Table 2: CK leakage during the first 2 hours of reoxygenation and MTT reduction at the end of the reoxygenation period of right atrial muscles (n=6/group) after 90 minutes of simulated ischaemia/reoxygenation (SI/R) in the presence and absence of the caspase-3 inhibitor z.DEVD.FMK (70nM). NS= not significant versus corresponding group without z.DEVD.FMK.

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