

**Chemical induction of gut  $\beta$ -like-cells by combined FoxO1/Notch inhibition as a glucose-lowering treatment for diabetes**

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Table S1. List of primers for qPCR

Gene symbol		Primer Sequence
<i>I8S</i>	Forward	AAACGGCTACCACATCCAAG
	Reverse	CCTCCAATGGATCCTCGTTA
<i>Foxo1</i>	Forward	TCC AGT TCC TTC ATT CTG CAC T
	Reverse	GCGTGCCCTACTTCAAGGATAA
<i>Ngn3</i>	Forward	TGGCCCATAGATGATGTTTCG
	Reverse	AGAAGGCAGATCACCTTCGTG
<i>ChgA</i>	Forward	CAGCTCGTCCACTCTTTCCG
	Reverse	CCTCTCGTCTCCTTGGAGGG
<i>Tph1</i>	Forward	TTCTGACCTGGACTTCTGCG
	Reverse	GGGGTCCCCATGTTTGTAGT
<i>Gcg</i>	Forward	GCTGATTCAAACCAAGATCACTG
	Reverse	ATCCCAAGTGACTGGCACGAG
<i>Ins1</i>	Forward	TTAATGGGCCAAACAGCAAAGTC
	Reverse	TGACCTGCTTGCTGATGGTCTC
<i>Ins2</i>	Forward	CTGGTGGAGGCTCTCTACCTG
	Reverse	CAAGGTCTGAAGGTCACCTGC
<i>Nkx6.1</i>	Forward	CAGGACCAAGTGGAGAAAGAAG
	Reverse	GGGTCCAGAGGTTTGTGTAAT
<i>Nkx2.2</i>	Forward	CCA GAA CCA TCG CTA CAA GAT
	Reverse	CTTATCCAATCGCTCCACCTT

Table S2. List of antibodies for immunohistochemistry

Name	Vendor	Cat.No	Primary conc	Secondary conc
FoxO1 (C29H4)	Cell signaling	#2880	1:300	1:500
GLP-1	Abcam	ab13329	1:500	1:500
GIP	ABBIOTEC	250668	1:500	1:500
5-HT	Abcam	ab66047	1:1000	1:500
Somatostatin	Dako	A0566	1:500	1:500
GFP	Abcam	Ab13970	1:500	1:500
RFP	MBL	PM005	1:500	1:500
Ki67	Abcam	ab15580	1:500	1:500
Insulin	Mercodia	N/A	1:200	1:500
C-peptide	Thermo	PA5-85595	1:2000	1:500
PC2	Thermo	PA1-058	1:500	1:500
Nkx6.1	R&D	AF5857-SP	1:50	1:500
Donkey anti-goat-Alexa488	Invitrogen	A11055		
Donkey anti-rabbit-Alexa555	Invitrogen	A31572		
Donkey anti-rat-Alexa488	Invitrogen	A21208		
Goat anti-Rabbit-Alexa488	Invitrogen	A11008		
Goat anti-Mouse-Alexa488	Invitrogen	A11029		
Goat anti-Mouse-Alexa555	Invitrogen	A21424		
Goat anti-Chicken-Alexa488	Invitrogen	A11039		
Biotin rat anti mouse igG1	BD	553441		

SUPPLEMENTAL FIGURES

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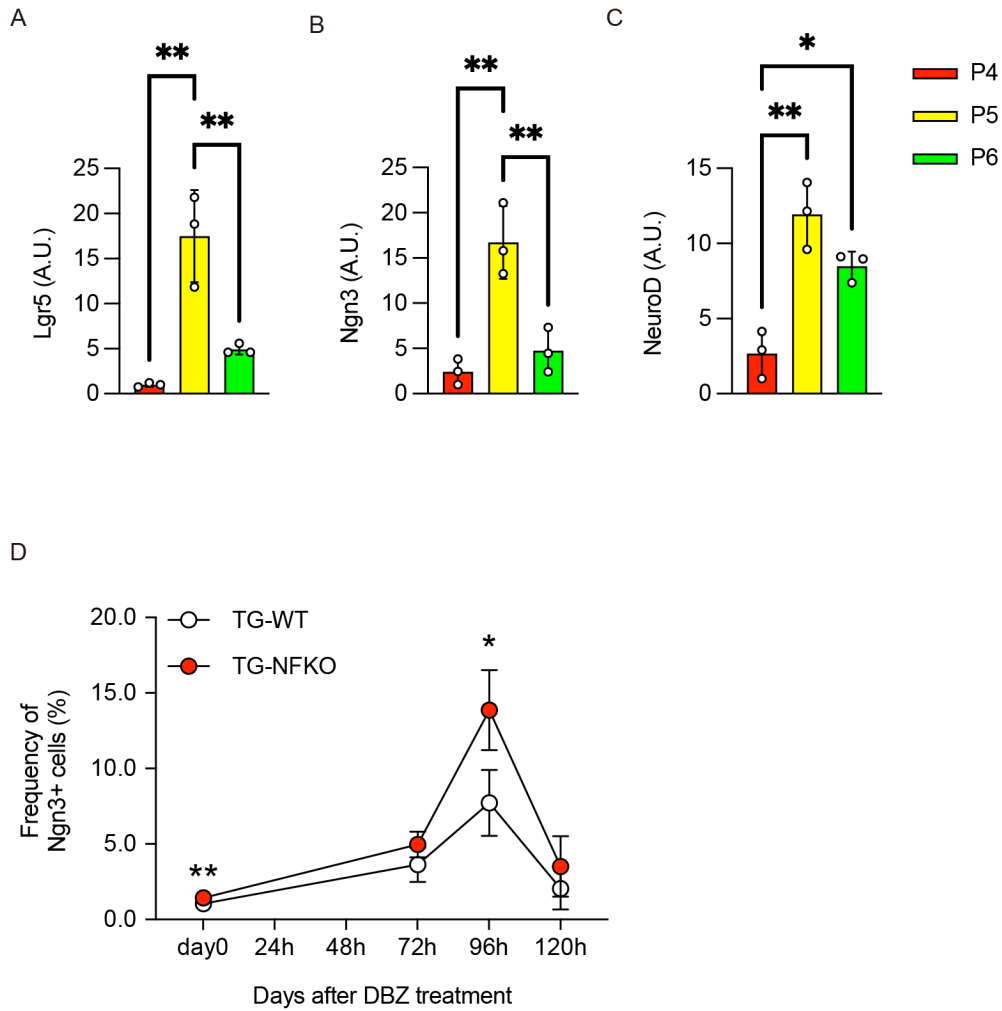


