

Supplemental Figure 1, Related to Figures 1, 2 and 3: Experimental Strategy and immunostaining demonstrating loss of Arx and Dnmt1 in knock-out mice

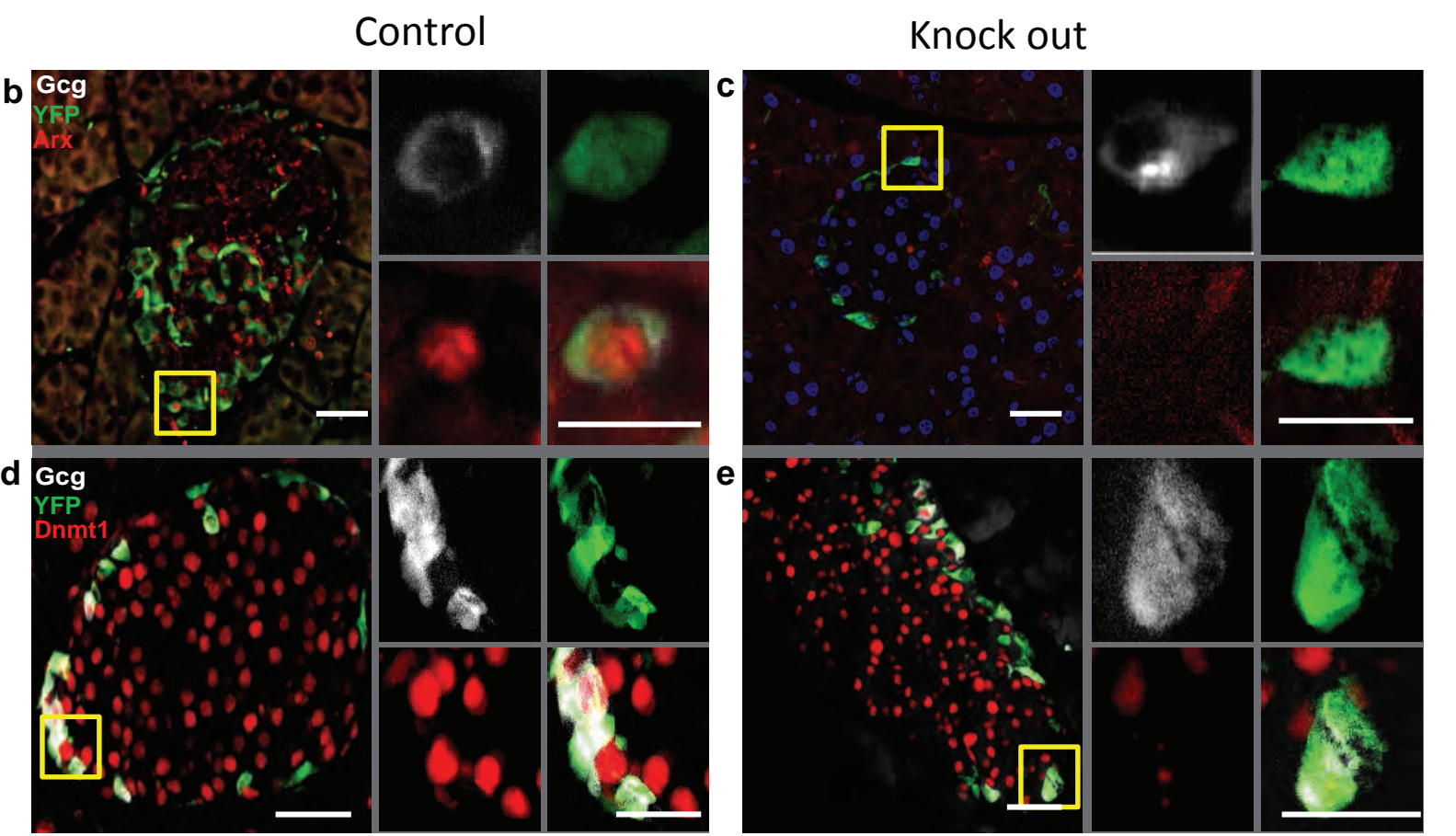
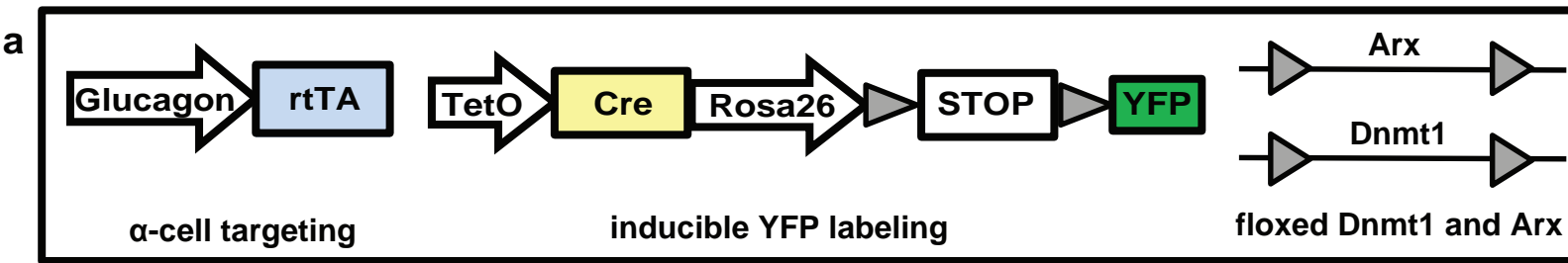
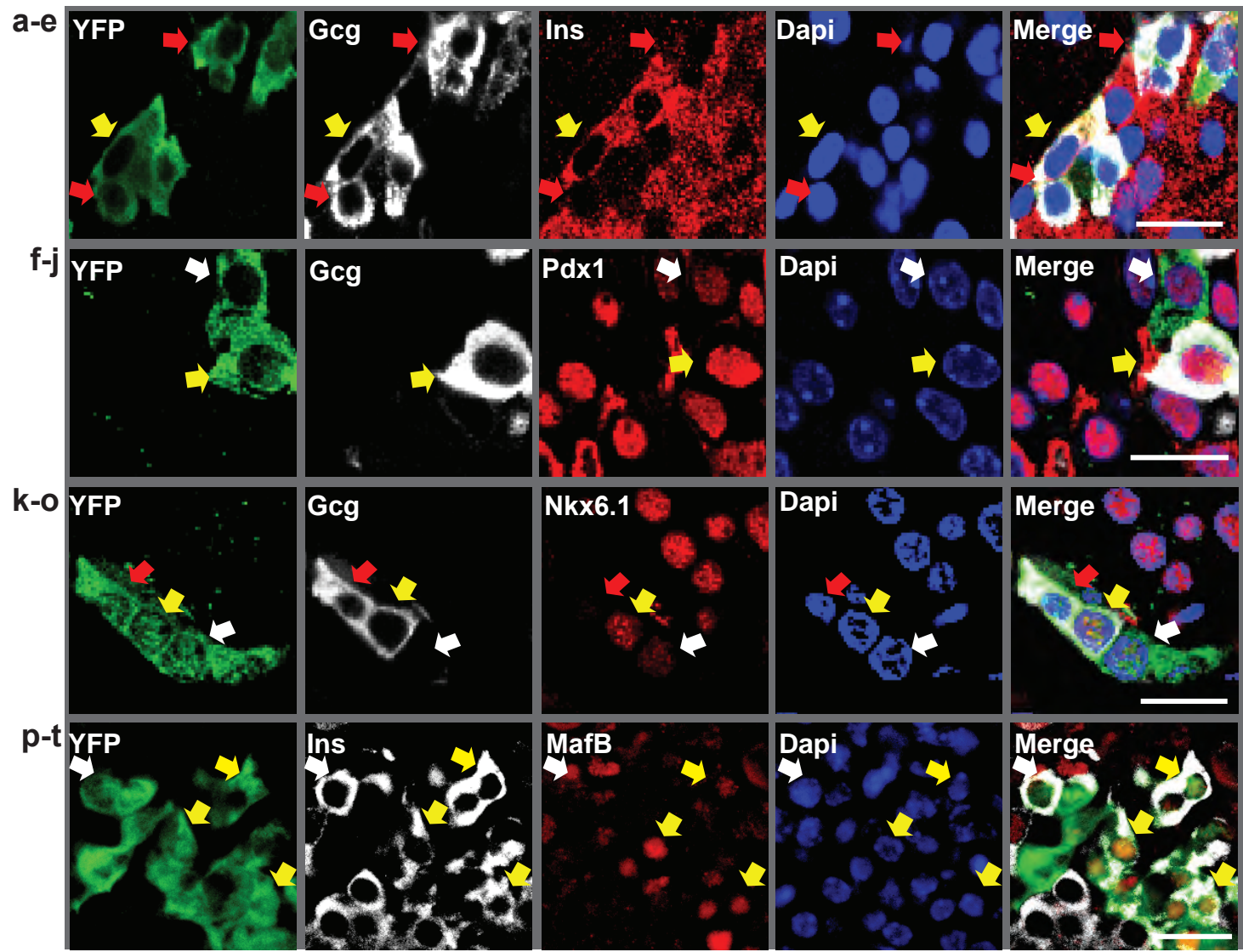


