

Supplementary Materials for

The generation of stable microvessels in ischemia is mediated by endothelial cell derived TRAIL

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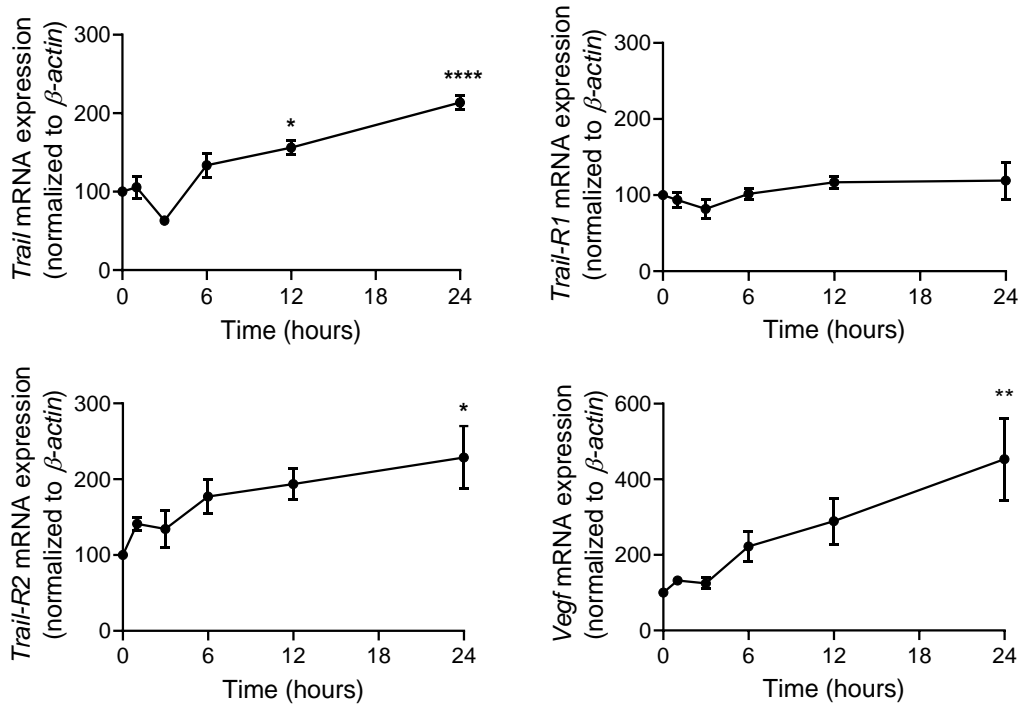
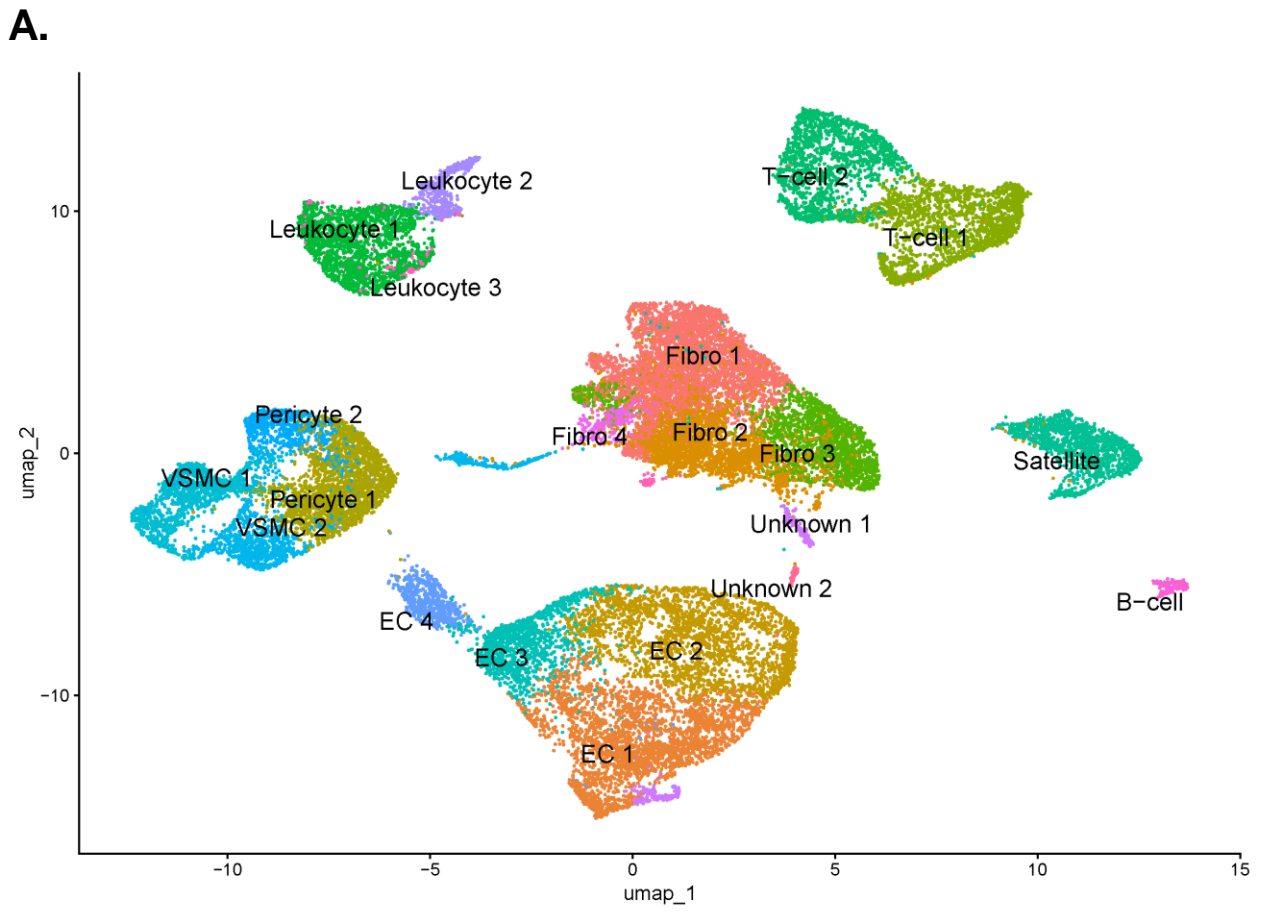
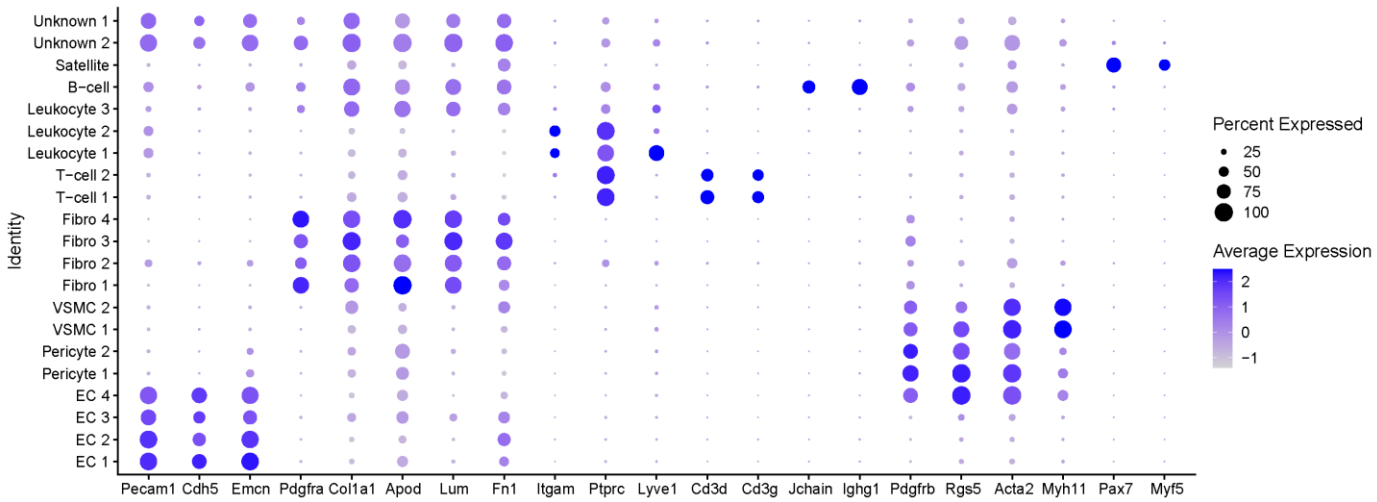


Fig. S1.

