

Figure S1. **MSX1 exhibits an arterial-specific expression profile in human umbilical cords.** (A) Microarray probe set intensities in freshly isolated HUAECs and HUVECs. Error bars represent the SEM. $n = 4$. *, $P < 0.05$ versus HUAECs. (B) IF staining on cross sections of human umbilical cords for MSX1 or MSX2 (green), α SMA (red), and DAPI (blue). Bars: 25 μ m; 20 μ m (magnifications).

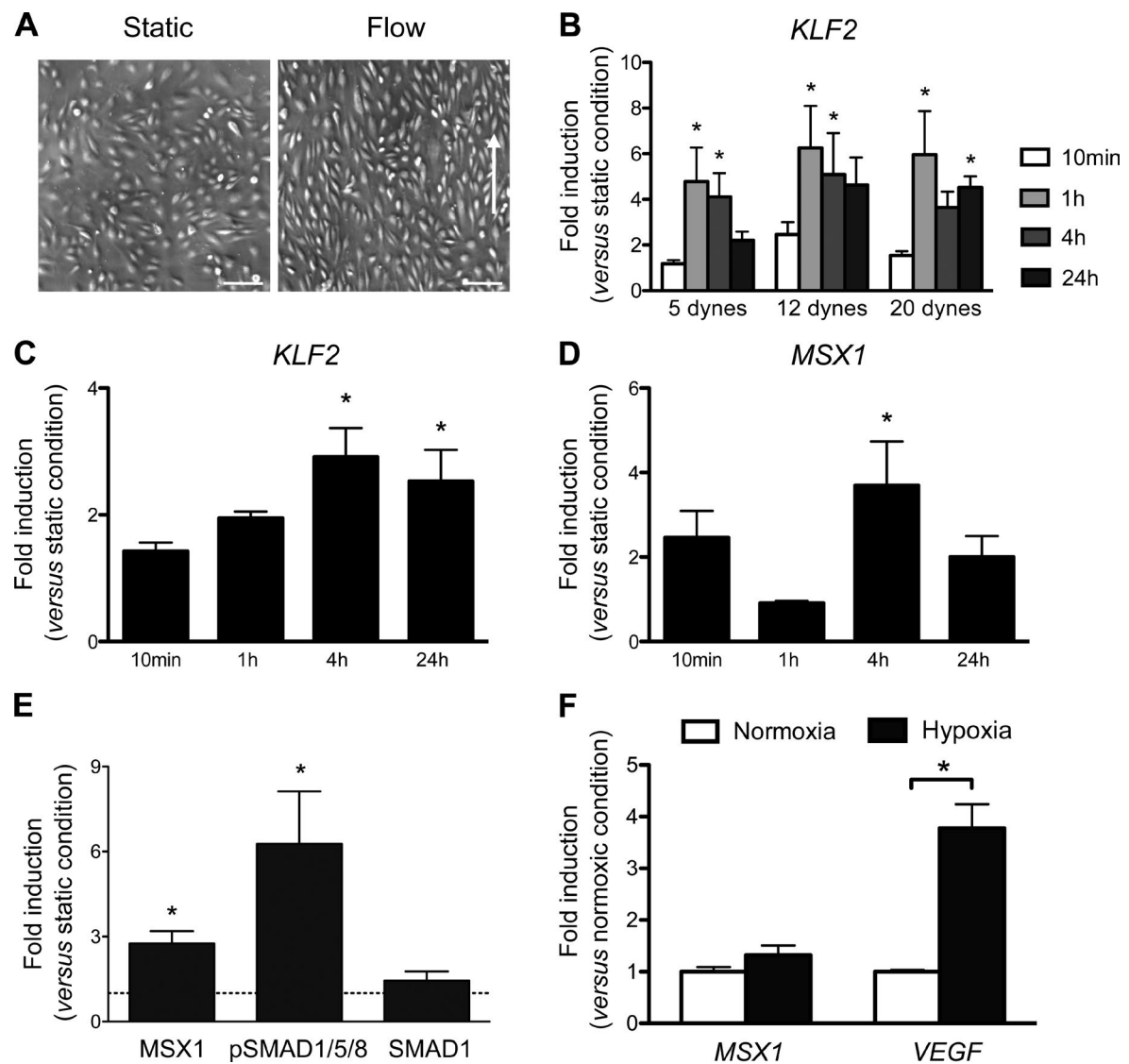


Figure S2. **Triggering cues of *MSX1* expression in ECs.** (A) Brightfield pictures of HUAECs with and without exposure to LSS of 20 dynes/cm² for 24 h. The arrow represents the flow direction. Bars, 100 μ m. (B) *KLF2* expression analysis by qRT-PCR of HUAECs seeded on fibronectin-coated chambers kept in static conditions or exposed to different LSS levels over time. mRNA expression is represented relative to the static condition ($n = 3$ for 5 dynes and $n = 8$ for 12 and 20 dynes). *, $P < 0.05$ versus static condition. (C and D) Expression analysis by qRT-PCR of HUAECs seeded on fibronectin-coated chambers kept in static conditions or exposed to 20 dynes/cm² over