Figure S2, Related to Figure 1: Cells undergoing α -to- β -cell conversion 4 weeks after deletion of Arx



Supplemental Figure 3, Related to Figure 1: Expression of other islet hormones in α -cells lacking Arx

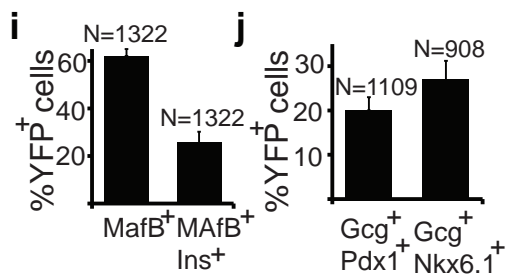
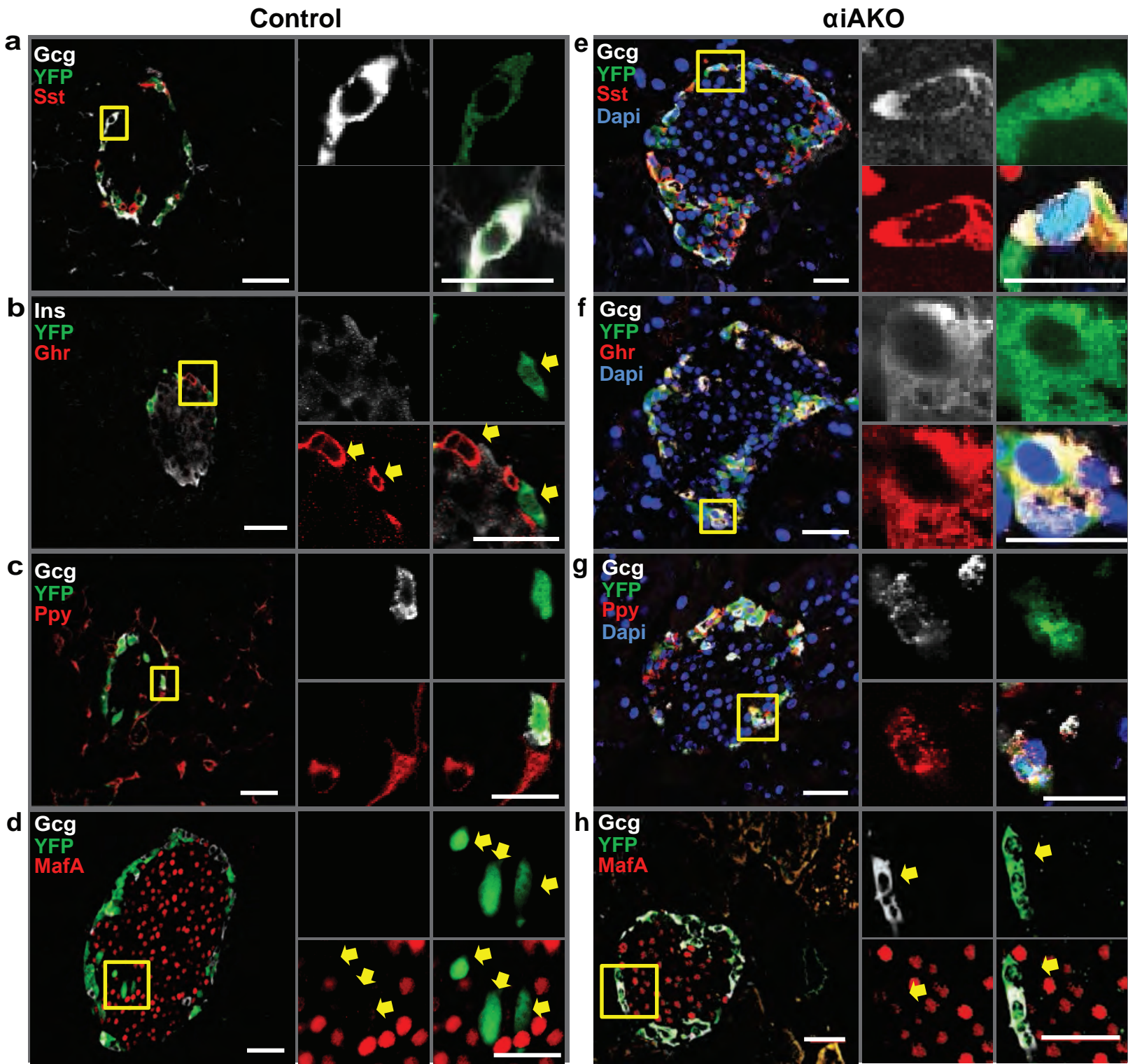
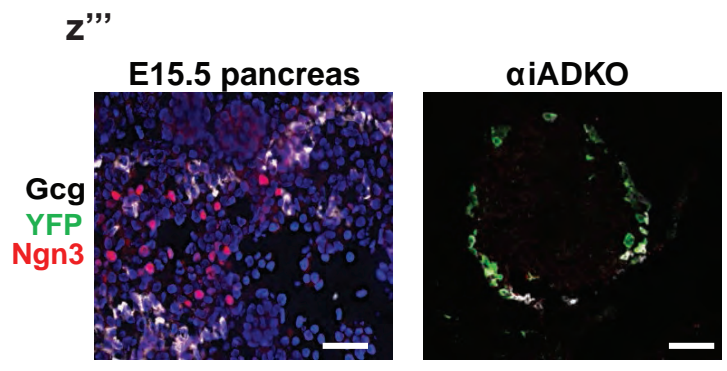
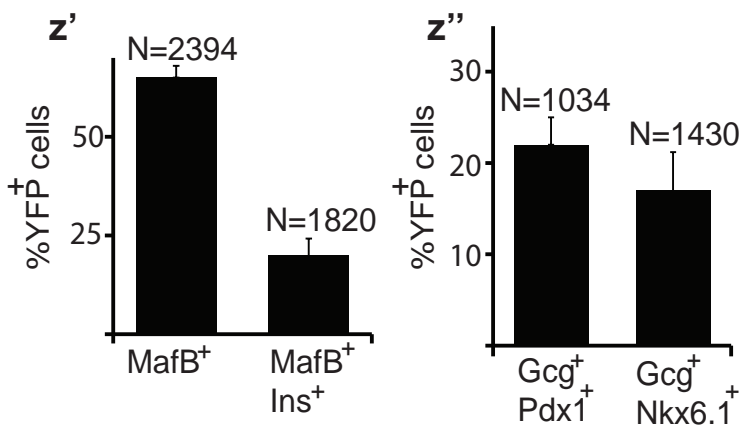
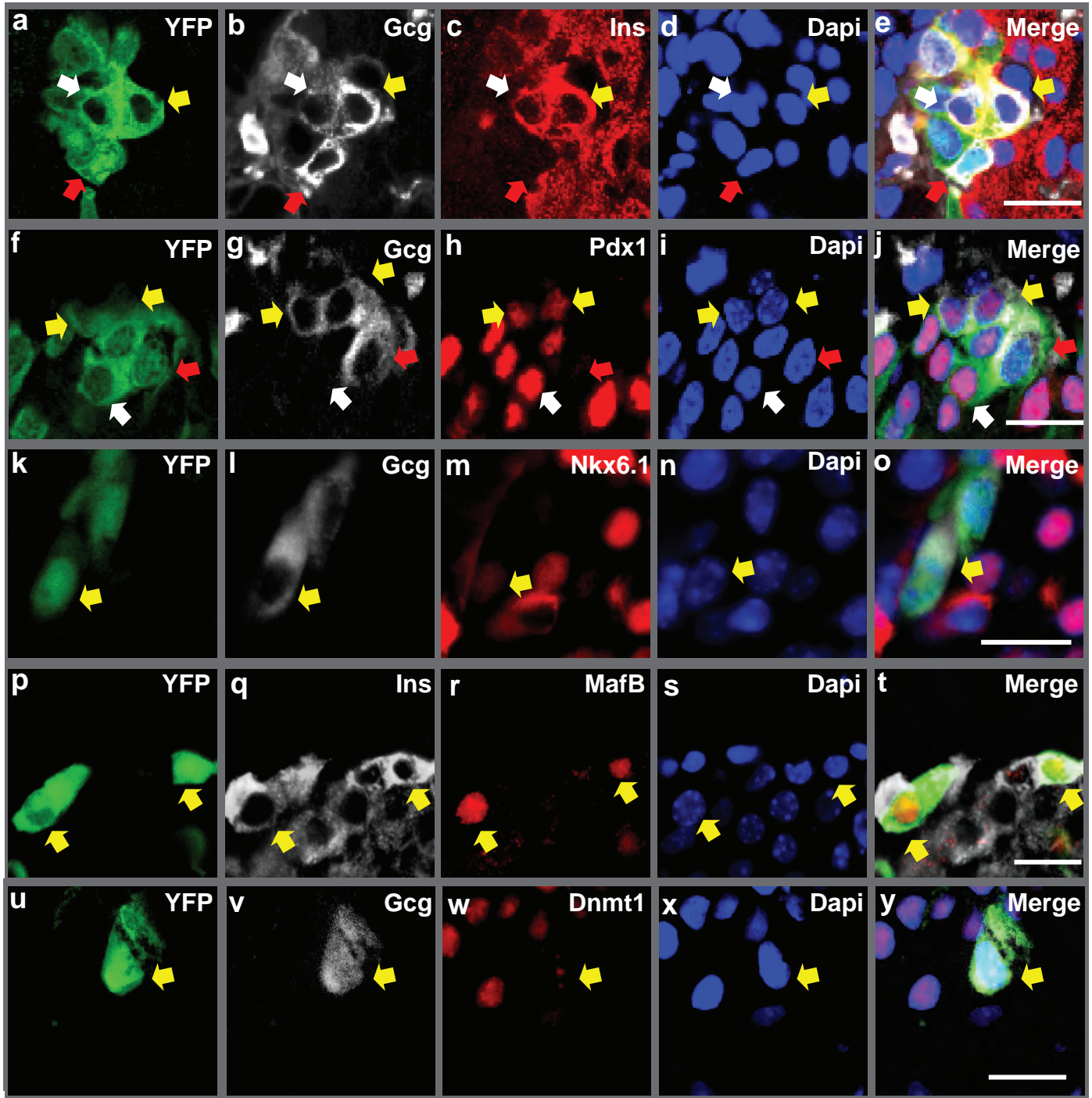
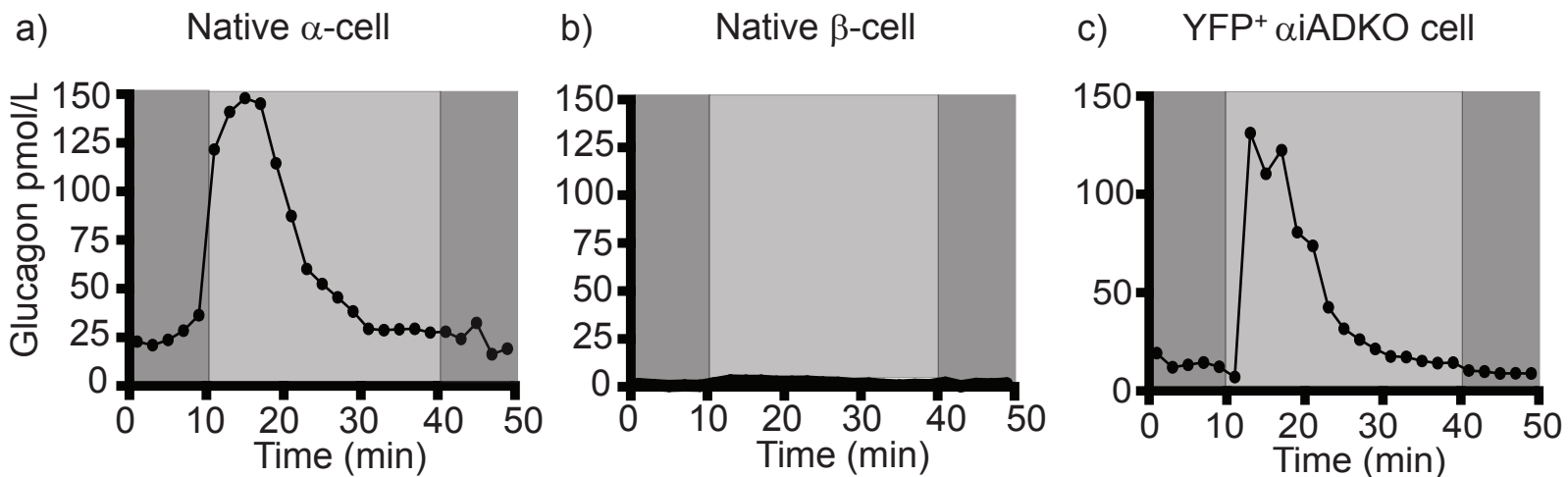


