

Figure 3 | Glycine evokes pericyte-mediated dilation of vasa recta capillaries. Data was taken from time series experiments in which naïve kidney slices were exposed to glycine (gly; 1 mM) a, Representative trace of glycine evoked vasodilation. Vasa recta exposed to PSS (bi), glycine (ii), PSS (iii) glycine (iv). Yellow circle = pericyte, red lines = pericyte site and blue lines = non-pericyte sites. c, mean repeatable pericyte—mediated dilation of vasa recta evoked by glycine. d, Concentration-dependent effect of glycine on vasa recta diameter. e, Representative trace showing that exposure of tissue to glycine in the presence of MK-801 (300 nM) resulted in pericyte-mediated constriction of vasa recta that was reversed when MK-801 was removed. f, mean data showing MK-801 inhibits glycine-evoked dilation of vasa recta resulting in constriction, when MK-801 is removed from the superfusate, glycine evoked dilation of vasa recta at pericytes. g, h, Strychnine (1 μ M failed to attenuate the dilatory response of vasa recta to glycine. Data shown from male Sprague-Dawley rats as mean \pm s.e.m. Statistics were calculated in GraphPad PRISM (5.0). Statistical significance between pericyte and non-pericyte sites were determined using: a Student's t-test for pericyte versus non-pericyte sites, ***P < 0.001; **P < 0.01, and A one-way ANOVA and post hoc Dunnett test for comparison of agonists against against gly 1 mM, *P < 0.05, **# P < 0.01, **# P < 0.001