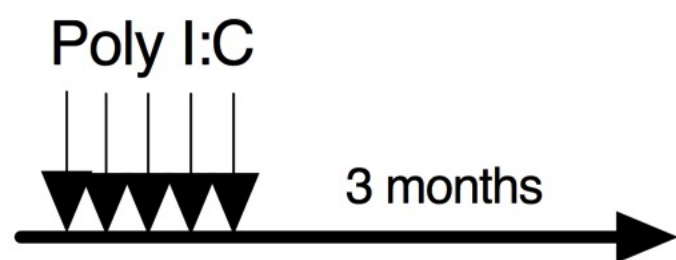
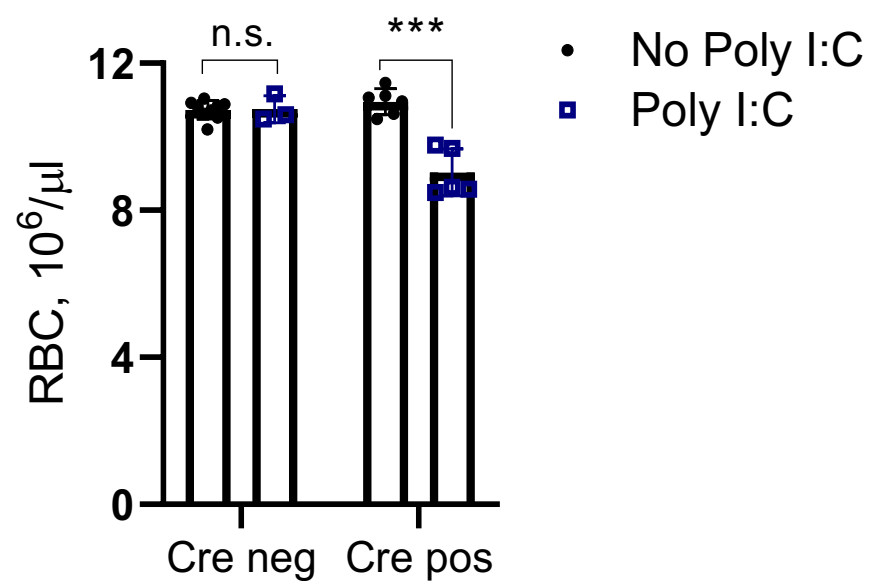
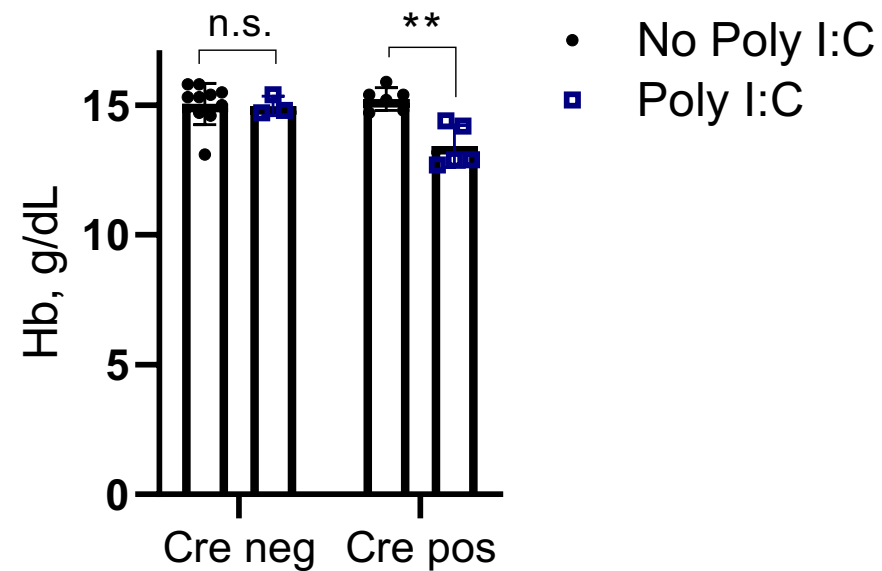
