

Supplemental Data Unit 1

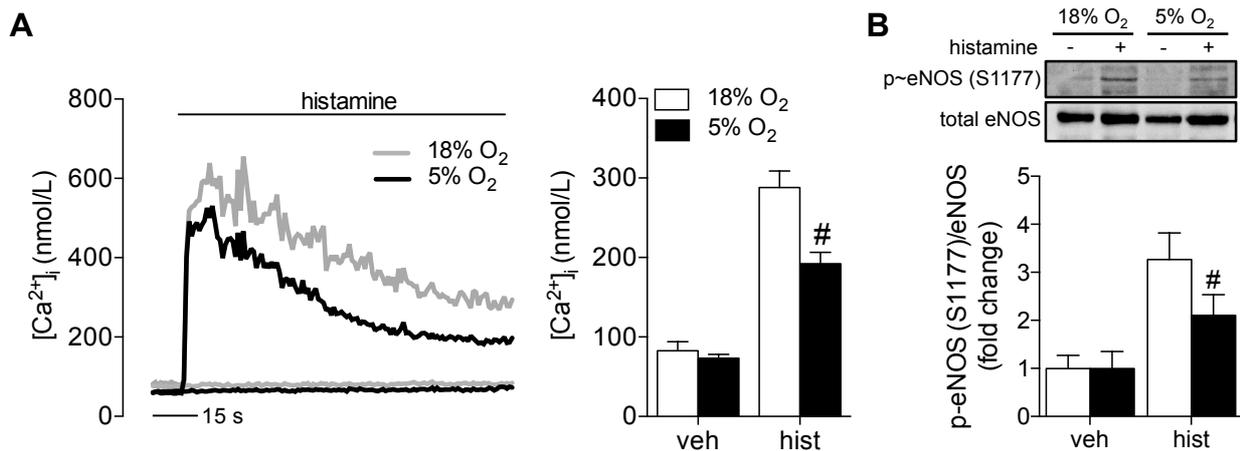


Figure S1. Effects of physiological O₂ levels on Ca²⁺ mobilization and eNOS phosphorylation in human coronary artery endothelial cells.

HCAEC were cultured under standard (18%) or physiological (5%) O₂ levels for at least 5 days. **(A)** Basal and histamine stimulated intracellular Ca²⁺ levels, shown as representative traces and the mean plateau values (115-120 s). **(B)** Histamine stimulated (10 μmol/L, 2 min) eNOS-S1177 phosphorylation expressed relative to total eNOS and loading control β-actin (not shown). Data denote mean ± S.E.M., n=4-5 different cultures, **P<0.01, ***P<0.001 vs vehicle, #P<0.05 vs 18% O₂. Treatment with histamine was significant vs control (P<0.05) under both 18% and 5% O₂.

