

Figure S1

Dmp1-Cre;Ai9



Tomato-positive osteocytes: 96.3%

Sost-Cre;Ai9



Tomato-positive osteocytes: 80.8%





Tnfrsf11b





Bglap







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Supplementary Figure Legends

Figure S1. Reproducibility of denosumab effects on bone remodeling. Nine-week-old male hRANKL mice were injected with vehicle or denosumab (5 mg/kg) once every 2 weeks for a total of 3 doses. Bones were harvested 1 week after the last dose. (**A**) Serum TRAP5b and P1NP measured 5 weeks after the first injection. n = 5 per group. (**B**) Vertebral histomorphometry. Top images are of vertebral sections stained for TRAPase and toluidene blue. Bottom images are of unstained vertebral sections viewed by epifluoresent microscopy. Oc.S/BS, osteoclast surface per bone surface; Ob.S/BS, osteoblast surface per bone surface; BFR/BS, bone formation rate per bone surface. Vehicle n = 5, denosumab n = 4. (**C**) Gene expression of the indicated genes using Taqman assays of RNA from cortical bone. Vehicle n = 5, denosumab n = 4. Bar and whiskers are the mean ± s.d. and *P* values are from 2-tailed unpaired *t* tests.

Figure S2. Sost-Cre does not target new osteocytes. Images of femoral bone sections viewed by epi-fluorescent microscopy from 4-month-old Dmp1-Cre;Ai9 mice and Sost-Cre;Ai9 mice. Numbers below the images indicate the percentage of osteocytes expressing the tdTomato reporter gene. A total of 793 osteocytes were counted for Dmp1-Cre and 625 for Sost-Cre. Graphs below the images show the distance of tomato-positive and tomato-negative osteocytes from the nearest femoral cortical surface. Bar and whiskers are the mean \pm s.d. and the *P* value is from a Mann-Whitney test. Osteocytes for each transgene were measured in 2 mice.

Figure S3. Osteoblasts express *Tnfrsf11b.* In situ hybridization of vertebral bone from 5month-old male mice using the indicated probes. The top panels show that some periosteal cells express *Tnfrsf11b* and that cells in the same region in serial sections also express *Bglap*, demonstrating that they are osteoblasts. **Figure S4. UMAP of genes expressed by osteomorphs in murine myeloid cells.** The top panel shows the combined UMAP of cells from vehicle and denosumab-treated mice (6230 cells in total). UMAPs showing the expression patterns of osteomorph-related genes are shown below. Cd11b is encoded by *Itgam*.