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## Expression Profile of a Clonal Insulin-Expressing Epithelial Cell in the Thymus

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### Abstract

**Background**—Type 1 Diabetes is an autoimmune disease resulting from the destruction of pancreatic beta-cells. One of the main antigens targeted in this auto reactive response is insulin. It has been shown that insulin is expressed in small amounts in the thymus, and more specifically in the medullary thymic epithelial cells (mTECs), which also express a variety of other tissue-specific antigens. This thymic expression enables the maintenance of self-tolerance, and is essential in preventing auto-immune disease. Our laboratory has created a mouse mTEC clonal cell line specifically expressing insulin in order to better understand the regulatory mechanisms of this ectopic expression of insulin. In this study, we compared the insulin expressing cell line to an insulin non-expressing mTEC line by genome-wide expression profiling.

**Results**—The most important difference was overexpression of CD34 in the insulin expressing clone, confirmed by Real-time Rt-PCR and flow cytometry. Cells in the thymus expressing higher levels of CD34 were found to contain higher levels of insulin and, to a lesser extent, Aire, a master regulator of self-antigen expression in the thymus. The cells expressing CD34 were not enriched in CD80, a known mTEC maturity marker.

**Conclusion**—CD34 may be a specific marker for functionality, with some specificity for insulin.

### Keywords

Autoimmunity; Ifn- $\gamma$ ; Insulin; mTEC; Self-antigens; Thymus; Tnf-

## BACKGROUND

Type 1 diabetes (T1D) is caused by an autoimmune response against the beta cells of the pancreas, which results in the disruption of production of insulin in the body. This

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### Competing Interests

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### Contributions of Authors

DL carried out the RNA extractions and sample preparations for the microarray experiment, microarray analysis, confirmation of expression of CD34, and all subsequent FACS and isolation experiments and Real-time PCR quantifications. DL drafted the manuscript. CP conceived the study, participated in its design, supervised the microarray analysis, and participated in the drafting and editing of the manuscript. All authors have read and approved the final manuscript.

autoimmune response is thought to be directed against insulin, an important antigen in type 1 diabetes (Janeway et al., 2001). It has previously been shown that small amounts of insulin are expressed in the thymus (Chentoufi et al., 2004; Derbinski et al., 2001). This has also been found to be true for a large number and variety of other tissue-specific antigen (Derbinski et al., 2001). As the thymus, through the action of the medullary thymic epithelial cells (mTECs), is the site for negative selection of self-reactive T cells, this ectopic expression is believed to be essential in this purging process. The level of insulin expression in the human thymus is inversely correlated to susceptibility to type 1 diabetes, as a genetic variant determining lower insulin expression in the thymus confers susceptibility (Vafiadis et al., 1997). Furthermore, the number of functional insulin gene copies in the mouse thymus, inversely correlates to levels of insulin auto-reactive T cells in circulation (Chentoufi and Polychronakos, 2002) and, against the NOD background, diabetes (Thebault-Baumont et al., 2003). The expression of insulin, as well as the level at which it is being expressed, are essential components to establishing and maintaining self-tolerance to this particular antigen. In particular, the lack of expression of insulin specifically and only in the thymus leads to an autoimmune response, and has been demonstrated in a mouse model (Fan et al., 2009). It is now known that the specific location of this distinct expression pattern in the thymus is the medullary epithelial cells (Derbinski et al., 2001). They express a variety of self antigens at low levels, representing many tissues. This unusual expression pattern has been termed “promiscuous” gene expression, in reference to the atypical pattern of genes expressed in this one cell type (Derbinski et al., 2001). Transcription of insulin in the pancreas is known to depend on the transcription factor Pdx1, while in the thymus it has no effect on insulin’s transcription (Palumbo et al., 2006; Danso-Abeam et al., 2013). This lack of dependency on a known regulator of insulin expression in the pancreas demonstrates a distinctive regulatory mechanism in the thymus for this gene.

This regulatory mechanisms that underlies “promiscuous” gene expression are only starting to be uncovered. The AIRE regulator is known to be essential for the expression of a number of self-antigens in the medullary thymic epithelial cells (mTECs) (Anderson et al., 2002). AIRE is mutated in the APECED syndrome (Ahonen, 1985; Nagamine et al., 1997), characterized by a multi-organ autoimmunity including T1D in 10–20% of cases. Additionally, mice lacking the Aire gene, show similar autoimmune responses in numerous organs, and have drastically decreased levels of expression of self antigens in the thymus, including insulin (Anderson et al., 2002). The precise molecular mechanism of Aire action on these genes in the mTECs is not yet entirely known. Recent studies have uncovered binding partners for Aire, enabling a broader understanding of the mechanism by which it induces tissue specific transcription in the thymus (Abramson et al., 2010). Furthermore, the transcription of tissue specific antigens in the thymus is regulated through different mechanisms than those used by the usual tissues where they are expressed (Villasenor et al., 2008). Therefore, uncovering these mechanisms and Aire binding partner function is key in understanding of this aberrant transcription of self-antigens.

Aire has also been shown to correlate with a known maturity marker, CD80, in mTECs (Derbinski et al., 2005). The epithelium of the thymic medulla is comprised of a gradient of maturity levels, whereby not all cells are in the same stage of development. mTECs that are more mature express higher levels of the co-stimulating molecule CD80, as well as Aire (Derbinski et al., 2005). This in turn, leads to higher levels, as well as a wider range, of antigen expression. Therefore, the maturity and development of mTECs have a strong impact on the final expression levels of self-antigens, and ultimately the preservation of self-tolerance.

