## SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIAL

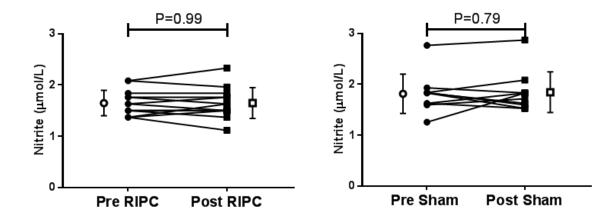
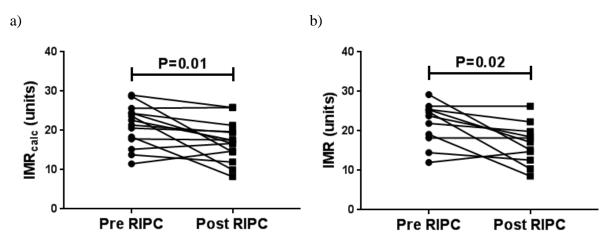


Figure S1. No change in plasma nitrite with remote ischemic preconditioning.

There was no change in plasma nitrite concentration, the major metabolite of nitric oxide, with RIPC or sham treatment. RIPC, n=13; sham, n=10. Open symbols and bars represent mean  $\pm$  SD.

RIPC, remote ischemic preconditioning;

Figure S2. The effect of remote ischemic preconditioning on the index of microcirculatory resistance with outliers removed.



When the outlier in the RIPC arm is removed, the effect of RIPC in reducing  $IMR_{calc}$  (a) and IMR (b) persists.  $IMR_{calc}$ , n=14;  $IMR_{,}$  n=11. Open symbols and bars represent mean  $\pm$  SD.

IMR, index of microcirculatory resistance; IMR<sub>calc</sub>, calculated index of microcirculatory resistance; RIPC, Remote ischemic preconditioning;