

Figure S1. **Expression and localization of cadherins.** (A) MLEC and VEcad<sup>-/-</sup>, WT, and chimeric cadherin-expressing cells were extracted and immunoblotted with the indicated antibodies. (B) VEcad<sup>-/-</sup> cells were infected with the indicated cadherin constructs using lentiviral vectors and sorted for equal cadherin expression. Cadherins were localized by staining with anti-Flag. Bar, 10  $\mu$ m. (C) VEcad<sup>-/-</sup>, WT, and chimeric cadherin-expressing cells were lysed, immunoprecipitated for Flag, and eluted with 3 $\times$ -Flag peptide. Eluates were analyzed by SDS-PAGE and immunoblotting for Flag and  $\beta$ -catenin. IB, immunoblotting.

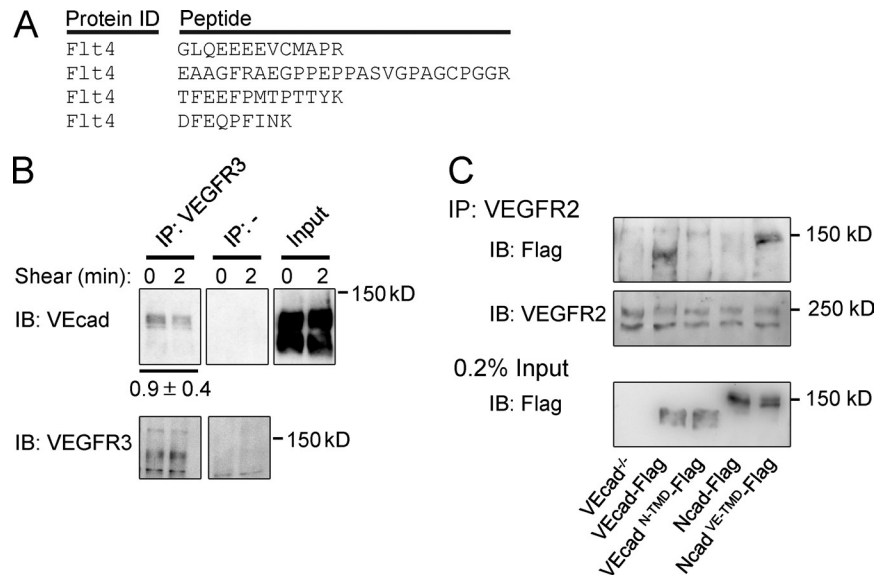


Figure S2. **The effect of shear stress and VEGFR homologue on the VEcad-VEGFR complex.** (A) VEGFR3 peptides within an Ncad<sup>VE-TMD</sup>-Flag immunoprecipitation identified by mass spectrometry. (B) VEcad<sup>-/-</sup> and VEcad<sup>WT</sup> cells were either left under static conditions or exposed to 12 dynes/cm<sup>2</sup> laminar shear for 2 min before collecting lysates and immunoprecipitating VEGFR3. Eluted protein was analyzed by SDS-PAGE and immunoblotting for VEcad and VEGFR3. Blots are representative of three independent experiments. (C) VEcad<sup>-/-</sup> and the indicated cadherin-reconstituted cells were lysed and immunoprecipitated with anti-VEGFR2 conjugated resin. Beads were washed and eluted protein was analyzed by SDS-PAGE and immunoblotting for Flag and VEGFR2. Blots are representative of two independent experiments. IB, immunoblotting; IP, immunoprecipitation.

