

Wnt1 RNAScope

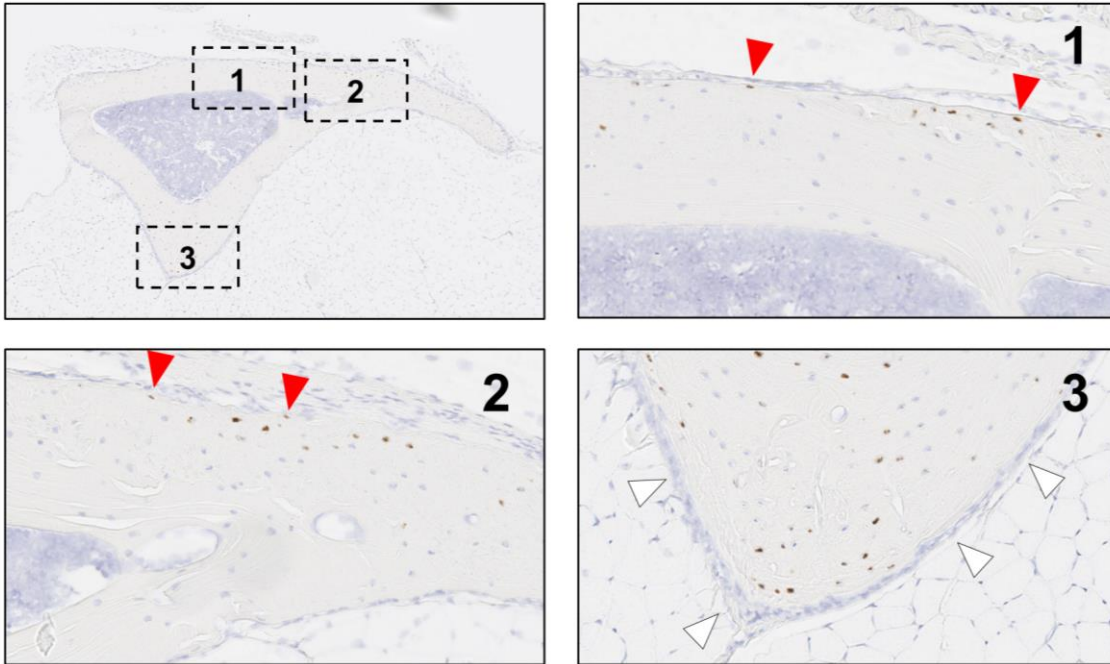


Figure S1. Supplemental *Wnt1* RNAScope. Panels 1-3 show *Wnt1* expression in the loaded tibia of a male *Wnt1*^{F/F} mouse after 5 bouts of loading. *Wnt1* expression was detected in osteocytes on both the tensile and compressive sides of the bone, including osteocytes near the bone surface (red arrowheads), but not in osteoblasts or bone lining cells on the bone surface (white arrowheads). Results representative of n=4.

