

Supplemental *S1*: Generation and characterization of osteoclast-specific Pls3 KO Fig. (Pls3<sup>fl/fl</sup>;LysMCre<sup>tg/0</sup>) mice. (A) Genotyping of male and female osteoclast-specific Pls3 KO mice and Pls3-floxed mice confirmed the successful removal of the FRT sites resulting in floxed Pls3 alleles (cassette) (upper parts), and the presence of LysMCre (lower part). A WT sample was used as positive control. (B) Exemplary images of the lateral view of mouse whole body radiographs of 12-week-old female WT, *Pls3*<sup>fl/fl</sup>, and *Pls3*<sup>fl/fl</sup>;LysMCre<sup>tg/0</sup> mice used for the calculation of the kyphosis index. For the kyphosis index measurements and calculations, female and male osteoclast-specific Pls3 KO mice and Pls3-floxed mice were used. (C) PLS3 levels in osteoclasts derived from bone marrow of 12-week-old *Pls3*<sup>fl/fl</sup> and (D) *Pls3*<sup>fl/fl</sup>:LysMCre<sup>tg/0</sup> mouse (lane 1) and from osteoclasts derived from spleen of 4-weekold WT and ubiquitous Pls3 KO mouse (lane 2 and 3). Exposure 55kV/30seconds. N = 6-10. All results are shown as mean  $\pm$  SD. \*P < 0.05, \*\*P < 0.01, \*\*\*P < 0.001, ns = not significant. Statistical test: unpaired two-tailed Student's t-test.



Supplemental Fig. S2: Determination of the specificity of different PLS3 antibodies on cultivated murine embryonic fibroblasts (MEFs) and osteoclasts from WT and *Pls3* KO mice. (A-C) Immunofluorescence staining of cultivated WT control and *Pls3* KO MEFs using (A) PLS3 antibody from Eurogentec (1238), (B) PLS3 antibody from Human Protein Atlas (HPA020433), and (C) PLS3 antibody developed in this manuscript (3772). PLS3 is shown in green, F-actin in white, and nuclei are stained in blue. (D-F) Western blot analysis of PLS3 using proteins from WT control and *Pls3* KO primary differentiated osteoclasts with (A) PLS3 antibody from Eurogentec (1238), (B) PLS3 antibody from Human Protein Atlas (HPA020433), and (C) PLS3 antibody from Eurogentec (1238), (B) PLS3 antibody from Human Protein Atlas (HPA020433), and (C) PLS3 antibody from Eurogentec (1238), (B) PLS3 antibody from Human Protein Atlas (HPA020433), and (C) PLS3 antibody developed in this manuscript (3772). Scale bar: 20  $\mu$ m. (D-F) N=3-5.



Supplemental Fig. S3: MicroCT data of the femora from 48-week-old female  $Pls3^{fl/fl}$ ;LysMCre<sup>tg/0</sup> mice and their  $Pls3^{fl/fl}$  littermates. Shown are bone volume fraction (BV/TV, %), trabecular thickness (Tb.Th, mm), trabecular number (Tb.N, 1/mm), trabecular separation (Tb.Sp, mm), cortical area (Ct.Ar, mm<sup>2</sup>), ratio of Ct.Area to tissue area (Ct.Ar/Tt.Ar, %) ratio and cortical thickness (Ct.Th, mm). N = 2-5 of 48week-old female  $Pls3^{fl/fl}$ ;LysMCre<sup>tg/0</sup> mice; N = 3-8 of 48-week-old female  $Pls3^{fl/fl}$  mice. All results are shown as box plots, representing individual data points with median as a line, interquartile range (25th to 75th percentile), and min to max as whiskers. \*P < 0.05, \*\*P < 0.01, \*\*\*P < 0.001, ns = not significant. Statistical test: Mann-Whitney U test.



