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**Table S4.21 Alterations in cell proliferation, cell death, or nutrient supply in human immortalized cells exposed to cobalt**

End-point	Tissue, cell line	Results <sup>a</sup>	Concentration (LEC or HIC)	Comments	Reference
<b>Angiogenesis</b>					
VEGF levels	Choroidal vascular endothelial cell line RF/6A	+	200 µM for 24 h		<a href="#">Balaiya et al. (2013)</a>
VEGF levels, through its promoter activation	Human microvascular endothelial cell line HMEC-1	+	250 µM for 24 h		<a href="#">Loboda et al. (2005)</a>
VEGF levels	Human Müller cell line MIO-M1	+	100 µM for 48 h	Statistical analysis was not performed.	<a href="#">Sears &amp; Hoppe (2005)</a>
VEGF expression	Osteoblast-like cell line Saos-2	+	75 µM for 4 h	Statistical analysis was not performed.	<a href="#">Kim et al. (2002)</a>
VEGF expression	Human retinal pigment epithelial cell line ARPE-19	+	200 µM for 6–24 h		<a href="#">Oh et al. (2013)</a>
VEGF expression	Human retinal pigment epithelial cell line ARPE-19	+	300 µM for 24 h	Non-cytotoxic concentration.	<a href="#">Zheng et al. (2016)</a>
VEGF expression	Human retinal pigment epithelial cell line ARPE-19	+	200 µM for 24 h	Non-cytotoxic concentration.	<a href="#">Park et al. (2015)</a>
VEGF expression	Human retinal pigment epithelial cell line ARPE-19	+	100 µM for 12 h	Non-cytotoxic concentration.	<a href="#">Alzhrani et al. (2017)</a>
VEGF expression	Human retinal pigment epithelial cell line ARPE-19	(+)	150 µM	Results presented in equivocal way in figure. Increase in VEGF expression could be due to co-exposure to low glucose. Absence of CoCl <sub>2</sub> -only treated cells.	<a href="#">Chen et al. (2017b)</a>
VEGF expression	Human retinal pigment epithelial cell line ARPE-19	+	200 µM for 6–18 h	Non-cytotoxic concentration.	<a href="#">Wang et al. (2016b)</a>
VEGFC and VEGFR-3 expression	Human retinal pigment epithelial cell line CRL-2302	+	200 µM for 48 h		<a href="#">Zhao et al. (2015b)</a>
Induces nuclear HMGB1, decreases SIRT1 expression HMGB1 nucleocytoplasmic relocation and extracellular release	Human retinal pigment epithelial cell line ARPE-19	+	100 µM for 6 h	HMGB1 is pro-angiogenic factor.	<a href="#">Chang et al. (2017)</a>
VEGF expression and tube formation	Human retinal vascular endothelial cells (HRVECs)	+	150 µM for 24 h		<a href="#">Li et al. (2022)</a>
VEGF expression	Human cervical cancer-derived cell line ME-180	+	100 µM for 20 h	CoSO <sub>4</sub> ·7H <sub>2</sub> O; Sigma, USA; 99% purity) was also tested.	<a href="#">Xia et al. (2009)</a>

