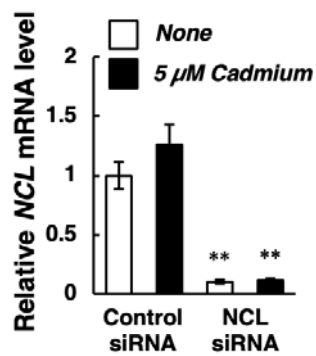


Supplementary Table 1. Oligonucleotide primers used for real-time PCR

Gene name	Forward Primer (5'-3')	Reverse Primer (5'-3')
<i>ACTB</i> (β -actin)	AAAGAGATCACTGCCCTGGC	ACTCCTGCTTGCTGATCCAC
<i>NCL</i> (nucleolin)	AAAGGTTGCAGTTGCCACAC	TGCTTTGGCAGGTGTAAGT
<i>MT1A</i> (metallothionein 1A)	CACCTGCAAGGCCTGCAGA	CGAGGCCCTTTGCAGACA
<i>MT2A</i> (metallothionein 2A)	GGCTCCTGCAAATGCAAAGAT	CCGAAGCCCCTTTGCAGAC



Supplementary Fig. 1. Effect of Cadmium on Knockdown Efficiency of *NCL* mRNA in Vascular Endothelial Cells Following *NCL* siRNA treatment.

Control siRNA or *NCL* siRNA was added to vascular endothelial cells and incubated for 24 h and then treated with cadmium at 5 μ M for 24 h. The expression levels of *NCL* mRNA were determined by real-time RT-PCR. Values are means \pm SD (n=3). ** p <0.01 compared with levels in controls.