

## SUPPLEMENTARY FIGURES AND LEGENDS

### 'Polyamine biosynthesis is critical for growth and differentiation of the pancreas'

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#### Supplementary Fig. S1. Protein alignment of Odc1.

Comparison of human, mouse and zebrafish Odc1 protein sequence.

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human_ODC1  MNNFGNEEFDCFLDEGFTAKDILDQKINEVSSSDDKDAFYVADLGDILKKHLRWLKALP
mouse_Odc1  MSSFTKDEFDCFLDEGFTAKDILDQKINEVSSSDDKDAFYVADLGDILKKHLRWLKALP
zfish_Odc1  MTACTGSDFDFAFLEEGFCARDIVEQKINESSLSDDKDAFYVADLGDVLLKKHLRWLRVLP
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zfish_Odc1  KYASAHGVQMMTFDSEVELMKVARSHENAKLVLR IATDDSKAVCR LSVKFGATLKS SRL
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human_ODC1  LERAKELNIDVVGVSFHVSGCTDPETFVQAI SDARCVFDMGAEVGF SMYLLDIGGFPG
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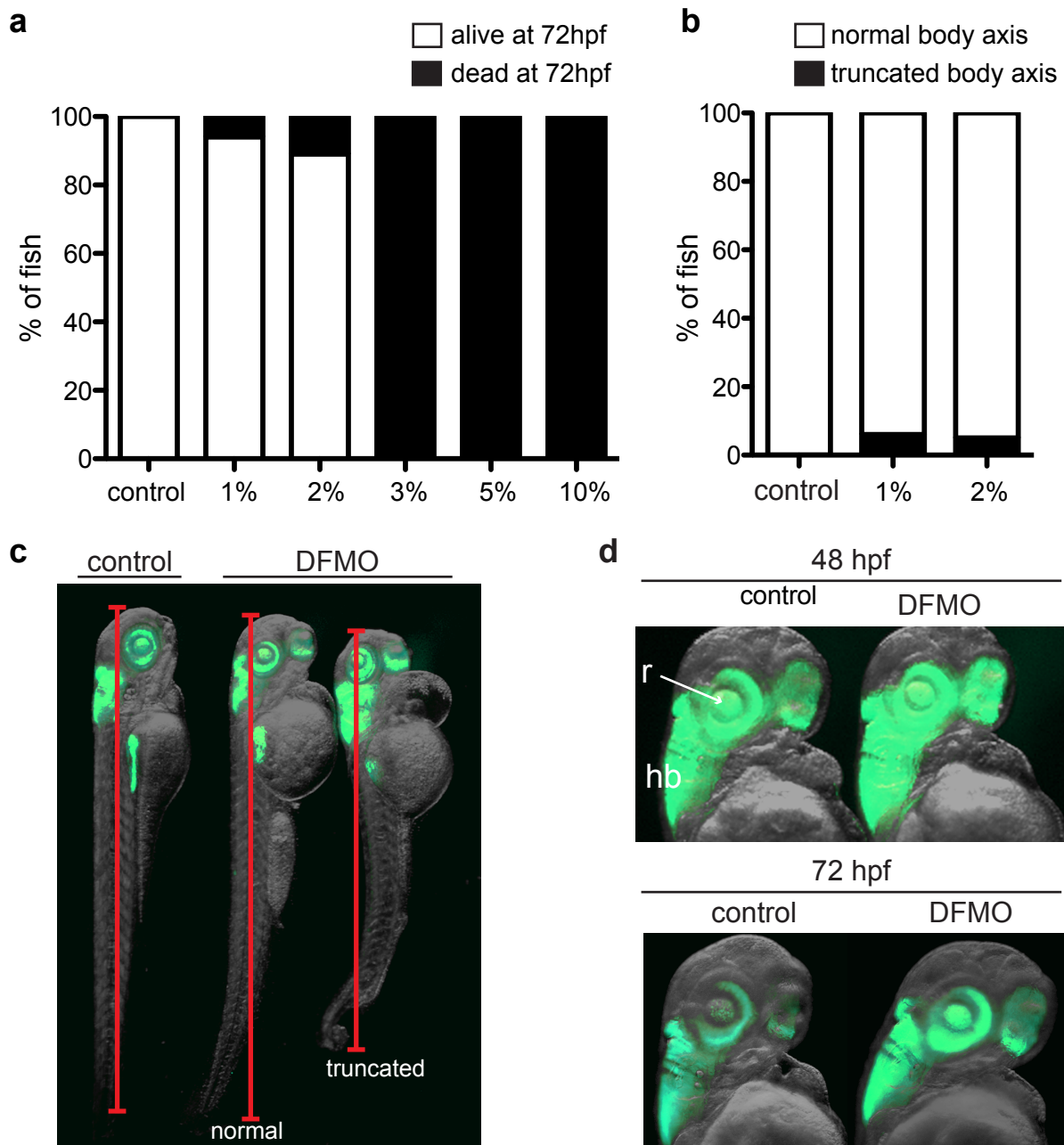
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## Supplementary Fig. S2. Titration of DFMO in zebrafish.

