The RNA-binding protein quaking maintains endothelial barrier function and affects VE-cadherin and β-catenin protein expression

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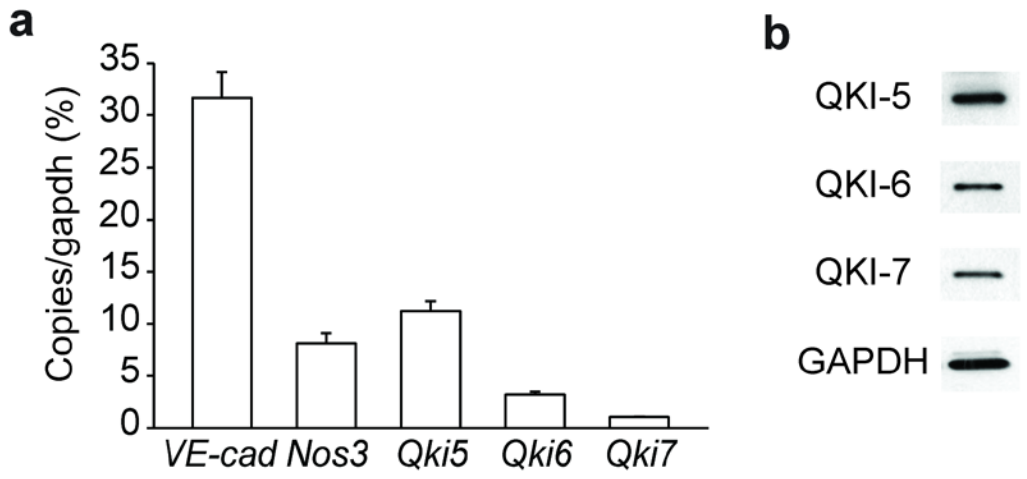
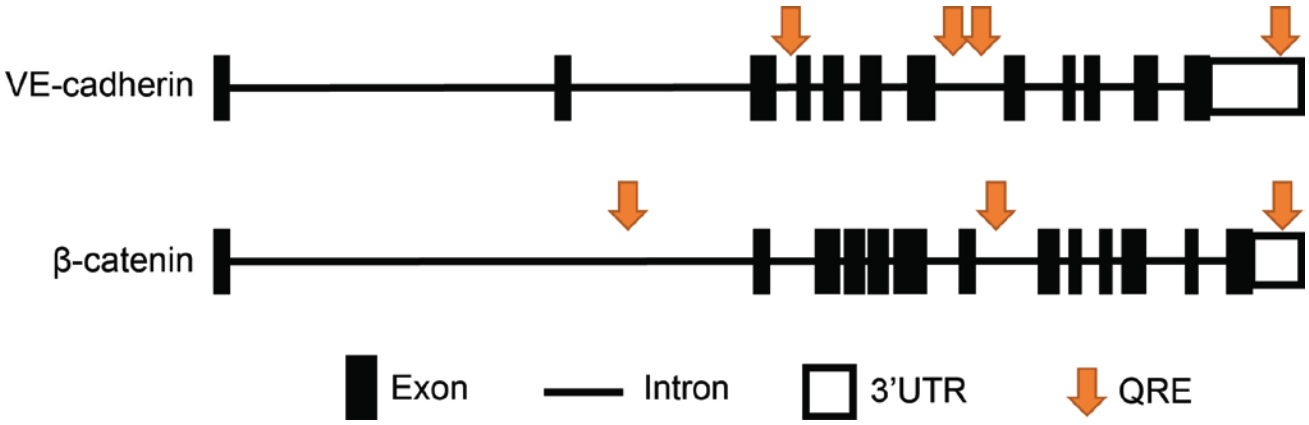
Supplementary figures



Supplementary figure 1. Quaking is highly expressed in HUVECs. (**a**) Quantitative RT-PCR analysis of VE-cadherin, Nos3, Qki5, Qki6 and Qki7 mRNA isolated from HUVECs. Results are presented as percentage of GAPDH. Mean ± s.e.m. of *n*=15. (**b**) Immunoblot analysis of QKI-5, QKI-6, QKI-7 or GAPDH (loading control) in protein lysates of HUVECs.



Supplementary figure 2. Quaking Response elements in VE-cadherin and ß-catenin. A schematic diagram of VE-cadherin and ß-catenin pre-mRNA with QKI response elements (QREs).

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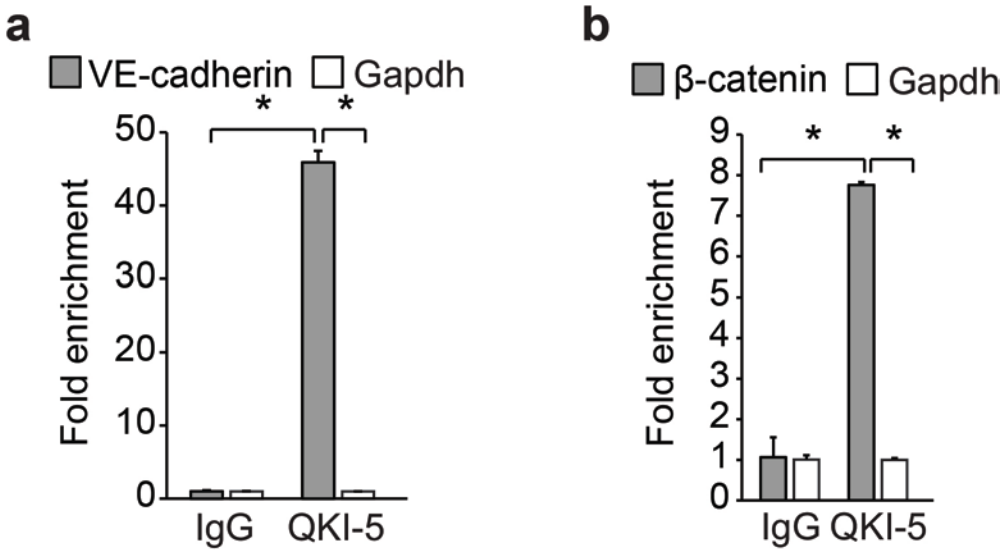

Supplementary figure 3. Quaking protein binds to VE-cadherin and β-catenin mRNA. (**a**-**b**) RNA-immunoprecipitation in MVECs using an IgG control or QKI-5 antibody. VE-cadherin (**a**), β-catenin (**b**) or Gapdh mRNA abundance in immune-precipitated fraction was determined by qRT-PCR. Results are presented relative to IgG immunoprecipitation, set as 1. Mean ± s.d. from one experiment representative of four independent experiments. *P<0.05.