

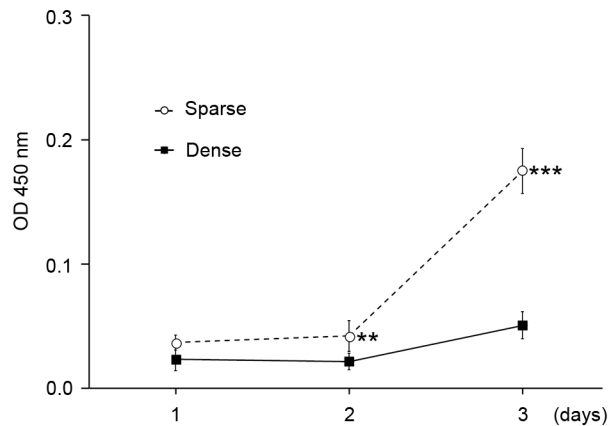
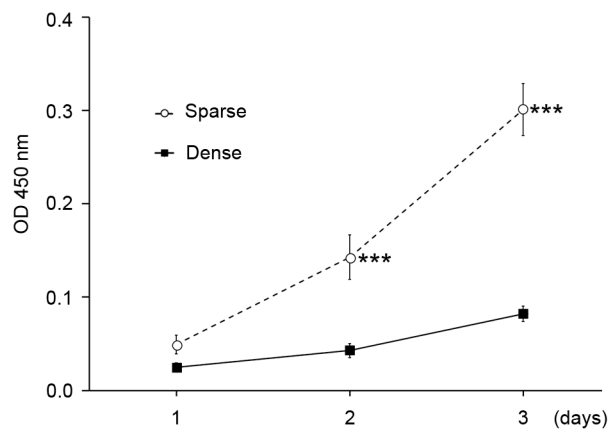
Effect of cell culture density on dental pulp-derived mesenchymal
stem cells with reference to osteogenic differentiation

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Supplementary Figure.S1~5

Fig. S1

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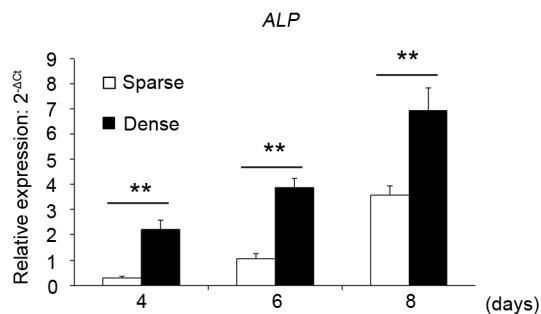
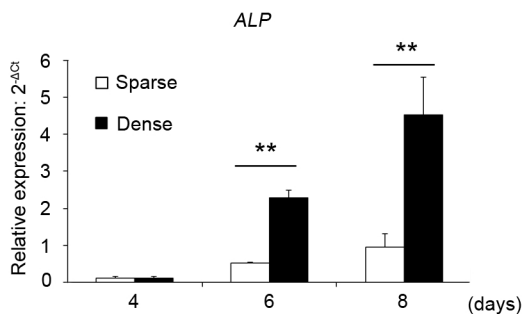
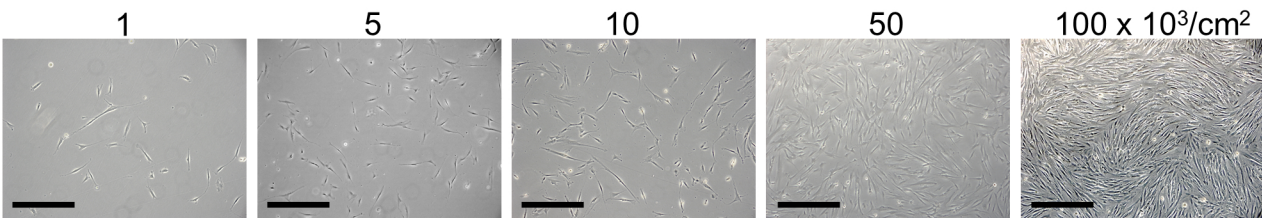


Figure S1. Cell proliferation and *ALP* mRNA expression of DPSCs in sparse (sDPSCs) and dense (dDPSCs) groups. (a) Cell proliferation. The error bar is SD ($n = 7$, 2 donors). ***: $p = 0.0006$ and **: $p = 0.0012$ (Mann-Whitney U test). (b) *ALP* mRNA expression. The error bar is SD ($n = 3$, 2 donors). ΔCt was calculated as $Ct(\text{ALP}) - Ct(\text{GAPDH})$. **: $p = 0.004$ (F-test and Student's *t*-test).