Supplemental Fig. S4: MicroCT data of femora from male  $Pls3^{fl}$ ;LysMCre<sup>tg/0</sup> mice and their  $Pls3^{fl}$ littermates. Shown are bone volume fraction (BV/TV, %), bone mineral density (BMD, mmHA/cm<sup>3</sup>), trabecular number (Tb.N, 1/mm), trabecular separation (Tb.Sp, mm), trabecular thickness (Tb.Th, mm), and connectivity density (Conn.D, 1/mm<sup>3</sup>), vertebral foramen A/P (mm), vertebral foramen M/L (mm), cross sectional area of the vertebral foramen (mm<sup>2</sup>) and vertebral body height (mm) for (A) 12-, (B) 24-, and (C) 48-week-old mice. N = 12 of 12-week-old male  $Pls3^{fl}$ ;LysMCre<sup>tg/0</sup> mice; N = 11 of 12-week-old male  $Pls3^{fl}$  mice; N = 13 of 24-week-old male  $Pls3^{fl}$ ;LysMCre<sup>tg/0</sup> mice; N = 9-11 of 24-week-old male  $Pls3^{fl}$  mice; N = 9 of 48-week-old male  $Pls3^{fl}$ ;LysMCre<sup>tg/0</sup> mice; N = 9 of 48-week-old male  $Pls3^{fl}$  mice; N = 9 of 48-week-old male  $Pls3^{fl}$  mice; N = 9 of 48-week-old male  $Pls3^{fl}$ ;LysMCre<sup>tg/0</sup> mice; N = 9 of 48-week-old male  $Pls3^{fl}$  mice; N = 9 of 48-week-old male  $Pls3^{fl}$ ;LysMCre<sup>tg/0</sup> mice; N = 9 of 48-week-old male  $Pls3^{fl}$  mice; N = 10 of 12-week-old male  $Pls3^{fl}$ ;LysMCre<sup>tg/0</sup> mice; N = 9 of 48-week-old male  $Pls3^{fl}$  mice; N = 10 of 12-week-old male  $Pls3^{fl}$ ;LysMCre<sup>tg/0</sup> mice; N = 9 of 48-week-old male  $Pls3^{fl}$  mice; N = 9 of 48-week-old male  $Pls3^{fl}$ ;LysMCre<sup>tg/0</sup> mice; N = 9 of 48-week-old male  $Pls3^{fl}$  mice; N = 9 of 48-week-old ma



Supplemental Fig. S5: MicroCT data of spine L4 from female  $Pls3^{fl/fl}$ ;LysMCre<sup>tg/0</sup> mice in comparison to their  $Pls3^{fl/fl}$  littermates. Shown are bone volume fraction (BV/TV, %), bone mineral density (BMD, mmHA/cm<sup>3</sup>), trabecular number (Tb.N, 1/mm), trabecular separation (Tb.Sp, mm), trabecular thickness (Tb.Th, mm), and connectivity density (Conn.D, 1/mm<sup>3</sup>), vertebral foramen A/P (mm), vertebral foramen M/L (mm), cross sectional area of the vertebral foramen (mm<sup>2</sup>) and vertebral body height (mm) for (A) 12-, (B) for 24-, and (C) 48-week-old female mice. N = 8 of 12-week-old female  $Pls3^{fl/fl}$ ;LysMCre<sup>tg/0</sup> mice; N = 12 of 12-week-old female  $Pls3^{fl/fl}$  mice; N = 11 of 24-week-old female  $Pls3^{fl/fl}$ ;LysMCre<sup>tg/0</sup> mice; N = 5 of 48-week-old female  $Pls3^{fl/fl}$  mice. All results are shown as box plots, representing individual data points with median as a line, interquartile range (25th to 75th percentile), and min to max as whiskers. \*P < 0.05, \*\*P < 0.01, \*\*\*P < 0.001, ns = not significant. Statistical test: Mann-Whitney U test.



