

Supplementary Figure 1

Display of colocalization analysis results.

The Coloc module of Imaris was used for voxel colocalization analyses. The software tools were used to select thresholds for two given markers (marker A and B here), which are indicated by the red box. The value given by x represents the percentage of voxels with a fluorescence intensity for marker A above the threshold that also have a fluorescence intensity for marker B above threshold. Inversely, the value given by y represents the percentage of voxels with a fluorescence intensity for marker B above the threshold that also have a fluorescence intensity for marker B above the threshold that also have a fluorescence intensity for marker B above the threshold that also have a fluorescence intensity for marker A above the threshold that also have a fluorescence intensity for marker B above the threshold that also have a fluorescence intensity for marker A above the threshold that also have a fluorescence intensity for marker B above the threshold that also have a fluorescence intensity for marker A above the threshold that also have a fluorescence intensity for marker A above the threshold that also have a fluorescence intensity for marker B above the threshold that also have a fluorescence intensity for marker A above threshold. The colocalization data presented is derived from the full or partial image (see figure legends for details) shown in the same figure panel.



Supplementary Figure 2

Identification of distinct anatomical locations and cell types in adult mouse femurs without landmark staining.

a) Examples showing how to identify trabecular (i) and cortical (ii) bone surfaces, as well as growth plate (iii) and articular (iv) cartilage using only a vascular marker (collagen 1 is here shown to validate proper identification). i) Trabecular bone in the metaphyseal area can be identified by the complete absence of vascular sinusoids (dotted lines) although it can be irrigated by rare arterioles or capillaries (arrowheads). ii) Similarly, cortical bone shows a complete absence of sinusoids but is traversed by some arterioles (not shown). At the bone surface (dotted line), vasculature consists of capillaries running parallel to the long axis of the bone (arrowheads), as opposed to the central marrow where mainly sinusoids are present and radiate axially from the center of the marrow cavity. iii, iv) Growth plate and articular cartilage show a complete absence of vasculature and are located in very specific anatomical locations. b) Adipocytes and megakaryocytes can be difficult to distinguish by inexperienced researchers without specific staining. However, adipocytes are typically bigger and rounder than megakaryocytes. Also, a cytoplasmic staining in adipocytes clearly shows a lack of staining in the large lipid droplet (upper left) whereas a lipid droplet staining shows a smaller spherical staining (lower left). Cytoplasmic (upper right) or membrane (lower right) stainings in megakaryocytes shows cells with irregular shapes, in many of which we can observe multiple/complex nuclei (arrowheads).

Nes-GFP CD31 ALP



Supplementary Figure 3

Some Nes-GFP-expressing cells are ALP⁺CD31⁻ osteoblastic cells.

Images show a zoom of data presented in Figure 2b and only four optical sections (total thickness 9.96µm). Near the distal growth plate of the femur, Nes-GFP expressing cells (green, white arrowheads) are closely associated with CD31+ blood vessels (red), but are osteoblastic cells expressing ALP (grey). Scale bars: 20µm



Supplementary Figure 4

Osx-CreERT (tdTomato) reporter shows a similar expression pattern to that of the Osx-GFP reporter.

7 weeks old female Osx-CreERT mice received 2mg 4-hydroxytamoxifen intraperitoneally and femurs were harvested three days later. Expression of the tdTomato reporter at day 3 post-4OHT recapitulates that of the Osx-GFP reporter (see figure 2c). Scale bar of detail 70µm.

OC-YFP CD105 OC_(antibody) col.1



Supplementary Figure 5

Antibody staining for osteocalcin partially overlaps with OC-YFP expression.

Images show a zoom of data presented in Figure 2e and only four optical sections (total thickness 9.96μ m). Near the distal growth plate of the femur, OC-YFP expressing cells (green, white arrowheads) line collagen 1+ (grey) trabecular bone surfaces and stain positive for osteocalcin antibody (red). Osteocalcin antibody also detects OC+ matrix away from YFP+ cells in trabecular bone and adjacent to the growth plate (black arrowheads). Scale bars: 30μ m

CD31 FGFR2-YFP CD140a Sca1



Supplementary Figure 6

Expression of mesenchymal-progenitor-cell markers near the distal growth plate.