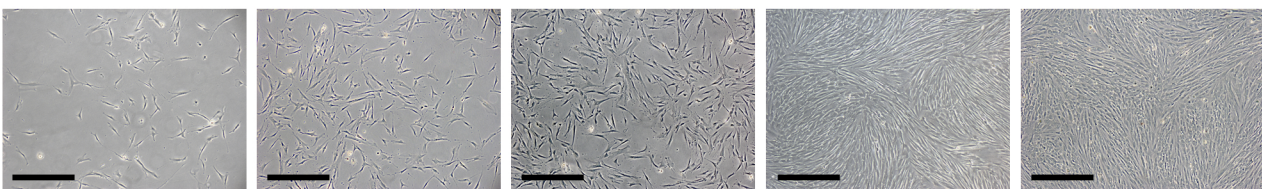
Fig. S2

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1 day



3 day



200 μ m

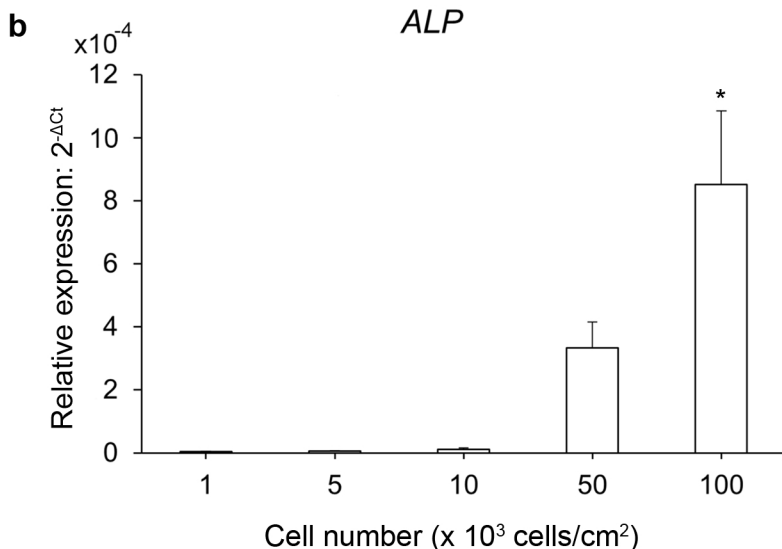


Figure S2. Phase contrast photographs and *ALP* mRNA expression of DPSCs in different seeding densities. (a) Phase contrast photographs of DPSCs at 1 and 3 days after seeding concentration (1, 5, 10, 50 and 100 $\times 10^3$ cells/cm 2). (b) *ALP* mRNA expression of DPSCs was evaluated at 3 days. ΔCt was calculated as Ct (*ALP*) - Ct (*GAPDH*). The error bar is SD (n=4). *: p = 0.0202 (Kruskal–Wallis test with post-hoc Dunnett's multiple comparison test).

