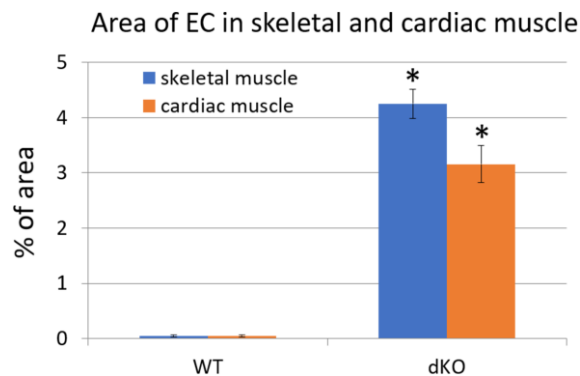
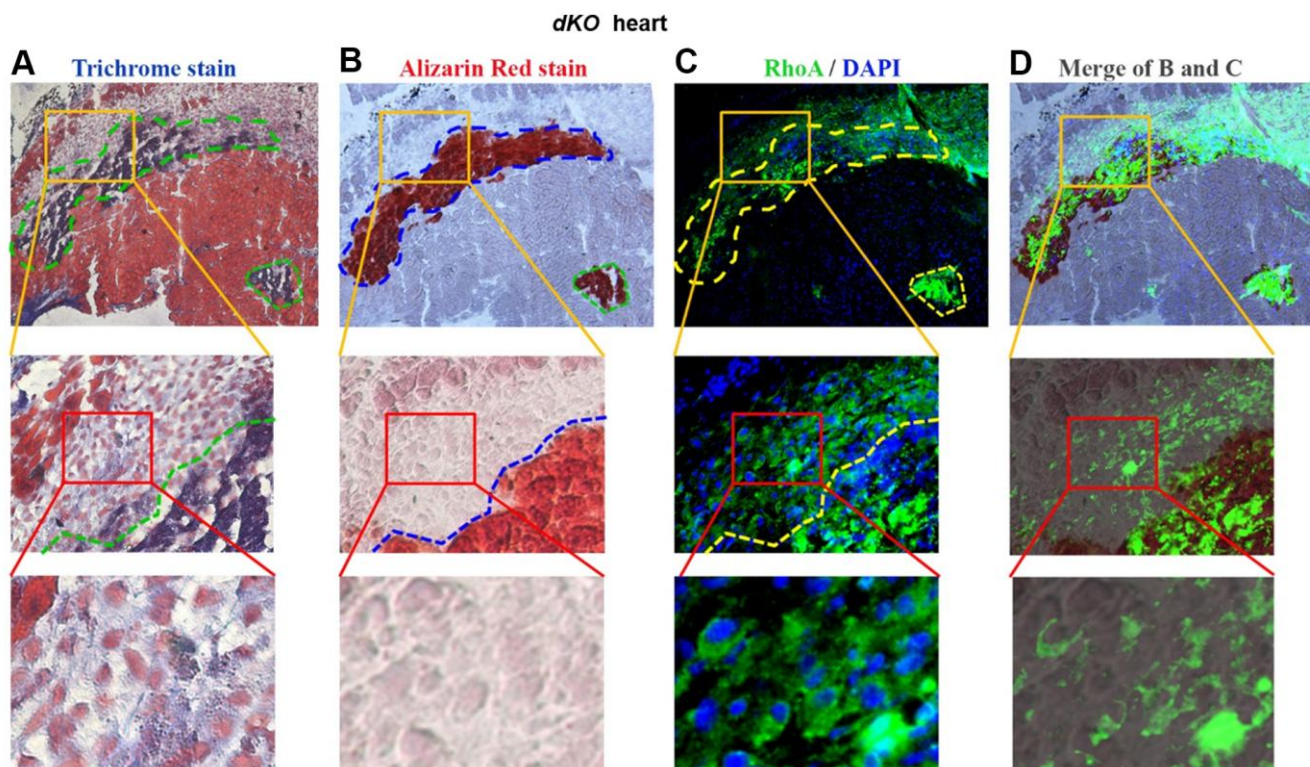


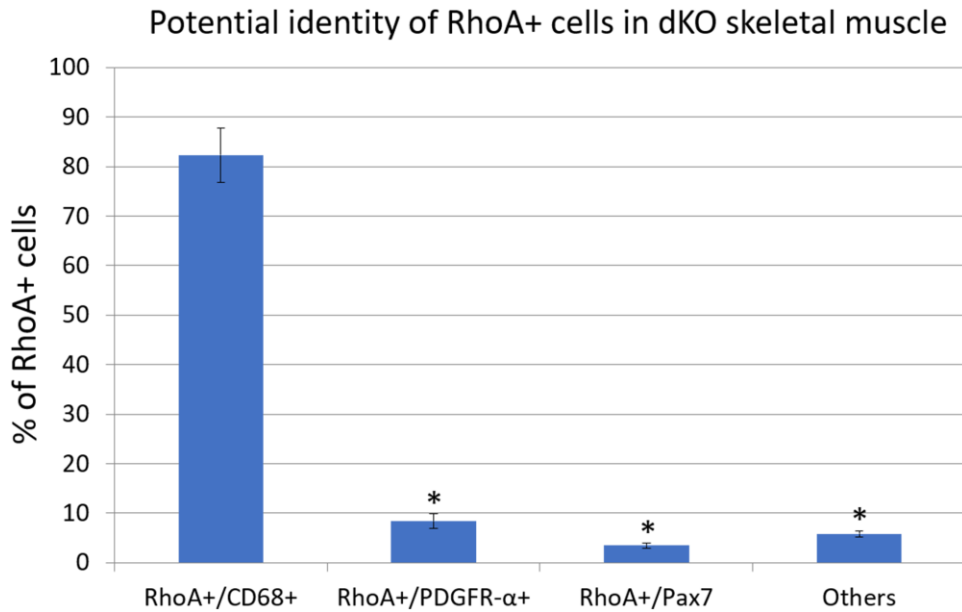
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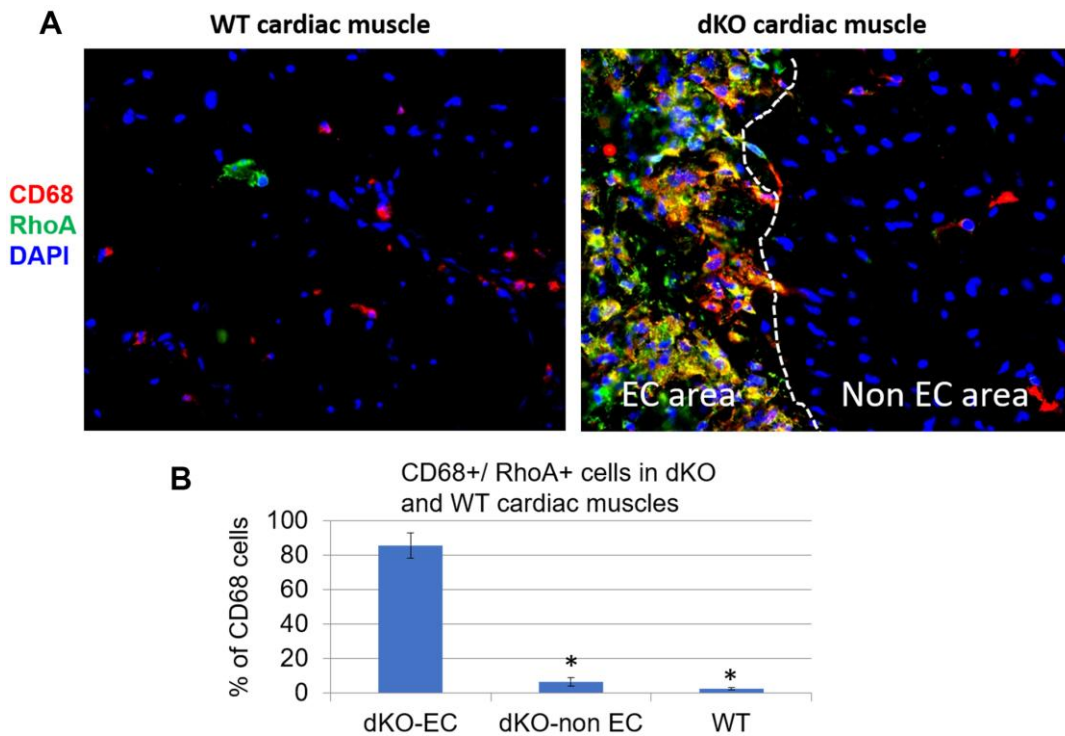
Supplementary Figure 1. Ectopic calcification in skeletal muscle and cardiac muscle