SUPPLEMENTARY FIGURE





Supplementary Figure 1. Changes in protein localization/expression and cell cycle progression induced by co-culture of cardiomyocytes and fibroblasts. (A) Number of Ki67-positive nuclei in cardiomyocytes and fibroblasts, in mono- and co-cultures. The results are expressed as mean and standard deviation. For an evaluation of statistical significance, the Student's t-test was used. (B) Cell cycle progression in the co-culture of cardiomyocytes and fibroblasts compared to the monocultures. The graph presents mean percentage (from 3 independent experiments) of the cells in a given phase of the cell cycle. Representative histograms from one experiment are also shown. (C) Changes in Hif-1α-related fluorescence in fibroblasts cultured alone and with HL-1 cells. The percentage frequency ("cumulative distribution") plot was created with GraFit program. For statistical analysis the two sample Kolmogorov–Smirnov test was used. RFU – Relative Fluorescence Units. A noticeable increase of anti-HIF-1α staining was observed in nuclei fibroblasts co-cultured with HL-1 cells, as compared monoculture (D=0.81, p<0.001). In HL-1 cells, co-culturing with fibroblasts induced decrease of HIF-1α-related fluorescence in nuclei (D=0.85,

p<0.001). (D) Changes in fluorescence of the active (Y216-P) and inactive (S9-9) form of GSK3 in nuclei cells, in mono- and co-cultures. The percentage frequency ("cumulative distribution") plot was created with GraFit program. For statistical analysis the two sample Kolmogorov–Smirnov test was used. RFU – Relative Fluorescence Units. A decrease of Y216-P (D=0.45, p<0.001) and increase of S9-P (D=0.53, p<0.001) was observed in cardiomyocytic nuclei in co-cultures, compared to monocultures. In turn, in the fibroblasts' nuclei, the amount of Y216-P increased (D=0.64, p<0.001) and S9-P decreased (D=0.8, p<0.001) in co-cultures. (E) Changes in the studied proteins localization/expression were independent on physical contacts between the two cell types. During the course of the study we tested different densities of HL-1– fibroblasts co-cultures, regardless of intercellular contacts. Actin is counterstained green (phalloidin-Alexa 488), nuclei – blue (DAPI). Arrows point to some nuclei.