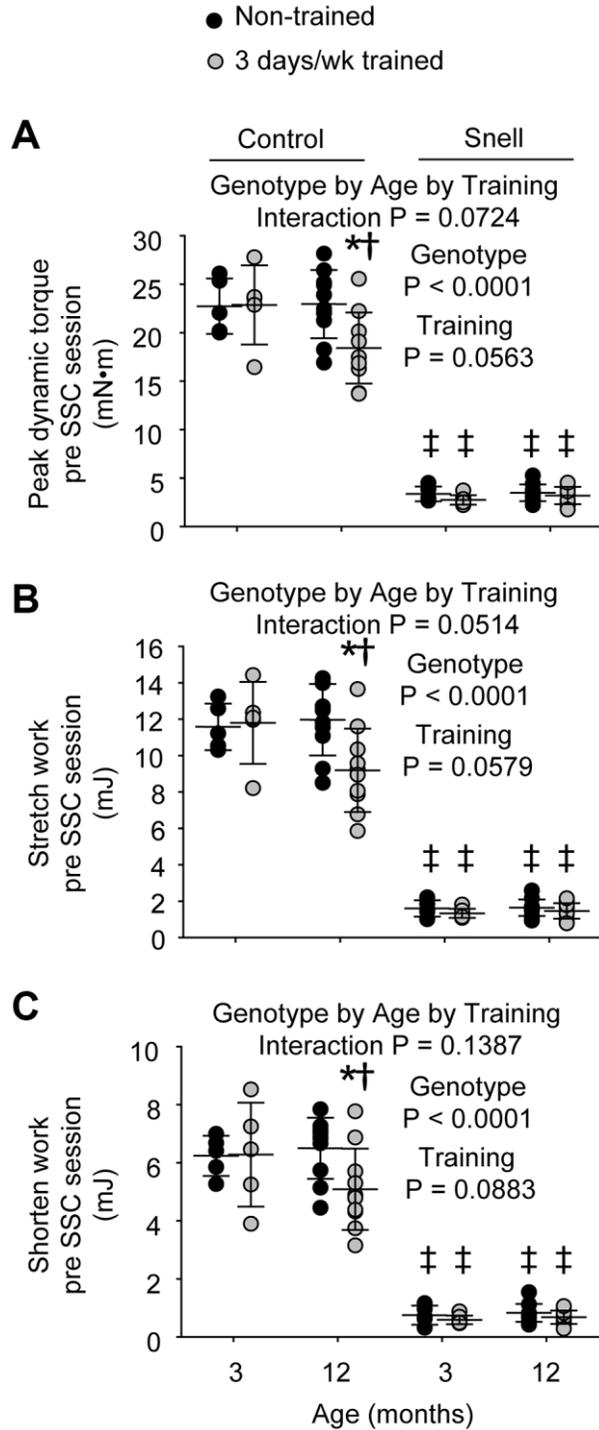
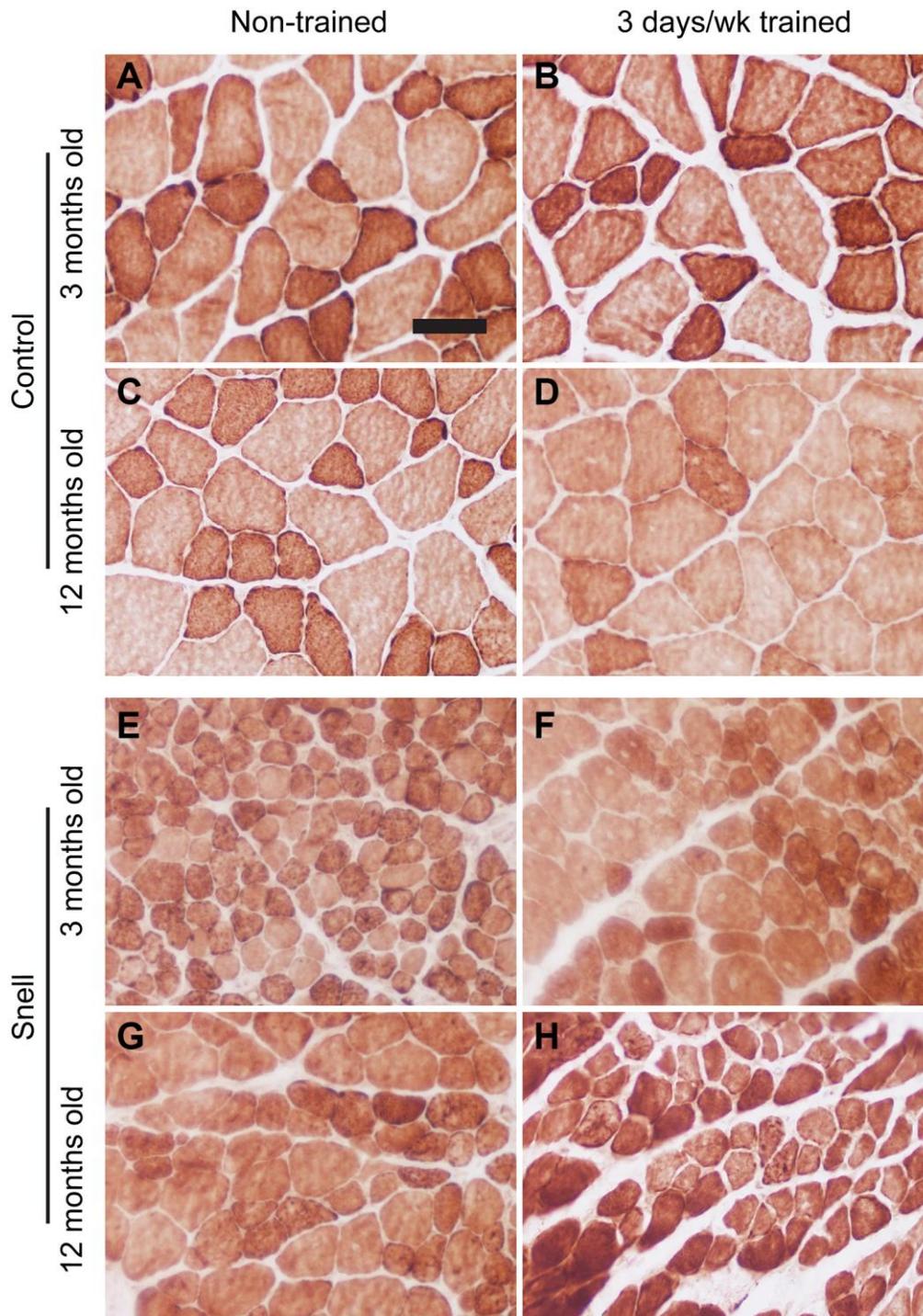