time. mRNA expression is represented relative to the static condition for *KLF2* and *MSX1*. $n = 4$. *, $P < 0.05$ versus static condition. (E) Quantification of the Western blot of total cell lysates of HUAECs kept in static conditions or exposed to LSS of 20 dynes/cm² for 1 h for *MSX1*, pSMAD1/5/8, and SMAD1. Expression was normalized for the housekeeping protein and represented as fold induction versus the corresponding static condition. $n = 3-6$. *, $P < 0.05$ versus the static condition. (F) HUAECs were cultured in 21% (normoxia) or 1% oxygen (hypoxia) conditions. After 3 d, cells were lysed, and mRNA expression was quantified by qRT-PCR and represented relative to the normoxic condition for *MSX1* and *VEGF* as the positive control. $n = 3$. *, $P < 0.05$ versus normoxic condition. Error bars represent the SEM.

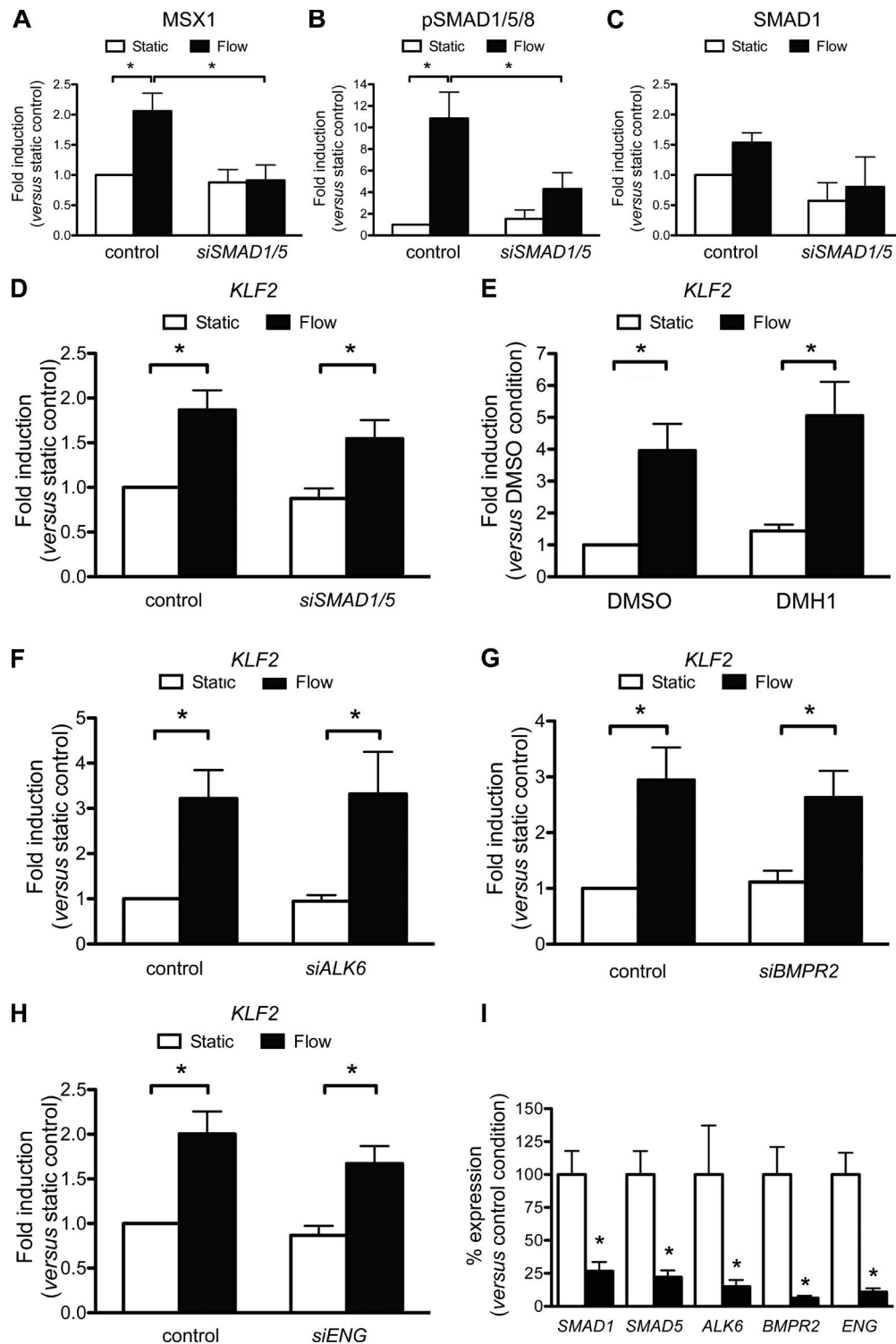


Figure S3. **Assessment of shear induction and siRNA-mediated knockdown efficiency.