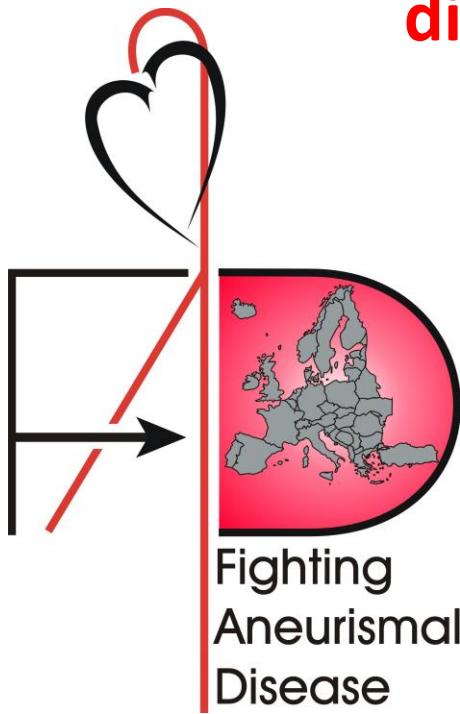


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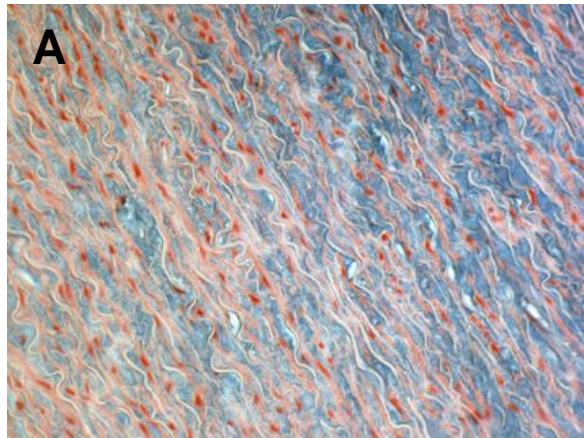
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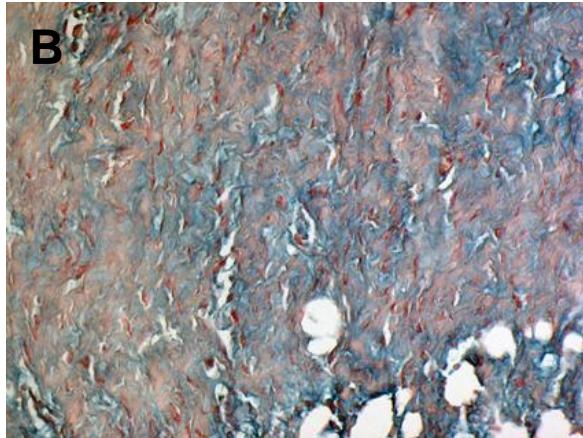


