SUPPLEMENTARY TABLES

| | Muscle fiber cross-sectional area µm ² | | | | | | |
|-------------------|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--|--|
| | Ι | IIa | IIx | IIb | Total | | |
| Control | | | | | | | |
| 3 months old | | | | | | | |
| Non-trained | n/a | 1060 ± 138 | 1773 ± 880 | 2504 ± 274 | 1939 ± 91 | | |
| 3 days/wk trained | n/a | 822 ± 147 | 1636 ± 622 | 2471 ± 522 | 2193 ± 630 | | |
| 12 months old | | | | | | | |
| Non-trained | n/a | 1114 ± 375 | 1540 ± 711 | 2676 ± 525 | 2179 ± 469 | | |
| 3 days/wk trained | n/a | 1005 ± 650 | 1433 ± 414 | $2189\pm233^*$ | $1756\pm290^{*}$ | | |
| Snell | | | | | | | |
| 3 months old | | | | | | | |
| Non-trained | n/a | $449\pm9^{\ddagger}$ | $418\pm110^{\ddagger}$ | $908 \pm 339^{\ddagger}$ | $718\pm421^{\ddagger}$ | | |
| 3 days/wk trained | n/a | 497 ± 146 | $423 \pm 150^{\ddagger}$ | $525\pm320^{\ddagger}$ | $460\pm135^{\ddagger}$ | | |
| 12 months old | | | | | | | |
| Non- trained | 436 ± 178 | $377 \pm 123^{\ddagger}$ | $440\pm59^{\ddagger}$ | $896\pm178^{\ddagger}$ | $657\pm231^{\ddagger}$ | | |
| 3 days/wk trained | 540 ± 81 | $397 \pm 184^{\ddagger}$ | $560 \pm 154^{\ddagger}$ | $778 \pm 187^{\ddagger}$ | $583 \pm 118^{\ddagger}$ | | |

Supplementary Table 1. Muscle fiber cross-sectional area categorized by fiber type for control and Snell dwarf mice following 3 days per week training.

Values are expressed as means \pm SD. n/a, data not available because of insufficient number of type I muscle fibers observed in samples to determine values. Sample sizes were N = 3 to 7 per group. *Different from comparable non-trained value. *Different from comparable control value, P < 0.05. No differences observed between age groups within genotype.

| | Number of muscle fibers per mm ² | | | | | | |
|-------------------|---|------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--|
| | I | IIa | IIx | IIb | Total | | |
| Control | | | | | | | |
| 3 months old | | | | | | | |
| Non-trained | 0.0 ± 0.0 | 161.3 ± 57.8 | 64.6 ± 24.9 | 267.5 ± 84.3 | 493.3 ± 25.3 | | |
| 3 days/wk trained | 1.7 ± 3.7 | 55.6 ± 32.8 | 59.8 ± 33.7 | 329.3 ± 43.4 | 446.3 ± 93.3 | | |
| 12 months old | | | | | | | |
| Non-trained | 3.6 ± 9.4 | $7\ 1.1\pm 29.3$ | 85.5 ± 76.7 | 282.0 ± 81.4 | 442.2 ± 79.2 | | |
| 3 days/wk trained | 0.7 ± 1.7 | 103.6 ± 75.6 | 116.9 ± 57.5 | 309.6 ± 57.0 | 530.7 ± 75.9 | | |
| Snell | | | | | | | |
| 3 months old | | | | | | | |
| Non-trained | 14. $1 \pm 28.1^{\ddagger}$ | 289.5 ± 307.7 | $523.0\pm390.2^{\ddagger}$ | 575.3 ± 131.2 [‡] | $1401.9 \pm 468.8^{\ddagger}$ | | |
| 3 days/wk trained | 1.3 ± 2.8 | 252.3 ± 153.9 | $1078.9 \pm 626.9^{*\ddagger}$ | $520.4 \pm 320.1^{\ddagger}$ | $1852.9 \pm 481.2^{*\ddagger}$ | | |
| 12 months old | | | | | | | |
| Non-trained | $39.3\pm45.9^{\dagger\ddagger}$ | 182.8 ± 150.0 | 589.3 ± 30 1.6 [‡] | $572.3 \pm 1\ 57.3^{\ddagger}$ | $1383.5 \pm 335.5^{\ddagger}$ | | |
| 3 days/wk trained | $36.0\pm33.1^{\dagger\ddagger}$ | 275.3 ± 206.4 | $721.3 \pm 442.7^{\ddagger}$ | 391.6 ± 162.9 | $1424.1 \pm 247.5^{\dagger\ddagger}$ | | |

Supplementary Table 2. Number of muscle fibers per mm² categorized by fiber type for control and Snell dwarf mice following 3 days per week training.

