1	Supplementary data
2	An Myh11 single lysine deletion causes aortic dissection by reducing
3	aortic structural integrity and contractility
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29 Supplementary Methods

31 Histological and immunohistochemical studies. After perfusion with phosphate-buffered 32 saline (PBS, pH 7.4), the aorta and bladder were excised from anesthetised mice. The 33 uterus was also excised from females at the oestrous cycle stage identified by using stained 34 vaginal smears. These tissues were fixed in 4% paraformaldehyde/0.1 mol/L phosphate 35 buffer (PB, pH 7.4) at 4 °C for 24 h. The fixed tissues were dehydrated through an ethanol 36 series, cleared with xylene, embedded in paraffin and sectioned into 5-µm-thick slices with 37 a rotary microtome (MICROM HM360, ZEISS). The tissue sections were deparaffinised 38 with xylene and rehydrated through an ethanol series and stained with haematoxylin and eosin (HE) to evaluate general morphology. Elastica van Gieson (EVG) and Masson 39 trichrome (MT) staining were performed to specifically highlight elastic lamellas and 40 41 collagen fibres. All staining reagents were purchased from Muto Pure Chemicals Co., Ltd., 42 and staining was performed according to the manufacturer's protocol. The sections were 43 examined with a BX63 Upright Microscope system (Olympus) at $\times 40$, $\times 200$ and $\times 400$ magnifications. The circumference, the cross-sectional areas of the media and adventitia 44 and the thickness of the myometrium were measured with ImageJ/Fiji software,¹ and their 45 average thicknesses were calculated by dividing the area by the aortic circumference. 46 For the immunohistochemistry analysis of smooth muscle myosin heavy chain 47 48 isoforms (SM1 and SM2), the aortas were harvested and fixed in 95% ethanol with 1% acetate acid for 24 h at 4 °C. Paraffin-embedded sections were prepared as described above. 49 Endogenous peroxidase activity was blocked with 3% H₂O₂/methanol for 10 min at RT, 50

51 followed by incubation with 2.5% normal goat serum (S-1012, Vector Laboratories) for 20 52 min at RT. The sections were incubated with a primary antibody against SM1 (dilution 53 1:500; BM20, Kyowa Medix) for 60 min at RT, followed by incubation with peroxidase 54 micropolymers (MP-7404, Vector Laboratories). SM2 antibody (7601, Yamasa 55 Corporation) was labelled with horseradish peroxidase by using an HRP Conjugation Kit 56 (ab102890, Abcam) in advance. Sections were incubated with the primary antibody labelled 57 with HRP for 2 h at RT. DAB (SK-4105, Vector Laboratories) was used for detection, and 58 slides were counterstained with haematoxylin. 59 60 Acquisition of large-scale electron microscopic images. Mice were perfused transcardially with fixative solution containing 2.5% glutaraldehyde and 4% sucrose in 0.1 mol/L PB. 61 Thoracic aortas were removed, immersed in fixative solution for 2 h at 4 °C and then post-62 fixed with 1% osmium tetroxide in 0.1 mol/L PB for 90 min at 4 °C. Fixed tissues were 63 dehydrated in graded ethanol and embedded in epoxy resin. The entire transverse ultrathin 64 65 sections of the thoracic aorta of 70-nm thickness were cut, mounted on pieces of silicon wafers and contrasted with uranyl acetate and lead citrate. Large-scale electron microscopic 66 67 images including entire transverse sections of the thoracic aortas were acquired using a 68 backscattered electron detector with a scanning electron microscope (JSM-7800F, JEOL). Digital images (magnification ×2,000) of hundreds of compartmentalised rectangular areas 69

covering each entire tissue section were obtained in a sequential order by moving a

- 71 motorised stage of the specimens with merging areas of 15% of the next image, followed
- 72 by the stitching procedure of all images into a single tiling image. The Grid/Collection

stitching plug-in in ImageJ/Fiji¹ was used to construct large-scale tiling images.² Largescale electron microscopic images were observed using the JavaScript-based RIKEN CLST
Electron Microscopic Viewer.³

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77Morphometric analysis of large-scale electron microscopy. Longitudinally sectioned78SMCs (> 30 μ m of cellular diameter and > 5 μ m of nuclear diameter) were randomly79selected from whole aortic ring sections obtained by large-scale electron microscopic80images. The length (μ m) of the adhesive surfaces between the selected cell and other81adjacent cells was measured by using a dedicated ImageJ/Fiji.¹ The sum of each adhesive82length was considered to indicate the strength of cell adhesion of a single SMC83(Supplemental Fig. S4A).

