



Supplemental Figure 2: Rhodomyrtone toxicity is limited to high doses. Cultures of primary normal human keratinocytes (NHK) were treated with the indicated concentrations of rhodomyrtone or 5 μ M erlotinib for 24 hours and the level of cell death assessed using 4',6-diamidino-2-phenylindole (DAPI) to identify the sub-G₁ cell cycle population (a and b) and annexin V-FITC and propidium iodide (PI) staining to identify apoptotic and necrotic cells (c and d) using flow cytometry. Treatment with the EGFR inhibitor erlotinib, a positive control for keratinocyte apoptosis⁴⁵, increased the proportion of keratinocytes in the sub-G₁ (9.8%) as did treatment with 800 and 1,000 ng ml⁻¹ of rhodomyrtone (27.86% and 37.26%, respectively compared with 2.43% in control cultures); however, at concentrations of 600 ng ml⁻¹ and below, rhodomyrtone did not exhibit toxicity (a and b). This result was corroborated using annexin V and PI staining which showed that below 600 ng ml⁻¹, rhodomyrtone did not induce keratinocyte apoptosis, however, cell death was evident at higher concentrations (c and d). Bar graphs, mean \pm SD of results from three independent experiments in triplicate. Statistical significance determined using one-way ANOVA and Dunn's multiple comparison test and denoted ** p<0.01, *** p<0.001, ****, p<0.0001.