Fig. S1. (A–C) qPCR of Lgr5 (A), Ngn3 (B), and NeuroD (C) using mRNA from sorted P4, P5, and P6 cells indicated in Fig. 1C. N=3 for each group. (D) Time course of total GFP+ cells, indicating Ngn3+ EECs after DBZ treatment. The data are calculated from the same samples shown in Fig. 1G–J.

Figure S2. Induction of EECs by DBZ

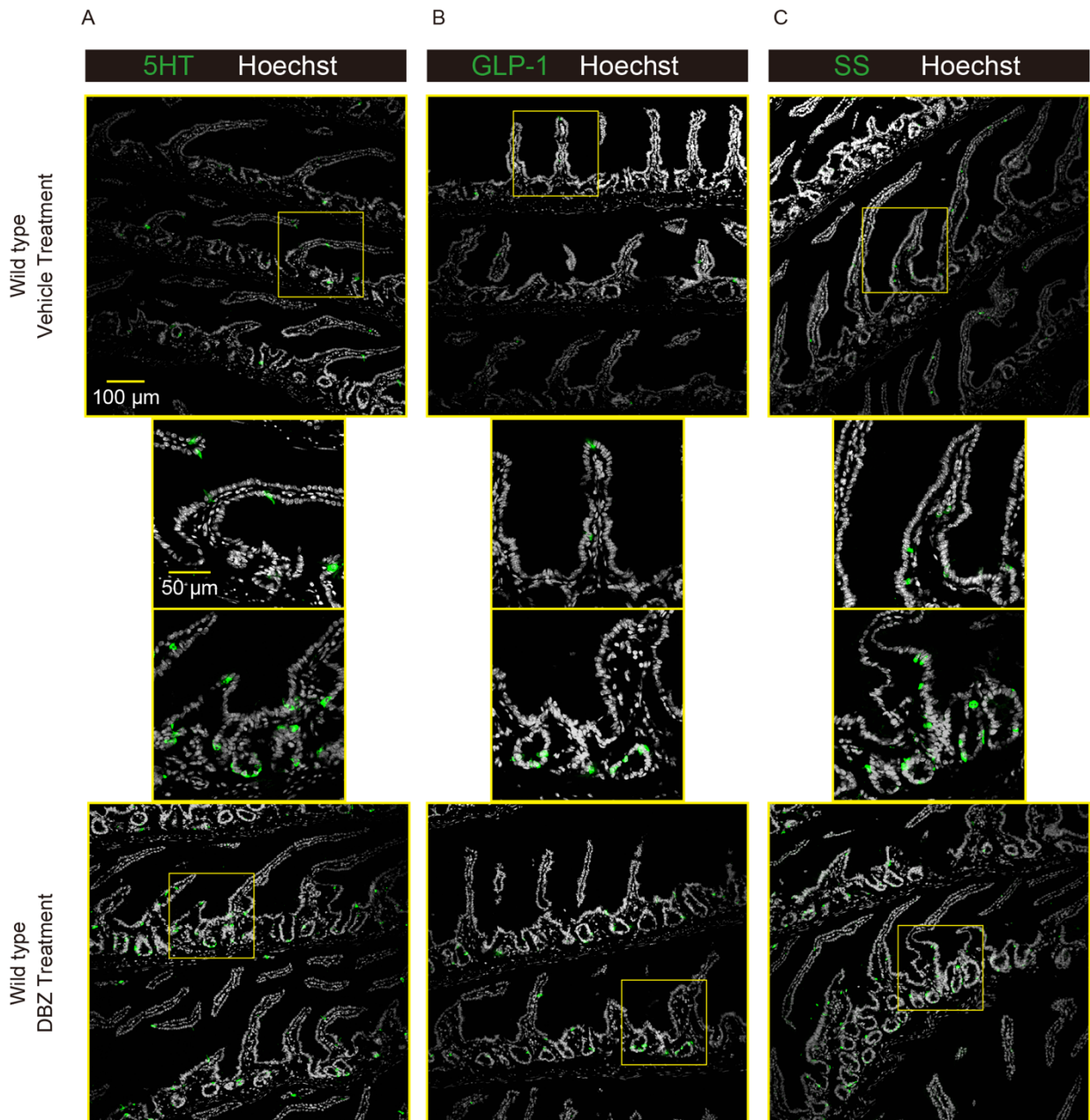


Fig. S2. 5HT (A), GLP-1 (B), and SS (C) staining (green) of intestinal sections from wild-type mice 96hr after Vehicle or DBZ treatment. Scale bar = 100 µm in larger pictures, and 50 µm in magnified pictures. Hoechst counterstains nuclei.