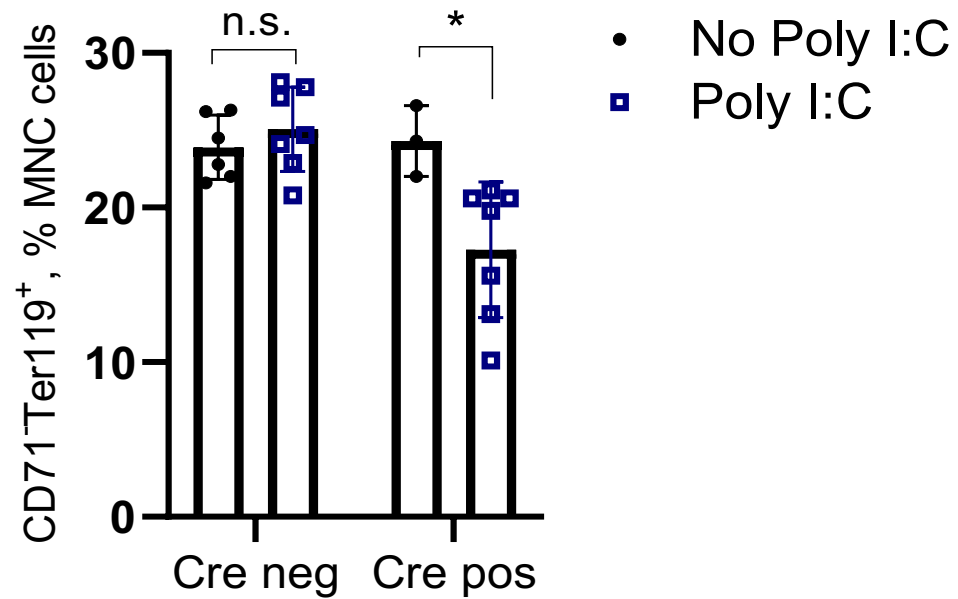
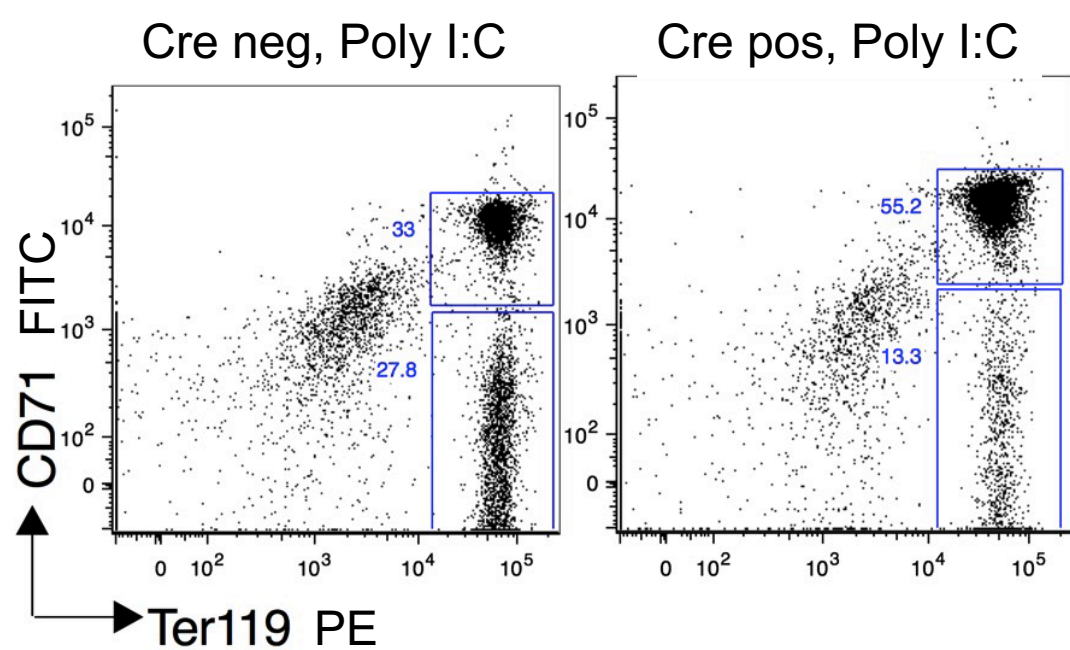