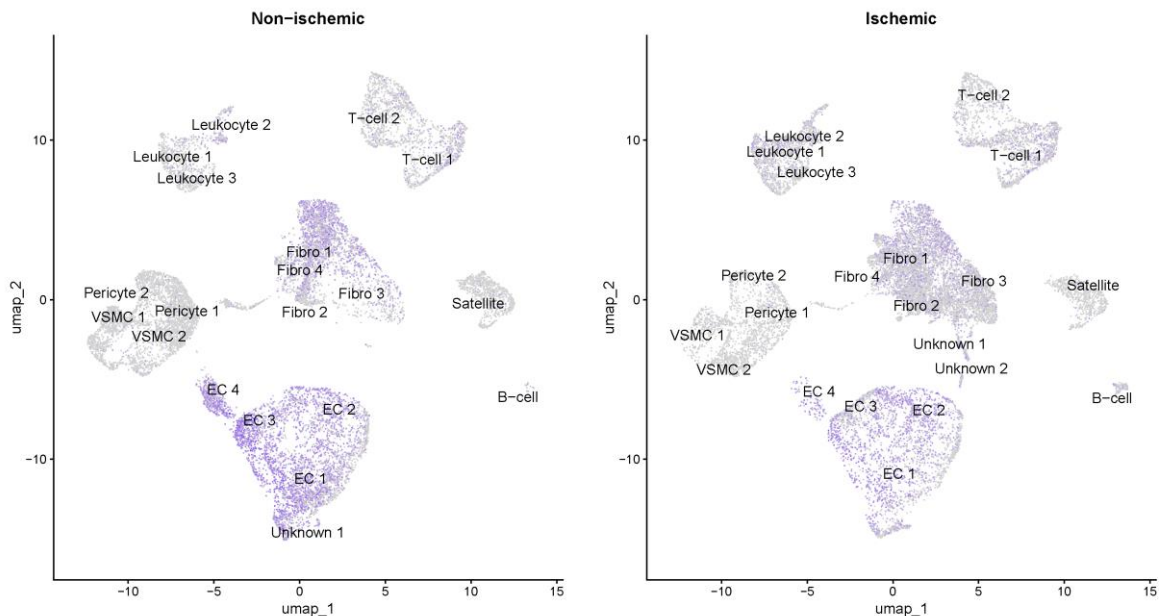
Hypoxia increases *Trail* and *Trail-R2*, but not *Trail-R1* mRNA expression over 24 h. Serum-arrested HMEC-1 were exposed to hypoxia (2% O₂) over 24 h. RNA harvested, and cDNA generated for qPCR. mRNA was normalized to β -actin (n=3/group). *Vegf* mRNA was assessed as a positive control. Results are mean \pm SEM; One-way ANOVA; * P <0.05, ** P <0.01 and **** P <0.0001.



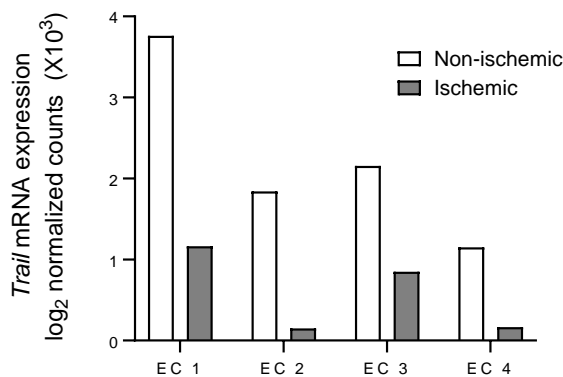
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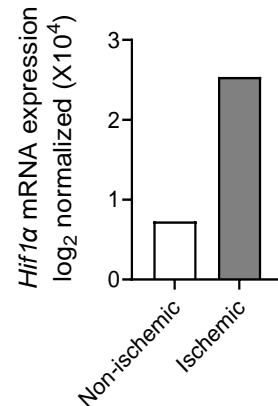
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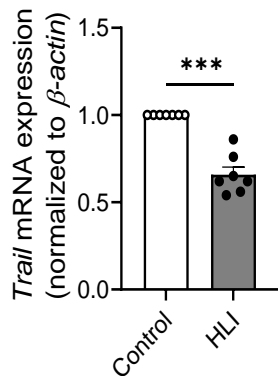
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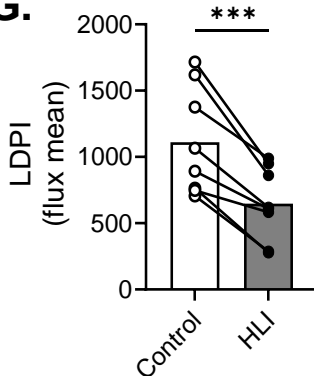
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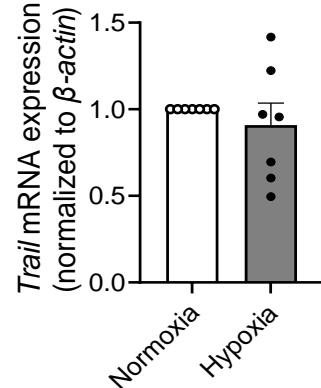


Fig. S2.

ECs are a major source of TRAIL in human limb tissue. (A) Principal component analysis followed by K-nearest neighbour clustering identified 4 EC clusters (EC 1-4). Additional cell clusters include: pericytes 1-2; vascular smooth muscle cell (VSMC 1-2); satellite cells (Satellite); leukocytes 1-3; T-cells 1-2; fibroblasts (Fibro 1-4); B-cells; (B) Dot plot showing differentially expressed genes for annotated cell populations. (C) *Trail* expression and distribution. (D) *Trail* mRNA expression in EC clusters 1 to 4, normalized to cell counts. (E) *Hif1α* mRNA expression in total ECs, normalized to cell counts. (F) *Trail* mRNA expression and (G) blood perfusion in C57Bl6 mouse limb tissues 14 d after hindlimb ischemia (HLI) (n=7). (H) *Trail* mRNA expression in HMEC-1 after 7 d of hypoxia (n=7/group). All mRNA was normalized to β -actin. Results are mean \pm SEM; Mann-Whitney *U*-test, Paired *t*-test; ****P*<0.01.

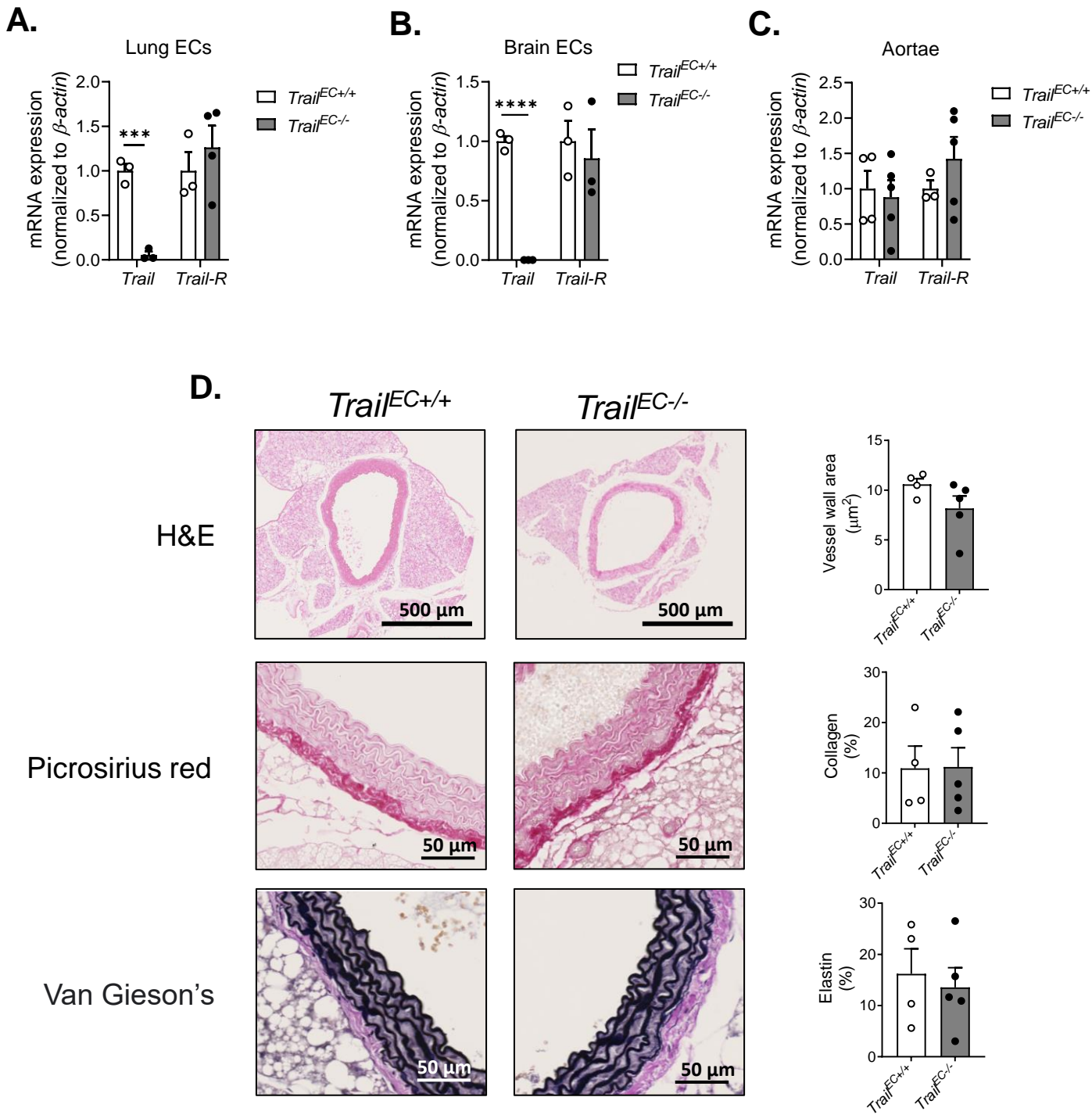
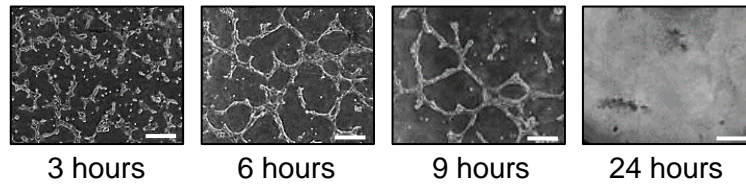
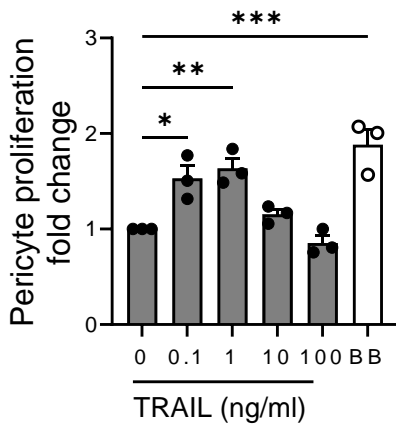
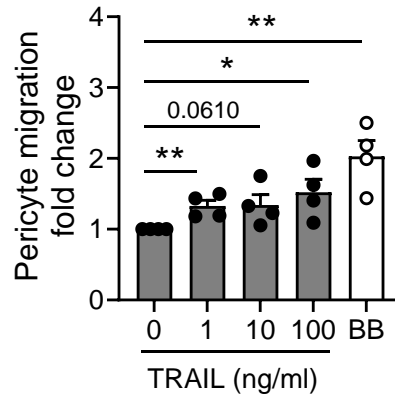
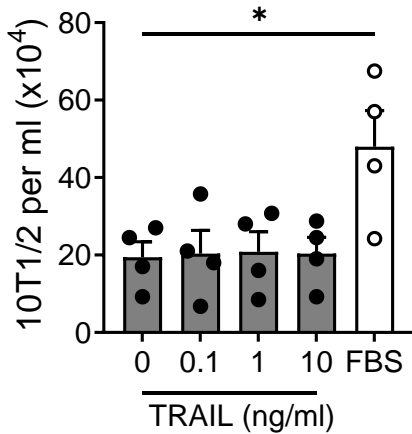
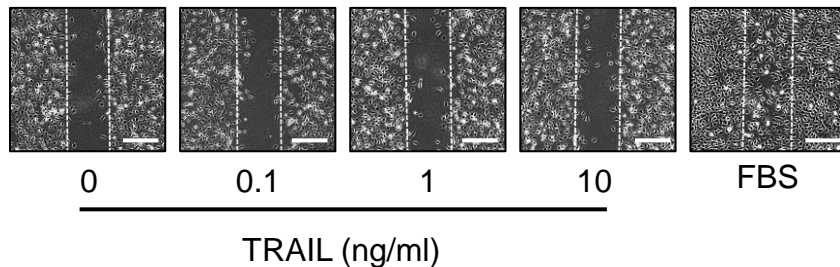
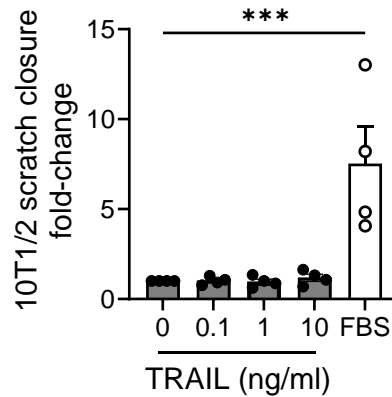


