

**[S-7]****Cerebrovascular Toxicity of Inhalable Particulate Matter**

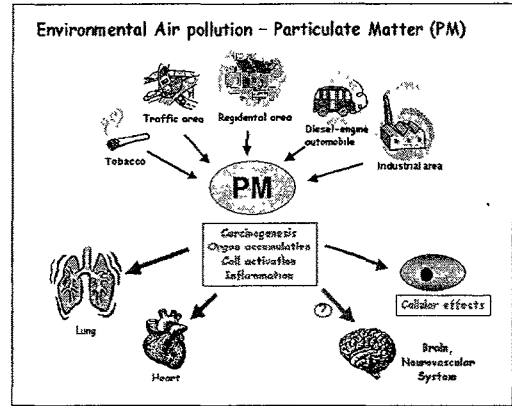
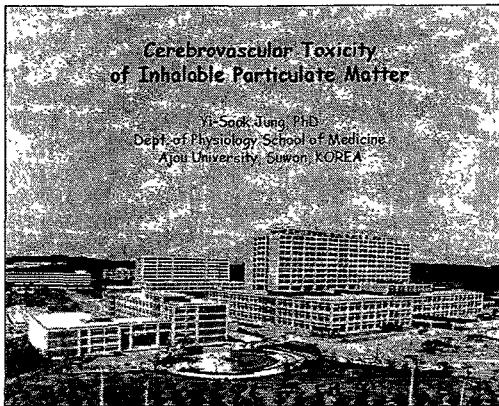
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Among adhesion molecules known as inflammatory biomarkers, intercellular adhesion molecule-1 (ICAM-1), expressed on the surface of endothelial cells, and integrins (CD11b/CD18, CD11a/CD18), expressed on the surface of leukocytes, have been extensively studied in various animal models. During inflammatory neurological diseases such as multiple sclerosis, circulating leukocytes transmigrate into the nervous system via leukocyte-endothelial cell interactions triggered by binding of ICAM-1 to integrins, subsequently resulting in brain damage. Epidemiological data show that particulate matter (PM) present in ambient air pollution may underlie increased morbidity and mortality rates related to pulmonary and cardiovascular systems. Although a recent study has suggested that inhaled PM may trigger a proinflammatory response in nervous tissue, few studies have addressed the possibility of PM effects on cerebrovascular system. In our study, we investigated whether PM<sub>2.5</sub> and Cd, one of the PM components, can increase inflammatory biomarkers ICAM-1 and CD11b in brain endothelium-derived bEnd.3 cells, and monocyte U937 cells, respectively. We also investigated the mechanisms for the PM<sub>2.5</sub>- and Cd-induced ICAM-1 expression in bEnd.3 cells.

The treatment with traffic and residential PM<sub>2.5</sub> induced ICAM-1 expression in bEnd.3 cells possibly through p38 and ERK signaling pathways, and induced CD11b in U937 cells in a concentration-dependent manner. The treatment with 30  $\mu$ M Cd, one of the PM components, induced apoptotic bEnd.3 cell death and p38 MAPK activation, and the cell death induced by Cd was blocked by p38 MAPK inhibitor SB202190. The treatment with 3  $\mu$ M of Cd increased the expression of ICAM-1 at the level of protein and mRNA, and these increases were almost completely inhibited by a specific NF- $\kappa$ B inhibitor SN50. The treatment with Cd induced the translocation of NF- $\kappa$ B from cytosolic to membrane fraction and increased DNA binding activity of NF- $\kappa$ B and tyrosine phosphorylation of I $\kappa$ B $\alpha$ , while Cd did not alter the degradation of I $\kappa$ B $\alpha$ . In summary, this study suggests that traffic and residential PM<sub>2.5</sub> may cause cerebrovascular inflammation through p38 and ERK pathways.

Cd has dual effects in bEnd.3 cells according to concentrations; 1) low concentration (3  $\mu$ M) of Cd stimulates ICAM-1 expression, via NF- $\kappa$ B activation mediated by tyrosine phosphorylation of I $\kappa$ B $\alpha$ , 2) high concentration (30  $\mu$ M) of Cd induces apoptotic cell death via p38 MAPK activation.



