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Supporting Information

Growth Factor-Free Salt-leached Silk Scaffolds to Differentiate Endothelial Cells

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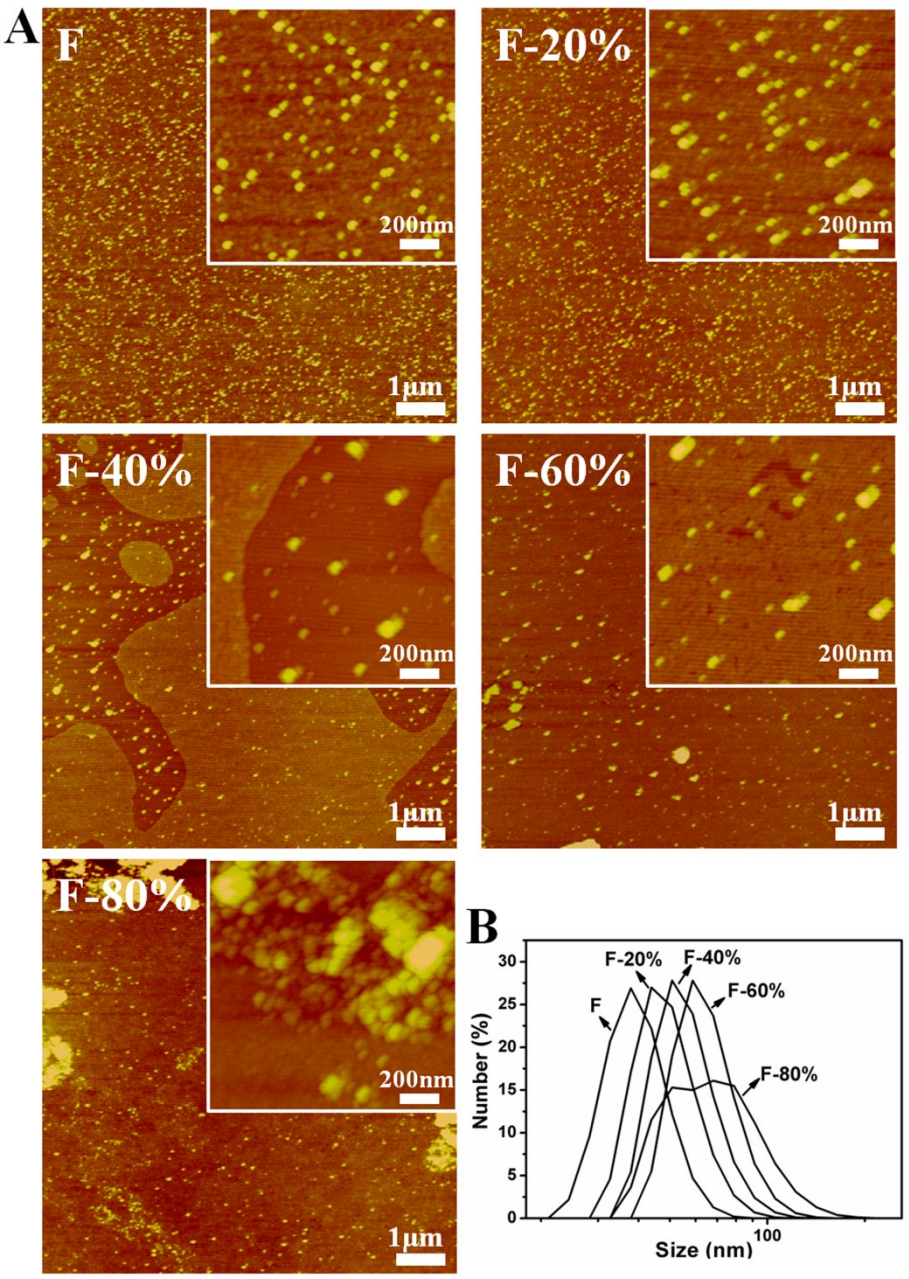

Figure S1. AFM images (A) and DLS size distribution (B) of the fresh silk solution (F) and the fresh silk solution mixed with glycerol at silk/glycerol weight ratios of 100:20 (F-20%), 100:40 (F-40%), 100:60 (F-60%) and 100:80 (F-80%).