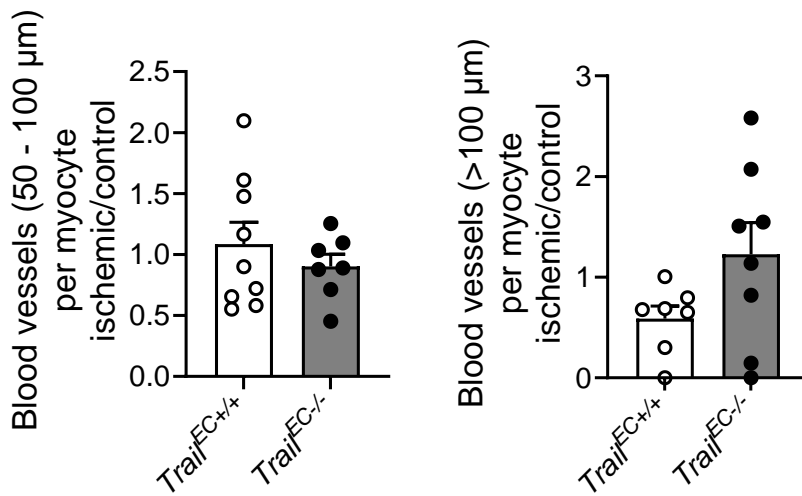
Fig. S3.

TRAIL deletion is specific to ECs, with no effect on large vessel structure in *Trail*^{EC-/-} mice. *Trail*, but not *Trail-R* mRNA expression is reduced in ECs isolated from (A) lung and (B) brain from *Trail*^{EC-/-} mice (n=3/group). (C) *Trail* or *Trail-R* mRNA in aortae of *Trail*^{EC-/-} and *Trail*^{EC+/+} mice. mRNA normalized to β -actin (n=3-5/group). (D) Paraffin-embedded cross section of aortae from *Trail*^{EC-/-} and *Trail*^{EC+/+} mice stained for hematoxylin and eosin (H&E), picrosirius red (collagen) and Van Gieson's (elastin); scale bars as indicated (n=4-5/genotype). Results are mean \pm SEM. Mann-Whitney *U*-test; ****P*<0.001 and *****P*<0.0001.

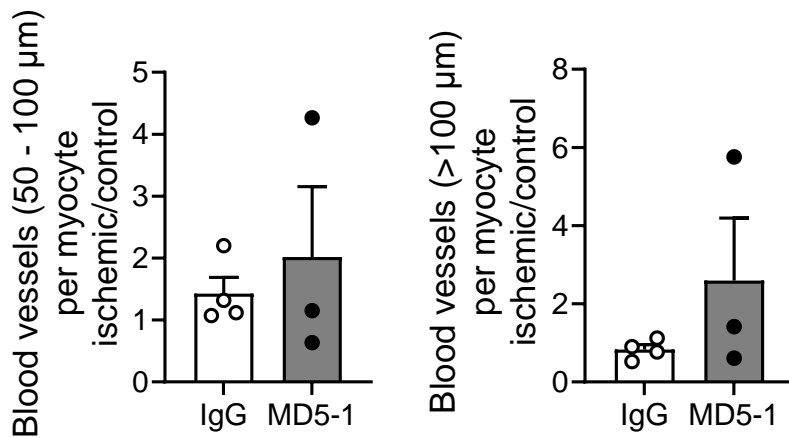
A.*Trail*^{+/+} EC**B.****C.****D.****E.****Fig. S4.**

Tubulogenesis and pericyte migration. (A) Representative image showing *Trail*^{+/+} ECs formed tubules by 6-9 h but dissociated by 24 h; scale bar 250 μ m. (B) Pericyte proliferation at 24 h (n=3/group) and (C) pericyte Transwell migration to recombinant TRAIL at 8 h (n=4/group). PDGF-BB (BB; 20 ng/ml) was used as positive control. ECs and pericytes were isolated from mouse brain. (D) 10T1/2 cell proliferation at 24 h. (E) 10T1/2 migration via scratch assay at 24 h; *top*, quantification; *bottom*, representative images. Both are unaltered with recombinant human TRAIL at 24 h. 10% FBS was used as a positive control. Dotted lines indicate denuded zone; scale bar 200 μ m (n=4/group). Results are mean \pm SEM; one-way ANOVA or Student's *t*-test; **P*<0.05, ***P*<0.01 and ****P*<0.001.