### Particulate matter (PM)

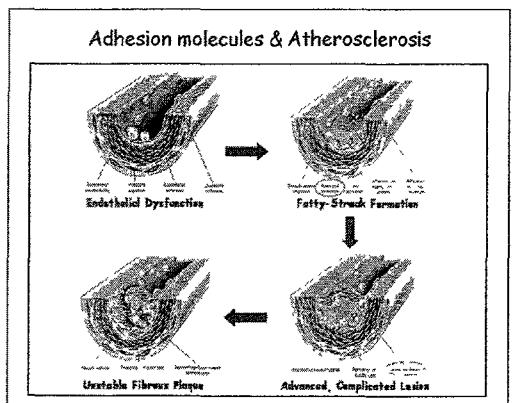
- PM is characterised by particle size (aerodynamic diameter)
  - Coarse particles - PM<sub>10</sub>: 10µm > particles > 2.5 µm
  - Fine particles - PM<sub>2.5</sub>: 2.5 µm > particles
  - Ultrafine particle - 0.1 µm > particles
- particulate mass
- composition
  - polyaromatic hydrocarbons
  - heavy metals
- the presence of biogenic components
  - endotoxins, pollen, bacteria, viruses
- other factors

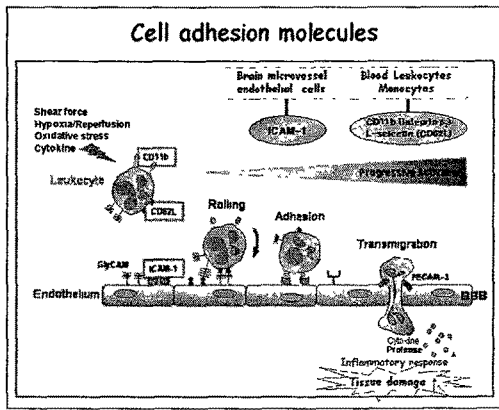
### Particulate matter (PM)

- PM 2.5 induced significant increases (in a concentration- and time-dependent manner) in protein secretion and/or gene expression of inflammatory cytokines, such as TNF-α, IL-1β, GM-CSF in human epithelial lung cells (Dagher Z *et al.* 2005)
- PM increased mortality and morbidity rates related to pulmonary and cardiovascular systems (Pope CA *et al.* 2000)
- PM2.5- and PM10-induced oxidative stress in rat lung epithelial cells (Choi JH *et al.* 2004)
- Exposed PM2.5 are associated with decreased heart rate variability (HRV) (Park SK *et al.* 2009)
- PM exposure leads to local pulmonary vascular inflammation/microvascular thrombosis and systemic endothelial changes resulting in altered myocardial contractility (Frampton MW *et al.* 2001)

### Particulate matter (PM)

- PM increase biomarkers of inflammation in mouse brain (Campbell A *et al.* 2005)
- Air pollutants are significantly associated with ischemia stroke mortality, which suggests an acute pathology process in the cerebrovascular system induced by air pollution (Hong YC *et al.* 2002)
- Association between exposure to air pollutant and hospital admissions for stroke (Tsu SS *et al.* 2003)
- Alzheimer's disease may be the sequela of air pollutant exposures and the resulting systemic inflammation (Calderon-Garciduenas L *et al.* 2003)
- A portal of entry into the CNS for solid UFP (< PM0.1µM), circumventing the tight blood-brain barrier (Oberdorster G *et al.* 2004)

