## **Description of Additional Supplementary Files**

File Name: Supplementary Data 1 a&b Description: Demographics and biometrics of study cohort

File Name: Supplementary Data 1c Description: Correlations of aortic traits with other biometrics in our cohort

File Name: Supplementary Data 2 Description: Heritability of aortic traits (LDSC)

File Name: Supplementary Data 3 Description: Phenotype correlations

File Name: Supplementary Data 4 Description: LDSC Genotype correlations

File Name: Supplementary Data 5 (a-f) Description: Significant stage 1 GWAS associations

File Name: Supplementary Data 6 (a-f) Description: Significant stage 2 (MTAG) GWAS associations

File Name: Supplementary Data 7 Description: Full list of 102 loci

File Name: Supplementary Data 7a-d Description: Replication of lead aortic area SNPs in SHIP study

File Name: Supplementary Data 8 Description: LD between lead SNPs for distensibility

File Name: Supplementary Data 9 Description: eQTL and sQTL annotations (distensibility loci)

File Name: Supplementary Data 10 (a-d) Description: Functional annotations

File Name: Supplementary Data 11 Description: Comparison of results with Tcheandjieu, Pirruccello and Benjamins – locus overlap

File Name: Supplementary Data 12 Description: Sex-specific GWAS comparison

File Name: Supplementary Data 13 Description: FUMA gene-based association results

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Description: MAGMA gene-based association results

File Name: Supplementary Data 15a Description: MAGMA GO associations

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File Name: Supplementary Data 16 Description: Pathways analysis of co-expression data

File Name: Supplementary Data 17 Description: PheWAS full results

File Name: Supplementary Data 18 Description: MR-PheWAS full results

File Name: Supplementary Data 19 (a-c) Description: LDSC and bidirectional MR results aorta-BP

File Name: Supplementary Data 20 Description: MR-ConMix results

File Name: Supplementary Data 21 Description: LDSC analysis of aortic traits with cerebral phenotypes

File Name: Supplementary Data 22 Description: Regional correlations between aortic and cerebral traits

File Name: Supplementary Data 23 Description: Two-sample MR: aortic with cerebral traits

File Name: Supplementary Data 24 Description: Multivariable MR: BP and aortic with WMH

File Name: Supplementary Data 25 Description: Replication of MVMR signal in the Rhineland study