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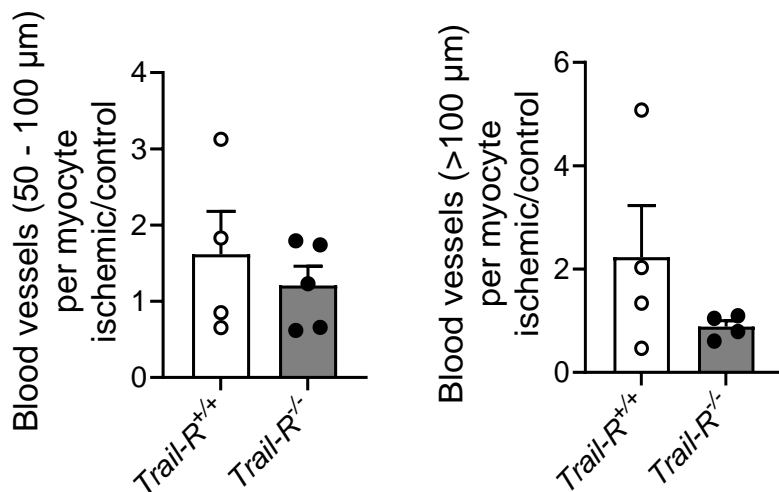
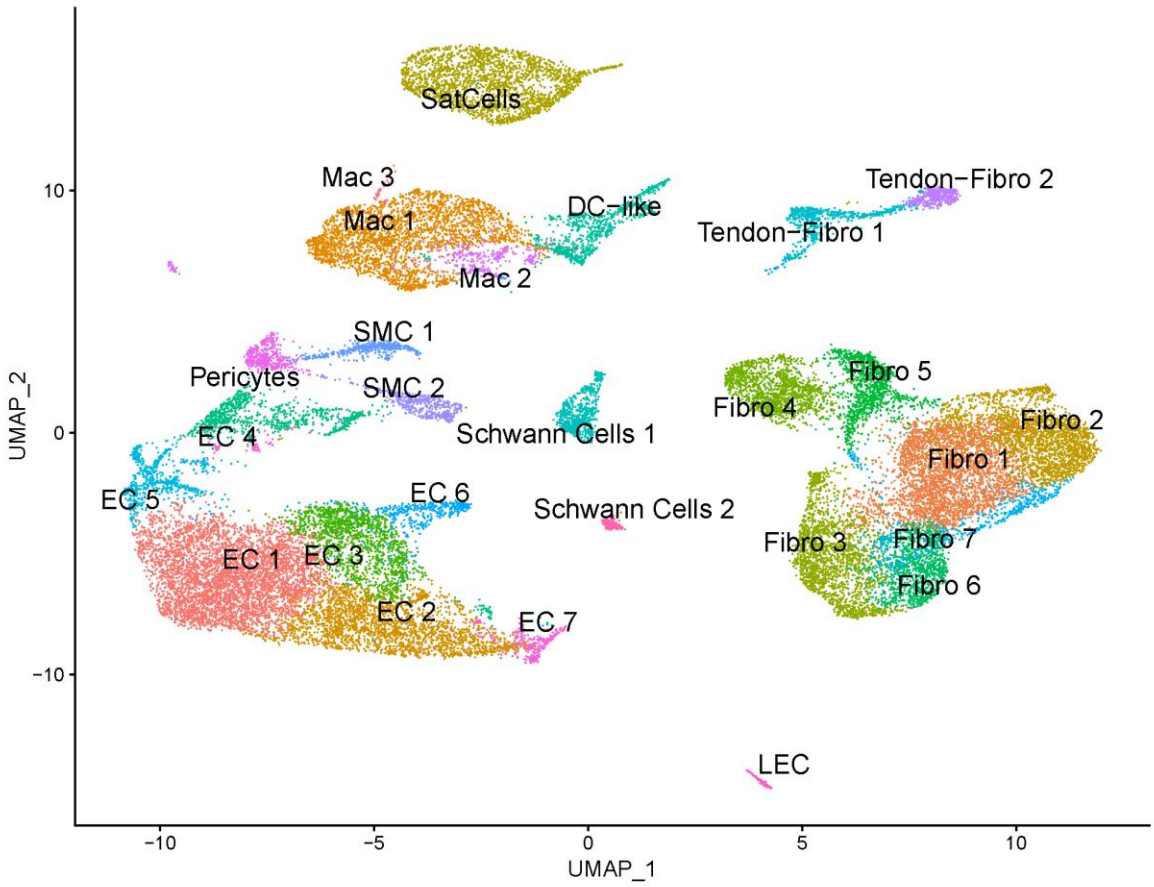
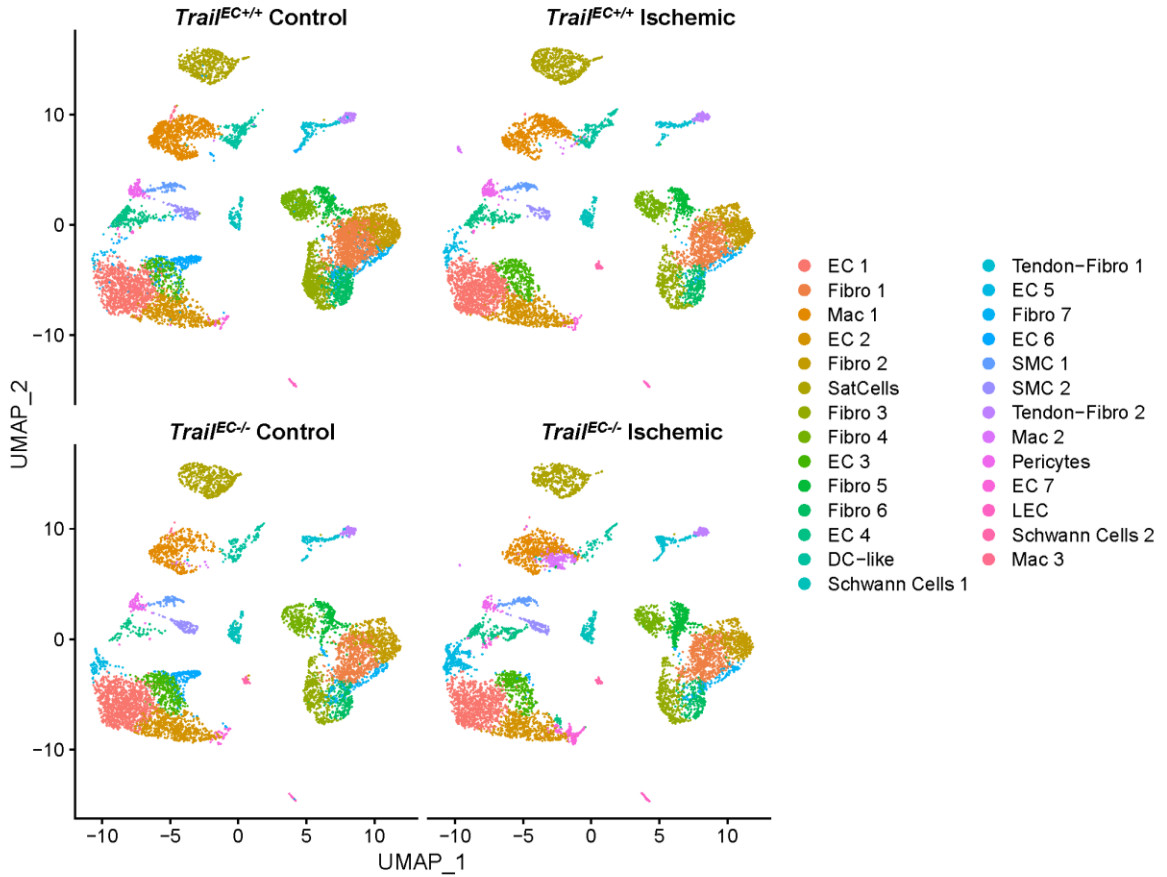
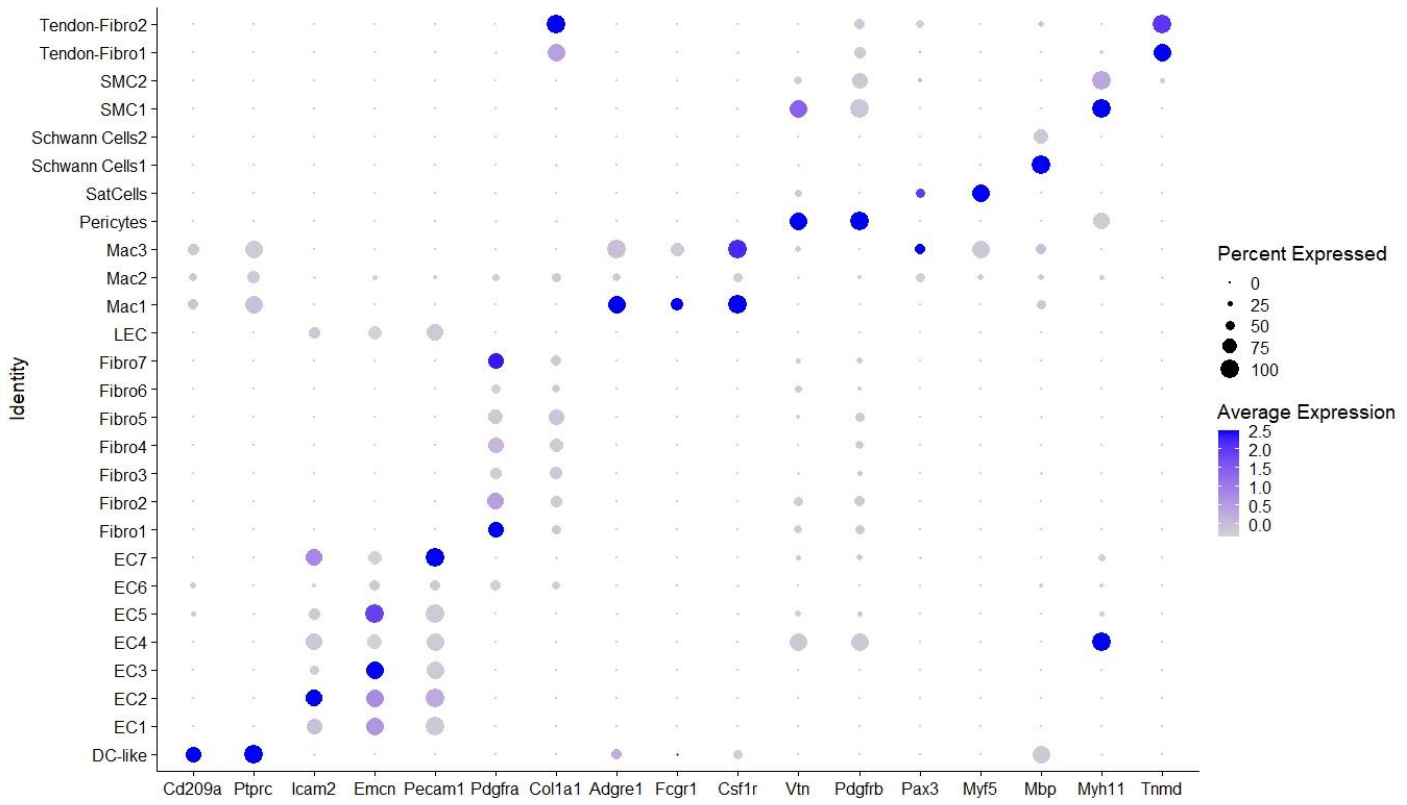


