies. The

neutralizing antibodies efficiently and specifically depleted neutrophils or monocytes in peripheral blood without affecting other cell type (n = 3 for each group).

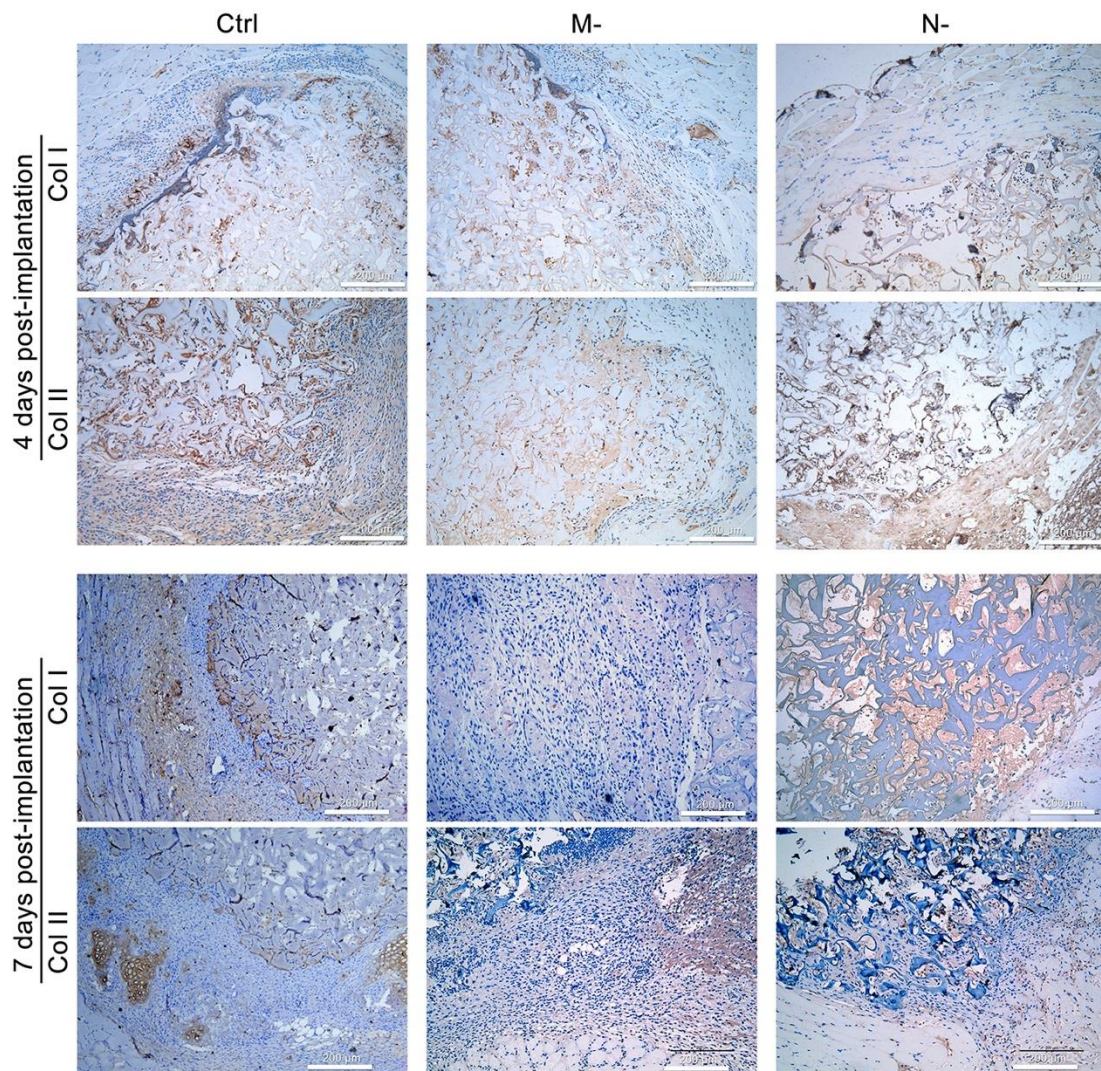


Figure S3. Immunohistochemical staining of Col I and Col II in the ectopic tissue after depletion of neutrophils/macrophages (N-/M-). Neutrophil/macrophage depletion significantly hindered chondrogenic and osteogenic differentiation around the implantation site (n = 3 for each group).

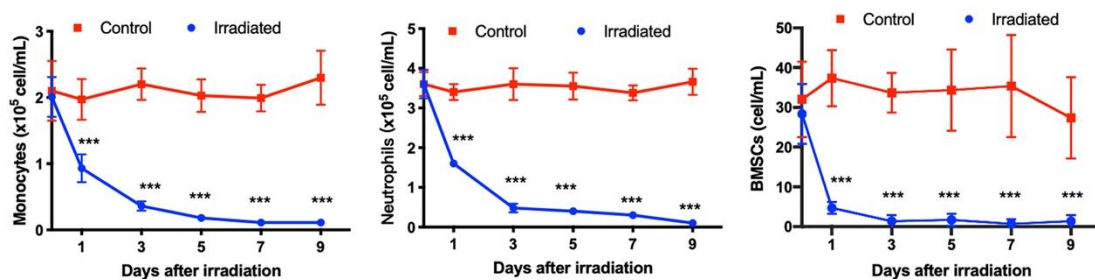


Figure S4. Time-course of circulatory myeloid cells in nonlethal irradiated mice quantified using flow cytometry. The number of myeloid cells in peripheral blood decreased by over 90% three days post-irradiation (n = 3 for each group).