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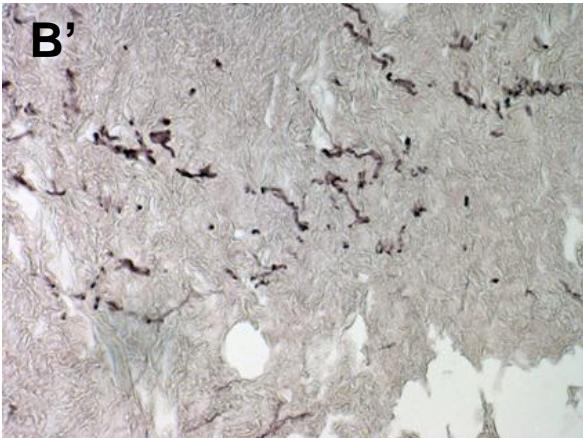
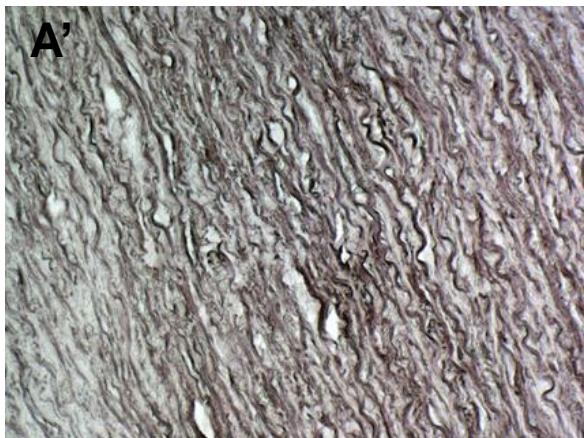
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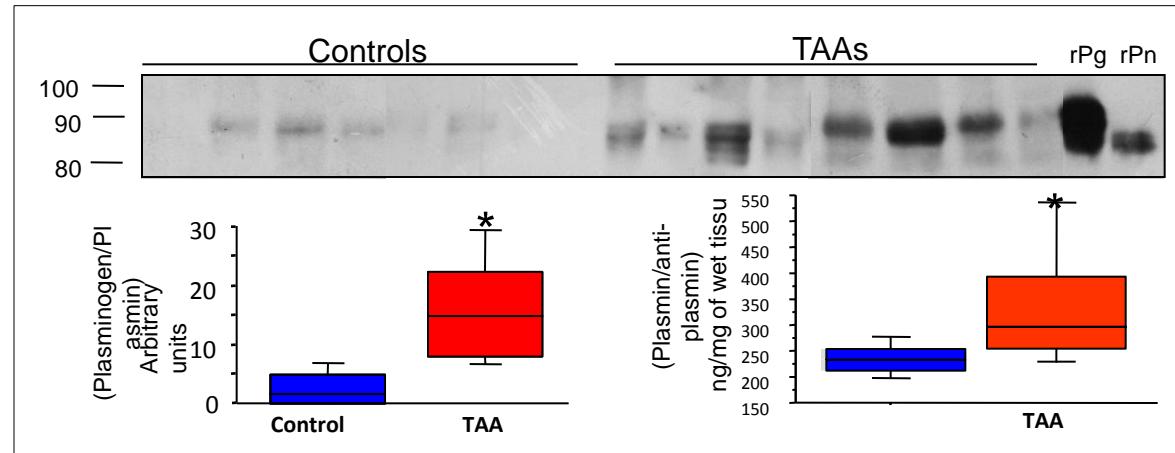
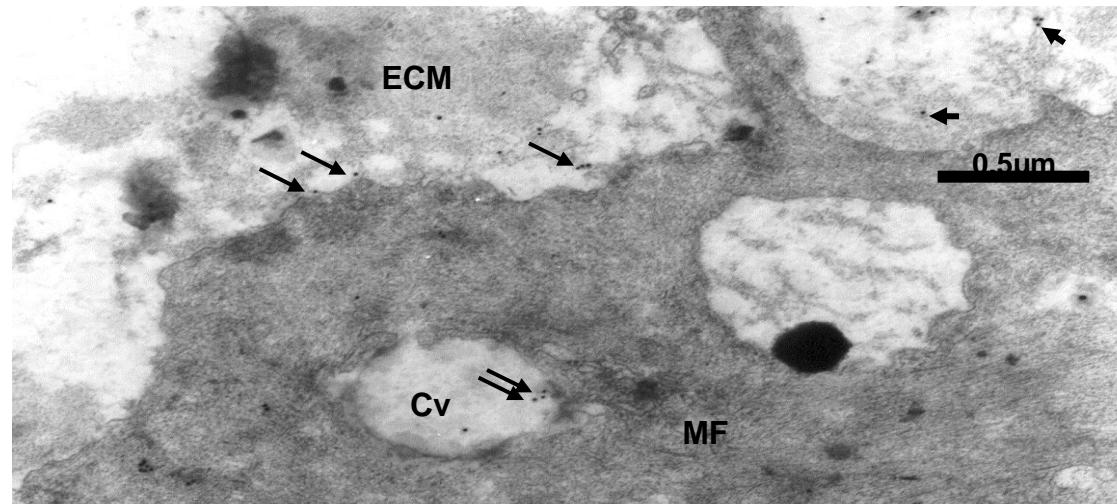
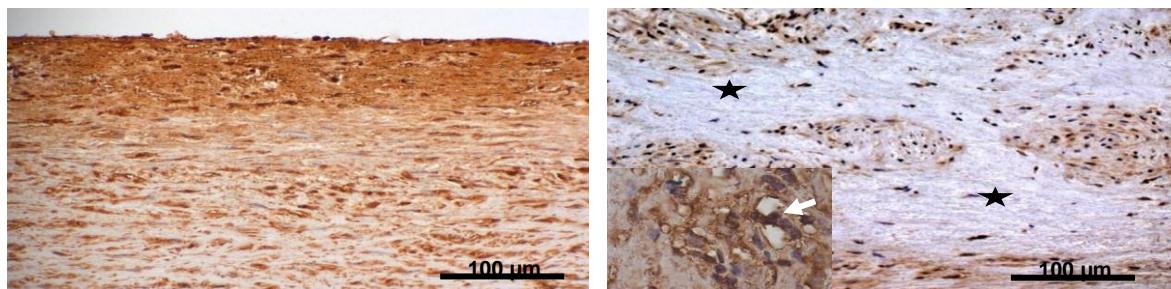


