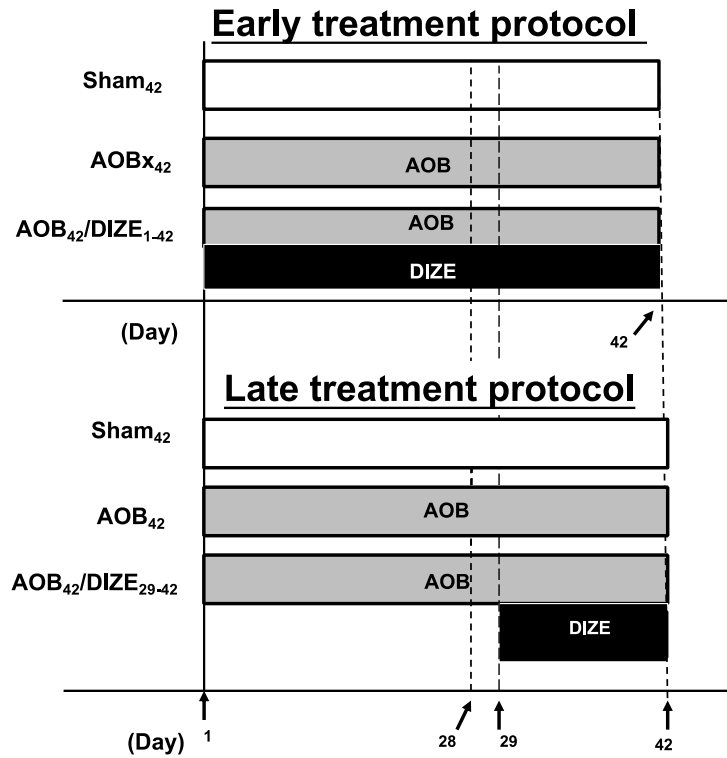


Supplementary Materials



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Figure S1. The design of the animal study. The early treatment protocol involved sham-operated rats, ascending aortic-banded vehicle-treated rats (AOB₄₂) and aortic-banded rats treated with 15 mg diminazene aceturate (DIZE)/kg/day from day 1 to day 42 (AOB₄₂/DIZE₁₋₄₂). The treatment protocol involved sham-operated rats (sham₄₂), aortic-banded vehicle-treated rats (AOB₄₂), and aortic-banded rats treated with 15 mg DIZE/kg/day from day 29 to day 42 (AOB₄₂/DIZE₂₉₋₄₂).

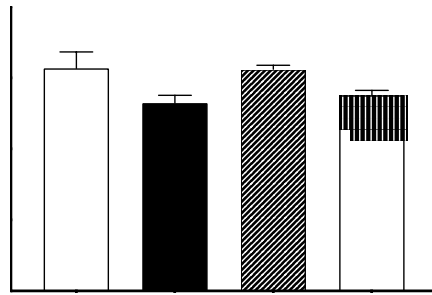


Figure S2. The femoral artery pressures. There is no difference among sham-operated rats, the AOB₄₂ group, and the early (AOB₄₂/DIZE₁₋₄₂), or late (AOB₄₂/DIZE₂₉₋₄₂) treatment groups.