of WT and *dKO* mice. Quantification of the area of ectopic calcification in skeletal muscle and cardiac muscle of WT and *dKO* mice. n=6 for both WT and *dKO* mice. “*” indicates $p < 0.05$.



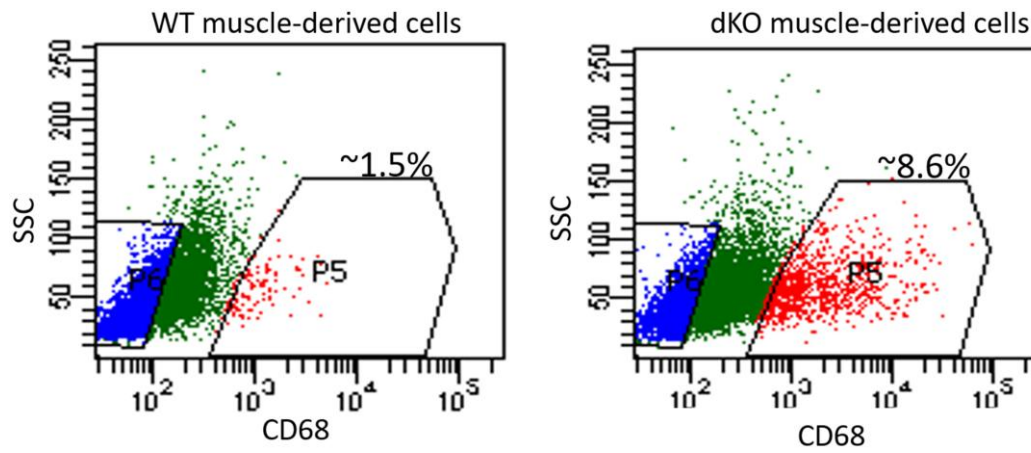
Supplementary Figure 2. Increased accumulation of RhoA expressing cells in ectopic calcification sites in the hearts of *dKO* mice. Trichrome staining (A), HE staining (B), and immunostaining of *dKO* heart section with RhoA antibody (C) showed the increased accumulation of RhoA+ cells at the sites of ectopic calcification. The merged images of B and C is shown in (D).



