

**Figure S1. Progressive reduction of pancreatic isletes in Lig4**<sup>-/-</sup>**p53**<sup>p/p</sup> **mice.** Representative pancreatic sections from Lig4<sup>-/-</sup>**p53**<sup>p/p</sup> and wild-type mice were immunohitochemically stained with anti-glucagon antibody (brown).



**Figure S2. Progressive reduction of pancreatic isletes in Lig4**<sup>-/-</sup>**p53**<sup>p/p</sup> **mice.** Representitive pancreatic sections from Lig4<sup>-/-</sup>**p53**<sup>p/p</sup> and wild-type mice were stained with anti-insulin antibody (brown).

## **Supplemental Material**



**Figure S3. Comparison of ratio of pancreas to body weight in Lig4**<sup>-/-</sup>**p53**<sup>p/p</sup> **and wild-type mice.** Lig4<sup>-/-</sup>**p53**<sup>p/p</sup> mice are smaller, approximately one third of body weight compare to wild-type littermates. The Lig4<sup>-/-</sup>**p53**<sup>p/p</sup> mice have proportional smaller pancreas. There is not significant difference between the ratio of pancreas to body weight between mutant and wild-type mice.



## Figure S4. Absence of apoptosis in the Lig4<sup>-/-</sup>p53<sup>p/p</sup> thymus and pancreas.

Pancreatic sections from mutant and age-matched wild-type mice were analyzed with a TUNEL assay; no apoptotic cells detected pancreas and thymus sections of Lig4<sup>-/-</sup>p53<sup>p/p</sup>. A NHEJ<sup>-/-</sup> (Artemis deficient) thymus was used as a positive control. Magnification: 10X.





Pancreatic sections from mutant and age-matched wild-type mice were stained using anti-CD11b antibody (A), with wild-type spleen section as a positive control, and anti-F4-80 (B) with wild-type bone marrow cells as a positive control. Toludine blue staining for mast cells (C) showing very few infiltration cells in frozen sections. Magnification: 40X.



**Figure S6. Western blot analysis of DNA ligase IV in Lig4**<sup>-/-</sup>**p53**<sup>p/p</sup> **and wild-type mice.** High level of DNA ligase IV is detected in wild-type pancreatic islets, as compatible to the level detected in testes. Pancreatic islets were purified according to a protocol by Gregory L. Szot, Pavel Koudria, Jeffrey A. Bluestone (2007) Murine Pancreatic Islet Isolation. JoVE. 7. <u>http://www.jove.com/index/details.stp?id=255</u>