Figure S3. Gut structure, weight, and food intake in Vil-FoxO1 knockout and wild-type control mice

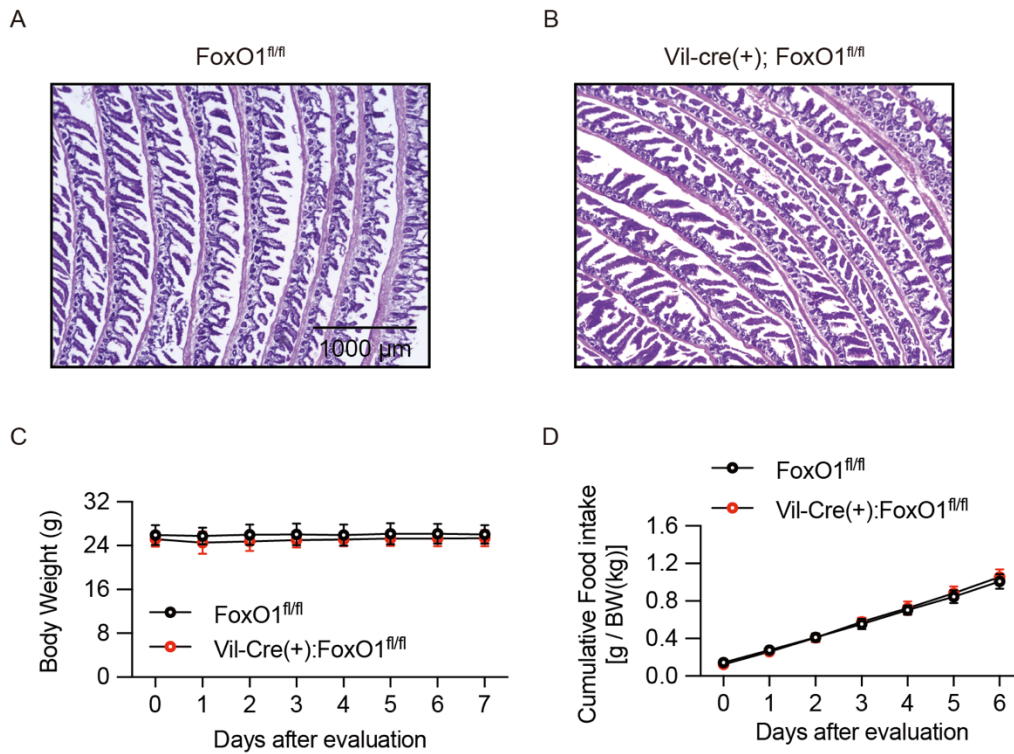


Fig. S3. (A, B) H&E of gut from FoxO1<sup>fl/fl</sup> (A) and Vil-cre (+): FoxO1<sup>fl/fl</sup> mice (B). (C, D) Body weight and food intake measured daily at 10 AM for a week.