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VEGF expression	Human endometrial cancer cell line ECC-1	+	100 µM for 2 h		<a href="#">Molitoris et al. (2009)</a>
VEGF expression	Human cervical cancer cell line HeLa	+	100 µM	Statistical analysis was not performed.	<a href="#">Wang et al. (2013a)</a>
VEGF expression	Human cervical cancer cell line HeLa	+	200 µM for 4 h	CoCl <sub>2</sub> increased translation of VEGFA mRNA dependent on HuR (mass spectrometry).	<a href="#">Osera et al. (2015)</a>
VEGF expression	Human colon adenocarcinoma cell line HCT 116	+	100 µM for 24 h		<a href="#">Law et al. (2012)</a>
VEGF expression	Human mesothelioma cell line H2452	+	50 and 75 µM for 24 h	Non-toxic concentration. Effects of CoCl <sub>2</sub> on HIF-2α/VEGF pathway is dependent on activation of Yes, a member of the Src family of kinases.	<a href="#">Sato et al. (2014)</a>
VEGF expression	Pancreatic cancer cell line PANC-1, lung cancer cell line A549, and cervical cancer cell line HeLa	+	100 µM for 8 h	Statistical analysis was not performed.	<a href="#">Dai et al. (2008)</a>
VEGF expression	Pancreatic cancer cell line PANC-1	+	100 µM for 24 h	Non-cytotoxic concentration.	<a href="#">Wen et al. (2016)</a>
VEGF expression	Pancreatic cancer cell line PANC-1 and prostate carcinoma cell line PC-3	+	100 µM	Effect dependent on p-STAT activation, that binds VEGF promoter.	<a href="#">Gray et al. (2005)</a>
VEGF expression	Prostate carcinoma cell line DU145	+	100 µM for 12 h	Effect dependent on AMPK.	<a href="#">Lee et al. (2006)</a>
VEGF expression	Neuroblastoma cell lines BE(2)-C and SK-N-AS	+	100 µM		<a href="#">Rellinger et al. (2015)</a>
VEGF expression	Melanoma cells, hepatic carcinoma cell line Hep-G2, and cervical cancer cell line HeLa	+	100 µM for 18 h	Statistical analysis was not performed.	<a href="#">Minchenko et al. (1994b)</a>
VEGF expression	Human hepatoma cell lines SMMC 7721 and MHCC 97H	+	200 µM for 48 h	Non-cytotoxic concentration.	<a href="#">Xu et al. (2014)</a>
VEGF expression through VEGF promoter activation	Human oral squamous cell carcinoma cell line SCC-9	+	100 µM for 24 h		<a href="#">Slomiany et al. (2006)</a>
VEGF expression Decreased collagen XVIII and CBP2/Hsp47	Human oral squamous cell carcinoma cell line SCC-9	+	100 µM for 24 h	Effect dependent on PI3K signalling pathway. Statistical analysis was not performed.	<a href="#">Stewart et al. (2003)</a>
Secretion of endocan (endothelial cell-specific molecule-1), a proangiogenic factor	Human glioblastoma cell line U-118 MG	+	100–200 µM for 24 h	Statistical analysis was not performed.	<a href="#">Maurage et al. (2009)</a>

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<i>Glycolysis</i>					
GLUT1 and hexokinase II expression	Human cervical cancer cell lines HeLa and SiHa	+	150 µM		<a href="#">Cheng et al. (2013)</a>
GLUT1 expression	Breast cancer cell lines derived from primary (HCC1395 and HCC1937) and metastatic sites (MCF7 and MDA-MB-231)	+	150 µM for 24 h		<a href="#">Chen et al. (2010a)</a>
GLUT-1 and BCRP/ABCG2 expression	Human renal proximal tubular cell line HK-2	+	300 µM for 48 h		<a href="#">Nishihashi et al. (2017)</a>
<i>Cell proliferation</i>					
Cell number	Human retinal endothelial cells HRECs	+	150 µM for 48 h		<a href="#">Wang et al. (2014)</a>
Cell viability	Human retinal vascular endothelial cells HRVECs	(+)	150 µM for 24 h	Cell viability as an indirect measure of cell proliferation.	<a href="#">Li et al. (2022)</a>
Cell viability	Human retinal pigment epithelial cell line ARPE-19	+	50–200 µM for 6–24 h	Cell viability as an indirect measure of cell proliferation.	<a href="#">Wang et al. (2016b)</a>
Cell number	Pulmonary artery smooth muscle cells PASMCs	+	25–100 µM for 18–30h	Effect dependent on PGI2 downregulation and H <sub>2</sub> S levels.	<a href="#">Li et al. (2014)</a>
Cell number Increased ERK-MAPK signalling transduction pathway	Human gastric adenocarcinoma cell line (SGC-7901)	+	100 µM for 24 h		<a href="#">Bi et al. (2010)</a>
Cell viability	Human gastric cell line (BGC-823)	(+)	100 µM for 24 h	Statistical analysis was not available for CoCl <sub>2</sub> effects on increased cell viability, as the focus was on diosgenin and/or HIF-1α statistically significant decreases in CoCl <sub>2</sub> -induced cell viability. Cell viability as an indirect measure of cell proliferation.	<a href="#">Mao et al. (2012)</a>
SP cells in cancer cells but not in normal cells	Cancer stem cells from papillary thyroid cancer-derived cell line BCPAP and anaplastic thyroid cancer-derived cell line SW1736 as SP cells (a putative stem cell population)	(+)	100 µM for 48 h	CoCl <sub>2</sub> ·6H <sub>2</sub> O. Although there was a 400% increase for BCPAP and of 120% for SW1736 SP cells, these changes were not significant using a two-sided <i>t</i> -test.	<a href="#">Mahkamova et al. (2018)</a>
Cell viability and colony formation	Human cervical cancer cell lines HeLa and SiHa	+	150 µM for 24–72 h	Statistical analysis was not performed.	<a href="#">Cheng et al. (2013)</a>