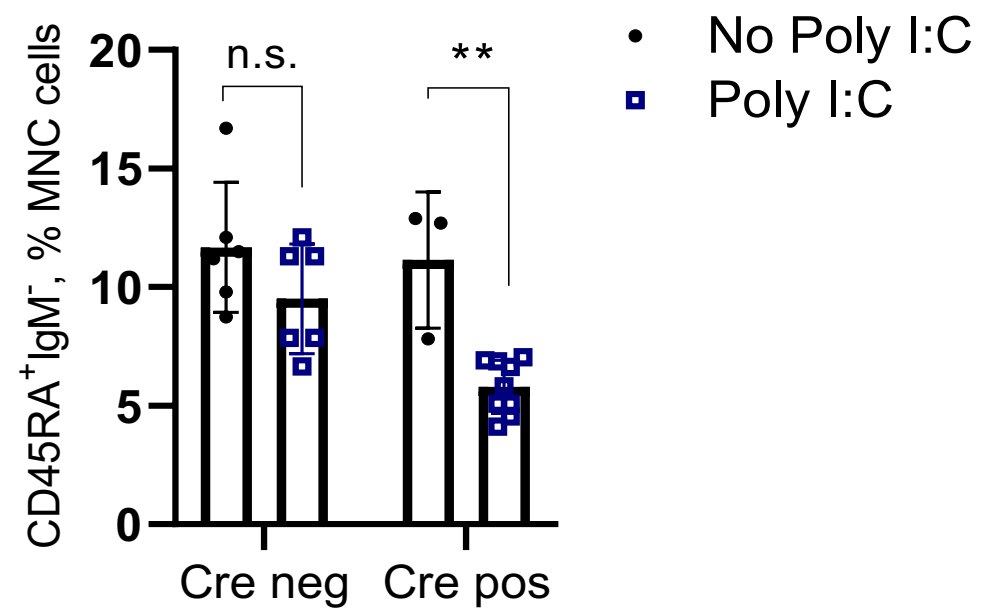
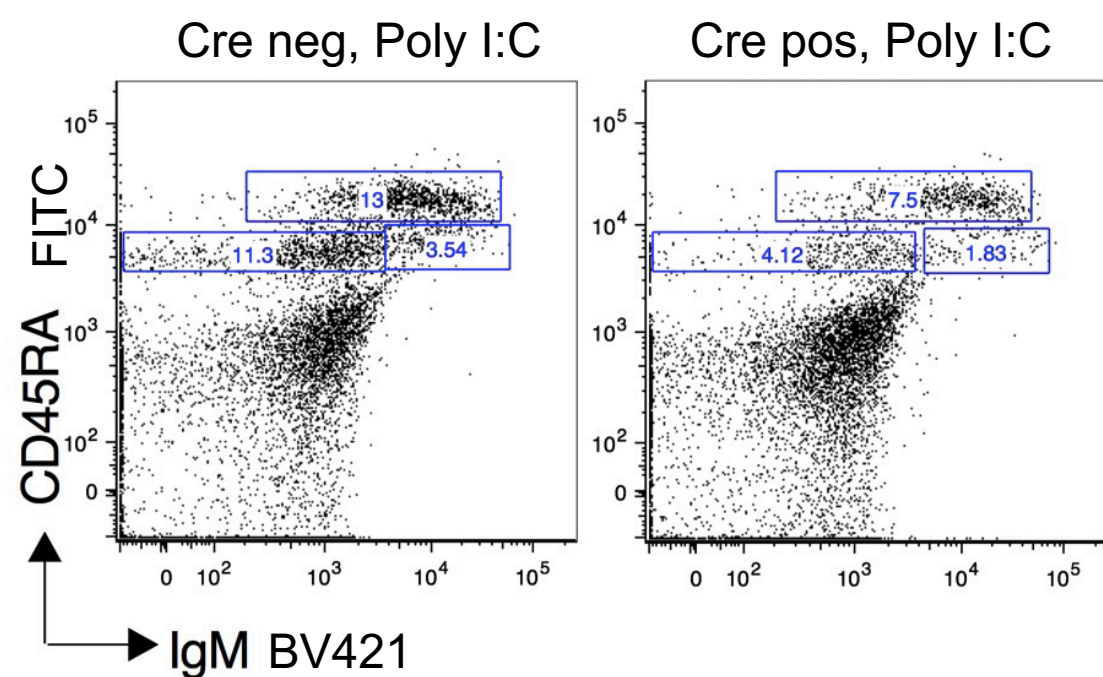
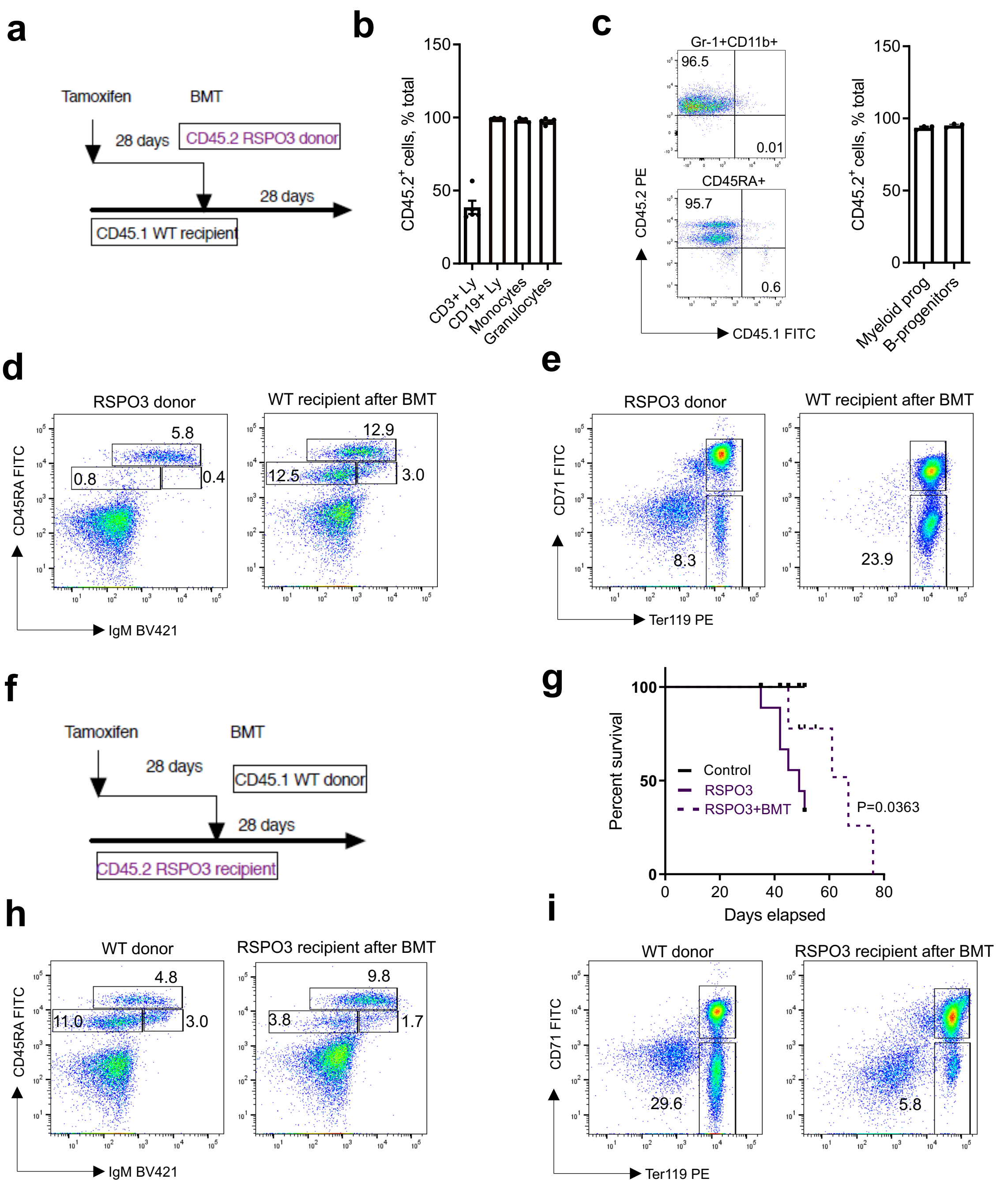


