

Supplementary Material

Figures

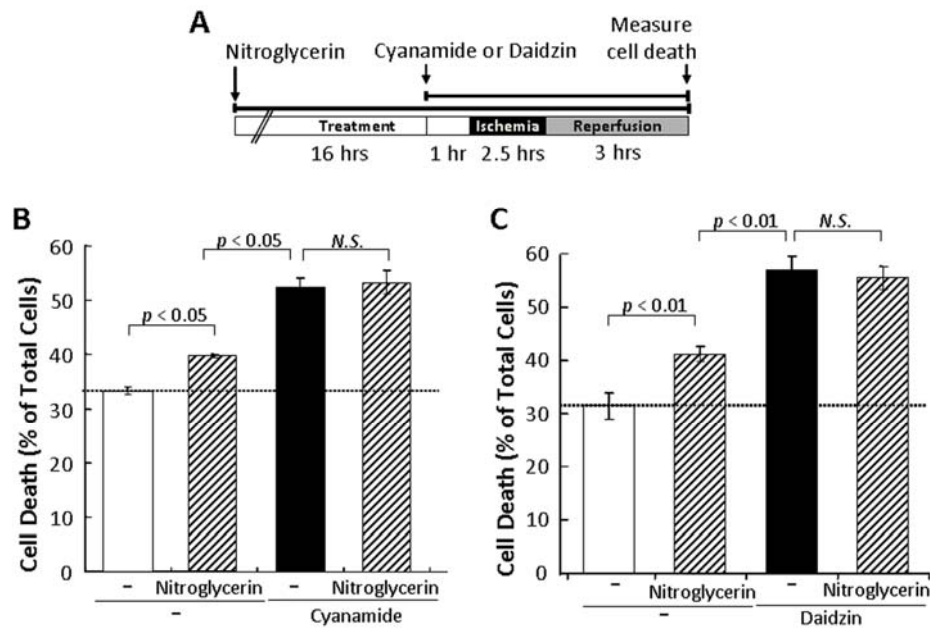


Fig. S1. Nitroglycerin did not induce increased cardiomyocyte death in the presence of an ALDH2 inhibitor, after hypoxia-reoxygenation, in culture. (A) Experiment protocol for ischemia-reoxygenation in cultured cardiomyocytes. (B) 16 hours of continuous treatment with nitroglycerin (100 μ M) increased cardiomyocyte death after 2.5 hours of hypoxia and 3 hours of reoxygenation, in culture ($p < 0.05$ vs. control). No increase in cell death was observed by the same nitroglycerin treatment after hypoxia-reoxygenation, when ALDH2 was inhibited by the ALDH2 inhibitor cyanamide (5mM, for 1 hour prior to hypoxia-reoxygenation) (*N.S.*; non significant difference compared with the group treated with cyanamide alone). Data are mean \pm SEM (n=3). (C) Similar results to these with cyanamide

were found with another ALDH2-selective inhibitor, daidzin (1 μ M, for 1 hour prior to hypoxia-reoxygenation) (*N.S.*; non significant difference compared with the group treated with daidzin alone). Data are mean \pm SEM (n=8).

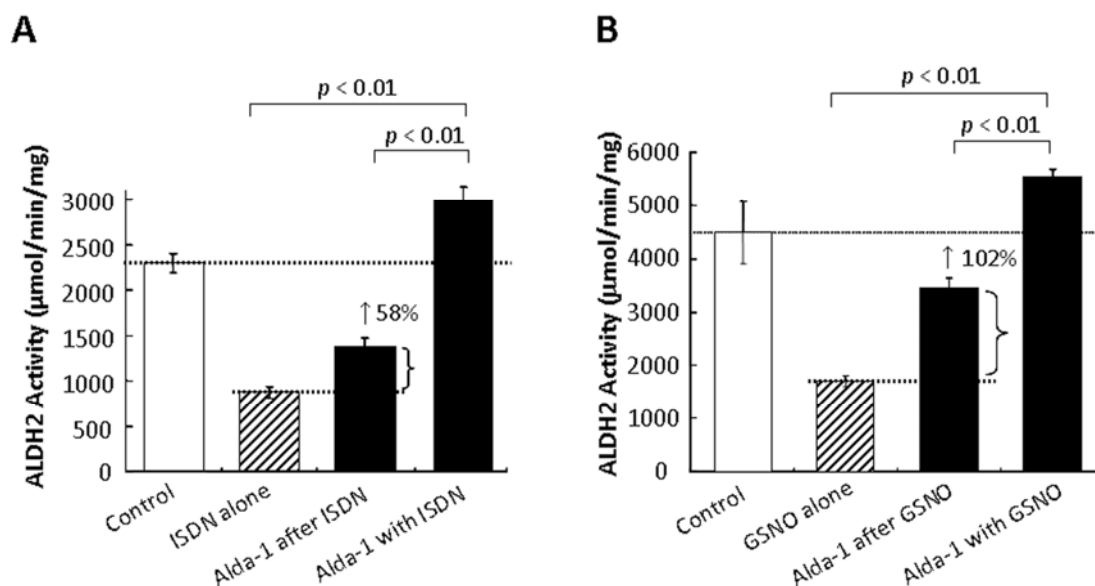


Fig. S2. Alda-1 prevented inactivation of ALDH2 caused by ISDN and GSNO, *in vitro*.