** (A–C) Quantification of the Western blot of HUAECs transfected with control siRNA or siRNA against *SMAD1* and *SMAD5* seeded in fibronectin-coated chambers and subsequently kept under static conditions or subjected for 1 h to an LSS of 20 dynes/cm². *MSX1*, *pSMAD158*, and *SMAD1* expression was normalized for the housekeeping protein and represented as fold induction versus the nonsilencing control static condition. *n* = 3. *, *P* < 0.05 versus the indicated condition. (D–H) *KLF2* expression analysis by qRT-PCR of HUAECs seeded on fibronectin-coated chambers kept in static conditions or exposed to LSS (20 dynes/cm²) for 1 h with cells transfected with control siRNA or siRNA against *SMAD1* and *SMAD5* (*n* = 7; D), *ALK6* (*n* = 5; F), *BMPR2* (*n* = 6; G), or *ENG* (*n* = 4; H) or cells pretreated for 1 h with and exposed to flow in the presence of DMSO or 2.5-μM DMH1 (*n* = 4; E). *, *P* < 0.05 versus the indicated condition. (I) siRNA-mediated knockdown efficiency was assessed by means of qRT-PCR for the knockdown of *SMAD1* (*n* = 7), *SMAD5* (*n* = 7), *ALK6* (*n* = 5), *BMPR2* (*n* = 6), and *ENG* (*n* = 4) during each conducted siRNA experiment in static conditions. *, *P* < 0.05 versus control condition (white bars). Error bars represent the SEM.

