## **Supplemental Method**

## **Study population**

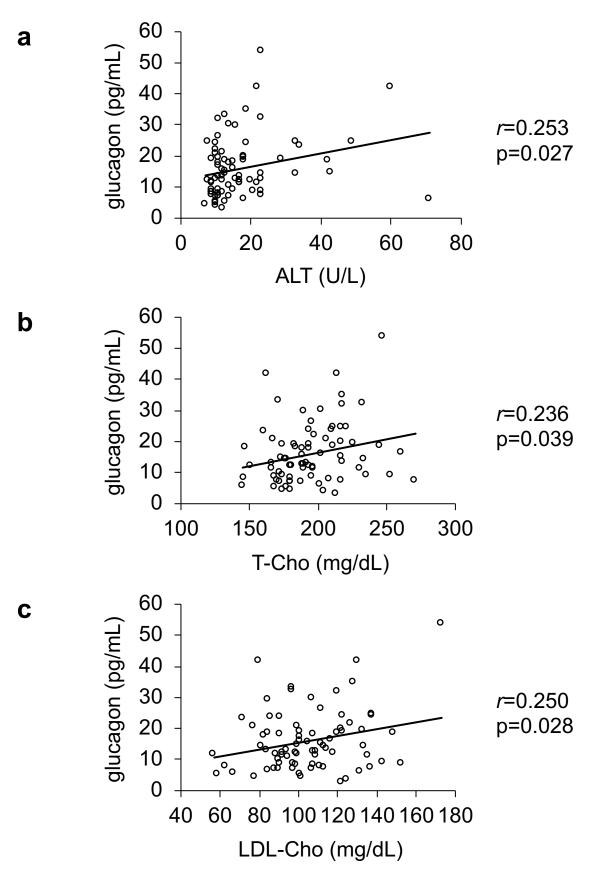
A total of 77 Japanese patients with type 1 diabetes, who received the annual checkup in 2018, were recruited and enrolled in the present study after providing written informed consent. All participants were diagnosed as type 1 diabetes by diabetes specialists at the time of presenting hyperglycemia and/or ketosis in their clinical history, and since that time all had been under treatment with insulin therapy. Most of the participants are considered to be the auto-immune, acute-onset type 1 diabetes, but the inclusion of the fulminant type patients cannot be completely excluded when they are diagnosed before the establishment of the concept and diagnostic criteria of the fulminant type 1 diabetes. The patients with neoplasm, and administration of oral anti-diabetic agents were excluded.

## Preparation of plasma samples for glucagon assay

Whole blood was collected into sample tubes containing aprotinin and EDTA-2Na (NP-EA0205; NIPRO, Osaka, Japan), then immediately chilled on ice. Within 20 min of sampling, the plasma was separated using a 3,000-rpm desktop centrifuge for 20 min at 4 °C, then stored in a -80 °C deep freezer until performing the glucagon assay.

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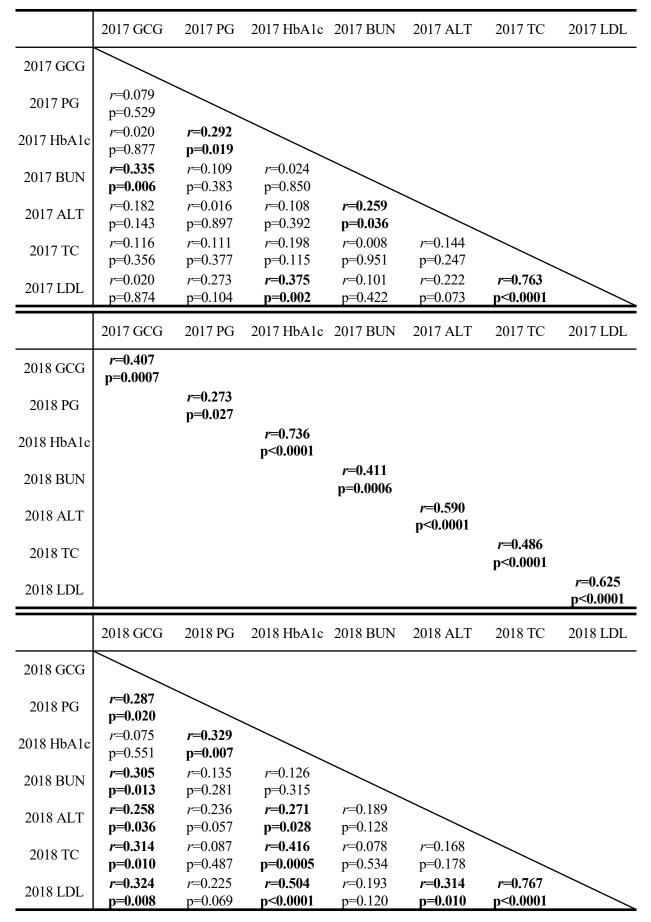
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**Supplemental Figure 1.** Values for clinical parameters and plasma glucagon in the patients with type 1 diabetes in 2018 (n=77). Circles indicate individual samples and the line indicates the approximate straight line. Statistical analysis for correlation was carried out using Pearson's univariate test.

**Supplemental Figure 2.** Values for plasma glucose and HbA1c in the annual checkups of 2017 and 2018 for patients with type 1 diabetes (n=66). Circles indicate individual samples and the line indicates the approximate straight line. Statistical analysis for correlation was carried out using Pearson's univariate test.

Supplemental Table 1.



**Supplemental Table 1.** Results of Pearson's univariate tests in the annual checkups of 2017 and 2018 for patients with type 1 diabetes (n=66). GCG, glucagon; PG, plasma glucose; BUN, blood urea nitrogen; ALT, alanine transaminase; TC, total-cholesterol; LDL, low-density lipoprotein cholesterol.