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Endothelial cell regulation of systemic haemodynamics and metabolism acts through the HIF transcription factors

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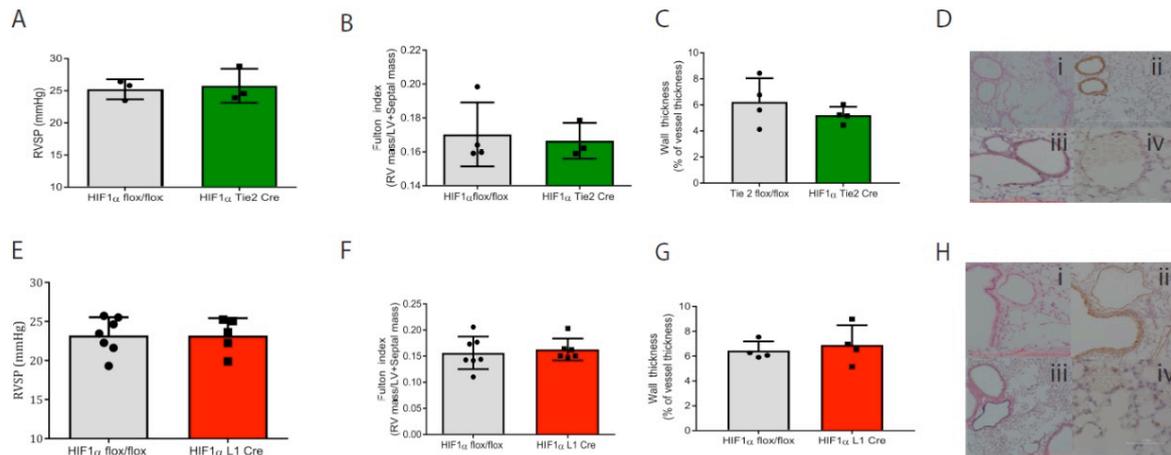
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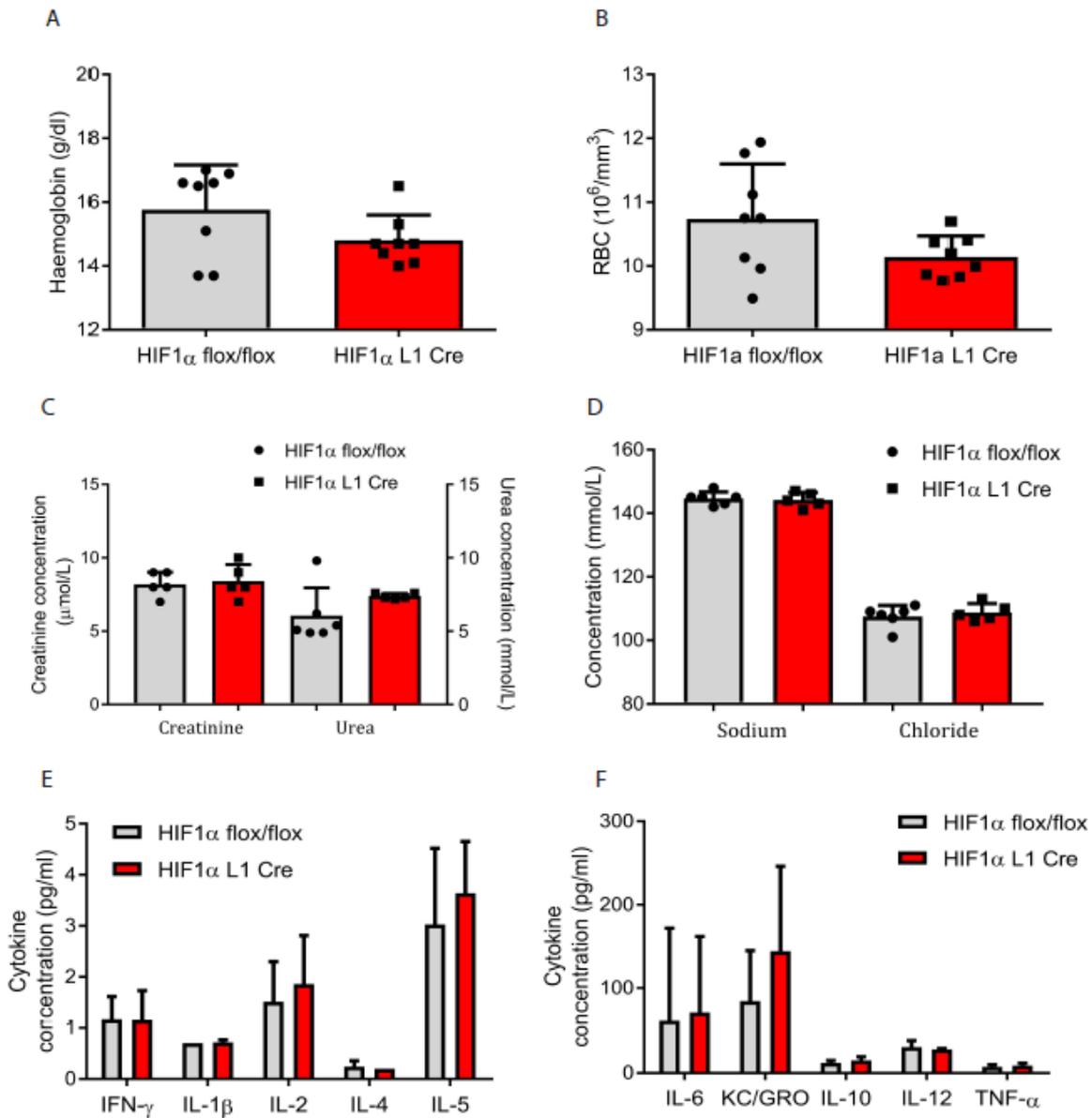
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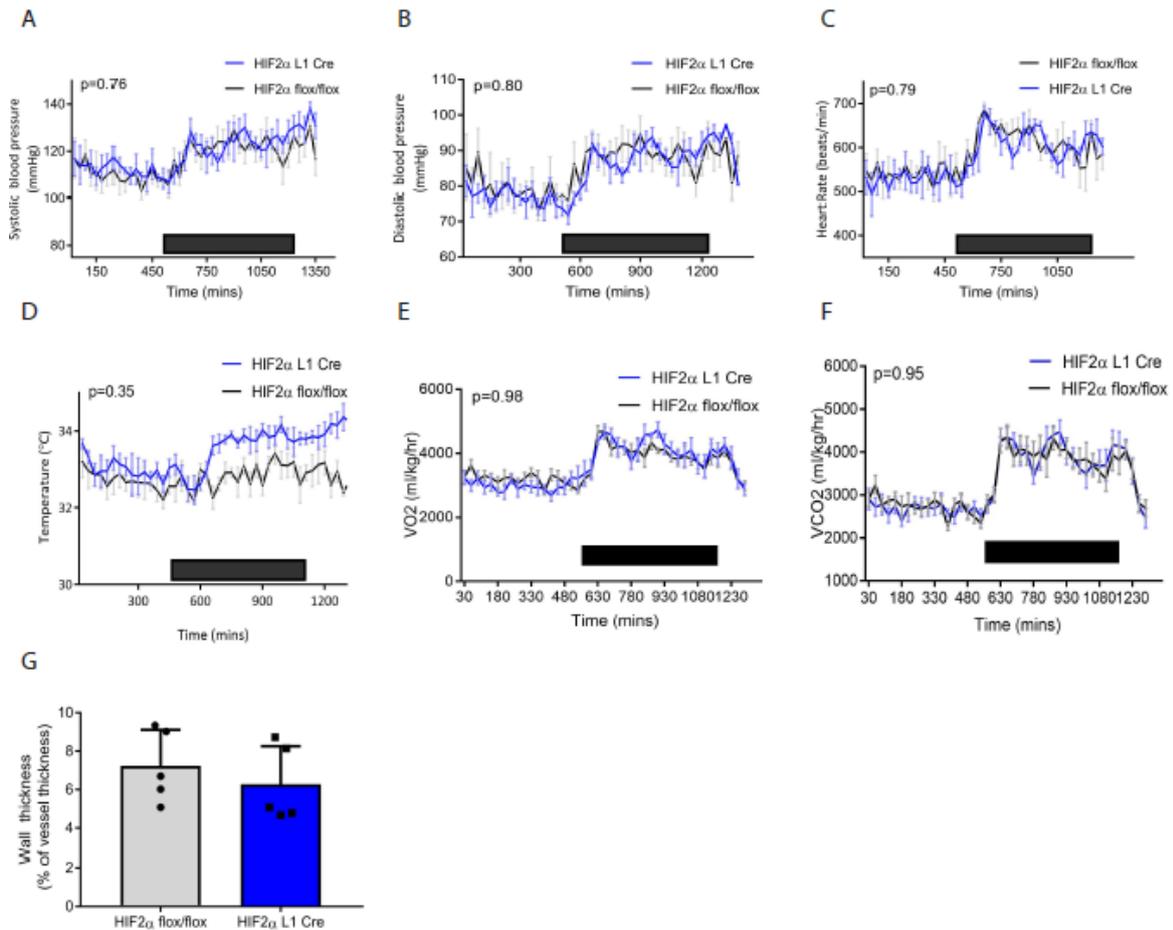