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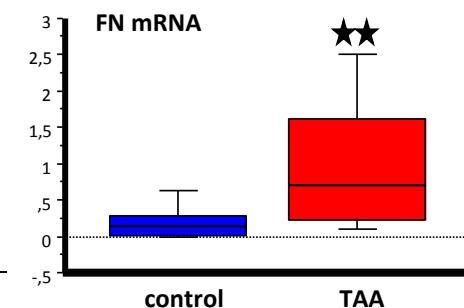
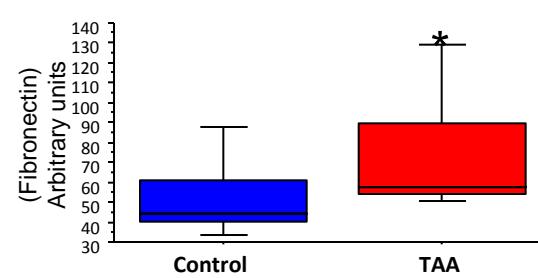
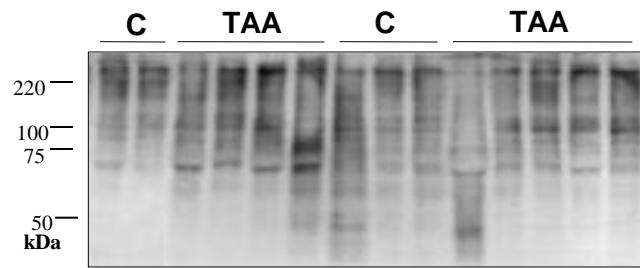
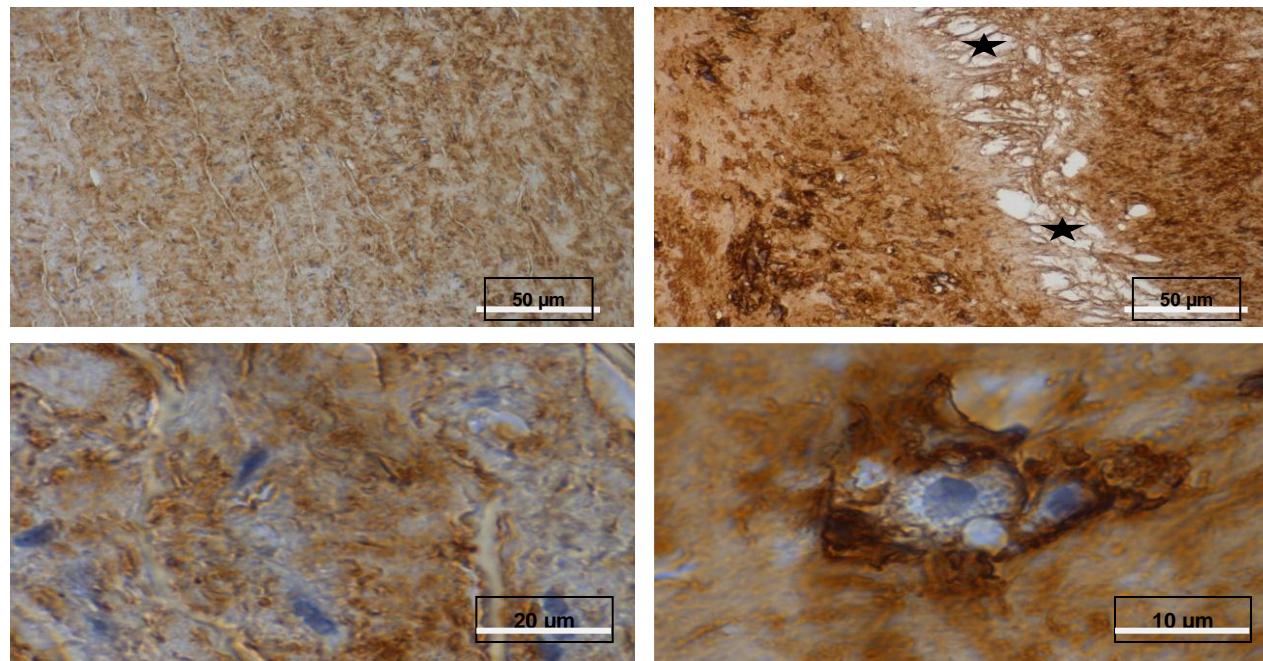