Images show a zoom of data presented in Figure 2f and only four optical sections (total thickness 9.96μ m). We can observe CD140a+Sca1+ cells lining CD31+ blood vessels (white arrowheads), whereas bone lining cells are either FGFR2+ (black arrowheads) or FGFR2+CD140a+ (white arrows). Scale bars 20 μ m.





CD105 is not a panendothelial marker.

(i) Most arterioles do not express CD105, but only CD31 and Sca1 (white arrowheads) potentially marking distinct arteriolar sub-types. (ii) Diaphyseal arteries marked by SM22 expression are CD105-CD31+Sca1+. (iii) Strong CD105 expression in the endothelial wall of the central sinus.

Antibody	Alternative names	Clone	Species	Company	Catalog number Working		Requires streptavidin amplification	
Osteocalcin	Ocn, bone Gla protein	poly	goat	AbD serotec	7060-1815	Yes	Νο	
CD271	p75 LNGF	poly	rabbit	Abcam	ab8874	Yes	No	
		poly	goat	R&D systems	AF1356	Yes	No	
c-Kit	CD117, SCF-R	ACK2	rat	eBioscience	14-1172-82	Yes	No	
		poly	rabbit	Novus Biologicals	NBP1-19865	No	Not applicable	
60405	Endoalin	MJ7/18	rat	eBioscience	14-1051-82	Yes	No	
CD105	Endogiin		goat	R&D systems	AF1320	Yes	NO Not applicable	
	Glial fibrillary acidic	1VI-20	guai rabhit	Thermo Scientific	DA1-10010	NU Vos	Not applicable	
GFAP	nrotein	poly	chicken		GEAP	No	Not applicable	
	hvaluronic acid	poly	CHICKEH		GLAF	NO		
CD44	receptor	IM7	rat	eBioscience	14-0441-82	Yes	No	
Alkaline		vlog	goat	R&D systems	AF2910	Yes	No	
phosphatase	ALP	EPR4477	rabbit	Novus Biologicals	NBP1-95392	Yes	Yes	
Collagen 1	Col.1	poly	rabbit	Cedarlane	CL50151AP	Yes	No	
0		poly	goat	R&D systems	AF3628	Yes	No	
CD21		ER-MP12	rat	Santa Cruz	sc-52713	No	Not applicable	
CD31	PECAIVII	poly	rabbit	Novus Biologicals	NB100-2284	No	Not applicable	
		SP38	rabbit	Thermo Scientific	MA5-16337	No	Not applicable	
NG2	chondroitin sulfate	poly	rabbit	EMD Millipore	AB5320	Yes	Yes	
1102	proteoglycan	poly	goat	Novus Biologicals	NBP-46332	No	Not applicable	
	NT5F ecto-5'-	ebioTy/11.8	rat	eBioscience	14-0731-82	Yes	No	
CD73	nucleotidase	poly	rabbit	Thermo Scientific	PA5-11871	No	Not applicable	
	indicotiduoc	D7F9A	rabbit	Cell Signaling Technology	13160	No	Not applicable	
		poly	rabbit	Novus Biologicals	NBP1-67666	Yes	Yes	
CD140a	PDGFRa	951	rabbit	Santa Cruz	sc-431	No	Not applicable	
		958	rabbit	Santa Cruz	sc-432	No	Not applicable	
		D7	rat	eBioscience	14-5981-85	Yes	No	
Sca1	Ly6A/E	177228	rat	R&D systems	MAB1226	Yes	No	
	, .	poly	goat	R&D systems	AF1226	Yes	No	
