

## SUPPLEMENTARY TABLES

**Supplementary Table 1. 3D image analysis protocol for the blood vessel (A) and osteocyte (B) networks.**

Steps	Instructions for imaris software
<b>1A. Analysis of the blood vessel network</b>	
1	Use the manual surface mode to specifically delineate the cortical bone part with the help of masks.
2	Segment and measure the whole volume of cortical bone thanks to the automatic surface mode.
3	Create a new automatic surface to select manually lectin positive blood vessels inside the cortical bone and measure their total volume.
4	Calculate the ratio of the volume of blood vessels inside the cortical bone and the total volume of cortical bone.
<b>1B. Analysis of the osteocyte network</b>	
1	Crop rectangular volumes
2	Use the automatic surface mode in Imaris to determine the volume of the cropped image.
3	Use the Filament mode: autopath function with starting points adjusted at 2.5 $\mu\text{m}$ and seed points at 0.6 $\mu\text{m}$ .
4	Manually place the starting points inside the phalloidin labelled osteocyte bodies and count the number of cell bodies inside the volume.
5	Semi-automatically place the seed points along the dendrites. Seed points placed 10 $\mu\text{m}$ around starting points were automatically removed to avoid filament creation inside osteocyte bodies.
6	Create filaments.
7	Automatically count the number of Scholl intersections 3 $\mu\text{m}$ around the starting point inside de volume. It gives the estimated total number of dendrites inside the volume.
8	Divide the total number of dendrites by the total number of cell bodies to obtain the average number of dendrites per cell in the volume.

**Supplementary Table 2. Primary and secondary antibodies.**

Antibody	Catalog number, Company	Host species	Concentration
Anti-Connexin43	C6219, Merck	Rabbit	0.5 $\mu\text{g}/\text{mL}$
Anti-Sclerostin	AF1582, R&D System	Goat	7.5 $\mu\text{g}/\text{mL}$
Anti-Podoplanin	8.1.1: sc-53533, Santa Cruz Biotech	Syrian hamster	4 $\mu\text{g}/\text{mL}$
Anti-PHEX	BS-12313R, Bioss	Rabbit	20 $\mu\text{g}/\text{mL}$
Anti-BNIP3	ab109362, Abcam	Rabbit	13.53 $\mu\text{g}/\text{mL}$
Anti-CD31	BD553370, BD Biosciences	Rat	5 $\mu\text{g}/\text{mL}$
Donkey anti-goat Alexa 647	A-21447, Invitrogen	Donkey	2 $\mu\text{g}/\text{mL}$
Goat anti-rabbit Alexa 647	A-21245, Invitrogen	Goat	2 $\mu\text{g}/\text{mL}$
Goat anti-syrian hamster Alexa 647	ab180063, Abcam	Goat	2 $\mu\text{g}/\text{mL}$
Donkey anti-rat Alexa 647	ab150155, Abcam	Donkey	2.5 $\mu\text{g}/\text{mL}$

**Supplementary Table 3. Primer sequences.**

Gene	GenBank ID	Forward sequence (5'–3')	Reverse sequence (5'–3')
<i>Rpl19</i>	NM_009078	GGCTCGTTGCCGAAAAACA	TCGTCCTTCTCATCCAGGTCA
<i>Sdha</i>	NM_023281	TACAAAGTGCGGGTCGATGA	TGTTCCCAAACGGCTTCT
<i>Gjal</i>	NM_010288	ACTCTCCTTTTCCTTTGACTTC	TGGACCTTGTCCAGCAGCTT
<i>Pdpm</i>	NM_010329	CGTCTTGTTAGCCATTGGCTT	GGCAAGTTGGAAGCTCTCTTA
<i>Dmpl</i>	NM_001359013	TGAAGAGAGGACGGGTGATTT	CCCAGCTCCTCTCCAGATT
<i>Sost</i>	NM_024449	TCCTGAGAACAACCAGACCAT	GCGGCATGGGCCGTCTGT
<i>Phex</i>	NM_011077	CAATTCCTATAGACCAGAAGCT	AGTGGAATTTCTGTGGACAGTTA
<i>Vegfa</i>	NM_001025250	GCAAGGCGAGGCAGCTTGA	TTCCGGTGAGAGGTCTGGTT