Supplemental Data



Supplemental Figure 1

(A) Quantitative RT-PCR analysis of *Itgav* mRNA in osteoblast (OB)- and osteocyte (Cy)-rich fractions isolated from the tibia and femur of Δ OB/+ and Δ OB/ Δ OB mice at 3-mo of age. Data are means \pm SD for four mice of each group. **p<0.01 (B) Reduced *Itgav* expression in isolated osteoblasts. GFP-positive osteoblastic cells were isolated by FACS from the calvaria of osterix-Cre mice, which express GFP-Cre fusion protein (left panel), and the expression of *Itgav* mRNA was quantified in Δ OB/+ and Δ OB/ Δ OB mice (right panel). *p<0.05 (n=3 each group). Scale bars, 200µm.



Supplemental Figure 2. Proposed mechanotransduction pathway in osteoblasts lineage cells, and possibly osteocytes. Based on our osteoblastic cell model, we propose that integrin αv constitutes a mechanosensing machinery in osteoblasts lineage cells, and possibly osteocytes, and transduces a physical force along a signaling pathway involving phosphorylation of p130Cas, JNK and nuclear translocation of YAP/TAZ and transcriptional activation.

Gene	Forward primer (5'-3')
	Reverse primer (5'-3')
Gapdh	AGCTTGTCATCAACGGGAAG
	TTTGATGTTAGTGGGGTCTCG
ltgav	GGACTGAGATGAAGCAGGAGAGA
	GGTCTTTGTGCCGTCCTGAA
Egr1	TCTTGGTGCCTTTTGTGTGAC
	CTCTTCCTCGTTTTTGCTCTC
Fos	GTCCGGTTCCTTCTATGCAG
	TAAGTAGTGCAGCCCGGAGT
Ankrd1	AGTAGAGGAGCTGGTAACAGG
	TTGGCCGGAAGTGTCTTCAGGT
Ctgf	AGGAGTGGGTGTGTGACGA
	CCAGGCAGTTGGCTCGCATC
Yap1	CAGGAATTATTTCGGCAGGA
	CATCCTGCTCCAGTGTAGGC
Sost	CTTCAGGAATGATGCCACAGAGGT
	ATCTTTGGCGTCATAGGGATGGTG

Supplemental table 1. Oligonucleotide primers for qPCR