Only a small proportion of all mTECs express insulin (1–3%, although a value as high as 15% has been reported by Villasenor, 2008) and it is thought that each antigen is represented by, on average, 0.5% mTECs (Anderson et al., 2005; Derbinski et al., 2001). In our laboratory, we have generated a clonal cell line from the medullary thymic epithelium, whereby we can assess insulin-expressing mTECs specifically, as opposed to thymic aggregates used in this field of study (Levi and Polychronakos, 2009; Palumbo et al., 2006). To better understand what makes these cells distinct, we profiled gene expression by microarray of an insulin-expressing clone and one insulin-non-expressing clone. While a few genes were found to be overexpressed in either clone, the outstanding gene that was found to be significantly higher in the insulin-expressing clone was CD34.

## METHODS

### Microarray

The microarray was performed on RNA extracted (Rneasy Plus Kit, Qiagen, Netherlands) in triplicate from sets of cultured mTECs, either insulin expressing (INS(+)) or insulin non-expressing (INS(-)) clones described in (Palumbo et al., 2006). An Illumina microarray chip (Mouse WG-6 v2.0) was used for expression comparisons. We assessed expression in three biological replicates (separate cultures).

### Microarray Statistics

The data from the microarray chip were analysed with FlexArray software (<http://genomequebec.mcgill.ca/FlexArray/license.php>). They were normalized using the lumi Bioconductor package for Illumina chips. The two clones were then compared by t-test, with false-discovery rate (FDR) correction. Of those that passed the FDR threshold of  $q < 0.001$ , only genes above a fold change of 1.15 in the INS(+) or INS(-) were kept for further analysis. The fold change cutoff of 1.15 was chosen based on literature indicating that thymic expression of tissue specific antigens is much more subtle than that in the tissue specifically expressing them (Vafiadis 1997, Derbinski 2001).

### Chromosomal Clustering

The chromosomal positions of significant ( $q < 0.001$ ) tissue specific genes was determined and distances between the genes were calculated. The distribution of distances was evaluated for clustering, using the sum of the inverse of distances between consecutive genes on the same chromosome.

$$\sum_{i=1}^n 1/l_i$$

where  $n$  is the number of pairs of consecutive genes on the same chromosome genome-wide and  $l_i$  the distance between the 5' ends of the two genes of the  $i$ th pair. This metric is sensitive to two or more genes clustering together, additive between chromosomes and minimally penalized by the effect of long distances between clusters or isolated genes. Its statistical significance was tested against a distribution created by randomizing the gene positions on the Illumina array probe coordinates 10,000 times.

### Tissue Specificity

The significant genes above the 1.15 fold change were assessed for tissue specificity. The expression profile of the 74 genes was found on BioGPS ([biogps.org](http://biogps.org)) using the MOE430 data set. For each gene, tissue specificity was called if levels of expression of 10 times the

median were found in less than 5 tissues, as has been defined in previous literature (Derbinski et al., 2005).

### Primary mTEC Extraction

B16 mice were purchased from Jackson Laboratories (Maine, USA) at 6 weeks of age. Ten mice were sacrificed per experiment and the thymus dissected and placed in PBS. The thymus was cut into quarters or smaller sections, and gently agitated in PBS with a magnetic stirrer to liberate the thymocytes. The PBS was decanted and the thymus sections were covered with 1ml of Collagenase/Dispase and DnaseI (Roche, Mannheim, Germany) solution at a concentration of 125ug/ml and 100ug/ml respectively. The digestion was completed after two sets of 30 minutes, removing the supernatant and adding fresh solution in between the sets. The digested thymus was then centrifuged on a Percoll density gradient at 3700 rpm for 30 minutes (Amersham Biosciences, Uppsala, Sweden), as described in (Chentoufi et al., 2004), and the mTEC fraction was collected and pelleted by centrifugation at 1800rpm for 10 minutes. These studies were approved by the Animal Care Committee of McGill University.

### Antibodies and Sorting

All flow cytometry markers were purchased from eBioscience (San Diego, USA) with the exception of UEA-1, which was from Vector Laboratories (Burlingame, USA). The eBioscience Fixable Viability dye eFluor780 was used to assess cell death, and all dead cells were excluded from the pool to be sorted. MTECs were specifically sorted out by negative bone marrow cell markers and positive mTEC markers as described in (Derbinski et al., 2001): CD45lo/UEA-1+/EpCAM+/CD34hi and CD45lo/UEA-1+/EpCAM+/CD34lo separately. Thresholds for CD34 hi and lo was set with a fluorescence minus one (FMO) method, allowing to mark the appropriate gates for the population sort. This method eliminated any background in the positive population.

### RNA and Real-Time QPCR

RNA from each subset of sorted cells was extracted by RnAqueous-Micro Kit (Invitrogen, Carlsbad, USA) and reverse-transcribed with Superscript II (Invitrogen, Carlsbad, USA). Real-time PCR was performed using ABI Taqman probes for 18S, Insulin, Aire and CD80 (Applied Biosystems, Foster City, USA).

### Flow cytometry

B16 mice were euthanized at 6 weeks of age, and treated as described above. The mTEC fraction was then stained for CD45lo/UEA-1+/EpCAM+/CD34/CD80. The results were the analysed using FlowJo software.

## RESULTS

### Microarray

An mTEC cultured cell line expressing insulin (INS(+)) and mTEC cell line not expressing insulin (INS(-)) as a control were compared by microarray expression profiling. When comparing the two cell lines, 1914 genes were found to be significant at a q-value lower than 0.001 by the false-discovery method (Table 1) (Hochberg and Benjamini, 1990). Out of these genes 74 were found to be above a 1.15 fold change threshold in overexpression or underexpression in the INS(+) clone. The INS(+) clone had 31 genes overexpressed (Table 1A) while the INS(-) overexpressed the other 43 genes (Table 1B).