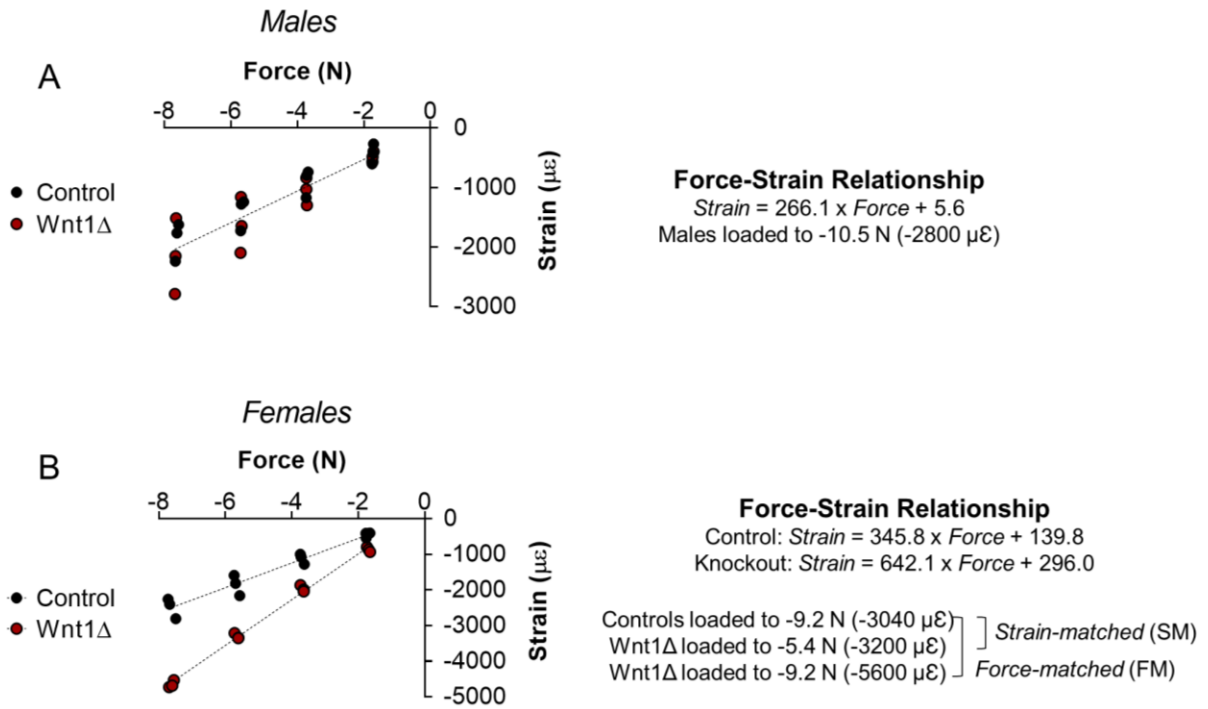


Figure S2. Force-strain relationship. Strain gage analysis was performed 3 weeks after tamoxifen induction to experimentally determine the force-strain relationship at the antero-medial surface of the tibia, approximately 5 mm from the tibio-fibular junction. (A) In males, strain-matched loading was achieved by loading mice to -10.5 N, which engendered a target strain of approximately -3000 $\mu\epsilon$ in both groups. (B) In females, strain-matched (SM) loading was achieved by loading controls to -9.2 N (-3040 $\mu\epsilon$) and knockouts to -5.4N (-3200 $\mu\epsilon$). Female knockouts in the force-matched (FM) group were subjected to a peak target strain of -5600 $\mu\epsilon$. n=3/group.

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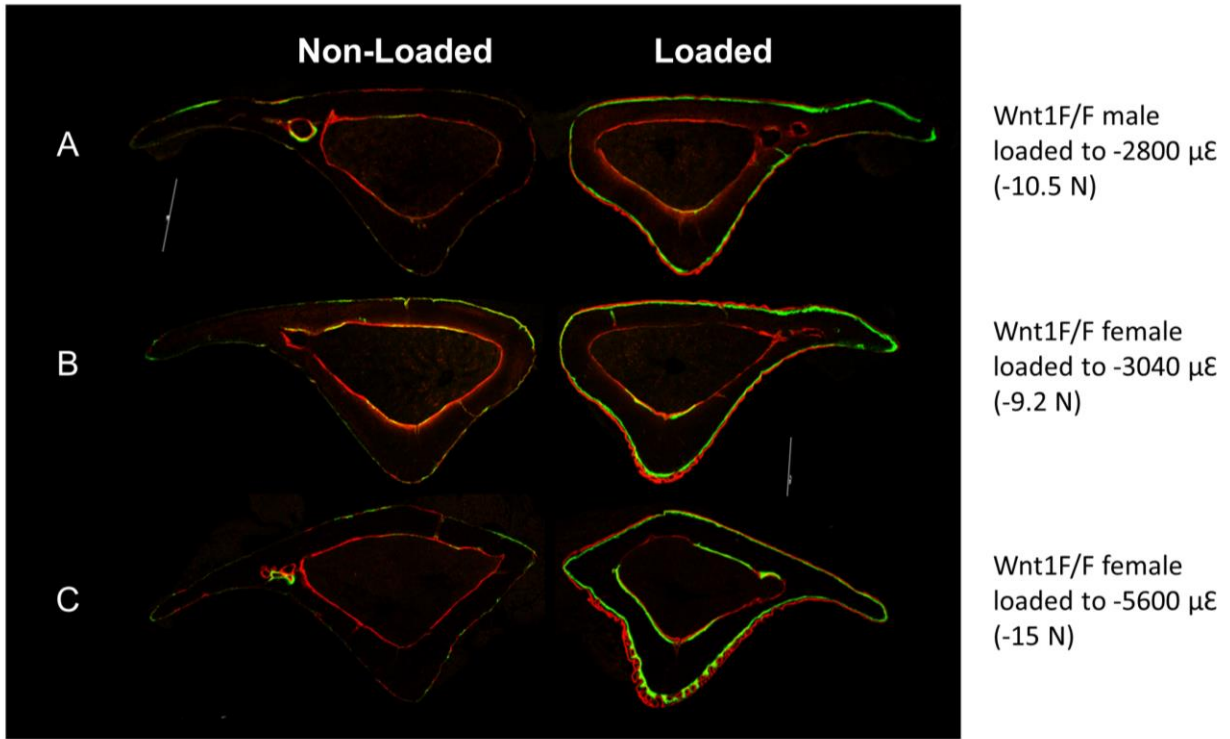
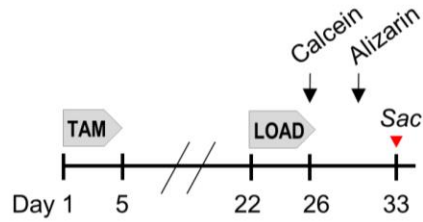