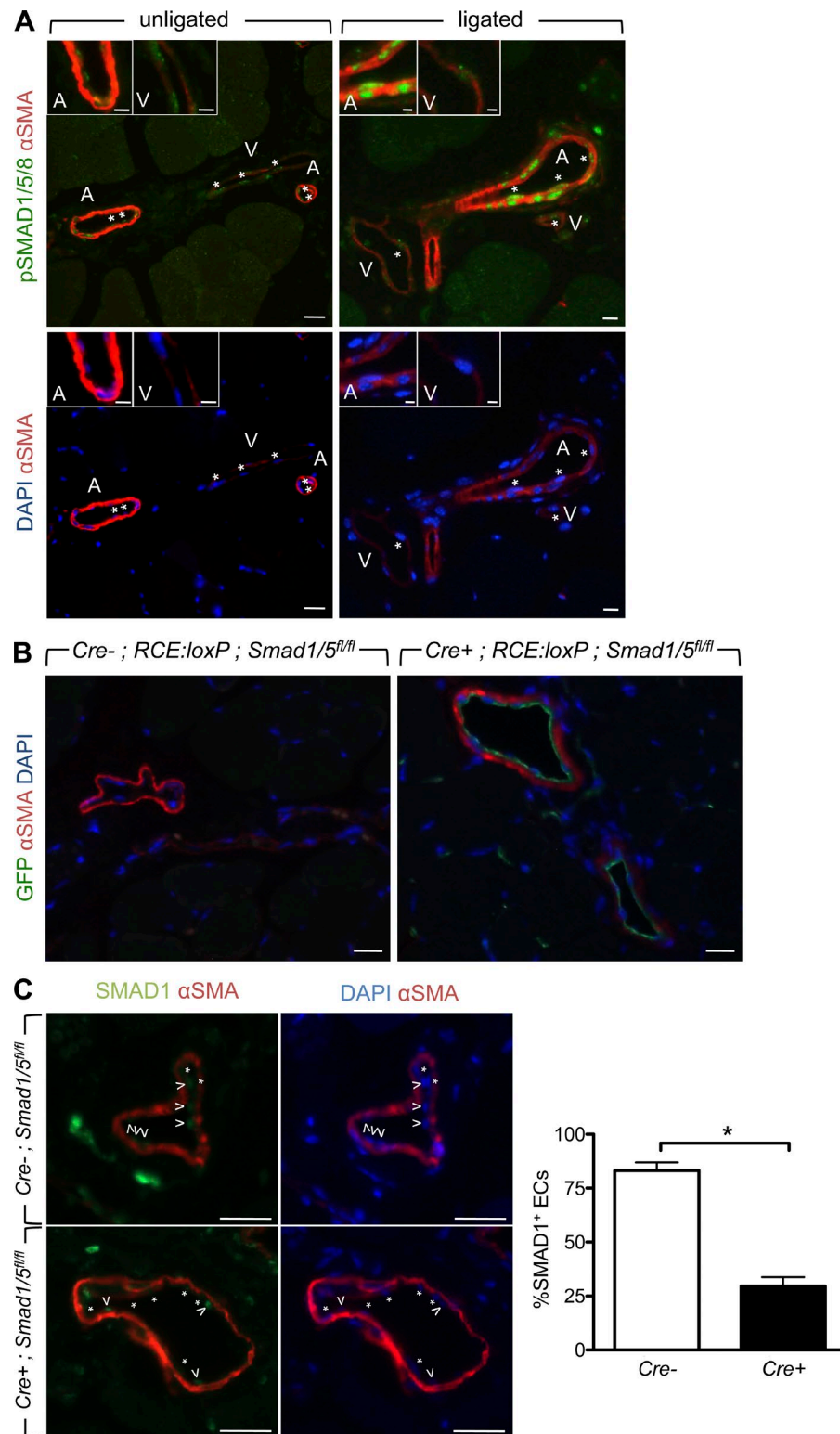


Figure S4. **Asymmetric pSMAD1/5/8 activity induction and validation of Cre recombination in *Cdh5-CreERT2;RCE:loxP;Smad1^{fl/fl};Smad5^{fl/fl}* and *Cdh5-CreERT2;Smad1^{fl/fl};Smad5^{fl/fl}* mice.** (A) pSMAD1/5/8 is ubiquitously expressed in arterial and venous ECs but becomes specifically induced in remodeling arterial collaterals upon ligation. Staining for pSMAD1/5/8 (green), αSMA (red), and DAPI (blue) in unligated and 7-d ligated adductors, with asterisks indicating positive ECs. A, artery; V, vein. Bars, 10 μm and 5 μm (magnifications). (B and C) Mice were treated for five consecutive days with 2 mg tamoxifen. After 2 d of rest, the femoral artery was ligated. (B) Staining for GFP (green), αSMA (red), and DAPI (blue) on transversal sections of the adductor 7 d after ligation indicate the EC-specific recombination upon tamoxifen treatment in *Cdh5-CreERT2;RCE:loxP;Smad1^{fl/fl};Smad5^{fl/fl}* mice. Bars, 15 μm. (C) Staining for SMAD1 (green), αSMA (red), and DAPI (blue) on transversal sections of the adductor 7 d