A. Plasma homocysteine level measured by radioimmunoassay. *p<0.05 vs methionine (MET)-treated rats. Student's t test (each group, n=5, mean ± SD).

B. The systolic blood pressure was measured every 4 weeks using the tail-cuff method. Folic acid did not affect the systolic blood pressure. Data are the mean ± SD in both groups.

MET+FA: Rats treated with MET plus folic acid.