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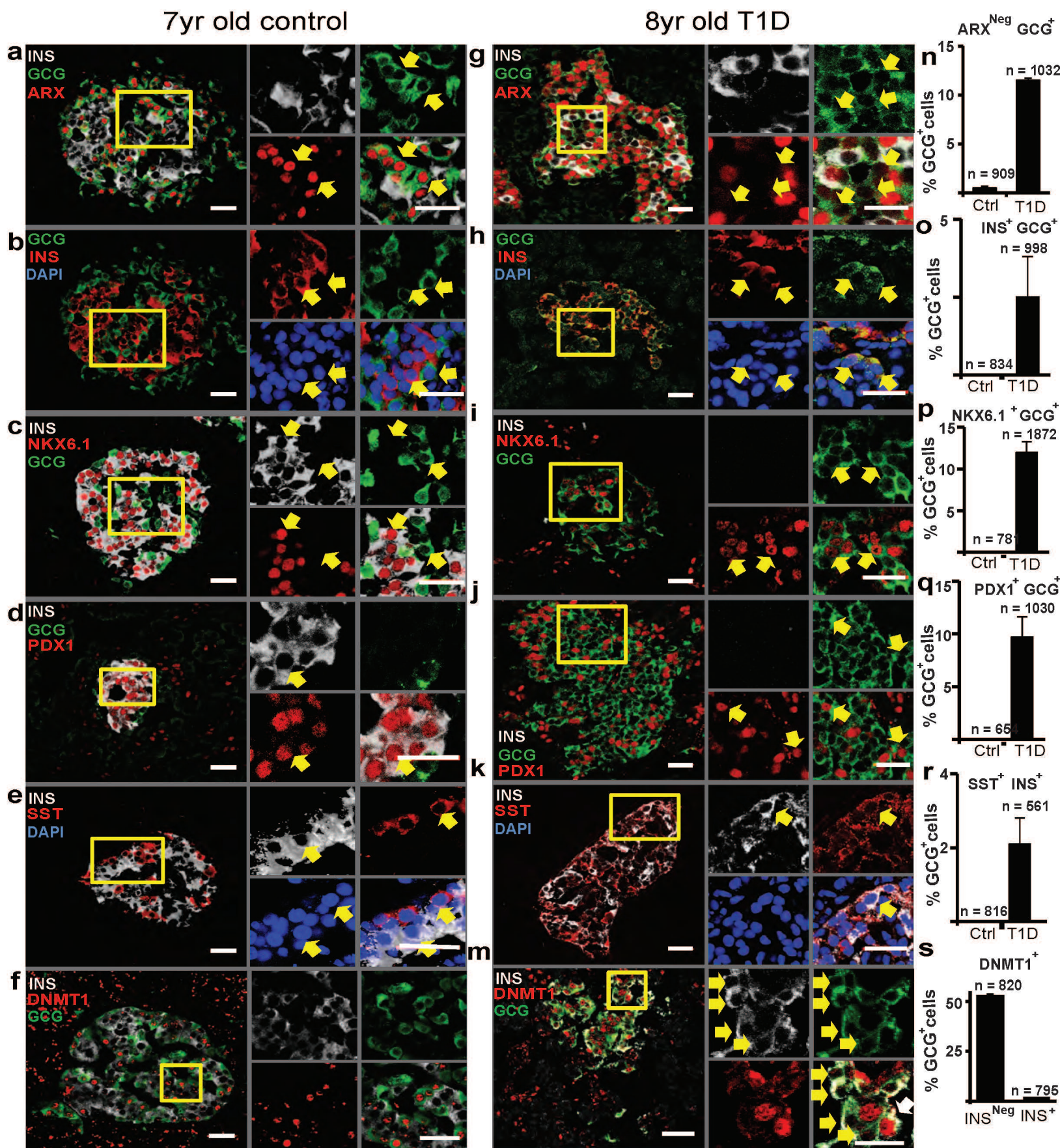


Supplemental Figure 5 (Related to Figure 6): Glucagon secretion in native α -cells, native β -cells and unconverted α -cells

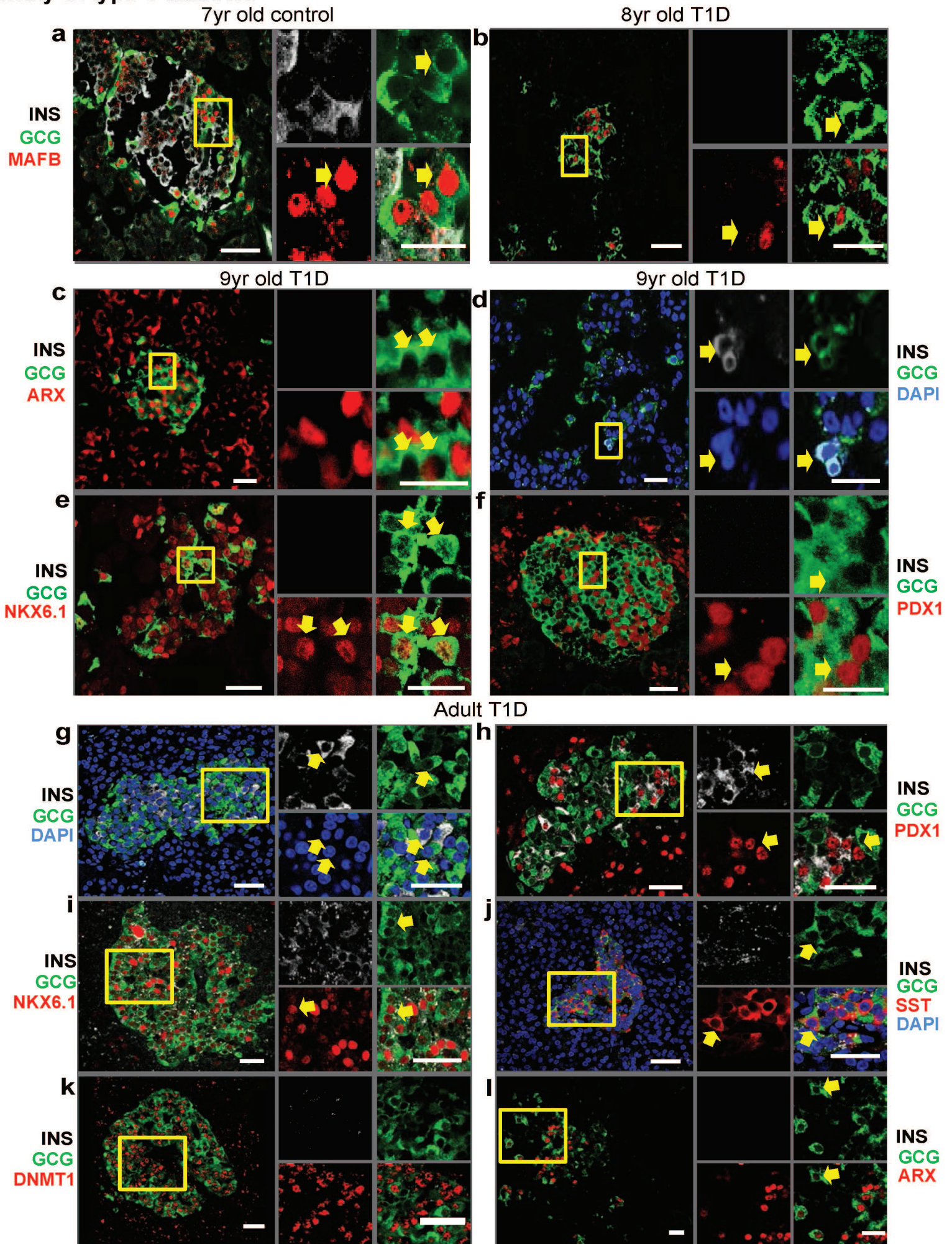
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Supplementary Figure 6, Related to Table 1 and Supplementary Figure 7: Loss of islet cell identity in type 1 diabetes



Supplemental Figure 7, Related to Table 1 and Supplemental Figure 6: Loss of Islet cell identity in type 1 diabetes



Supplemental Figure 1, Related to Figures 1-3: Experimental Strategy and Immunostaining demonstrating loss of Arx and Dnmt1 in knock-out mice.

