## **Supplementary Information**

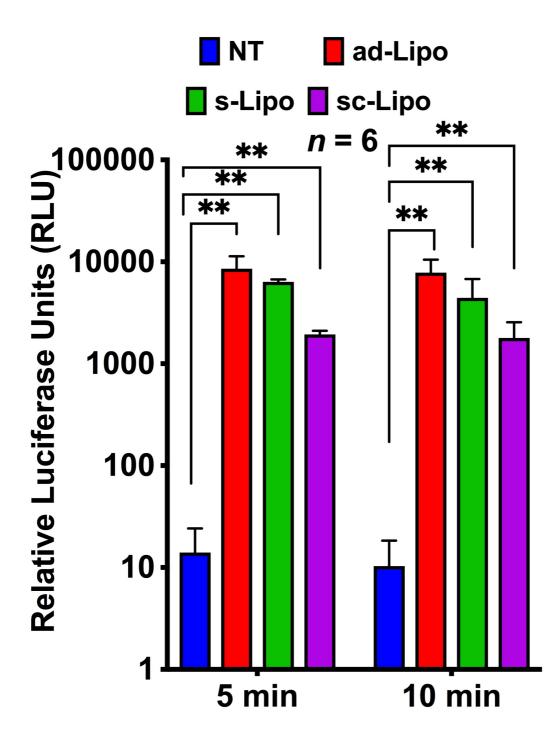
Innovative strategy for 3D transfection of primary human stem cells with BMP-2 expressing plasmid DNA: A clinically translatable strategy for bone regeneration

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**Fig. S1** Luciferase plasmid expression analysis using ONE-Glo<sup>TM</sup> Luciferase Assay System in hMSCs transfected with the assistance of Lipofectamine 2000 reagent in 2D. Mean values  $\pm$  SD of 2 independent experiments done in triplicates (n = 6) are shown. Statistical analysis was performed using one-way ANOVA with Bonferroni's multiple comparison corrections (\*p < 0.0001).

Transfection condition	Number of cells Per well/gel	Volume of Lipofectamine Per well/gel	Total amount of Plasmid DNA transferred
Adherent (2D)	35000 cells per well in a 24-well plate	1.5 μL	100 ng
Suspension in 2D	35000 cells per well in a 24-well plate	1.5 μL	100 ng
Suspension followed by centrifugation in 2D	35000 cells per well in a 24-well plate	1.5 μL	100 ng
Suspension/direct addition in 3D (gene expression analysis)	200000 cells per 200 μL gel in a well of a 24-well plate	6 μL	500 ng
<b>Suspension followed</b> by centrifugation in 3D (gene expression analysis)	200000 cells per 200 μL gel in a well of a 24-well plate	6 μL	500 ng
Suspension/direct addition in 3D (cell viability)	100000 cells per 100 μL gel in a well of a 96-well plate	3 μL	250 ng
<b>Suspension followed</b> b <b>y centrifugation in 3D</b> (cell viability)	100000 cells per 100 μL gel in a well of a 96-well plate	3 μL	250 ng

**Table S1.** Table showing different volumes of Lipofectamine 2000 reagent, andconcentrations of plasmid DNA used to transfect cells in different experimental conditions in2D and 3D.