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### **Supplemental Information**

### The Long Non-coding RNA-ORLNC1 Regulates Bone

### Mass by Directing Mesenchymal Stem Cell Fate

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Figure S1. OVX surgery induces osteoporosis and impairs ability of osteogenic differentiation

(A) Representative micro-computed tomography ( $\mu$ CT) images of bone microarchitecture of the femora in sham and OVX group. (B) Real time qPCR detected the expression of the osteoblast-related markers (ALP, Bmp4, Bglap, Spp1 and Col1a1) in the bone tissues from sham and OVX mice. (C and D) After 14 days, ARS and ALP stainings showed the ability of osteogenic differentiation of BMSCs by detecting the mineral deposition. Scale bar, 100  $\mu$ m. (E) The microassay results showed the dysregulated lncRNAs in the OVX-induced osteoporotic mice. \*\*\* p < 0.001.



Figure S2. BMSCs are induced into osteoblasts and adipocytes for different days in vitro (A and B) BMSCs were cultured in the osteogenic induced medium. ARS and ALP stainings indicated that the BMSCs exhibited different degree of mineralized nodules during different days of differentiation. Scale bar, 100  $\mu$ m. (C) Relative mRNA levels of ALP, Bmp4, Bglap, Spp1 and Col1a1 after osteogenic differentiation of 14 days were detected. (D) BMSCs were cultured in the adipogenic induced medium. ORO staining was performed to detect the formation of fat droplets of BMSCs after adipocyte differentiation. Scale bar, 200  $\mu$ m. (E) Real-time qPCR was used to confirm the levels of adipocyte specific genes including Pparg, Fabp4, Cebpa, Cebpb and Cebpd in the BMSCs after adipogenic differentiation of 16 days. \* *p* < 0.05 and \*\*\* *p* < 0.001.



Figure S3. The transfection efficiency of IncRNA-ORLNC1 lentivirus and miR-296

(A) The expression levels of lncRNA-ORLNC1 were detected in BMSCs after treating with lncRNA-ORLNC1 overexpression lentivirus or shRNA-ORLNC1 compared with NC respectively. (B) Real time qPCR was used to explore the expression levels of mR-296 in the miR-296 mimic and miR-296 AMO treated BMSCs compared with NC respectively. \* p < 0.05, \*\* p < 0.01 and \*\*\* p < 0.001.



Figure S4. The effect of miR-296 on the osteogenic differentiation in normal non-induced

#### BMSCs

(A) ARS and ALP stainings were used to detect the role of miR-296 in the osteogenic potentials of

BMSCs under non-induced condition. Scale bar, 100 µm.

#### **Supplementary methods**

#### **Microarray analysis**

Microarray analysis was performed to detect the differentially expressed lncRNAs between sham and OVX mice. Mouse femora of sham and OVX mice were obtained and immediately fixed in TRIzol reagent (Life Technology, USA). RNAs were extracted from the bone tissues of above two groups, and total RNA was used for microarray analysis. The raw data can be obtained from NONCODE (http://www.noncode.org/index.php).