Values are expressed as means \pm SD. Sample sizes were N = 4 to 7 per group. *Different from comparable non-trained value. †Different from comparable 3-month -old value. ‡Different from comparable control value, P < 0.05.

| | %Cox ⁺⁺ fibers |
|-------------------|---------------------------|
| Control | |
| 3 months old | |
| Non-trained | 41.2 ± 8.1 |
| 3 days/wk trained | 45.2 ± 13.7 |
| 12 months old | |
| Non-trained | 42.3 ± 11.5 |
| 3 days/wk trained | 37.2 ± 14.1 |
| Snell | |
| 3 month s old | |
| Non-trained | 45.7 ± 15.0 |
| 3 days/wk trained | 39.1 ± 9.8 |
| 12 months old | |
| Non-trained | 47.3 ± 8.6 |
| 3 days/wk trained | 41.0 ± 9.9 |

Supplementary Table 3. Percentage of muscle fibers with dark brown staining (COX⁺⁺ fibers) for control and Snell dwarf mice following 3 days per week training.

Values are expressed as means \pm SD. Sample sizes were N = 5 to 7 per group. No significant differences were observed.

Supplementary Table 4. Measures of total CD31⁺ nodes and VCAM-1⁺CD31⁺ nodes for control and Snell dwarf mice following 3 days per week training.

| | Total CD31 ⁺ nodes/mm ² | VCAM-1+CD31+ nodes/mm ² |
|-------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| Control | nodes/mm | noues/mm |
| Control | | |
| 3 months old | | |
| Non-trained | 587 ± 86 | 96 ± 96 |
| 3 days/wk trained | 656 ± 268 | 85 ± 47 |
| 12 months old | | |
| Non-trained | 759 ± 107 | 92 ± 73 |
| 3 days/wk trained | 840 ± 214 | 112 ± 55 |
| Snell | | |
| 3 months old | | |
| Non-trained | $866 \pm 365^{\ddagger}$ | 126 ± 70 |
| 3 days/wk trained | $852 \pm 129^{\ddagger}$ | 114 ± 36 |
| 12 months old | | |
| Non-trained | $1040 \pm 244^{\ddagger}$ | 197 ± 107 |
| 3 days/wk trained | $1128\pm238^{\ddagger}$ | $305 \pm 214^{\ddagger\ddagger}$ |

Values are expressed as means \pm SO. Sample sizes were N = 4 to 7 per group. [†]Different from comparable 3-month-old value. [‡]Different from comparable control value, P < 0.05.

Supplementary Table 5. Body weight, tibial length, muscle mass, and muscle quality data for control mice following 2 days per week training.

| | | | | Muscle mass (mg) | | Nonmalized muscle mass (mg/mm) | | | | Muscle | |
|-------------------|----------------------|------------------------|------------------|------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|
| | Body weight (g) | Tibial length (mm) | Gastrocnemius | Plantaris | Soleus | Plamarflexor group | Gastrocnemius | Plantaris | Soleus | Plantarflexor group | qualiry (mN·m/ mg/mm) |
| Control | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3 months old | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Non-trained | 31.8 ± 2.5 | 18.6 ± 0.4 | 132.4 ± 17.8 | 18.6 ± 2.0 | 9.5 ± 1.0 | 160.5 ± 19.9 | 7.10 ± 0.84 | 1.00 ± 0.09 | 0.51 ± 0.05 | 8.61 ± 0.93 | 1.24 ± 0.16 |
| 2 days/wk trained | 32.1 ± 3.4 | 18.6 ± 0.2 | 135.5 ± 13.8 | 18.3 ± 2.9 | 8.8 ± 2.7 | 162.6 ± 15.7 | 7.29 ± 0.67 | 0.99 ± 0.16 | 0.47 ± 0.14 | 8.75 ± 0.76 | 1.48 ± 0.05 |
| 12 months old | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Non-trained | $42.2\pm6.3^\dagger$ | $19.0\pm0.4^{\dagger}$ | 129.4 ± 7.6 | 17.3 ± 2.3 | 9.2 ± 0.9 | 155.9 ± 9.8 | 6.80 ± 0.40 | 0.91 ± 0.11 | 0.48 ± 0.04 | 8.19 ± 0.49 | 1.39 ± 0.19 |
| 2 days/wk trained | $43.1\pm4.4^\dagger$ | $19.0\pm0.3^{\dagger}$ | 123.7 ± 12.5 | $16.0\pm2.0^{\dagger}$ | 8.7 ± 1.0 | 148.4 ± 14.5 | $6.50\pm0.19^{\dagger}$ | $0.84\pm0.03^{\dagger}$ | 0.45 ± 0.01 | $7.80\pm0.71^\dagger$ | 1.34 ± 0.16 |

Values are expressed as means ± SD. Sample sizes were N = 5 to 10 per group. *Different from comparable non-trained value. *Different from comparable 3-month-old value, P < 0.05.