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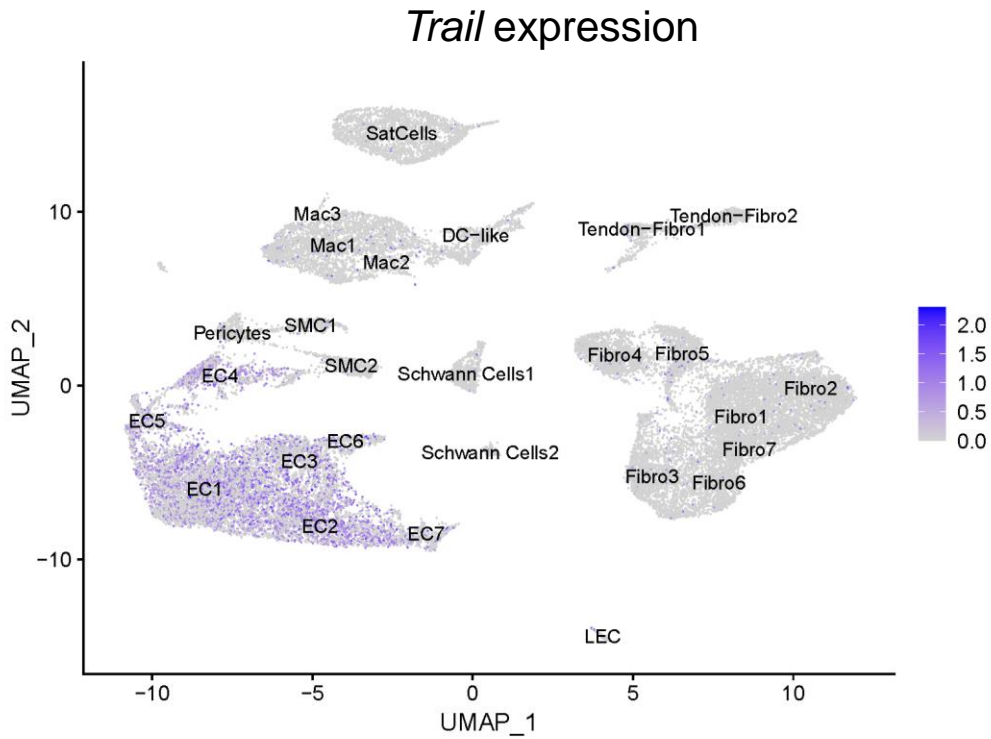
Large vessel numbers are unaltered in ischemic limbs. Large vessel numbers 50-100 and >100 μm are unaltered in ischemic gastrocnemius muscle from: (A) *Trail^{EC}/+* vs. *Trail^{EC}/-* mice 28 d post-HLI (n=7-9/genotype); (B) *Trail^{EC}/-* treated with MD5-1 or IgG 7 d post-HLI (n=3-4/treatment); and (C) *Trail^R/+* vs. *Trail^R/-* mice 28 d post-HLI (n=4-5/genotype). Results are mean \pm SEM. Students *t*-test.

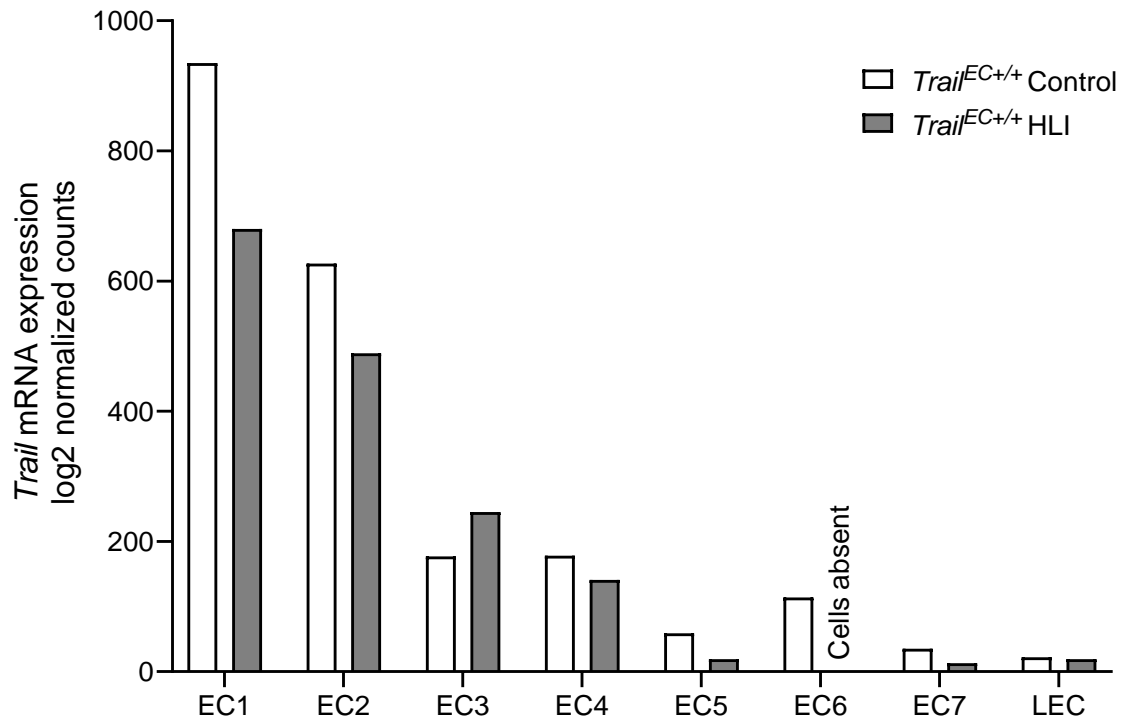
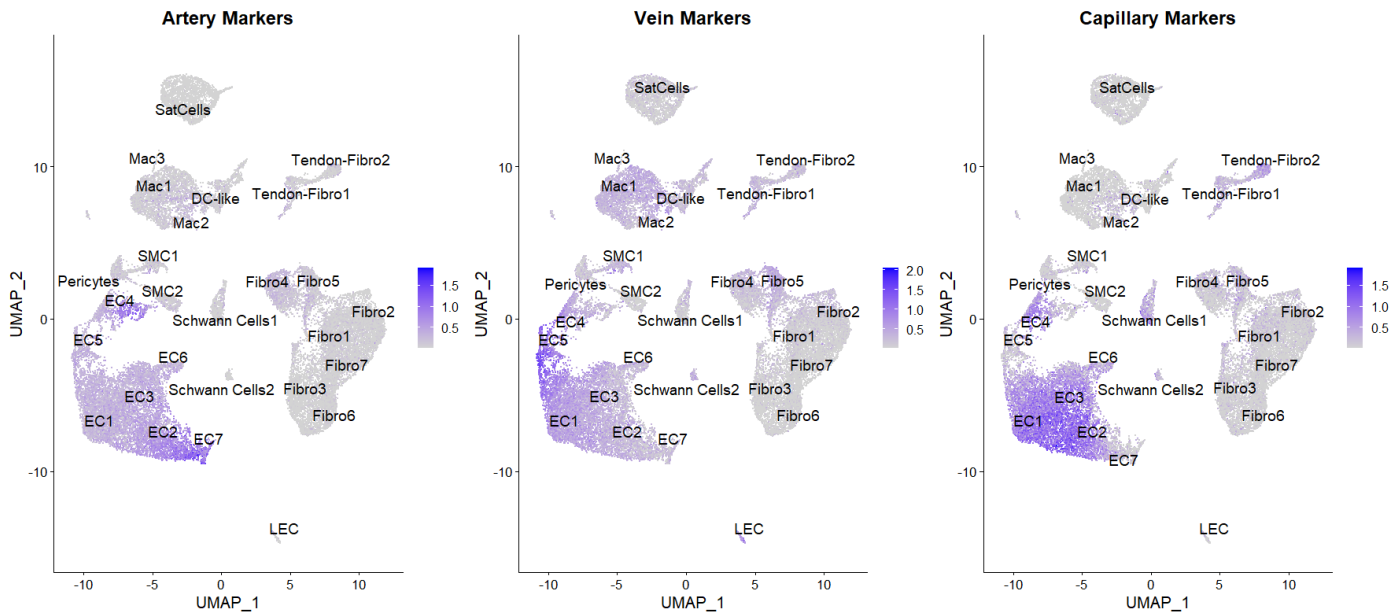
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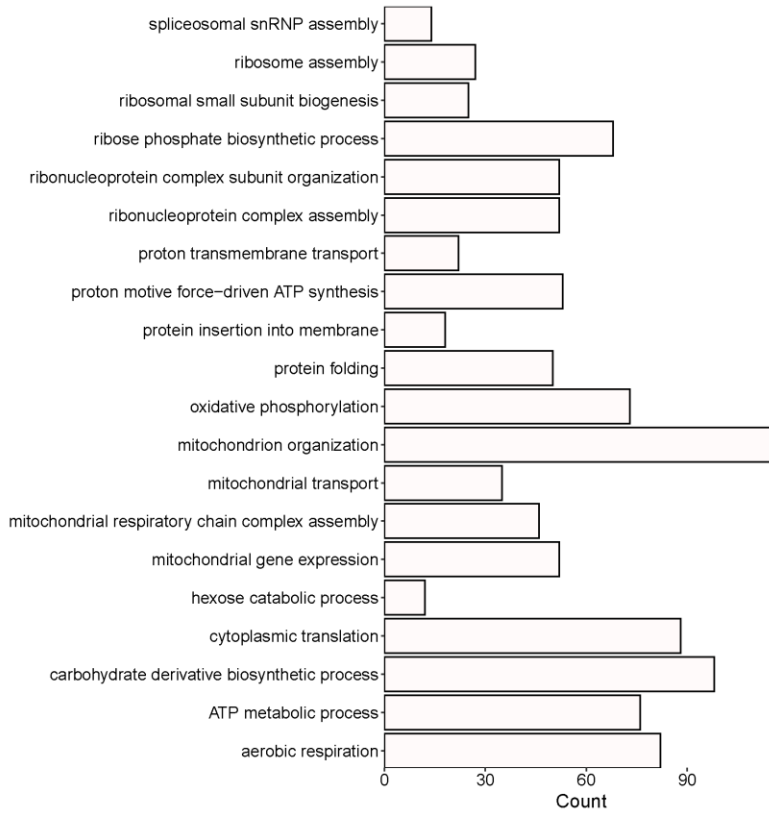
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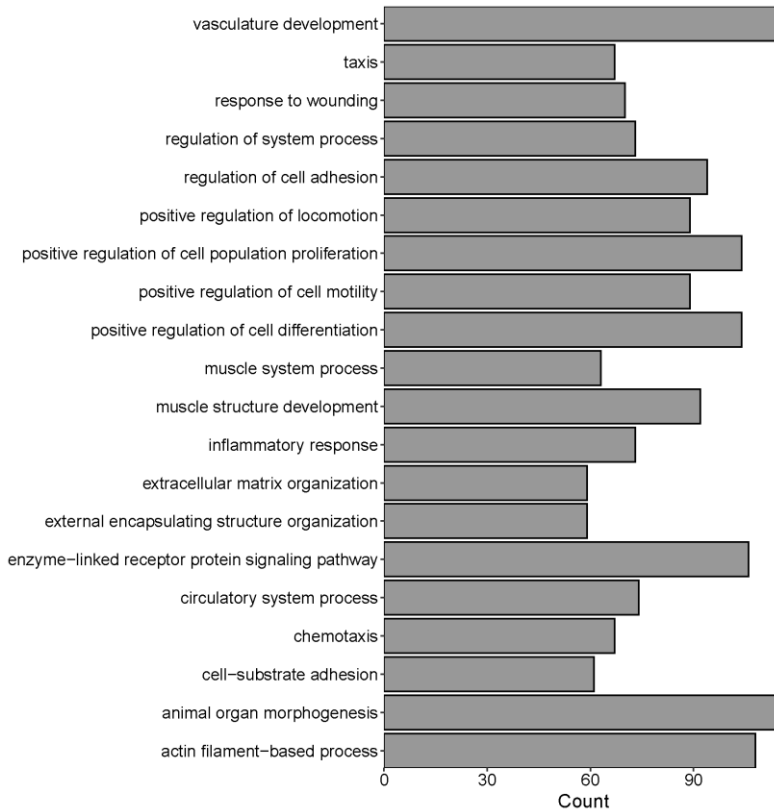
E.**F.****Fig. S6.**

