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# GENERATION OF INSULIN-PRODUCING CELLS FROM PANCREATIC TISSUE WITH LONG STANDING TYPE 1 DIABETES

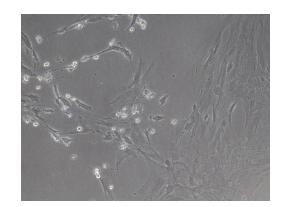
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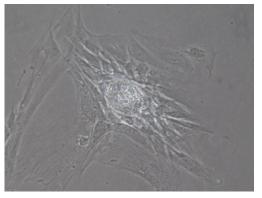


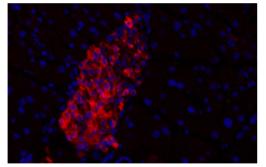
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### **AIPCs: Activated Islet Progenitor Cells**

- AIPCs are generated from human islets and pancreas biopsies using a simple culture protocol (IMG-1)\*
- AIPCs are triple positive, insulin, glucagon, and CD133
- AIPCs secrete insulin and are glucose responsive
- AIPCs injected in vivo home to the pancreas and release insulin
- AIPCs can be cryopreserved
- AIPCs can be generated from islets of donors with Type 1 diabetes









### **Study question:**

Can AIPCs be generated from pancreatic tissue with long-standing T1D?

#### **Donor characteristics:**

- 58yr, Female
- DCD donor
- Type 1 Diabetes for 53 years
- HbA1c: 9.8%
- Cold Ischemia Time 14hr
- Cause of death: Anoxia

Source: CORE (Center for Organ Recovery and Education), Pittsburgh



### Pancreas Needle (18-20G) Biopsies



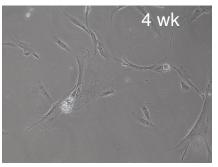




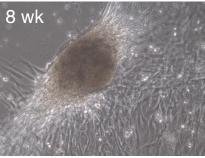


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#### T1D-AIPCs



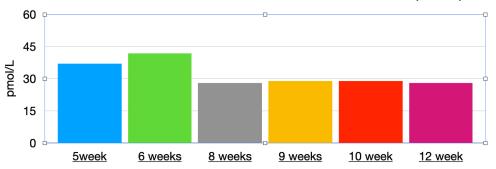




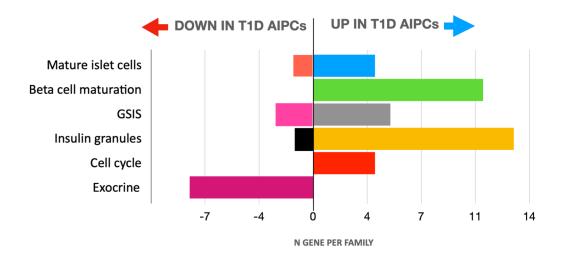
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#### Insulin concentrations in the culture medium (basal)



## GENE PROFILES AIPCs compared to non-treated PANCREAS

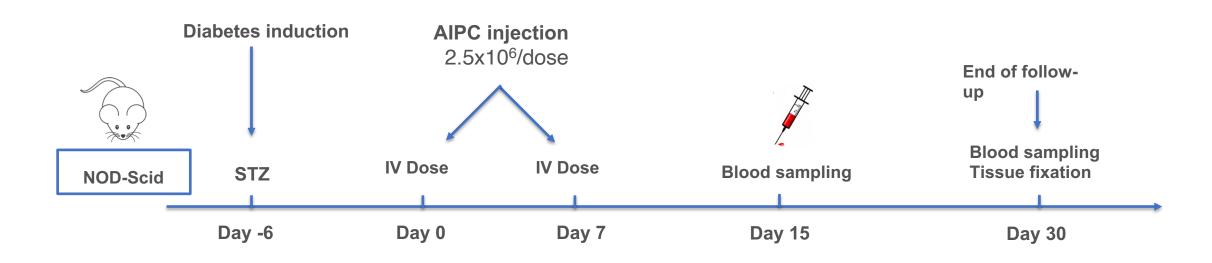




### In vivo IV injection of T1D-AIPCs in NOD-Scid STZ mice

**Study goals** 

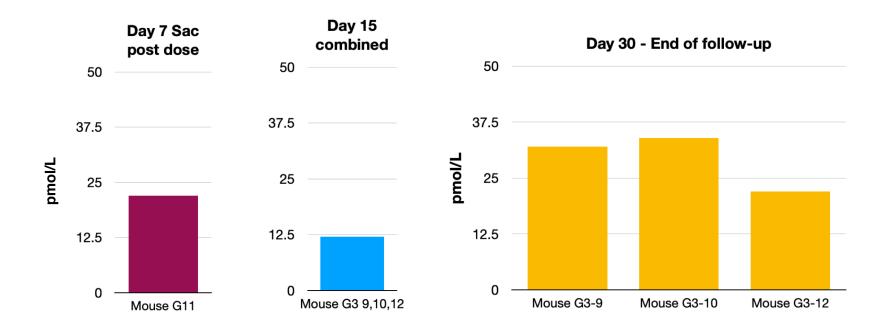
- 1. Can human T1D-AIPCs be safely injected IV?
- 2. Do T1D-AIPCs produce insulin in a diabetic recipient?



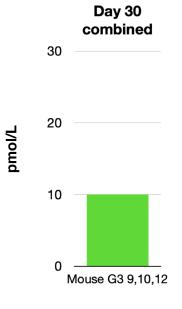




### Human insulin concentration in the serum



### **Human C-peptide**





### **Summary and preliminary conclusions**

- **✓** AIPCs can be generated from needle biopsies of pancreatic organs with long standing T1D
- **✓ T1D-AIPCs proliferate and mature into insulin producing cells**
- **✓** T1D-AIPCs release insulin after IV injection in vivo

T1D-AIPCs offer the potential to sustain insulin production as autologous cell transplantation in patients with Type 1 diabetes even after long disease duration



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