

S6 Fig. Elastic fiber degradation in the aortic media of 52-wo $HtrA1^{-/-}$ mice. Grading of elastic fiber degradation was carried out using elastic van Gieson-stained sections based on a reported method provided in S1 File. Pictures shown are typical images of the wild type (WT) aorta (left) and the $HtrA1^{-/-}$ (KO) aorta (right). Red arrows indicate damaged elastic fibers. Scale bar=100 μ m.