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#### **1** Supplementary Information

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rAAV9.EGFP



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rAAV9.*Cr*e



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Muscle



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Bone









Von Kossa

#### 22 Supplementary Figure legends

# Supplementary Figure 1: Tissue distribution of systemically delivered rAAV9.*EGFP* in mice.

32	Supplementary Figure 2: Identification of a subset of bone marrow cells transduced by	
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30	represents relative fluorescence (p/sec/cm <sup>2</sup> /sr/µW/cm <sup>2</sup> ).	
29	tissues was quantified by IVIS-100 optical imaging two weeks post-injection. Scale bar	
28	intravenously (i.v.) injected into two-month-old male mice, and EGFP expression in individual	
27	(ITR). <b>(B)</b> A single dose of PBS or 8 x 10 <sup>11</sup> genome copies (GCs) of rAAV. <i>EGFP</i> was	
26	an EGFP reporter gene (EGFP), $\beta$ -globin polyA sequence (PA), and inverted terminal repeats	
25	(A) Diagram of the rAAV9 construct containing a CMV enhancer/chicken $\beta$ -actin promoter (CB),	

#### 33 systemically delivered rAAV9.

A single dose of PBS or 8 x 10<sup>11</sup> genome copies (GCs) of rAAV.*EGFP* was intravenously (i.v.)
injected into two-month-old male mice, and EGFP expression was assessed in cryo-sectioned
femurs by fluorescence microscopy two weeks post-injection. Arrows indicate megakaryocytes
with auto-fluorescence (A). Cell-type specific evaluation of EGFP expression by isolation of
bone marrow cells and staining with the indicated antibodies for quantification by flow cytometry
(B, C). Representative flow cytometry dot plots show the gating strategy of osteoclast
progenitors (OCP; CD3ɛ<sup>-</sup>, B220<sup>-</sup>, TER119<sup>-</sup>, CD11b<sup>-/lo</sup>, Ly6c<sup>+</sup>) described in Figure 1C (C).

42 Supplementary Figure 3: Characterization of mice lacking Rank in cathepsin K-

43 expressing osteoclasts

44 Mice with conditional alleles of *Rank* were crossed with transgenic mice with the cathepsin K 45 promoter-driven expression of Cre recombinase. Representative image showing one-month-old 46 female  $Rank^{fl/fl}$  (wildtype),  $Rank^{fl/+}$ ; *Ctsk* (heterozygote), and  $Rank^{fl/fl}$ ; *Ctsk* (knockout) mice (**A**). 47 MicroCT analysis of one-month-old  $Rank^{fl/fl}$  and  $Rank^{fl/fl}$ ; *Ctsk* femurs, demonstrating that deletion 48 of *Rank* in osteoclasts results in osteopetrosis in mice (**B**). Diagram of rAAV9 constructs 49 containing the CMV enhancer/chicken  $\beta$ -actin promoter (CB), Cre recombinase (Cre),  $\beta$ -globin 50 polyA sequence (PA), and inverted terminal repeats (ITR) (**C**).

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### 52 Supplementary Figure 4: Effects of rAAV9 carrying *amiR-rank* or *amiR-ctsk* on osteoclast 53 differentiation and resorption activity *in vitro*.

54 (A-D) The amiR cassettes targeting two different positions of *rank* (*amiR-rank-1, -2*) or *ctsk* 

55 (*amiR-ctsk-1, -2*) mRNA were packaged with AAV9 capsids. Targeting sequences are described

56 in **Table S1**. Bone marrow-derived monocytes (BMMs) harvested from two-month-old wildtype

57 mice were treated with M-CSF and RANKL for two days to differentiate them into pre-

58 osteoclasts (pre-OCs). Wildtype pre-OCs were transduced with either rAAV9 carrying amiR-ctrl,

59 *amiR-rank-1, -2,* or *amiR-ctsk-1, -2* (10<sup>11</sup> GC), and then cultured with M-CSF and RANKL for

60 four days to differentiate them into mature osteoclasts. Transduction efficiency and osteoclast

61 differentiation were assessed by EGFP expression and TRAP staining, respectively (A, C).

62 Levels of rank or ctsk mRNA were measured by RT-PCR and normalized to hprt (B, D) (n =

63 4/group). Scale bars: 1 mm. Values represent mean ± SD: N.S, not significant and \*\*\*\*, P <

64 0.0001 by an unpaired two-tailed Student's t-test and one-way ANOVA test.