The whole aortic ring image was parted into 50–60 sections at lengths of 50 µm. These 50-µm aortic sections were randomly selected, and elastic lamellae identified as regions of plain texture were marked in black by Photoshop CC (Adobe, Supplemental Fig. S4B) because ImageJ/Fiji¹ could not distinguish elastic fibres and other components of the ECM, such as collagens and proteoglycans, by the differences in the image texture. The number of pixels was measured in the elastic region, and aortic sections were selected by using ImageJ/Fiji¹ and were used to calculate the area ratio of the elastic lamellae.

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Analysis of smooth muscle function. Approximately 10 mm of aortic rings were removed
 from anesthetised mice at 12 weeks of age and attached with the stainless-steel clips of the
 apparatus for isometric force measurement (RMT-1000; Nihon Kohden). The aortic rings

95	were mounted in an organ bath (20 mL) filled with Kreds–Henseleit buffer (K3/53, Sigma-
96	Aldrich), which was maintained at 37 $^{\circ}$ C and aerated with 95% O ₂ /5% CO ₂ throughout the
97	experiment. All ring strips were subjected to a 10-mN preload and incubated for 60 min.
98	The aortic rings were contracted in the presence of $10-5 \text{ mol/L}$ phenylephrine (Phe) for
99	three contraction and relaxation cycles. The contractions to the subsequent Phe $(10^{-10}-10^{-5}$
100	mol/L; 163-11791, Wako Pure Chemical Corporation) were determined sequentially and
101	corrected with tissue weight (mg). The rate of relaxation was also obtained with subsequent
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103	10 –10 ⁻⁵ mol/L; 1614501, Sigma-Aldrich) after the peak of the contractile response to Phe
104	(10^{-6} mol/L) . The measured isometric force was analysed with LabChart version 8.1.9 (BIO
105	Research Center Co., Ltd.).

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Aortic dissection model. At the age of eight weeks, wild-type (WT) and heterozygous 107 $(MYH11^{\Delta K/+})$ mice were implanted with osmotic pumps (model Alzet 1002; DURECT 108 Corporation) filled with a solution of angiotensin II (Ang II; Peptide Institute, Inc.) in 109 saline, according to a previously published method with some modification.⁴ The 110 111 concentration of Ang II was adjusted so that it was infused at a rate of 1,000 ng/kg/min. 112 Before the implantation of osmotic pumps, the mice were administered anaesthetic. The absence of pedal reflex was used as an indicator of deep anaesthesia. Pumps were placed 113 114 into the subcutaneous space at the back of the neck. After implantation, the mice were 115 allowed to rest on a heating pad until recovering and becoming alert. The mice were observed for two weeks to monitor their survival and incidence rates. Mice surviving for 116

two weeks were sacrificed by intraperitoneal injection of 100 mg/kg pentobarbital, and 118 their aortas were excised. The aortas were photographed at $6.3 \times$ magnification with a 119 camera (MC170 HD, Leica Microsystems) mounted on a stereo-microscope (M60, Leica 120 Microsystems). The mice were adapted to the blood pressure system (MK-2000ST, 121 Muromachi Kikai Co., Ltd.) at least three times before implantation and after two weeks of 122 treatment with Ang II. 123 124 **RNA extraction and real-time quantitative PCR (RT-qPCR).** Total RNA from the thoracic 125 aorta was extracted with RNeasy Tissue Fibrous Kit (74704, Qiagen) according to the 126 manufacturer's protocol. cDNA was synthesised from total RNA using ReverTra Ace with gDNA Remover (FSQ-301, TOYOBO), and endogenous genomic DNA was degraded by 127 128 DNase I (Qiagen). qPCR was performed with a two-step cycling protocol (95 °C for 30 s followed by 40 cycles of 95 °C for 5 s and 60 °C for 30 s) or a three-step cycling protocol 129 (95 °C for 1 min followed by 45 cycles of 95 °C for 15 s, 56 °C for 20 s and 72 °C for 45 s) 130 131 by using SYBR Green PCR Master mix (Applied Biosystems) and LightCycler 480 (Roche 132 Diagnostics). The primers for RT-PCR are listed in Supplemental Table S3. Experiments 133 were performed in triplicate, and all data were normalised against the expression of *Gapdh*. 134 135 *Immunoblot analysis.* The excised aorta and bladder were trimmed of surrounding tissues 136 and homogenised by using Bioprep-24 (Hangzhou Allsheng Instruments Co., Ltd.) in

