## SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

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9 Supplementary Figure 1. Human pancreatic slices remain viable after extended culture atop PFC dishes.
10 (a) Viable cell percentage of human pancreatic slices cultured atop PFC-based and transwell membranes as a
11 function of time (10 days). Red: PFC; blue: transwells (n = 4). (b) Cross-sectional area (sq. mm) of HPSs over

12	21 days of culture atop PFC/Si and transwell dishes. Red: PFC; blue: transwells. De-identified sample numbers
13	from nPOD or the Diabetes research Institute's cGMP facility are indicated for each graphic ( $n = 4$ ). Data in ( <b>a</b> -
14	<b>b</b> ) are presented as mean $\pm$ SD. Each <i>n</i> further represents the mean of 3 technical replicates, while plotted
15	bars/lines are centered at mean.



61	Supplementary Figure 2. Immunofluorescence (IF) analysis of long-term cultured slices shows
62	differences in key epithelial, endocrine and acinar markers between transwell and PFC conditions, but
63	not in $\beta$ -cell turnover. (a) Representative Ki67 (red) IF microphotograph of transwell- (first and second
64	panels) and PFC-cultured (second and third panels) human pancreatic slices. Insulin (INS) is shown in light
65	grey, and nuclear counterstaining (DAPI), in blue. Most Ki67 <sup>+</sup> cells were found in the exocrine compartment,
66	with no apparent differences between either condition $(n = 3)$ . (b) Representative IF microphotograph of
67	NKX6.1 (green) in islets (INS, red) of transwell- (top row) and PFC-cultured (bottom row) human pancreatic
68	slices. Nuclear counterstaining: DAPI (blue) ( $n = 3$ ). (c) Representative IF microphotograph of PDX1 (green) in
69	islets (INS, red) of transwell- (top row) and PFC-cultured (bottom row) human pancreatic slices. Nuclear
70	counterstaining: DAPI (blue). PDX1 is barely detectable in transwell-cultured slices after 10 days ( $n = 3$ ). (d)
71	Representative IF microphotograph of amylase (AMY, green) and E-cadherin (ECAD, red) in human pancreatic
72	slices cultured in transwells (top row) and PFC (bottom row). Nuclear counterstaining: DAPI (blue). Slices
73	cultured in PFC exhibit a better-preserved E-cadherin acinar tissue ultrastructure and more defined apical
74	granularity of amylase granules (white arrows) than those cultured in transwells ( $n = 3$ ). Size bars: 200 µm (a);
75	100 $\mu$ m ( <b>b</b> , <b>c</b> ); and 50 $\mu$ m ( <b>d</b> ). Each <i>n</i> further represents the mean of 3 technical replicates.

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Supplementary Figure 3. qRT-PCR of key pancreatic endocrine and non-endocrine genes in transwell- or

**PFC-cultured human pancreatic slices at day 10**. Values are represented as  $2^{-(\Delta Ct)}$  (y-axis) for both transwell-

101	(blue columns) and PFC-cultured (red columns) slices. Each data point is the average of 3 technical replicates
102	for one individual donor ( $n=3$ biologically independent samples from individual donors). In order to compare
103	the PFC and TW for each gene, we used a two-tailed Wilcoxon rank test. The p-value significance threshold
104	was defined as 0.05. Owing to high donor-to-donor variability, and despite consistently higher values in PFC
105	than in transwell conditions, the differences were not statistically significant by two-tailed <i>t</i> -test. Individual <i>p</i> -
106	values: CDH1: p=0.4880; EPCAM: p=0.7107; PNLIP: p=0.4541; CPA1: p=0.4997; INS p=0.1734; GCG:
107	<i>p</i> =0.2401; SST: <i>p</i> =0.3917; PPY <i>p</i> =0.2158; IAPP: <i>p</i> =0.3958; MAFA: <i>p</i> =0.4174; NEUROD1: <i>p</i> =0.3309;
108	NKX6.1: <i>p</i> =0.3194; PDX1: <i>p</i> =0.4671; SLC2A2: <i>p</i> =0.6420; CHGA: <i>p</i> =0.5517; MUC6: <i>p</i> =0.4730. Normalizer
109	housekeeping gene: B2M. Data plotted are presented as mean $\pm$ SD. Each <i>n</i> further represents the mean of 3
110	technical replicates, while plotted bars are centered at mean.





Supplementary Figure 4. Dynamic insulin secretion from human pancreatic slices. (a) Donor-by-donor profiles of insulin secretion [presented as stimulation index (SI) vs. baseline] after stimulation with 16.7 mM Glucose and 30 mM KCl. Preparations (n=3) used for Fig. 3a. For all graphics in this figure, black traces correspond to day +1<sup>s</sup> (slices shipped from Gainesville); red: PFC-cultured slices for 10 days; and blue: transwell-cultured slices for 10 days. (b) Preparations (n=3) used for Fig. 3g. For all graphics in this figure, green is day 0 (perifusion immediately after sectioning); black is day +1 (perifusion after 24h rest); red: PFC-cultured slices for 10 days; and blue: transwell-cultured slices for 10 days. De-identified sample numbers are indicated for each graphic. Data plotted in (a-b) are represented by mean  $\pm$  S.E.M. Each *n* further represents the mean of 3 technical replicates, while plotted lines are centered at mean. 