## Chromosomal Clustering

There have been reports in the literature that tissue-specific antigens in mTECs could be clustering on chromosomal locations, possibly for a locus-control transcriptional regulatory mechanism (Derbinski et al., 2005; Johnnidis et al., 2005)). Although the genes that were found to be differentially expressed in the Derbinski et al study were much higher in number, our results show fewer genes as the comparison is of two single clones. It was still important to assess whether these genes were clustering in chromosomal locations as this could be an important regulatory mechanism for their transcription. The location for the significantly overexpressed tissue specific genes was found and distances between the genes were calculated. The minimal distance found between genes was approximately 4 Mb. Therefore, we found no evidence for clustering in the differentially expressed genes in these cell lines.

## Tissue Specificity

Out of the 74 significantly overexpressed genes assessed, 30 were found to be tissue specific by the BioGPS expression data (Table 1). Various tissues were represented collectively by the 30 tissue specific genes. (Figure 1).

## Overexpressed genes

The gene with the highest significance ( $q=0.001$ ,  $p=8.31E-10$ ) in the microarray analysis, is CD34. This gene was identified as a hematopoietic stem cell maker used most commonly in bone marrow (Simmons et al., 1992) and other types of transplants (Takami et al.). Its function, or even expression, have not until now been examined in the thymus epithelium.

The TXNIP and RPS4Y2 genes were both overexpressed in the insulin non- expressing clone, and are currently known as a tumor suppressor gene (Zhou et al.) and a male specific Y-linked ribosomal protein (Skaletsky et al., 2003), respectively. Their function in the medullary epithelial cells has not been documented, although RPS4Y2 was found to be tissue specific by our criteria, and is most likely expressed as a tissue antigen.

The next most significant gene is Tmem223, a little-studied gene of unknown function. It is overexpressed in the insulin positive clone, and was not found to be tissue specific by our criteria.

Following were DDX3Y and GCAP26, none were found to be tissue specific by our given criteria. DDX3Y was overexpressed in the negative clone and is a highly conserved gene encoding an RNA-helicase that belongs to a large family of helicases (DEAD box helicases). The GCAP26 gene, also known as Spock2, is only known to encode a proteoglycan, but its function has not yet been described. The group that cloned the protein, calling it KIAA0275, found a high expression by Northern blot in the thymus, along with the brain and peripheral leukocytes (Nagase et al., 1996). GCAP26 is overexpressed in the insulin positive clone.

Genes found by the Abramson group to be involved in the regulatory mechanism of self antigen expression and interact with Aire, DNA-PK, TOP2A, and PARP1 were specifically assessed for over or underexpression in our microarray analysis results (Abramson et al. 2010) The fold changes seen in these three genes were minimal and not statistically significant.

## Transcription Factors

The 74 significant genes were assessed for possible functions in transcriptional regulation. Out of the 74 genes, 10 genes were found to be transcription factors; FoxJ2, HOXA7, and NKX2-3, NDN, SUPT16H, POU3F1, HR, EGR1, HOXA5, and FOS.

## CD34

We confirmed the overexpression of CD34 found in the microarray by quantitative real-time PCR (Figure 2), showing higher expression in the insulin positive clone by four orders of magnitude ( $p < 0.01$ ). This was also confirmed by FACS, with higher CD34 staining in the insulin positive clone.

## CD34lo vs. CD34hi Cells

To further investigate the possible role of CD34 and its higher expression in the insulin positive clone, we sorted primary mTECs enriched from a pool of mouse thymi, into CD34 high expressing (CD34hi) and CD34non-expressing or low expressing (CD34lo) samples. Cells positive for mTEC markers (CD45lo/EpCAM+/UEA-1+) were sorted into CD34hi and CD34lo. The CD34hi cells had a higher insulin expression level ( $p = 0.049$ ) (Figure 3). This also correlated to a significantly higher level of Aire ( $p = 0.024$ ) (Figure 4), but not higher CD80 expression (data not shown).

## CD34hi Expressing Cells

To further characterize the CD34 gene in the thymus, the cells expressing it in higher levels were analysed by FACS. MTECs were isolated from mouse thymi, as mentioned above, and stained for CD45lo/EpCAM+/UEA-1+ expression, in addition to CD34 and CD80 (Figure 5A). The proportions of mTECs expressing CD34, CD80 or both were then assessed (Figure 5B). Cells primarily expressed CD80 alone, with 42% ( $\pm 0.5\%$ ) of the mTEC population. CD34 alone was found in 17% ( $\pm 0.7\%$ ) of mTECs, while CD34+/CD80+ double positives were found in 2% ( $\pm 1.5\%$ ) of the population.

## CONCLUSIONS

Studies on specific thymic antigen expression and its regulation have largely been hampered by the lack of a clonal system to study individual cells. As different mTEC lineages express specific antigens, studying the whole mTEC population is nearly impossible to discern how many antigens, as well as which ones, are expressed by a particular mTEC individually. Therefore, the creation of an in vitro model for this type of study was necessary to truly demonstrate the expression profiles of specific cells. As we currently have such an in vitro model for insulin (as well as one that does not express insulin), it was of great importance to compare the expression profiles of these two cell lines, using an expression microarray.

The 30 tissue specific genes out of the significantly overexpressed genes did not cluster on chromosomes, which is at variance with one report that has claimed that overexpressed genes in mTECs tend to cluster (Derbinski et al., 2005). However, their comparison was of mTEC pools with other subsets of thymic cells, such as cortical thymic epithelial cells, or dendritic cells (Derbinski et al., 2005). Our comparison of two clones focuses on one cell lineage and would have been more powerful to detect such clustering. Although this specificity simultaneously limits us to one antigen (insulin) and only one clone that expresses it, it is of considerable importance to be able to discern the expression profiles and in turn the regulatory mechanisms of one mTEC. Due to the vast ectopic thymic antigen expression in whole thymus, this would allow us to pinpoint the exact set of antigens that are being represented by a particular mTEC lineage. We hypothesize that, beyond the general control by AIRE, additional regulatory mechanisms are specific for each antigen. If this

specific expression profile is characterized for one cell, it can further aid in the elucidation of a regulatory mechanism that can be applied to other mTECs. Therefore, our analysis centered on tissue-specific antigens and genes encoding proteins with potential for regulating transcription.

