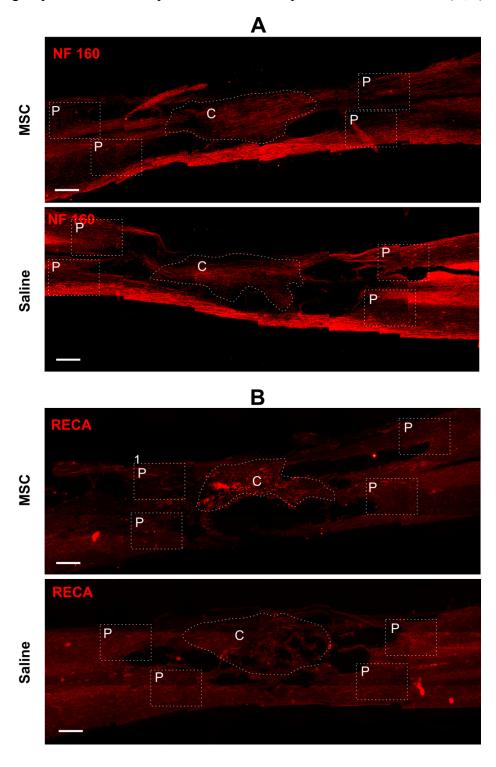
## **Supplementary Information**

**Figure S1.** Histological image of axonal and blood vessel ingrowth after SCI. The NF160 (**A**) and RECA (**B**) fluorescent signal area was calculated using Wizzard. Five images from each three sections were evaluated ( $2 \times$  cranial lesion border,  $1 \times$  center of lesion,  $2 \times$  caudal lesion border). The arithmetical means of NF160 or RECA positive square areas were compared between groups and the central part was normalized per 0.38 mm<sup>2</sup>. Scale bar (**A**,**B**) 0.5 mm.



**Figure S2.** Histological image of astrogliosis measurements after SCI. The GFAP-CY3 fluorescent signal area was calculated using Wizzard from longitudinal sections stained for GFAP. Five images from each three sections were evaluated (2× cranial lesion border, 1× center of lesion, 2× caudal lesion border). The arithmetical means of GFAP-CY3 positive square areas were compared between groups and the central part was normalized per 0.38 mm<sup>2</sup>. Scale bar 0.5 mm.