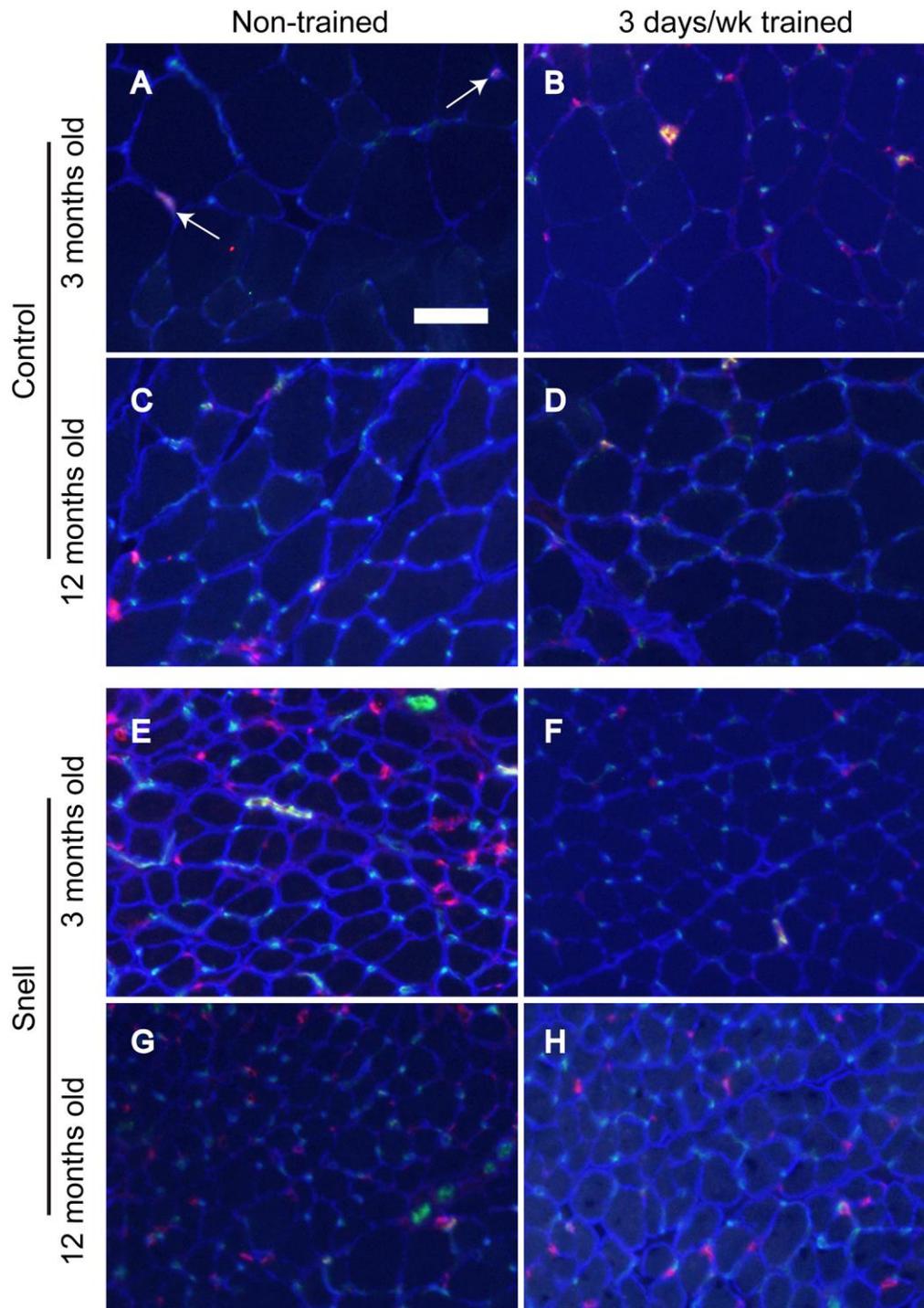
SUPPLEMENTARY FIGURES



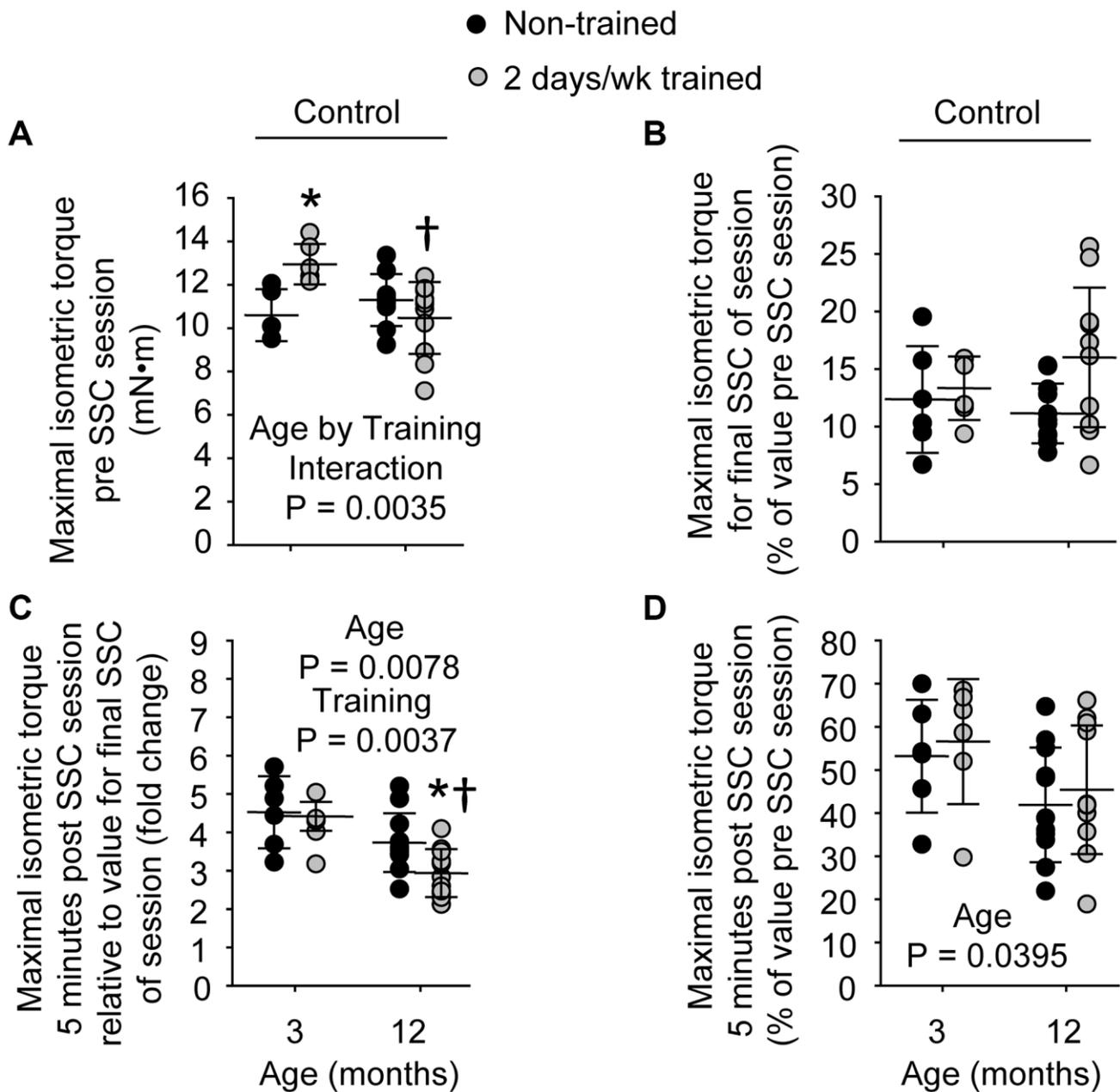
**Supplementary Figure 1. Dynamic performance for non-trained and trained muscles of control and Snell dwarf mice.** The dynamic measures of (A) peak dynamic torque, (B) stretch work, and (C) shorten work decreased with training for 12-month-old control mice while no such training-induced decrease was present for Snell dwarf mice. Sample sizes were  $N = 5$  to 10 per group. Dots represent raw values. Lines denote means  $\pm$  SD. Relevant ANOVA