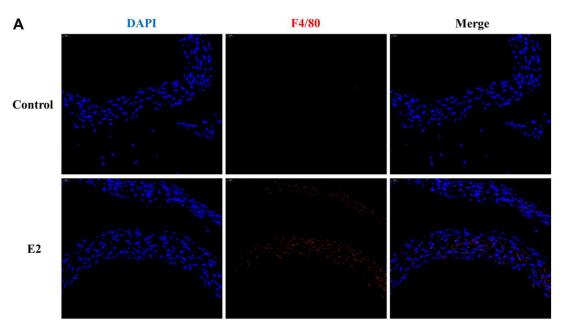
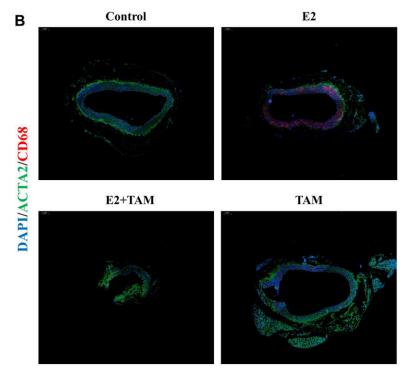
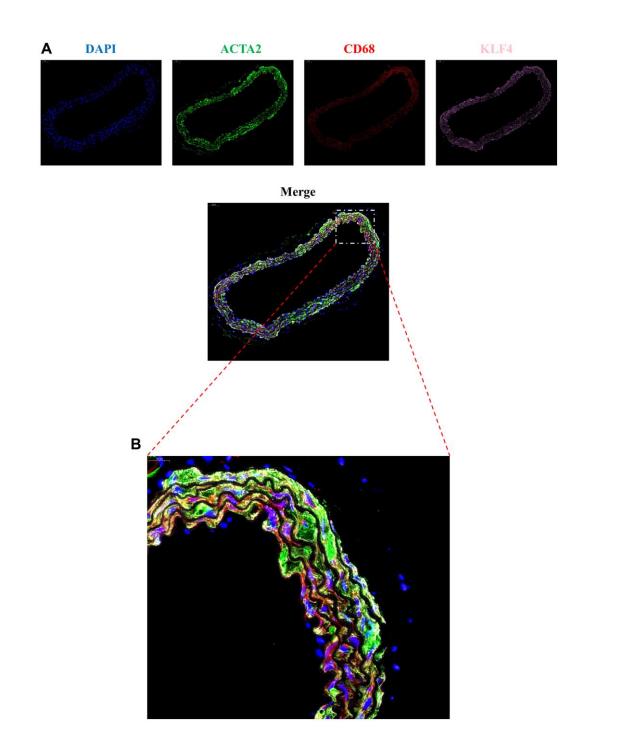
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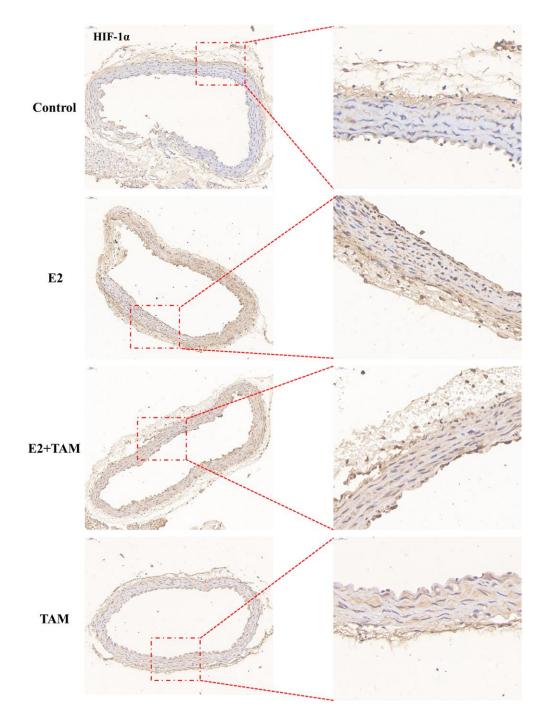




**Supplementary Figure 1. Immunofluorescence staining of mouse aortic cell phenotypic markers.** (A) Mouse aortic tissue sections were done for immunofluorescence staining for macrophage markers (F4/80). Magnification 400×. (B) Mouse aortic tissue sections were done for immunofluorescence double staining for smooth muscle cell marker (ACTA2) and macrophage marker (F4/80). Magnification 100×.



Supplementary Figure 2. Immunofluorescence staining of KLF4, a phenotypic transforming switch in vascular smooth muscle cells. (A) Immunofluorescence triple staining for ACTA2, CD68, and KLF4 was done on aortic sections from E2-intervened mice. Magnification 200×. (B) Magnification 630×.



Supplementary Figure 3. Expression of HIF-1 $\alpha$  in the aorta of different groups of mice.