## 164 **Supplementary Figure 5**

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EGFP\*ISST Supplementary Figure 5. Synthetic human Insulin promoter (SHIP) is β-cell specific in human pancreatic 167 168 slices. (a) Top and bottom row: representative confocal immunofluorescence images at two different magnifications of a human pancreatic slice transduced with SHIP-EGFP and counterstained after 48 hours with 169 170 insulin (n = 4). (b) Representative confocal immunofluorescence imaging of a region of a human pancreatic

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171	slice containing islet-resident $\beta$ -cells tagged by a SHIP-EGFP adenovirus. The lower row shows a magnified
172	region for each channel of an islet with untagged $\delta$ -cells (SST, somatostatin <sup>+</sup> ), whereas some $\beta$ -cells (insulin <sup>+</sup> )
173	are labeled by SHIP-EGFP ( $n = 4$ ). (c) Percentage of EGFP-expressing islet cells ( $n = 4$ ). (d) Percentage of islet
174	cells expressing EGFP and either insulin, glucagon or somatostatin $(n = 4)$ (e) Number of cells outside islet
175	structures also expressing EGFP ( $n = 4$ ). Size bar: 100 µm (a) and 200 µm (b, top row); magnified (lower)
176	panels in (b): 50 $\mu$ m. Data plotted in (c-e) are presented as mean $\pm$ SD. Plotted bars are centered at mean.
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Sample ID	Diabetes Duration (Years)	Auto Antibody Assay (RIA)	C-Peptide (ng/ml)	Age (Years)	Sex	Ethnicity	BMI
HP2298	0	N/A	N/A	49	М	Hispanic	25.9
HP2305	5/T2D	N/A	N/A	59	М	Hispanic	30.7
HP2306	0	N/A	N/A	50	F	Caucasian	24.7
HP2307	5/T2D	N/A	N/A	54	F	Caucasian	28.1
HP2309	0	N/A	N/A	57	F	African American	29.2
HP2311	0	N/A	N/A	59	F	African American	21.7
HP2311	0	N/A	N/A	44	F	Caucasian	29.5
HP2315	(T2D)	N/A	N/A	61	М	Hispanic	33.7
HP2316	0	N/A	N/A	60	М	Caucasian	34.8
nPOD6461	0	Neg	5.26	14	М	Caucasian	18.5
nPOD6462	0	Neg	7.22	11.09	F	Caucasian	15.2
nPOD6465	0	Neg	3.42	4	М	African American	16.8
nPOD6468	0	Neg	5.27	16	М	Caucasian	15.9
nPOD6469	1.5 (T1D)	GADA A+	0.66	27	F	Caucasian	26.9
HP19-01	0	N/A	N/A	69	М	N/A	22.7
HP19-02	0	N/A	4.9	22	М	Caucasian	20.9
HP19-03	0	N/A	N/a	49	М	Caucasian	26.1
nPOD6516	0	N/A	5.5	20	М	Caucasian	28.8
HP19-05	0	N/A	5.3	64	М	Caucasian	17.6
HP20-01	0	N/A	4.7	28	М	Hispanic	20.3
HP20-02	0	N/A	5.1	31	М	N/A	31.9
HP20-03	0	N/A	4.9	42	М	Caucasian	28.1
HP20-04	0	N/A	N/A	54	М	N/A	29.4

## 197 Supplementary Table 1. Pancreatic donor demographics

## 215 Supplementary Table 2. Table of antibodies used.

Antibody to	Concentration	Host	Company	Catalogue number	Reactivity to human
	IF				
Insulin	1:250	Guinea Pig	Dako/Agilent	A0564	+++
Glucagon	1:500	Mouse	R&D Systems	MAB1249	+++
Glucagon	1:250	Rabbit	Dako/Agilent	A0565	+++
Cytokeratin19	1:100	Rabbit	Abcam	ab52625	+++
Cytokeratin19	1:100	Mouse	Dako	M0888	+++
Somatostatin	1:50	Rat	Millipore	MAB354	+++
Somatostatin	1:250	Rabbit	Dako/Agilent	A0566,	+++
Alpha Amylase	1:100	Rabbit	Sigma Aldrich	A8273	+++
Fluo-4, AM, cell permeant	10uM	Calcium Indicator	Thermo Scientific	F14201	+++
Ki-67 Antibody	1:50	Rabbit	Sigma Aldrich	AB9260	+++
E-Cadherin	1:250	Mouse	R&D Systems	AF748	+++
NKX6.1	1:100	Mouse	R&D Systems	AF5857	+++
PDX1	15 µg/ml	Goat	R&D Systems	AF2419	++++