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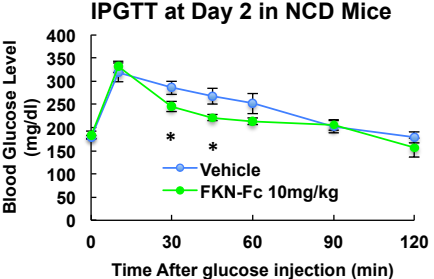
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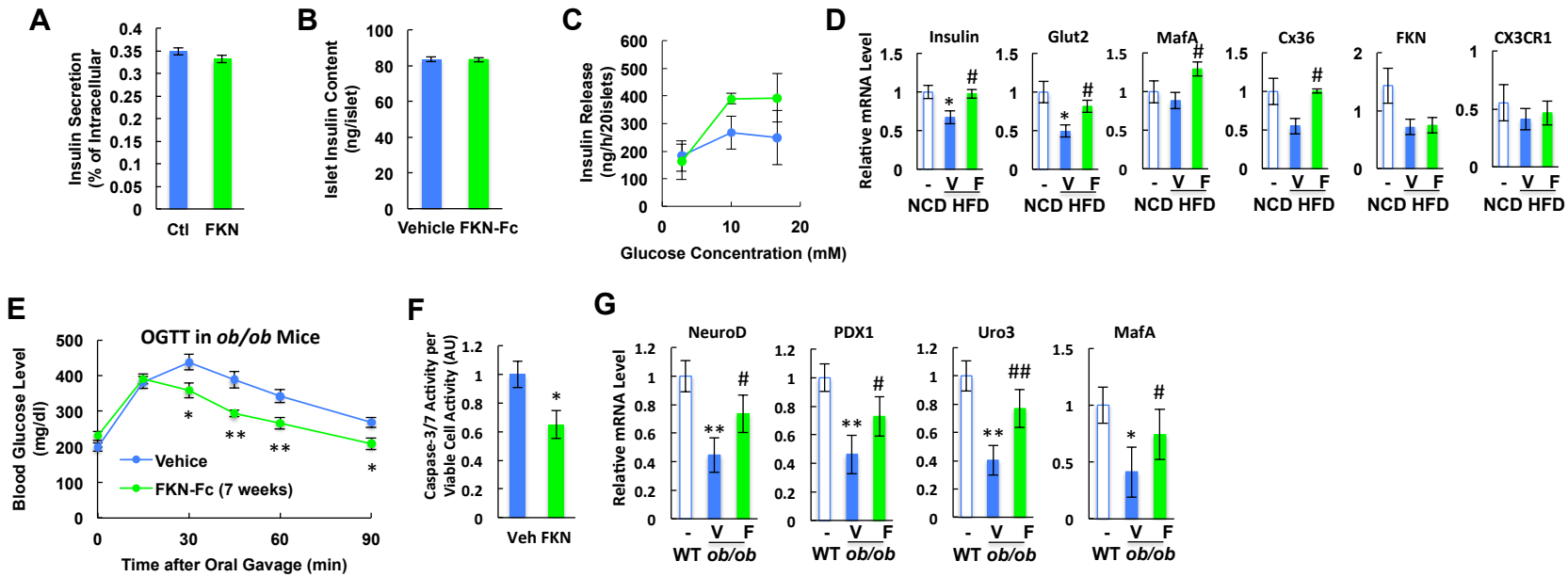
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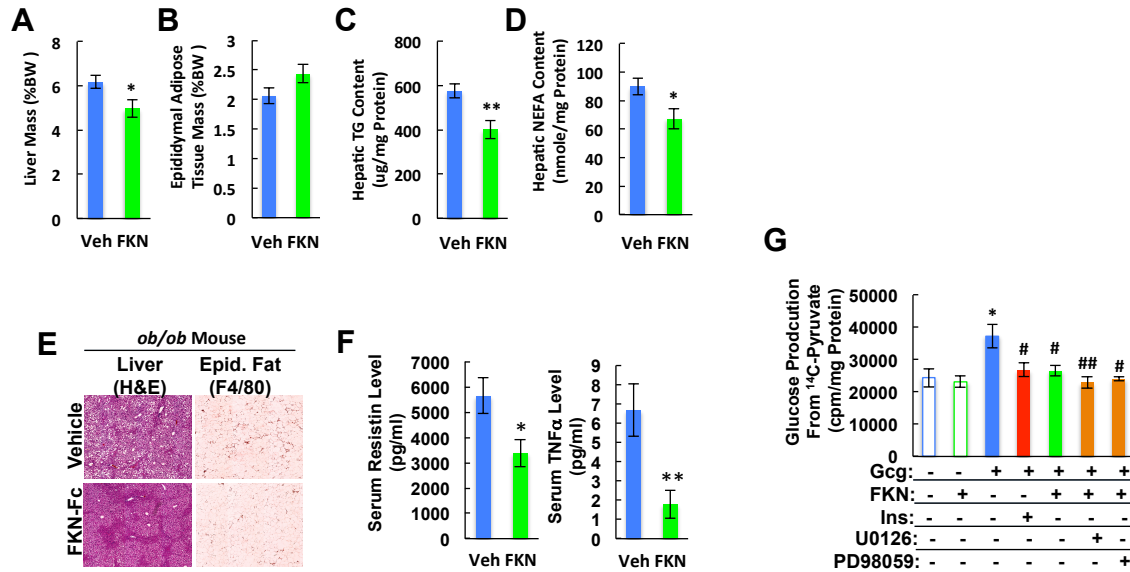