Figure S3. Representative images of loaded vs non-loaded tibias used for bone formation analysis by dynamic histomorphometry. Analysis of calcein (green) and alizarin (red) incorporation on the inner (Ec) and outer (Ps) surfaces of the bone was used to calculate % mineralizing surface (% MS/BS), mineral apposition rate (MAR), and bone formation rate (BFR/BS). (A-B) Results representative of the lamellar bone formation response observed in Wnt1F/F mice loaded to -3000 μE. (C) In contrast, a woven bone formation response was observed in a Wnt1F/F female loaded to -5600 μE.

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Males

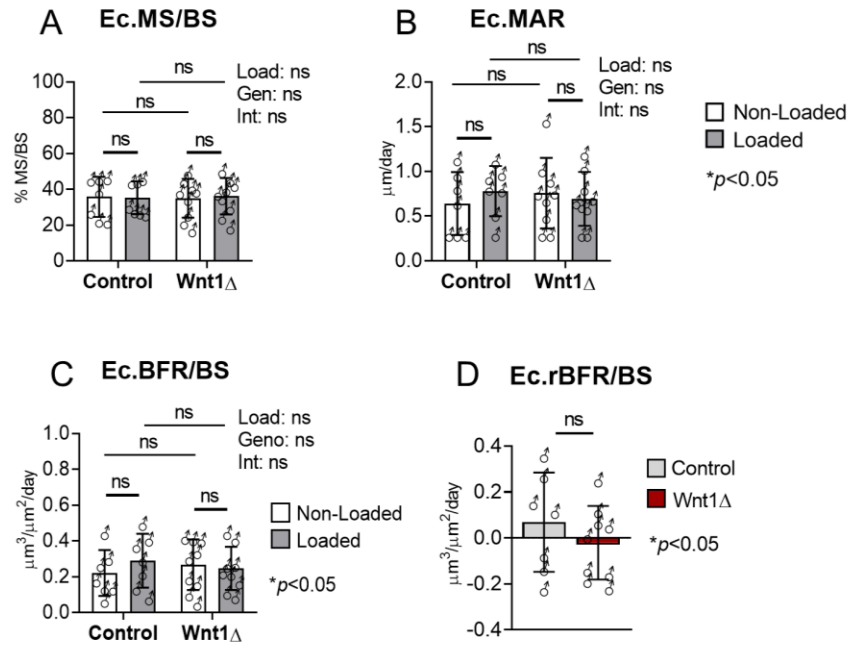


Figure S4. Endocortical bone formation in male *Wnt1F/F* vs *Wnt1F/F*; *OsxCreERT2* mice. Strain-matched loading (-3040 μE ; -10.5 N) had a negligible effect on endocortical bone formation in male *Wnt1F/F* (control) and *Wnt1F/F*; *OsxCreERT2* (knockout) mice. n=9-11/genotype.