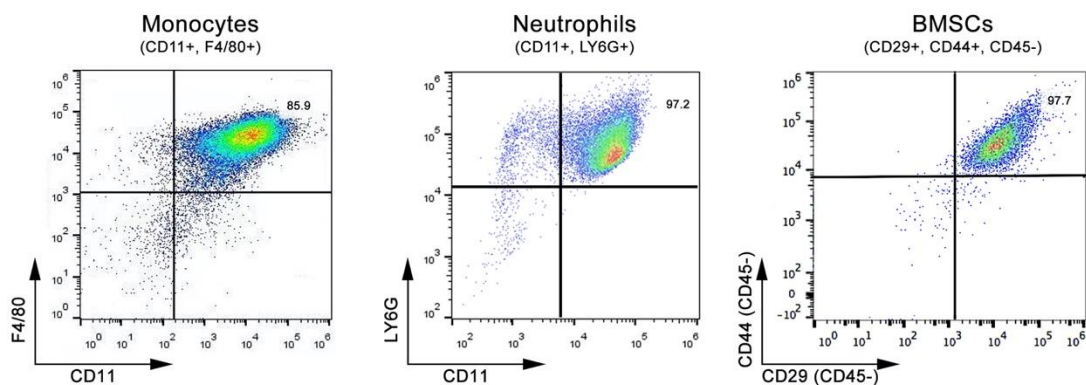


Figure S5. Flow cytometry analysis of isolated myeloid cells from unirradiated mice. The positive rates of the purified monocytes, neutrophils, and BMSCs were 85.9%, 97.2%, and 97.7%, respectively, which met the requirements of subsequent experiments.

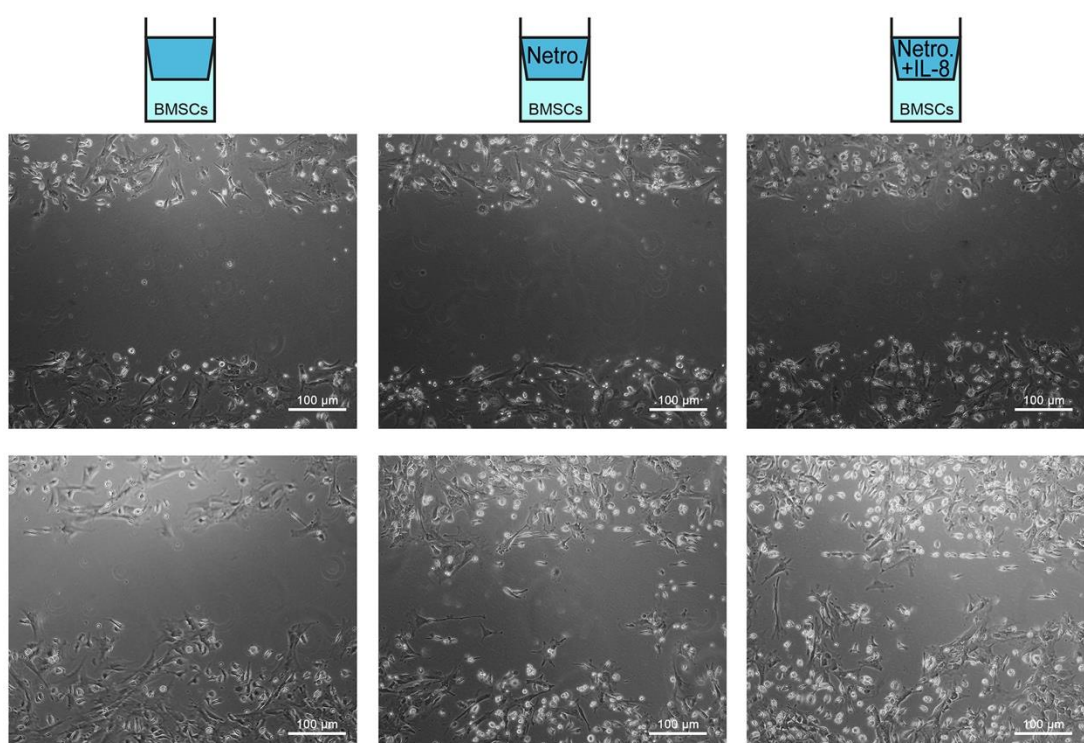


Figure S6. Wound-healing assay of BMSC migration co-cultured with neutrophils or IL-8-treated neutrophils for 24 h in transwell. IL-8-treated neutrophils significantly enhanced the migration capacity of BMSCs.

Table S1. Primer sequences used in RT-PCR.

Primer	Sequences
mouse IL-10 Forward	GGTTGCCAAGCCTTATCGGA
mouse IL-10 Reverse	GGGAGAAATCGATGACAGC
mouse TGF β 1 Forward	CTTCAATACGTCAGACATTCGGG
mouse TGF β 1 Reverse	GTAACGCCAGGAATTGTTGCTA
mouse TNF Forward	GGCAGGTCTACTTTGGAGTC
mouse TNF Reverse	TCGAGGCTCCAGTGAATTCG
mouse IFN γ Forward	AACGCTACACACTGCATCTTG
mouse IFN γ Reverse	GACTTCAAAGAGTCTGAG