Common pathology

Plasminogen convection and plasmine activation in TAA

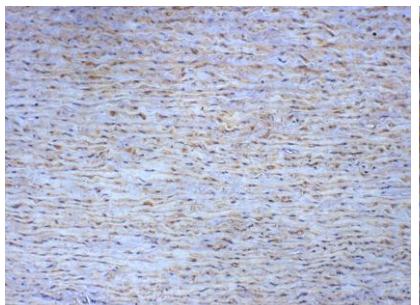


Fibronectin turnover



PN-1

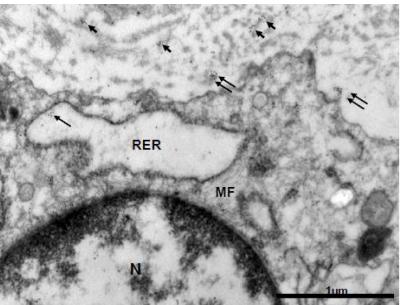
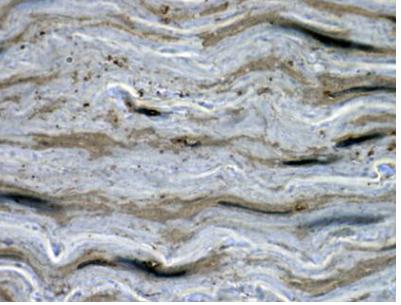
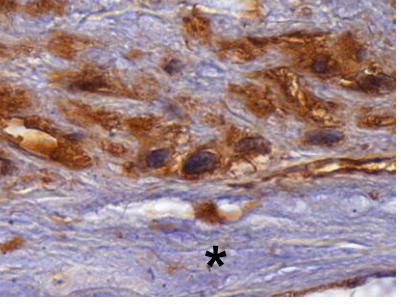
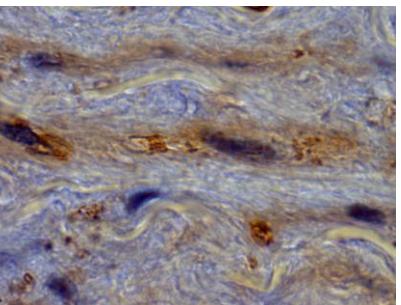
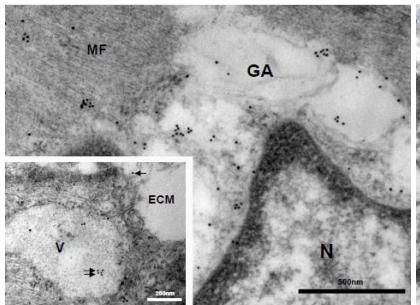
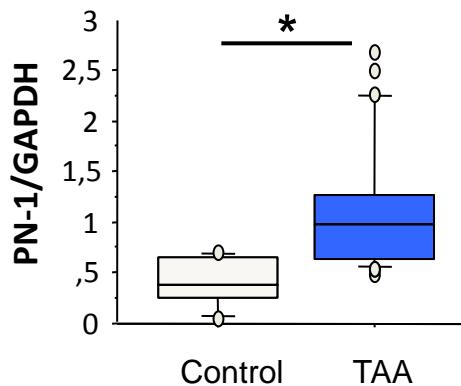
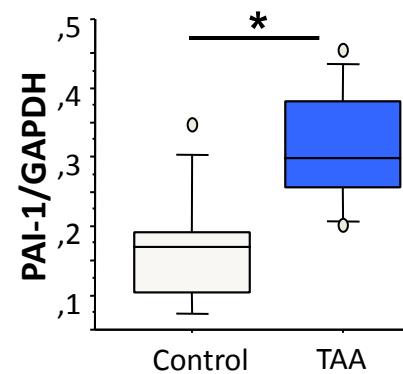
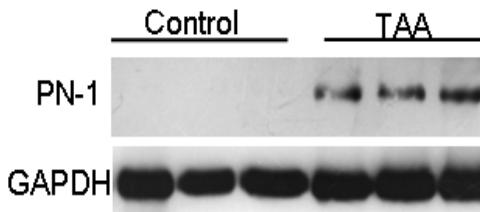
