

Supplementary Figure

**$\beta$ -catenin-dependent signaling pathway contributes to renal fibrosis in hypertensive rats**

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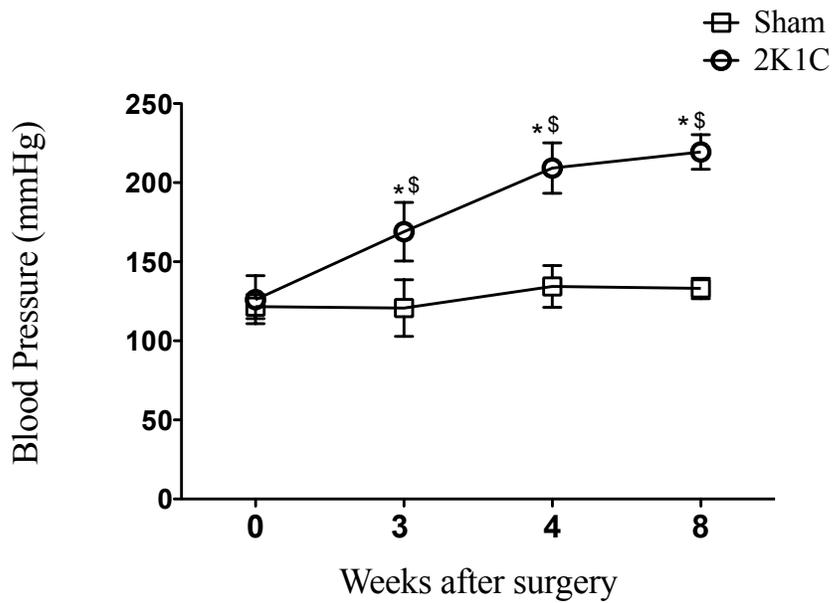
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With the purpose of monitoring the level of systolic blood pressure (SBP) throughout the all experimental period (0-8 weeks) we performed an independent group of 2K1C and sham rats (n= 8 rats per group) and the SBP was measured at 0, 3, 4 and 8 weeks after surgery. A significant increase on SBP was observed from the 3rd week after surgery. (p<0.05)



**Supplementary Fig. 1 Time course of SBP in 2K1C rats.** The SBP was measured in sham rats (control) and 2K1C hypertensive rats at 0, 3, 4 and 8 weeks after surgery. A significant increase on SBP was recorded in 3rd week after surgery. \*P<0.05