Fig. S3**a**

Sparse

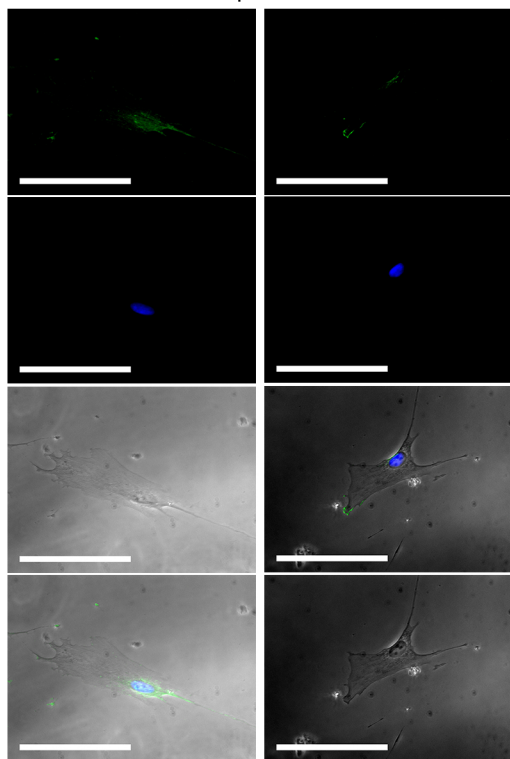
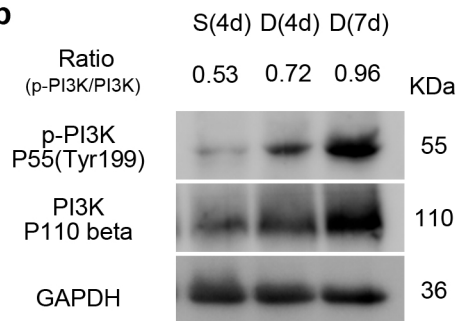
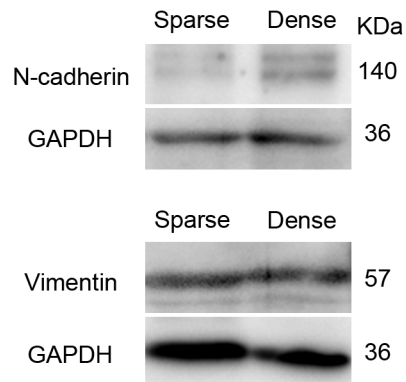
100 μ m**b****c**

Figure S3. Integrin alpha 5 (ITGA5) expression of DPSCs by immunohistochemistry and PI3K, N-cadherin and vimentin expression of DPSCs by western blotting. (a) Integrin alpha 5 (ITGA5) expression in sDPSCs. (b) Expression of p-PI3K p55 and PI3K p110 beta in dense (dDPSCs) group cultured for 7 days (7d). (c) Expression of N-cadherin and vimentin in sparse (sDPSCs) and dense (dDPSCs) groups.