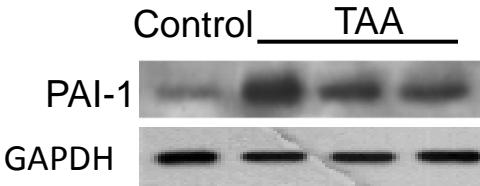
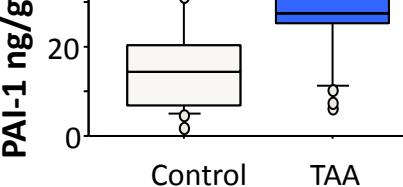
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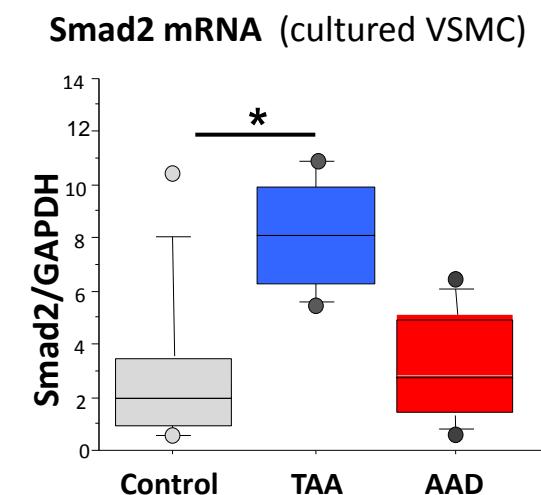
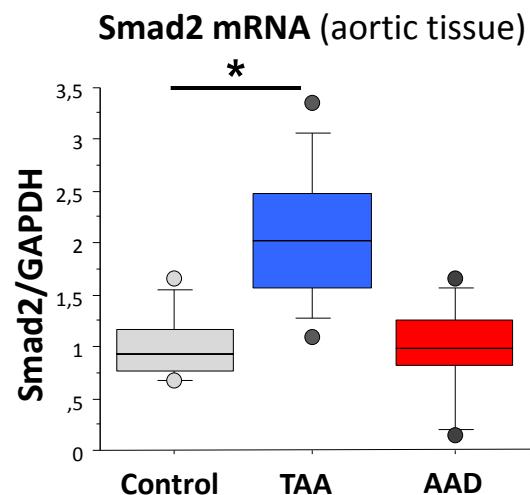
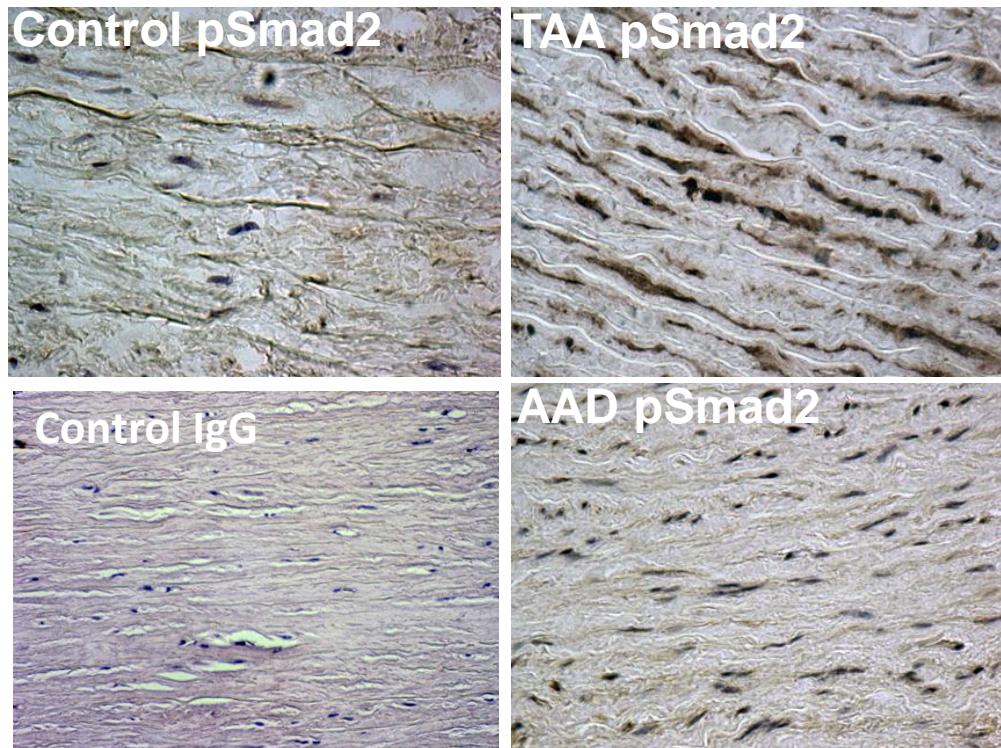
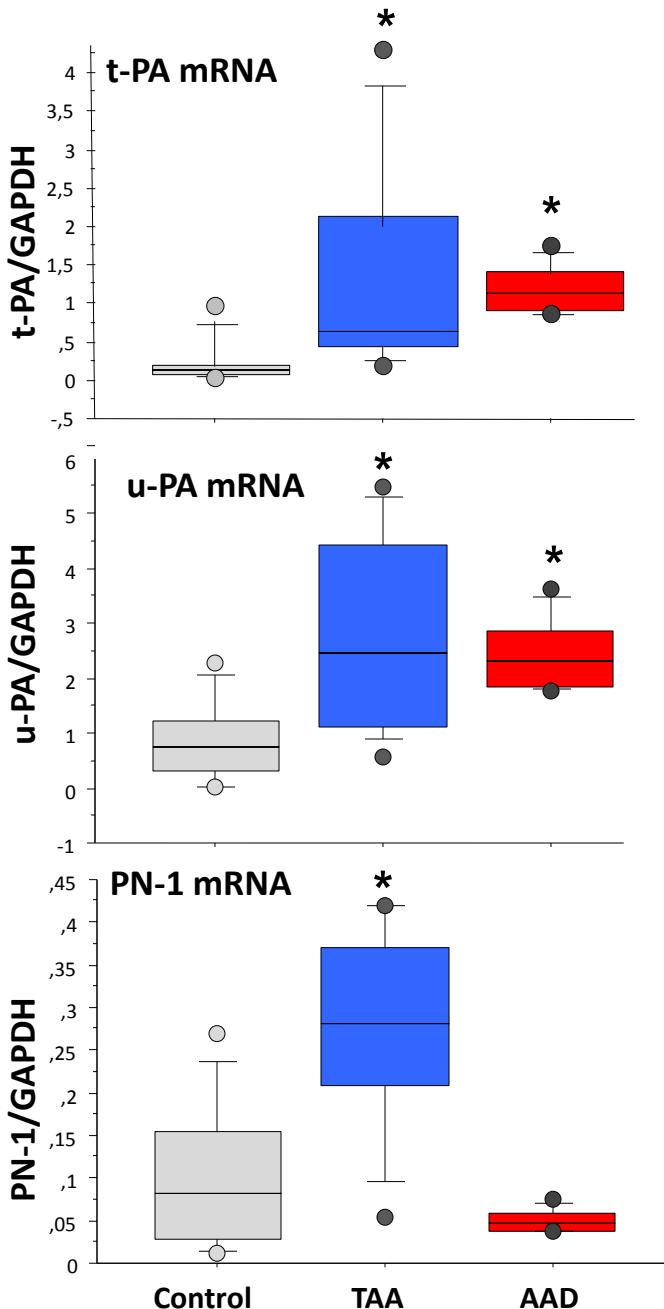
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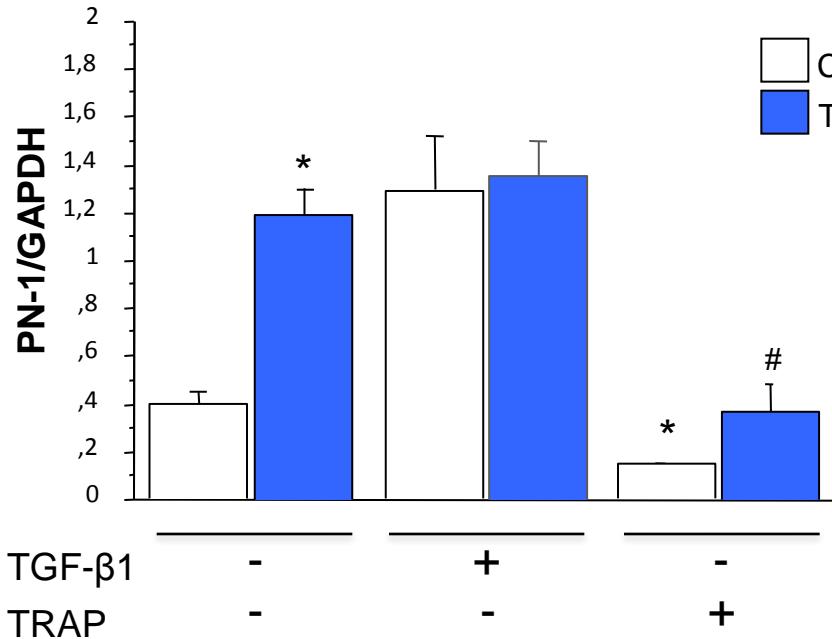
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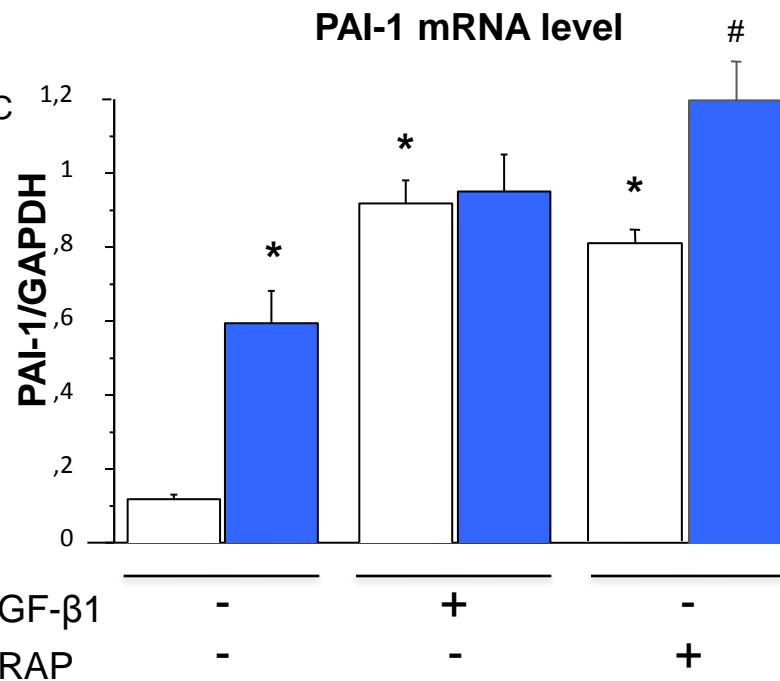