(a) Schematic showing Doxycycline inducible α -cell knock out mouse generation strategy.

(b,c) Immunostaining showing expression of Arx, YFP and Gcg in control and α iADKO pancreas samples. 979 YFP⁺ cells were scored in the mutant mice, out of which 930 cells were Arx^{Neg} (95%). 455 YFP⁺ cells were scored in control mice out of which 450 cells were Arx⁺ (99%) .

(d,e) Immunostaining showing expression of Dnmt1, YFP and Gcg in control and α iADKO pancreas samples. 1022 YFP⁺ cells were scored in the mutant mice, out of which 920 cells were Dnmt1^{Neg} (90%). 504 YFP⁺ cells were scored in control mice out of which 487 cells were Dnmt1⁺ (96%). Yellow boxes show specific area of islet enlarged and represented on the right to demonstrate gene expression within specific cells or sets of cells. Scale bars represent 25 μ m.

Supplemental Figure 2, Related to Figure 1: Cells undergoing α -to- β -cell conversion 4 weeks after deletion of Arx.

(a-e) Immunostaining showing coexpression of YFP, Gcg and Ins within a cell (yellow arrow), and coexpression of YFP and Gcg alone within the same cells (red arrows).

(f-j) Immunostaining showing coexpression of YFP, Gcg and Pdx1 within a cell (yellow arrow), and coexpression of YFP and Pdx1 alone within a cell (white arrow).

(k-o) Immunostaining showing coexpression of YFP, Gcg and Nkx6.1 within a cell (yellow arrow), coexpression of YFP and Gcg alone within a cell (red arrow), and coexpression of YFP and Nkx6.1 alone within a cell (white arrow).

(p-t) Immunostaining showing coexpression of YFP, Ins and MafB within a cell, and coexpression of YFP and Ins alone within a cell. Scale bars represent 25 μ m.

Supplemental Figure 3, Related to Figure 1, 2 and 3: Expression of other islet hormones in α -cells lacking Arx.

(a-c, e-g) Immunostaining showing expression of Sst, Ghrelin and PPY in control (a-c) and α iAKO (e-g) samples.

(d,h) Immunostaining showing expression of MafA in control and α iAKO samples. Yellow boxes show specific area of islet enlarged and represented on the right to demonstrate gene expression within specific cells or sets of cells. Scale bars represent 25 μ m.

(i) Percentage of YFP⁺ cells that express MafB or MafB and Insulin in α iAKO mice 4 weeks after Dox treatment. N represents the total number of cells scored.

(j) Percentage of YFP⁺ cells that coexpress Gcg and Pdx1 or Gcg and Nkx6.1 in α iAKO mice 4 weeks after Dox treatment. N represents the total number of cells scored.

Supplemental Figure 4, Related to Figure 3: Cells undergoing α -to- β -cell conversion 4 weeks after deletion of Dnmt1 and Arx.

(a-e) Immunostaining showing coexpression of YFP, Gcg and Ins within a cell (yellow arrow), coexpression of YFP and Gcg alone within a cell (red arrows), and coexpression of YFP and Ins alone within a cell (white arrow).

(f-j) Immunostaining showing coexpression of YFP, Gcg and Pdx1 within the same cells (yellow arrows), and coexpression of YFP and Pdx1 alone within a cell (white arrow).

(k-o) Immunostaining showing coexpression of YFP, Gcg and Nkx6.1 within a cell (yellow arrow).

(p-t) Immunostaining showing coexpression of YFP, Ins and MafB within the same cells.

(u-y) Immunostaining showing loss of Dnmt1 in a YFP⁺ Gcg⁺ cell (u-y). Scale bars represent 25 μ m.

(z', z'', z''') Quantification of α and β -cell genes in murine α -cells lacking Dnmt1 and Arx .

Percentage of YFP⁺ cells that express MafB or MafB and Insulin in α iADKO mice 4 weeks after Dox treatment. N represents the total number of cells scored (z'). Percentage of YFP⁺ cells that coexpress Gcg and Pdx1 or Gcg and Nkx6.1 in α iADKO mice 4 weeks after Dox treatment. N represents the total number of cells scored (z''). Immunostaining showing Neurogenin 3 staining in e15.5 pancreas and α iADKO pancreas (z'''). Scale bars represent 25 μ m.

Supplemental Figure 5 Related to Figure 6: Glucagon secretion in native α -cells, native β -cells and unconverted α -cells.

(a-c) Temporal glucagon secretion profiles of 5000 YFP⁺ cells from Glucagon-Venus mice (N=3 mice) (a), MIP-GFP mice (N=3 mice) (b) and α iADKO mice (N=4 mice) (c) perfused with 11.2mM Glucose and 2mM Glucose at the indicated time-points.

Supplemental Figure 6, Related to Table 1 and Figure S7: Loss of islet cell identity in type 1 diabetes.

(a-m) Immunostaining showing expression of ARX, NKX6.1, PDX1, Somatostatin (SST), DNMT1, Insulin (INS) and Glucagon (GCG) in control 7 year old pancreatic islets (a-f) and 8yr old T1D islets (g-m). Yellow boxes show specific area of islet enlarged and yellow arrows mark

cells losing α -cell markers or gaining β -cell markers. White arrow (m) marks a rare bi-hormonal GCG⁺ INS⁺ cell with detectable nuclear DNMT1. Scale bars represent 25 μ m. Quantification of abnormal GCG⁺ cells in type 1 diabetic and control samples is represented as a percentage of total GCG⁺ cells counted per sample. N refers to the total number of cells scored in control and type 1 diabetic samples. Bar graph data are represented as mean \pm S.D. (n-s).

Supplemental Fig. 7: Loss of islet cell identity in adult type 1 diabetic samples.

(a, b) Immunostaining showing expression of MAFB, INS and GCG in control 7 year old pancreatic islets (a) and 8 year old T1D islets (b).

(c-f) Immunostaining showing ARX, NKX6.1, PDX1, INS and GCG in 9 yr old T1D islets.

(g-l) Immunostaining showing expression of PDX1, NKX6.1, SST, DNMT1, ARX, INS and GCG in 32 year old T1D pancreas sample obtained from nPOD (See Table 1). Yellow boxes show specific area of islet enlarged and represented by arrows on the right to demonstrate gene expression within specific cells or sets of cells. Scale bars represent 25 μ m. Quantification of abnormal GCG⁺ cells in the nPOD samples was performed as described in Methods. 5% of GCG⁺ cells were ARX^{Neg}, 5.2% were NKX6.1⁺, 1% were SST⁺, 3.4% were DNMT1^{Neg}, and 0% were PDX1⁺ or INS⁺.