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inhibitor cocktail [1 tablet/10 mL; Roche Diagnostics] and phosphatase inhibitor cocktail [1 138

protein extraction solution (T-PER buffer [#78510, Thermo Fisher Scientific], protease

139	tablet/10 mL; Roche Diagnostics]). After homogenisation, the tissue lysates were
140	centrifuged at 10,000 rpm for 10 min at 4 °C. The supernatants were collected and stored at
141	-20 °C. Total protein concentrations were measured with the bicinchoninic acid Protein
142	Assay Kit (Pierce Biotechnology). Protein (5 μ g) for each sample was separated on a 10%
143	Bis-Tris gel or 3–8% Tris-Acetate gel (Thermo Fisher Scientific) by SDS-PAGE and
144	electroblotted to nitrocellulose membranes using iBlot2 Dry Blotting System (Thermo
145	Fisher Scientific). The membranes were blocked with 5% skim milk in Tris-buffered saline
146	with Tween (TBS-T; Cell Signaling Technology) for 1 h, washed and incubated overnight at
147	4 °C in TBS-T with primary antibodies. Target molecules were detected with the
148	appropriate HRP-conjugated secondary antibody (Cell Signaling Technology) and
149	chemiluminescence kit (#170-5060, Bio-Rad Laboratories). Signals were detected by using
150	LAS-3000 (FUJIFILM), and quantitative analysis was performed using ImageGauge
151	Version 4.23 (FUJIFILM). Primary antibodies include anti- α -smooth muscle actin, anti-
152	calponin, anti-E-cadherin, anti-FAK (Cell Signaling Technology), anti-SM-MHC (Santa
153	Cruz Biotechnology), anti-elastin (Bioss Antibodies) and anti-GAPDH (Ambion).
154	Antibodies against E-cadherin and FAK were diluted with the signal enhancer (DRC-
155	W00H250, DRC Co., Ltd.).
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RNA-seq analysis. Thoracic aortas were dissected from WT, $Myh11^{\Delta K/+}$ and $Myh11^{\Delta K/\Delta K}$ 157

mice. Total RNA was extracted using the RNeasy Tissue Fibrous Kit (74704, Qiagen) and 158

the RNeasy MinElute Cleanup Kit (28004, Qiagen) according to the manufacturer's 159

instructions. The RNA concentration and purity were measured with a Nanodrop instrument 160

161 (ND-1000, Thermo Fisher Scientific). The length of the RNA fragments was determined 162 with an Agilent 2100 Bioanalyzer (Agilent, USA). The cDNA library was then prepared 163 from 0.3µg of total RNA with oligo dT primer by reverse transcription followed by PCR 164 amplification (TruSeq Standard mRNA Sample Prep Kit, Illumina) according to the manufacturer's protocol. The quality of the cDNA from aortas was assessed with a 165 166 bioanalyzer (DNA 1000 Assay, Agilent), and the concentrations of the cDNA samples were 167 determined by qPCR. Equal amounts of nine samples were pooled to prepare a 9-plex 168 RNA-seq library. Single-end 50-base-pair reads were obtained from the 9-plex RNA-seq 169 library. Using one lane of a flow cell of a HiSeq2500 instrument, the resulting sequence 170 reads were then separated according to the index sequence. After the separation, the reads 171 were trimmed and filtered using the MOIRAI workflow and mapped on the mm10 mouse genome assembly using STAR.⁵ 172

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174*Protein-protein interaction analysis.* The genes downregulated in the $Myh11^{\Delta K/\Delta K}$ aorta175according to RNA sequencing analysis were first filtered for involvement in the integrin or176cadherin pathway by GO enrichment analysis⁶ and AmiGo.⁷ The genes identified as177associated with the integrin or cadherin pathway were then inputted into the STRING178database for incorporation into a protein-protein interaction diagram.^{8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16}

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Cell culture and retroviral infection. Retroviral vectors were prepared by transfecting
 pMXs-Oct4, Sox2, Klf4, c-Myc or Nanog into platinum-E packaging cells, as previously
 described.¹⁷ Primary mouse embryonic fibroblasts were infected with the retroviral vectors.