Of these 74 genes, 30 were found to be tissue specific; 15 were overexpressed in the insulin expressing clone, and the other 15 in the insulin non-expressing clone. This demonstrates that each cell can have a specific profile of antigens that it expresses with some degree of exclusivity. Our findings do not rule out overlap but simply indicate that the profile of each mTEC may be different. However, more in vitro clones with varying specificities would be needed to assess this particular hypothesis.

CD34 was the gene that was overexpressed in the insulin positive clone by the largest margin. Although the few genes that were found to be overexpressed in either clone may be poorly characterized, or simply not characterized at all for the thymus, they may act either as tissue antigens or perhaps even have some type of regulatory role related to the insulin expression. Their exact function in the thymus, and more specifically in the mTEC clones, still need to be clarified. Therefore, more detailed research into their actions specifically in the thymus is needed. As CD34 was the highest hit on the list, we chose to further explore its role in the thymus.

When mTECs expressing high levels of CD34 were sorted and compared to those that did not express it, or expressed it at low levels, insulin was found to be expressed at much higher levels. This corroborates the microarray data, and it shows the correlation of CD34 and insulin as process that is happening in vivo in the thymic environment. As Aire is also upregulated in these CD34hi cells, it may point to a type of functionality marker, whereby Aire is expressed at a higher level and is regulating antigens, such as insulin, by increasing their expression as well. Whether CD34 is simply a marker or if it plays a direct role in a regulation of negative selection, remains to be determined. In endothelial cells, it attracts adhesion by interacting with L-selectin expressed in T-lymphocytes, a major mechanism for targeting T-cells to the lymph nodes (Baumheler et al., 1993). If its expression in mTECs plays a similar role, this would mediate preferential interaction of Ins<sup>+</sup> mTECs with thymocytes undergoing negative selection, indicating a privileged role of insulin among promiscuously expressed antigens. If a hierarchy of importance among self-antigens exists, insulin would appear to have a privileged position.

Cells in the thymus express CD80 as a maturity marker, and mTECs with higher CD80 are noted for the increase in Aire levels as well as transcription of antigens (Derbinski et al., 2005). In our study, primary mTECs expressing CD80 were found to be mainly independent of CD34 expression. mTECs were found to express in highest proportions either one or the other marker separately, with a small subset of cells expressing both CD34 and CD80. This demonstrates the probability that CD34 may be a marker for specific functions, possibly even thymic insulin expression, through a mechanism independent of mTEC maturation for which CD80 is a marker. Insulin was found to be expressed in 1–3% of all mTECs in the thymus and could potentially correspond to the numbers we have seen with CD34 and CD80 co-expression (Chentoufi et al., 2004). Because of the low number (2%) of CD34hi cells within the primary mTEC total population, it is difficult to isolate and characterize them. However, future studies addressing this technical problem are justified, as they might result in interesting insights into the possibility of CD34 being a marker for specific antigens in mTECs, such as insulin. This could in turn open up significantly easier avenues for isolating and further studying specific antigens in the thymus.

