

Supplementary figure S3: Analysis of apoptotic fraction and cell cycle distribution. PBL and HSPC were cultured for 72h followed by irradiation with a dose of 2Gy X rays or carbon ions ( $60-85 \text{ keV/}\mu\text{m}$ ) and reculturing for 24h. Cells were fixed and the percentage of apoptotic cells was determined by TUNEL staining (In Situ Cell Death Detection Kit Fluorescein, Roche, Germany) and flow cytometric analysis of at least 40.000 cells. DNA content was analyzed following DAPI staining (Becker et al. 2009). Percentages of living cells in  $G_1$ -, S-, and  $G_2$ -phase were determined by use of FlowJo software 7.6.5 (TreeStarInc, Ashland, USA) in one experiment. For the fraction of apoptotic cells, based on positive TUNEL staining, the (small) error bars were calculated assuming a binomial distribution (PBL: 0.0018-0.0019, for HSPC: 0.0015-0.0022 for HSPC).

- (A) Apoptotic fraction of cells.
- **(B)** Cell cycle distribution.