Table S1 Patients information							
Patient						Serum	Frequence of
ID	Age	Height(m)	Weight(kg)	BMI *	T-score	ALP(U/L)**	Exercise/week
1	58	155	65	27.05515088	0.61	101	1
2	62	165	70	25.71166208	-0.07	81	2
3	65	156	74	30.40762656	-0.04	90	3
4	60	150	65	28.88888889	0.13	80	3
5	58	154	66	27.82931354	0.37	111	1
6	58	162	62	23.62444749	0.87	178	3
7	65	163	63	23.71184463	1.62	182	3
8	63	155	70	29.13631634	-0.45	199	2
9	58	157	61	24.74745426	-0.75	190	3
10	59	158	62	24.8357635	-0.83	192	1
11	63	155	61	25.39021852	1.35	81	1
12	58	152	65	28.13365651	1.04	61	1
13	59	161	62	23.91883029	0	72	2
14	65	162	63	24.00548697	-0.14	98	2
15	60	155	66	27.47138398	0.18	43	2
16	62	155	60	24.97398543	-3.02	299	3
17	58	153	61	26.05835362	-2.71	165	1
18	61	158	60	24.03460984	-3.24	151	3
19	65	162	61	23.24340802	-3.37	192	1
20	62	161	62	23.91883029	-2.90	201	1
21	62	164	72	26.76977989	-2.88	232	0
22	59	163	71	26.72287252	-2.66	245	1
23	60	161	66	25.46198063	-2.51	281	0
24	61	155	52	21.64412071	-3.05	291	1
25	65	157	66	26.77593411	-2.66	271	1
26	58	158	61	24.43518667	-2.75	176	1
27	65	162	62	23.62444749	-2.83	165	0
28	63	163	68	25.59373706	-3.03	254	2
29	59	151	61	26.75321258	-3.24	171	1
30	59	155	62	25.80645161	-2.95	251	1

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\*: BMI formula: BMI = (Weight in Kilograms / (Height in Meters x Height in Meters)) \*\*: reference value: 30 – 150 U/L



Figure S1 Enrichment of miR-338-3p and miR-3065-5p in different tissues. Expression of each miRNA was normalized to its expression in heart.





Figure S2 GSEA assays comparing miR-338-3p (A) or miR-3065-5p (B) overexpression profile with Runx2 knockdown (shRunx2) in MC3T3-E1 profile.

Figure S3



Figure S3 Dual luciferase assay confirming miR-338-3p and miR-3065-5p directly bind to the 3'UTRs of Runx2 and Sox4. (n=3 per group, t-test, \*p<0.05, \*\* p<0.01)



Figure S4 Knockdown of Runx2 in BMSCs up-regulate the enrichment of miR-338-3p (B) and miR-3065-5p (C) in the medium. (n=3 per group, t-test, \*p<0.05, \*\* p<0.01)

Figure S5



## **Figure S5 Inhibition of the miR-338-3p in serum attenuated osteoporosis progression in** *vivo.* (A) A schematic diagram illustrating the experimental design for the timeline of intravenous injection of miR-338-3p inhibitor (miR-338-3pi). Expression level of miR-338-3p and miR-3065-5p in serum (B) and BMSCs (C) isolated from different groups of mice on 16 weeks post OVX. Representative micro-CT (D) and HE staining (E) images in sham, OVX and OVX mice injected with miR-338-3p inhibitor. Bone volume fraction (BV/TV) (F), Trabecular Thickness (Tb.Th) (G), average trabecular number (Tb.N) (H) and trabecular spacing (Tb.Sp) (I) in femurs isolated from different groups. (n=3 per group, t-test)



**Figure S6 Design of CRISPR-Cas9 mediated knockout of miR-338 cluster in mouse. (A)** Genomic location of gRNAs for knockout of miR-338 cluster. **(B)** Representative genotyping for miR-338 cluster knockout mice and MC3T3-E1, noted the residual bands in MC3T3-338<sup>-/-</sup> cells indicating incomplete knockout of miR-338 cluster caused by lentivirus method. Expression level of miR-338-3p **(C)** and miR-3065-5p **(D)** in the BMSCs isolated from wildtype (WT) and miR-338<sup>-/-</sup> mice. **(E)** Representative X-ray images of the femurs isolated from different groups of mice. (Scale bar = 1cm) (n=3 per group, t-test, \**p*<0.05, \*\* *p*<0.01)

## Figure S7



**Figure S7 Loss of the miR-338 cluster resulted in insusceptibility to osteoporosis (A)** Representative micro-CT results in the same position above the growth plate from different femurs isolated from different groups of mouse. Bone volume fraction (BV/TV) (**B**), Trabecular Thickness (Tb.Th) (**C**), average trabecular number (Tb.N) (**D**) and trabecular spacing (Tb.Sp) (**E**) in femurs. (n=3 for WT (wildtype) and and miR-338<sup>-/-</sup>-OVX (miR-338<sup>-/-</sup> mice 16 weeks after ovariectomy surgery), n=4 for WT-OVX (wildtype mice 16 weeks after ovariectomy surgery) and miR-338<sup>-/-</sup>) (t-test). qRT-PCR showing expression level of Runx2 (**F**), Opn (**G**), Osx (**H**), Alp (**I**), and Ocn (**J**) in the BMSCs isolated from WT and miR-338<sup>-/-</sup> femurs without (D0) or with osteoblastic induction (D11). (n=3 per group, t-test, \**p*<0.05, \*\* *p*<0.01, \*\*\* *p*<0.001). (**K**) Representative alizarin red staining showing mineralization nodes generated by BMSCs isolated from WT and miR-338<sup>-/-</sup> mice treated with osteoblastic induction medium. (**L**) Western Blot showing expression change of OSX and RUNX2 in different group.



**Figure S8 Decrease of number of osteoclasts in miR-338**<sup>-/-</sup> **mice. (A)** Representative trap staining of femurs sections collected from wildtype (WT) and miR-338<sup>-/-</sup> mice. **(B)** Count of osteoclast cells with more than 3 nuclei. (n=6 visons from 3 femurs per group, t-test, \*p<0.05, \*\* p<0.01).

## Fig1G.Raw data

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