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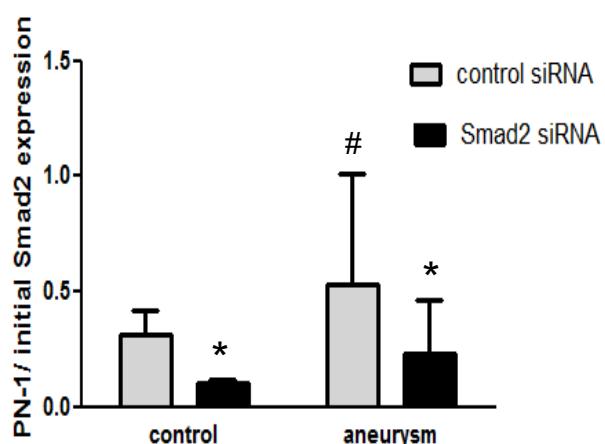
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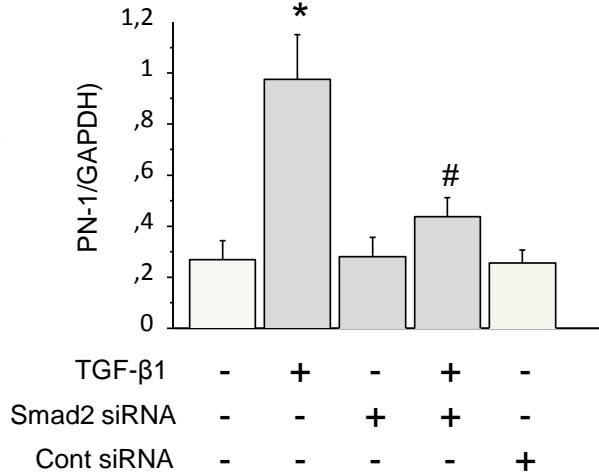
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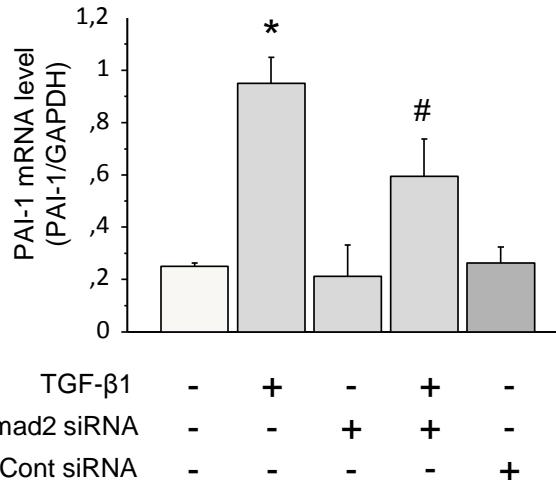
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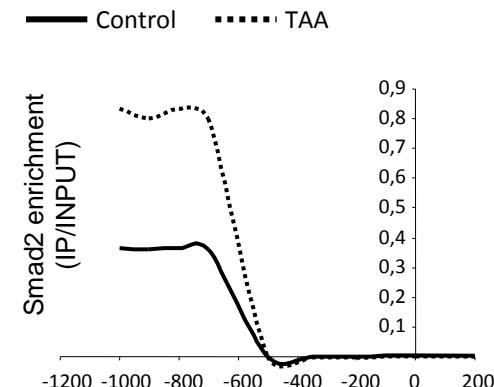
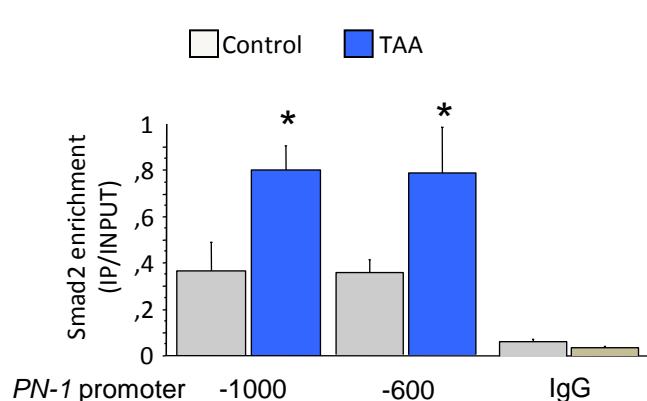


