

## Supplementary materials

**Table S1.** The grain size, and mechanical properties of pure Zn and Zn-Li-Sr alloy, n=3. Data are presented as mean  $\pm$  standard deviation.

Materials	Grain size ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	UTS (MPa)	YS (MPa)	Ductility (%)	Vickers hardness (HV)
Pure Zn	14.38 $\pm$ 5.81	68.05 $\pm$ 5.58	48.38 $\pm$ 6.77	43.9 $\pm$ 1.49	31.90 $\pm$ 0.50
Zn-Li-Sr	8.66 $\pm$ 4.20	452.15 $\pm$ 8.25	387.26 $\pm$ 5.55	18.23 $\pm$ 2.11	131.50 $\pm$ 6.30

**Table S2.** The mechanical properties, and weight loss (g) after 30 days of immersion of pure Zn and Zn-Li-Sr alloy, n=3. Data are presented as mean  $\pm$  standard deviation.

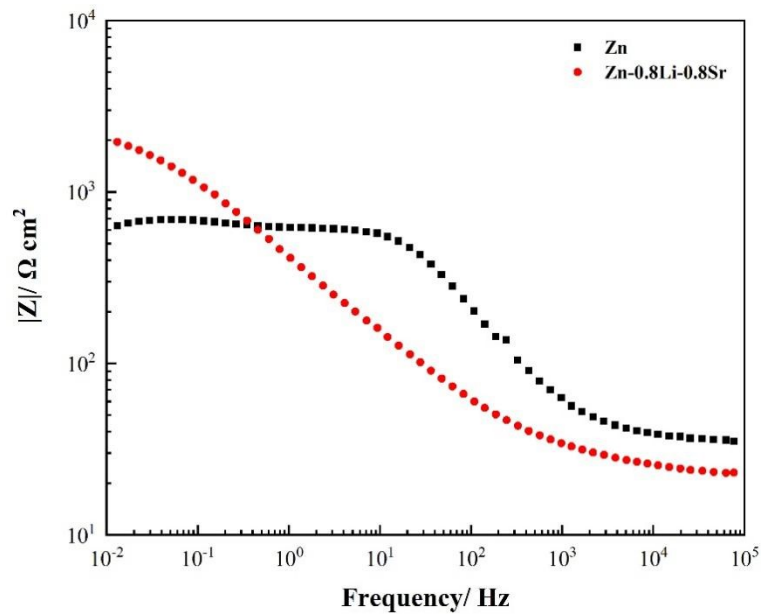
Materials	UTS (MPa)	YS (MPa)	Ductility (%)	Weight loss (%)
Pure Zn	68.05 $\pm$ 5.58	48.38 $\pm$ 6.77	43.9 $\pm$ 1.49	0.8 $\pm$ 0.08%
Zn-Li-Sr	452.15 $\pm$ 8.25	387.26 $\pm$ 5.55	18.23 $\pm$ 2.11	0.5 $\pm$ 0.04%

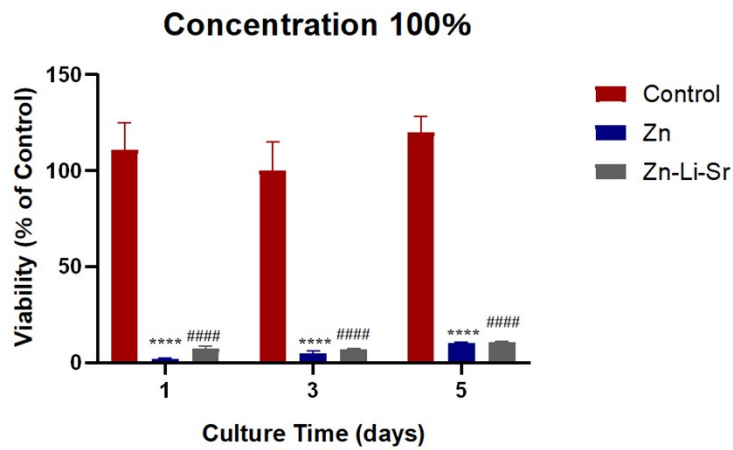
**Table S3.** Comparison of the properties of Zn-0.8Li, Zn-0.8Sr and Zn-0.8Li-0.8Sr alloys.

Performance	Zn-0.8Li <sup>1</sup>	Zn-0.8Sr <sup>2</sup>	Zn-0.8Li-0.8Sr
Mechanical properties	UTS: — Microhardness: 200-240 HV	UTS: 150-200 MPa Microhardness: 45-50 HV	UTS : 452.15 $\pm$ 8.25 MPa Microhardness: 131.50 $\pm$ 6.30 HV
Corrosion pattern	Small and uniform corrosion pits	Large corrosion pits	Small corrosion pits
Biocompatibility	In vitro: promote the proliferation of MC3T3-E1 cells. In vivo: —	In vitro: promote the proliferation and osteogenic differentiation of MC3T3-E1 cells. In vivo: promoting the repair of femoral defects in rats.	In vitro: promote the proliferation and osteogenic differentiation of MC3T3-E1 cells. In vivo: promoting the repair of femoral defects in diabetic