Supplemental Table 1, Related to Figure 1: Quantification of immunostaining in α iAKO and control mice

a) α iAKO

Immunostaining	# islets scored per mouse	Total # YFP ⁺ cells scored
YFP, Ins, MafB	Mouse 1: 30 Mouse 2: 34 Mouse 3: 27 Mouse 4: 31	3245
YFP, Ins, Gcg	Mouse 1: 32 Mouse 2: 33 Mouse 3: 39 Mouse 4: 40	3298
YFP, Nkx6.1, Gcg	Mouse 1: 31 Mouse 2: 30 Mouse 3: 35 Mouse 4: 38	3457
YFP, Gcg, Pdx1	Mouse 1: 34 Mouse 2: 29 Mouse 3: 36 Mouse 4: 33	3423
YFP, Gcg, MafA	Mouse 1: 35 Mouse 2: 30 Mouse 3: 32 Mouse 4: 28	2358
YFP, Ins, Ghr	Mouse 1: 30 Mouse 2: 22 Mouse 3: 40 Mouse 4: 31	3021
YFP, Gcg, PPY	Mouse 1: 32 Mouse 2: 33 Mouse 3: 39 Mouse 4: 40	2698
YFP, Sst, Gcg	Mouse 1: 29 Mouse 2: 34 Mouse 3: 39 Mouse 4: 34	3124
YFP, Neurog3, Gcg	Mouse 1: 32 Mouse 2: 33 Mouse 3: 39 Mouse 4: 40	2588

b) Control

Immunostaining	# islets scored per mouse	Total # YFP ⁺ cells scored
YFP, Ins, MafB	Mouse 1: 28 Mouse 2: 27 Mouse 3: 30 Mouse 4: 34	2989
YFP, Ins, Gcg	Mouse 1: 32 Mouse 2: 32 Mouse 3: 38 Mouse 4: 39	3240
YFP, Nkx6.1, Gcg	Mouse 1: 29 Mouse 2: 25 Mouse 3: 30 Mouse 4: 37	3145
YFP, Gcg, Pdx1	Mouse 1: 29 Mouse 2: 35 Mouse 3: 31 Mouse 4: 34	3342
YFP, Gcg, MafA	Mouse 1: 31 Mouse 2: 32 Mouse 3: 32 Mouse 4: 25	2014
YFP, Ins, Ghr	Mouse 1: 31 Mouse 2: 34 Mouse 3: 23 Mouse 4: 27	2891
YFP, Gcg, PPY	Mouse 1: 31 Mouse 2: 32 Mouse 3: 41 Mouse 4: 34	2349
YFP, Sst, Gcg	Mouse 1: 24 Mouse 2: 31 Mouse 3: 38 Mouse 4: 31	2990
YFP, Neurog3, Gcg	Mouse 1: 31 Mouse 2: 31 Mouse 3: 35 Mouse 4: 24	2331

Supplemental Table 2, Related to Figures 2 and 3: Quantification of immunostaining in α iDKO and α iADKO

a) α iDKO mice

Immunostaining	# islets scored per mouse	Total # YFP ⁺ cells scored
YFP, Gcg, MafB	Mouse 1: 23 Mouse 2: 27 Mouse 3: 21 Mouse 4: 28	2091
YFP, Ins, Pdx1	Mouse 1: 26 Mouse 2: 26 Mouse 3: 21 Mouse 4: 24	2011
YFP, Ghr, Pdx1	Mouse 1: 23 Mouse 2: 25 Mouse 3: 26 Mouse 4: 20	1990
YFP, Ins, Nkx6.1	Mouse 1: 23 Mouse 2: 21 Mouse 3: 25 Mouse 4: 24	1945
YFP, Ins, Gcg	Mouse 1: 22 Mouse 2: 25 Mouse 3: 24 Mouse 4: 21	2003

b) α iADKO

Immunostaining	# islets scored per mouse	Total # YFP ⁺ cells scored
YFP, Ins, Gcg	Mouse 1: 27 Mouse 2: 30 Mouse 3: 35 Mouse 4: 43	3446
YFP, Ins, MafB	Mouse 1: 32 Mouse 2: 30 Mouse 3: 38 Mouse 4: 37	3250
YFP, Gcg, MafB	Mouse 1: 23 Mouse 2: 25 Mouse 3: 30 Mouse 4: 28	2190
YFP, Gcg, Pdx1	Mouse 1: 30 Mouse 2: 32 Mouse 3: 39 Mouse 4: 39	3560
YFP, Nkx6.1, Gcg	Mouse 1: 34 Mouse 2: 36 Mouse 3: 35 Mouse 4: 30	3430
YFP, Nkx6.1, Ins	Mouse 1: 33 Mouse 2: 23 Mouse 3: 26 Mouse 4: 29	2887
YFP, Slc2a2, Gcg	Mouse 1: 24 Mouse 2: 26 Mouse 3: 29 Mouse 4: 20	2309
YFP, Gcg, MafA	Mouse 1: 34 Mouse 2: 34 Mouse 3: 38 Mouse 4: 35	3320
YFP, Ins, Ghr	Mouse 1: 24 Mouse 2: 30 Mouse 3: 21 Mouse 4: 26	2339
YFP, Gcg, PPY	Mouse 1: 23 Mouse 2: 25 Mouse 3: 29 Mouse 4: 24	2431
YFP, Sst, Gcg	Mouse 1: 30 Mouse 2: 21 Mouse 3: 23 Mouse 4: 24	2341
YFP, Neurog3, Gcg	Mouse 1: 32 Mouse 2: 33 Mouse 3: 31 Mouse 4: 29	3039

Supplemental Table 3, Related to Figure 1 and 3: Details of quantification of Ki67 immunostaining

a) Ki67 immunostaining in *aiAKO* mice (4 wk time-point)

Mouse	# islets scored	Total Gcg ⁺ cells scored	Total Ki67 ⁺ Gcg ⁺ cells scored
Mouse 1	25	297	2
Mouse 2	31	320	2
Mouse 3	24	311	1

b) Ki67 immunostaining in *aiAKO* mice (4 wk time-point)

Mouse	# islets scored	Total Gcg ⁺ cells scored	Total Ki67 ⁺ Gcg ⁺ cells scored
Mouse 1	26	300	2
Mouse 2	28	299	3
Mouse 3	32	319	3

c) Ki67 immunostaining in *aiADKO* mice (4 wk time-point)

Mouse	# islets scored	Total Gcg ⁺ cells scored	Total Ki67 ⁺ Gcg ⁺ cells scored
Mouse 1	25	389	2
Mouse 2	28	401	0
Mouse 3	27	416	1

d) Ki67 immunostaining in *aiADKO* mice (12 wk time-point)

Mouse	# islets scored	Total Gcg ⁺ cells scored	Total Ki67 ⁺ Gcg ⁺ cells scored
Mouse 1	21	354	2
Mouse 2	25	398	3
Mouse 3	22	403	2

Supplementary Table 4, Related to Figures 1, 2 and 3: Details of glycemia in control and knock out mice during ad libitum feeding and fasting.

a) Glycemia in fasted or ad libitum fed control mice (4 wk time-point)