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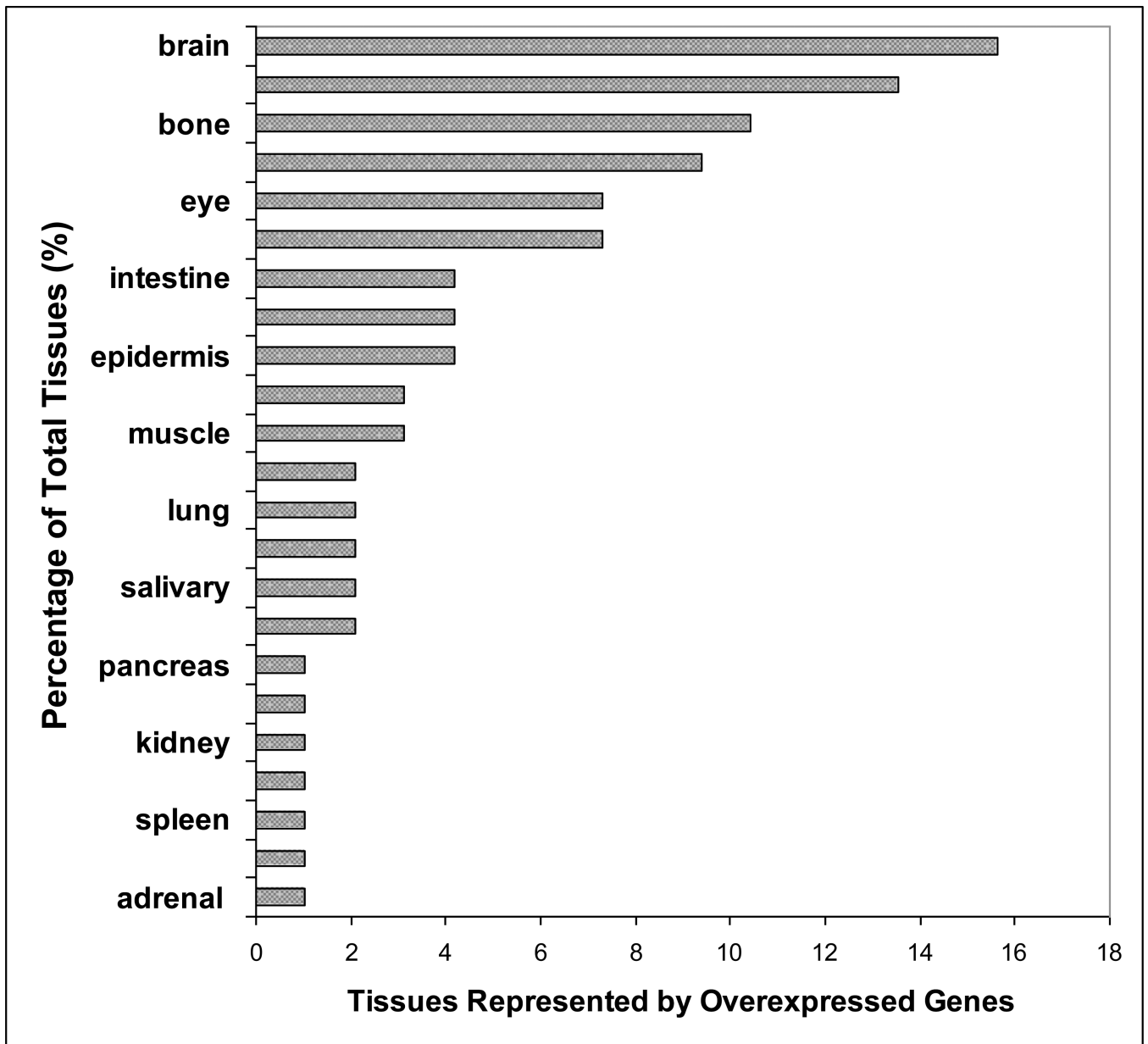
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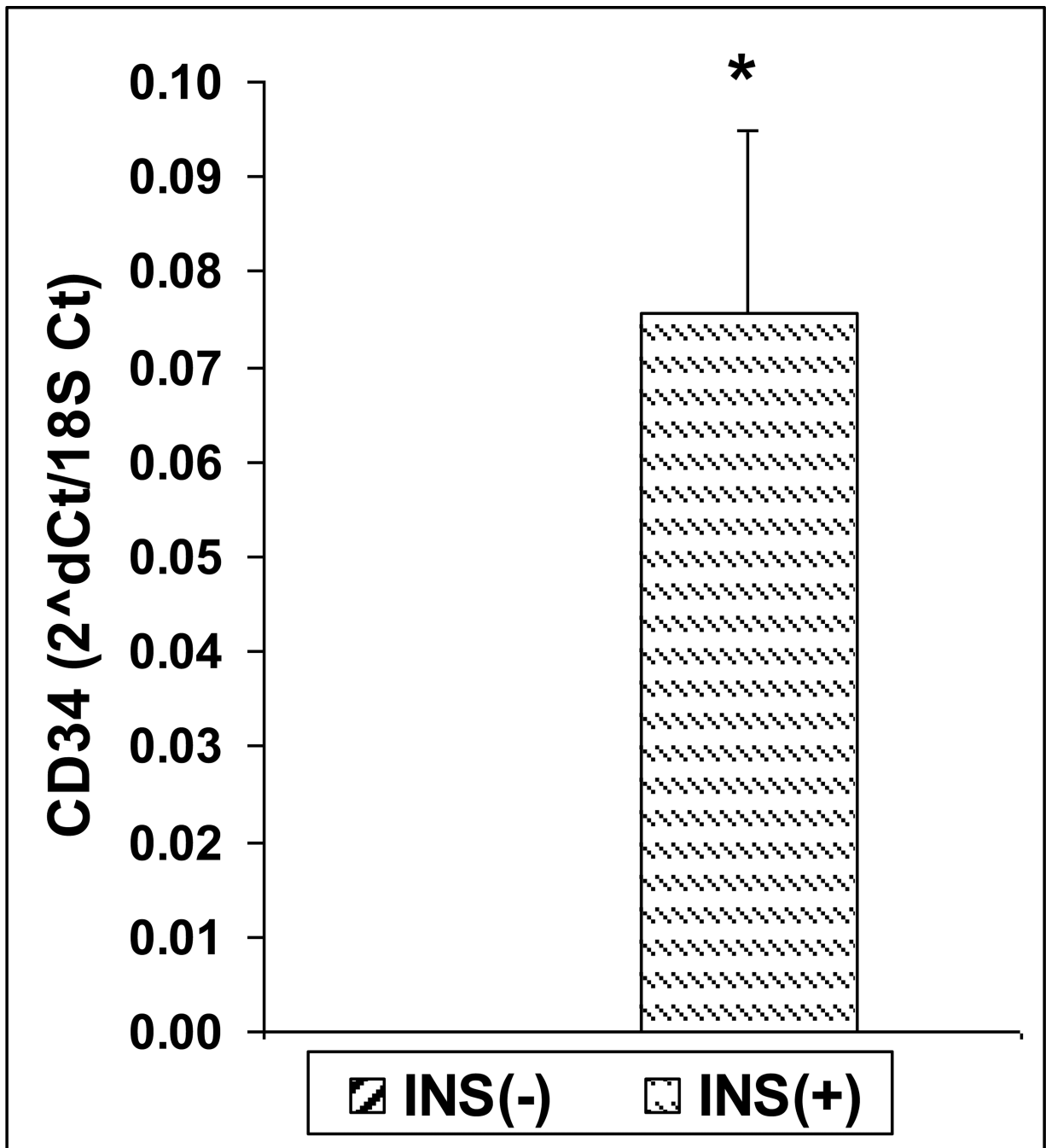
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### Highlights

