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Exposure to the natural alkaloid Berberine affects cardiovascular system morphogenesis and functionality during zebrafish development

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Supplementary Table S1

Percentage of mortality at different timepoints and BRB concentrations

	24 h	48 h	72 h	96 h
control	0.5 ± 0.5	1.3 ± 0.83	2.28 ± 0.64	2.75 ± 0.81
50 mg/L	0.98 ± 0.6	2.25 ± 0.99	2.75 ± 0.81	2.75 ± 0.81
100 mg/L	0.98 ± 0.6	3.08 ± 1.32	8.33 ± 1.21	(***)(###) 25.16 ± 5.06
200 mg/L	3.08 ± 1.54	5.65 ± 2.74	(***)(###)(\$\$\$) 42.13 ± 10.12	(***)(###)(\$\$\$) 87.24 ± 4.95
400 mg/L	4.88 ± 1.85	(***)(###)(\$\$\$) 36.74 ± 3.67	(***)(###)(\$\$\$)(φφφ) 95.27 ± 2.36	(***)(###)(\$\$\$) 100 ± 0.0

Data are cumulative and expressed as mean \pm standard error of the mean (SEM) from 5 independent experiments, each with 40 larvae per experimental condition. One-way ANOVA followed by Tukey post hoc test. Statistical significance refers to the same exposure time, in the various experimental conditions. ***p<0.001 vs control, *##p<0.001 vs 50 mg/L, *\$\$\$p<0.001 vs 100 mg/L, p<0.001 vs 200 mg/L.

Supplementary Table S2

Percentage of embryos with pericardial edema at different timepoints and BRB concentrations

	24 h	48 h	72 h	96 h
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control	0.00	0.192 ±0.192	0.5448 ± 0.29	0.5448 ± 0.29
50 mg/L	0.00	1.34 ± 0.73	3.947 ± 0.90	6.38 ± 1.57
100 mg/L	0.00	$(*)(#)$ 12.14 ± 2.64	$(***)(###)$ 26.67 ± 2.93	(***)(###) 54.88 ± 5.01
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200 mg/L	0.00	(***)(###) 25.17 ± 8.65	(***)(###)(\$) 40.81 ± 6.74	(***)(###) 40.81 ± 6.74
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400 mg/L	1.82±1.82	(***)(###)(\$) 27.69 ± 7.27	(***)(###) 27.69 ± 7.27	(***)(#)(\$\$\$) 27.69 ± 7.27

Data are cumulative and expressed as mean \pm SEM from 5 independent experiments, each with 40 larvae per experimental condition. One-way ANOVA followed by Tukey post hoc test. Statistical significance refers to the same exposure time, in the various experimental conditions: *p<0.05 vs control, ***p<0.001 vs control, *p<0.05 vs 50 mg/L, ***p<0.001 vs 50 mg/L, *p<0.05 vs 100 mg/L, *\$p<0.001 vs 100 mg/L.

Supplementary Table S3 Sequences of primers used in qRT-PCR

Gene name		Sequences
cdh5	F	5' - TGGAATGAGTGTCAGTGCCC - 3'
cuits	R	5' - CAGCTGCTCATGGATTTCGC - 3'
vegfaa	F	5' - AAAAGAGTGCGTGCAAGACC - 3'
vegiaa	R	5' - GACGTTTCGTGTCTCTGTCG - 3'
vegfab	F	5' - TGTTGGTGGAAATTCAGCAG - 3'
vegiao	R	5' - CACCCTGATGACGAAGAGGT - 3'
phd3	F	5' - CCTGGAAATGGAGCTGGATA - 3'
pild3	R	5' – CCGGTCAAATAAAGGCTCAA - 3'
β-actin	F	5' - CGAGCAGGAGATGGGAACC - 3'
p-actili	R	5' - CAACGGAAACGCTCATTGC - 3'