**Figure S1** The expression pattern of the *Igf2bps* (*Insulin-like growth factor 2 binding proteins*), *Igfbps* (*Insulin-like growth factor binding proteins*) and *Igf2r* in mesenchymal cells.

A~I t-SNE plot showing the expression pattern of *Igf2bp1*, *Igf2bp2*, *Igf2bp3*, *Igfbp2*, *Igfbp3*, *Igfbp4*, *Igfbp5*, *Igfbp6* and *Igf2r* among mesenchymal cells.

**Figure S2** Deletion of *Igf2* in pro-osteoblasts induces significant lower expression of *Igf2* and osteogenesis-related genes in CKO mice.

**A** RT-qPCR showing the relative expression of Igf2 of BMSCs from  $Osx^{Cre}$  (Ctrl) and  $Osx^{Cre}$ ;  $Igf2^{fl/-}$  (CKO) mice (n=3 per group).

**B** RT-qPCR showing the relative expression of *Col1a1*, *Alp*, *Runx2*, *Sp7* and *Ocn* of BMSCs from  $Osx^{Cre}$  (Ctrl) and  $Osx^{Cre}$ ;  $Igf2^{fl/-}$  (CKO) mice (n=3 per group).

**Figure S3** Deletion of *Igf2* in pro-osteoblasts induces in structural deformities in craniofacial bones in CKO mice.

A Representative micro-CT images of mandibles and their magnifying views of the condyles from 12-wk-old male *Osx<sup>Cre</sup>*; *Igf2*<sup>fl/-</sup> (CKO) mice and littermate controls (Ctrl). Scale bar=2mm for left views and 500μm for magnified views.

**B** Representative micro-CT images of skulls from 12-wk-old male  $Osx^{Cre}$ ;  $Igf2^{fl/-}$  (CKO) mice and littermate controls (Ctrl). The yellow arrows point to the structural deformities of the CKO mice. Scale bar=2mm.

**Figure S4** The skeleton maldevelopment also exists in  $Osx^{Cre}$ ;  $Igf2^{fl/2}$  mice in earlier developmental stage.

**A** Representative micro-CT images of femur and its magnifying views of the femur sections from 4-wk-old male  $Osx^{Cre}$ ;  $Igf2^{fl/-}$  mice and littermate controls. Scale bar=1mm.

**B** Statical analysis of micro-CT of trabecular bone volume ratio (BV/TV), trabecular thickness (Tb. Th), trabecular number (Tb. N) and trabecular spacing (Tb. Sp) (n=4 per genotype).

C Representative micro-CT images of skulls from 4-wk-old male  $Osx^{Cre}$ ;  $Igf2^{fl/-}$  (CKO) mice and littermate controls (Ctrl). The yellow arrow points to the structural deformities of the CKO mice. Scale bar=2mm.

**D** Statical analysis of micro-CT of cortical bone volume ratio (BV/TV) in C (n=3 per genotype).

E Representative H&E and Masson trichrome staining images of the femur sections from 2-wk&4-wk-old male  $Osx^{Cre}$ ;  $Igf2^{fl/-}$  mice and littermate controls. Scale bar=500μm.

**F** Representative TRAP staining images of the femur sections from 2-wk&4-wk-old male  $Osx^{Cre}$ ;  $Igf2^{fl/-}$  mice and littermate controls (n=5 per genotype) and statistical analysis. Scale bar=100 $\mu$ m.

**G** Representative ALP staining images of the femur sections from 2-wk&4-wk-old male  $Osx^{Cre}$ ;  $Igf2^{fl/-}$  mice and littermate controls and statistical analysis (n=3 per genotype). Scale bar=100 $\mu$ m.

**H** Representative Immunofluorescence staining of OCN of the femur sections from 2-wk-old&4-wk-old male  $Osx^{Cre}$ ;  $Igf2^{fl/-}$  mice and littermate controls and statistical analysis (n=3 per genotype). Scale bar=100 $\mu$ m.

I Representative Immunofluorescence staining of OPN of the femur sections from 2-wk-old&4-wk-old male  $Osx^{Cre}$ ;  $Igf2^{fl/-}$  mice and littermate controls and statistical analysis (n=3 per genotype). Scale bar=100 $\mu$ m.

**Figure S5** The expression pattern of mesenchymal markers and flow cytometry sorting before RNA-seq.

**A, B** The expression pattern of classic mesenchymal markers: *Cd200* and *Pdgfr*. **C** Flow cytometry sorting showing the Cd200<sup>+</sup> and CD45<sup>-</sup>Ter119<sup>-</sup>CD3<sup>-</sup> cells were selected.

**Figure S6** Biotoxicity analysis of colivelin via histopathological examinations Representative H&E staining images of the heart, liver, spleen, lung and kidney from  $Osx^{Cre}$  (Ctrl) and  $Osx^{Cre}$ ;  $Igf2^{fl/-}$  (CKO) mice with vehicle or STAT3 agonist colivelin. Scale bar=100 $\mu$ m.