65 (E) A single dose of PBS or 8 x 10<sup>11</sup> GCs of rAAV9 carrying *amiR-ctrl, amiR-rank-2,* or *amiR-*

66 *ctsk-1* was i.v. injected into two-month-old female mice, and two months later, EGFP expression

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67 in whole body was monitored by IVIS-100 optical imaging. Scale bar represents relative 68 fluorescence (p/sec/cm<sup>2</sup>/sr/ $\mu$ W/cm<sup>2</sup>).

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# Supplementary Figure 5: Effects of rAAV9.*amiR-ctsk* on osteoblast differentiation *in vitro*.

72 Two days after treatment with PBS, rAAV9.amiR-ctrl, or rAAV9.amiR-ctsk, primary calvarial 73 osteoclast (COBs) were cultured under osteogenic conditions for six days and transduction 74 efficiency was assessed by EGFP expression using fluorescence microscopy (A). mRNA levels 75 of ctsk (B) and osteogenic genes (D) were measured by RT-PCR and normalized to hprt, 76 demonstrating that ctsk mRNA levels in COBs are significantly lower than those in mature 77 osteoclasts derived from BMMs (B). Alamar blue staining and alkaline phosphatase activity are displayed (C). After 21 days of culturing, mineralization was assessed by alizarin red staining 78 (E). Scale bars: 1 mm. Values represent mean ± SD: N.S, not significant; \*\*, P < 0.01; and \*\*\*\*, 79 80 P < 0.0001 by an unpaired two-tailed Student's t-test and one-way ANOVA test.

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Supplementary Figure 6: Tissue distribution of systemically-delivered rAAV9.DSS.EGFP
 in mice.

(A-C) A single dose of PBS or 8 x 10<sup>11</sup> GCs of rAAV9, rAAV9.DSS-Nter, or rAAV9.D14-Nter
was i.v. injected into two-month-old male mice. EGFP expression of the whole body was
quantified by IVIS-100 optical imaging two weeks post-injection. Scale bar represents relative
fluorescence (p/sec/cm<sup>2</sup>/sr/µW/cm<sup>2</sup>) (A). Representative fluorescence microscopy images of
cryo-sectioned skeletal muscle at high magnification. Scale bars: 50 µm (B). Genome copies of

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- PBS, rAAV9.*EGFP*, and rAAV9.DSS-Nter.*EGFP* in the liver and tibia were measured by ddPCR
  (C).
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#### 92 Supplementary Figure 7: Effects of rAAV9.DSS-amiR-ctsk on osteoclast differentiation

- 93 and resorption activity *in vitro*.
- 94 Two days after treatment with M-CSF and RANKL, wildtype pre-OCs were transduced with
- 95 either rAAV9.amiR-ctsk or rAAV9.DSS-amiR-ctsk at three different multiplicities of infection (10<sup>9</sup>,
- 96 10<sup>10</sup>, 10<sup>11</sup> GC), and cultured in the presence of M-CSF and RANKL for four days. EGFP
- 97 expression was assessed by immunoblotting with anti-EGFP antibody (A) and fluorescence
- 98 microscopy (10<sup>11</sup> GC, C). Hsp90 was used as a loading control. *ctsk* mRNA levels were
- 99 measured by RT-PCR and normalized to *hprt* (10<sup>11</sup> GC, **B**). Osteoclast differentiation and
- 100 resorption activity were assessed by TRAP activity and resorption pit assay, respectively (10<sup>11</sup>
- 101 GC, D). Scale bars: 1 mm. Values represent mean ± SD: N.S, non-significant; \*\*\*\*, P < 0.0001
- 102 by an unpaired two-tailed Student's t-test and one-way ANOVA test.
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#### 104 Supplementary Figure 8: Effects of rAAV9.DSS-*amiR-ctsk* on non-skeletal tissues.

105 A single dose of 8 x 10<sup>11</sup> GCs of rAAV9.DSS-amiR-ctsk was i.v. injected into two-month-old

- 106 male mice. Two months later, Von Kossa staining was performed to assess abnormal
- 107 calcification in cryo-sectioned femur, brain, heart, liver, and skeletal muscle. Scale bars: 100
- 108 μm.
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### 110 Supplementary Table 1: Sequences of primers, probes and gblocks