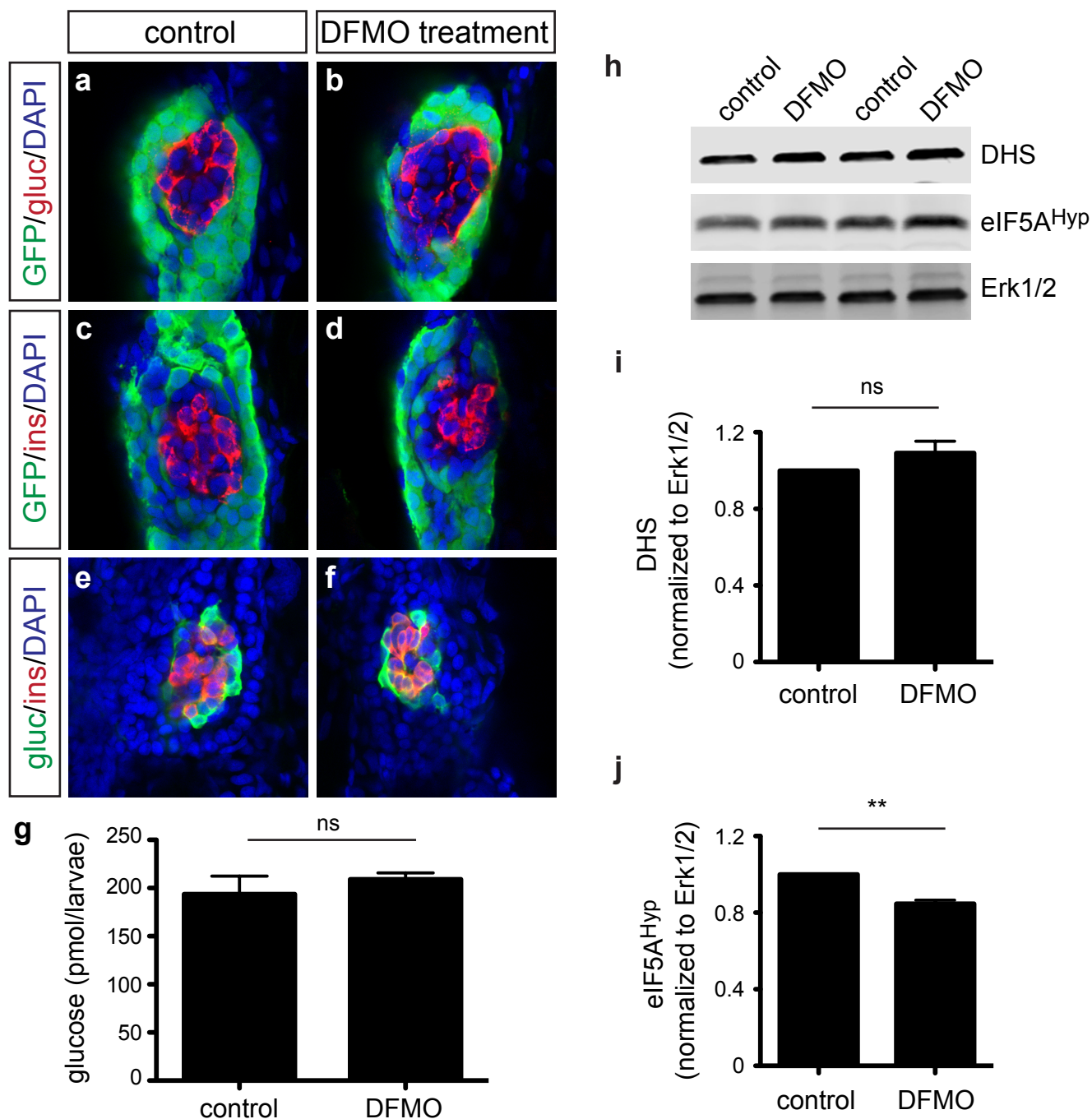
(a) Percentage of viable embryos in control (n = 180), 1% w/v DFMO-treated (n = 33), 2% w/v DFMO-treated (n = 45), 3% w/v DFMO-treated (n = 28), 5% w/v DFMO-treated (n = 24), and 10% w/v DFMO-treated (n = 15) embryos at 72 hpf. (b) Percentage of control (n = 32), 1% w/v DFMO-treated (n = 33), 2% w/v DFMO-treated (n = 40) embryos at 72 hpf with altered body axis due to DFMO treatment. (c) Representative images of control and DFMO-treated *Tg(ptf1a:gfp)* embryos displaying the phenotype of altered (truncated) body axis. (d) The *ptf1a*:GFP-expressing retina (r) and hindbrain (hb) were unaltered in DFMO-treated *Tg(ptf1a:gfp)* embryos compared with controls, at 48 hpf and 72 hpf.





