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**SDC 2- Figure 2. ACE2 activity** **measured in aliskiren** (n=7)**, VEH** (n=9) **and candesartan** (n=6) **treated animals**. ACE2 activity was significantly reduced in both aliskiren and candesartan treated groups compared to vehicle treated animals (\**P*<0.05 vs. VEH).