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o SEM analysis

o In situ hybridization

o ß-galactosidase staining

o Gross morphology

o Bone and cartilage/Cartilage staining

► Sample size for next-generation sequencing datasets was based on standard practice within the field (e.g., biological triplicate for RNA-seq, biological duplicate for ATAC-seq).

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► RNA-seq (Figure 1, Figure 7) – 3 biological replicates (information found in figure legend)

► ATAC-seq (Figure 2 and 3) was conducted in duplicate in wild-type or mutant embryos (information found in ‘Results’ and ‘Methods’ section).

► Embryos (information is included within the ‘Methods’ and/or ‘Results’ section, including figure legend for some)

► A minimum of three embryos per genotype were used for: gross morphology including SEM (Figures 1 and 5); each probe for in situ hybridization (Figure 4, Figure 7—figure supplement 2); skeletal analysis (Figure 6); Axin2-lacZ ß-gal staining (Figure 8); and proliferation analysis (Figure 4—figure supplement 5).

► Wnt1 gain-of-function rescue analysis (Figure 8), a minimum of 7 embryos/genotype

► Real-time PCR (Figure 4) – 2 biological replicates per genotype, with technical triplicates for real-time analysis (information is included within the Figure legend).

► Real-time PCR (Figure 4—figure supplement 4; Figure 7—figure supplement 2 and 3) – 1 biological replicate with technical triplicates (information is included within the Figure legend).

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► Boxplots (Figure 7), standard two-tailed t-test (information in Figure legend).

► Proliferation analysis (Figure 4—figure supplement 5), standard two-tailed t-test (information in ‘Methods’ section)

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► Entire list of gene expression and ATAC-seq peaks presented in Figure 2 (Supplementary File 1)

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► Entire gene expression output for Figure 7 datasets (Supplementary File 3)