**Supplementary Fig. S3. Endocrine cell phenotype following inhibition of polyamine biosynthesis by DFMO treatment.**

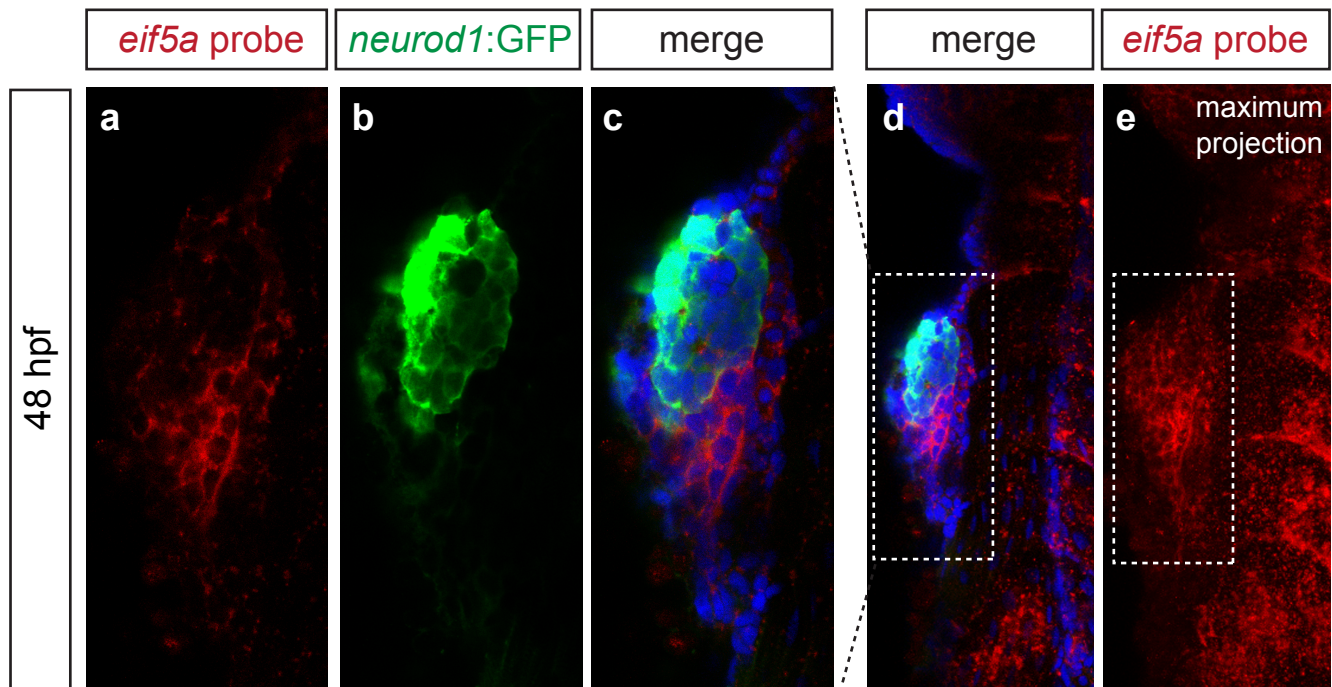
Representative images at 72 hps of glucagon-expressing cells in (a) control and (b) DFMO-treated *Tg(ptf1a:gfp)* embryos; insulin-expressing cells in (c) control and (d) DFMO-treated *Tg(ptf1a:gfp)* embryos; and insulin/glucagon co-expressing cells in (e) control and (f) DFMO-treated *Tg(ptf1a:gfp)* embryos. (g) Glucose measurement from control or DFMO-treated embryos at 72 hpf (n = 3 groups of 10 embryos/group) ( $p = 0.4821$ ). (h) Western blot analysis for expression of DHS, eIF5A<sup>Hyp</sup>, and Erk1/2 in control and DFMO-treated embryos at 72 hpf (n = 4 groups of 30 embryos/group); Erk1/2 was used as a loading control, as expression of this protein is not altered with DFMO treatment. Quantification showed no change in (i) DHS expression ( $p = 0.2370$ ) but a significant decrease in (j) eIF5A<sup>Hyp</sup> expression ( $p = 0.0039$ ). gluc, glucagon; ins, insulin. \*  $p < 0.05$ , \*\*  $p < 0.01$ , \*\*\*  $p < 0.001$ ; ns, not significant.