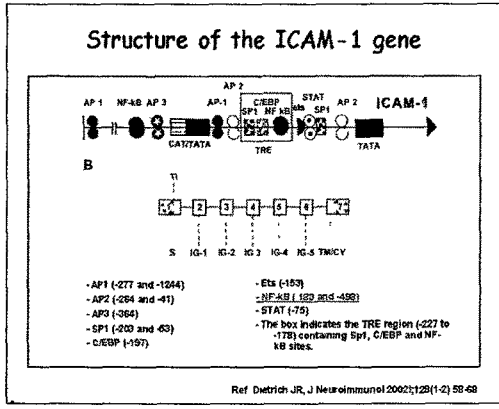




### Cell adhesion molecules

<p><b>Ig-Superfamily</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Various roles in cell adhesion</li> <li>Up ligand for ligands</li> <li>ICAM-1 (CD54)</li> <li>ICAM-2 (CD102)</li> <li>ICAM-3 (CD106)</li> <li>PECAM-1 (CD31)</li> <li>MAdCAM-1</li> </ul>	<p><b>Selectin Family</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Binds to carbohydrates</li> <li>In leukocyte and endothelial interactions</li> <li>L-Selectin (CD64)</li> <li>P-Selectin (CD62P)</li> <li>E-Selectin (CD62E)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Integrin Family</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bind to cell adhesion molecules and extracellular matrix</li> <li>Strong adhesion</li> <li>CD11c/CD18 (Mac-1, ICAM-2)</li> <li>CD11b/CD18 (Mac-1, ICAM-1)</li> <li>CD11a/CD18 (LFA-1)</li> <li>CD11d/CD18 (LFA-3)</li> <li>CD11e/CD18 (LFA-3, ICAM-1)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Cadherin Complex</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Participate in cell-cell adhesion and recognition</li> <li>E-Cadherin (desmosome/catenin complex)</li> <li>V-Cadherin</li> <li>P-Cadherin</li> <li>N-Cadherin</li> <li>EP-Cadherin</li> <li>M-Cadherin</li> </ul>

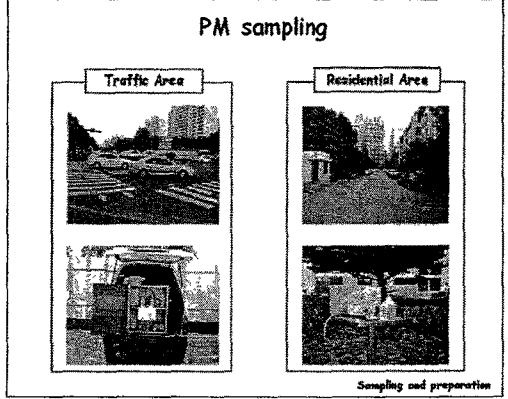
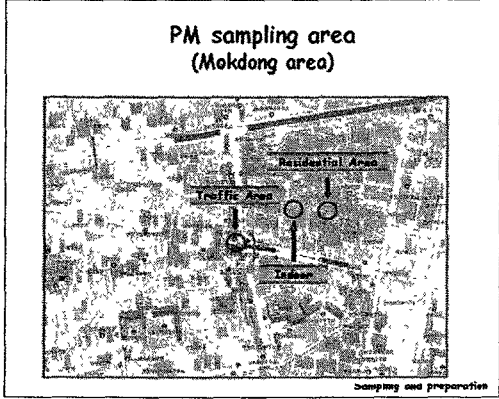
Ref: Christian F et al. AJH 2002; 14: 440-445

