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Supplemental Information

MiR-34a Promotes Osteogenic Differentiation of Human Adipose-Derived Stem Cells via the *RBP2/NOTCH1/CYCLIN D1* Coregulatory Network

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Supplemental Figures and Legends



Figure S1 (**related to introduction**). The procedure for screening and selecting miR-34a for research. 21 and 51 miRNAs were upregulated in hASCs (miRNA expression profile during osteogenic differentiation of hASCs done by Zhang et al, J Cell Biochem, 2012, 113: 888–898) and bone marrow derived MSCs (miRNA expression profile during osteogenic differentiation of hBMSCs done by Gao et al, J Cell Biochem, 2011, 112: 1844–1856), respectively. RNA22 prediction software indicated 122 miRNAs might bind to the 3' UTR of *RBP2* mRNA. By combining and comparing the miRNAs from these two screening methods, an intersection of five

miRNAs were obtained: miR-663, 34a, 26a, 17, and 155. The RNA22 prediction software indicted that miR-34a possessed the maximum likelihood for binding to the 3' UTR of *RBP2* mRNA; therefore, we selected miR-34a for research.



Figure S2 (related to main figure 2F). The effect of miR-34a on *RUNX2*, *OSX*, *ALP* and *OC* mRNA expression in hASCs cultured in PM.

(RUNX2, runt-related transcription factor 2; OSX, osterix; ALP, alkaline phosphatase; OC, osteocalcin; PM, proliferation medium).



Figure S3 (related to main figure 3D-b). Quantification of HE staining. Data was represented as the mean \pm SD of three independent areas in each group.

(HE, hematoxylin and eosin; Blank, scaffolds without hASCs; NC/anti-miR-34a/miR-34a, scaffolds seeded with hASCs transfected by lentivirus negative control/antisense miR-34a/miR-34a mimics).

NOTCH1

miRNA identifier 🕈	leftmost position of predicted target site	cDNA region	folding energy (in -Kcal/mol) includes contribution from linker	base pairs in putative heteroduplex	span of target	p-valu \$
hsa_miR_34a	8237	3'UTR	-17.70	14	20	0.003420
hsa_miR_34a	8353	3'UTR	-17.50	15	21	0.265000
hsa_miR_34a	8638	3'UTR	-19.90	13	23	0.047700
hsa_miR_34a	9059	3'UTR	-16.50	16	20	0.329000

CYCLIN D1

miRNA identifier 🗘	leftmost position of predicted target site	cDNA region	folding energy (in -Kcal/mol) includes contribution from linker	base pairs in putative heteroduplex	span of target	p-valu \$
hsa_miR_34a	1910	3'UTR	-12.10	14	21	0.380000
hsa_miR_34a	2059	3'UTR	-12.10	17	24	0.051800
hsa_miR_34a	3179	3'UTR	-14.20	16	19	0.081000
hsa_miR_34a	3808	3'UTR	-19.20	15	20	0.026100
hsa_miR_34a	3886	3'UTR	-18.60	14	22	0.186000

Figure S4 (related to main figure 5A, 5B). The potential miR-34a target sites in *NOTCH1* and *CYCLIN D1* transcripts were predicted by RNA22 software.



Figure S5 (related to discussion). qRT-PCR (A), Western blotting and quantitative analysis (B, C) of *JAGGED1* expression in hASCs with overexpression or knock-down of miR-34a.

Supplemental Table

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	Forward primer (5' to 3')	Reverse primer (5' to 3')
RBP2	GTCCAGCGCCTGAATGAACTT	GCAACAATCTTGCTCAAAGCATA
NOTCH1	CGCTGACGGAGTACAAGTG	GTAGGAGCCGACCTCGTTG
P27	ATGTCAAACGTGCGAGTGTCTAA	TTACGTTTGACGTCTTCTGAGG
CYCLIN D1	GTGCTGCGAAGTGGAAACC	ATCCAGGTGGCGACGATCT
RUNX2	CCGCCTCAGTGATTTAGGGC	GGGTCTGTAATCTGACTCTGTCC
OSX	CCTCTGCGGGACTCAACAAC	TAAAGGGGGGCTGGATAAGCAT
ALP	ATGGGATGGGTGTCTCCACA	CCACGAAGGGGAACTTGTC
OC	CACTCCTCGCCCTATTGGC	CCCTCCTGCTTGGACACAAAG
GAPDH	GAAGGTGAAGGTCGGAGTC	GAAGATGGTGATGGGATTTC
U6	CTCGCTTCGGCAGCACA	AACGCTTCACGAATTTGCGT

Table S1. Sequences of the primers used for qRT-PCR.

Abbreviations: RBP2, retinoblastoma binding protein 2; Runx2, runt-related transcription factor 2; OSX, osterix; ALP, alkaline phosphatase; OC, osteocalcin.

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