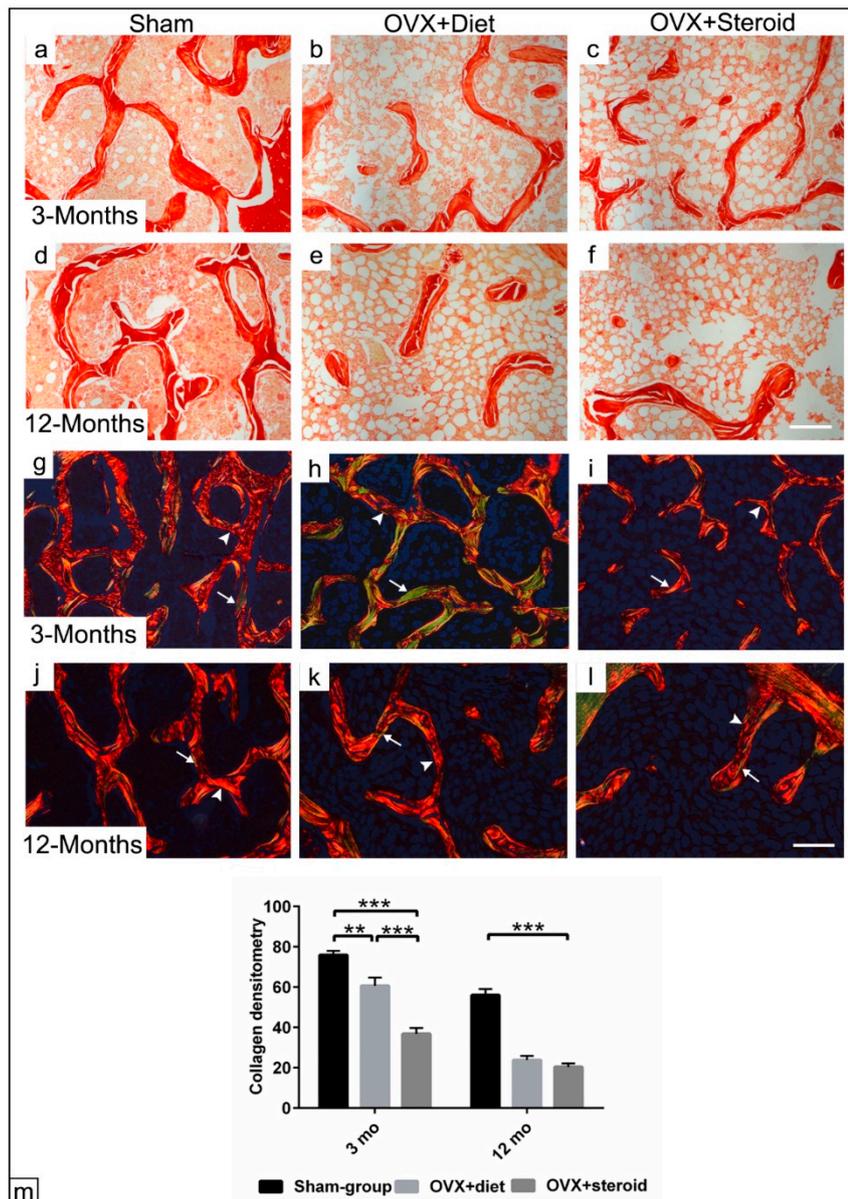


Supplementary Materials:

Morphological and Immunohistochemical Characterization of Bone Structure and Cell–Cell Communication in a Rat Osteoporosis Model



Supplementary Figure S1. (a–l) Micrographs show collagen staining of rat lumbar 4 (L4) trabeculae of sham, OVX+diet, and OVX+steroid after 3 and 12 months post osteoporosis induction ($n = 6$ per time point). Non-calcified L4 bodies were processed for paraffin embedding and 10 μm sections were stained with Picosirrus red staining for one hour. (a–f) Light microscope micrographs show collagen stained (red) trabeculae. (g–l) Polarized microscope micrographs demonstrate the distribution of collagen type I (red, arrow head) and collagen type III (green, arrow). (m) Quantification of collagen densities show marked reduction of the collagen density in OVX+diet, and OVX+steroid compared to sham-group at 3 and 12 months. All data are presented as the mean \pm SD. Scale bar = 100 μm . ** = $p < 0.01$ and *** = $p < 0.001$.