scRNA-seq of gastrocnemius muscle. (A) Principal component analysis followed by K-nearest neighbour clustering identified 8 EC (EC1-7, LEC) and 1 Pericyte cluster. Additional cell clusters included: smooth muscle cells (SMC1-2); satellite cells (SatCell); dendritic cell-like (DC-like); macrophages (Mac1-3); fibroblasts (Fibro1-7); Schwann cells 1-2; tendon fibroblasts (Tendon-Fibro1-2). (B) Cell clusters in each group. (C) Dot plot showing differentially expressed genes for annotated cell populations. *Trail* expression in (D) all clusters or in (E) EC subtypes. (F) Clusters marking arteries, veins and capillaries.

A. Upregulated genes; ischemic vs. non-ischemic limbs of *Trail*^{EC+/+}



B. Upregulated genes; ischemic vs. non-ischemic limbs of *Trail*^{EC-/-}



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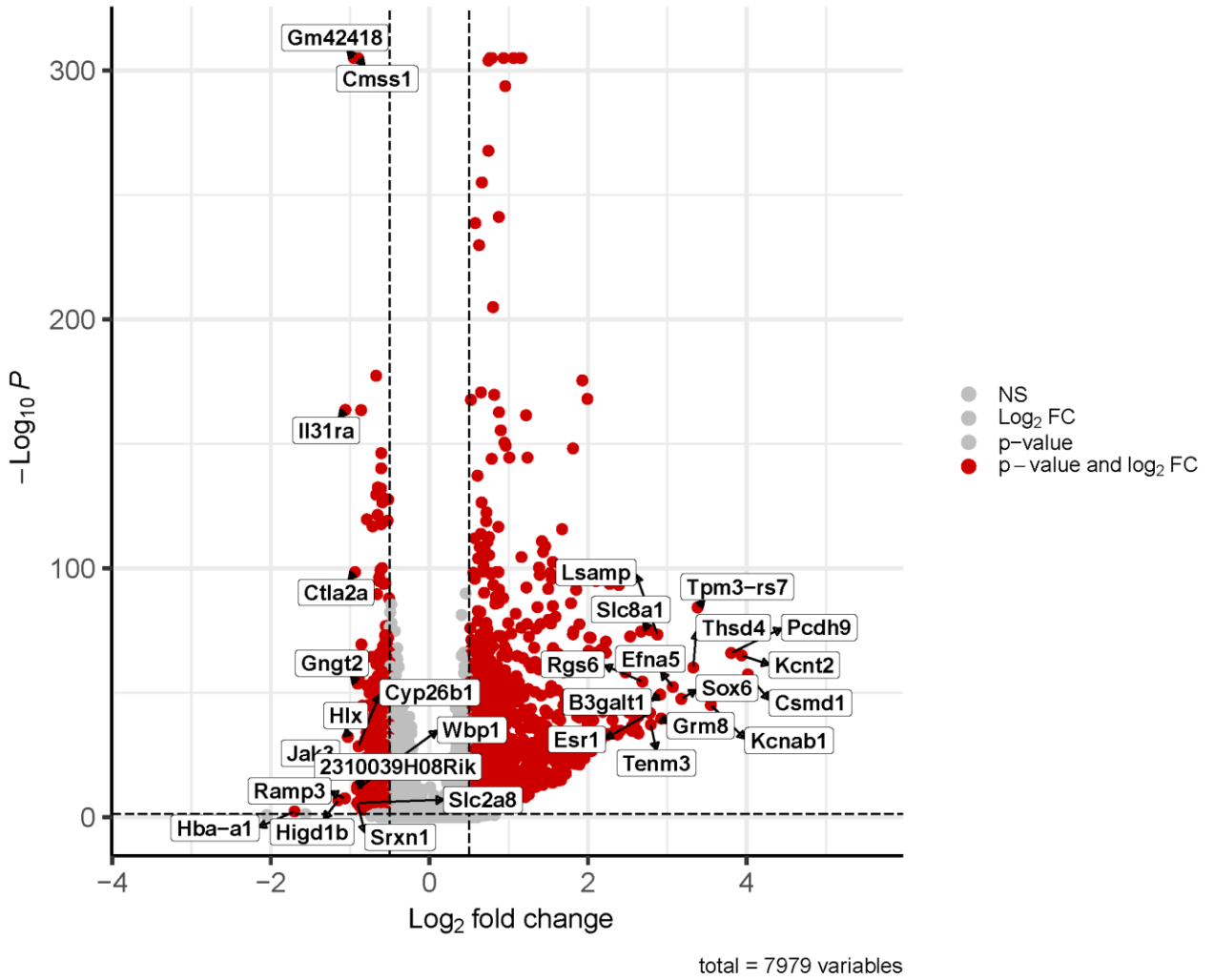
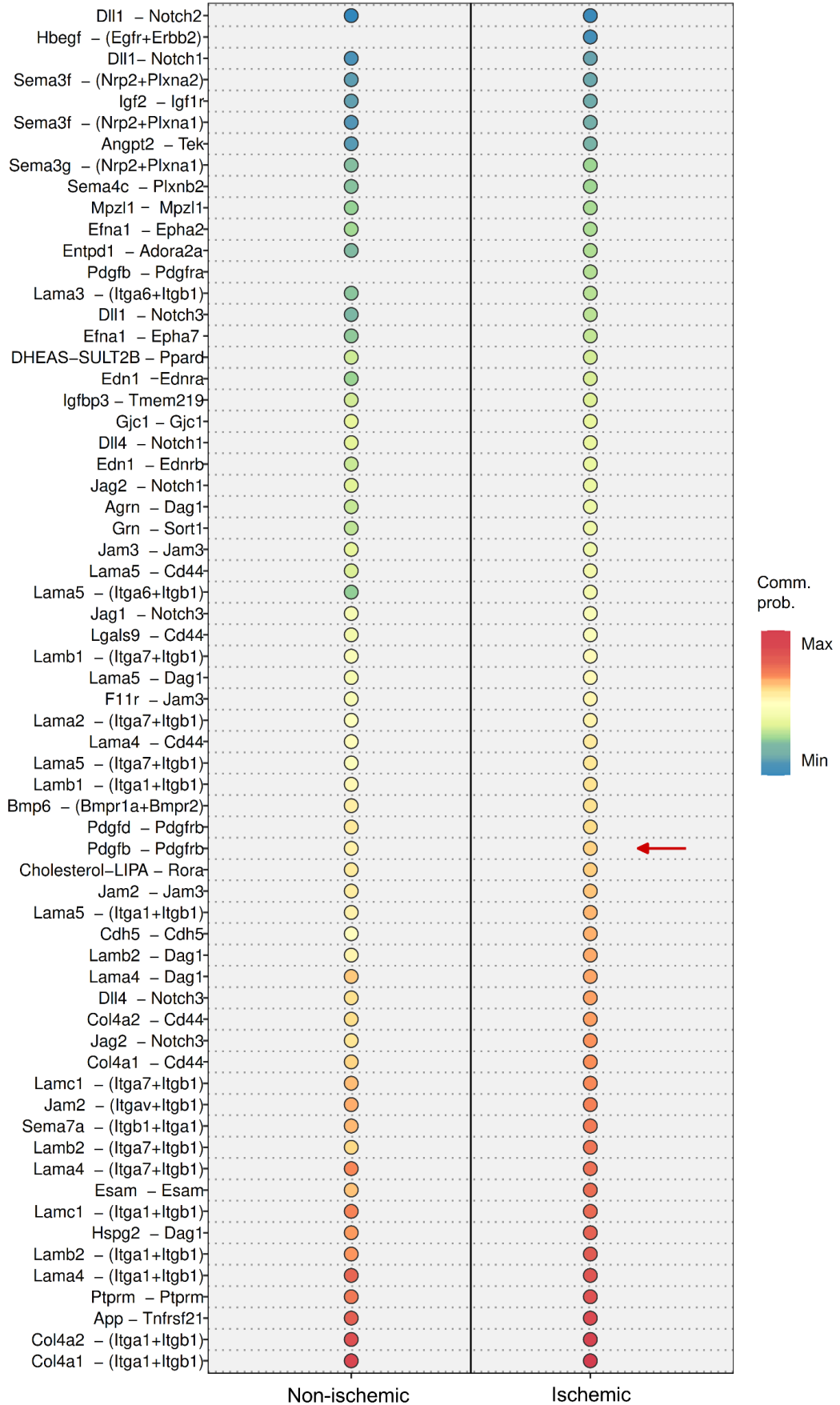