Mouse	Fasting glucose (mg/dL)	Ad libitum fed glucose (mg/dL)
Mouse 1	74	198
Mouse 2	60	143
Mouse 3	93	100
Mouse 4	79	124
Average	76.5	141.25

b) Glycemia in fasted or ad libitum fed *αi*AKO mice (4 wk time-point)

Mouse	Fasting glucose (mg/dL)	Ad libitum fed glucose (mg/dL)
Mouse 1	53	200
Mouse 2	70	155
Mouse 3	110	130
Mouse 4	85	188
Average	79.5	168.25

c) Glycemia in fasted or ad libitum fed *αi*ADKO mice (4 wk time-point)

Mouse	Fasting glucose (mg/dL)	Ad libitum fed glucose (mg/dL)
Mouse 1	66	213
Mouse 2	98	200
Mouse 3	90	167
Mouse 4	67	100
Average	80.25	170

d) Glycemia in fasted or ad libitum fed *αi*DKO mice (4 wk time-point)

Mouse	Fasting glucose (mg/dL)	Ad libitum fed glucose (mg/dL)
Mouse 1	87	245
Mouse 2	85	168
Mouse 3	54	140
Mouse 4	120	178
Average	86.5	182.75

No significant differences in fasting or ad libitum fed glucose levels between control and knock out mice

Supplementary Table 5, Related to Figures 1-3, S1-4, S6-7: List of primary antibodies

Antibody	Source	Dilution	Antigen Retrieval	Amplification
Guinea pig anti-Insulin	Dako A0564	1:500	No	No
Mouse anti-Insulin	Sigma Aldrich I2018 clone K36AC10	1:500	No	No
Rabbit anti-C-peptide	Cell Signaling Technology 4593b	1:500	No	No
Guinea pig anti-Glucagon	Linco 4031-01	1:500	No	No
Mouse anti-Glucagon	Sigma Aldrich G2654 clone K79bB10	1:500	No	No
Rabbit anti-Glucagon	Dako A0565	1:500	No	No
Goat anti-Arx	Santa Cruz Biotechnology sc-48843	1:200	Yes	Yes
Sheep anti-Arx	R&D Systems AF7068	1:1500	Yes	Yes
Mouse anti-Nkx6.1	DSHB F55A10	1:200	Yes	Yes
Rabbit anti-Nkx6.1	Novo Nordisk Antibody core	1:200	Yes	Yes
Goat anti-Pdx1	Santa Cruz Biotechnology sc-14664	1:200	Yes	Yes
Goat anti-Somatostatin	Santa Cruz Biotechnology sc-7819 lot J0907	1:200	No	No
Rabbit anti-Somatostatin	Dako A056601-2	1:200	No	No
Mouse anti-Dnmt1	Abcam ab92453	1:500	Yes	Yes
Rabbit anti-MafB	Bethyl laboratories IHC-00351 lot 1	1:200	Yes	Yes
Rabbit anti-Chromogranin A	Immunostar, Hudson, WI 20085	1:200	No	No
Mouse anti-Chromogranin A	Cell Marque, Rocklin, CA LK2H10	1:200	No	No
Mouse anti-Nkx2.2	DSHB 74.5A5	1:50	Yes	Yes
Mouse anti-Pax6	DSHB	1:200	Yes	Yes
Chicken anti-YFP	Abcam ab13970	1:200	No	No
Mouse anti-Neurog3	DSHB F25A1B3	1:500	Yes	No
Rabbit anti-Ki67	Leica Microsystems, Germany NCL-Ki67p	1:100	Yes	No
Goat anti-PPY	Novus Biologicals, Littleton, CO NB100-1793 lot P1	1:200	No	No
Goat anti-Ghrelin	Santa Cruz Biotechnology sc-10368	1:200	No	No
Goat anti-Glut2	Santa Cruz Biotechnology sc-7580	1:200	No	No

Supplementary Table 6, Related to Figures 1-3, S1-4, S6-7: List of secondary antibodies

Antibody	Dilution	Wavelength	Catalog #
Goat anti-Chicken	1:200	Alexa Fluor 488	A-11039
Goat anti-Mouse	1:200	Alexa Fluor 488	A-11029
Goat anti-Rabbit	1:200	Alexa Fluor 488	A-11008
Goat anti-Mouse	1:200	Alexa Fluor 555	A-21425
Goat anti-Rabbit	1:200	Alexa Fluor 555	A-21428
Goat anti-Guinea pig	1:200	Alexa Fluor 647	A-21450
Goat anti-Mouse	1:200	Alexa Fluor 647	A-21235
Donkey anti-Goat	1:200	Alexa Fluor 555	A-21432

Supplemental Methods

Human Tissues Institutional review board approval for research use of human tissue was obtained from the Stanford University School of Medicine. Pancreas specimens were obtained from the International Institute for the advancement of Medicine (IIAM) and the network of pancreatic organ donors (nPOD) (Table 1). De-identified normal human pancreas specimens from donors aged 4, 7, and 26 years, and 2 pancreas specimens from type 1 diabetic donors with short disease duration aged 8 and 9 years were obtained from IIAM and fixed in 4% paraformaldehyde, then embedded in OCT before subsequent sectioning (9 μ m). Pancreas specimens from three type 1 diabetic donors with long-standing disease were obtained as slides from nPOD (Table 1).

Mouse studies All animal experiments and methods were approved by the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) of Stanford University. *Glucagon-rtTA*, *Tet-o-Cre*, *R26-YFP*, mice have been described previously (Thorel et al., 2010). The *Dnmt1^{f/f}* mice were a gift from Dr. L. Jackson-Grusby (Jackson-Grusby et al., 2001). The *Arx^{f/f}* mice were a gift from Dr. J. Golden (Fulp et al., 2008).

Immunohistology and Confocal Microscopy Human pancreas sections were stained with antibodies against a panel of endocrine genes listed in Table S5a as described previously (Chen et al., 2011). In brief, slides were washed with PBS, blocked with normal donkey serum (5%) and primary antibodies were applied. Antigen retrieval was performed by boiling the slides in Antigen retrieval solution (S1699; DAKO; Carpinteria, CA) for 10 minutes before blocking. The Neurog3, Nkx2.2, Nkx6.1, Pdx1 and Pax6 antibodies were developed by Dr OD Madsen and obtained from the Developmental Studies Hybridoma Bank (DSHB) developed under the auspices of the NICHD and maintained by the University of Iowa, Department of Biological

Sciences, Iowa City, IA 52242. Stained sections were mounted with VECTASHIELD Mounting Medium with Dapi (H-1200, Vector Laboratories). Staining was visualized using a Leica SP2 inverted confocal laser scanning microscope at a magnification of 63X (oil immersion) with Ar/Kr, He/Ne and 405 nm lasers. Each image was scanned as a Z-stack with a total thickness of 1.5-2 μm and 10 optical slices of equal thickness (0.15-0.2 μm). Each color was scanned independently.

Flow Cytometry Isolated mouse islets were dissociated into single cells by enzymatic digestion using 0.05% Trypsin (25300-120; Life Technologies). 7-aminoactinomycin D (7-AAD, eBiosciences) was used at 1:500 dilution as Live/Dead stain to exclude dead cells. Sort gates were adjusted with reference to negative controls (wild-type islets without YFP labeling). Cells were sorted on a special order 5-laser FACS Aria II (BD Biosciences) using a 100 μm nozzle at a flow rate of 1 following doublet removal. Sorted single-cells were collected directly into 96-well plates (Bio-Rad cat #: HSP9601) containing 4 μL of lysis buffer with dNTPs³⁷ for downstream single-cell RNA-Seq assays.

