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Supporting Information

Engineered Three Dimensional Nanofibrous Multilaminar Structure for Annulus Fibrosus Repair

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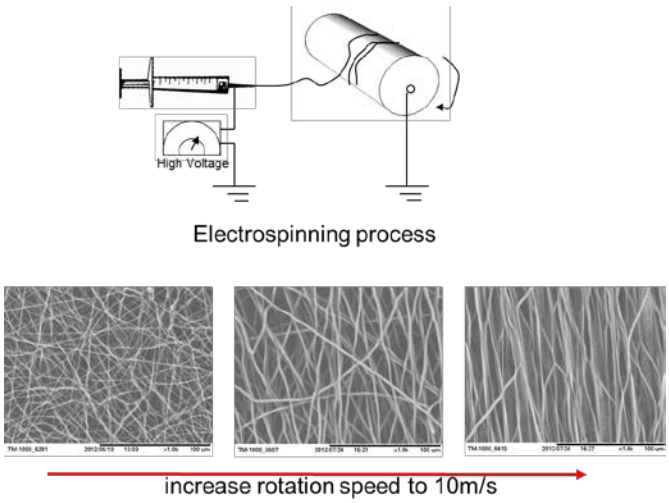

Figure S1 Electrospinning of aligned PCL nanofibers.

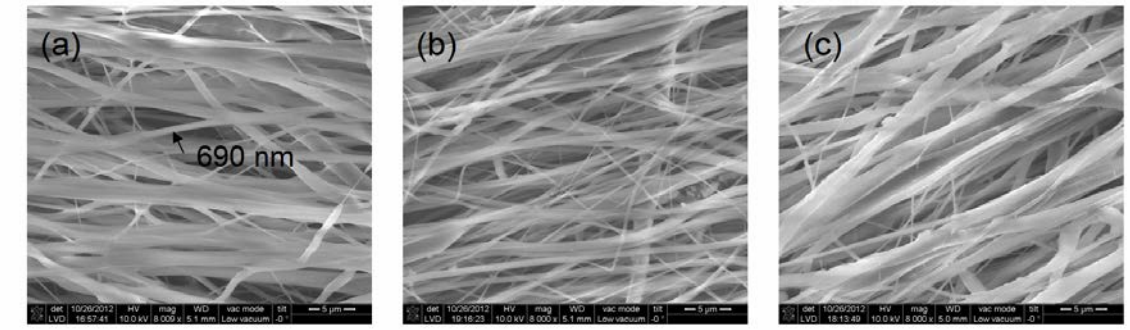

Figure S2 SEM images of the fibers after being immersed in different concentration of NaOH for 2 h. (a) 0M, the fiber surface were smooth; (b) 0.5M, the fiber surface still smooth; (c) 2M, the fiber surface became rough.

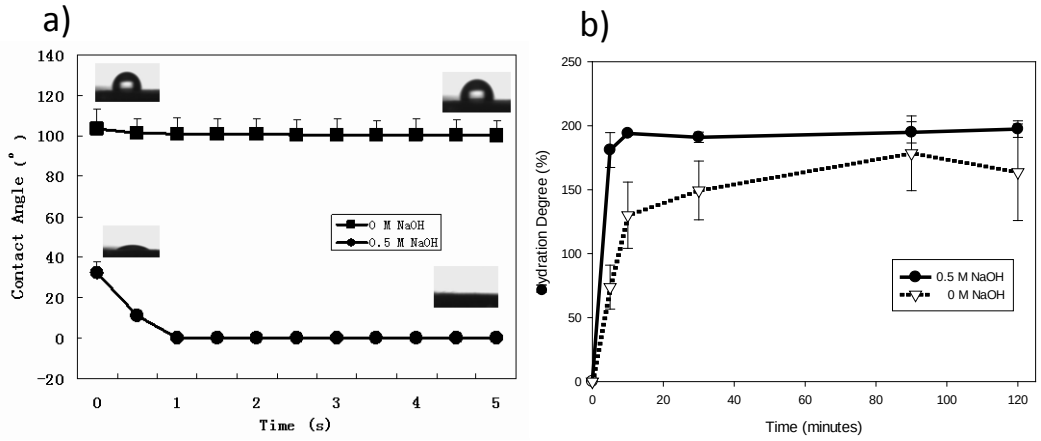

Figure S3 a) Contact angles and b) Hydration degree of scaffolds pretreated by 0.5M NaOH comparing with 0M NaOH. Hydration degree was quickly reached to 180% within 5 minutes and maintained in a plateau by 0.5M NaOH pretreatment, while for 0M NaOH pretreatment only 73% in 5 minutes and reached the maximum 150% until 90 minutes.

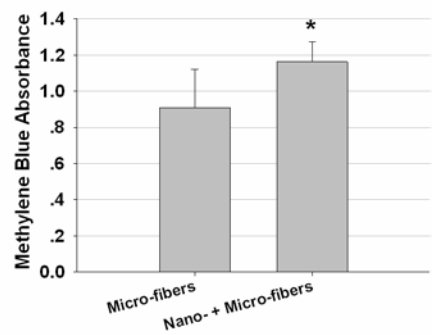

Figure S4 DNA quantification after 6 days of cell culturing. Vertical axis represents methylene blue absorbance relative to the cell number. Data are expressed as mean ± SD (n=5). * Significant difference between the groups, $P<0.05$.