interactions and main effects are noted. \*Different from non-trained value; †Different from comparable 3-month-old value, ‡Different from comparable control value,  $p < 0.05$ .



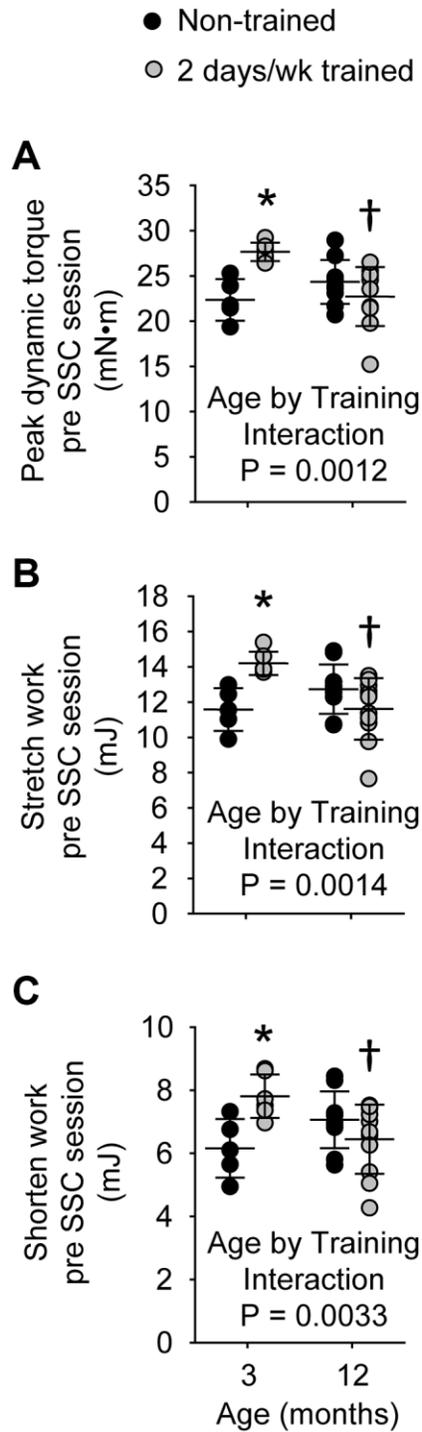
**Supplementary Figure 2. COX/SOH labeling of muscles of mice following 3 days per week training.** Images depict muscles of control (A–D) and Snell dwarf (E–H) mice. COX positive muscle fibers dominated displaying light and dark brown staining. No blue (COX deficient/SDH positive) fibers were observed. Scale bar = 50  $\mu$ m.