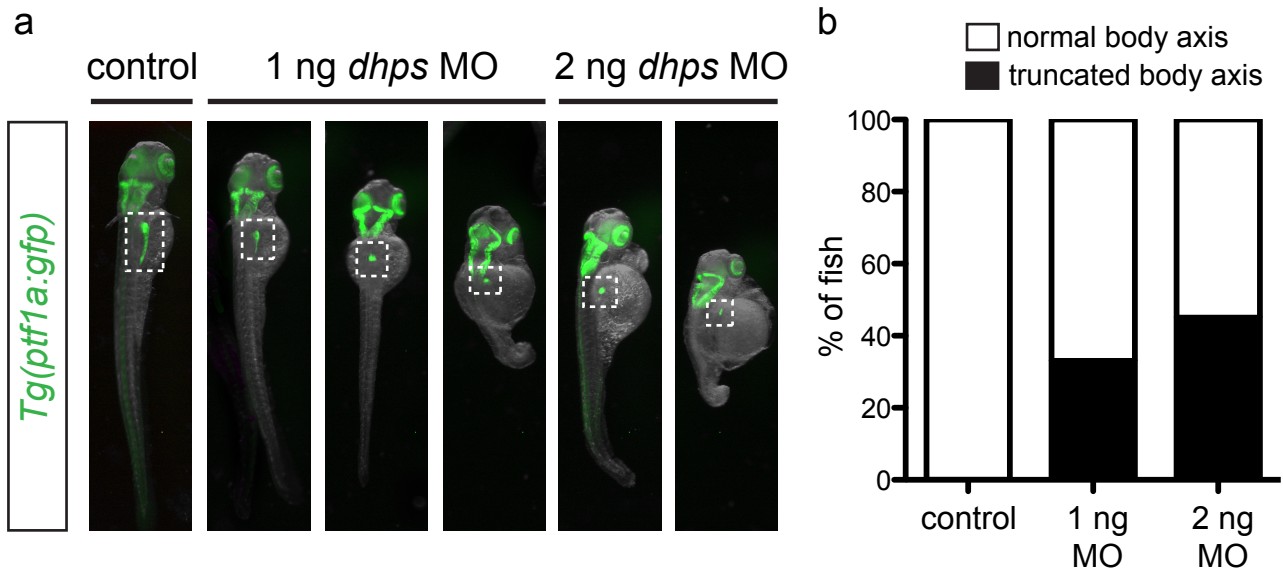
**Supplementary Fig. S5. Expression patterns of *eif5a* in zebrafish at 48 hpf.**

At 48 hpf, (a) *eif5a* has strong expression in the exocrine compartment compared with the (b) *neurod1*:GFP+ endocrine cell compartment; (c) shows the merged image. (d) Image showing the pancreas (dotted box) and adjacent neural tube. (e) The corresponding maximum intensity projection of *eif5a* expression in the pancreas at 48 hpf; dotted box denotes pancreas domain.



**Supplementary Fig. S6. Phenotypic penetrance and expressivity in *dhps* MO-injected embryos.**

(a) Control, 1 ng MO-injected, and 2 ng MO-injected *Tg(ptf1a:gf)* embryos displaying the phenotype of normal or altered (truncated) body axis. White dotted box demarks pancreas.  
 (b) Percentage of control (n = 20), 1 ng MO-injected (n = 46), and 2 ng MO-injected (n = 23) embryos with altered body axis following implementation of the *dhps* MO.  
 (c) Sequencing data showing the deletion of exon 2 as a result of *dhps* MO knockdown. Primers used for PCR amplification are highlighted in green; the deleted region is indicated by dashed lines.



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