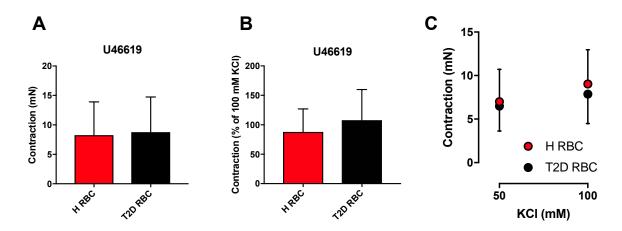
## **Supplementary materials**

 Table 1. Characteristics of rats for RBC transfusion

	Wistar to Wistar		GK to Wistar	
	Wistar donor	Wistar recipient	GK donor	Wistar recipient
n	6	6	12	12
BW	515±55	499±58	334±36***	515±85
B-glucose	$3.8\pm0.3$	$3.7\pm0.8$	9.1±2.0***	4.1±0.7

BW: body weight; GK: Goto-Kakizaki. Values are mean±SD; \*\*\*P<0.001 vs. values in the rest of columns by one-way ANOVA followed by Bonferroni's test.



**Figure 1.** Effects of U46619 and KCl on vascular contraction. (A and B) Effects of U46619 on vascular contraction in aortas following incubation with RBCs from healthy subjects (H RBC, n=15) and type 2 diabetic patiens (T2D RBC, n=17). (C) Effects of different concentrations of KCl on vascular contraction in aortas following incubation with H RBC (n=15) and T2D RBC (n=17). Values are mean  $\pm$  SD.