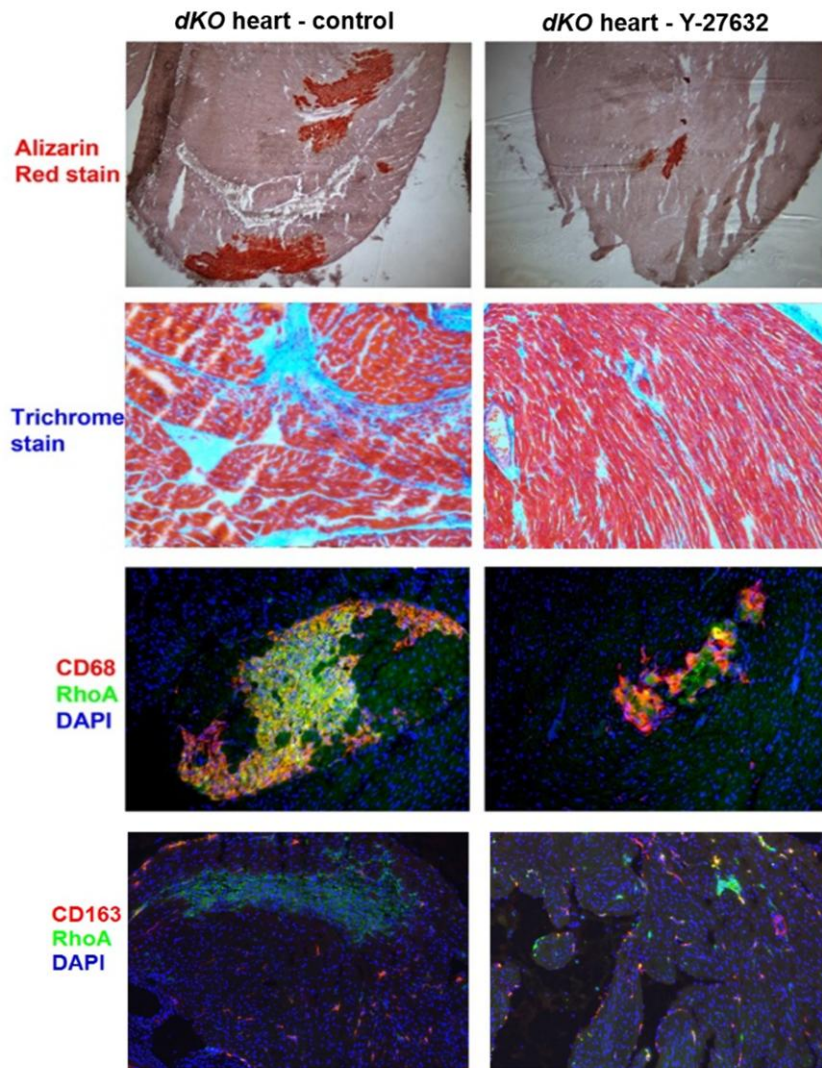
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Supplementary Figure 4. CD68+ cells at ectopic calcification sites are positive of RhoA expression. (A) Immunostaining of CD68 and RhoA in the cardiac muscles of WT and dKO mice, showing whether CD68+ cells are positive with RhoA expression or not. (B) Quantification of the number of CD68+ cells positive of RhoA in dKO muscle with EC, dKO muscle without EC, and WT muscle.. n=6 for both WT and dKO mice. “*” indicates $p < 0.05$.



Supplementary Figure 5. Sorting of CD68+ cells from muscle-derived cells of WT and dKO mice. *Fluorescence activated cell sorting* (FACS) of CD68+ cells shows much higher number and ratio of CD68+ cells among all the muscle-derived cells from gastrocnemius muscle of dKO mice, compared to that of WT mice.



Supplementary Figure 6. *In vivo* inhibition of RhoA/ROCK signaling in dKO mice improved dystrophic phenotypes in hearts.

Alizarin Red staining showed reduced calcification in heart tissue with Y-27632 treatment. Trichrome staining showed reduced fibrosis formation in heart tissue with Y-27632 treatment. Immunostaining with CD68 and RhoA antibodies showed reduced number of CD68+/RhoA+ cells after Y-27632 treatment. Immunostaining of cardiac muscle with RhoA- and CD163-specific antibodies revealed that the ratio of CD163+ cells (M2 macrophage) to RhoA+ cells (mainly M1 macrophage) increased after Y27632 treatment, suggesting that the M1 to M2 phase transition of macrophages could have occurred in the Y-27632-treated dystrophic muscles.