183 The pMXs vectors were obtained from Addgene (<u>https:/</u>	//www.addgene.org/). The iPSCs
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184 were routinely co-cultured with MEF or SNL feeder cells treated with mitomycin C

- 185 (Fujifilm) on gelatine-coated dishes in Dulbecco's modified Eagle's medium (DMEM)/F12
- 186 (Thermo Fisher Scientific) in the presence of 20% foetal bovine serum (FBS; Hyclone or
- 187 Biocera), 0.1mmol/L 2-mercaptoethanol, GlutaMAX (Thermo Fisher Scientific),
- 188 nonessential amino acids, penicillin/streptomycin and 1000U mouse LIF (Fujifilm). Trypsin
- 189 or collagenase was used to detach iPSCs before being reseeded for passage.
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- 191 *Embryoid body formation.* The iPSCs were suspended in the embryonic fibroblast medium

192 (EFM) consisting of Dulbecco's modified Eagle medium with 4300 mg/L glucose

193 (Fujifilm), 10% foetal bovine serum (Hyclone), 1 mmol/L or 0.1 mmol/L

194 2-mercaptoethanol, GlutaMAX (TFS) and penicillin/streptomycin (Thermo Fisher

195 Scientific). The cell suspension was pipetted on the inner side of the lid of a culture dish.

196 Then, the lid was placed back on the culture dish to allow the cells to be incubated for 48

197 hours.

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200 represents the number of mice. A p-value < 0.05 was considered significant (*), and a p-

value < 0.01 was considered highly significant (**). Statistical analysis and a graph

drawing were performed with GraphPad Prism version 6.0.3 (GraphPad, Inc.).

- 203 Comparisons of body weight between multiple groups were performed using one-way
- ANOVA with a Tukey post-hoc test. For RT-qPCR, immunoblotting, functional analysis

- and morphometric analysis, comparisons between two different groups were calculated
- 206 using a Mann-Whitney U test because of the small sample size. A chi-squared test was
- 207 performed to compare the incidence of dissecting aneurysms in the Ang II infusion models.

208 Supplementary Tables

- 209 Supplementary Table 1. Occurrence of dissection in each aortic region. The ascending,
- 210 descending and abdominal aorta of each mouse was examined for the presence of
- 211 dissection (Fisher's exact test, p = 1.00).

Aortic region	Aortas examined	Aortas with dissection
Ascending	7	3
Descending	7	4
Abdominal	7	3

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- 213 **Supplementary Table 2.** Sequences corresponding to PAM recognised by both gRNA1
- 214 and 2

ID	Sequences (5'-> 3')	Location	GeneBank #
gRNA1	GTTCCACCTCCTGCTTCGCCTGG	Myh11 exon 28	NM_001161 775.1
gRNA2	GAAGCTGGAGGTGCAGCTGCAGG	Myh11 exon 28	NM_001161 775.1
Myh11 (Δ1256K)	GGATCCGATTAGCAAGCAGACACTGG AGAAGGAGAACGCGGACCTGGCTGG GGAGCTGCGTGTCCTGGGCCAGGCG AAGCAGGAGGTGGAACACAAGAAG AAGCTGGAGGTGCAGCTGCAAGATC TGCAGTCCAAGTGCAGTGATGGGGA GCGTGCCCGGGCTGAGCTCAGTGAC	Myh11 exon 28	NM_001161 775.1
	CAGGCAGCACAATCCATATG		

ID	Sequence (5' -> 3')	Product size
Myh11ch-1S	GTTCTATGCACCCCTCCTCCCTTCC	525ha
Myh11ch-1A	TGTGACCAGCTCTCCCACTGATTACA	5250p