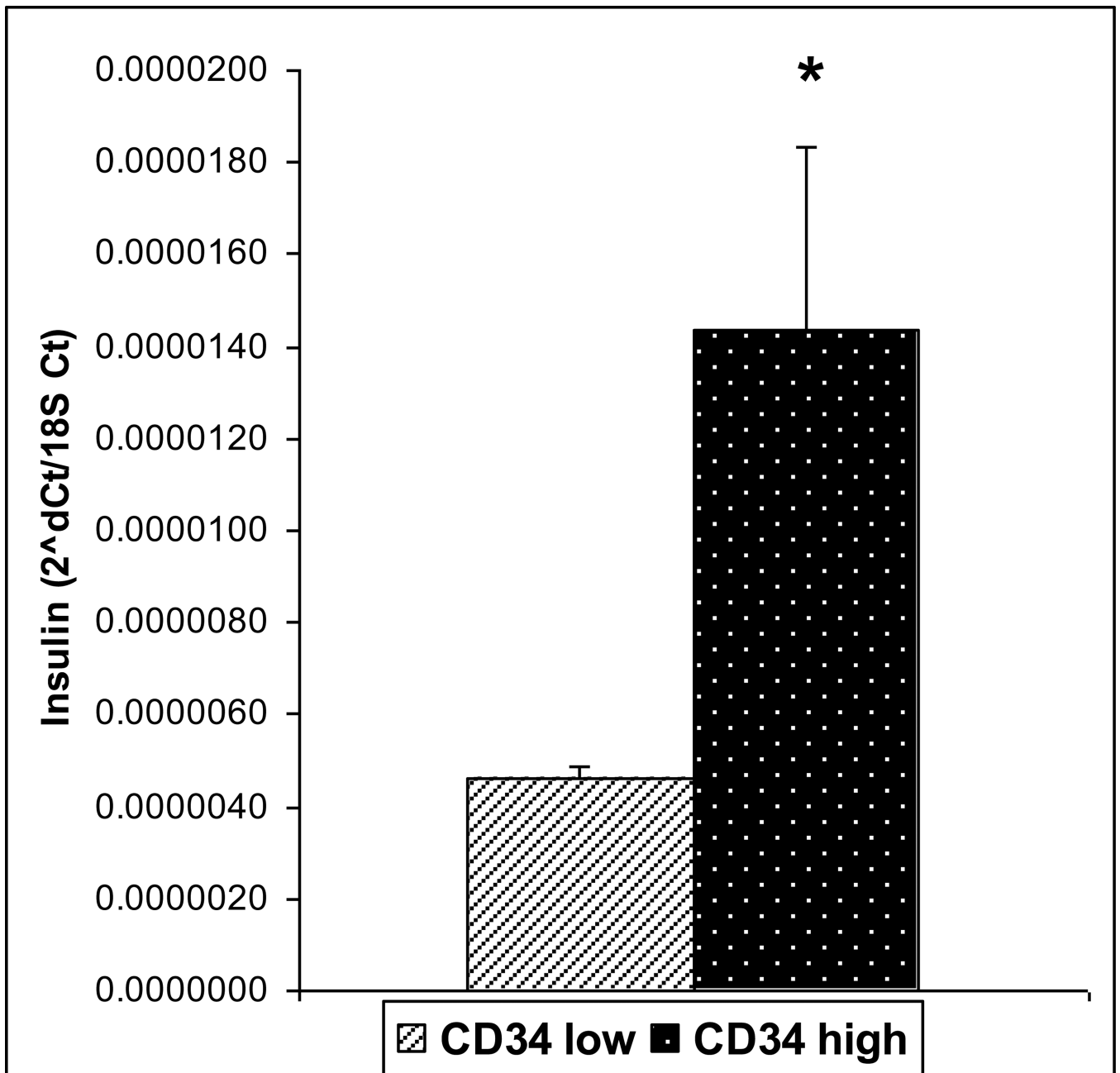
- Expression of insulin by specialized cells in the thymus epithelium is needed for self-tolerance.
- We compared the gene-expression profile of a clonal insulin-expressing thymus epithelial cell line, with one that did not express insulin.
- Numerous genes were found to be differentially expressed, many being tissue specific
- CD34 was the most significant result and was overexpressed in the insulin-positive cell clone
- In primary cells high expression of CD34 was a marker for cells strongly expressing insulin.
- Aire, the master regulator of self-antigen expression in the thymus was also expressed at higher levels in the CD34 high population



**Figure 1.** Tissues represented by the significantly overexpressed tissue specific genes in the microarray analysis of INS(-) and INS(+) mTEC clones. Percentage of each tissue represented by the significant genes is plotted.