Figure S4. ipGTT and OGTT in Vil-FoxO1 knockout and wild-type control mice

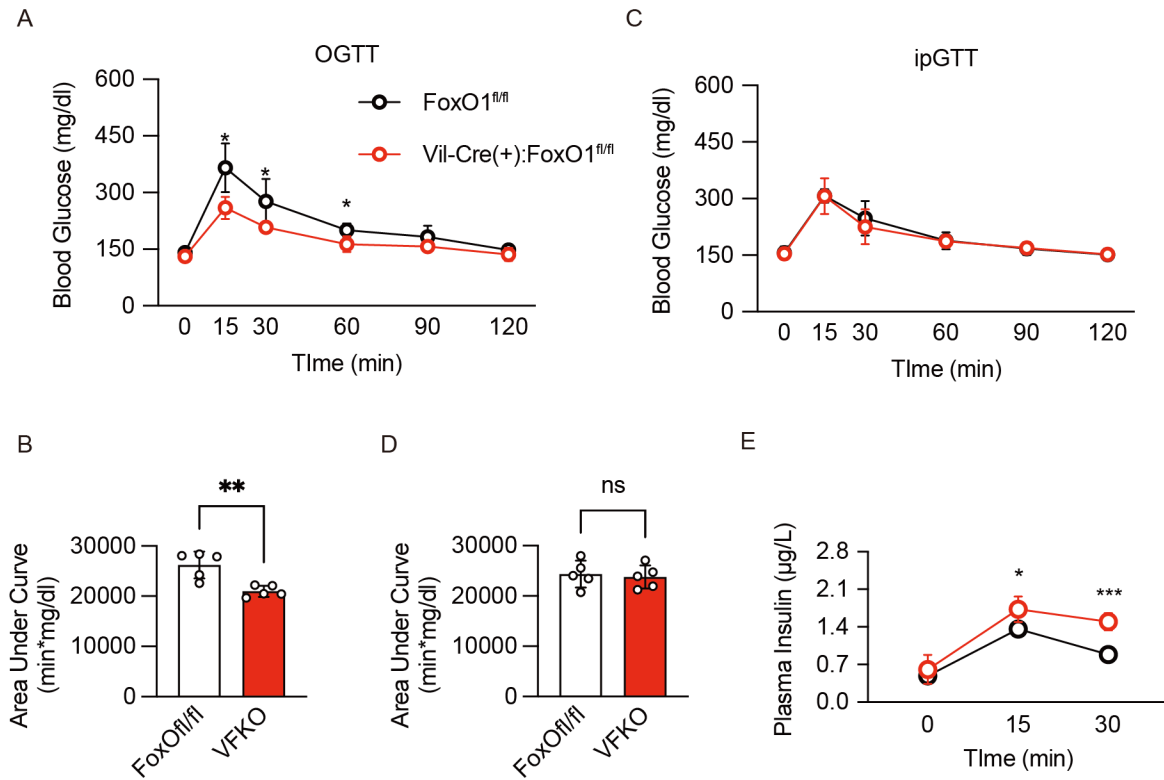


Fig. S4. (A–E) Oral (A) or intra-peritoneal (C) glucose tolerance tests (1g/kg glucose) after a 4-hr fast and area under curve of (B, D). (E) Plasma insulin levels during oral glucose tolerance tests.

Figure S5. Optimization of in vivo PF-03084014 treatment

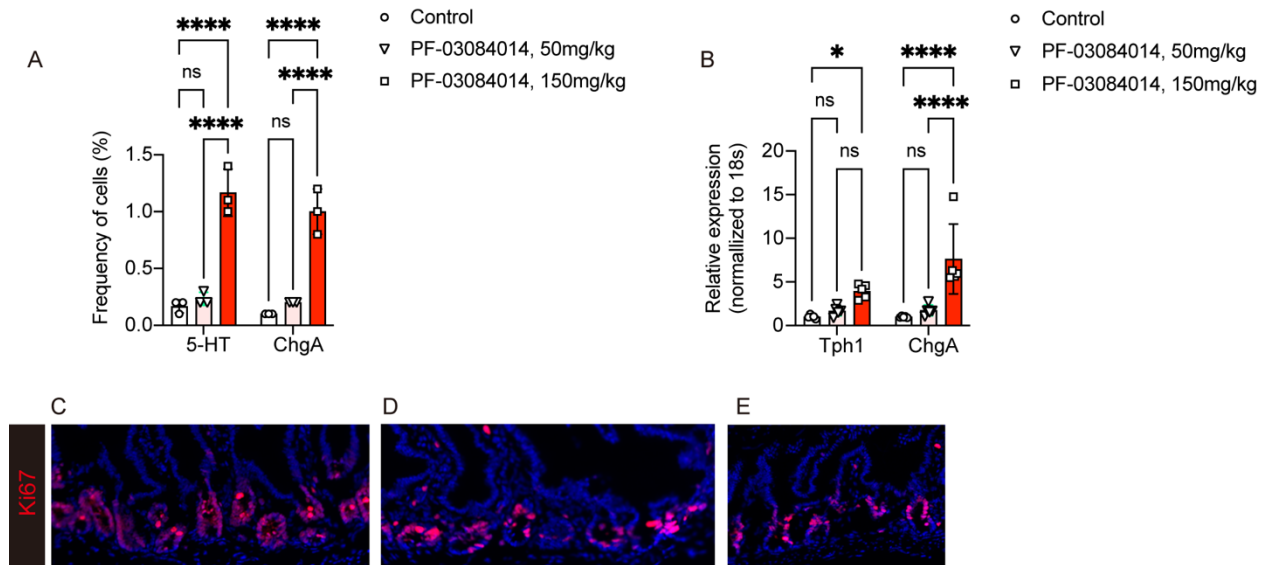


Fig. S5. (A–E) 7–8 week old C57/BL6 mice were randomized into three groups. Mice were treated with vehicle, PF-03084014 (50mg/kg/dose, PO) or PF-03084014 (150mg/kg/dose, PO) for 5 days, twice daily. (A) 5-HT and Chromogranin A cell analysis by flow cytometry after intra-cellular staining of isolated gut epithelial cells from approximately one third of the proximal end of small intestine cells (n = 3 for each group). (B) Gene expression analysis of enteroendocrine cell marker genes (Tph1, ChgA) (n = 5 for each group). (C–E) Representative images of proliferating cell marker Ki67 immunohistochemistry in tissues collected after 5 days of treatment. (C) Vehicle, (D) PF-03084014 (50mg/kg/dose), (E) PF-03084014 (150mg/kg/dose). Data are presented as means  $\pm$  SD. Scale bar = 50  $\mu$ m, DAPI counterstains nuclei. \* =  $p < 0.05$ , \*\*\*\* =  $p < 0.0001$  by two-factor ANOVA.

Figure S6. Comparison of pancreatic insulin content and quantification of GLP-1<sup>+</sup>, GIP<sup>+</sup>, and C-peptide<sup>+</sup> cells in INS2<sup>Akita/+</sup> mice with or without pan-intestinal FoxO1 ablation