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Females

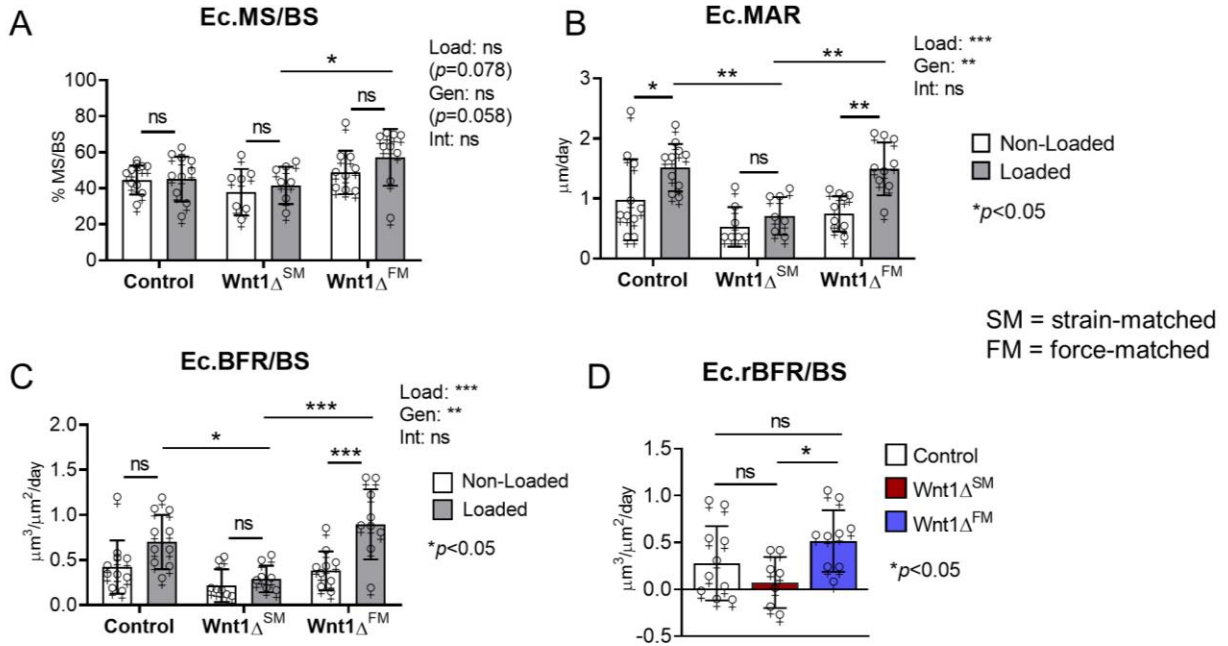


Figure S5. Endocortical bone formation in $Wnt1^{F/F}$ vs $Wnt1^{F/F}; OsxCreERT2$ females. $Wnt1^{F/F}$ (control) females were loaded to $-3040 \mu\epsilon$ (-9.2 N), while $Wnt1^{F/F}; OsxCreERT2$ (knockout) females were subjected to strain-matched (SM) or force-matched (FM) loading by applying a loading force of -5.4 N or -9.2 N, respectively. Strain-matched loading did not elicit a strong endocortical response in either control or knockout mice. $n=7-10$ /group.

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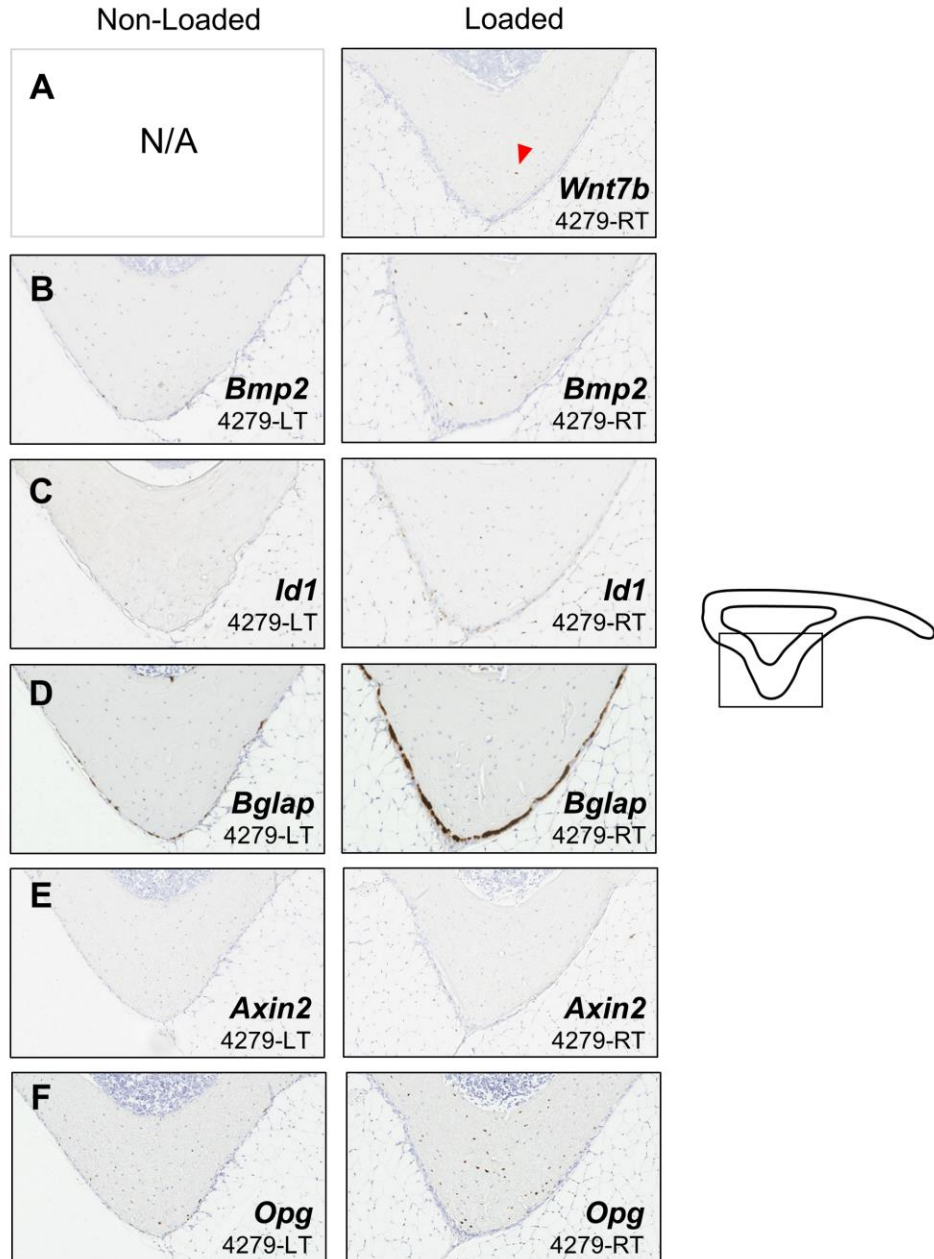