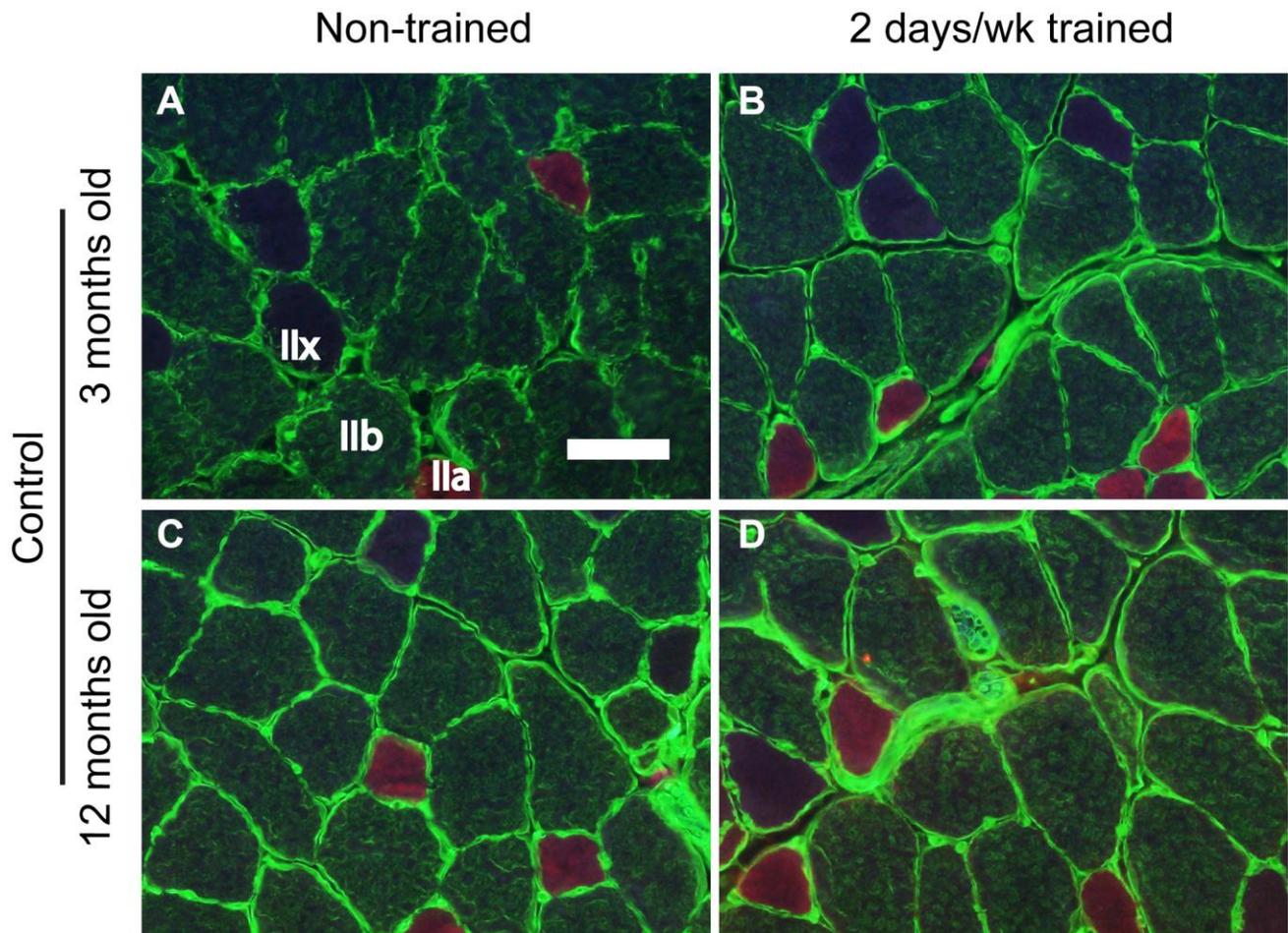
**Supplementary Figure 3. Immunofluorescence staining for laminin (blue), CD31 (green), and VCAM-1 (red) in muscles of mice following 3 days per week training.** Nodes (laminin encircled features adjacent to muscle fibers) were assessed for CD31<sup>+</sup> and VCAM-1<sup>+</sup>/CD31<sup>+</sup> labeling (arrows depict VCAM-1<sup>+</sup>/CD31<sup>+</sup> examples in panel A) as an indicator of distribution of VCAM-1 within capillaries. Images were taken from muscles of control (A–D) and Snell dwarf (E–H) mice. Scale bar = 50  $\mu$ m.



**Supplementary Figure 4. Less frequent 2 days per week training enhanced adaptation for pre SSC session maximum isometric torque in 3-month-old control mice with no maladaptation in this measure for 12-month-old control mice. (A)** Maximal isometric torque increased with training for 3-month-old mice and remained unaltered for 12-month-old mice. **(B)** Torque depression by the final session SSC was unaffected by training. **(C)** Torque recovery in the minutes following SSCs remained unchanged with training at 3 months of age and was reduced with training at 12 months of age. **(D)** However, overall isometric torque depression which persisted to 5 minutes post SSC session was unaltered by training for both age groups. **(B)** Sample sizes were  $N = 5$  to 11 per group. Dots represent raw values. Lines denote means  $\pm$  SD. Relevant ANOVA interactions and main effects are noted. \*Different from non-trained value; †Different from comparable 3-month-old value,  $p < 0.05$ .