Supplementary Table 6. Muscle fiber cross-sectional area categorized by fiber type for control mice following 2 days per week training.

| | Muscle fiber cross-sectional area µm ² | | | | |
|-------------------|---|---------------|----------------|----------------|------------------------|
| | I | IIa | IIx | IIb | Total |
| Control | | | | | |
| 3 months old | | | | | |
| Non-trained | n/a | 961 ± 330 | 1266 ± 342 | 2660 ± 297 | 2122 ± 117 |
| 2 days/wk trained | n/a | 988 ± 238 | 1647 ± 247 | 3063 ± 436 | 2540 ± 219 |
| 12 months old | | | | | |
| Non-trained | n/a | 1166 ± 279 | 1647 ± 506 | 2639 ± 265 | 2180 ± 182 |
| 2 days/wk trained | n/a | 1134 ± 326 | 1454 ± 141 | 2557 ± 667 | $1931\pm565^{\dagger}$ |

Values are expressed as means \pm SD. n/a, data not available because of insufficient number of type I muscle fibers observed in samples to determine values. Sample sizes were *N* = 5 to 6 per group. [†]Different from comparable 3-month-old value, *P* < 0.05.

Supplementary Table 7. Number of muscle fibers per mm² categorized by fiber type for control mice following 2 days per week training. Values are expressed as means ± SD.

| | Number of muscle fibers per mm ² | | | | |
|-------------------|---|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|-------------------------|
| | Ι | IIa | IIx | IIb | Total |
| Control | | | | | |
| 3 months old | | | | | |
| Non-trained | 0.0 ± 0.0 | 79.3 ± 35.5 | 82.7 ± 36.7 | 295.1 ± 69.8 | 457.2 ± 27.2 |
| 2 days/wk trained | 0.0 ± 0.0 | 58.5 ± 21.0 | 47.4 ± 24.2 | 272.9 ± 56.7 | 378.8 ± 27.1 |
| 12 months old | | | | | |
| Non-trained | 1.0 ± 1.6 | 87.2 ± 52.5 | 67.1 ± 33.3 | 276.4 ± 80.0 | 431.6 ± 28.3 |
| 2 days/wk trained | 1.6 ± 3.8 | 180.0 ± 139.1 | 87.9 ± 43.7 | 244.9 ± 43.4 | $514.3\pm136.5^\dagger$ |

Sample sizes were N = 5 to 6 per group. ⁺Different from comparable 3-month-old value, P < 0.05.

| | %Cox ⁺⁺ fibers |
|-------------------|---------------------------|
| Control | |
| 3 months old | |
| Non-trained | 29.9 ± 10.2 |
| 3 days/wk trained | 33.1 ± 4.6 |
| 12 months old | |
| Non-trained | 39.0 ± 11.0 |
| 3 days/wk trained | 42.1 ± 14.2 |

Supplementary Table 8. Percentage of muscle fibers with dark brown staining (COX⁺⁺ fibers) for control and Snell dwarf mice following 2 days per week training.

Values are expressed as means \pm SD. Sample sizes were N = 5 to 6 per group. No significant differences were observed.

Supplementary Table 9. Measures of total CD31⁺ nodes and VCAM-1⁺CD31⁺ nodes for control mice following 2 days per week training.

| | Total CD31 ⁺ /mm ² | VCAM-1 ⁺ CD31 ⁺ nodes/mm ² |
|-------------------|--|--|
| Control | | |
| 3 months old | | |
| Non-trained | 632 ± 205 | 138 ± 95 |
| 3 days/wk trained | 627 ± 260 | 55 ± 49 |
| 12 months old | | |
| Non- trained | 688 ± 166 | 92 ± 87 |
| 3 days/wk trained | 840 ± 68 | 96 ± 68 |

Values are expressed as means \pm SD. Sample sizes were N = 5 to 6 per group. No significant differences observed, P < 0.05.