Epigenetic control of antiprotease overexpression in TAA

Smad2 enrichment on the *PN-1* promoter

PUTATIVE SMAD BINDING SITES

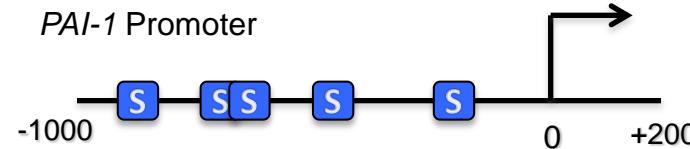
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	GTCTGTGT	-903	+
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PN-1 Promoter

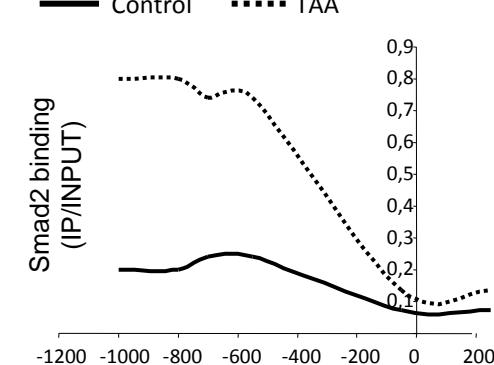
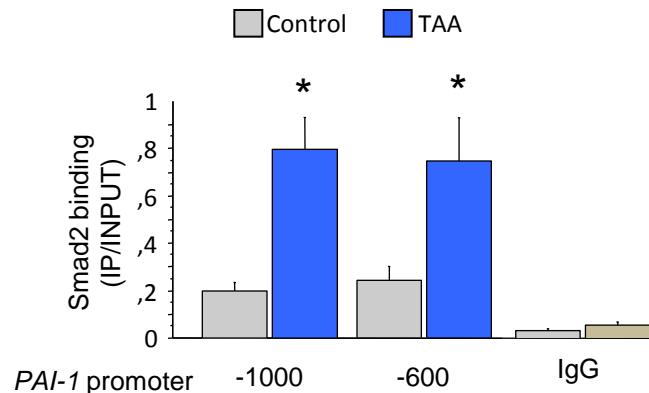


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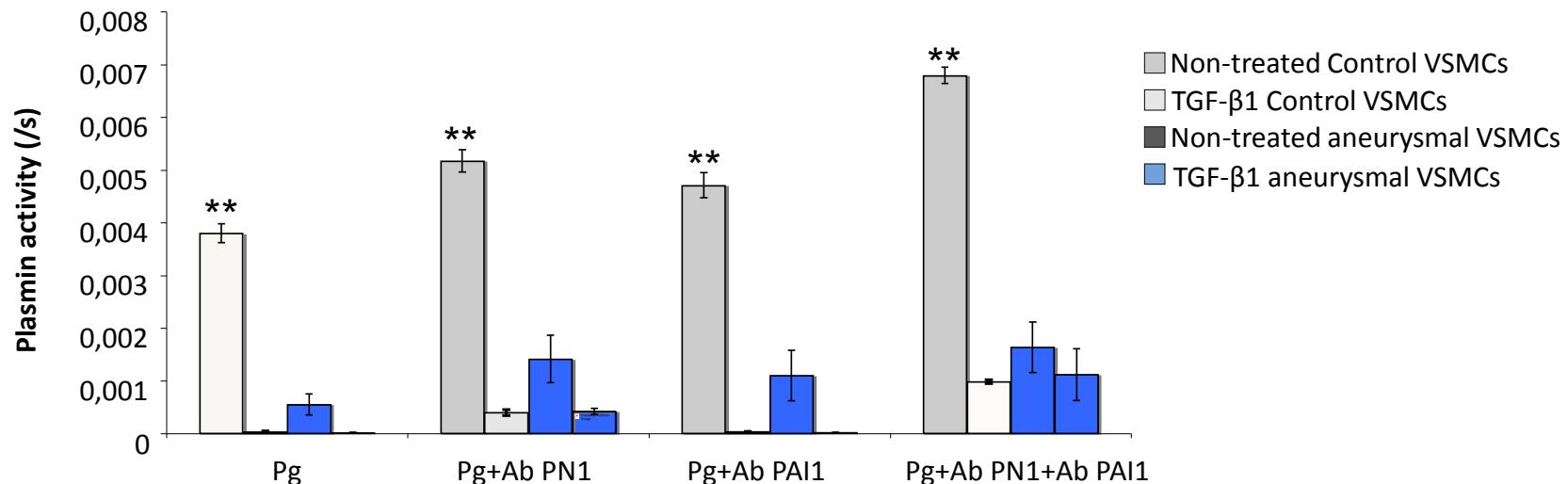
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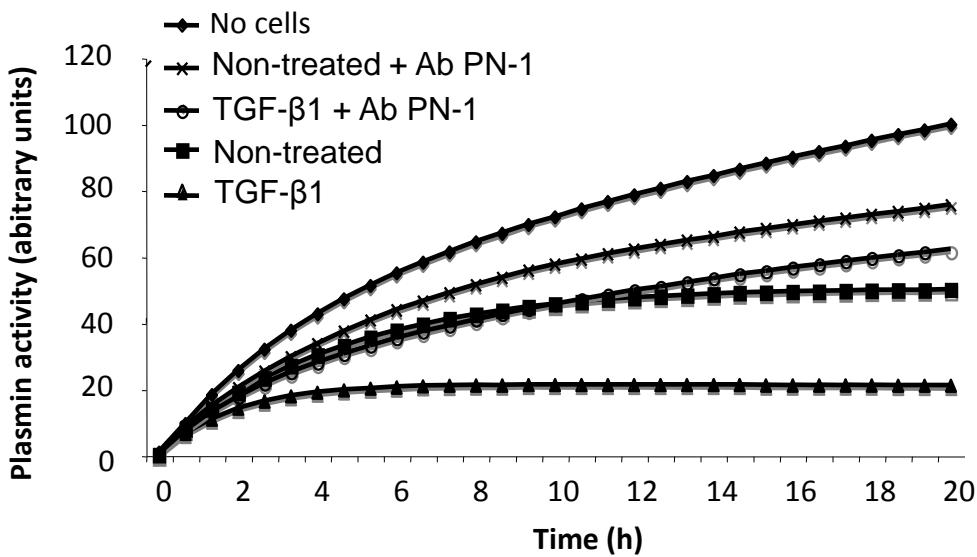


