## A 1 h treatment

Ctrl	hCT1	PE	hCT1 + LEHD-fmk	PE + LEHD-fmk	
DAPI active casp9	DAPI active casp9	DAPI active casp9	DAPI active casp9	DAPI active casp9	
40 μm	DAPI active casp9 α-actinin				
40 μm					

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## 24 h treatment

Ctrl	hCT1	PE	hCT1 + LEHD-fmk	PE + LEHD-fmk
DAPI ANP	DAPI ANP	DAPI ANP	DAPI ANP	DAPI ANP
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DAPJANP α-actinin	DAPI ANP α-actinin	DAPI ANP α-actinin	DAPI ANP α-actinin	DAPI ANP α-actinin
40 µm		<u> No</u>	A.	· · · · · .

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_	Ctrl (SF media)		hCT1 (0.5 nM)		<b>ΡΕ (100</b> μ <b>Μ)</b>	
	GFP-AdV	p35-AdV	GFP-AdV	p35-AdV	GFP-AdV	p35-AdV
40	DAPI GFP α-actinin	DAPI p35 α-actinin	API GFP α-actinin	DAPI p35 α-actinin	GFP α-actinin	DAPI p35 α-actinin
4(	DAPI ANP	DAPI ANP		DAPI ANP	DAPI ANP	DAPI ANP

Supplementary information, Figure S1. hCT1 engages a restricted activation of the intrinsic caspase-mediated cell death pathway. (A-B) Immunocytochemistry images from Figure 3A-B (1 h treatment) and Figure 3E-F (24 h treatment). Primary rat cardiomyocytes were treated for 1 h (Panel A) or 24 h (Panel B) with control serum-free medium (Ctrl), hCT1 (0.5 nM), or PE (100  $\mu$ M) in the presence or absence of the caspase 9 peptide inhibitor (z-LEHD-fmk, 20  $\mu$ M). Immunocytochemistry was used to stain cells for:  $\alpha$ -actinin (red), active caspase 9 (green; for 1 h treatment), the pro-hypertrophic marker atrial natriuretic peptide – ANP (green; for 24 h treatment), and nuclei were stained with DAPI (blue). Scale bar, 40  $\mu$ m. (C) Immunocytochemistry images from Figure 3G-H. Cardiomyocytes were infected for 24 h with an adenovirus (AdV) encoding the biologic effector caspase inhibitor p35 upstream of a GFP reporter (p35-AdV) prior to inducing hypertrophy with hCT1 or PE for a further 24 h. A GFP only reporter (GFP-AdV) was used as a control. Immunocytochemistry was used to stain cells for:  $\alpha$ -actinin (red), and nuclei were stained with DAPI (blue). The GFP reporter identified the positively infected cardiomyocytes (green). Scale bar, 40  $\mu$ m.