(A) The effect of ISDN (protocol as in Fig. 1A). Treatment with ISDN (50 μ M) for one hour inhibited ALDH2 activity by 59 \pm 3% ($p < 0.01$) and subsequent Alda-1 (20 μ M) treatment increased ALDH2 activity by 58 \pm 7% ($p < 0.01$). Co-treatment with Alda-1 blocked ISDN-induced inactivation of ALDH2. Data are mean \pm SEM (n=3-6). (B) One-hour treatment with GSNO (40 μ M; protocol as in Fig. 1A) inhibited ALDH2 activity by 49 \pm 6% ($p < 0.01$). Subsequent addition of Alda-1 (20 μ M) increased ALDH2 activity by 2 fold. In contrast, co-incubation of Alda-1 completely prevented GSNO-induced ALDH2 inactivation ($p < 0.01$ vs. the group treated with GSNO alone). Data are mean \pm SEM (n=3).

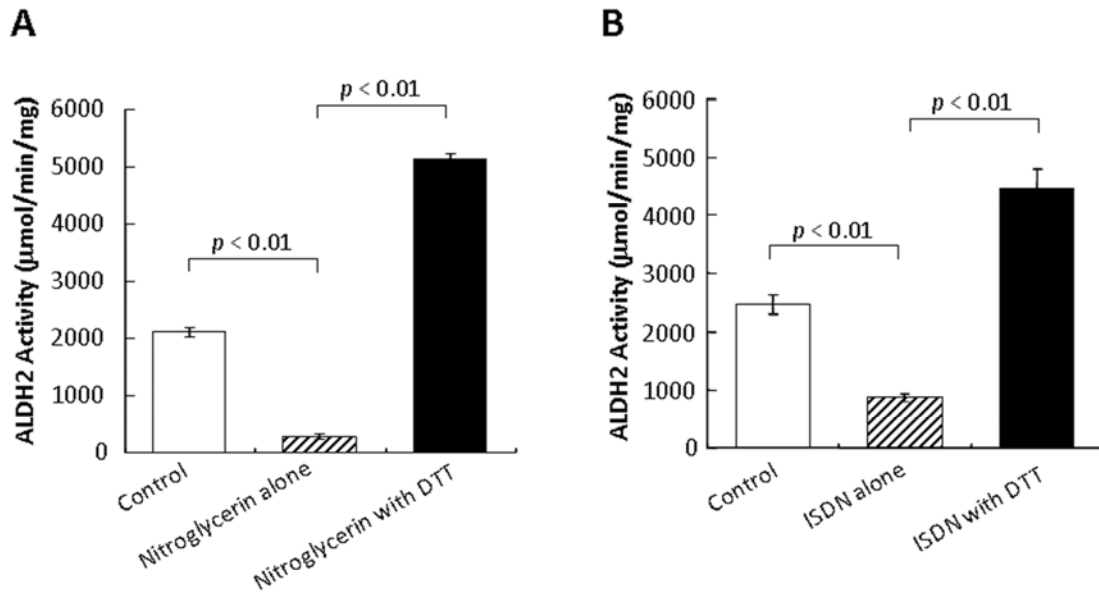
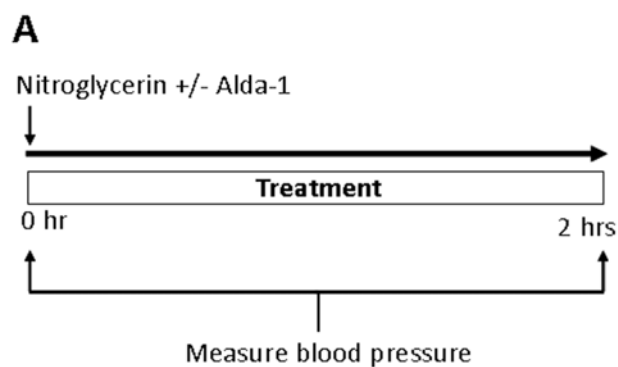


Fig. S3. DTT prevented inactivation of ALDH2 induced by nitroglycerin and ISDN, *in vitro*. (A) The effect of the reducing agent DTT on nitroglycerin-induced ALDH2 inactivation was determined (protocol as in **Fig. 1A**). Treatment with nitroglycerin (1 µM) for one hour inhibited ALDH2 activity by over 85%. DTT alone increases the catalytic activity of ALDH by 2.5 fold. Co-treatment of nitroglycerin with DTT prevented nitroglycerin-induced inactivation of ALDH2, bringing ALDH2 activity to levels similar to ALDH2 with DTT alone. (Data are mean±SEM (n=3)). (B) One-hour treatment with ISDN (50 µM; protocol as in **Fig. 1A**) significantly inhibited the ALDH2 activity; the inhibition was prevented by co-incubation with ISDN and DTT. Data are mean±SEM (n=3).

