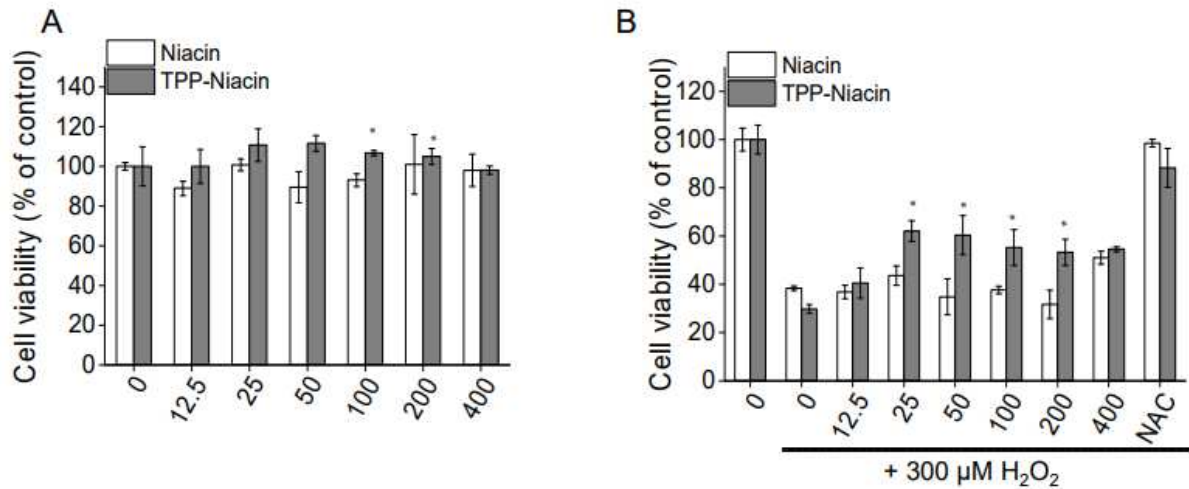


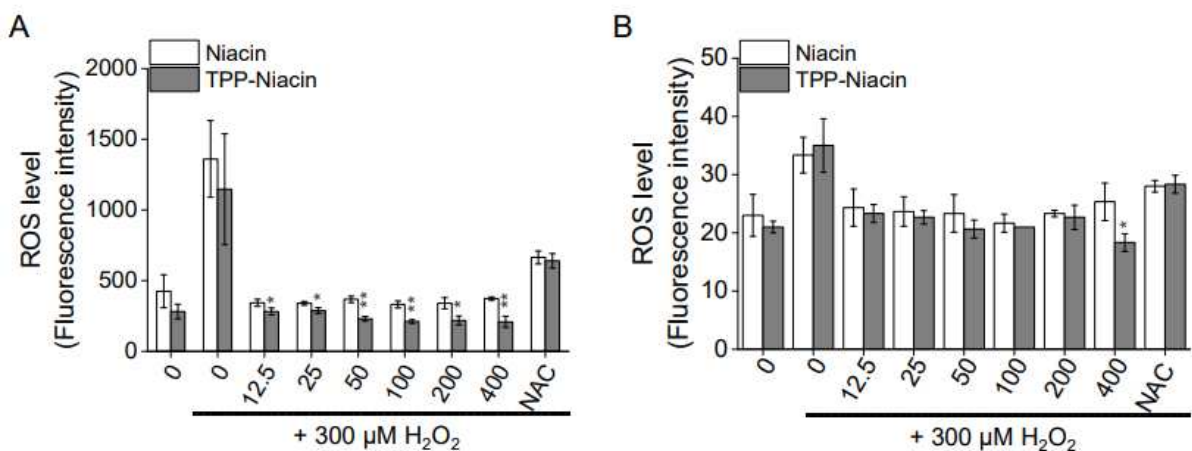
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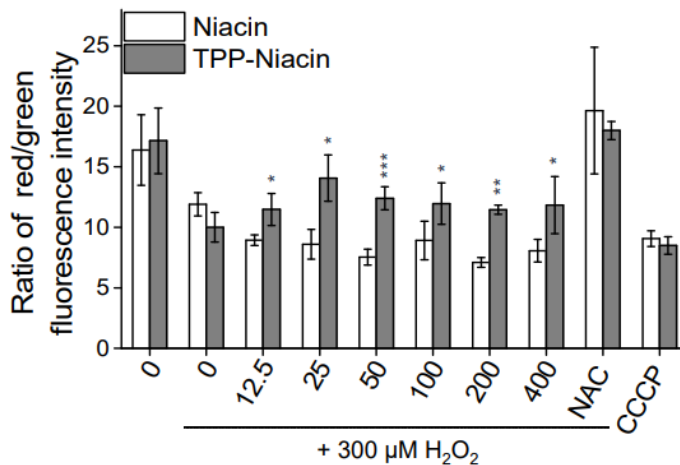
4 Supplementary Figure 1. Effects of niacin and TPP-Niacin on cell viabilities of ARPE-19 cells.