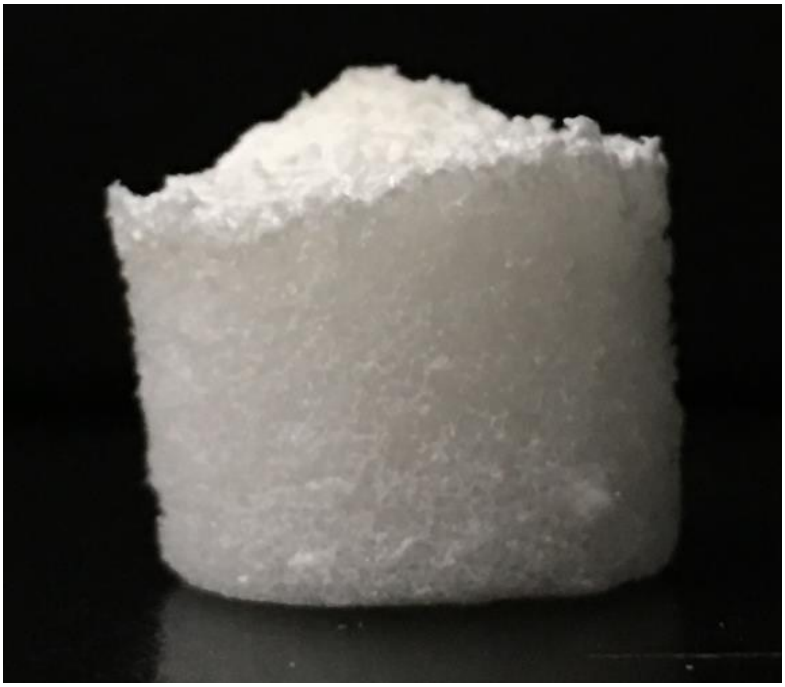

Figure S2 Typical optical image of the salt-leached scaffolds

Table S1. FTIR determination of secondary structures of different silk scaffolds through FSD of the amide I region.

Samples	Conformation content of silk fibroin (%)		
	β-sheet	**Random coil**	**Intermediate state**
F-S	49.4±0.5	18.4±0.9	32.2±1.1
F-20%-S	46.6±0.4	23.8±0.7	29.6±0.4
F-40%-S	46.3±0.1	26.9±0.9	26.8±0.7
F-60%-S	45.9±0.1	23.7±0.9	30.4±1.0
F-80%-S	44.9±0.4	23.1±0.5	32.0±0.5

The samples were as follows: scaffolds prepared from the fresh silk solution (F-S) and the blended silk solutions with glycerol at silk/glycerol weight ratios of 100:20 (F-20%-S), 100:40 (F-40%-S), 100:60 (F-60%-S) and 100:80 (F-80%-S)