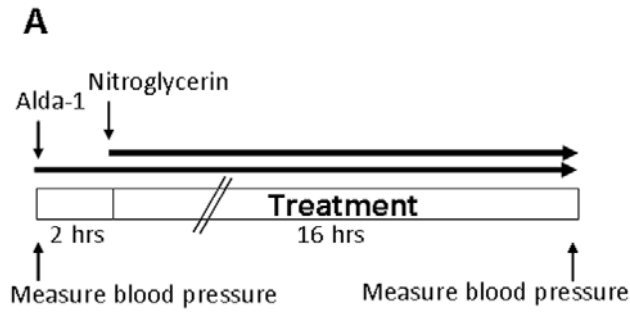
Tables



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Time Point	N	Heart Rate	Systolic Pressure	Diastolic Pressure
Before NTG +/-Alda-1 Treatment		387 ± 8	108 ± 4	69 ± 5
Nitroglycerin	8	392 ± 7	89 ± 1*	48 ± 3*
Nitroglycerin + Alda-1		377 ± 8	82 ± 2*	46 ± 2*

Table S1. Acute treatment with nitroglycerin decreased blood pressure. (A) Protocol for acute treatment and blood pressure measurement. (B) Blood pressure and heart rate were measured before treatment and after 2 hours of nitroglycerin treatment (7.2 mg/kg/day) with or without Alda-1 (16 mg/kg/day) in rats. Systolic and diastolic blood pressures were decreased after 2 hours of treatment with nitroglycerin alone or with nitroglycerin and Alda-1, compared to those before treatment. Heart rate remained unchanged in all treatment groups. * $p < 0.01$ vs. Before Treatment. Data are mean ± SEM (n=8).

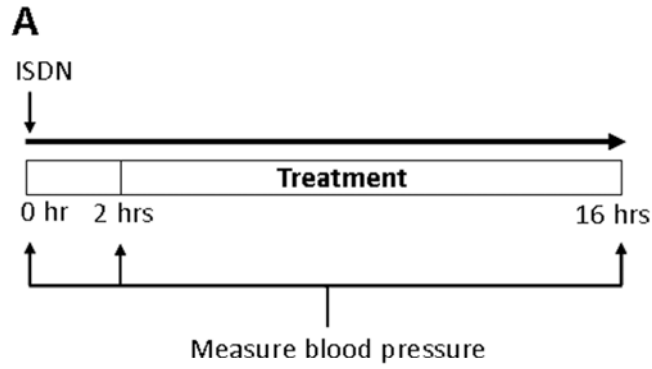


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Treatment Group	N	Before Treatment			After Treatment		
		Heart Rate (beats/min)	Systolic Pressure (mmHg)	Diastolic Pressure (mmHg)	Heart Rate (beats/min)	Systolic Pressure (mmHg)	Diastolic Pressure (mmHg)
Control	6	398 ± 11	110 ± 6	73 ± 7	388 ± 22	107 ± 5	75 ± 8
Alda-1	6	409 ± 9	113 ± 6	82 ± 7	401 ± 15	111 ± 9	74 ± 4
Nitroglycerin	8	405 ± 8	106 ± 3	75 ± 4	398 ± 5	113 ± 4	70 ± 5
Nitroglycerin+Alda-1	7	401 ± 7	118 ± 4	77 ± 2	399 ± 5	117 ± 5	75 ± 3

Table S2. Sustained treatment with nitroglycerin did not affect blood pressure. (A)

Protocol for sustained treatment and blood pressure measurement. **(B)** Blood pressure and heart rate were measured before and after sustained treatment with nitroglycerin (7.2 mg/kg/day) and/or Alda-1 (16 mg/kg/day). Systolic and diastolic blood pressures remained unchanged before and after nitroglycerin treatment with or without Alda-1, compared to the control. Heart rate remained unchanged in all treatment groups. Data are mean±SEM (n=4-8).



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Time Point	N	Heart Rate	Systolic Pressure	Diastolic Pressure
Before Treatment	6	389 ± 6	118 ± 3	78 ± 2
ISDN (2 hrs)		389 ± 7	90 ± 3*	46 ± 3*
ISDN (16 hrs)		398 ± 5	103 ± 1*	66 ± 4#

Table S3. Acute and sustained treatment with ISDN decreased blood pressure. (A)

Protocol for acute treatment and blood pressure measurement with ISDN treatment. **(B)** Blood pressure and heart rate were measured before treatment and after 2 and 16 hours of ISDN treatment (16 mg/kg/day). Systolic and diastolic blood pressures were decreased after 2 and 16 hours of treatment with ISDN, compared to those before treatment. Heart rate remained unchanged in all treatment groups. * $p < 0.01$ vs. Before Treatment. # $p < 0.05$ vs. Before Treatment. Data are mean ± SEM (n=6).