Fig. S7.

Differentially expressed genes in EC microvessel populations are altered in limbs of *Trail^{EC-/-}* mice. (A) *Trail^{EC+/+}* and (B) *Trail^{EC-/-}* EC1-EC7 clusters in ischemic tissues showing altered biological processes. (C) Volcano plot showing top up-regulated and down-regulated differentially expressed genes from *Trail^{EC-/-}* vs *Trail^{EC+/+}* ischemic tissues.

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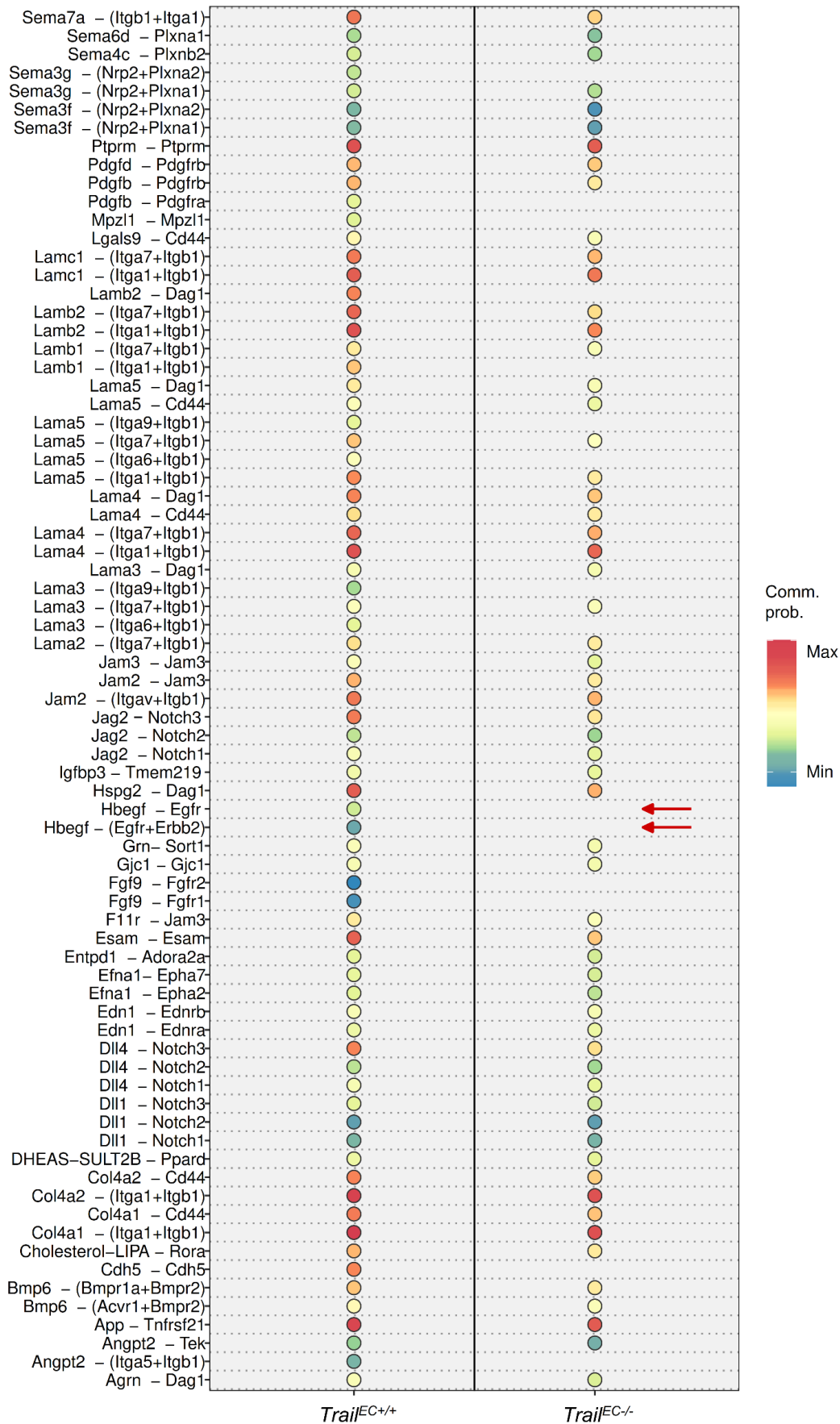
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Fig. S8.
TRAIL-dependent EC-pericyte interactions. (A) CellChat analysis showing EC-pericyte interactions, control vs ischemic limb of *Trail*^{EC+/+} mice. Red arrow depicting PDGFB-PDGFR β interactions. (B) CellChat analysis showing EC-pericyte interactions of ischemic limbs between *Trail*^{EC+/+} and *Trail*^{EC-/-} mice. Red arrows depicting loss of HBEGF-EGFR and HBEGF-EGFR/ERBB2 interactions in ischemic limbs of *Trail*^{EC-/-} mice.

SUPPLEMENTARY TABLES

Table S1.

Human demographics.

Characteristic	PAD Patients n=11	Healthy Controls n=12
Age (y) Mean (SD)	66.1 (10.0)	38.9 (12.1)
Female (%)	4 (36)	8 (67)
Body Mass Index Mean (SD)	30.0 (7.4)	ND
Hypertension (%)	7 (63.6)	N/A
Diabetic (%)	9 (81.8)	N/A
Hypercholesterolemia (%)	8 (72.7)	N/A
Smoker (%)	9 (81.8)	ND
Myocardial Infarction (%)	7 (63.6)	N/A

ND, not determined; N/A, not applicable.

Table S2.**Plasma chemistries of adult *Trail*^{EC+/+} and *Trail*^{EC-/-} mice**

	<i>Trail</i> ^{EC+/+}	<i>Trail</i> ^{EC-/-}	<i>P</i> value	<i>n per group</i>
Glucose mmol/L	10.29 ± 0.42	10.12 ± 0.44	0.787	6-7
Insulin mg/L	0.3 ± 0.07	0.5 ± 0.22	0.105	6-8
Cholesterol mg/dL	115.6 ± 13.22	107.8 ± 23.18	0.310	6-8
TRAIL pg/mL	10782 ± 1963	4649 ± 338	0.002	6

Table S3.

Markers used to identify artery, vein, and capillaries from EC populations.

Vessel Type	Marker
Artery	<i>Acvrl1</i>
	<i>Bmx</i>
	<i>Crip1</i>
	<i>Efnb2</i>
	<i>Fbln2</i>
	<i>Gja4</i>
	<i>Gja5</i>
	<i>Gkn3</i>
	<i>Hey1</i>
	<i>Hey2</i>
	<i>Mecom</i>
	<i>Nrp1</i>
	<i>Sat1</i>
	<i>Sema3g</i>
<i>Sox17</i>	
Vein	<i>Apoe</i>
	<i>Bgn</i>
	<i>Ctla2a</i>
	<i>Emcn</i>
	<i>Ephb4</i>
	<i>Il6st</i>
	<i>Nr2f2</i>
	<i>Nrp2</i>
	<i>Ptgs1</i>
	<i>Selp</i>
	<i>Tmsb10</i>
<i>Tmsb4x</i>	
<i>Vwf</i>	
Capillary	<i>Car4</i>
	<i>Kdr</i>
	<i>Mfsd2a</i>
	<i>Plvap</i>
	<i>Rgcc</i>
	<i>Sgk1</i>
<i>Sparc</i>	

Table S4.**The top 15 up-regulated genes in ischemic limb tissues of *Trail*^{EC-/-} mice.**

