## **Supplementary Video legends**

**Supplementary Video 1. CXCL12-induced intracellular calcium fluxes in leukocytes.** Live cell imaging of free intracellular calcium by Fluo-4 fluorescence (green) after CXCL12 stimulation of CD45<sup>+</sup> (red) leukocytes. The video corresponds to the Extended Data Fig. 1i.

Supplementary Video 2. High baseline free calcium and no CXCL12-induced rapid free calcium changes in erythroblasts. Live cell imaging of free intracellular calcium after CXCL12 stimulation by Fluo-4 fluorescence (green) in ACKR1<sup>+</sup> (red) nucleated erythroid cells. The video corresponds to Extended Data Fig. 1i.

**Supplementary Video 3. Erythroblast endocytosis of CXCL12 and CXCR4.** A 3D confocal microscopy image of a freshly isolated viable erythroblast pre-stained with anti-CXCR4 (green) and anti-Ter119 (blue) followed by stimulation with CXCL12-AF647 (red). Image was taken 60 min after the addition of CXCL12. The video corresponds to Fig. 1f.

**Supplementary Video 4. Nuclear localization of CXCR4 and phosphorylated CXCR4 in an erythroblast**. A 3D confocal microscopy image of a freshly isolated viable erythroblast stimulated with CXCL12 and stained with anti-CXCR4 (green), anti-pS346 CXCR4 (red), anti-Ter119 (blue) and Hoechst (white). Scale bar, 5 μm. The video corresponds to Fig. 2a.

Supplementary Video 5. CXCL12 triggers erythroblast elongation, CXCR4 redistribution, nuclear polarization and chromatin condensation. Live cell imaging of freshly isolated viable erythroblasts pre-labelled with anti-CXCR4 antibody (green), anti-Ter119 antibody (blue) and nuclear dye Hoechst (white) and stimulated with CXCL12-AF647 (red), added during live imaging. The video corresponds to Extended Data Fig. 4a.

Supplementary Video 6. CXCL12-triggered erythroblast elongation, nuclear polarization, chromatin condensation and rapid perinuclear Ca2+ transients. Live cell imaging of freshly isolated viable erythroblasts pre-labelled with Ca2+ sensitive dye Fluo-4 (green), anti-CD71 antibody (white) and nuclear dye Hoechst (blue and stimulated with CXCL12-AF647 (red), added during live imaging. The video corresponds to Fig. 3a.