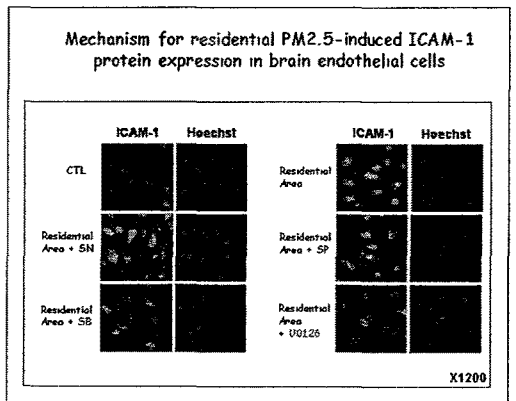
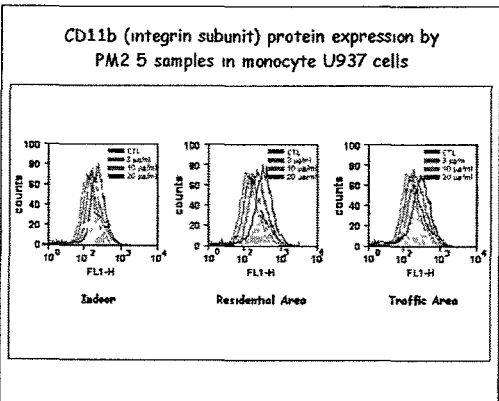
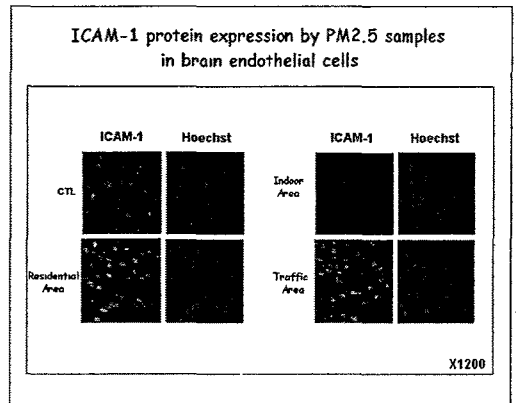
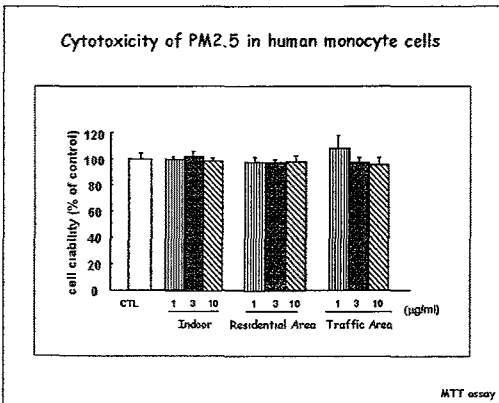
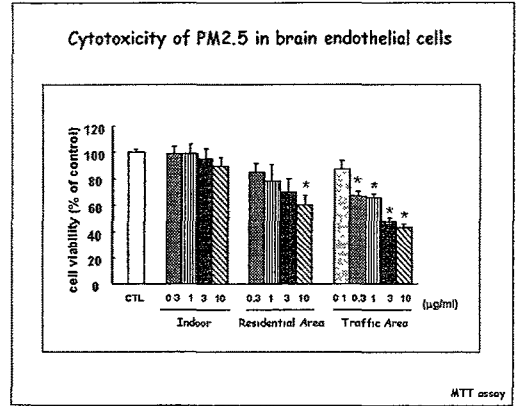
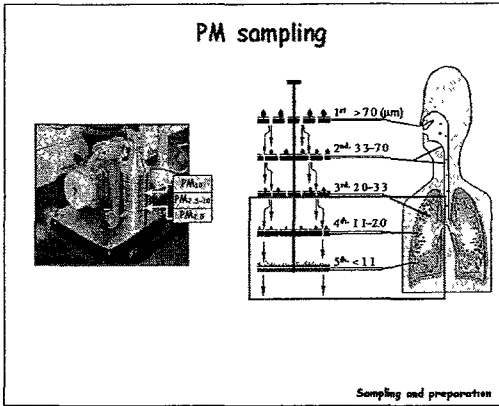


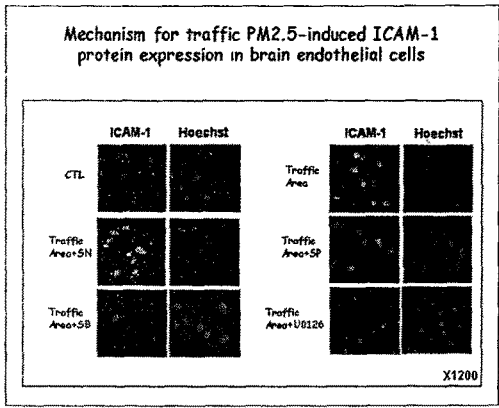
### Integrins

- Tissue distribution**  
Monocytes, T-cells, macrophages, neutrophils, dendritic cells
- Bind to adhesion molecules**  
: ICAM-1, VCAM-1

Integrins (Mac-1)



