

Supplementary Figure 5. Characterisation of the responses of WT and KI aortas to acetylcholine. (a) There was no difference in the relaxation profiles of WT or KI aorta to acetylcholine; however both were efficiently blocked by Rp-8-Br-cGMP. (b) Removal of the endothelium from WT or KI aorta also efficiently blocked acetylcholine-induced relaxation. (c) Indomethacin also did not alter the acetylcholine-induced relaxation responses of WT or KI aorta. (d) L-NAME, indomethacin and catalase in combination were highly effective in attenuating the relaxation induced in WT and KI aorta by acetylcholine. (e-f) There was no difference between the SpNONOate- or 8-Br-cGMP-induced relaxation of WT or KI aorta.