**Supplementary Table 1.** Primers' sequence used for RT-qPCR

Genes		Sequence
Igf2	Forward	5'-GTGCTGCATCGCTGCTTAC-3'
	Reverse	5'-ACGTCCCTCTCGGACTTGG-3'
Runx2	Forward	5'-ATGCTTCATTCGCCTCACAAA-3'
	Reverse	5'-GCACTCACTGACTCGGTTGG-3'
Alp	Forward	5'-CCAACTCTTTTGTGCCAGAGA-3'
	Reverse	5'-GGCTACATTGGTGTTGAGCTTTT-3'
Ocn	Forward	5'-AAATAGCCCTGGCAGATTCC-3'
	Reverse	5'-CAGCCTCCAGCACTGTTTAT-3'
Sp7	Forward	5'-ATGGCGTCCTCTCTGCTTG-3'
	Reverse	5'-TGAAAGGTCAGCGTATGGCTT-3'
Collal	Forward	5'-GCTCCTCTTAGGGGCCACT-3'
	Reverse	5'-CCACGTCTCACCATTGGGG-3'
Stat3	Forward	5'-CAATACCATTGACCTGCCGAT-3'
	Reverse	5'-GAGCGACTCAAACTGCCCT-3'
GAPDH	Forward	5'-AGGTCGGTGTGAACGGATTTG-3'
	Reverse	5'-TGTAGACCATGTAGTTGAGGTCA-3'

Figure S1

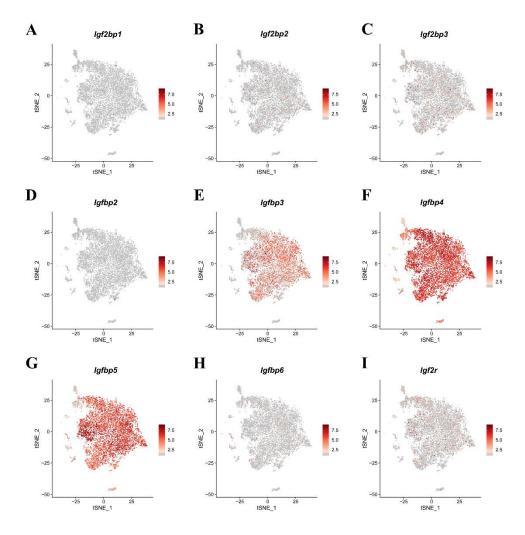


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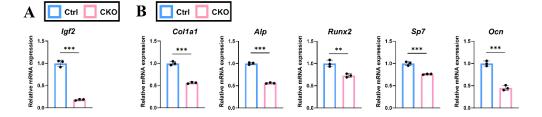
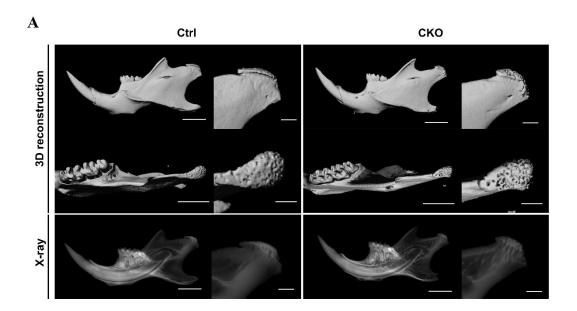


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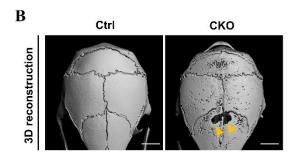


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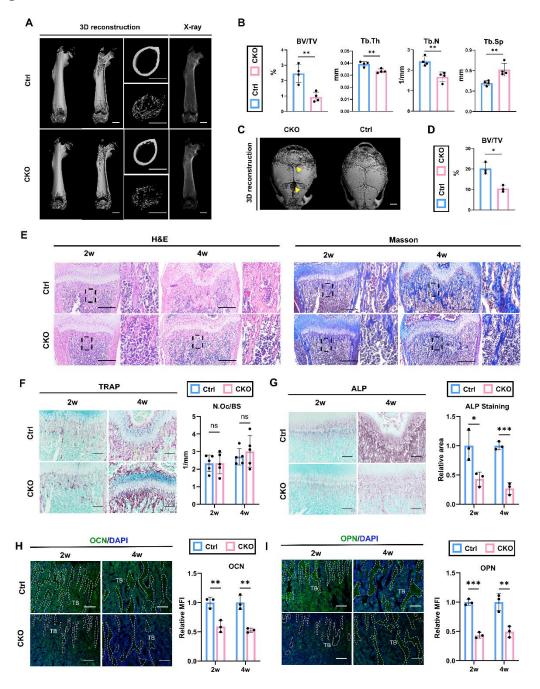


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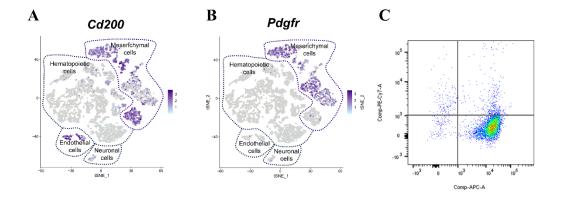


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