### Supplementary Figure 1: Impact of global and pulmonary endothelial specific HIF-1 $\alpha$ knockout on the right heart and pulmonary vasculature.

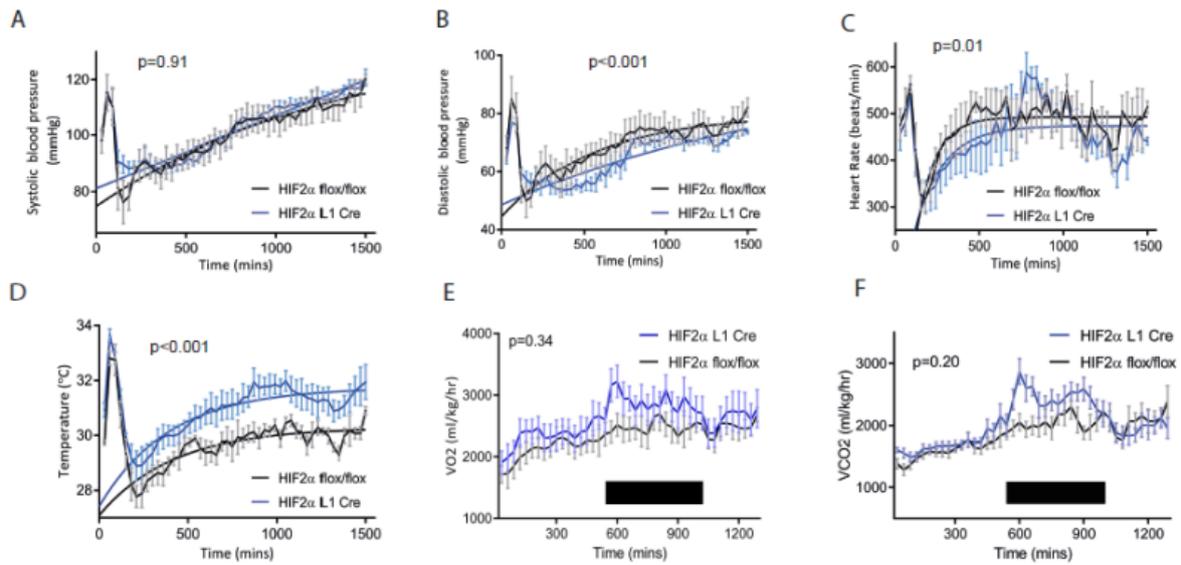
A: Right ventricular systolic pressure (RVSP) was measured under isoflurane anaesthesia in 21% oxygen in HIF-1 $\alpha$  Tie2 Cre (green, n=3) and HIF-1 $\alpha$  flox/flox littermates (grey, n=3). Data presented as mean  $\pm$  SD, analysis by two-way ANOVA p=ns. B: Fulton index of hearts dissected from HIF-1 $\alpha$  Tie2 Cre (green, n=4) and HIF-1 $\alpha$  flox/flox littermates (grey, n=4). Data presented as mean  $\pm$  SD, analysis by unpaired t test p=ns. C: Pulmonary vascular remodelling was determined in HIF-1 $\alpha$  Tie2 Cre (green, n=4) and HIF-1 $\alpha$  flox/flox littermates (grey, n=4). Quantification of the parabrachial medial thickness on smooth muscle actin stained vessels is presented as a percentage of vessel wall thickness, analysis by unpaired t test, p=ns. D: Representative images of parabrachial vessels from HIF-1 $\alpha$  Tie2 Cre mice stained with (i) Haemotoxilin and Eosin (H&E), (ii) Smooth muscle actin (SMA), (iii) Elastic tissue fibres – Verhoeff's Van Giesen (EVG). (iv) Representative image of microvasculature of HIF-1 $\alpha$  Tie2 Cre stained for SMA. E: Right ventricular systolic pressure (RVSP) was measured under isoflurane anaesthesia in 21% oxygen in HIF-1 $\alpha$  L1 Cre (Red, n=5) and HIF-1 $\alpha$  flox/flox littermates (grey, n=7). Data presented as mean  $\pm$  SD, analysis by two-way ANOVA p=ns. F: Fulton index of hearts dissected from HIF-1 $\alpha$  L1 Cre (Red, n=6) and HIF-1 $\alpha$  flox/flox littermates (grey, n=7). Data presented as mean  $\pm$  SD, analysis by unpaired t test p=ns. G: Pulmonary vascular remodelling was determined in HIF-1 $\alpha$  L1 Cre (red, n=5) and HIF-1 $\alpha$  flox/flox littermates (grey, n=5). Quantification of the parabrachial intimal medial thickness on smooth muscle actin stained vessels is presented as a percentage of vessel wall thickness, analysis by unpaired t test, p=ns. H: Representative images of parabrachial vessels from HIF-1 $\alpha$  L1 Cre mice stained with (i) H&E, (ii) SMA, (iii) EVG. (iv) Representative image of microvasculature of HIF-1 $\alpha$  Tie2 Cre stained for SMA.