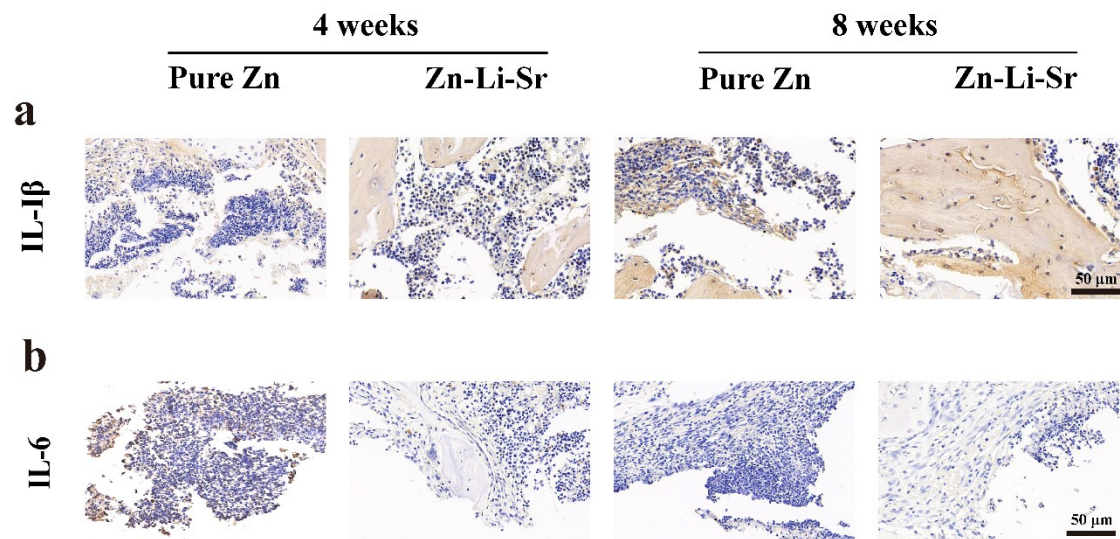
**Table S4.** Primer sequence of MC3T3-E1 cells.

Target gene	Direction	Primer sequence (5'-3')
ALP	Forward	GGAGATGGTATGGGCGTCTC
	Reverse	GGACCTGAGCGTTGGTGTTA
Col I	Forward	TTCTCCTGGCAAAGACGGAC
	Reverse	CTCAAGGTCACGGTCACGAA
OCN	Forward	CTGACCTCACAGATCCCAAGC
	Reverse	TGGTCTGATAGCTCGTCACAAG
RUNX-2	Forward	TCGGAGAGGTACCAGATGGG
	Reverse	AGGTGAAACTCTTGCCTCGT

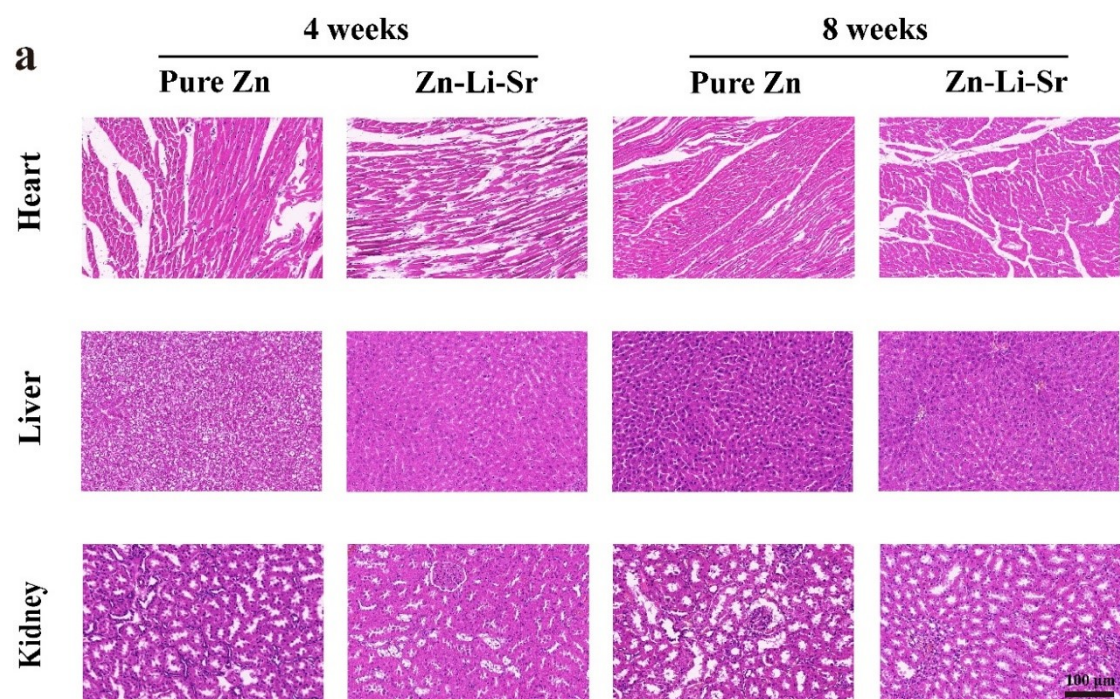
**Fig S1.** Bode plots of pure Zn and Zn-Li-Sr alloy (n = 3).



**Fig S2.** CCK8 results of 100%. Compared to the control group, statistical significance was set at: \*\*\*\* $P < 0.0001$ , #### $P < 0.0001$ . Data are presented as mean  $\pm$  SD (n = 3).



**Fig S3.** Immunohistochemical staining for inflammation. (a) Immunohistochemical staining of IL-1 $\beta$ . (b) Immunohistochemical staining of IL-6 (n = 3).



**Fig S4.** In vivo biosafety testing. (a) HE staining of heart, liver, and kidney (n = 3).

## Reference

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