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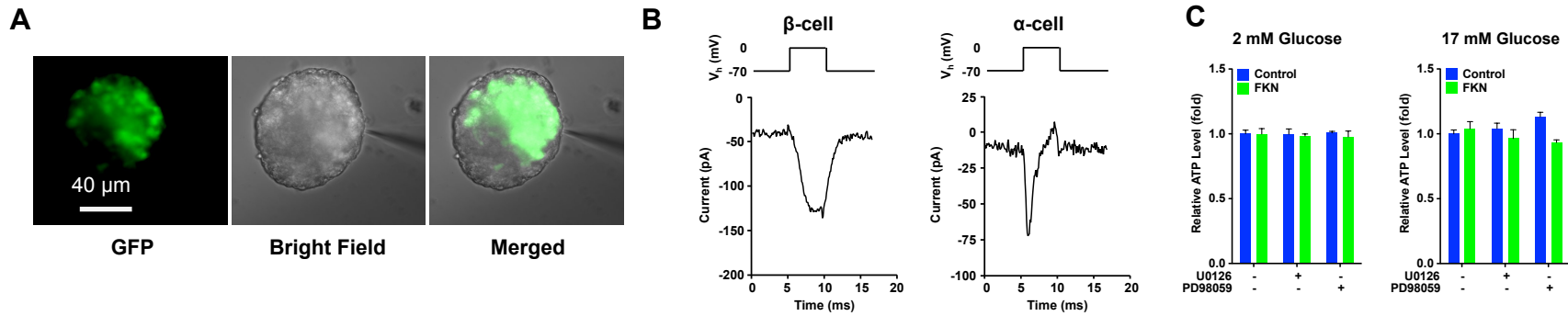


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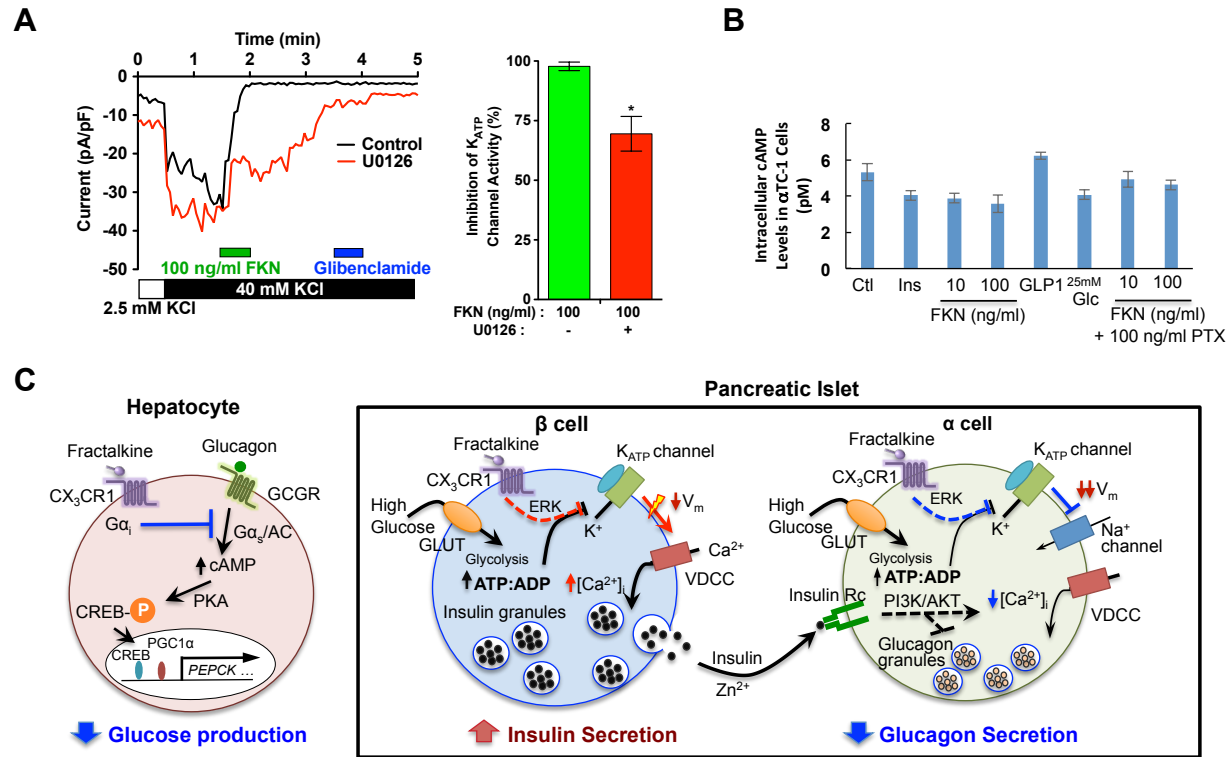


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Full unedited film for the Western blots in Figure 3 (Riopel et al.)