after ligation in *Cdh5-CreERT2;Smad1^{fl/fl};Smad5^{fl/fl}* mice. The arrowheads and asterisks indicate ECs positive and negative for SMAD1, respectively. Quantification is represented as percent SMAD1-positive ECs. Error bars represent the SEM. *n* = 7 *Cdh5-Cre-;Smad1^{fl/fl};Smad5^{fl/fl}* mice and *n* = 9 *Cdh5-Cre+;Smad1^{fl/fl};Smad5^{fl/fl}* mice. *, *P* < 0.05 versus *Cdh5-Cre-;Smad1^{fl/fl};Smad5^{fl/fl}* mice. Bars, 25 μm.

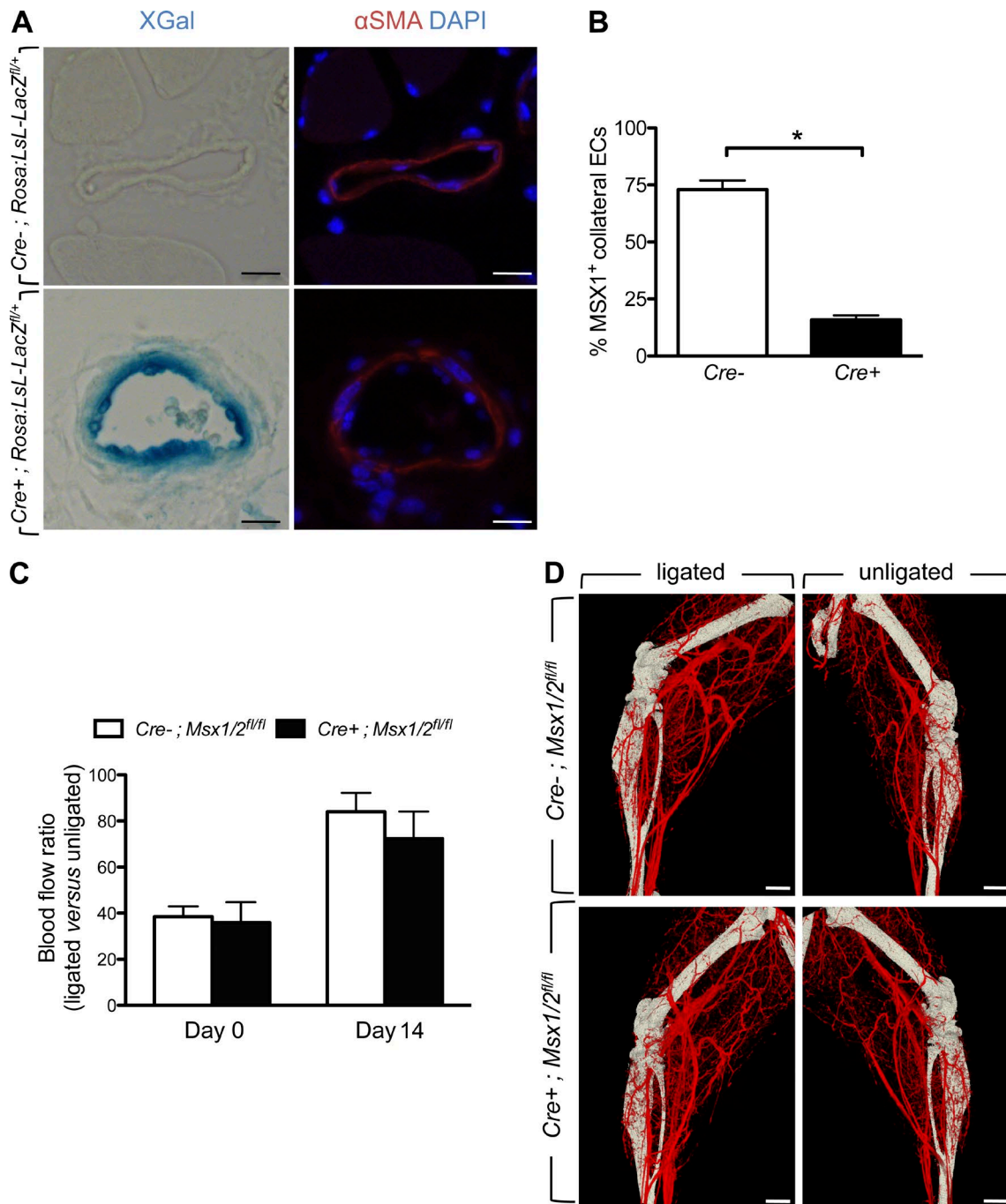


Figure S5. Validation of Cre recombination in *Cdh5-CreERT2*; *Rosa:LSL-LacZ*^{fl/+} mice and assessment of Cre recombination, flow, and collateral remodeling in *Cdh5-CreERT2*; *Msx1*^{fl/fl}; *Msx2*^{fl/fl} mice. (A) *Cdh5-CreERT2*; *Rosa:LSL-LacZ*^{fl/+} mice were treated for five consecutive days with 2 mg tamoxifen. After 2 d of rest, the femoral artery was ligated, and after 7 d the adductor region of Cre⁺ and Cre⁻ littermates was whole-mount stained for Xgal and paraffin embedded. Transversal sections were subsequently stained for αSMA (red) and DAPI (blue). Bars, 15 μm. (B) In transversal