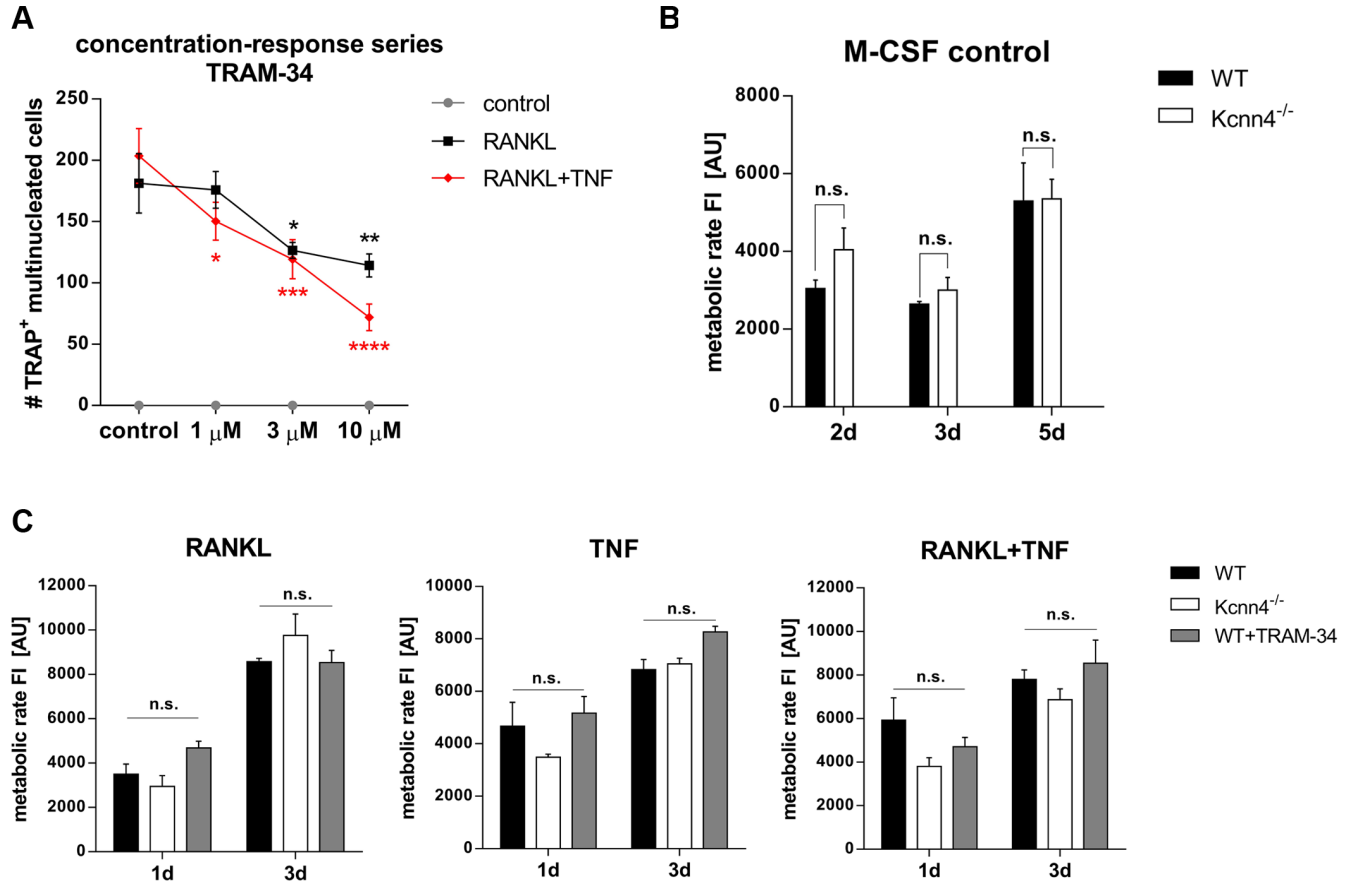
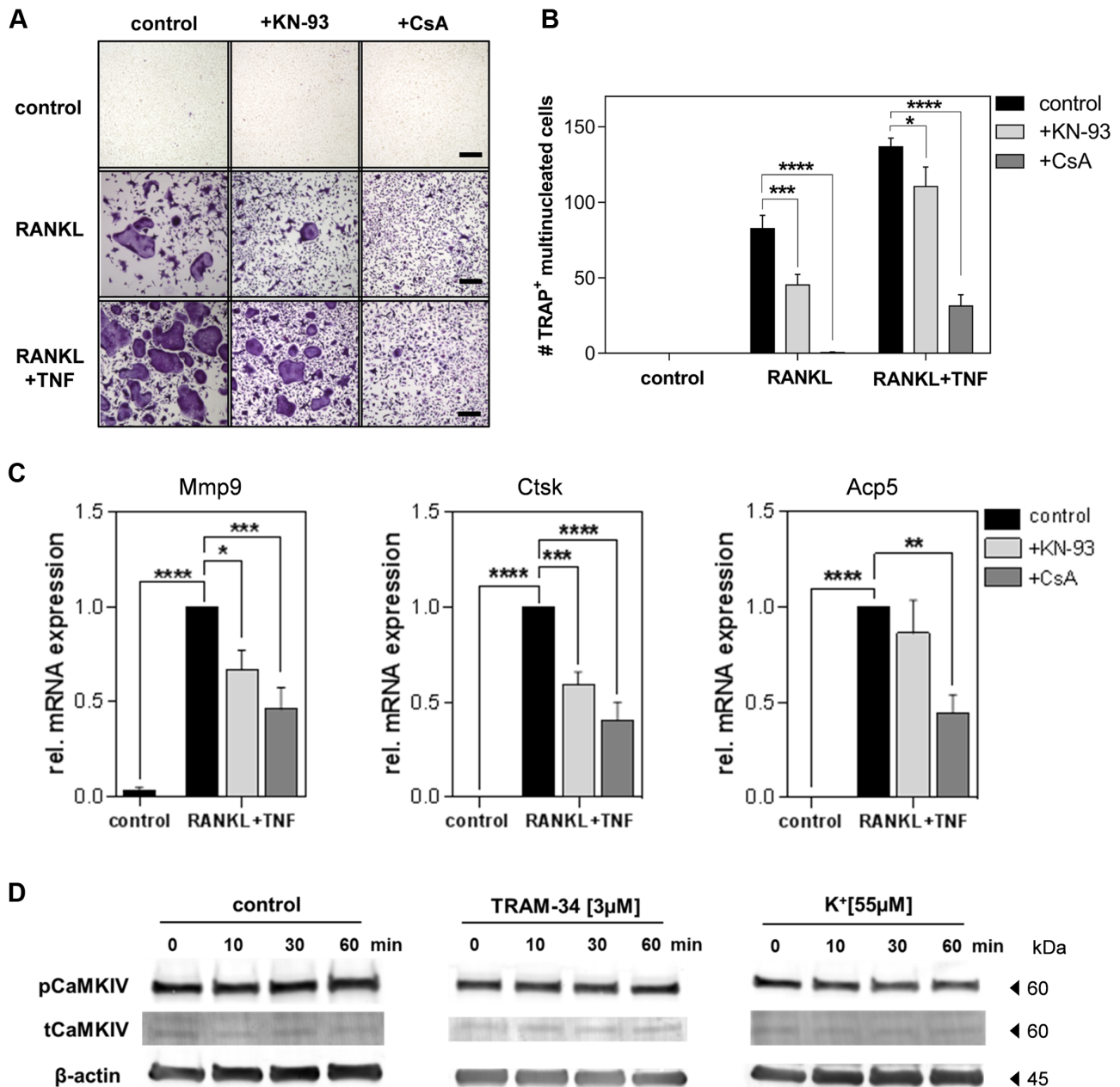