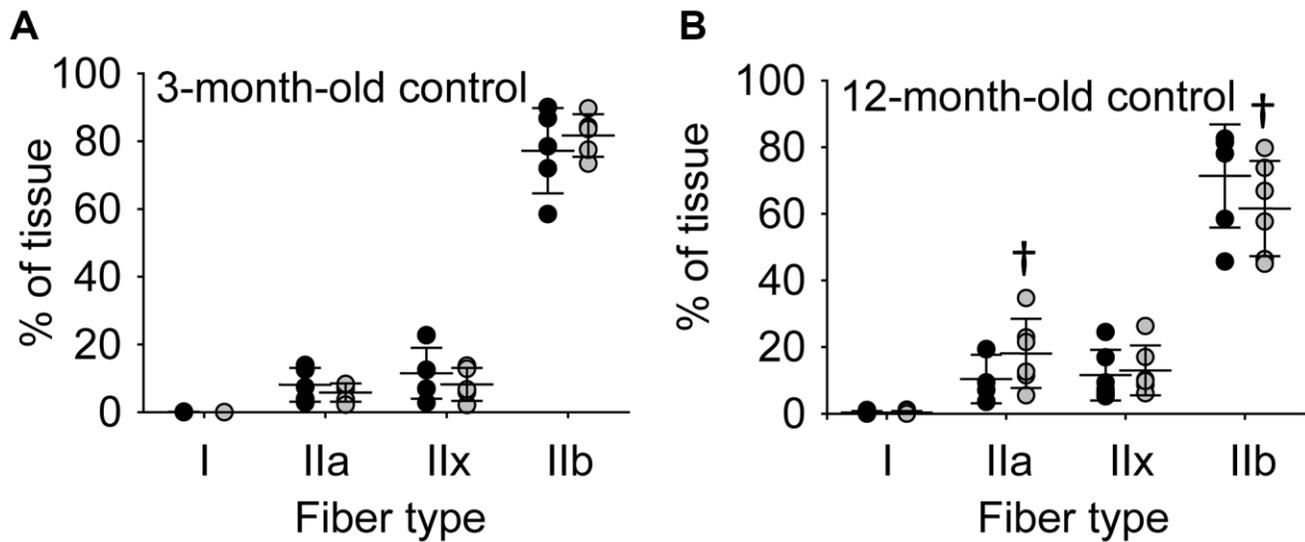


**Supplementary Figure 5. Less frequent 2 days per week training enhanced adaptation for several dynamic performance measures in 3-month-old control mice with no maladaptation in 12-month-old control mice.** The dynamic measures of (A) peak dynamic torque, (B) stretch work, and (C) shorten work were assessed. Sample sizes were  $N = 5$  to 11 per group. Dots represent raw values. Lines denote means  $\pm$  SD. Relevant ANOVA interactions and main effects are noted. \*Different from non-trained value; †Different from comparable 3-month-old value,  $P < 0.05$ .