Supplementary Table 3. PCR primers for genotyping *Myh11* K1256del mice

Supplementary Table 4. qPCR primer sequences

Target	Forward sequence (5'-> 3')	Reverse sequence $(5' -> 3')$
A ata 2	AGTGTGATATTGACATCAGGAAG	ACAGAGTACTTGCGTTCTGGA
Actaz	GA	G
Cnn1	TGTCTGTGTCATCTGCACCTC	CACTCTCTCAGCTCCTGCTC
SM1+2	AGCCAAGCTCAAGTCCACTG	ATCTTGCGCTCATCCTCCAC
SM2	TGGAAGAGGCAGAGGAGGAG	TCTCCTGGTGGCTCACTG
Eln	ATTCCCAGGTGGAGGAGTTG	ACTTTCTCTTCCGGCCACAG
Gapdh	TGTGTCCGTCGTGGATCTGA	TTGCTGTTGAAGTCGCAGGAG
Sov	CCACATCA ACCCCTCCACCA ACC	TGCTGCGAGTAGGACATGCTG
50X2	GCACAIGAACGGCIGGAGCAACG	TAGG
Itaal	GGCTATGACTGCAGGTTTGTGGA	GTTGAGTTCTGTGGTCTCATC
ngaz	AGCTCGG	CATCTCATC
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rRNA	GIAACCCOTIGAACCCCATI	CCATCEAATCOOTAOTAOCO

220 Supplementary Figure Legends

Supplementary Figure 1. Low fertility in $Myh11^{\Delta K/\Delta K}$ female mice. (A) The number of 221 pups at wean derived from the breeding pairs with $Myh11^{\Delta K/+}$ males (WT mothers, n = 27; 222 $Myh11^{\Delta K/+}$ mothers, n = 27, $Myh11^{\Delta K/\Delta K}$ mothers, n = 17). Pups from $Myh11^{\Delta K/\Delta K}$ mothers 223 frequently died during the neonatal period (pups from WT mothers, 6.8 ± 0.28 ; pups from 224 $Myh11^{\Delta K/+}$ mothers, 5.4 ± 0.34; pups from $Myh11^{\Delta K/\Delta K}$ mothers, 1.5 ± 0.51). ** P < 0.01, 225 one-way ANOVA. (B) Dead $Myh11^{\Delta K/\Delta K}$ mothers during delivery. (C) Body weights of 4-, 226 227 8-, 12- and 32-week-old male and female mice did not differ among genotypes (n = 20). 228 229 Supplementary Figure 2. Myh11 K1256del descending aorta shows thickened media and adventitia. (A) Whole images of cross-sectional aortas (ascending, descending and 230 abdominal) from 12-week-old WT, $Myh11^{\Delta K/+}$ and $Myh11^{\Delta K/\Delta K}$ mice. Cross-sections were 231 stained with haematoxylin and eosin (HE), Elastica van Gieson (EVG, for elastin), Masson 232 trichome [MT, for collagen; scale bars = 500 μ m (×40), 200 μ m (×100)]. Aortas with the 233 pathogenic variant showed increased thickness of media and adventitia. (B) Morphometric 234 parameters of WT, $Myh11^{\Delta K/+}$ and $Myh11^{\Delta K/\Delta K}$ descending thoracic aortas. ** p < 0.01, 235 One-way ANOVA with Tukey post-hoc test. 236 237 238 Supplementary Figure 3. Enlarged bladder and hypoplastic uterus observed in

- 239 *Myh11* $^{\Delta K/\Delta K}$ mice. (A) Enlarged bladder, swollen kidneys and hypoplastic uterus were
- observed in $Myh11^{\Delta K/\Delta K}$ mice at 12 weeks of age (scale bars = 1 cm). (**B**) $Myh11^{\Delta K/\Delta K}$
- bladders showed non-uniform staining such as punch-out and gaps between smooth muscle

242layers. (C) Smooth muscle layers in $Myh11^{\Delta K/\Delta K}$ uteruses were thinner than those in WT.243Cross-sections were stained with haematoxylin and eosin (HE) and Masson trichome [MT,244scale bars = 500 µm (×40), 200 µm (×100), 50 µm (×400)]. (D) Comparison of the245thickness of the smooth muscle layer (myometrium) from the WT and $Myh11^{\Delta K/\Delta K}$ uteri (n246= 4). The data are expressed as the mean ± SEM. * p < 0.05, Welch's T test.</td>

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248 Supplementary Figure 4. Procedures of morphometric measurements in the large-

