

## SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIAL

**Supplemental Table 1. Echocardiographic Measurements**

	EPO (n=32)	Control (n=29)
LV diastolic diameter / systolic diameter (mm)		
1 week	46±6 / 33±6	47±6 / 32±5
1 month	45±5 / 30±5	45±5 / 31±5
8 months	45±5 / 31±6	46±4 / 32±5
LV endodiastolic volume / endosystolic volume (ml)		
1 week	107±27 / 57±19	106±28 / 55±18
1 month	93±26 / 47±19	98±18 / 48±13
8 months	96±25 / 46±17	100±27 / 51±21
LV ejection fraction (%)		
1 week	48±7 <sup>†</sup>	49±6
1 month	51±7	52±6
8 months	53±7	51±8
LV mass index (g/m <sup>2</sup> )		
1 week	101±29	104±20
1 month	96±31	101±25
8 months	92±25	101±24
Left atrial volume (ml)		
1 week	55±17	58±20
1 month	48±13	55±19
8 months	47±11 <sup>¶</sup>	65±20
<sup>†</sup> p = 0.041 versus 8 months, <sup>¶</sup> p = 0.0002 versus control		
EPO, erythropoietin		

**Supplemental Table 2. Blood Cell Count**

	Baseline	7 days	1 month	8 months
RBC ( $10^4$ cells/ $\mu$ l)				
EPO	438.9 $\pm$ 56.8	411.8 $\pm$ 53.2	426.7 $\pm$ 60.7	435.7 $\pm$ 44.6
Control	445.3 $\pm$ 51.9	416.3 $\pm$ 51.9	428.3 $\pm$ 45.9	427.8 $\pm$ 53.6
Hb (g/dl)				
EPO	14.1 $\pm$ 1.9	13.0 $\pm$ 1.7	13.3 $\pm$ 1.8	13.4 $\pm$ 1.4
Control	13.9 $\pm$ 2.0	12.7 $\pm$ 1.9	13.0 $\pm$ 1.4	13.1 $\pm$ 1.6
Ht (%)				
EPO	40.4 $\pm$ 4.9	37.6 $\pm$ 6.6	39.3 $\pm$ 5.0	39.8 $\pm$ 3.9
Control	40.2 $\pm$ 5.1	38.0 $\pm$ 5.2	38.9 $\pm$ 4.0	39.3 $\pm$ 4.6
EPO, erythropoietin; RBC, red blood cell; Hb, hemoglobin; Ht, hematocrit				