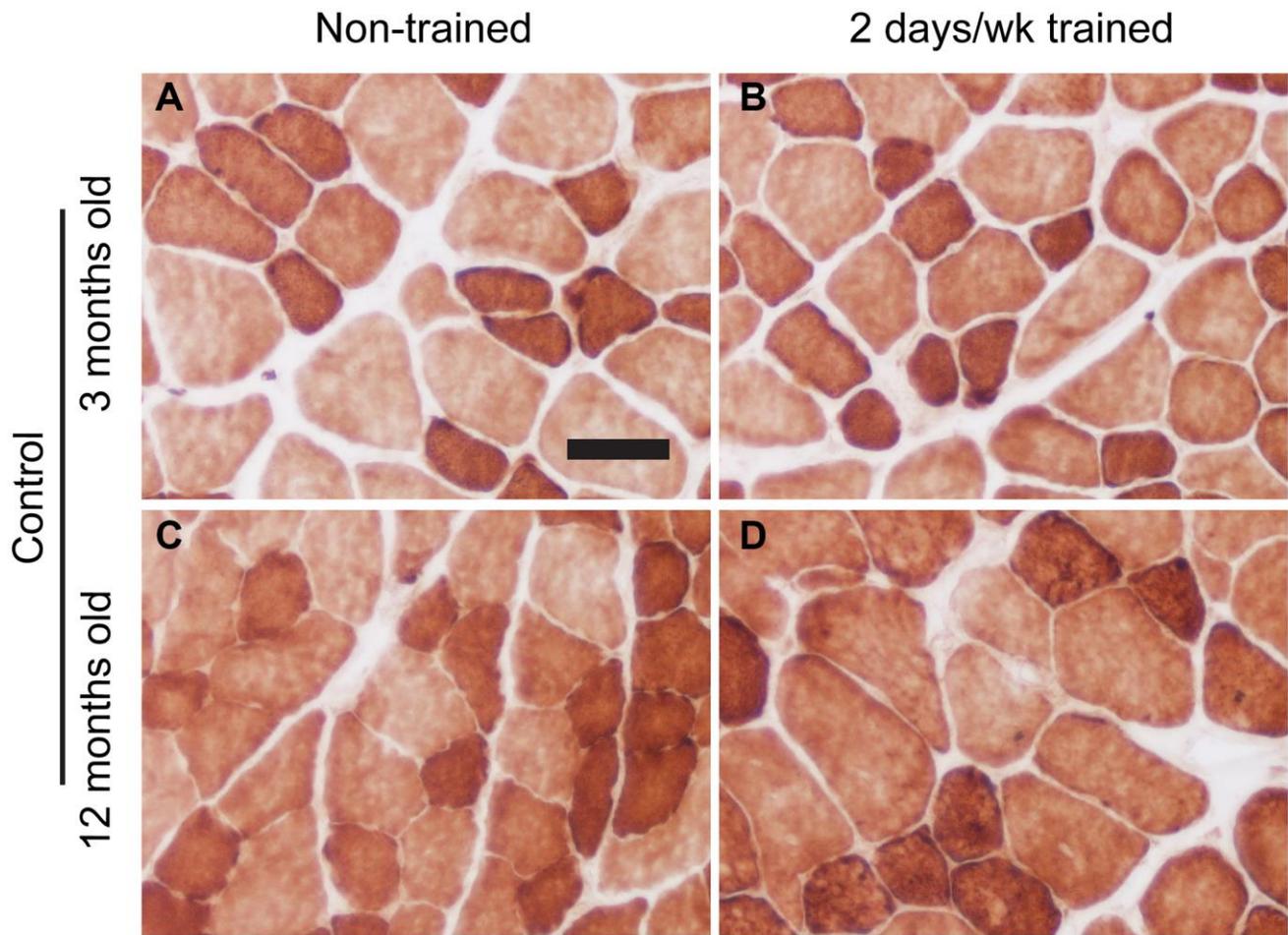


**Supplementary Figure 6.** Fiber type immunofluorescence staining for muscles of 3-month-old (A, B) and 12-month-old (C, D) control mice following non-training or 2 days per week training. Images depict immunofluorescence for laminin (green) and multiple MHC isoforms - IIb (green), IIa (red), and IIX (negative for staining). Scale bar = 50  $\mu$ m.

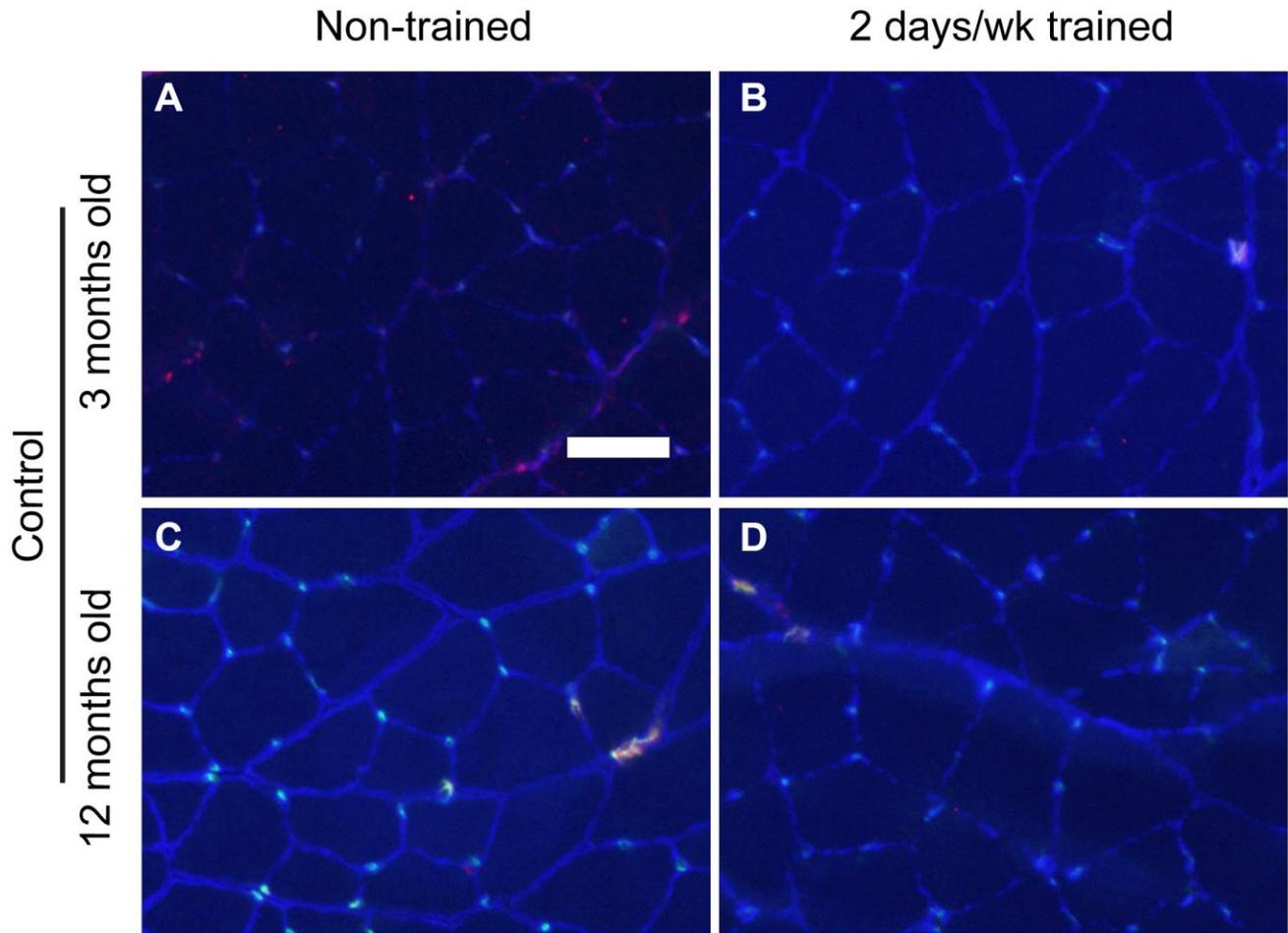
- Non-trained      IIa fiber type - age,  $P = 0.0294$
- 2 days/wk trained      IIb fiber type - age,  $P = 0.0315$