Single-Cell RNA-Seq and Data Analysis Single-cell RNA-Seq libraries were generated as described (Picelli et al., 2014). Briefly, single-cells collected in 96-well plates were lysed, followed by reverse transcription with template-switch using an LNA-modified template switch oligo to generate cDNA. After 21 cycles of pre-amplification, DNA was purified and analyzed on an automated Fragment Analyzer (Advanced Analytical). Each cell's cDNA fragment profile was individually inspected and only wells with successful amplification products (concentration higher than 0.06 ng/ μl) and with no detectable RNA degradation were selected for final library

preparation. Tagmentation assays and barcoded sequencing libraries were prepared using Nextera XT kit (FC-131-1024; Illumina) according to the manufacturer's instructions. Barcoded libraries were pooled and subjected to 75 bp paired-end sequencing on the Illumina NextSeq instrument. Sequencing reads were trimmed, adapter sequences removed and the reads aligned using STAR (Dobin et al., 2015) with default parameters. Duplicate reads were removed using picard (McKenna et al., 2010). Transcript counts were obtained using HT-Seq (Anders et al., 2015) and mm10 UCSC exon/transcript annotations. Pairwise distances between cells were estimated using Pearson correlation of overdispersed genes as described (Fan et al., 2016). Subsequent hierarchical clustering was done using hclustfunction in R, and dimension reduction was performed using the *t*-SNE method on pairwise distances (Van der Maaten and Hinton, 2008). Data were also analyzed with QIAGEN Ingenuity® Pathway Analysis (IPA®, QIAGEN Redwood City, www.qiagen.com/ingenuity) with the following analysis settings: Expression Value Type (Exp Log Ration), Range (-4.78 to 4.93; 80 analysis molecules across observations), Reference set (Ingenuity Knowledge Base + Endogenous chemicals), Relationships to consider (Direct and Indirect Relationships), Interaction networks (35 molecules/network; 25 networks/analysis), Data Source (All), Confidence (Experimentally Observed), Species (All), Tissue & Cell Lines (none), Mutations (All). The GEO accession number is GSE79457.

Electrophysiological studies

Islets from control or α ADKO mice were dispersed to single cells and plated overnight on 35-mm dishes as previously (Dai et al., 2011). Cells were patch-clamped in the whole-cell voltage-clamp configuration in a heated bath at 32-35°C using a HEKA EPC10 amplifier and PatchMaster Software (Heka Elektronik, Germany) and patch pipettes with resistances of 4 ~ 5 M Ω after fire polishing. Na⁺ channels were activated by a depolarization to 0 mV following

holding potentials ranging from -140 to 0 mV. For this, the bath solution contained (in mM): 118 NaCl, 5.6 KCl, 1 MgCl₂, 2.6 CaCl₂, 20 TEA-Cl, 5 HEPES, 5 glucose, 50 nM ω -conotoxin, and 10 μ M isradipine (pH 7.4 with NaOH). The pipette solution for these experiments contained (in mM): 125 Cs-glutamate, 1 MgCl₂, 10 EGTA, 1 HEPES, and 3 MgATP (pH 7.15 with CsOH). Single cell exocytosis was measured essentially as described previously (Ferdaoussi et al., 2015). Briefly, cells were pre-incubated at either 2 or 20 mM glucose for 1 hour and transferred to bath solution with either 20 or 2 mM glucose ~10-30 minutes prior to patch-clamping. Exocytosis was elicited by a series of ten 500-ms membrane depolarizations from -70 to 0 mV and monitored as increases in cell capacitance. For this, the bath solution was (in mM): 118 NaCl, 20 TEA, 5.6 KCl, 1.2 MgCl₂, 2.6 CaCl₂, 5 HEPES, and either 20 or 2 glucose (pH 7.4 with NaOH). The pipette solution contained (in mM): 125 Cs-glutamate, 10 CsCl, 10 NaCl, 1 MgCl₂, 0.05 EGTA, 5 HEPES, 0.1 cAMP and 3 MgATP (pH 7.15 with CsOH). Following the experiments cells were immunostained for insulin (polyclonal guinea pig anti-insulin from Dako, detected by goat anti-guinea pig Alexa Fluor 594 secondary from Invitrogen) and YFP (rabbit anti-GFP primary and AlexaFluor 488 anti-rabbit secondary, Invitrogen) to identify β -cells (Ins⁺ only), α -cells (YFP⁺ only) or converted α -cells (Ins⁺, YFP⁺). Data were analyzed using FitMaster (Heka Elektronik) and Prism v6.0h (Graphpad Software Inc.). Statistical analysis of exocytosis data was by 2-way ANOVA followed by Bonferroni post-test ($P < 0.05$ considered significant).

Hormone secretion and Calcium Imaging

Hormone secretion and calcium imaging studies were performed as previously described (Adewola et al., 2010; Xing et al., 2016). Briefly, islets from MIP-GFP, Glucagon-Venus, and α iADKO mice were dispersed into single cells and GFP⁺, Venus⁺ or YFP⁺ cells were collected by FACS (MoFlo, Beckman Coulter, CA) as described above.

For calcium imaging, the sorted cells were incubated in Kreb's Ringer Buffer (KRB) with 2mM glucose and 5 μ M Fura-2/AM (Molecular Probes, CA) for 30 minutes. Cells were then loaded into a temperature equilibrated microfluidic device mounted on an inverted epifluorescence microscope (Leica DMI 4000B). KRB with 14 mM glucose or 2mM glucose with 30mM KCl was administered to the cells for 20 minutes and 15 minutes respectively. Dual-wavelength Fura-2/AM was excited at 340 and 380 nm (shift in excitation wavelength occurs upon binding Ca²⁺), and fluorescent emission was detected at 510 nm. Fura-2 fluorescence emission spectra were filtered using a Fura-2 dichroic beamsplitter and a double band emission filter (Chroma Technology. Part number: 73100bs). The images were collected with a CCD (Retiga-SRV, Fast 1394, QImaging). SimplePCI software (Hamamatsu Corp.) was used for image acquisition and analysis. Intracellular Ca²⁺ concentration was expressed as a ratio of fluorescent emission intensity (% F340/F380). The fluorescence signal was expressed as a change in percentage after being normalized to basal intensity levels established before stimulation.

For hormone secretion studies, 5000 GFP⁺ cells from MIP-GFP mice, Venus⁺ cells from Glucagon-Venus mice or YFP⁺ cells from α iADKO mice were collected by FACS and loaded onto the microfluidic device. To measure insulin secretion, 5000 YFP⁺ cells were incubated in basal KRB with 2mM glucose for 30 mins and then stimulated with KRB containing 14 mM glucose for 30 mins followed by 2 mM glucose for 10 mins. To measure glucagon secretion, 5000 YFP⁺ cells were incubated in KRB with 11.2 mM glucose for 30 min and then stimulated with KRB with 2 mM glucose for 30 minutes. For both Insulin and Glucagon measurements, perfusate was collected at a flow rate of 100 μ l/minute every 2 minutes. Ultrasensitive Rodent Insulin or Glucagon ELISAs (Mercodia, Uppsala, Sweden) were used to measure perfusate insulin or glucagon levels.