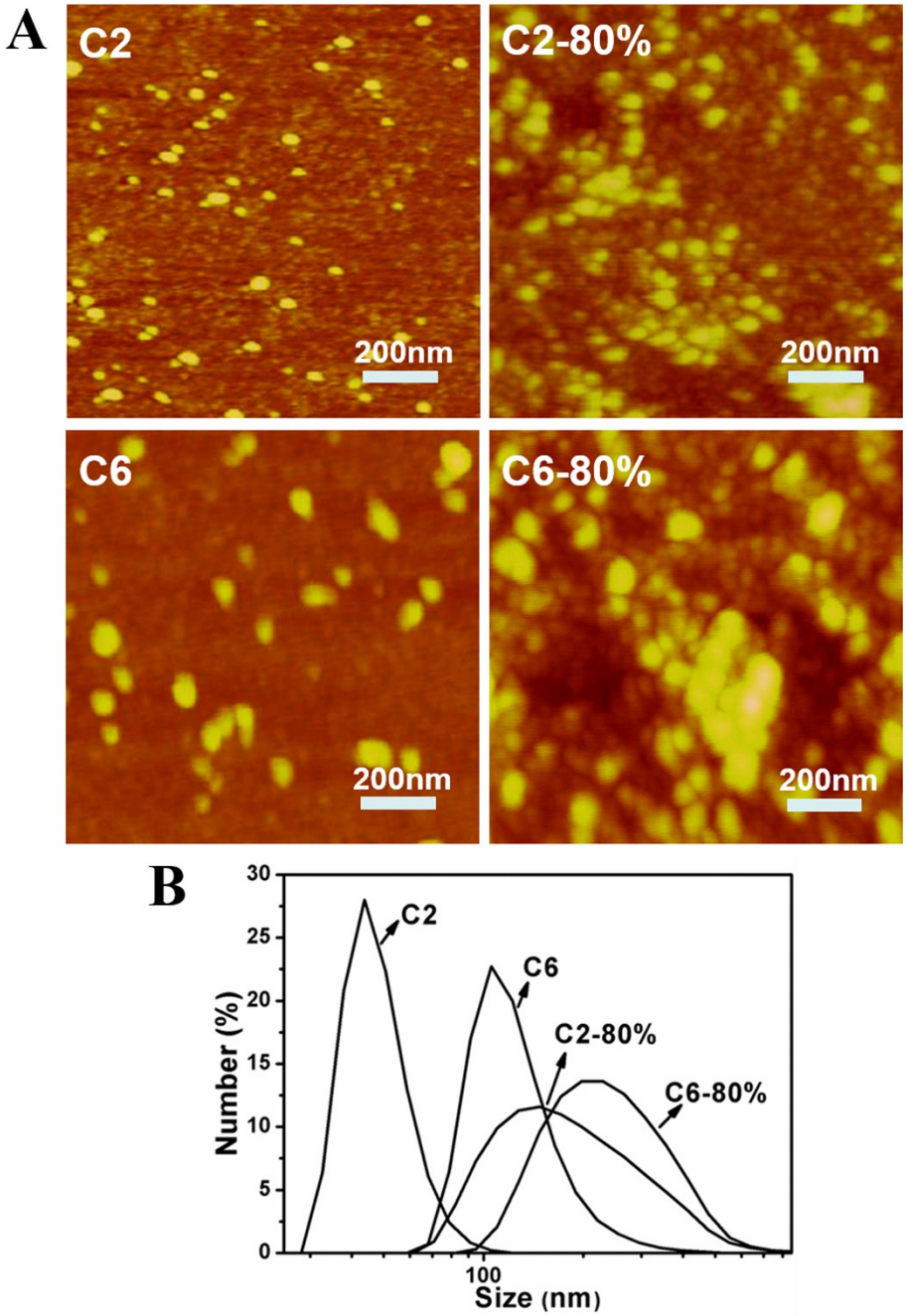

Figure S3. AFM images (A) and DLS size distribution (B) of the fast concentrated silk solution (C2), the slowly concentrated silk solution (C6-S), the fast concentrated silk solution mixed with glycerol at silk/glycerol weight ratios of 100:80 (C2-80%) and the slowly concentrated silk solution mixed with glycerol at silk/glycerol weight ratios of 100:80 (C6-80%-S).

Table S2. FTIR determination of secondary structures of different silk scaffolds through FSD of the amide I region.

Samples	Conformation content of silk fibroin (%)		
	β-sheet	**Random coil**	**Intermediate state**
C2-S	47.6±0.2	28.2±0.3	24.2±0.4
C2-80%-S	41.0±0.3	28.8±0.3	30.2±0.2
C6-S	42.8±0.9	27.6±0.5	29.6±0.3
C6-80%-S	38.8±0.2	31.4±0.2	29.8±0.1

C2-S, silk scaffolds prepared from the fast concentrated silk solution; C2-80%-S, scaffolds derived from the fast concentrated silk solution containing glycerol at silk/glycerol weight ratios of 100:80; C6-S, scaffolds prepared from the slowly concentrated silk solution; C6-80%-S, scaffolds derived from the slowly concentrated silk solution containing glycerol at silk/glycerol weight ratios of 100:80.