Supplemental figure 1: *Kcnn4* is up-regulated during osteoclastogenesis. A) Hierarchical cluster analysis of RNA microarray data obtained from mouse BMMs before (control) and after treatment with RANKL (RANKL) displaying the differential gene expression patterns of a selected panel of K⁺ channels. B) Osteoclast formation was confirmed by cytochemical staining of TRAP (purple) in multinucleated giant cells (scale bar = 100 μM) and C) expression of osteoclast-specific genes (OC genes) *Ctsk* and *Mmp9* in arbitrary units (AU). D) Expression of K⁺ channels obtained from microarray raw data in arbitrary units (AU). E) qPCR analysis comparing *KCa3.1* (*Kcnn4 a*) and *Kv1.3* (*Kcna3*) mRNA expression in BMMs cultivated in respective conditions for three days; one-way ANOVA followed by post-hoc multiple comparison test was performed ($N=3$); $*=P<0.05$, $**=P<0.01$.



Supplemental figure 2: Concentration-response, cytotoxicity and viability studies for TRAM-34 and *Kcnn4* knockout on macrophages and osteoclasts. A) Concentration-response curves for BMMs treated with indicated amounts of TRAM-34 prior to stimulation with RANKL or RANKL+TNF for three days; graph indicates formation of multinucleated cells (>3 nuclei); B) Cell viability/proliferation assays obtained from Alamar blue staining of BMMs isolated from WT and *Kcnn4*^{-/-} mice, two, three and five days in culture medium; C) Alamar blue assays of WT control-treated, *Kcnn4*^{-/-}, and BMMs pretreated with 10 μ M TRAM-34 in the culture medium; shown are time points one day and three days after RANKL, TNF or RANKL+TNF stimulation ($N=3$), two-way ANOVA ($P<0.0001$ for both factors) with multiple comparison test was performed, $*=P<0.05$, $**=P<0.01$, $***=P<0.001$, $****=P<0.0001$.



Supplemental figure 3: Inhibition of CaMKIV or CaN drastically decreases osteoclast formation and transcription of osteoclast-specific genes in the presence of TNF. A) Representative images of cytochemical TRAP staining of murine WT control BMMs (control), BMMs treated with 1 μ M KN-93 (+KN-93) (to inhibit CaMKIV), or 100 nM cyclosporine A (+CsA) (to inhibit CaN) cultured in indicated conditions ($N=3$, scale bar = 100 μ M). B) Numbers of multinucleated TRAP⁺ cells (purple) (>3 nuclei) obtained from A) ($N=3$); C) qPCR analysis showing normalized mRNA expression of osteoclast-specific genes ($N=4$); shown are

means \pm SEM, one-way ANOVA followed by multiple comparison test was performed, $*=P<0.05$, $**=P<0.01$, $***=P<0.001$, $****=P<0.0001$. D) Western blot studies of BMMs stimulated with 100 ng/mL RANKL for indicated times showing phosphorylated (pCaMKIV) and total CaMKIV (tCaMKIV) versus β -actin; left: control stimulated, middle: pre-treated with 3 μ M TRAM-34, right: in culture medium with increased K^+ concentration; blots are representative for two independent experiments.