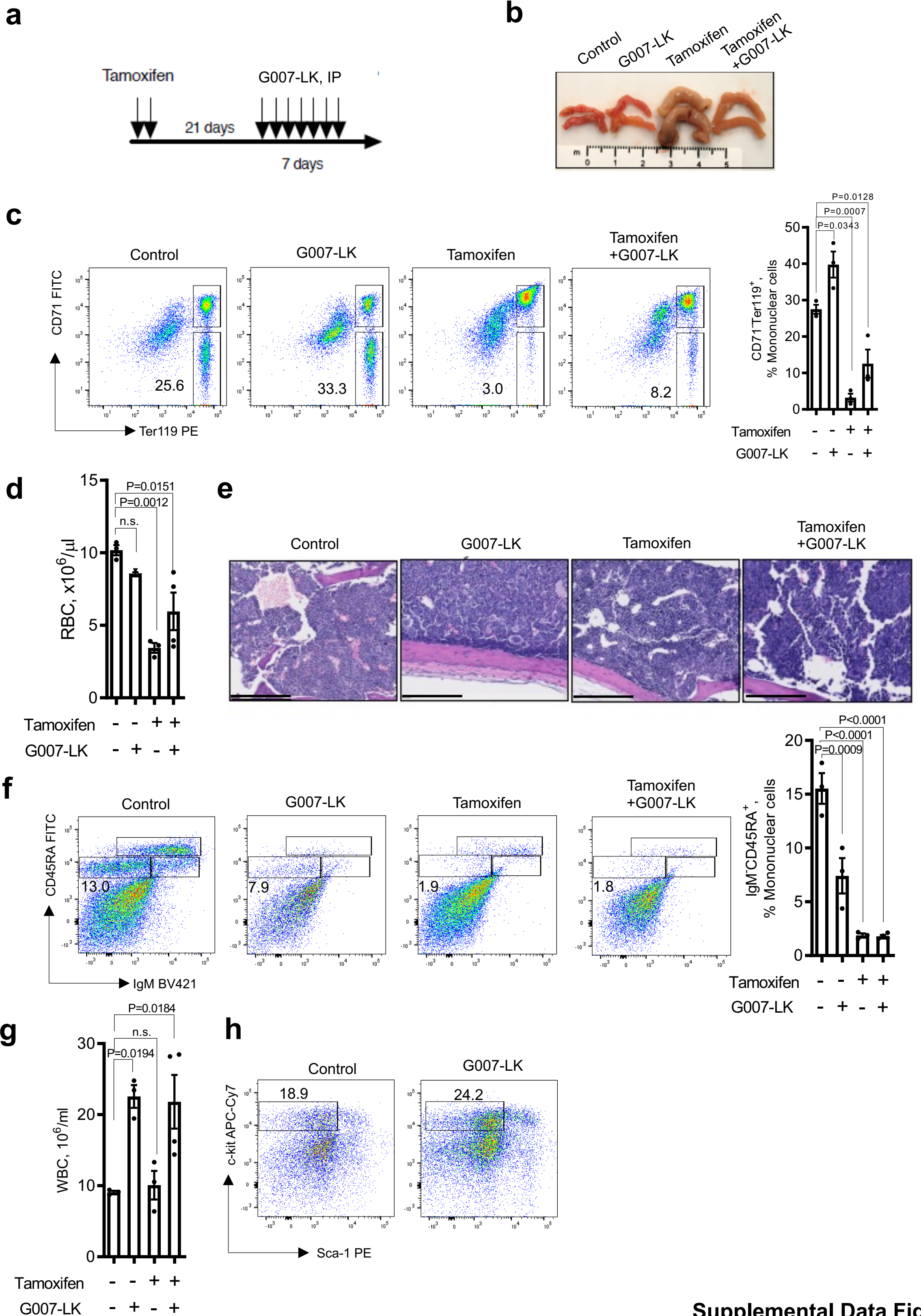
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Supplemental Data Figure 4