sections of the ligated adductor of *Cdh5-Cre*; *Msx1*^{fl/fl}; *Msx2*^{fl/fl} mice after tamoxifen treatment, the number of collateral ECs positive for MSX1 were quantified relative to the total number of collateral ECs. *n* = 4 *Cdh5-Cre*⁻; *Msx1*^{fl/fl}; *Msx2*^{fl/fl} and *n* = 5 *Cdh5-Cre*⁺; *Msx1*^{fl/fl}; *Msx2*^{fl/fl} littermates. *, *P* < 0.05 versus *Cdh5-Cre*⁻; *Msx1*^{fl/fl}; *Msx2*^{fl/fl} mice. (C) High-resolution PET measurements after intravenous injection of ¹³[N]ammonia on days 0 and 14 after femoral artery ligation in *Cdh5-Cre*; *Msx1*^{fl/fl}; *Msx2*^{fl/fl} mice. Blood flow was quantified as a ratio in the ligated versus the unligated leg, represented as a percentage for *n* = 4 *Cdh5-Cre*⁻; *Msx1*^{fl/fl}; *Msx2*^{fl/fl} and *n* = 4 *Cdh5-Cre*⁺; *Msx1*^{fl/fl}; *Msx2*^{fl/fl} littermates. Error bars represent the SEM. (D) Micro-CT angiograms of the ligated and unligated hind limbs of *Cdh5-Cre*⁻; *Msx1*^{fl/fl}; *Msx2*^{fl/fl} (top) and *Cdh5-Cre*⁺; *Msx1*^{fl/fl}; *Msx2*^{fl/fl} (bottom) mice 7 d after femoral artery ligation. Bars, 2 mm.