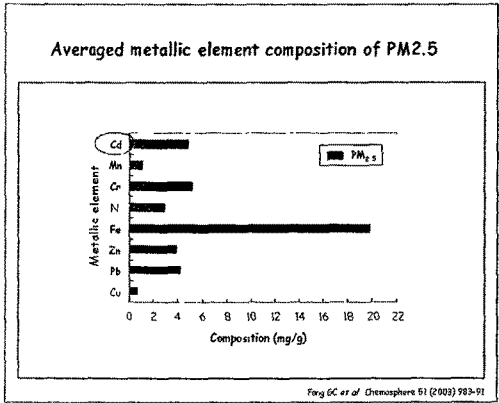




### Cerebrovascular toxicity of PM2.5

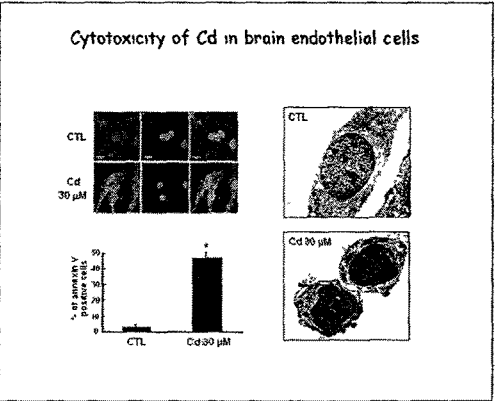
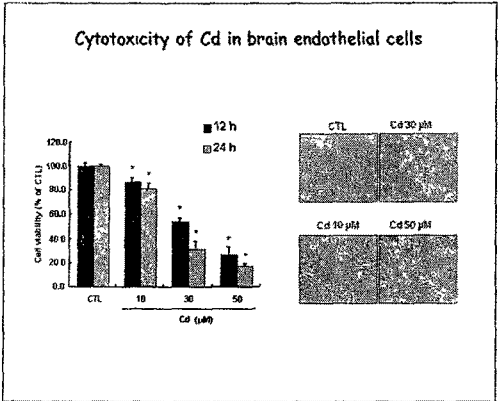
- Residential and traffic area PM2.5 indicated cytotoxicity in bEnd.3 cells, but not U937 cells.
- Inflammatory factor (ICAM-1, CD11b) expression increased by residential and traffic area PM2.5 in bEnd.3 cells and U937 cells.
- Residential and traffic area PM2.5-induced ICAM-1 expression in bEnd.3 cells may involve p38 and ERK MAPK signalling pathway.
- Traffic area > Residential area > Indoor

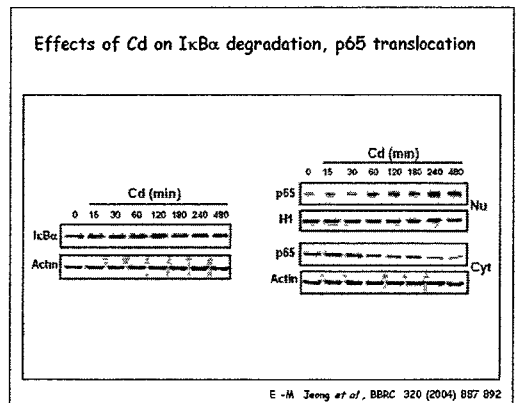
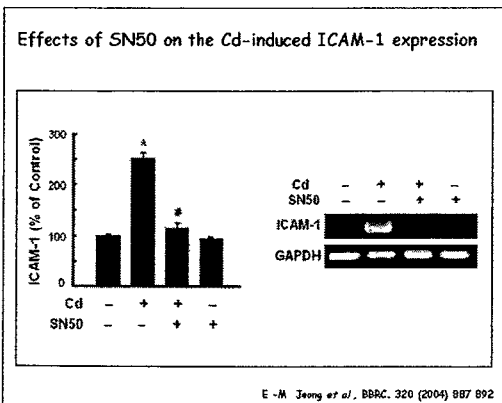
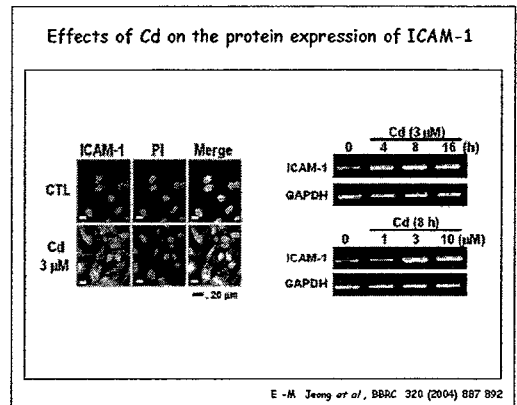
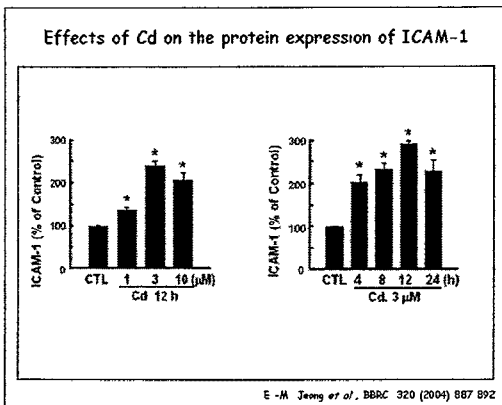
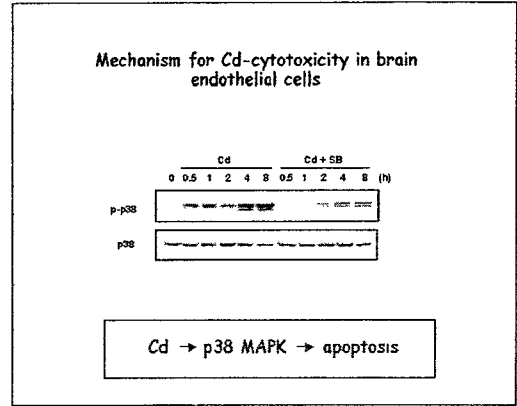
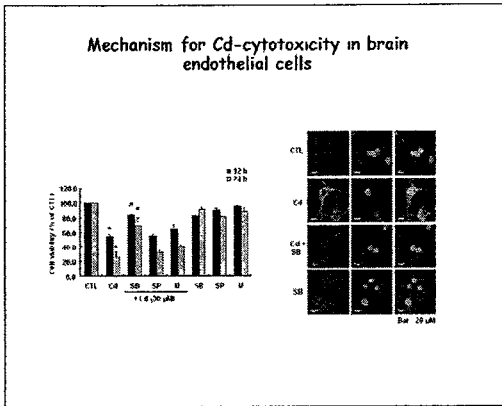
PM2.5 (R, T) → p38, ERK → ICAM-1 → Inflammation

