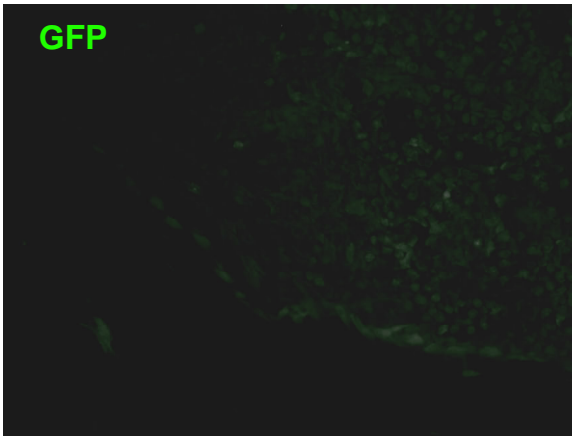


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**Supplementary Figure 2: Control staining for cKit and of bone sections from WT mice**

Fresh bone specimens from WT mice were decalcified, infiltrated with sucrose, and embedded in OCT medium. Frozen sections were fixed in acetone and stored at -80°C until staining. For immunostaining, sections were blocked with 20% normal goat serum and incubated with Streptavidin-Alexa 350 (left; secondary antibody control for cKit staining shown in **Fig. 1a**) or anti-GFP-FITC (right; control for non-specific anti-GFP staining in **Fig. 1a**). Alexa 350 was displayed red.