5 (A) Different concentrations (range 12.5–400 μM) of niacin and TPP-Niacin were treated in
 6 ARPE-19 cells for 24 h without H₂O₂. (B) Cells were pretreated with niacin or TPP-Niacin for
 7 2 h and then treated with H₂O₂ (300 μM) for 24 h, after which cell viabilities were evaluated
 8 by CCK-8. *P < 0.05 niacin versus the TPP-Niacin group were considered statistically
 9 significantly different.



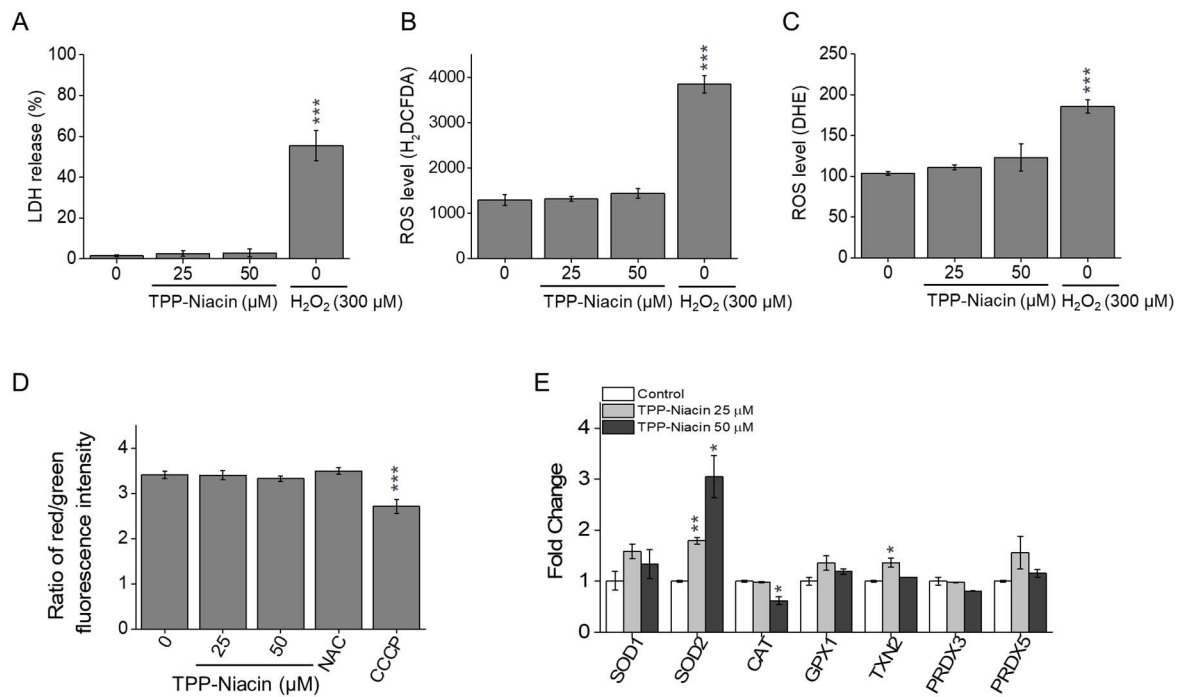
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11 Supplementary Figure 2. Protective effects of niacin and TPP-Niacin against H₂O₂-induced
 12 ROS production in ARPE-19 cells. Cells were pretreated with various concentrations of niacin
 13 or TPP-Niacin for 24 h, followed by H₂O₂ treatment at 300 μM for 24 h. ROS generation was
 14 determined by H₂DCF-DA (A) and DHE (B) assays. *P < 0.05, **P < 0.01 niacin versus the
 15 TPP-Niacin group were considered statistically significantly different.



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17 Supplementary Figure 3. TPP-Niacin improved mitochondrial membrane potential against
 18 H₂O₂-induced mitochondrial membrane potential ($\Delta\Psi_m$) loss at various concentrations in
 19 ARPE-19 cells, but not niacin. ARPE-19 cells were treated with niacin or TPP-Niacin for 2 h,
 20 followed by a 300 μM H₂O₂ treatment for 24 h. MMP was analyzed by JC-10 assay. *P < 0.05,
 21 **P < 0.01, ***P < 0.001 niacin versus the TPP-niacin group were considered statistically
 22 significantly different.



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24 Supplementary Figure 4. Evaluation of TPP-Niacin on the normal state of ARPE-19 cells. The
 25 cells were treated with TPP-Niacin at 25 and 50 μM or 0.1% DMSO (vehicle control) for 24 h
 26 without H₂O₂ (300 μM) or with H₂O₂ only treated-group, cytotoxicity was measured by the
 27 LDH release (A). ROS generation and mitochondrial function were measured by H₂DCF-DA
 28 (B) and DHE (C), and MMP (D). Gene expression was analyzed by qPCR of major antioxidant
 29 related genes (E). All data were analyzed using Student's t-test. *P < 0.05, **P < 0.01, ***P <
 30 0.001 versus control group were considered statistically significant differences.