N of donors	13
Age, years (median, range)	30 (22-39)
Gender (male/female)	7/6
Smoking (yes/no)	1/12
Medications taken within 1 week of blood collection	No: 9 Benadryl: 1 Birth control: 2 Lithium, Wellbutrin, Adderall, Latudol: 1

N of patients	29
Age, years (median, range)	74 (51-89)
IPSS-R score	
• Intermediate	10 (34.5%)
• High	9 (31.0%)
• Very high	10 (34.5%)
WBC, 10 ⁹ /L (median, range)	2.03 (0.59-28.6)
Hemoglobin, g/L (median, range)	91 (64-112)
Platelets, 10 ⁹ /L (median, range)	42 (10-609)
Bone marrow blasts, % (median, range)	5 (0.7-17)

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SUPPLEMENTAL DATA

Supplemental Data Figure 1. Characterization of a conditional RSPO3-overexpression mouse model.

a, Representative images of H&E stained liver sections from control and RSPO3 animals, n=5 per group. **b**, Representative images of liver sections from control and RSPO3 animals stained for glutamine synthetase (GS) and CYP2E1, n=3 per group. **c**, Concentration of alanine transaminase (ALT), aspartate aminotransferase (AST), total protein and albumin in serum of n=8 control and n=7 RSPO3 mice. **d**, Representative images of H&E stained adrenal gland sections from control and RSPO3 animals, n=8 per group. **e**, Representative images of H&E stained ovary sections from control and RSPO3 animals, n=8 per group. **f**, Representative immunofluorescent images of gut and bone marrow sections from control and RSPO3 animals stained for key endothelial markers, n=3 per group. Rectangles mark regions shown at higher magnification. **g**, Representative immunofluorescent images of bone marrow from control and RSPO3 animals injected with dragon green beads to assess vascular integrity, n=3 per group (VE-cadherin is CD144; Pecam-1 is CD31). **h**, Representative images of H&E stained small intestine sections from control and RSPO3 animals, n=8 per group. **i**, Representative images of ISH for *Rspo3* on small intestine sections from control and RSPO3 animals, n=3 per group. Tissues were analyzed one month after tamoxifen induction and data are represented as mean±s.e.m. Ct: control, RSPO3: tamoxifen-induced animals. n.s. not significant ($p>0.05$); two-tailed unpaired Student's t-test. Scale bars, 200µm for (**h**, right panels; **a,b,f,i**), 2,000µm for (**d,e**), 10,000µm for (**h**, left panels), 5µm for (**g**).

Supplemental Data Figure 2. Mx1.Cre driven RSPO3 overexpression recapitulates key hematopoietic phenotypes.

a, schematic depicting in vivo induction regimen. **b**, gross morphology of the gut upon induction Mx1.Cre driven RSPO3 overexpression. **c**, assessment of Hb and RBC in peripheral blood of control and induced animals with various Cre status (n=3-9 mice per condition). **d**, representative FACS plots and quantification of erythroid progenitors in Mx1.Cre⁻ and Mx1.Cre⁺ mice (n=3-9 per

32 condition). **e**, representative FACS plots and quantification of early B-progenitors in
33 Mx1.Cre⁻ and Mx1.Cre⁺ mice (n=3-9 per condition). Data shown as mean±s.e.m. Two-
34 tailed unpaired Student's t-test, n.s. not significant, * p<0.05, ** p<0.01, *** p<0.001.