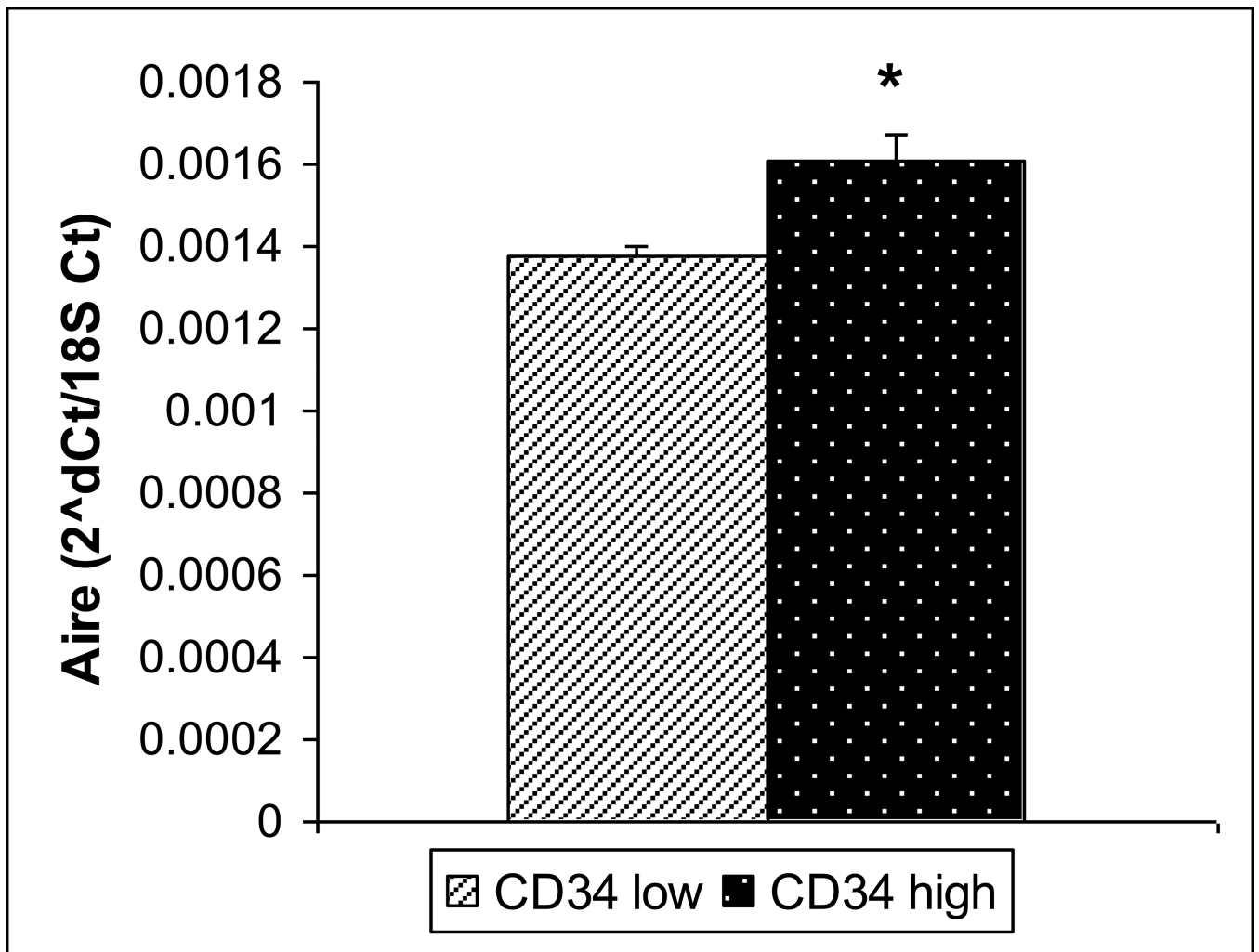


**Figure 2.**  
Expression of CD34 in INS(-) and INS(+) mTEC clones by Real-time Rt-PCR (n=3, p<0.01, t-test).



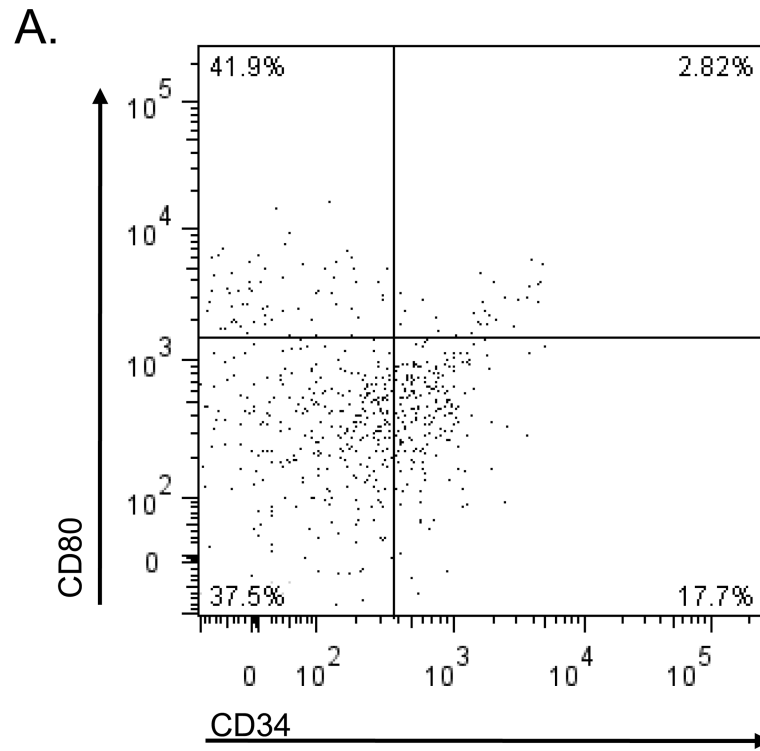
**Figure 3.**

Insulin expression in sorted CD34<sup>low</sup> and CD34<sup>hi</sup> cells by Real-time Rt-PCR. Insulin was found to be expressed at higher levels in the CD34<sup>hi</sup> population. (n=4, p=0.049)

