

SUPPLEMENTARY FIG. S3. Analysis of MSC surface antigen marker expressions 7 days after electrotransfer with a pCMVGFP plasmid. GFP expression, CD44, and CD90 were analyzed by flow cytometry. Control MSCs, electropulsed MSCs, and pCMVGFP-electrotransfected MSCs maintain their stem cell surface antigen expression profile (CD44 and CD90) after a week in culture. MSCs stained with fluorochrome-conjugated nonspecific IgG were examined as a background control. The GFP plot shows the GFP expression in electrotransfected cells (in green) compared with mock-transfected control cells (in black), 7 days after electrotransfer with a pCMVGFP plasmid.



SUPPLEMENTARY FIG. S4. Adipogenic and osteogenic differentiation of control MSCs, electropulsed MSCs, or pCMVGFP-electrotransfected MSCs. After electric treatment, cells were allowed to differentiate under appropriate chemical stimulation into one of the two lineages. Cells were fixed and stained with Oil Red O to detect lipid vacuoles, and Alizarin Red to detect accumulation of deposited calcium. The visible accumulation of lipid droplets and the level of Oil Red O staining as well as the accumulation of calcium-containing mineral deposits in the extracellular matrix demonstrate maintenance of the MSC differentiation potential after electroporation.



SUPPLEMENTARY FIG. S5. MSCs maintain their proliferation rate after electrotransfer. Four days after electrotransfection, cells were trypsinized, plated in 6-well plates at 30 cells/cm², and cultured for 11 days. MSCs were then trypsinized, stained with Trypan Blue, and counted on Biorad TC20 Automated Cell Counter. The cell numbers of pcMVGFP-electrotransfected cells were compared with electropulsed MSCs and to nontransfected control cells.