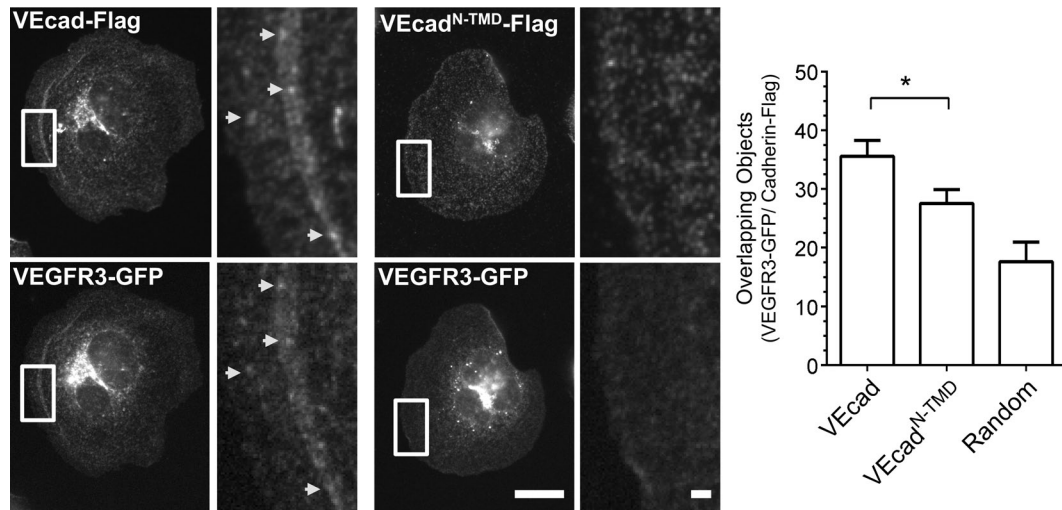


Figure S3. **TMD-dependent colocalization of VEcad with VEGFR3.** VEcad<sup>WT</sup> and VEcad<sup>N-TMD</sup> cells were infected with VEGFR3-GFP adenovirus. Cells were re-suspended with accutase and plated onto glass slides precoated with recombinant Fc-VE<sup>ECD</sup>. Cells were fixed at 2 h, immunostained for the Flag-tagged cadherins, and visualized by fluorescence microscopy. The boxed regions are enlarged in the panels to their immediate right. Bars: (left) 10  $\mu$ m; (right) 1  $\mu$ m. Fluorescent objects were thresholded and analyzed for colocalization according to their center of mass by the ImageJ JACoP plugin. Data are means  $\pm$  SEM (error bars),  $n = 15$  cells. \*,  $P < 0.05$  using a  $t$  test.

