## Cadmium induced apoptosis in mouse primary hepatocytes: the role of oxidative stress-mediated ERK pathway activation and the involvement of histone H3 phosphorylation<sup>†</sup>

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Fig.S1 Representative images of percentage of apoptotic cells. (Left), blank control, condition: 24 h incubation of the hepatocytes without Cd treatment. (Right), positive control, condition: 15 min incubation of the untreated hepatocytes (without Cd treatment) with 100  $\mu$ M H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>.



Fig.S2 Standard curve of caspase-3 assay. The equation and other parameters of the curve are inserted

in the figure.



**Fig.S3** Representative images of comet assay of positive controls and 6 h Cd treatment. (Left top), 6 h incubation of the hepatocytes without Cd treatment. (Right top), 6 h incubation of the hepatocytes with 10  $\mu$ M Cd treatment. (Left bottom), positive control of 6 h treatment, 30 min exposure of the untreated hepatocytes (without Cd treatment) with ultraviolet irradiation. (Right bottom), positive control of 24 h treatment, 30 min exposure of the untreated hepatocytes (without Cd treatment) with ultraviolet irradiation. (Right bottom) with ultraviolet irradiation.



**Fig.S4** Representative images of comet assay after 24 h Cd treatment without NAC pretreatment. Cd concentration: (Left top), 0  $\mu$ M. (Right top), 0.1  $\mu$ M. (Left bottom), 1  $\mu$ M. (Right bottom), 10  $\mu$ M.



Fig.S5 Representative images of comet assay after 24 h Cd treatment with NAC pretreatment. Cd concentration: (Left top), 0  $\mu$ M. (Right top), 0.1  $\mu$ M. (Left bottom), 1  $\mu$ M. (Right bottom), 10  $\mu$ M.



**Fig.S6** Representative images of ROS level assay. Condition: (Left top), 6 h incubation of the hepatocytes without Cd treatment. (Right top), 24 h incubation of the hepatocytes with 10  $\mu$ M Cd treatment. (Left bottom), positive control of 6 h treatment, 15 min incubation of the untreated (without Cd treatment) hepatocytes with 100  $\mu$ M H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>. (Right bottom), positive control of 24 h treatment, 15 min incubation of the untreated (without Cd treatment) hepatocytes with 100  $\mu$ M H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>.



**Fig.S7** Standard curve of histone H3 phosphorylation. The equation and other parameters of the curve are inserted in the figure.