Gene	Fold Change	P value	Function	Reference
<i>Csmd1</i>	16.17723187	4.44054E-58	Tumour suppressor; inhibits proliferation, migration and invasion of cancerous cells	(68)
<i>Kcnt2</i>	15.30062718	9.53328E-66	Voltage-gated potassium channel subunit; involved in blood pressure regulation	(69)
<i>Pcdh9</i>	13.97038328	1.07846E-66	Protocadherin, mediated cell-cell adhesion in neural tissue	(70)
<i>Kcnab1</i>	11.69655966	8.23554E-46	Voltage-gated potassium channel subunit; involved in blood pressure regulation	(71)
<i>Tpm3-rs7</i>	10.42682927	5.01724E-85	Pseudogene	
<i>Thsd4</i>	10.03501363	7.15917E-61	Variants associated with thoracic aortic aneurysm predisposition	(72)
<i>Sox6</i>	9.040404717	2.97456E-48	Tumour suppressor; inhibits inducible EC proliferation and tubule formation	(73)
<i>Efna5</i>	8.390461672	4.60505E-53	Involved in retinal neovascularisation	(74)
<i>Grm8</i>	7.584277003	2.20594E-40	Mediates EC proliferation and tubule formation	(75)
<i>B3galt1</i>	7.518566799	5.21455E-50	Involved in brain development	(76)
<i>Lsamp</i>	7.332219299	4.24164E-74	Polymorphisms associated with coronary artery disease	(77)
<i>Tenm3</i>	6.926393728	6.24619E-38	Transmembrane protein; involved in ERK/AKT/SAT3 activation	(78)
<i>Esr1</i>	6.874832485	1.45671E-42	Involved in VEGFA regulation in adipose tissue	(79)
<i>Slc8a1</i>	6.846967715	5.84893E-76	Na ⁺ /Ca ²⁺ exchanger, maintains Ca ²⁺ homeostasis; stimulates angiogenesis	(80)
<i>Rgs6</i>	6.43223378	3.23921E-55	Required for normal cardiovascular development	(81)

Table S5.**The top 15 down-regulated genes in ischemic limb tissues of *Trail*^{EC-/-} mice.**

Gene	Fold Change	P value	Function	Reference
<i>Hba-a1</i>	-3.248921374	0.005029777	Haemoglobin chain; acts as a nitrite reductase in ECs	(82)
<i>Higd1b</i>	-2.216554847	1.44602E-07	Pericyte marker	(83)
<i>Ramp3</i>	-2.093268791	2.50109E-08	Involved in lymphatic EC migration	(84)
<i>Il31ra</i>	-2.083654763	2.219E-164	IL-31 receptor; Regulates immunity, hematopoiesis, proliferation, apoptosis	(84)
<i>Jak3</i>	-2.047762948	6.67371E-21	Marker of bone marrow endothelium	(85)
<i>Hlx</i>	-2.039091723	6.08803E-33	Negative regulation of endothelial cell sprouting	(86)
<i>Gm42418</i>	-1.932766499	0	Pseudogene	
<i>Ctla2a</i>	-1.914428933	3.3819E-99	Inhibits EC proliferation and angiogenesis	(87)
<i>Wbp1</i>	-1.882749838	5.5348E-12	Binds tumour suppressor WWOX	(88)
<i>2310039H08Rik</i>	-1.878559416	4.70367E-13	Predicted gene	
<i>Srxn1</i>	-1.877820154	1.95222E-06	Inhibits smooth muscle cell proliferation and migration	(89)
<i>Gngt2</i>	-1.872098727	2.19706E-54	Marker in esophageal cancer	(90)
<i>Cmss1</i>	-1.864645757	0	Part of the ribosome unit; binds mRNA	(91)
<i>Cyp26b1</i>	-1.858356536	3.31131E-29	Monoxygenase; interacts with retinoic acid; increased expression induces angiogenesis in infarcted hearts	(92)
<i>Slc2a8</i>	-1.857274319	1.80318E-06	Glucose transporter; induces autophagy in hepatocytes	(93)

Table S6.**Primer sequences**

Human		
	Forward	Reverse
TRAIL	ACCAACGAGCTGAAGCAGAT	CAAGTGCAAGTTGCTCAGGA
TRAIL-R1	GTCCTGCTGCAGGTCGTACC	GATGTCACTCCAGGGCGTAC
TRAIL-R2	CCAACAAGACCTAGCTCCCCAGC	AAGACTACGGCTGCAACTGTGACTCC
VEGF	ATGAACTTTCTGCTGTCTTGGGTG	TCACCGCCTCGGCTTGTACAT
NOX4	CTGGAGGAGCTGGCTCGCCAACGAAG	GTGATCATGAGGAATAGCACCACCACCATGCAG
HBEGF	ATCGTGGGGCTTCTCATGTTT	TTAGTCATGCCAACTTCACTTT
ERBB2	TGTGACTGCCTGTCCCTACAA	CCAGACCATAGCACACTCGG
EGFR	AGGCACGAGTAACAAGCTCAC	ATGAGGACATAACCAGCCACC
β-ACTIN	AGCCATGTACGTAGCCATCC	CTCTCAGCTGTGGTGGTGAA
Mouse		
	Forward	Reverse
TRAIL	AAGCTGAAGACGCTTCCAAGAT	CCGGATAGCTGGTGTACTTGTA
TRAIL-R	GCAGAGAGGGTATTGACTACA	GCATCGGGTTTCTACGACTTT
CD31	CTGCCAGTCCGAAAATGGAAC	CTTCATCCACCGGGGCTATC
NG2	ACCATGCTACTCCGCAACAG	CCGGTGAACATCTATGTGTACG
RGS5	GGGTTGCCTGTGAGAATTACA	TGAAGTGGTCAATGTTACCTCT
PDGFRβ	GTGGTCCTTACCGTCATCTCTC	GTGGAGTCGTAAGGCAACTGCA
HBEGF	CGGGGAGTGCAGATACCTG	TTCTCCACTGGTAGAGTCAGC
ERBB2	GCTAGAGCGGCTTCTGAGAAA	ACCACAGGGTCTACCACTTCC
EGFR	CAATGTTCCCATCGCTGTCGT	TGTCTTTGCATGTGGCCTCAT
LAMC1	TGCCGGAGTTTGTAAATGCC	CTGGTTGTTGTAGTCGGTCAG
ITGα1	GACAGCCCTTGAATAGACAC	GTTGTCATGCGATTCTCCATCA
ITGβ1	ACTGTGATGCCGTATATTAGCAC	GATATGCGTTGCTGACCAACA
β-ACTIN	AGCCATGTACGTAGCCATCC	CTCTCAGCTGTGGTGGTGAA
HPRT	GTAAAGCAGTACAGCCCCAAA	AGGGCATATCCAACAACAACTT

Table S7.

Quality control and clustering steps for mouse scRNA-seq data set.

Sample	QC steps -clean up for doublet discrimination	nPcs and resolution for clustering	Expected % doublets According to 10X recommendation	DF results
<i>Trail</i> ^{EC-/-} control Also called EC_TKO_Control	Started with 14,092 cells. nFeature_RNA > 200 & nFeature_RNA < 8000 & percent.mt < 18.03(1sd) 11,178 cells removed cluster 4,6,9, 13-15, 23-25, 29 8,265 cells	dims = 1:30, resolution = 0.8	0.8*8.265~6.2%	Doublet Singlet 471 7794
<i>Trail</i> ^{EC-/-} HLI Also called EC_TKO_HLI	Started with 20,000 cells. nFeature_RNA > 200 & nFeature_RNA < 7000 & percent.mt < 20.23 (1sd) 17,625 cells Removed cluster - 1,4,29 14,516 cells Removed clusters 2,12 12, 900 cells Removed clusters 2,16,25,28 11,540 cells	dims = 1:30, resolution = 0.8	0.8*11.540 ~8.6%	Doublet Singlet 931 10609
<i>Trail</i> ^{EC+/+} control Also called EC_WT_Control	Started with 22,046 cells. nFeature_RNA > 100 & nFeature_RNA < 9000 & percent.mt < 23.08 (1sd) 17,893 cells removed clusters - 2,5,11,15,16,17,18,21,22,26,28 12,460 cells Removed clusters- 3,13,14 10,773 cells	dims = 1:30, resolution = 0.8	0.8*10.773~8.2%	Doublet Singlet 822 9951
<i>Trail</i> ^{EC+/+} HLI Also called EC_WT_HLI	Started with 12,862 cells. nFeature_RNA > 100 & nFeature_RNA < 9000 & percent.mt < 11.41(1sd) 11,045 cells Removed clusters- 4,12 9,963 cells Removed cluster - 8 9,541 cells Removed cluster -8 9,125 cells	dims = 1:30, resolution = 0.8	0.8*9.125~7%	Doublet Singlet 595 8530

Table S8.

Quality control and clustering steps for human scRNA-seq data set.

Sample	QC steps -clean up for doublet discrimination	nPcs and resolution for clustering	Expected % doublets According to 10X recommendation	DF results
Non-ishc	<p>Started with 33,697 cells.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> nFeature_RNA > 200 & nFeature_RNA < 6000 & percent.mt < 39.39(1sd) 28,387 cells removed clusters 0, 14 23,235 cells removed clusters 10, 20, 25, 28 21,918 cells removed cluster 15,23 21,081 cells removed clusters 21, 23 20,945 cells removed cluster 3, 7, 8, 11 *after running doublet finder 	<p>dims = 1:40, resolution = 0.8</p> <p>dims = 1:35, resolution = 0.8</p>	0.8*20.945~16.8%	Doublet Singlet 1592 19353
Isch	<p>Started with 28,870 cells.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> nFeature_RNA > 200 & nFeature_RNA < 7500 & percent.mt < 25.00(1sd) 27,242 cells removed clusters 0, 10 23,321 cells removed clusters 19, 20 22,648 cells removed cluster 15,21,26,31 21,760 cells removed clusters 1, 22,23 17,813 cells removed clusters 22, 23 17,639 cells 	<p>dims = 1:40, resolution = 0.5</p> <p>dims = 1:40, resolution = 0.8</p> <p>dims = 1:30, resolution = 0.8</p>	0.8*17.639~14.1%	Doublet Singlet 1341 16298

Appendix Data S1: Supporting Data Values

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