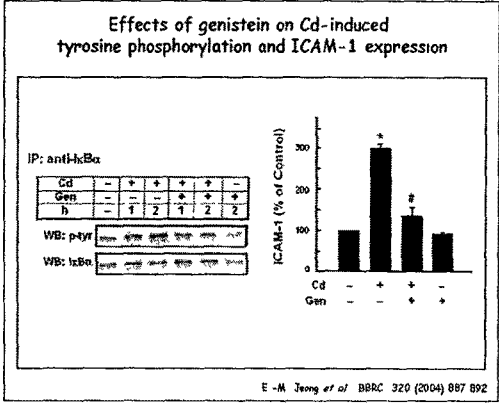
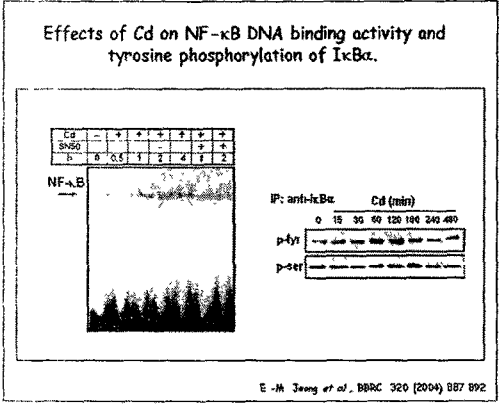


### Cadmium (Cd)

- ❖ Environmental pollutants including heavy metals are known to cause inflammations in various tissues (Fritchard KA et al. *J Environ Pathol Toxicol Oncol* 2000 19 251-260)
- ❖ Cadmium plays a pivotal role in inflammatory response (Soering PL et al. *In Vitro Mol Toxicol* 2000 13 325-36)
- ❖ Chronic exposure to cadmium causes central nerve system disorders (Wanani A et al. *Brain research* 2001 894 336-39)
- ❖ Chronic exposure to Cadmium has been demonstrated to cause a higher risk of cerebrovascular mortality and stroke (Elliott P et al. *Occup environ med* 2000 57 94-97)
- ❖ Cadmium accumulates the out-side of BBB (Takeda A et al. *Brain Res Bull* 1999 49(6) 453-7)
- ❖ Cadmium increases the BBB permeability, resulting in severe pathologies of the central nervous system (CNS) (Shukla A et al. *Hum Exp Toxicol* 1996 15 400-405)







### Cerebrovascular toxicity of Cd - dual effect -

- Low concentration of Cd stimulates the expression of ICAM-1 in bEnd.3 cells, via NF-κB activation that is mediated by the tyrosine phosphorylation of IκBα.
- High concentration of Cd induces apoptotic cell death of bEnd 3 cells, via p38 MAPK.

Low conc Cd → NFκB → ICAM-1 → Inflammation  
High conc Cd → p38 MAPK → apoptosis

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