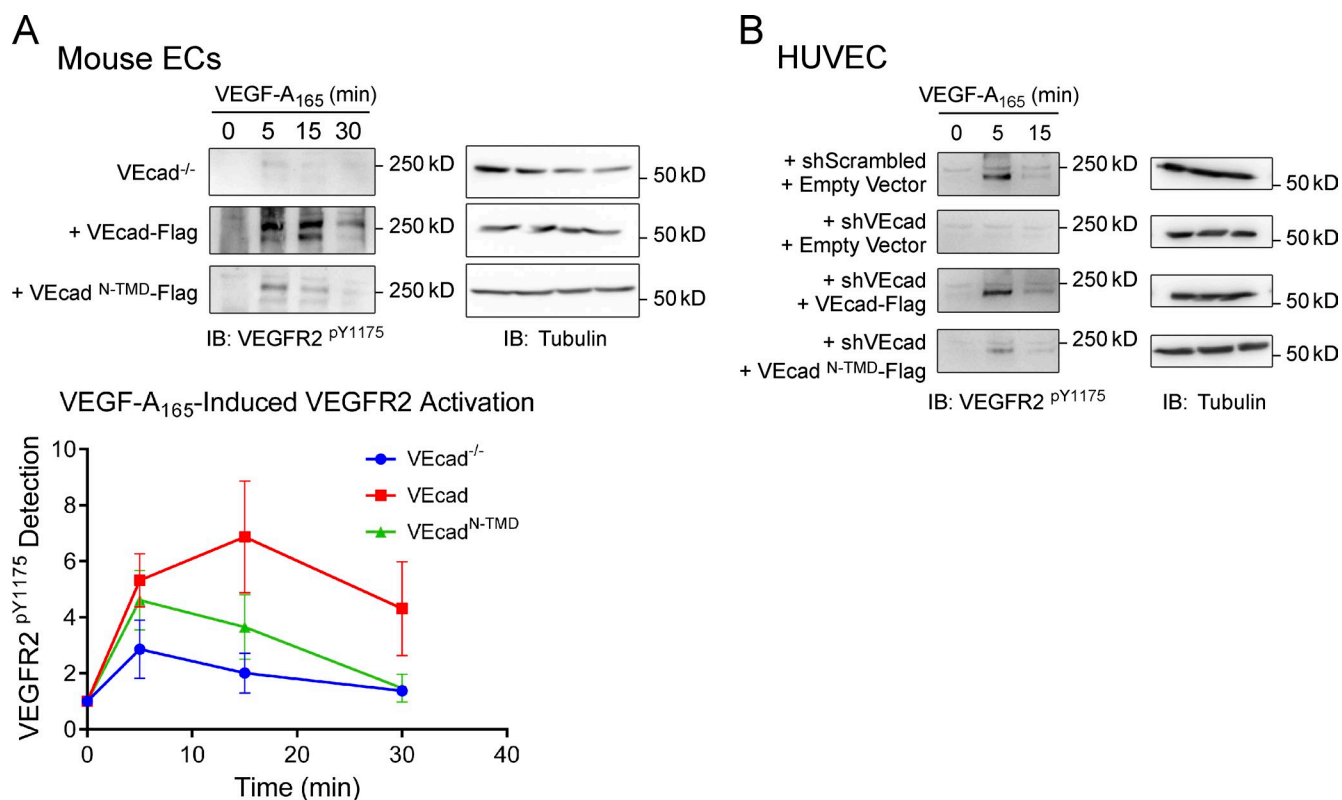


Figure S4. **Influence of the VE-cad TMD on VEGF-A165-mediated VEGFR2 activation.** (A) VEcad<sup>-/-</sup>, VEcad<sup>WT</sup>, and VEcad<sup>N-TMD</sup> cells were stimulated with 50 µg/ml VEGF-A165 for the indicated times. Lysates were collected and analyzed by SDS-PAGE and immunoblotting for VEGFR2<sup>pY1175</sup> and actin. VEGFR2 activation was quantified by densitometry of the ~250/220 kD doublet. Values are means ± SEM (error bars) from three independent experiments. (B) HUVECs were infected with scrambled or VEcad shRNA lentivirus before infecting with empty vector, mouse VEcad, or mouse VEcad<sup>N-TMD</sup>. Cells were stimulated with VEGF-A165 for 0, 5, or 15 min before collecting lysates and immunoblotting for VEGFR2<sup>pY1175</sup>.

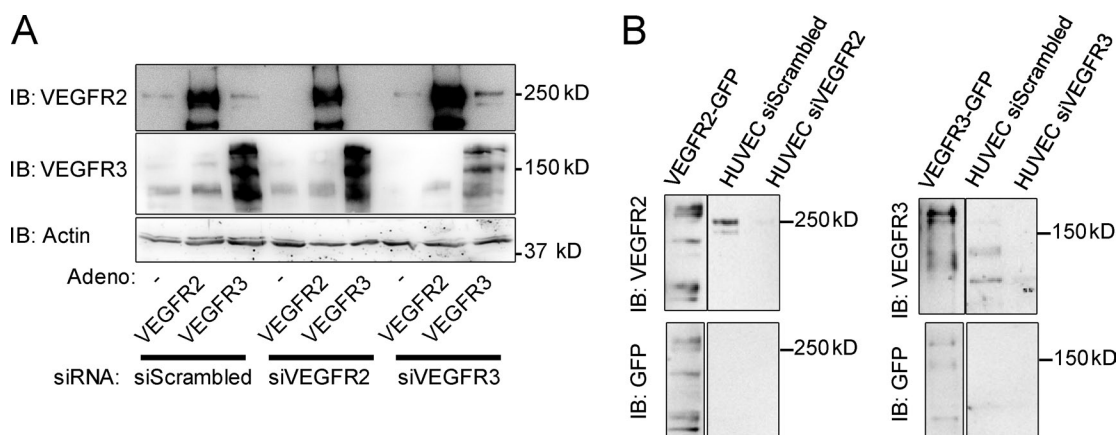


Figure S5. **Exogenous and endogenous VEGFR expression levels.** (A) HUVECs were infected with adenovirus encoding mCherry or VEGFR-GFP as in Fig. 6. Infection efficiency ranged from 60 to 90%. Lysates were blotted for VEGFR2 and VEGFR3 antibodies to compare the levels of endogenous and exogenous VEGFR-GFP expression. (B) 239T cells were transfected with either human VEGFR2-GFP- or human VEGFR3-GFP-expressing plasmids. HUVECs were also treated with the indicated siRNAs. Lysates were collected and immunoblotted for GFP (reference antibody), anti-VEGFR2, and anti-VEGFR3. Densitometry of the three signals reveals that the ratio of endogenous VEGFR2/VEGFR3 is between 75:25 and 60:40. IB, immunoblotting.