Figure S6. Supplemental gene expression analysis by RNAScope. Gene expression was analyzed in *OsxCreERT2*-negative *Wnt1F/F* or *Wnt7bF/F* mice after 5 days of loading ($\sim 3000 \mu\text{E}$). Loading increased osteo-inductive *Bmp2* expression in the tibia, particularly in osteocytes located at the site of peak compressive strain (B). Expression of *Bmp* target gene *Id1* was increased on the periosteal surface of loaded bones (C). *Bglap* – a marker of osteoblast maturation/activation – was also induced by loading on the bone surface (D). *Wnt* target genes were also analyzed histologically by *in situ* hybridization (E-F). Images are from a male *Wnt1F/F* mouse. Data representative of $n=3$.

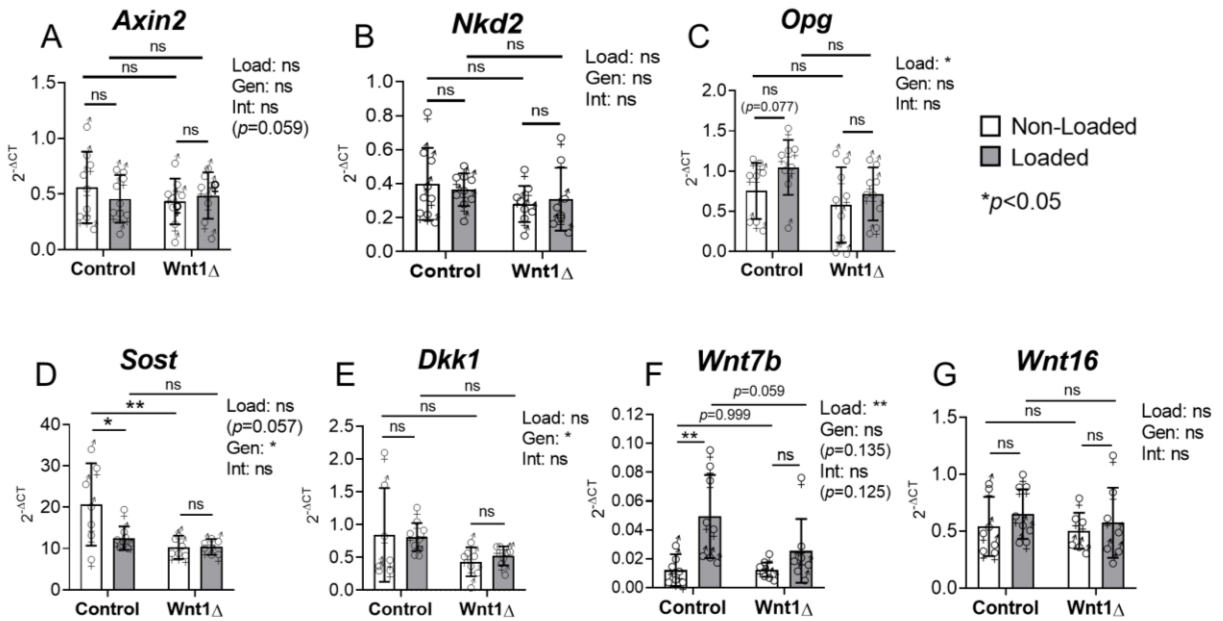


Figure S7. Wnt pathway-related genes. Gene expression was analyzed on day 26 as described in Figure 6. RT-qPCR was used to analyze the expression of Wnt target genes (A-C), Wnt pathway inhibitors (D-E), and bone anabolic *Wnt7b* and *Wnt16* (F-G) in the tibias of *Wnt1F/F* and *Wnt1F/F; OsxCreERT2* mice after 5 days of strain-matched loading ($-3000 \mu\epsilon$). $n=6-9/\text{genotype}$.

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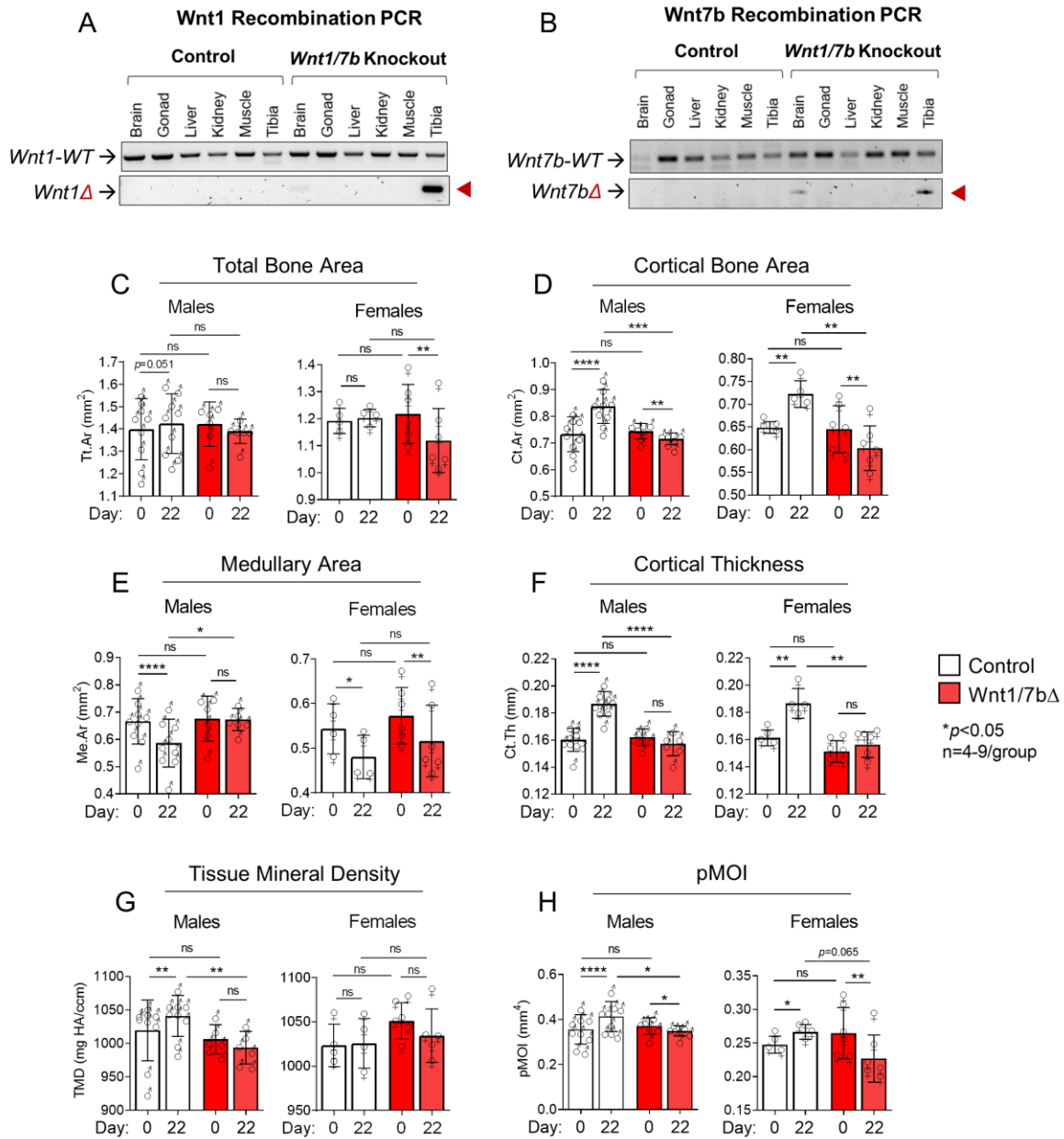


