

**Supplementary Figure 1. Blood chimerism of a heterochronic parabiotic model.** To verify the blood chimerism in parabiotic mice, GFP mice were used and the percentage of GFP+ cells in the spleen was analyzed via flow cytometry in each wild-type animal connected to the GFP+ parabiotic partner after 4 weeks, postoperatively. Non-connected wild type or GFP mice were seen as negative (**A**) and positive controls (**B**). Flow cytometry analysis showed that the blood chimerism of parabiotic wild type (**C**) and GFP (**D**) mice was 42% and 47% respectively (**E**), consistent with the establishment of parabiotic cross-circulation. Data shown in F are changes in the body weights of Y-O, Y-Y and O-O mice.