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36 **Supplemental Data Figure 3. Elevated RSPO3 levels are necessary to maintain the**
37 **hematopoietic phenotypes. a,f**, Schematics depicting the timeline and experimental
38 approach of the reciprocal bone marrow transplantations (BMT). **b**, Degree of chimerism
39 in major peripheral blood cell populations one month after transplantation of RSPO3 bone
40 marrow into n=5 wild type (WT) recipients. **c**, Representative FACS plots and
41 corresponding bar graph depicting the degree of chimerism in myeloid and early B-
42 progenitors one month after transplantation of RSPO3 bone marrow into n=5 WT
43 recipients. **d,e**, Representative FACS plots showing a reversal of the early B-progenitor
44 (**d**) and erythroid progenitor (**e**) phenotypes in RSPO3 bone marrow from the same donor
45 one month after transplantation into a WT recipient. **g**, Kaplan-Meier survival curve
46 showing a modest survival benefit for RSPO3 animals with a WT bone marrow transplant,
47 n=6-12 per group. **h,i**, Representative FACS plots showing development of the early B-
48 progenitor (**h**) and erythroid progenitor (**i**) phenotypes in WT bone marrow from the same
49 donor one month after transplantation into a RSPO3 recipient. Data are represented as
50 mean±s.e.m. Difference in survival was assessed by log-rank test.

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52 **Supplemental Data Figure 4. Blocking canonical Wnt signaling does not reverse**
53 **the hematopoietic phenotypes. a**, Schematic depicting the tankyrase inhibitor dosing
54 regimen. **b**, Image of representative pieces of small intestine from RSPO3 mice of each
55 treatment group, n=3-4 per group. **c**, Representative FACS plots and corresponding bar
56 graph quantifying erythroid progenitors in RSPO3 mice for each treatment group, n=3 per
57 group. **d**, Absolute number of RBCs in peripheral blood from RSPO3 mice of each
58 treatment group, n=3-4 per group. **e**, Representative images of H&E stained bone
59 sections from RSPO3 mice of each treatment group, n=3-4 per group. **f**, Representative
60 FACS plots and corresponding bar graph quantifying early B-progenitors in RSPO3 mice
61 for each treatment group, n=3-4 per group. **g**, Absolute number of WBCs in peripheral
62 blood from RSPO3 animals of each treatment group, n=3-4 per group. **h**, Representative

63 FACS plots showing enhanced myeloid differentiation in control animals after tankyrase
64 inhibitor treatment, n=3-4 per group. Data are shown as mean±s.e.m. and are
65 representative of two independent experiments. n.s. not significant (p>0.05); one-way
66 ANOVA followed by Dunnett's test for multiple comparison. Scale bar, 500 µm.

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68 **Supplemental Data Table 1.** Clinical characteristics of normal donors included in this
69 study.

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71 **Supplemental Data Table 2.** Median age and key hematological features of MDS
72 patients included in this study. IPSS-R, Revised International Prognostic Scoring System
73 for MDS⁴⁵.

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75 **SUPPLEMENTAL METHODS**

76 **Analyses of bone marrow, spleen, and peripheral blood.** Bone marrow was collected
77 from two femurs and two tibiae per animal and was re-suspended in IMEM with 10% FBS
78 (both Gibco). Cell suspensions from spleens were collected by passing tissues through a
79 40 µm filter and re-suspending in IMEM with 10% FBS (both Gibco). No RBC lysis was
80 performed prior to analysis of bone marrow or spleen. Peripheral blood was collected by
81 cardiac puncture into tubes with EDTA (Vacutainer, Becton Dickinson) followed by 5min
82 lysis with ACK Lysing Buffer (Thermo Fisher Scientific). White blood cell counts, blood
83 differentials and platelet counts were analyzed with a Sysmex XT-2000iV hematology
84 analyzer using mouse profile settings. Analyses of albumin, total protein, glucose, ALT
85 and AST were performed on a BeckmanAu480 chemistry analyzer.

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87 **Tissue harvesting and processing for scRNA sequencing.** Femurs, tibiae, hips and
88 spines were dissected and cleaned from surrounding tissue. For cell sorting and flow
89 cytometry analyses, bones were crushed with a mortar and pestle in cell suspension
90 medium (RPMI 1640 with 2% FBC, both Gibco). The dissociated cells were passed
91 through a 40 µm filter, spun down at 524×g for 5 min, then incubated with 5 ml ACK Lysing
92 Buffer (Thermo Fisher Scientific) for 5 min at room temperature for RBC lysis.
93 Neutralization of the ACK Lysing Buffer was achieved with 20ml cell suspension medium.

94 Cells were lineage-depleted with the Dynabeads Untouched Mouse CD4 Cells Kit
95 (Thermo Fisher Scientific) and a custom antibody mix according to manufacturer's
96 recommendations. For scRNA sequencing, crushed bone chips were washed four times
97 with 10 ml of cell suspension medium, then incubated with 10 ml of digestion medium
98 (HBSS with 1 mg/ml each of Collagenase I and Dispase, all from Gibco) for 30 min at
99 37°C. The cell suspension was then passed through a 40 µm filter and the proteolysis
100 was stopped by adding 40 ml of cell suspension medium. From this point on, cells were
101 treated exactly the same as the dissociated bone marrow cells described above.