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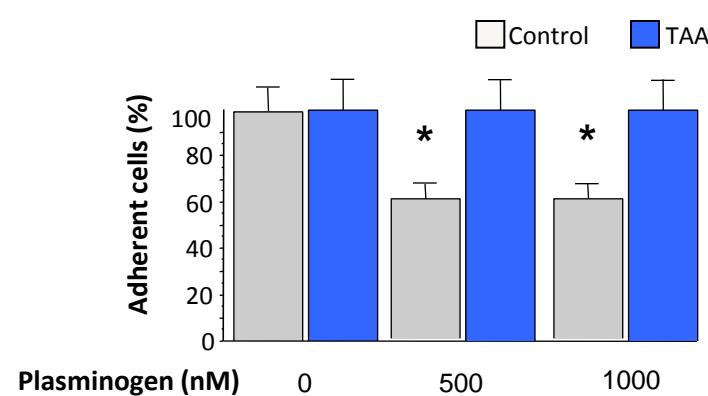
Plasminogen activation at VSMC surface



Pericellular plasmin inhibition by VSMCs

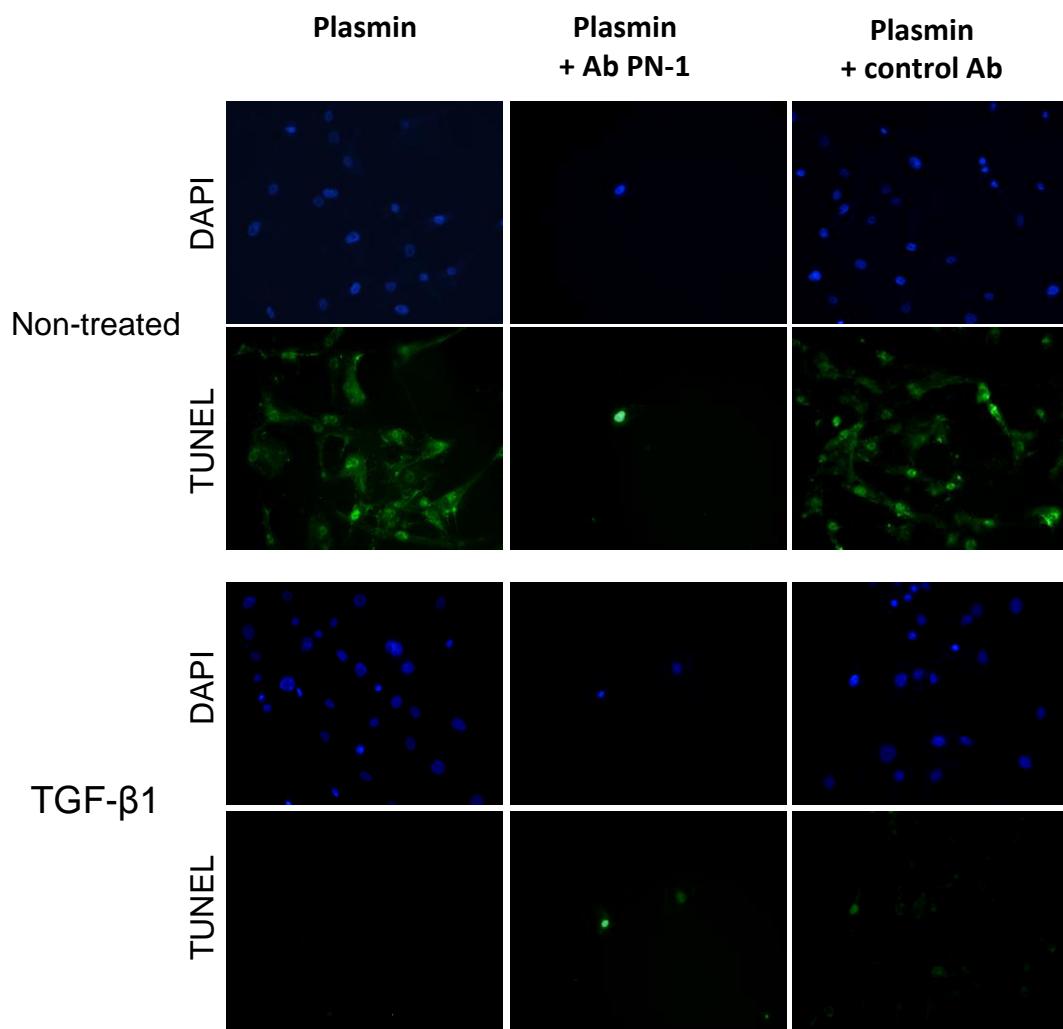


VSMC detachment induced by plasminogen



VSMC consequences

A: Control VSMCs



B: TAA VSMCs