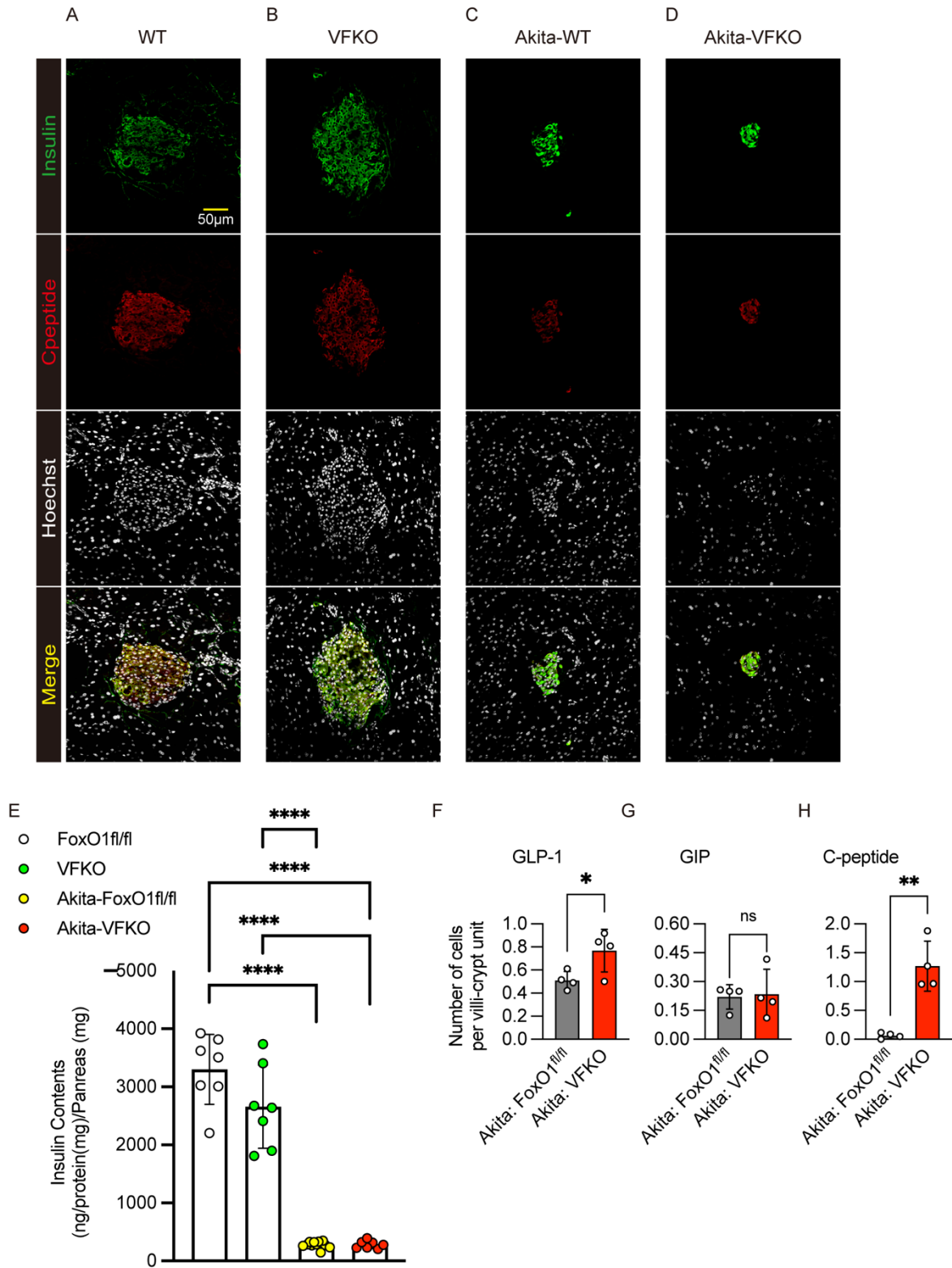


Fig. S6. (A–E) Comparison of whole pancreatic insulin content in *INS2<sup>Akita/+</sup>* mice with or without FoxO1<sup>fl/fl</sup> and VFKO alleles. Representative islet images are stained with insulin and C-peptide (A–D). Quantification of insulin content in whole pancreas (n = 7 for each group) (E). (F–H) Quantification of GLP-1-, GIP- and C-peptide-IMMUNOREACTIVE gut cells (n = 4 for each group) in Akita-WT, *INS2<sup>Akita/+</sup>*; FoxO1<sup>fl/fl</sup>: Akita-VFKO, *INS2<sup>Akita/+</sup>*; Vil-Cre (+): FoxO1<sup>fl/fl</sup>. Data are presented as means ± SD. Scale bar = 50 μm, DAPI counterstains nuclei. \* = p < 0.05, \*\* = p < 0.01, \*\*\*\* = p < 0.0001 by two-factor ANOVA.