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103 **H&E staining & Immunofluorescence.**

104 Formalin-fixed-paraffin embedded liver, gut, sternum and spleen samples were analyzed.
105 For H&E staining slides were de-paraffinized in xylenes, re-hydrated and consecutively
106 stained with hematoxylin (Sigma) for 5, blueing solution (Sigma) for 20 sec and eosin
107 (Sigma) for 1 min. For IF slides were de-paraffinized in xylenes, re-hydrated, and boiled
108 in Dako target retrieval buffer, pH6 (Dako S2369) for 25 min. Samples were first blocked
109 with Avidin/Biotin (Vector SP-2001) following manufacturer's instructions and then for
110 60 min at room temperature with Dako protein-free blocking solution (Dako X0909).
111 Primary antibody for endomucin (rat monoclonal [V.7c7.1]; Abcam ab106100 - 1:100) was
112 applied in Dako protein-free blocking solution overnight at 4°C, followed by a 2-min Alexa
113 488-tyramide labeling reaction following the manufacturer's instructions (Alexa Fluor™
114 488 Tyramide SuperBoost™; Invitrogen B40932). Subsequently, samples were subjected
115 to a second antigen retrieval (as above), then blocked with Dako protein-free blocking
116 solution (Dako X0909) for 60 min at room temperature before applying the second set of
117 primary antibodies overnight at 4°C (rat monoclonal anti-ZO-1, clone R40.76; Sigma-
118 Aldrich MABT11 - 1:100; rabbit polyclonal anti-Claudin 5; Abcam ab15106 - 1:100; rat
119 monoclonal anti-CD144 (VE-cadherin), clone 11D4.1; BD 555289 - 1:100). For
120 assessment of liver zonation, samples were processed the same way as described and
121 primary antibodies for Glutamine Synthetase (rabbit polyclonal; ThermoFisher
122 Scientific, PA1-46165) and Cyp2e1 (rabbit polyclonal; Abcam ab28146) were diluted in
123 Dako antibody diluent and exposed to samples overnight at 4 °C. Secondary antibodies
124 (Invitrogen, Molecular Probes) for immunofluorescence staining were also diluted in

125 Dako antibody diluent. Secondary antibodies (goat anti-rabbit Alexa Fluor® 594;
126 Invitrogen A-11012 - 1:500; donkey anti-rat Alexa Fluor® 647; 1:500; Jackson
127 ImmunoResearch 712-605-153 - 1:500) diluted in Dako protein-free blocking solution
128 were applied for 60 min at room temperature, followed by DAPI staining before mounting
129 (ProLong Gold Antifade Mountant; Life Technologies P36930). All washes were
130 performed using TBS-T buffer (10mM TRIS, pH 8.0, 150mM NaCl, 0.1% Tween 20).
131 Images of entire sections were acquired on the 3D Histech Panoramic SCAN 150
132 (Budapest, Hungary) with Carl Zeiss Plan-Apochromat 20x/N.A. 0.8 objective.

133 **In vivo analysis of vascular integrity.** Mice were injected with 50µl of dragon green
134 (DG) beads (Bangs Laboratories, F502F/10597) and 130µl of antibody mix: 10µl of
135 CD144-Alexa647 (Biolegend), 10µl of CD31-Alexa647 (Biolegend) and 110 µl of PBS
136 (Gibco) 10 min before euthanization, and were immediately perfused with 10ml PBS
137 by cardiac puncture before organ collection. Mouse organs were fixed at 4°C in 4%PFA
138 for 2 hours, followed by incubation in 15% sucrose overnight, and 30% sucrose for 2
139 hours; fixed samples were snap frozen in OCT (Tissue-Tek) and kept at -80 °C until
140 sectioning. Frozen samples were sectioned (7 µm) on Cryostat equipped with the
141 Cryojane tape transfer system and tungsten blades (Leica Microsystems). Sections
142 were washed in PBS for 3 times and imaged using an upright SP8 Leica microscope
143 with water immersion.

144 **Bone marrow transplantation assay.** Bone marrow from CD45.1⁺ and CD45.2⁺ mice
145 was collected from femurs and tibia as described. For non-competitive transplantation
146 experiments 2x10⁵ of total bone marrow cells were injected into the tail vein of lethally
147 irradiated (2 doses of 550 rads) mice. Relative engraftment of CD45.2⁺ or CD45.1⁺ donor
148 cells was assessed in peripheral blood leukocytes and bone marrow progenitors by flow
149 cytometry as described at 4 weeks after transplantation.