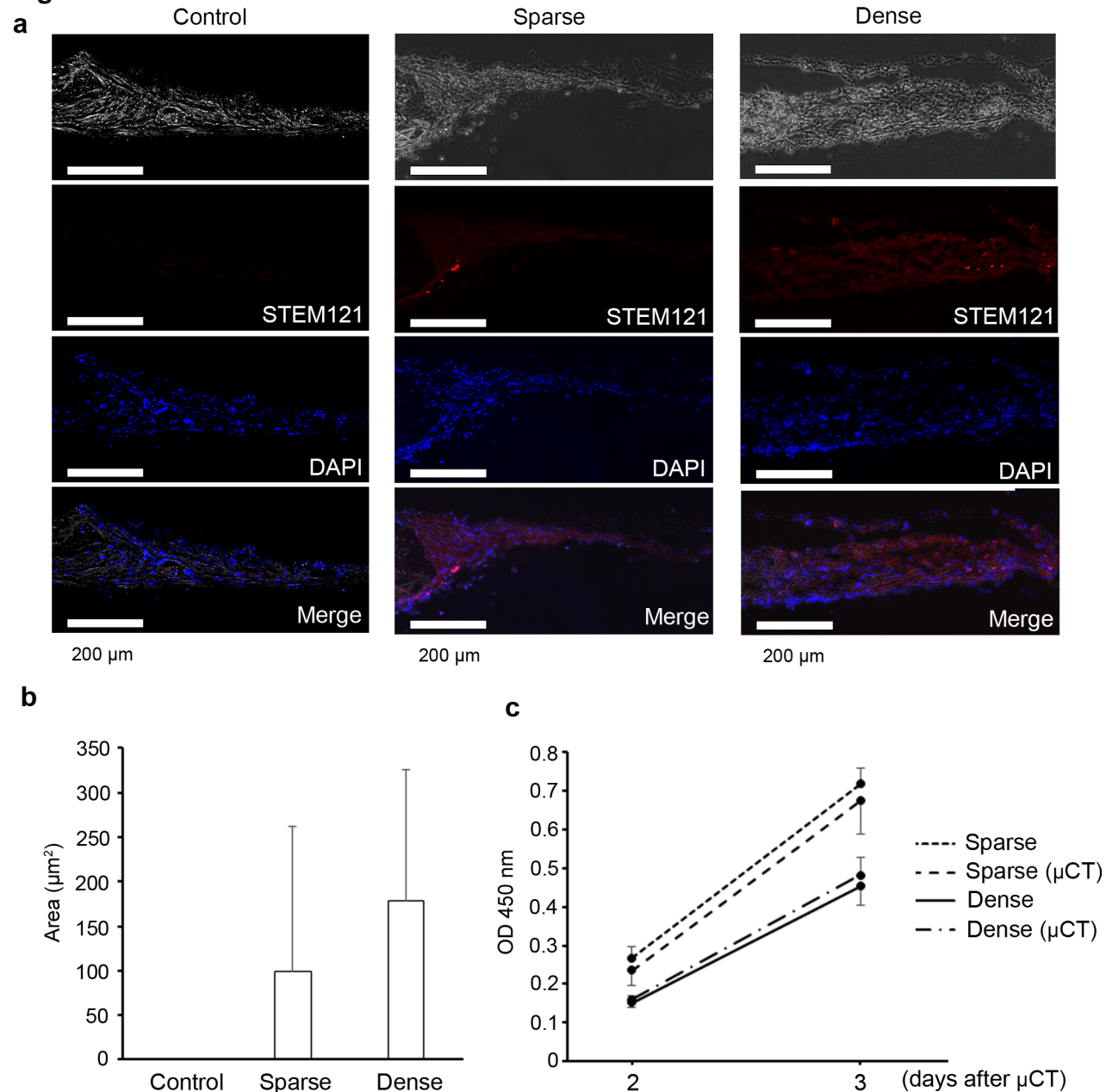
Fig. S4

Figure S4. Stem121 immunohistochemical staining and cell proliferation assay after micro-CT scanning. (a) Representative images of Stem121⁺ cells in each group. (b) Stem121⁺ area was measured by Image J software. There was no significant difference in the Stem121⁺ area between sDPSC-transplanted and dDPSC-transplanted groups (F-test and Student's *t*-test, $n = 4$ images). (c) Cell proliferation assay after micro-CT scanning revealed that radiation by micro-CT did not affect the cell proliferation of DPSCs (Mann-Whitney U test, $n = 7$).

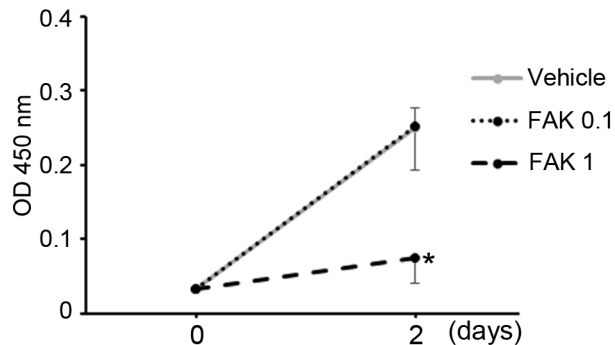
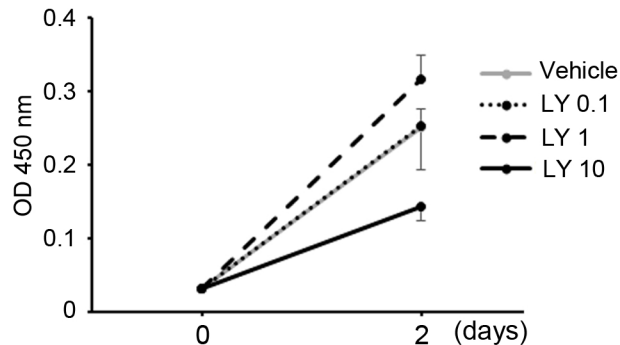
Fig. S5**a****b**

Figure S5. Proliferation assay under the presence of inhibitors. (a) FAK inhibitor 14 (Vehicle; DMSO, inhibitor; 0.1 and 1 μ M) and (b) LY294002 (Vehicle; DMSO, inhibitor; 0.1, 1 and 10 μ M) induced no harmful effect on cell proliferation except high concentration (1 μ M) of FAK inhibitor 14 *: $p = 0.0164$ (Kruskal–Wallis test with post-hoc Dunnett's multiple comparison test). The error bar is SD ($n = 7$).