Figure S7. Effect of Cpd10 on FoxO1, 5HT, GLP-1, and C-peptide expression

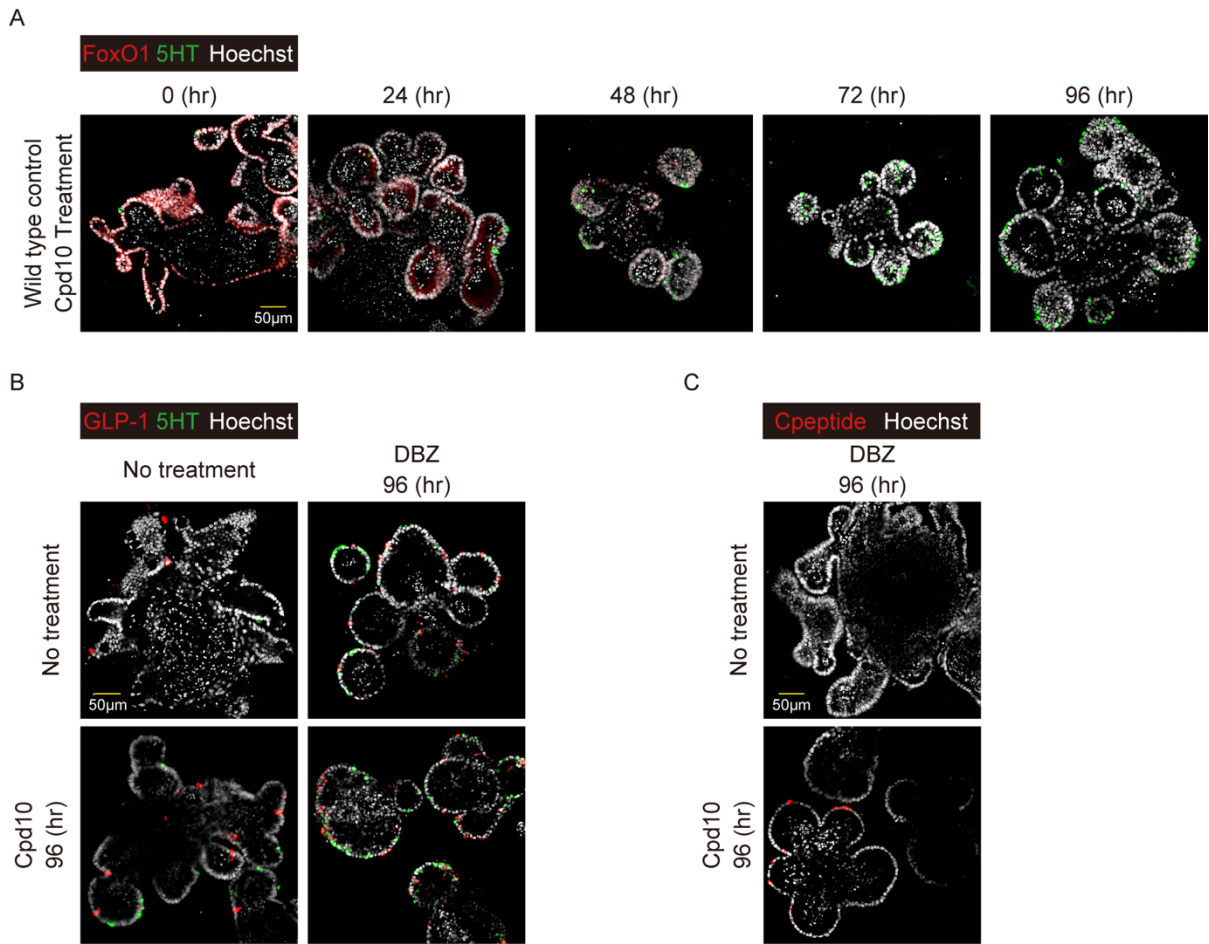


Fig. S7. (A) Time course of FoxO1 and 5HT expression of wild type mGO after Cpd10 and DBZ treatment. (B) GLP-1 immunohistochemistry of wild type mGO with or without Cpd10 treatment before and 96 hr after DBZ treatment. (C) C-peptide staining of wild type mGO 96 hr after Cpd10 and DBZ treatment. Scale bar = 50  $\mu$ m. Hoechst counterstains nuclei.

Figure S8. Pharmacological effect of Cpd10 *in vivo*

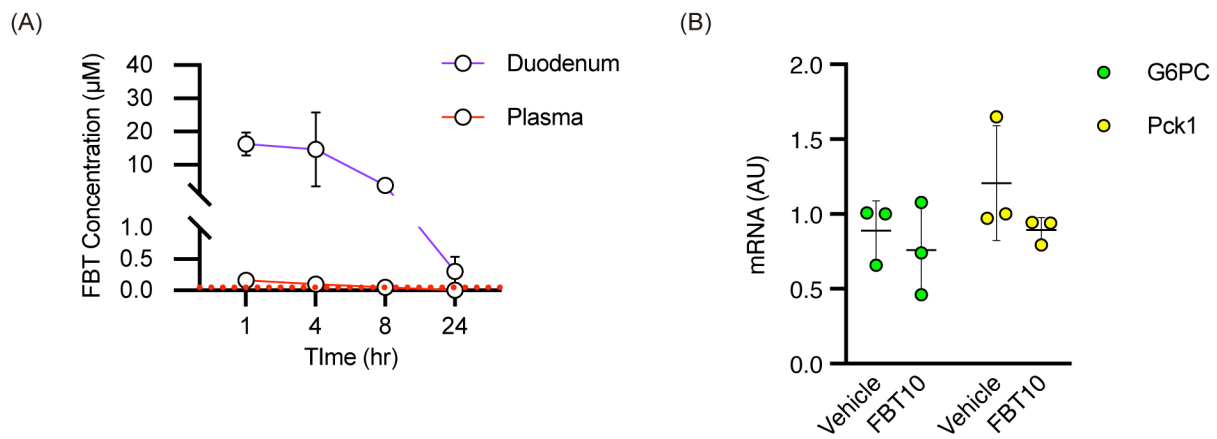


Fig. S8. (A) Gut tissue and plasma concentration of Cpd10 following a single oral dose. (B)

Gluconeogenic gene expression in liver after dosing at 50mg/kg i.p injection of vehicle or Cpd10

twice daily for 4 days. G6PC: glucose-6-phosphatase, Pck1: phosphoenolpyruvate-

carboxykinase. Data are presented as means  $\pm$  SD. All the experiments were performed in

biological triplicates.