249 scale electron microscopic images. (A) 15 longitudinally sectioned SMCs (> 30 µm of 250 cellular diameter and $> 5 \,\mu m$ of nuclear diameter) were randomly selected from each aortic sample (WT and $Myh11^{\Delta K/\Delta K}$, n = 3). Next, the length of adhesive surfaces between the 251 target cell and other adjacent cells was measured, and the sum of each adhesive length was 252 253 considered to indicate the strength of cell adhesion of single SMC. (B) 15 50-µm sections from a whole aortic ring section (WT and $Myh11^{\Delta K/\Delta K}$, n = 3) were randomly selected. The 254 area of plain texture in the sections is marked as elastic lamellae, and the ratio to the elastic 255 256 area was calculated. The ratio of elastic area indicated the amount of elastic fibres in the 257 aortic sections.

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259 Supplementary Figure 5. Ang II enhanced medial degeneration in *Myh11*^{ΔK/+} aorta,

260 resulting in aortic dissections. (A) Ang II-treated groups of WT and $Myh11^{\Delta K/+}$ mice

- showed increased systolic blood pressure as Ang II induced hypertension, but there was no
- 262 significant difference between WT and $Myh11^{\Delta K/+}$ mice [before Ang II-treatment (day 0):
- 263 WT, 106.2 ± 3.0 versus $Myh11^{\Delta K/+}$, 101.5 ± 2.75 mmHg, p = 0.97; after Ang II-treatment

(day 14): WT, 153.5 ± 3.2 versus $Myh11^{\Delta K/+}$, 150.6 ± 3.4 mmHg, p = 0.96]. (B) Small 264 intramural hematoma was frequently induced in Ang II-treated $Mvh11^{\Delta K/+}$ aorta. (C) Aortic 265 dissections were induced not only in abdominal aortas but also in thoracic aortas of Ang II-266 treated $Myh11^{\Delta K/+}$ aorta. (**D**) Survival curves of the WT, $Myh11^{\Delta K/+}$ and $Myh11^{\Delta K/\Delta K}$ mice 267 infused with angiotensin II (Ang II) for 14 days. WT vs $Myh11^{\Delta K/+}$: p = 0.0528; WT vs 268 $Myh11^{\Delta K/\Delta K}$: p < 0.0001, Log-rank test. (E) Scatter dot plot showing the means \pm SD of 269 Ang II type 1 receptor expression normalised with GAPDH expression at baseline (n = 5). 270 271 The Mann-Whitney U test showed that the difference was not statistically significant. 272 273 Supplementary Figure 6. Immunoblot analysis of proteins associated with contraction, cell adhesion and proliferation. (A) Immunoblot analysis of proteins associated with 274 contraction and cell adhesion in thoracic aortas of WT and $Myh11^{\Delta K/\Delta K+}$ mice at 12 weeks 275 of age. (B) Densitometric analysis of the expression of proliferating cell nuclear antigen 276 (PCNA) (p = 0.8016) and cyclin D1 (p = 0.9444) in WT and $Myh11^{\Delta K/\Delta K}$ aortas. Protein 277 expression levels were normalised to that of GAPDH (n = 5). The Mann-Whitney U test 278 279 showed that the difference was not statistically significant.

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281 Supplementary Figure 7. *Myh11* $^{\Delta K/\Delta K}$ iPSCs quickly lose the abilities to self-renew and

282 **remain undifferentiated.** (A) Primary WT and $Myh11^{\Delta K/\Delta K}$ mouse embryonic fibroblast

culture 24 h before transduction. (**B**) Alkaline phosphatase (AP) staining of colonies of

from WT $Myh11^{\Delta K/\Delta K}$ cells after transduction of Oct4, Sox2, Klf4 and c-Myc (AP, Stem