**Supplementary Figure 2: Haematological, Biochemical and Cytokine analysis of pulmonary endothelial HIF-1 $\alpha$  knockout mice (HIF-1 $\alpha$  L1Cre, red) and HIF-1 $\alpha$  flox/flox littermates (grey).** A: Haemoglobin concentration (g/dL) and, B: Red Blood Cell count (RBC  $\times 10^6/mm^3$ ) in knockout and wild type litter mate controls (n=7, p=ns). C: Renal function measured by plasma creatinine and urea in knockout (n=5) and wild type littermate controls (n=6, p=ns). D: Salt handling measured by analysis of plasma sodium and chloride concentrations in knockout (n=5) and wild type littermate controls (n=6, p=ns). E and F: Circulating plasma cytokine concentrations measured using a multiplex panel in knockout and wildtype littermates, n=5, all p=ns.



**Supplementary Figure 3: Effects of HIF-2 $\alpha$  pulmonary endothelial knockout on constitutive cardiovascular function.** Circadian variations in A: Systolic, B: Diastolic blood pressure, C: heart rate, D: subcutaneous temperature, E: VO<sub>2</sub> and F: VCO<sub>2</sub> of HIF-2 $\alpha$  L1 Cre (Blue, n=4) and littermate HIF-1 $\alpha$  flox/flox (Grey, n=4) mice were recorded by radio-telemetry. Black box represents nocturnal phase. Data are presented as a mean  $\pm$  SEM for each 30 min period,  $p$  values for area under the curve followed by unpaired t test are shown. G: Quantification of the parabronchial medial thickness on smooth muscle actin stained vessels is presented as a percentage of vessel wall thickness, analysis by unpaired t test,  $p=ns$



#### Supplementary Figure 4: Effects of HIF-2 $\alpha$ pulmonary endothelial knockout on response to acute hypoxia.

Impact of acute hypoxia with inspired oxygen concentration of 11% on A: systolic ( $p=0.91$ ), B: diastolic blood pressure ( $p<0.001$ ), C: heart rate ( $p=0.01$ ), D: peripheral temperature ( $p<0.001$ ), E: oxygen consumption ( $p=0.34$ ) and F: carbon dioxide synthesis ( $p=0.20$ ) on HIF-2 $\alpha$  L1 Cre (Red,  $n=5$ ) and littermate HIF-2 $\alpha$  flox/flox (Grey,  $n=6$ ) mice using continuous radio-telemetry and metabolic monitoring. Data are presented as a mean  $\pm$  SEM) for each 30 min period. Analysis of recovery trajectory after initial hypoxia exposure by one-phase association fitting, analysis of metabolic response to hypoxia by area under the curve for each animal using unpaired t test.