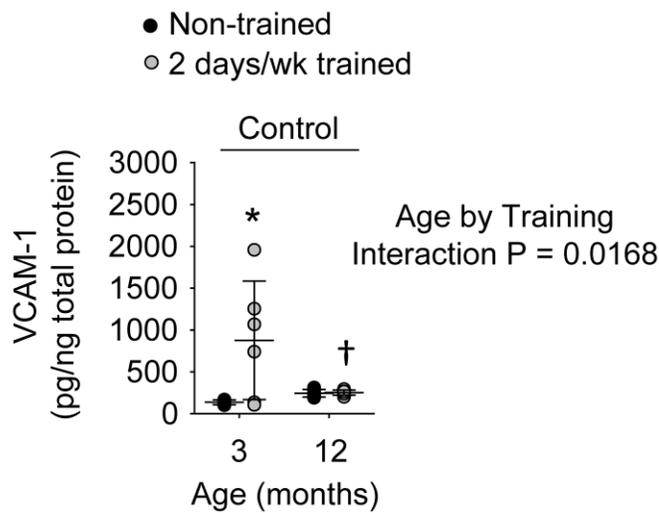
**Supplementary Figure 7. Training 2 days per week for control mice had no effect on fiber type distribution relative to non-trained values.** Percent of tissue composed of each fiber type for (A) 3-month-old control mice and (B) 12-month-old control mice. Sample sizes were  $N = 5$  to 6 per group. Dots represent raw values. Lines denote means  $\pm$  SD. Relevant ANOVA main effects are noted. †Different from comparable young value,  $P < 0.05$ .



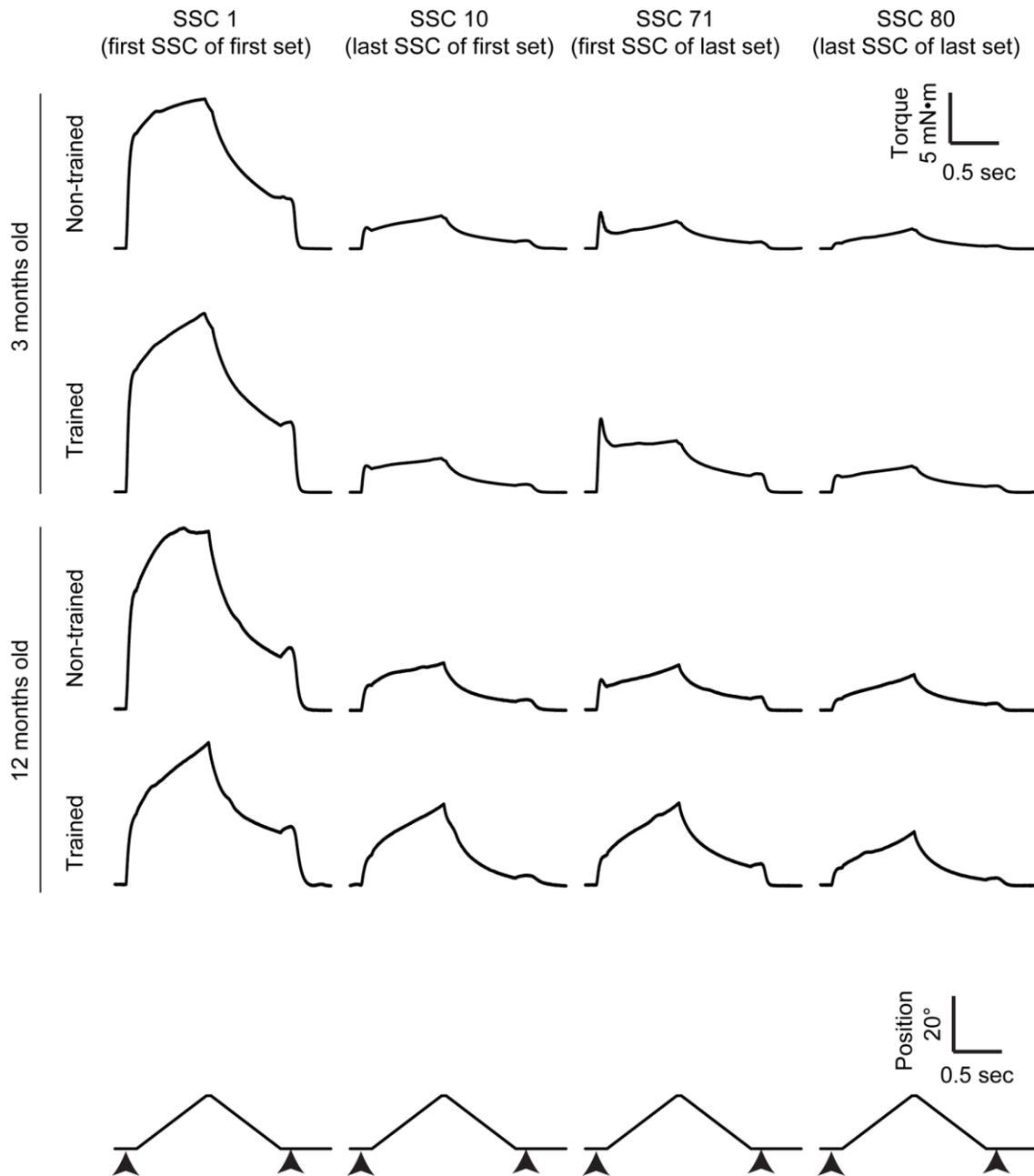
**Supplementary Figure 8. COX/SOH labeling of muscles of control mice following 2 days per week training.** Images depict muscles of 3 month old non-trained (A) and trained (B) muscles and 12 months old non-trained (C) and trained (D) muscles. COX positive muscle fibers dominated displaying light and dark brown staining. No blue (COX deficient/SDH positive) fibers were observed. Scale bar = 50  $\mu$ m.



