

Supplemental Figure I: *A:* **[a]** CAD (computer aided design) image of the final chamber design depicting the step barrier midway in the chamber and fluid inlet/outlet on each side. **[b]** Computational fluid dynamics (CFD) simulation showing the streamlines of a recirculation region following a step barrier and unidirectional laminar flow before and after the step. **[c]** Streamlines (green) and velocity vectors (red) depicting the recirculating, disturbed flow patterns after the step barrier. **[d]** The trajectories of fluorescent microbeads under flow after the step (left) compared to the laminar region. **B:** Recirculation length after the step barrier as a function of varying step height. **C:** Endothelial alignment measurements in HAECs in LF (left) and DF conditions. 20-40 cells per condition, n=3 independent experiments. Inset shows representative images of the characteristic endothelial morphology of HAECs under LF (left) and DF.



Supplemental Figure II: *A:* Representative rhodamine images of cells without Dil-oxLDL (left) and with Dil-oxLDL (right). *B:* OxLDL specific fluorescence as a function of the addition of increasing amounts of unlabeled oxLDL. *C:* Representative images visually show that an acid wash removes the undesired bound Dil-oxLDL particles still attached to the fixed ECs. *D* and *E:* OxLDL (*D*) and LDL (*E*) specific fluorescent signal as a function of increasing amounts of Dil-oxLDL and Dil-LDL, respectively. Representative images are shown on the left. * p<0.05; #p<0.05 with 1000 ng/mL Dil-oxLDL and Dil-LDL, respectively.



Supplemental Figure III: *A:* Histograms showing the elastic modulus values of HAECs exposed to varying concentrations of oxLDL for 48 hours. *B:* Average elastic modulus of HAECs treated with 0, 0.01, 0.1 or 10 μ g/mL oxLDL. * p<0.05



Supplemental Figure IV: *A:* Histograms depicting the elastic modulus of HAECs grown on fibronectin- (FN, top) and collagen-coated (CL, bottom) PDMS microfluidic devices following 48 hours of LF (left) and DF (right) (20-30 cells per condition, 4 independent experiments). *B:* Average elastic modulus of ECs from the above described conditions. * p<0.05.



Supplemental Figure V: *A:* Representative western blot and average CD36 protein expression in CHO cells that do not express detectable amount of CD36 and CHO cells over-expressed with human CD36 construct (n=4). *B, C and D:* Average CD36 mRNA (n=3) *(B)* and protein expression (n=4) *(C)* in HAECs compared to HMVECs with representative full western blot gel with markers *(D).* *p<0.05



Supplemental Figure VI: Lox1 protein expression in HAECs exposed to 48 hours of atheroprotective and pro-atherogenic flow as well as static conditions (n=5).



Supplemental Figure VII: *A:* CD36 mRNA expression (left) and CD36 protein expression (middle, right) for scrambled and two different CD36-targetting siRNAs. *B:* Lox1 mRNA expression (left) and Lox1 protein expression (middle, right) for scrambled and two different Lox1-targetting siRNAs. * p<0.05.



Supplemental Figure VIII: *A:* Representative images of DiI-oxLDL uptake into HAECs transfected with control (top) or Lox1-targetting siRNAs (middle, bottom) exposed to LF (left) and DF (right). *B:* Average oxLDL uptake into HAECs transfected with scrambled control or two different Lox1-targetted siRNAs under LF and DF conditions. 20-40 cells per condition per experiment, n=4 independent experiments (p<0.05).



Supplemental Figure IX: *A:* Representative histology sections of descending aortic (DA) from WT (top) and CD36 KO (bottom) mice stained for CD36. *B:* Average CD36 expression in aortic sections from WT and CD36 KO mice (n=4, 15-20 sections per condition). * p<0.05.

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