Figure S8. The skeletal deficits associated with *Wnt1* deletion were re-capitulated in *Wnt1/7b* knockouts. *Wnt1/7b* double conditional knockout mice were generated by tamoxifen-treating 5-month old *Wnt1*F/F; *Wnt7b*F/F; *OsxCreERT2* males and females. Tamoxifen-treated *Wnt1*F/F; *Wnt7b*F/F mice served as control. (A-B) DNA recombination analysis was performed on Day 22 as described in Figure 2. Bone-specific *Wnt1* (exon 2-4) and *Wnt7b* (exon 3) deletion was observed in *Wnt1/7b* knockout mice. (C-H) Serial μ CT analysis was used to evaluate the effect of *Wnt1/7b* deletion on cortical bone morphometry, as described in Figure 3. n=4-9/group.

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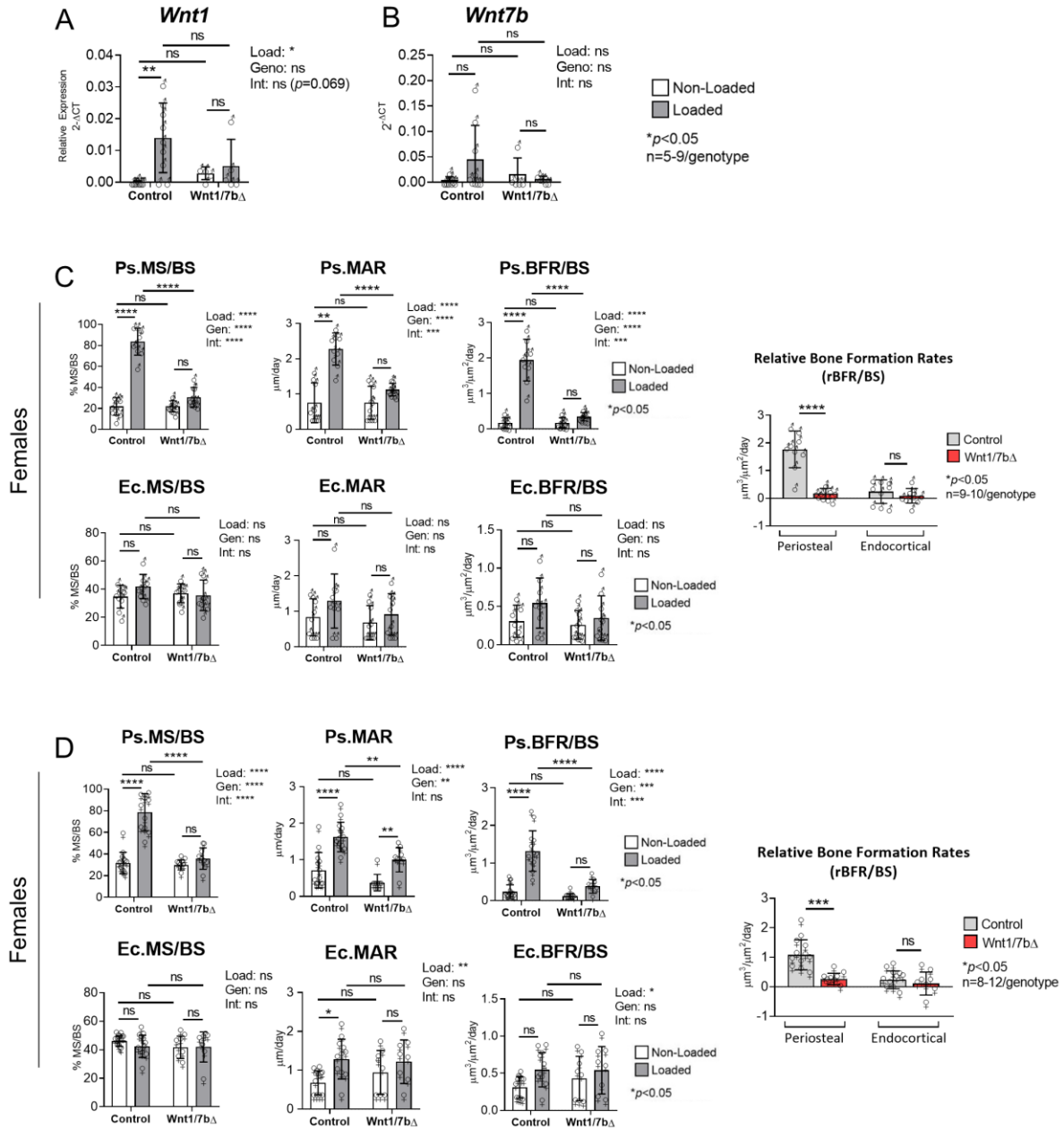