Supplemental Fig. S6: MicroCT data of spine L4 from male  $Pls3^{fl}$ ;LysMCre<sup>tg/0</sup> mice in comparison to their  $Pls3^{fl}$  littermates. Shown are bone volume fraction (BV/TV, %), bone mineral density (BMD, mmHA/cm<sup>3</sup>), trabecular number (Tb.N, 1/mm), trabecular separation (Tb.Sp, mm), trabecular thickness (Tb.Th, mm), and connectivity density (Conn.D, 1/mm<sup>3</sup>), vertebral foramen A/P (mm), vertebral foramen M/L (mm), cross sectional area of the vertebral foramen (mm<sup>2</sup>) and vertebral body height (mm) for (A) 12-, (B) for 24-, and (C) 48-week-old male mice. N = 12 of 12-week-old male  $Pls3^{fl}$ ;LysMCre<sup>tg/0</sup> mice; N = 11 of 12-week-old male  $Pls3^{fl}$  mice; N = 13 of 24-week-old male  $Pls3^{fl}$ ;LysMCre<sup>tg/0</sup> mice; N = 11 of 24-week-old male  $Pls3^{fl}$  mice; N = 5 of 48-week-old male  $Pls3^{fl}$ ;LysMCre<sup>tg/0</sup> mice; N = 4 of 48-week-old male  $Pls3^{fl}$  mice. All results are shown as box plots, representing individual data points with median as a line, interquartile range (25th to 75th percentile), and min to max as whiskers. \*P < 0.05, \*\*P < 0.01, \*\*\*P < 0.001, ns = not significant. Statistical test: Mann-Whitney U test.



Supplemental Fig. S7: MicroCT data of spine L5 from female  $Pls3^{fl/fl}$ ;LysMCre<sup>tg/0</sup> mice in comparison to their  $Pls3^{fl/fl}$  littermates. Shown are bone volume fraction (BV/TV, %), bone mineral density (BMD, mmHA/cm<sup>3</sup>), trabecular number (Tb.N, 1/mm), trabecular separation (Tb.Sp, mm), trabecular thickness (Tb.Th, mm), and connectivity density (Conn.D, 1/mm<sup>3</sup>), vertebral foramen A/P (mm), vertebral foramen M/L (mm), cross sectional area of the vertebral foramen (mm<sup>2</sup>) and vertebral body height (mm) for (A) 12-, (B) for 24-, and (C) 48-week-old female mice. N = 8 of 12-week-old female  $Pls3^{fl/fl}$ ;LysMCre<sup>tg/0</sup> mice; N = 12 of 12-week-old female  $Pls3^{fl/fl}$  mice; N = 11 of 24-week-old female  $Pls3^{fl/fl}$ ;LysMCre<sup>tg/0</sup> mice; N = 5 of 48-week-old female  $Pls3^{fl/fl}$  mice. All results are shown as box plots, representing individual data points with median as a line, interquartile range (25th to 75th percentile), and min to max as whiskers. \*P < 0.05, \*\*P < 0.01, \*\*\*P < 0.001, ns = not significant. Statistical test: Mann-Whitney U test.



Supplemental Fig. S8: MicroCT data of spine L5 from male  $Pls3^{fl}$ ;LysMCre<sup>tg/0</sup> mice in comparison to their  $Pls3^{fl}$  littermates. Shown are bone volume fraction (BV/TV, %), bone mineral density (BMD, mmHA/cm<sup>3</sup>), trabecular number (Tb.N, 1/mm), trabecular separation (Tb.Sp, mm), trabecular thickness (Tb.Th, mm), and connectivity density (Conn.D, 1/mm<sup>3</sup>), vertebral foramen A/P (mm), vertebral foramen M/L (mm), cross sectional area of the vertebral foramen (mm<sup>2</sup>) and vertebral body height (mm) for (A) 12-, (B) for 24-, and (C) 48-week-old male mice. N = 12 of 12-week-old male  $Pls3^{fl}$ ;LysMCre<sup>tg/0</sup> mice; N = 11 of 12-week-old male  $Pls3^{fl}$  mice; N = 13 of 24-week-old male  $Pls3^{fl}$ ;LysMCre<sup>tg/0</sup> mice; N = 11 of 24-week-old male  $Pls3^{fl}$  mice; N = 5 of 48-week-old male  $Pls3^{fl}$ ;LysMCre<sup>tg/0</sup> mice; N = 4 of 48-week-old male  $Pls3^{fl}$  mice; N = 0.05, \*\*P < 0.01, \*\*\*P < 0.001, ns = not significant. Statistical test: Mann-Whitney U test.