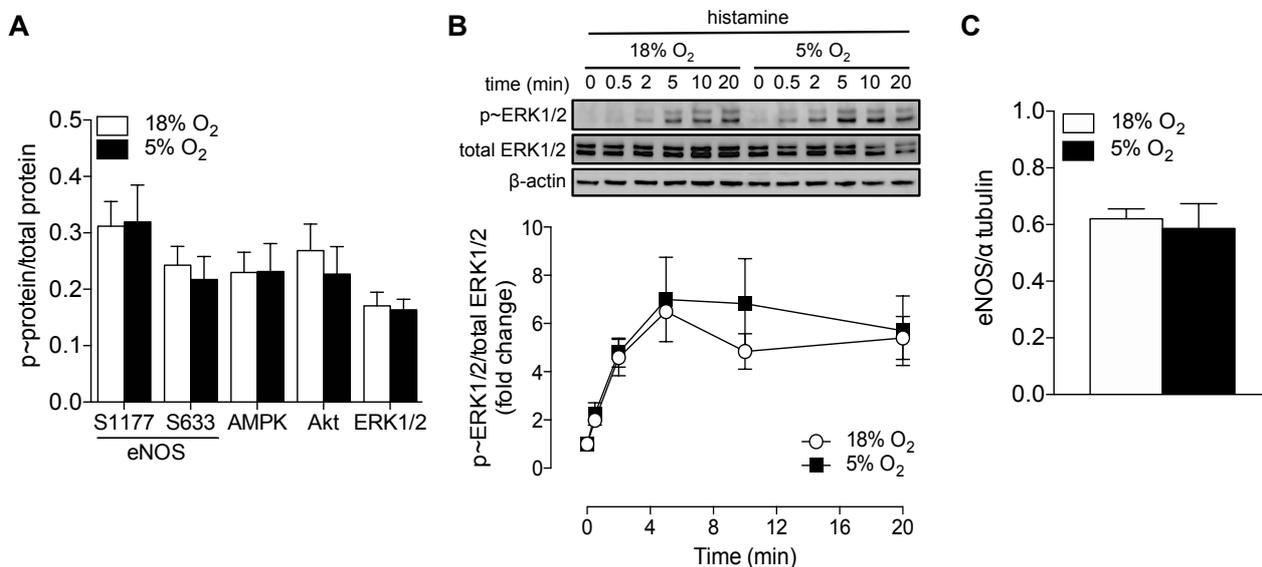


Figure S2. Effects of O₂ on basal expression of eNOS, p-eNOS, p-AMPK, p-Akt and p-ERK1/2 and histamine-stimulated ERK1/2 phosphorylation in HUVEC.

Cells were cultured under standard (18%) or physiological (5%) O₂ levels for at least 5 days. **(A)** Basal p-eNOS (Ser1177 and Ser633), p-AMPK, p-Akt and p-ERK1/2 phosphorylation relative to respective total kinase protein levels and loading control β-actin (not shown). **(B)** HUVEC were stimulated with histamine (10 μmol/L) for 0-20 min and cell lysates immunoblotted for p-ERK1/2 relative to total ERK1/2 and loading control β-actin. **(C)** eNOS expression in cells cultured under 18% or 5% O₂. Data denote mean ± S.E.M., n=5 different donors.

Supplemental Data Unit 2

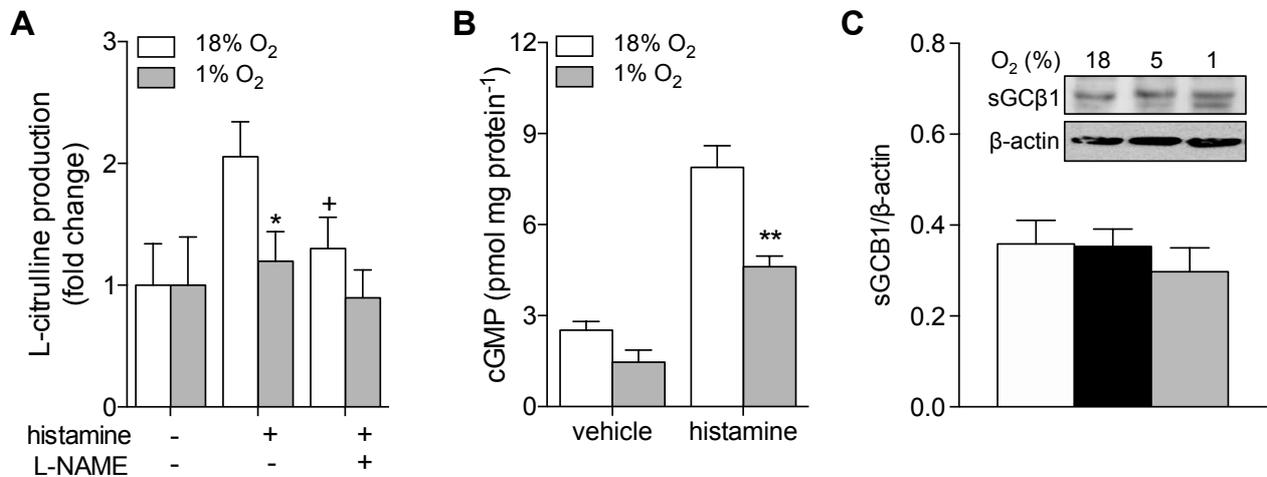


Figure S3. eNOS activity and generation of cGMP in HUVEC under 1% O₂.