		IVI-86	rabbit	Santa Cruz	sc-134474	NO	Not applicable	
SM22	apina smooth muscle 22	poly	rabbit	Abcam	ab14106	Yes	Yes	
CD34	-	RAM34	rat	eBioscience	16-0341-85	Yes	Yes	
	wan Willebrand Fastar	nahi	un h h i t	Neemerkere	DD 201 A	Vaa	No	
VVVF		рогу	Taddit	Neomarkers	KB-281-A	res	NO	
Vcam1	CD116	429	rat	eBioscience	14-1061-82	Yes	No	
		H-276	rabbit	SantaCruz	sc-8304	Yes	No	
		429	rat	Novus Biologicals	NB100-77474	Yes	No	
Endomucin	-	V.7C7	rat	Santa Cruz	SC-65495	Yes	No	
CD90	Thy1	poly	sheep	R&D systems	AF2067	Yes	No	
De de la cie	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	poly	rabbit	Thermo Scientific	PA5-11917	No	Not applicable	
Peripherin	neurofilament 4	poly	rabbit	Biolegend/Covance	PRB-576C	Yes	No	
Tyrosine	ТН	poly	rabbit	EMD Millipore	AB152	Yes	No	
Hydroxylase								
t	-	poly	rabbit	Thermo Scientific	PA3-16721	Yes	No	
Fibronectin		noly	rahhit	Ahcam	ab-23750-100	Ves	No	
Laminin	ΙΔΜΔ1	poly	rabbit	Novus Biologicals	NB300-144	Yes	No	
Vitronectin	-	347317	rat	R&D systems	MAB38751	Yes	No	
Col.III	-		goat	Abcam	ab24823	Yes	No	
		poly	rabbit	ABDserotec	2150-1470	No	Not applicable	
Col.IV	-	vlog	rabbit	Abcam	ab19808	Yes	No	
	Opn	poly	goat	R&D systems	AF808	Yes	No	
Osteopontin	-	poly	rabbit	Abcam	ab-63856-100	No	Not applicable	
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Perlecan	Sulfate Proteoglycan	A7L6	rat	Novus Biologicals	NB600-583	Yes	No	
Dorioctin	osteoblast-specific	nolv	goat	P&D systems	AE20EE	Voc	No	
Periostin	factor 2	ροιγ	guai	NOD SYSTEMS	AF2933	Tes	NO	
LepR	Leptin receptor, CD295	poly	goat	R&D systems	AF497	Yes	No	
		poly	rabbit	Life Span	LS-C385018	No	Not applicable	
		poly	rabbit	Bioss	bs-0109R-A488	No	Not applicable	
alpha-smooth				Abcam		No		
muscle actin	aSMA	poly	rabbit		ab5694		Not applicable	
heta-III	-	poly	chicken	Aves Labs	TUJ	No	Not applicable	
tubulin		poly	rabbit	Abcam	ab18207	No	Not applicable	
		poly	rabbit	Thermo Scientific	PA1-46430	No	Not applicable	
VE cadherin	CD144	eBioBV13	rat	eBioscience	14-1441-82	No	Not applicable	
GFP	-	poly	chicken	Aves Labs	GFP-1020	Yes	No	
nestin		poly	chicken	Aves Labs	NES	No	Not applicable	
	-	poly G-20	goat	Santa Cruz	sc-21248	No	Not applicable	
		poly	rabbit	LiteSpan BioSciences	LS-B656	No	Not applicable	
S100 beta	-	poly	rabbit	Abcam	ab14688	No	Not applicable	
Doublecortin	-	poly	rabbit	Abcam	ab18723	No	Not applicable	
	Panendothelial Cell							
MECA-32	Antigen	MECA-32	rat	Biolegend	120501	No	Not applicable	