Gene	Forward	Reverse	
Mouse Tnalp	CACAATATCAAGGATATCGACGTGA	ACATCAGTTCTGTTCTTCGGGTACA	
Mouse Runx2	TACAAACCATACCCAGTCCCTGTTT	AGTGCTCTAACCACAGTCCATGCA	
Mouse Sp7	ATGGCGTCCTCTCTGCTTGA	GAAGGGTGGGTAGTCATTTG	
Mouse Sphnk1	TGAGGTGGTGAATGGGCTAATGGA	AACAGCAGTGTGCAGTTGATGAGC	
Mouse Ctsk	AGCAGAACGGAGGCATTGACTC	CCCTCTGCATTTAGCTGCCTTTG	
Mouse Hprt	CTGGTGAAAAGGACCTCTCGAAG	CCAGTTTCACTAATGACACAAACG	
EGFP	AGCAAAGACCCCAACGAGAA	GGCGGCGGTCACGAA	
EGFP-probe	6FAM-CGCGATCACATGGTCCTGCTGG-TAMRA		
(AspSerSer) <sub>6</sub>	GATTCATCAGATTCTTCTGATTCATCCGACTCTTCTGACAGTTCAGACAGCTCT		
(Asp) <sub>14</sub>	GATGATGATGATGATGATGATGATGATGATGATGATGAT		
amiR-33-ctrl ( <i>amiR-ctrl</i> )	tttgtcttttatttcaggtcccAGATCTAGGGCTCTGCGTTTGCTCCAGGTAGTCCGCTGCTCCCTT GGGCCTGGGCCCACTGACAGCCCTGGTGCCTCTGGCCGGCTGCACACCTCCTGGCG GGCAGCTGTGTTACTGTAGGATCGAGAGGGATGTTCTGGCAATACCTGTCCCTCTC TTACTACAGTAACACGGAGGCCTGCCCTGACTGCCCACGGTGCCGTGGCCAAAGAG GATCTAAGGGCACCGCTGAGGGCCTACCTAACCATCGTGGGGAATAAGGACAGTGTC ACCCCTGCAGgggatccggtggtggtgcaaatca		
amiR-33-rank1 ( <i>amiR-rank-1</i> )	AGGGCTCTGCGTTTGCTCCAGGTAGTCCGCTGCTCCCTTGGGCCTGGGCCCACTGAC AGCCCTGGTGCCTCTGGCCGGCTGCACACCTCCTGGCGGGCAGCTGTGAATGGTCC ACATTTCAGGGACTGTTCTGGCAATACCTGGTCCCTGATTTATGGACCATTCACGGAG GCCTGCCCTGACTGCCCACGGTGCCGTGGCCAAAGAGGATCTAAGGGCACCGCTGA GGGCCTACCTAACCATCGTGGGGAATAAGGACAGTGTCACCC		
amiR-33-rank2 (amiR-rank-2)	AGGGCTCTGCGTTTGCTCCAGGTAGTCCC AGCCCTGGTGCCTCTGGCCGGCTGCACA GCTGTCAGCGCTGTTCTGGCAATACCTGG TGCCCTGACTGCCCACGGTGCCGTGGCC CCTACCTAACCATCGTGGGGAATAAGGAC	GCTGCTCCCTTGGGCCTGGGCCCACTGAC CCTCCTGGCGGGCAGCTGTGACAAATTA GCGCTGACTGCAAATTTGTCACGGAGGCC AAAGAGGATCTAAGGGCACCGCTGAGGG CAGTGTCACCC	
amiR-33-ctsk1 ( <i>amiR-ctsk-1</i> )	tttgtcttttatttcaggtcccAGATCTAGGGCTCTGCGTTTGCTCCAGGTAGTCCGCTGCTCCCTT GGGCCTGGGCCCACTGACAGCCCTGGTGCCTCTGGCCGGCTGCACACCTCCTGGCG GGCAGCTGTGTTTCATCATAGTACACACCTCTGTTCTGGCAATACCTGGAGGTGTGAT CCATGATGAAACACGGAGGCCTGCCCTGACTGCCCACGGTGCCGTGGCCAAAGAGG ATCTAAGGGCACCGCTGAGGGCCTACCTAACCATCGTGGGGAATAAGGACAGTGTCA CCCCTGCAGgggatccggtggtggtgcaaatca		
amiR-33-ctsk2 ( <i>amiR-ctsk-2</i> )	IngicinitanticaggicccaGaTCTAGGGCTCTGCGTTTGCTCCAGGTAGTCCGCTGCTCCCTT GGGCCTGGGCCCACTGACAGCCCTGGTGCCTCTGGCCGGCTGCACACCTCCTGGCG GGCAGCTGTGTTACTGTAGGATCGAGAGGGATGTTCTGGCAATACCTGTCCCTCTCC TTACTACAGTAACACGGAGGCCTGCCCTGACTGCCCACGGTGCCGTGGCCAAAGAG GATCTAAGGGCACCGCTGAGGGCCTACCTAACCATCGTGGGGAATAAGG		