HUVEC were cultured under standard (18%) or hypoxic (1%) O₂ levels for at least 5 days. (A) Histamine (10 μmol/L, 5 min) stimulated conversion of L-[³H]arginine to L-[³H]citrulline (L-NAME-inhibitable, 100 μmol/L) as a measurement of eNOS activity, (B) Histamine stimulated cGMP generation, and C, soluble guanylate cyclase β1 subunit expression in cells cultured under 18, 5 and 1% O₂. Data represent mean ± S.E.M. from 3-6 different donors. *P<0.05, **P<0.01 vs 18% O₂, +P<0.05 vs histamine alone. Treatment with histamine was significant (P<0.05) vs respective control in both panels A and B at 18% O₂, and only in panel B at 1% O₂.

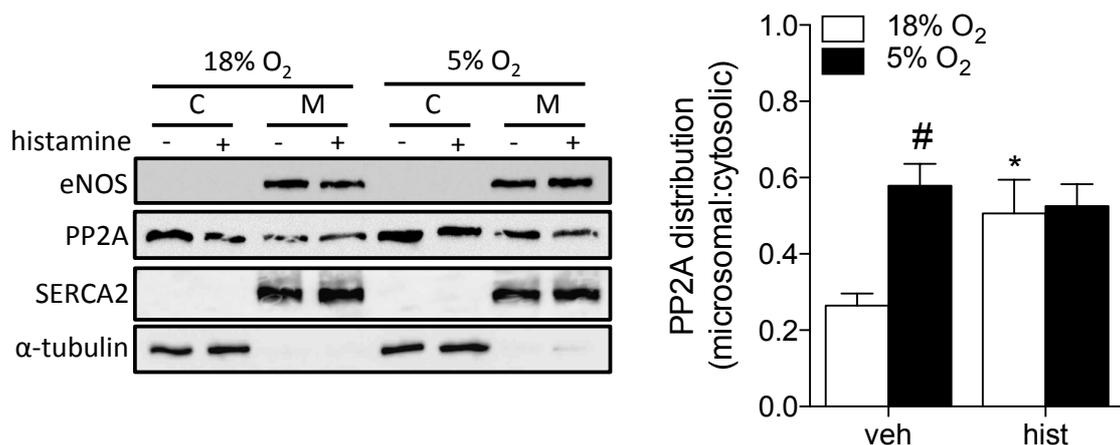


Figure S4. PP2A expression in cytosolic and microsomal fractions following histamine stimulation under physiological O₂ levels.

HUVEC were cultured under standard (18%) or physiological (5%) O₂ levels for at least 5 days and then stimulated with histamine (10 μmol/L, 5 min). (A) Lysates were separated into cytosolic (C) and microsomal (M) fractions by ultracentrifugation and presence of PP2A-A and eNOS assessed by immunoblot analysis (B). Purity of the microsomal fraction was confirmed by absence of α-tubulin and presence of both SERCA2 and caveolin-1 (data not shown). (B) Quantification of PP2A microsomal distribution relative to cytosolic. Data denote the mean ± S.E.M. from 5 different donors. *P<0.05 vs veh, #P<0.05 vs 18% O₂.