Supplementary Table 1. Antibodies tested and optimized in this study.

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	OC-YFP	72 423 340	7 861 110	26
Fig.2a	CD44			3
00	ALP			92
		60 207 117	4 994 044	56
	ALP	00 397 117	4 004 944	92
Fig.2c	CD105			163
	Col.1			56
	FGFR2-YFP	46 239 342	10 970 778	19
Fig.2d	NG2			11
0	CD73			12
		61 055 682	0 560 221	218
	OC-YEP	01 955 065	9 500 251	26
Fig.2e	Oc(antibody)			48
	CD105*			163
	FGFR2-YFP	18 967 505	1 487 583	19
Fig.2f	CD31			218
	CD140a			mmunity. Total samples analyzed for each marker 26 3 92 56 14 92 163 56 19 11 12 218 56 26 48 163 19 218 10 192 218 10 192 218 10 192 218 19 98 163 192 218 19 98 163 192 218 192 218 192 218 39 192 218 10 4 11
	Sca1	70 225 024	C 221 040	192
	CD105 Sca1	10 325 924 1	0 331 948	103 102
Fig.3a	CD31			218
	SM22			27
	VCAM1	80 348 571	4 578 352	9
Fig 2h	CD31			218
i ig.30	FGFR2-YFP*			19
	Laminin*			98
	Endomucin	59 522 632	17 348 505	16
Fig.3c	CD31 Col IV*			218 Л
	Cxcl12-GFP*			53
	CD34	46 191 630	12 657 026	10
Fig.3d	CD31			218
	Col.1			56
	vWF	43 040 065	6 557 380	16
Fig.3e	Sca1			192
	CD31	60 277 202	0 722 016	218
	Scal	60 377 292	9723910	39 192
Fig.3f	CD90			each marker 26 3 92 56 14 92 163 56 19 11 12 218 56 26 48 163 19 218 10 192 218 10 192 218 19 218 19 98 16 218 19 98 16 218 39 192 218 4 53 10 218 39 192 218 4 192 218 48 11 4 <
	SM22**			27
	GFAP	80 808 235	15 239 660	107
Fig 4a	Sca1			192
115.40	CD31			218
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Fig.4c	NF Scal	29 053 651	6 033 094	4
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Fig.5a	Fibronectin			11
	Laminin	54 379 213	9 507 438	98
Fig.5b	CD105			163
	0C*	10 00	0.044.00	48
	CXCI12-GFP*	42 284 586	8 914 924	53
Fig.5c				ठ 1
	Fn			- 11
	Col.IV	59 522 632	17 348 505	4
	CD31			218
118.30	Cxcl12-GFP*			53
	Endomucin*			16
	Cxcl12-GFP	44 026 791	11 079 527	53
Fig.5e	CD105			163 56
				9C Q
	Perlecan	38 946 822	8 446 520	3
Fig.5f	Periostin	JU J 10 022		3
-	Col.I*			56
	Nes-GFP	64 783 309	7 197 368	39
Fig.6a	CD271			35
0.00	ALP			92
	VCAM1**	00 0 00		9
	FGFR2-YFP	80 348 571	4 579 352	19
Fig.6b	CD31 Laminin*			218 08
	VCAM1*			90 Q
	BODIPY	55 136 504	20 341 492	4
	CD31			218
rig.6C	B220*			77
	DAPI*			-
	Cxcl12-GFP	50 798 977	13 231 698	53
Fig.6d	LepR			20
-	Col.1			56
	CD105			163

*: Not shown in article; **: immunostaining not working

Marker	Epiphysis	Metaphysis	Diaphysis	Stroma	Osteoblasts/ osteocytes	Periarteriolar	Perisinusoidal	Endothelium	Adipocytes
CD271	Low	Low	High	Yes	No	No	No	No	No
FGFR2	Low	High	Low	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes
Bopidy	High	High	Low	No	No	No	No	No	Yes
Cxcl12-GFP	High	High	High	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No
LepR	High	High	High	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	No
ALP	Low	High	Low	Yes	Osteoblasts	No	No	No	No
Nestin-GFP	Low	High	Medium	No	Osteoblasts	Yes, enriched in metaphysis	No	Yes	No
CD105	High	High	High	No	No	No	No	Sinusoids only	No
CD73	Low	Low	No	No	Chondrocyte s	No	No	No	No
Osteocalcin-YFP	Low	High	Low	No	Osteoblasts	No	No	No	No
CD140a	Low	Medium	Low	No	Osteoblasts	Yes, enriched in metaphysis	No	No	No
Sca1	Low	Medium	High	No	Putative pre- osteoblasts	Yes, throughout bone marrow	No	Low	No
CD90	Low	High	Medium	No	Putative pre- osteoblasts	Yes, enriched in metaphysis	No	No	No
Osterix-GFP	Low	High	Low	No	Osteoblasts	No	No	No	No

Supplementary Table 3. Location of stromal cell markers in adult mouse femurs and expression in cellular subtypes.

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