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# Analysis of Cellular Activity and Induction of Inflammation in Response to Short-Term Exposure to Cobalt and Chromium Ions in Mature Human Osteoblasts

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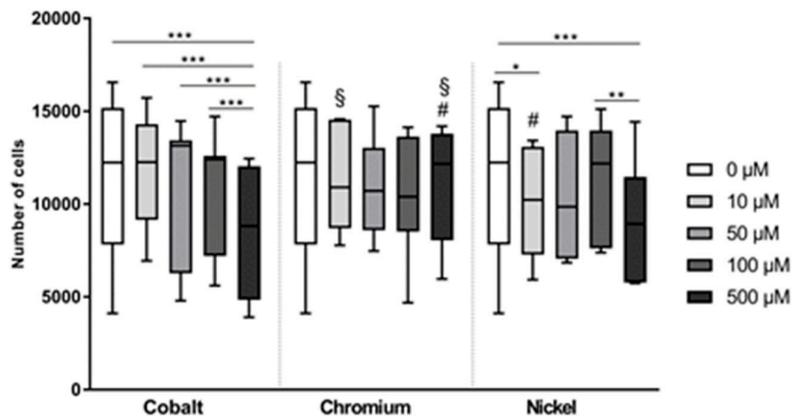
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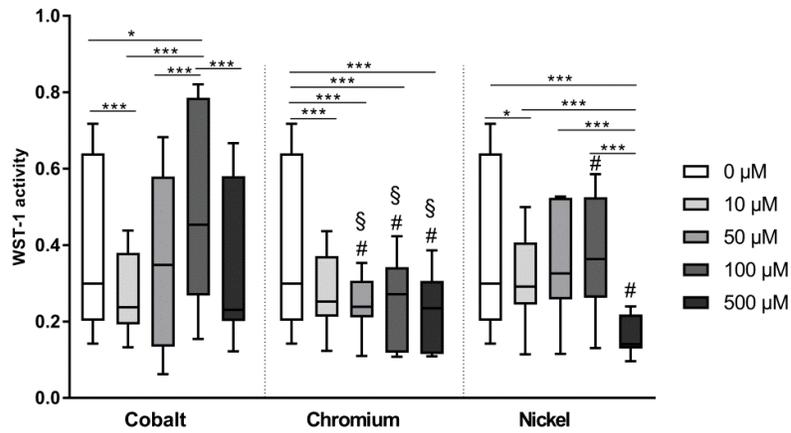
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## Supplementary Figures



**Figure S1:** Cell numbers of human osteoblasts after exposure to metal salts. Untreated cells served as controls (0 µM). Osteoblasts were treated with different concentrations of Co(2+), Cr(3+) and Ni(2+) over 48 h. Afterwards cell number was determined via CyQUANT NF Cell Proliferation Assay. Data are depicted as box plots (n = 7). Significance was calculated with concentration-dependent differences: \*p < 0.05, \*\*p < 0.01, \*\*\*p < 0.001; differences to cobalt: \*p < 0.05; differences to nickel: §p < 0.05.



**Figure S2:** Metabolic activity of human osteoblasts after exposure to metal salts. Untreated cells served as controls (0 μM). Osteoblasts were treated with different concentrations of Co(2+), Cr(3+) and Ni(2+) over 48 h. Afterwards metabolic activity was determined via water soluble tetrazolium salt (WST-1) assay. Data are depicted as box plots (n = 7). Significance was calculated with concentration-dependent differences: \*p < 0.05, \*\*\*p < 0.001; differences to cobalt: #p < 0.05; differences to nickel: §p < 0.05.