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3 **Supplementary Figure-1. Immunostaining negative control.** Human spermatozoa
4 sample was treated as detailed in material and methods section, but the step of adding of
5 the primary antibody was omitted. A) Panel in blue depicts the nuclei of 2 different human
6 spermatozoa stained with DAPI. B) Panel shows the FITC signal (not staining is
7 appreciated). C) Panel shows the images obtained using the phase contrast objective. D)
8 Panel shows the merge of all images. Scale bar in white: 5 μm .

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10 **Supplementary Figure-2. Effect of YK 3-237 on human sperm functional**
11 **parameters.** Human spermatozoa were incubated up to 6 hours at 37°C in capacitating
12 conditions (BWW-modified medium supplemented with HCO_3^- 25 mM and BSA 26
13 mg/mL) in presence or absence of YK 3-237 (10 μM). Measurement was performed after
14 1 and 6 hours (A-D) or for 6 hours (E-F). A) Histograms represent the percentage of live
15 spermatozoa (SYBR⁺/PI⁻). B) Histograms represent the percentage of live spermatozoa
16 with acrosome reacted or damaged (PNA⁺/PI). C) Histograms represent the percentage
17 of the sperm population exhibiting high mitochondrial membrane potential (MMP). D)
18 Histograms represent the percentage of spermatozoa with high mitochondrial superoxide
19 anion (MitoSOX) production. Light blue bars represent control conditions whereas dark
20 blue bar represent YK 3-237 treatment. Values represent the mean \pm SEM of at least 6
21 independent experiments. Data were analyzed statistically by one-way analysis of
22 variance (ANOVA). No statistical differences were found. E) A representative western
23 blot using anti-4-hydroxynonenal (HNE4) antibody of human spermatozoa incubated for
24 6 hours at 37°C in in presence or absence of YK 3-237 (10 μM). F) Western blots were
25 analyzed using Image Lab (n=3). Histograms represent the average \pm SEM. For
26 comparison between blots, pixels for each lane were quantified and normalized using the
27 control lane as reference. Data were analyzed statistically by one-way analysis of variance
28 (ANOVA). No statistical differences were found.

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