

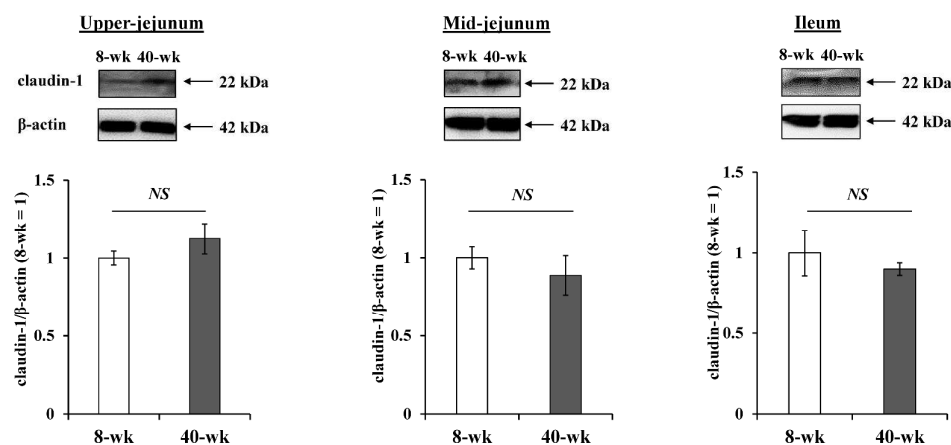
1 **Supplemental Figure**

2 **Effect of aging on the absorption of small peptides in spontaneously hypertensive rats**

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7 **Figure S-1.** Western blotting analyses of claudin-1 expression in the upper-jejunum,

8 mid-jejunum, and ileum regions from 8-wk and 40-wk SHRs. Statistical analyses between

9 two SHR groups were performed by unpaired Student's *t*-test. *NS* indicates no significant

10 difference at $P > 0.05$. As shown in the Figure, no significant difference in claudin-1

11 expression at each section was observed. This indicates that aging of SHRs did not alter the

12 expression of TJ proteins.