Supplementary Materials

Systolic Blood Pressure and Body Weight at the beginning of the experimental protocol.

Before starting the experimental protocol, rats were divided in four groups (Control, Control+Empa, Ang II, Ang II+Empa). Body weight (g) and Systolic Blood Pressure (mmHg) were measured as described in the Methods. No differences were present among the different groups.

Parameters	Control	Control + Empa	Ang II	Ang II + Empa
SBP (mmHg)	143.7 ± 4.0	149.1 ± 1.0	141.5 ± 4.3	140.2 ± 2.7
BW (g)	253.6 ± 14.0	270.7 ± 5.0	261.2 ± 6.3	253.1 ± 5.8