Figure S9. Loading-induced bone formation was reduced in *Wnt1/7b* knockouts. (A-B) Gene expression analysis was performed on Day 26 as described in Figure 6. *Wnt1* expression was assayed using primers that bind in exons 2-3, and *Wnt7b* expression was assayed using primers that bind in exons 2-3. (C-D) Bone formation indices in control vs *Wnt1/7b* knockout male and female mice subjected to 5 days of strain-matched ($\sim 3000 \mu\epsilon$) loading. $n=8-12$ /group.

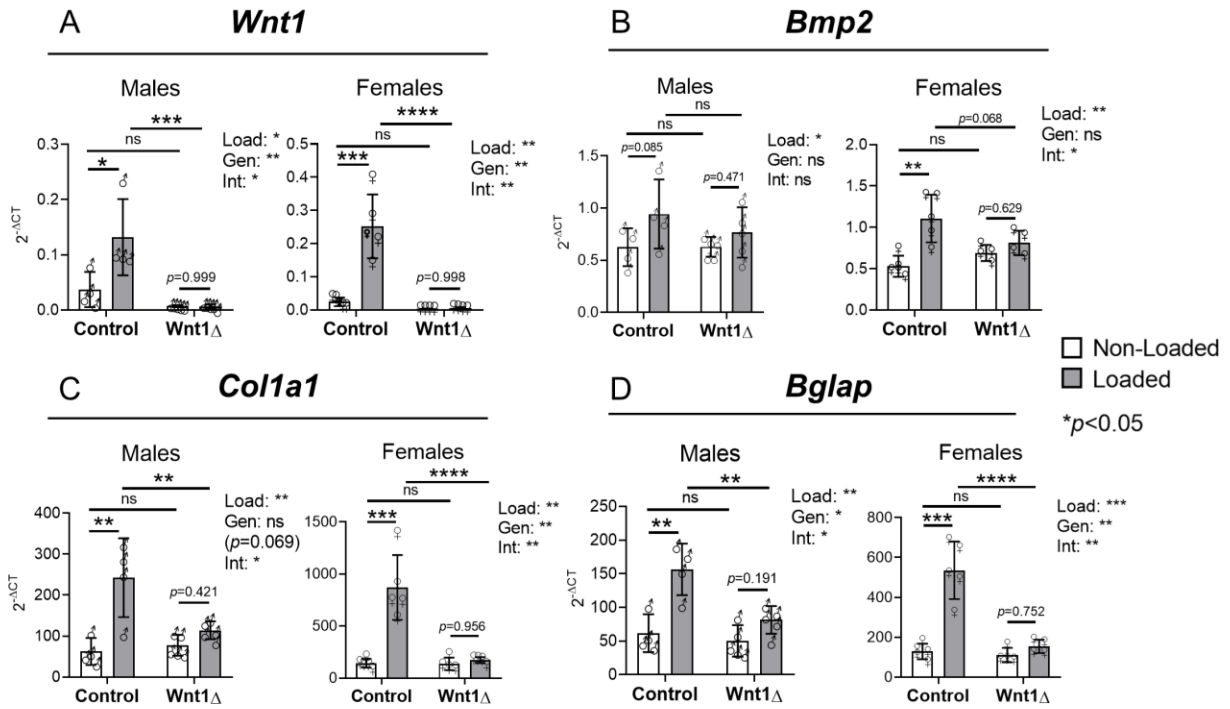


Figure S10. Gene expression in males vs females. Irrespective of sex, loading-induced *Wnt1*, *Bmp2*, *Col1a1*, and *Bglap* upregulation was significant (or near-significant) in control but not knockout mice. In general, the transcriptional response to loading was stronger in *Wnt1*F/F females compared to *Wnt1*F/F males, consistent with the finding that Ps.rBFR/BS was higher in female vs male controls.

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