Supplemental Fig. S9: MicroCT data of spine T12 from female  $Pls3^{fl/fl}$ ;LysMCre<sup>tg/0</sup> mice in comparison to their  $Pls3^{fl/fl}$  littermates. Shown are bone volume fraction (BV/TV, %), bone mineral density (BMD, mmHA/cm<sup>3</sup>), trabecular number (Tb.N, 1/mm), trabecular separation (Tb.Sp, mm), trabecular thickness (Tb.Th, mm), and connectivity density (Conn.D, 1/mm<sup>3</sup>), vertebral foramen A/P (mm), vertebral foramen M/L (mm), cross sectional area of the vertebral foramen (mm<sup>2</sup>) and vertebral body height (mm) for (A) 12-, (B) for 24-, and (C) 48-week-old female mice. N = 8 of 12-week-old female  $Pls3^{fl/fl}$ ;LysMCre<sup>tg/0</sup> mice; N = 12 of 12-week-old female  $Pls3^{fl/fl}$  mice; N = 11 of 24-week-old female  $Pls3^{fl/fl}$ ;LysMCre<sup>tg/0</sup> mice; N = 5 of 48-week-old female  $Pls3^{fl/fl}$  mice. All results are shown as box plots, representing individual data points with median as a line, interquartile range (25th to 75th percentile), and min to max as whiskers. \*P < 0.05, \*\*P < 0.01, \*\*\*P < 0.001, ns = not significant. Statistical test: Mann-Whitney U test.



Supplemental Fig. S10: MicroCT data of spine T12 from male  $Pls3^{fl}$ ;LysMCre<sup>tg/0</sup> mice in comparison to their  $Pls3^{fl}$  littermates. Shown are bone volume fraction (BV/TV, %), bone mineral density (BMD, mmHA/cm<sup>3</sup>), trabecular number (Tb.N, 1/mm), trabecular separation (Tb.Sp, mm), trabecular thickness (Tb.Th, mm), and connectivity density (Conn.D, 1/mm<sup>3</sup>), vertebral foramen A/P (mm), vertebral foramen M/L (mm), cross sectional area of the vertebral foramen (mm<sup>2</sup>) and vertebral body height (mm) for (A) 12-, (B) for 24-, and (C) 48-week-old male mice. N = 12 of 12-week-old male  $Pls3^{fl}$ ;LysMCre<sup>tg/0</sup> mice; N = 11 of 12-week-old male  $Pls3^{fl}$  mice; N = 13 of 24-week-old male  $Pls3^{fl}$ ;LysMCre<sup>tg/0</sup> mice; N = 11 of 24-week-old male  $Pls3^{fl}$  mice; N = 5 of 48-week-old male  $Pls3^{fl}$ ;LysMCre<sup>tg/0</sup> mice; N = 4 of 48-week-old male  $Pls3^{fl}$  mice and (C) 57 th percentile), and min to max as whiskers. \*P < 0.05, \*\*P < 0.01, \*\*\*P < 0.001, ns = not significant. Statistical test: Mann-Whitney U test.