TAG, Cell Bio Inc.). (C) Scatter dot plots showing the average number of AP-positive

colonies per culture dish \pm SEM. ImageJ/Fiji was used to count AP-positive colonies. (D) 286 Phase-contrast images of WT and $Myh11^{\Delta K/\Delta K}$ cells outgrowing from embryoid bodies 287 (EBs). The images were taken 7 days after EBs were plated on the gelatine-coated dishes. 288 (scale bar = 200μ m). *Myh11*^{Δ K/ Δ K} EBs did not produce any beating cells. Refer to the 289 supplementary movie to see beating WT cells. 290 291 Supplementary Figure 8. Stemness of $Myh11^{\Delta K/\Delta K}$ is recovered by Nanog transduction 292 293 along with the Yamanaka factors. (A) Phase-contrast images of iPSC colonies. The 294 images were taken at passage (P) 0, P3 and P5 (scale = $80 \mu m$, $800 \mu m$ and $800 \mu m$, respectively). (B) Phase-contrast images of WT and $Myh11^{\Delta K/\Delta K}$ iPSCs on gelatine-coated 295 dishes at the 16th to 19th passage (scale bar = $200 \,\mu$ m). 296 297 Supplementary Figure 9. Protein-protein interaction network analysis of genes 298 299 associated with the integrin or cadherin pathways. Proteins known to interact or be co-300 expressed with each other are connected with a line. A thicker line indicates a higher 301 confidence of association. The red and blue node colours indicate involvement of the proteins in adherens junctions and focal adhesions, respectively. The diagram was drawn 302 with the STRING database. 303 304 305 Supplementary Figure 10. Coiled-coil formation of the K1256-containing region of MYH11. (A) Amino-acid sequence of the 1226–1288 residues of Myh11. K1256 and 306 307 hydrophobic residues were coloured in magenta and orange, respectively. The letters under

1226–1288 residues of *Mvh11* (WT) and its $\Delta K1256$ pathogenic variants (*MYH11* $^{\Delta K/+}$ and 309 *MYH11* $^{\Delta K/\Delta K}$). Images were generated by MOE program suite (Ver. 2016.08, Chemical 310 Computing Group Inc., https://www.chemcomp.com).¹⁸ Quartet (WT) or triplet (ΔK) lysine 311 residues are represented as magenta sticks. Orange and green spheres are hydrophobic 312 313 residues on two different peptide chains that assemble into a dimeric coiled-coil structure. 314 315 Supplementary Figure 11. Full western blot images for Supplementary Fig. 6. Full-316 length images corresponding to cropped blots of (A) smooth muscle myosin heavy chain isoform 1 (SM1) (Lanes 2 and 3 = WT. Lanes 6 and 7 = $Myh11^{\Delta K/\Delta K}$) and (**B**) smooth 317 muscle myosin heavy chain isoform 2 (SM2) shown in Supplementary Fig. 6. (Lanes 2 and 318 3 = WT. Lanes 6 and $7 = Myh11^{\Delta K/\Delta K}$). The red boxes denote the regions used in Fig. 6. 319 320 321 Supplementary Figure 12. Full western blot images for Supplementary Fig. 6. Full-322 length images corresponding to cropped blots of (A) α -actin (Lanes 1 and 2 = WT. Lanes 9 and $10 = Myh11^{\Delta K/\Delta K}$) and (B) calponin shown in Supplementary Fig. 6. (Lanes 1 and 2 = 323 WT. Lanes 9 and $10 = Myh11^{\Delta K/\Delta K}$). The red boxes denote the regions used in Fig. 6. 324 325 326 Supplementary Figure 13. Full western blot images for Supplementary Fig. 6. Fulllength images corresponding to cropped blots of (A) phosphorylated focal adhesion kinase 327 (pFAK) (Lanes 1 and 2 = WT. Lanes 5 and 6 = $Myh11^{\Delta K/\Delta K}$) and (**B**) focal adhesion kinase 328 (FAK) shown in Supplementary Fig. 6. (Lanes 2 and 3 = WT. Lanes 8 and 9 = $Myh11^{\Delta K/\Delta K}$). 329

the sequence (abcdefg) indicate the order of heptad repeat. (B) Structural models of the

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332 Supplementary Figure 14. Full western blot image for Supplementary Fig. 6. Full-

- length image corresponding to cropped blots of glyceraldehyde 3-phosphate dehydrogenase
- (GAPDH) shown in Supplementary Fig. 6. (Lanes 1 and 2 = WT. Lanes 9 and 10 =
- 335 $Myh11^{\Delta K/\Delta K}$). The red boxes denote the regions used in Fig. 6.
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337 Supplementary Movie

- 338 **Beating cells having differentiated in a WT embryoid body.** The movie shows beating
- cells that have differentiated in a WT embryoid body. The hanging drop method was used
- to generate EBs.

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