



## **Supplementary Figures**



**Figure S1.** Melatonin inhibitor luzindole blocks the effects of melatonin on mitochondrial ROS generation and mitochondrial membrane potential. (**A**) Flow cytometry analysis of MitoSOX in melatonin-treated TH1 cells (1 µM for 24 h) or cells pre-treated with the luzindole (1 µM for 48 h) under *P*-cresol exposure (0.5 mM for 72 h) (n = 3). (**B**) Quantification of the number of MitoSOX-positive cells. (**C**) Flow cytometry analysis of TMRE in melatonin-treated TH1 cells (1 µM for 24 h) or cells pre-treated with the luzindole (1 µM for 48 h) under *P*-cresol exposure (0.5 mM for 72 h) (n = 3). (**D**) Quantification of the number of TMRE-positive cells. The values represent mean ± SEM. \*p < 0.05, \*\*p < 0.01 vs. control, \*p < 0.05, \*\*p < 0.01 vs. *P*-cresol exposure condition, \*p < 0.05, \*\*p < 0.01 vs. melatonin-treated TH1 cells following *P*-cresol exposure.



**Figure S2.** Melatonin inhibitor luzindole blocks the effects of melatonin on mitochondrial function. (**A**) OCR of each group was measured over time (min). The mitochondrial OCR was used to obtain bioenergetic parameters by adding oligomycin (20 min, 1  $\mu$ M), FCCP (40 min, 0.75  $\mu$ M), and antimycin A (60 min, 1  $\mu$ M). (**B**) The non-mitochondrial OCR was subtracted to obtain the basal mitochondrial OCR (remaining OCR after antimycin A addition). (**C**) FCCP was used to obtain the maximal respiration OCR. (**D**) Proton leak was calculated using the difference between OCR following oligomycin A inhibition and OCR following antimycin A inhibition. (**E**) ATP production was determined using the difference between the basal and antimycin A inhibited OCR. (**F**) Spare respiratory capacity was calculated using the difference between the OCR following oligomycin A inhibition and the OCR following FCCP treatment. The histogram shows representative data from one replicate experiment (*n* = 5). The values represent mean ± SEM. \**p* < 0.05, \*\**p* < 0.01 vs. control, \*\**p* < 0.01 vs. control, \*\**p* < 0.01 vs. control, \*\**p* < 0.01 vs. P-cresol exposure condition, \*\**p* < 0.01 vs. melatonin-treated TH1 cells in following *P*-cresol exposure.



**Figure S3.** Effect of melatonin on cell cycle and apoptosis of *P*-cresol-treated TH1 cells. (A) Western blot analysis for CDK2, cyclin E, CDK4, and cyclin D1 in melatonin-treated TH1 cells (1  $\mu$ M for 24 h) or cells pre-treated with luzindole (1  $\mu$ M for 48 h) or the miR-4516 inhibitor (200 nM for 48 h) under

*P*-cresol exposure (0.5 mM for 72 h) (n = 3). (**B**) S-phase flow cytometry analysis in melatonin-treated TH1 cells (1 µM for 24 h) or cells pre-treated with luzindole (1 µM for 48 h) or the miR-4516 inhibitor (200 nM for 48 h) under *P*-cresol exposure (0.5 mM for 72 h) (n = 3). The values represent mean ± SEM. \*\*p < 0.01 vs. control, #\*p < 0.01 vs. P-cresol exposure condition, \$p < 0.01 vs. melatonin-treated TH1 cells in *P*-cresol exposure condition. (**C**) Western blot analysis for BCL2, BAX, cleaved caspase-3, and cleaved PARP-1 in melatonin-treated TH1 cells (1 µM for 24 h) or cells pre-treated with luzindole (1 µM for 48 h) or the miR-4516 inhibitor (200 nM for 48 h) under *P*-cresol exposure (0.5 mM for 72 h) (n = 3). (**D**) Apoptosis in TH1 cells was analyzed by annexin V/PI staining.



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