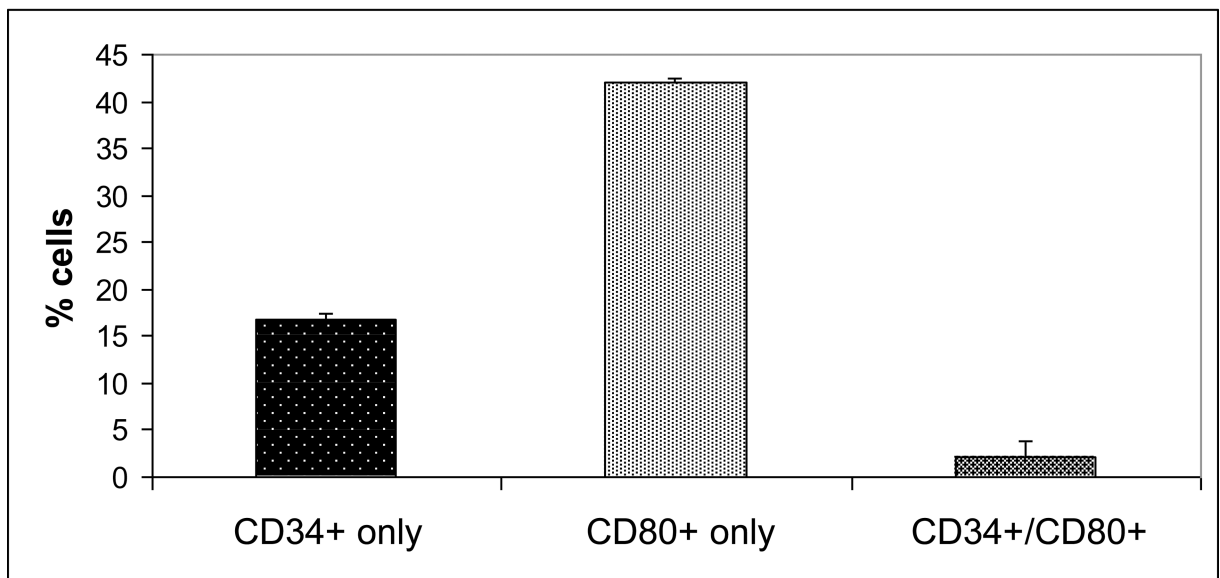


**Figure 4.**

Aire Expression in sorted CD34 lo and hi cells by Real-time Rt-PCR. Aire was like insulin found to be expressed at higher levels in the CD34 hi population. (n=3, p=0.02)



**B.**



**Figure 5.**

Populations of mTECs expressing CD34 and CD80 cell surface markers. A) Gates delimiting each population were set based upon fluorescence-minus-one technique.

B) Proportions of cells expressing each CD34, CD80 and both cell surface markers.

(Exemplary plot of four separate experiments)

Table 1

A) Overexpressed genes in INS(+) clone in order of decreasing statistical significance ( $q < 0.001$ , fold change larger than 1.15) TSA: Tissue specific antigens.						
Gene Name	p-value	Fold change	TSA	Gene Name	p-value	Fold change
CD34	8.31287E-10	1.25		CES5	7.64969E-05	1.17
RFS4Y2	2.5464E-07	1.31	X	POU3F1	8.60952E-05	1.17
DDX3Y	6.35655E-07	1.25		CDKN1A	9.46779E-05	1.28
SLPI	8.77212E-07	1.20	X	GLIPR1	0.000142719	1.34
1110018I23RIK	1.62349E-06	1.28		6330404C01RIK	0.000212375	1.27
LIMCHI	3.98834E-06	1.25		DCXR	0.000221063	1.16
NDN	4.80082E-06	1.18	X	ADH7	0.000299863	1.36
CCNG1	8.45852E-06	1.24	X	MDM2	0.00038091	1.15
SFRP2	2.21486E-05	1.24		LOC100038894	0.000404037	1.25
PHLDA3	2.27858E-05	1.17		BAX	0.000424174	1.16
COL8A1	2.83159E-05	1.18		MFAP5	0.000427988	1.23
SUPT16H	2.87221E-05	1.21	X	LOC100044376	0.000562258	1.17
INHBA	3.2915E-05	1.15	X	SVOP	0.000916685	1.19
CASP1	4.35817E-05	1.16		ACTA2	0.002078199	1.29
ERDR1	5.42239E-05	1.24		LY6A	0.002744749	1.18
FGF5	7.42138E-05	1.34				

B) Underexpressed genes in INS(+) clone in order of decreasing statistical significance ( $q < 0.001$ , fold change smaller than 0.87)						
Gene Name	p-value	Fold change	TSA	Gene Name	p-value	Fold change
TXNIP	8.69064E-08	0.86		1810014F10RIK	6.45088E-05	0.87
TMEM223	3.48217E-07	0.80		NXPH1	8.05158E-05	0.85
GCAP26	6.67668E-07	0.84		2310014G06RIK	0.000124063	0.87
HAL	7.05042E-07	0.77	X	HR	0.000194914	0.85
CD47	1.9707E-06	0.85		SCL0003799.1_2	0.000197981	0.86
TSPAN8	2.49213E-06	0.73		CYP25I	0.000209385	0.85
HOXA7	2.94151E-06	0.74	X	C2	0.000212954	0.80



**B) Underexpressed genes in INS(+ ) clone in order of decreasing statistical significance ( $q < 0.001$ , fold change smaller than 0.87)**

Gene Name	p-value	Fold change	TSA	Gene Name	p-value	Fold change	TSA
NKX2-3	4.29496E-06	0.82		ITGB4	0.00024623	0.77	
CHCHD10	5.06008E-06	0.74		BC064033	0.000262833	0.83	
FXYD6	6.86269E-06	0.70		FXYD3	0.000326697	0.76	
MGC41689	7.06233E-06	0.84		COL6A1	0.000380021	0.85	
GPX7	8.70002E-06	0.84		ANGPTL7	0.000395528	0.66	X
NDRG1	1.08504E-05	0.83		EGR1	0.000472283	0.86	X
LOC675899	1.13252E-05	0.84		RPP25	0.000482431	0.84	X
NDRL	1.22543E-05	0.82		COL6A2	0.000674136	0.83	
3526401B18RIK	1.22718E-05	0.77	X	HOXA5	0.000691461	0.84	
SCD1	1.53393E-05	0.83		LGALS2	0.000880288	0.85	X
KRT18	1.60738E-05	0.87		9930105HI7RIK	0.000892251	0.84	
4930533K18RIK	1.67902E-05	0.86	X	FOS	0.001291024	0.86	X
SCARA3	2.32944E-05	0.77		GCHI	0.001486611	0.86	X
CTSH	2.69068E-05	0.80	X	RAB6B	0.002095833	0.86	X
MMP2	5.74252E-05	0.84					