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Cell number	Human pancreatic cancer cells MIA PaCa-2	+	40–80 µM for 24 h		<a href="#">Chen et al. (2018a)</a>
Cell number in 786-O cells, but not in A498 cells	Renal cell carcinoma cell lines A498 and 786-O	+	50–200 µM	Concentration higher than 250 µM decreased cell viability in both cell lines.	<a href="#">Zhang et al. (2017)</a>
Decreased p53 expression mediated by its promoter repression, possibly through HIF-1α	Human cervical cancer cell line HeLa	+	1–100 µM for 16 h	Statistical analysis was not performed	<a href="#">Lee et al. (2001)</a>
Decreased cell viability	Human colorectal cancer cell line LOVO	(-)	100–250 µM for 7 d	Cell viability as an indirect measure of cell proliferation.	<a href="#">Yang et al. (2016)</a>
Decreased cell viability	MCF10A cells used as a normal non-malignant breast cell line pII (ER–), EII (ER+), and YS1.2 (ER+) derived from MCF7 (ER+) human breast cancer cell line	(-)	100 µM for 24 h	Cell viability as an indirect measure of cell proliferation.	<a href="#">Barrak et al. (2020)</a>
Decreased cell viability	Human fetal mesencephalic neural progenitor cells	No changes	10 µM	Cell viability as an indirect measure of cell proliferation.	<a href="#">Milosevic et al. (2009)</a>
Decreased cell number	Hodgkin lymphoma cell line (L-428)	No changes	200 µM for 48 h	Statistical analysis was not performed.	<a href="#">Kewitz et al. (2016)</a>
Cell number	Ovarian serous carcinoma OVCAR3 and clear cell carcinoma ES2 cell lines	No changes	100 µM for 48 h	Statistical analysis was not performed.	<a href="#">Nunes et al. (2018)</a>
<i>Cell death</i>					
Apoptosis	Human hepatoma SMMC 7721 and MHCC 97H cell lines	No changes	200 µM	Statistical analysis was not performed.	<a href="#">Xu et al. (2014)</a>
Increased apoptosis	Human cervical cancer cell lines Hela and SiHa		150 µM	Statistical analysis was not performed.	<a href="#">Cheng et al. (2013)</a>

ABCG2, ATP-binding cassette subfamily G member 2; AMPK, 5'AMP-activated protein kinase; BRCP, breast cancer resistance protein; CBP2, cytochrome B pre-mRNA-processing protein 2; ER, estrogen receptor; ERK, extracellular signal-regulated kinase 1/2; GLUT1, glucose transporter 1; HIF-1/2α, hypoxia-inducible factor-1/2 alpha; HMGB1, nuclear high mobility group box 1; H<sub>2</sub>S, hydrogen sulfide; Hsp47, heat shock protein 47; Hur, human antigen R; MAPK, mitogen-activated protein kinase; mRNA, messenger RNA; PGI2, prostaglandin I2; PI3K, phosphoinositide 3-kinase; p-STAT, phosphorylated signal transducer and activator of transcription; SIRT1, sirtuin 1; SP, side population; VEGF, vascular endothelial growth factor; VEGFA, vascular endothelial growth factor A; VEGFR-3, vascular endothelial growth factor receptor-3.

<sup>a</sup> +, positive; –, negative; (+) or (–), positive or negative in a study of limited quality.

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