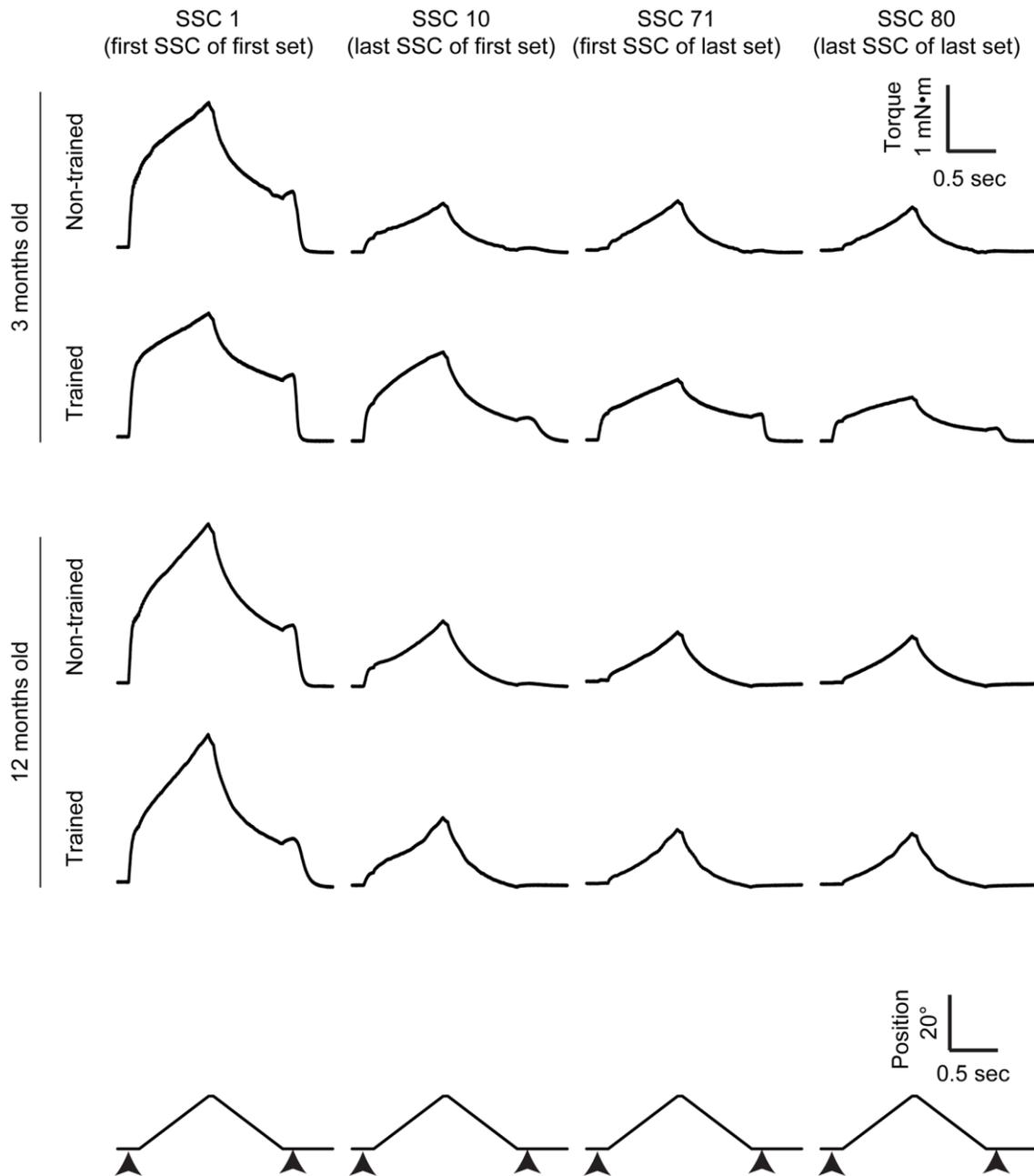
**Supplementary Figure 9. Immunofluorescence staining for laminin (blue), CD31 (green), and VCAM-1 (red) in muscles of control mice following 2 days per week training.** Images depict muscles of 3 month old non-trained (A) and trained (B) muscles and 12 months old non-trained (C) and trained (D) muscles. Scale bar = 50  $\mu$ m.



**Supplementary Figure 10. VCAM-1 protein levels within muscle homogenates following 2 days per week training.** Sample sizes were  $N = 5$  to 6 per group. Dots represent raw values. Lines denote means  $\pm$  SD. Relevant ANOVA interaction is noted. \*Different from comparable non-trained value, †Different from comparable 3-month-old value,  $P < 0.05$ .



**Supplementary Figure 11. Raw torque and position traces during a SSC session for non-trained and 3 day per week trained control mice.** Traces for the first and last SSC of the first and last set are displayed. Each session consisted of a total of 8 sets with 10 SSCs per set and 2 minute rest intervals between sets. Arrows indicate when muscle activation began and ended while position traces display the 20° ankle rotation during each SSC. Each SSC consisted of a consecutive series of isometric, lengthening, shortening, and isometric contractions.



**Supplementary Figure 12. Raw torque and position traces during a SSC session for non-trained and 3 day per week trained Snell dwarf mice.** Traces for the first and last SSC of the first and last set are displayed. Each session consisted of a total of 8 sets with 10 SSCs per set and 2 minute rest intervals between sets. Arrows indicate when muscle activation began and ended while position traces display the 20° ankle rotation during each SSC. Each SSC consisted of a consecutive series of isometric, lengthening, shortening, and isometric contractions.