Supplemental Data Unit 3

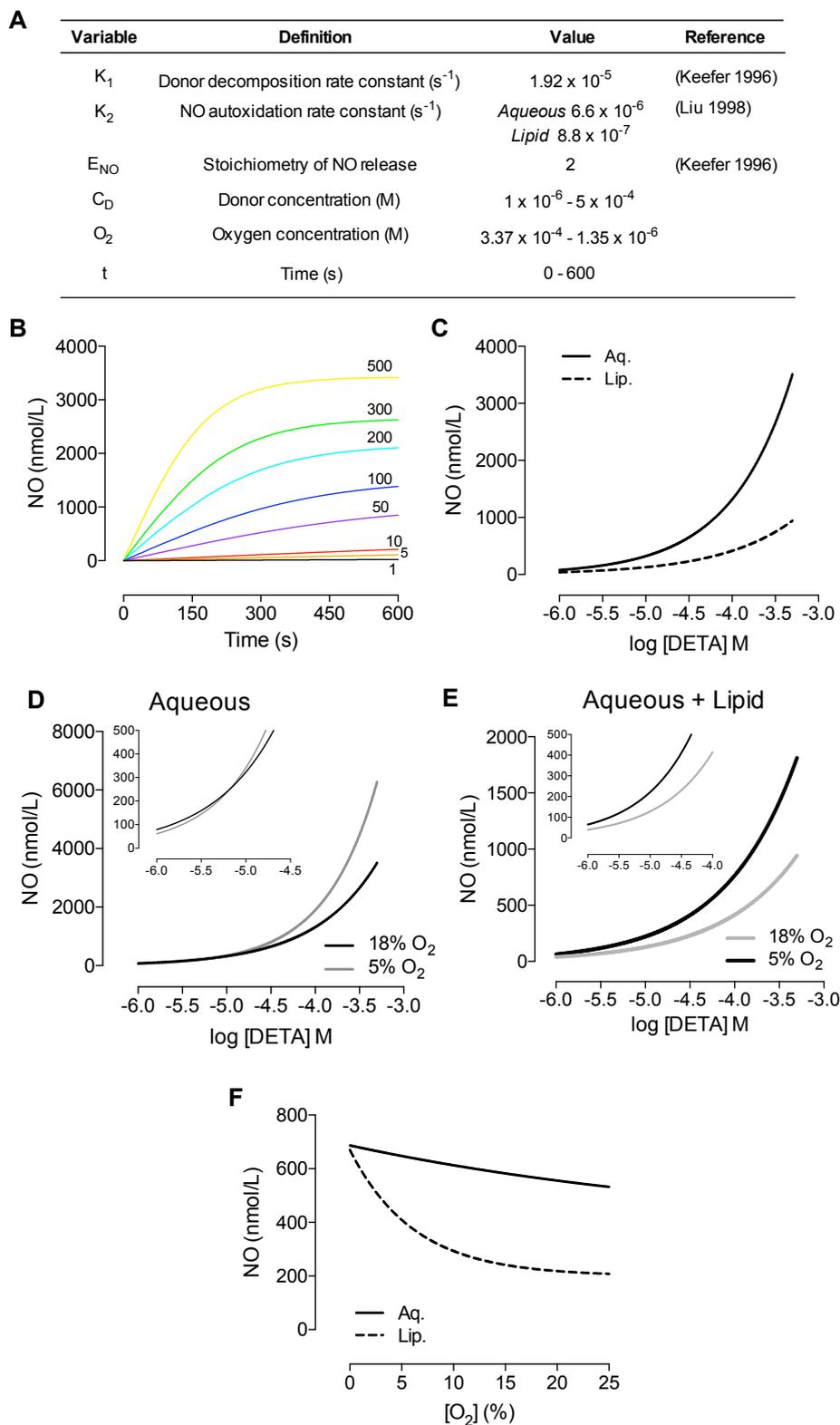


Figure S5. Modeling of NO concentrations generated from DETA NONOate decomposition.

(A) Parameters used to simulate NO concentrations and description of each parameter and numerical values used. (B) Relationship between NO and DETA NONOate (DETA) concentrations over a 10 min period. (C) The effect of the presence of lipids (40 mg/ml lipid micelles)[21] on NO concentration. The effect of 5% O_2 on DETA derived NO concentrations in an aqueous environment (D) or in the presence of lipids (E). Inset highlights results under a physiological range of NO output within the healthy vasculature. (F) Effect of varying O_2 levels on DETA-derived NO concentrations calculated using variables for aqueous and lipid environments.