

Supplementary Materials

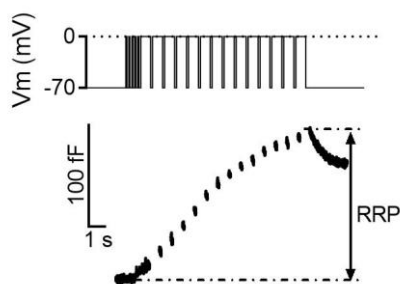


Figure S1. Exocytosis signals of a representative β -cell induced by a stimulus protocol of pulses depolarized (-70 mV to 0 mV) via a voltage clamp in perforated whole-cell configuration. The stimulus train consisted of five 50-ms pulses followed by fourteen 500-ms pulses (100 ms intervals between pulses) to trigger vesicle secretion to assess the initial size of the RRP. The measurement of RRP was used as an assay of the individual β -cell secretory ability.

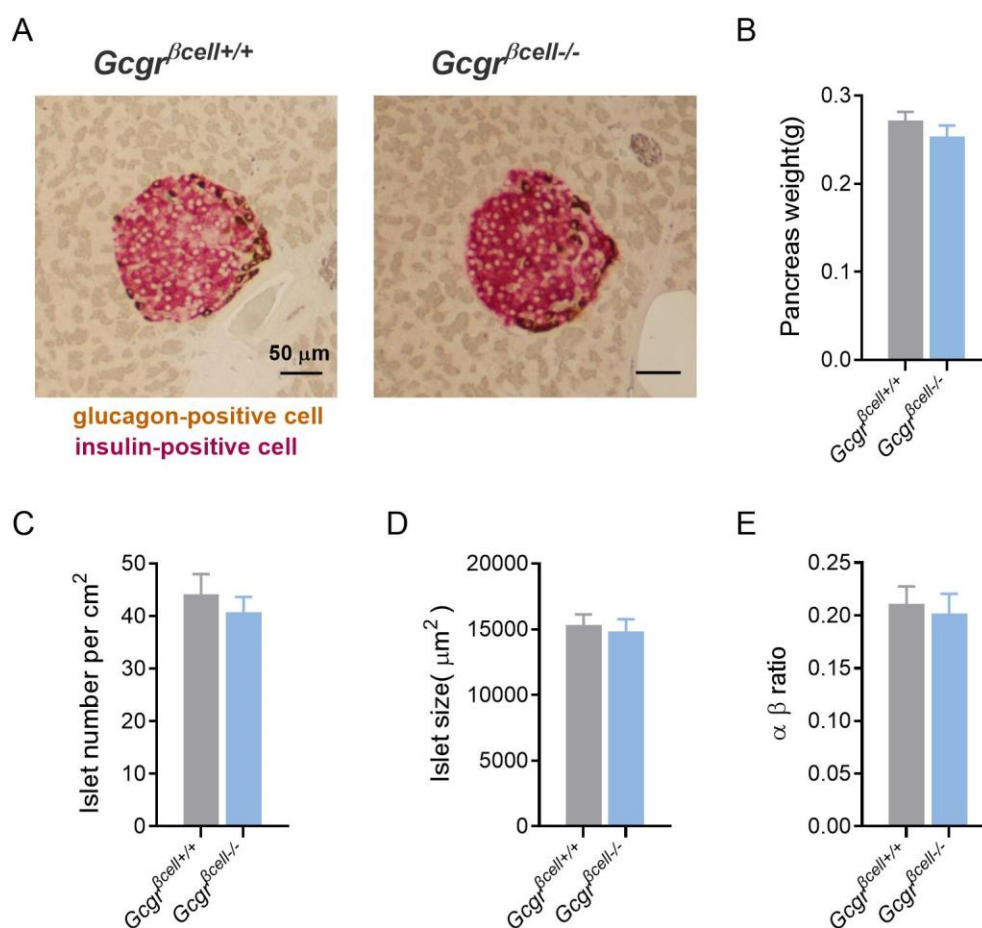


Figure S2. The islet structure, number, and size in *Gcgr*^{βcell-/-} mice.

(A) Representative histological pancreatic sections from *Gcgr*^{βcell+/+} and *Gcgr*^{βcell-/-} mice double-stained with anti-glucagon (brown) and anti-insulin (red) antibodies (n=5 per group).

(B-E) Pancreas weights (B), islet numbers (C), islet sizes (D) and the α - to β -cell area ratios (E) in *Gcgr*^{βcell+/+} and *Gcgr*^{βcell-/-} mice (n=5 per group).

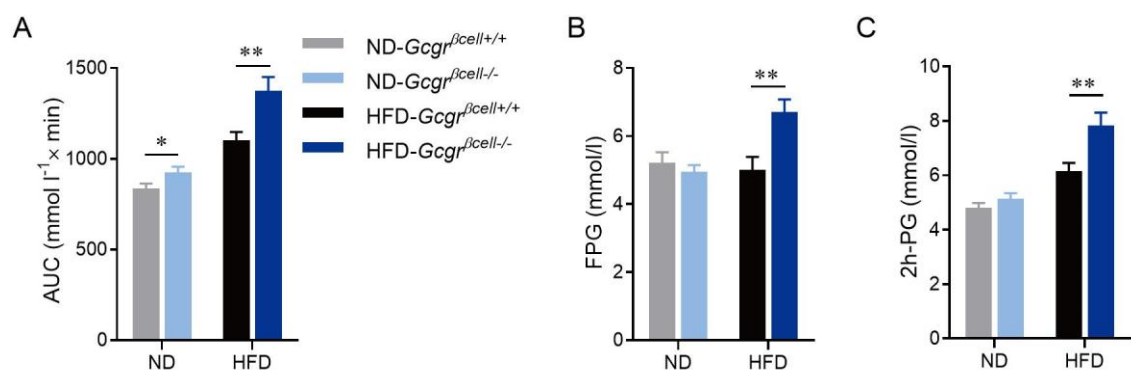


Figure S3. The AUCs, FPG and 2h-PG of *Gcgr^{βcell-/-}* mice fed the ND or HFD.

(A) The areas under the curves (AUCs) in the IPGTTs with 1g/kg glucose in Figure 3F and 3H.

(B) The fasting plasma glucose (FPG) in the IPGTTs with 1g/kg glucose in Figure 3F and 3H.

(C) The 2 hour-plasma glucose (2h-PG) in the IPGTTs with 1g/kg glucose in Figure 3F and 3H.