Supplemental Fig. S11: MicroCT data of the spine T13 from female  $Pls3^{fl/fl}$ ;LysMCre<sup>tg/0</sup> mice in comparison to their  $Pls3^{fl/fl}$  littermates. Shown are bone volume fraction (BV/TV, %), bone mineral density (BMD, mmHA/cm<sup>3</sup>), trabecular number (Tb.N, 1/mm), trabecular separation (Tb.Sp, mm), trabecular thickness (Tb.Th, mm), and connectivity density (Conn.D, 1/mm<sup>3</sup>), vertebral foramen A/P (mm), vertebral foramen M/L (mm), cross sectional area of the vertebral foramen (mm<sup>2</sup>) and vertebral body height (mm) for (A) 12-, (B) for 24-, and (C) 48-week-old female mice. N = 8 of 12-week-old female  $Pls3^{fl/fl}$ ;LysMCre<sup>tg/0</sup> mice; N = 12 of 12-week-old female  $Pls3^{fl/fl}$  mice; N = 11 of 24-week-old female  $Pls3^{fl/fl}$ ;LysMCre<sup>tg/0</sup> mice; N = 5 of 48-week-old female  $Pls3^{fl/fl}$  mice. All results are shown as box plots, representing individual data points with median as a line, interquartile range (25th to 75th percentile), and min to max as whiskers. \*P < 0.05, \*\*P < 0.01, \*\*\*P < 0.001, ns = not significant. Statistical test: Mann-Whitney U test.



Supplemental Fig. S12: MicroCT data of the spine T13 from male  $Pls3^{fl}$ ;LysMCre<sup>tg/0</sup> mice in comparison to their  $Pls3^{fl}$  littermates. Shown are bone volume fraction (BV/TV, %), bone mineral density (BMD, mmHA/cm<sup>3</sup>), trabecular number (Tb.N, 1/mm), trabecular separation (Tb.Sp, mm), trabecular thickness (Tb.Th, mm), and connectivity density (Conn.D, 1/mm<sup>3</sup>), vertebral foramen A/P (mm), vertebral foramen M/L (mm), cross sectional area of the vertebral foramen (mm<sup>2</sup>) and vertebral body height (mm) for (A) 12-, (B) for 24-, and (C) 48-week-old male mice. N = 12 of 12-week-old male  $Pls3^{fl}$ ;LysMCre<sup>tg/0</sup> mice; N = 11 of 12-week-old male  $Pls3^{fl}$  mice; N = 13 of 24-week-old male  $Pls3^{fl}$ ;LysMCre<sup>tg/0</sup> mice; N = 11 of 24-week-old male  $Pls3^{fl}$  mice; N = 5 of 48-week-old male  $Pls3^{fl}$ ;LysMCre<sup>tg/0</sup> mice; N = 4 of 48-week-old male  $Pls3^{fl}$  mice. All results are shown as box plots, representing individual data points with median as a line, interquartile range (25th to 75th percentile), and min to max as whiskers. \*P < 0.05, \*\*P < 0.01, \*\*\*P < 0.001, ns = not significant. Statistical test: Mann-Whitney U test.

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3-point-bending-test Supplemental Fig. *S13:* (3-PBT) of 48-week-old female and male *Pls3*<sup>fl/fl</sup>;LysMCre<sup>tg/0</sup> mice in comparison to their *Pls3*<sup>fl/fl</sup> littermates. Shown are breaking force, ultimate stress, stiffness, deformation, and Elastic-modulus (E-modulus). N = 5 of 48-week-old female  $Pls3^{fl/fl}$ ;LysMCre<sup>tg/0</sup> mice; N = 8 of 48-week-old female  $Pls3^{fl/fl}$  mice; N = 8 of 48-week-old male  $Pls3^{fl}$ ;LysMCre<sup>tg/0</sup> mice; N = 11 of 48-week-old male  $Pls3^{fl}$  mice. All results are shown as box plots, representing individual data points with median as a line, interquartile range (25th to 75th percentile), and min to max as whiskers. \*P < 0.05, \*\*P < 0.01, \*\*\*P < 0.001, ns = not significant. Statistical test: Mann-Whitney U test.