Figure S9. Cpd10 and PF-03084014 dual treatment increases enteroendocrine cells

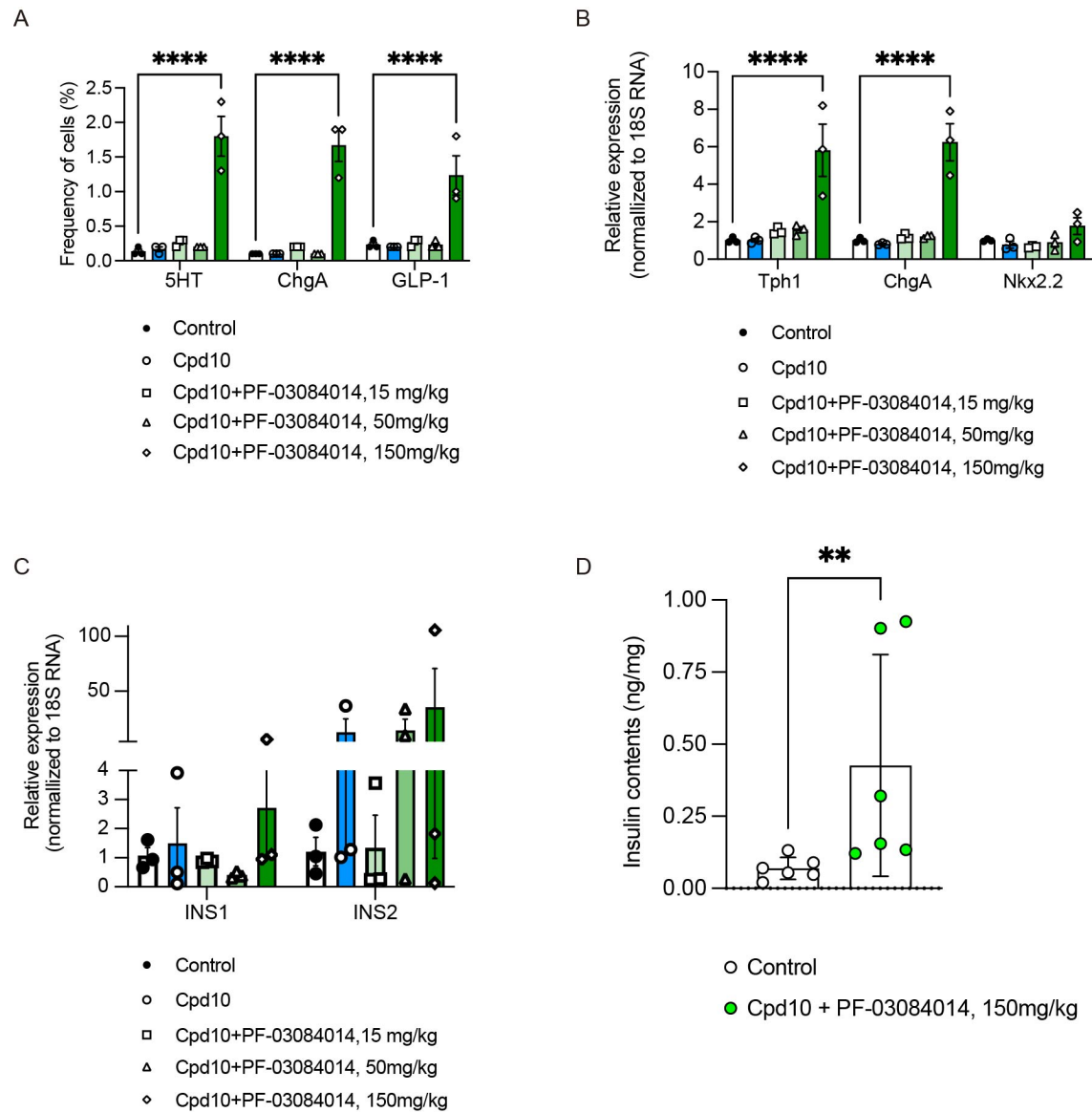


Fig. S9. (A–B) 8-9-week old Akita mice were randomized into 5 groups based on normal fed glucose levels and body weight. Mice were treated with vehicle, Cpd10 (50mg/kg/dose, PO), Cpd10 + PF-03084014 (15mg or 50mg or 150mg/kg/dose, PO) twice daily (n = 3 for each group). (A) 5-HT, Chromogranin A, and GLP-1 cell analysis by flow cytometry after intra-

cellular staining of isolated gut epithelial cells from approximately one third of the proximal end of small intestine. (B) Gene expression analysis of enteroendocrine cell (Tph1, ChgA) and  $\beta$ -cell marker of Nkx2.2. (C) Gene expression analysis of INS1 and INS2. (D) Intracellular insulin contents of gut epithelial cells from the mice treated with Vehicle or Cpd10 + PF-03084014 (150mg/kg/dose, PO) twice daily. \*\*=  $p < 0.01$ , \*\*\*\*=  $p < 0.0001$  by Mann-Whitney U test or two-factor ANOVA.