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151 **Confirmation of β-catenin deletion using genomic PCR**

152 To confirm the specific deletion of β-catenin, mice were bled 4 weeks after the last
153 treatment with polyI:C, red blood cells were lysed using ACK (Gibco) and CD45⁺ cells
154 were sorted on the FACS Aria Fusion (BD). DNA was extracted using the Puregene Kit

155 (Qiagen) with RNase digestion (Qiagen) following manufacturer's instruction. DNA
156 concentration was determined using the NanoDrop (Thermo Fisher Scientific). PCR
157 genotyping was performed using the primers ACT GCC TTT GTT CTC TTC CCT TCT G
158 (β -catenin lox 5'), CAG CCA AGG AGA GCA GGT GAG G (β -catenin lox 3') and CAG
159 ACA GAC AGC ACC TTC AGC ACT C (β -catenin lox_del). PCR products were analyzed
160 on a 2% agarose gel. Gel images were taken on an Alphamager (Protein Simple).

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162 **RNA-sequencing and data analysis.** Bulk RNA-sequencing (RNA-seq) was performed
163 on tissue from the small intestine and B- and erythroid progenitors isolated as
164 described. Libraries were prepared with the TruSeq RNA Sample Preparation kit
165 (Illumina, CA) and were sequenced on Illumina HiSeq 2500 sequencers to obtain on
166 average 34 million 50-bp single-end reads per sample. RNA-seq reads were first
167 aligned to ribosomal RNA sequences to remove ribosomal reads. The remaining reads
168 were aligned to the mouse reference genome (NCBI Build 38) using GSNAP version⁶⁴
169 2013-10-10, allowing a maximum of two mismatches per 50-base sequence
170 (parameters: -M 2 -n 10 -B 2 -i 1 -N 1 -w 200000 -E 1-pairmax-rna = 200000-clip-
171 overlap). Transcript annotation was based on the RefSeq database (NCBI Annotation
172 Release 104). To quantify gene expression levels, the number of reads mapped to the
173 exons of each RefSeq gene was calculated. Read counts were scaled by library size,
174 quantile normalized and precision weights were calculated using the voom R
175 package⁶⁵. Subsequently, differential expression analysis on the normalized count data
176 was performed using the limma R package⁶⁶ by contrasting RSPO3 overexpressing
177 samples with control samples, respectively. Gene expression was considered
178 significantly different across groups if we observed an $|\log_2\text{-fold change}| \geq 1$ (estimated
179 from the model coefficients) associated with an FDR adjusted P-value ≤ 0.05 . In addition,
180 gene expression was obtained in the form of normalized reads per kilobase gene model
181 per million total reads (nRPKM) as described⁶⁷.

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183 **Single-cell RNA sequencing and data analysis.** For single-cell RNA sequencing
184 (scRNA seq) using the 10x Genomics platform, bone and bone marrow cells were
185 processed as described. In addition to FACS markers, cells were stained with a DNA dye

186 (Vybrant™ DyeCycle™ Violet, Thermo Fisher Scientific) to exclude debris and ensure that
187 only cells are sorted for droplet based scRNA-seq. For this purpose, 3×10^6 cells were
188 incubated for 30 min at 37 °C in 1ml of cell suspension medium supplemented with 2.5µl
189 Vybrant dye. Afterwards, cells were placed on ice and a total of $1.0-1.5 \times 10^4$ events per
190 condition were sorted immediately into 15µl PBS containing 2% FBS. Cell numbers were
191 confirmed with LUNA™ Automated Cell Counter (Logos Biosystems) and 33.8 µl of cell
192 suspension was used as input without further dilution or processing, with final
193 concentrations around 100-200 cells/µl. Reverse transcription and library construction
194 were carried out with the Chromium Single Cell 3' Reagent v2 protocol (10x Genomics,
195 Pleasanton, CA) according to manufacturer's recommendations. Total cDNA synthesis
196 required 14 amplification cycles, with final cDNA yields ranging from approximately 2 to
197 10 ng/µl. 10x Genomics libraries were sequenced on an Illumina Next-Seq500, with read
198 length 26+58 or 26+98. Raw sequencing data were processed using the Cell Ranger
199 pipeline (10x Genomics). Unique molecular identifier (UMI) count tables were loaded into
200 R and further processed using the Seurat R package⁶⁸. We removed all cells with less
201 than 500 distinct genes observed, or cells with more than 5% UMI stemming from
202 mitochondrial genes, and the first 16 PCs were selected as input for clustering and t-SNE,
203 based on manual inspection of a PC variance plot ("PC elbow plot"). Clustering was
204 performed using the default method from the Seurat package, with resolution parameter
205 set to 5. While lower resolution parameters caused biologically distinct groups with a low
206 number of cells to be merged into single cluster, this relatively large parameters resulted
207 in groups with a high number of cells to be split into an undesirable number of subgroups.
208 We therefore computer the mean scaled gene expression values for each cluster and
209 performed hierarchical clustering of the means using a correlation distance. Clusters with
210 correlations of greater 0.8 were then merged together to result in the final clusters
211 displayed in **Figure 2a**. Marker genes for each population were identified using the
212 FindMarkersAll function and ROC-based test statistics.

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