

Supplementary figures

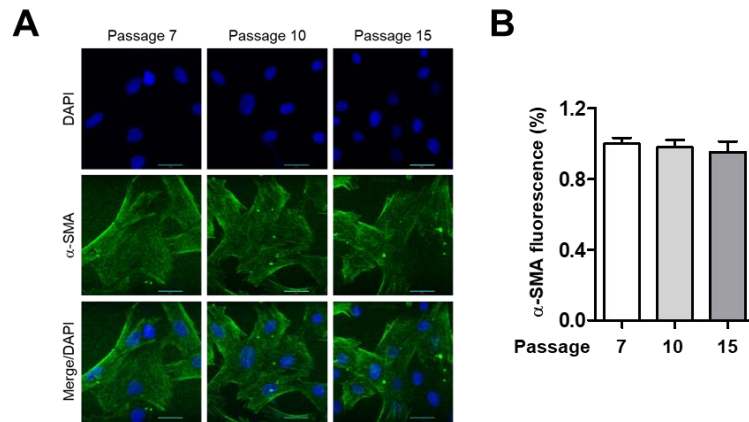


Figure S1. α -smooth muscle actin (α -SMA) expression in rat aortic smooth muscle cells at different passages (7, 10, and 15). The immunofluorescence analysis was performed after immunostaining with α -SMA antibody. DAPI was co-stained for indicating the nucleus. Representative photographs are shown at $\times 200$ magnification (scale bar: $30\ \mu\text{m}$) (A). The relative fluorescent intensity of α -SMA was quantified by Image J software (B). Data are expressed as the mean \pm SEM ($n = 3$).