Figure S10. Representative intestinal Immunohistochemistry after 10-day single treatment with Cpd10 or PF-03084014

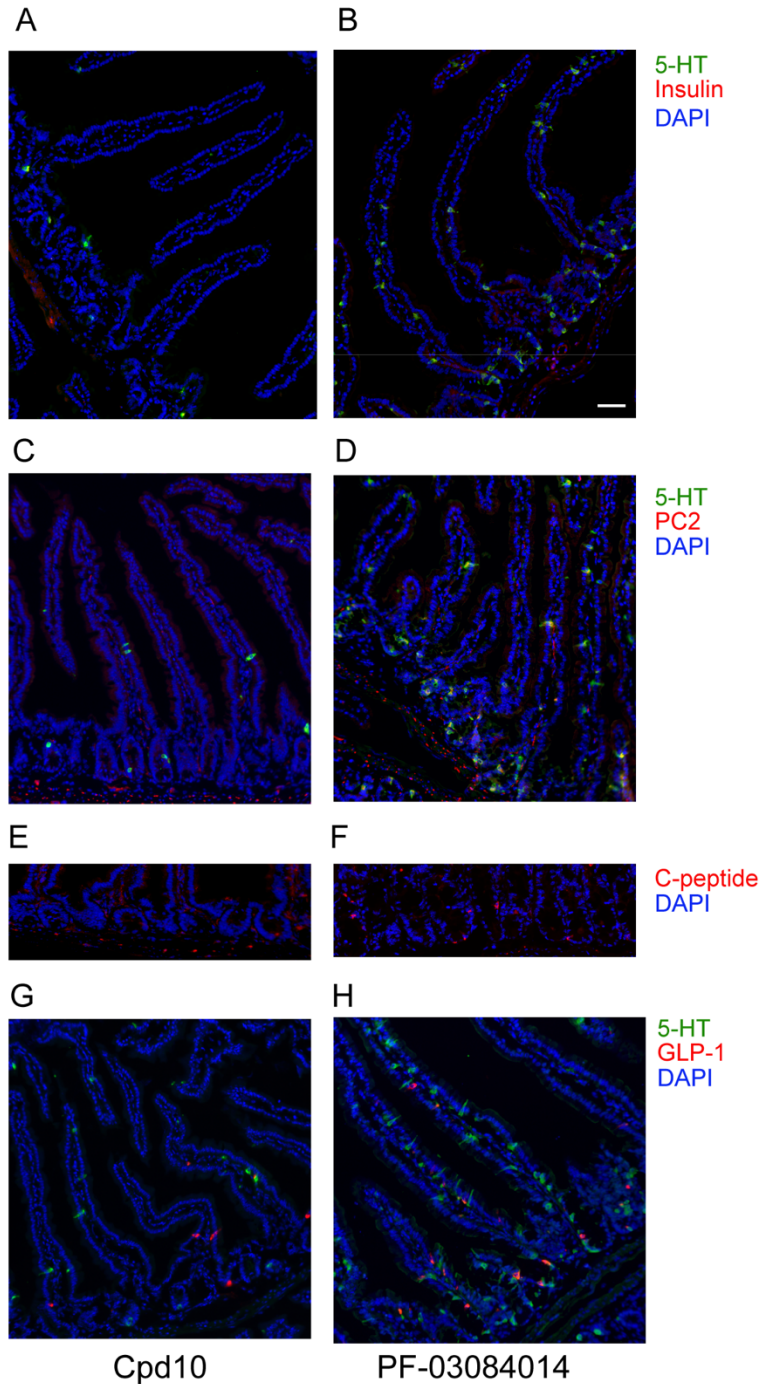


Fig. S10. (A–H) Representative intestinal immunohistochemistry after 10-day treatment. (A, B) Insulin (red) and 5-HT (green), (C, D) PC2 (red) and 5-HT (green), (E, F) C-peptide and (G, H) GLP-1 (red) and 5-HT (green) staining of Cpd10 group (left panel, A, C, E, and G) and PF-03084014-treated group (right panel, B, D, F, H). Scale bar = 50  $\mu\text{m}$

Figure S11. Images of  $\beta$ -cell specific markers after 10-day treatment

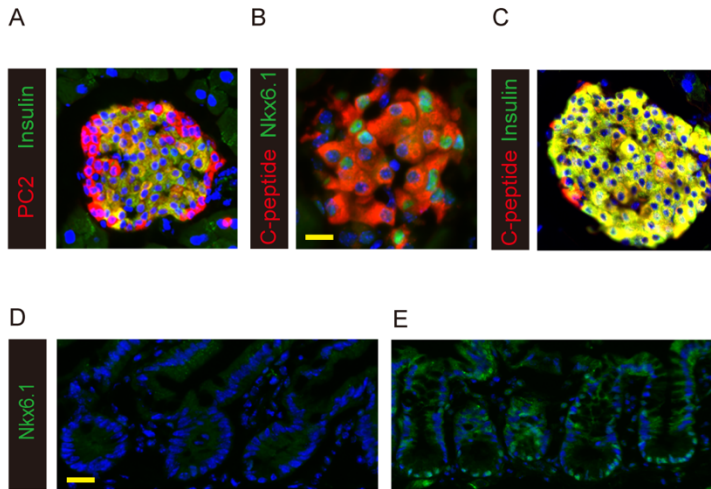


Fig. S11. (A–C) Immunohistochemistry of wild-type pancreas with beta cell markers using the same antibodies employed for gut immunohistochemistry. (A) PC2 and Insulin, (B) C-peptide and Nkx6.1, (C) C-peptide and insulin. (D–E) Representative immunohistochemistry of Nkx6.1 in the gut of 9-week-old *AKITA*<sup>Ins2/+</sup> mice after 10 days treatment with Vehicle (D), or Cpd10 (50mg/kg/dose i.p) + PF-03084014 (150mg/kg/dose, PO) (E). Scale bar = 50  $\mu$ m.