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nPOD Human Pancreas

T1D vs Non-diabetic controls

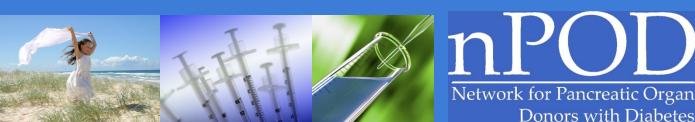






Hypothesis

- PDGs around large ducts harbor a stem cell niche
- When beta cells destroyed in T1D, stem cells increase replication in an effort to repopulate the beta cell pool
- This increase in replication will be most apparent in the head and body of pancreas vs the tail





Methods

- Pancreas from head, body and tail
- Stained for Ki67 (brown), Insulin (pink),
 Alcian blue
- Quantitate total # of cells (and # Ki67 or Ins +):

Large ducts

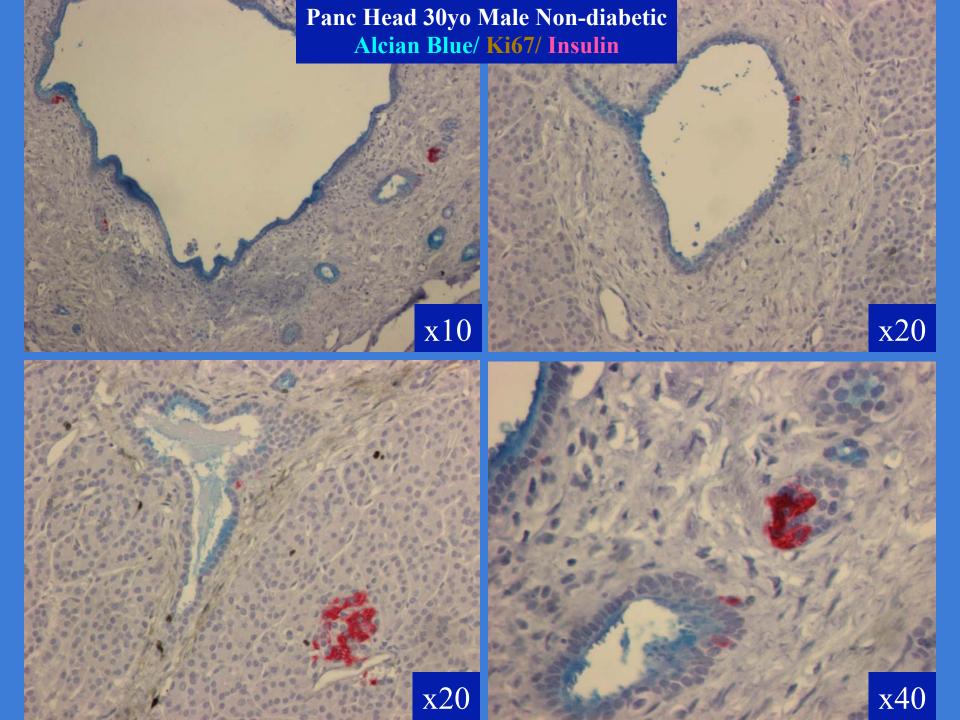
PDGs

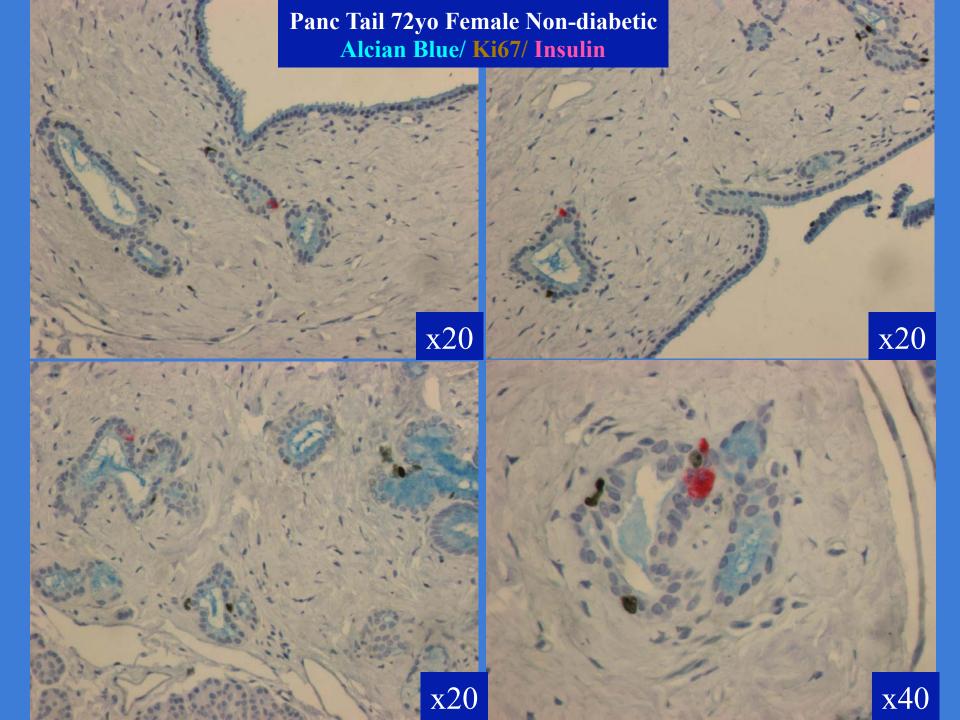
Small ducts

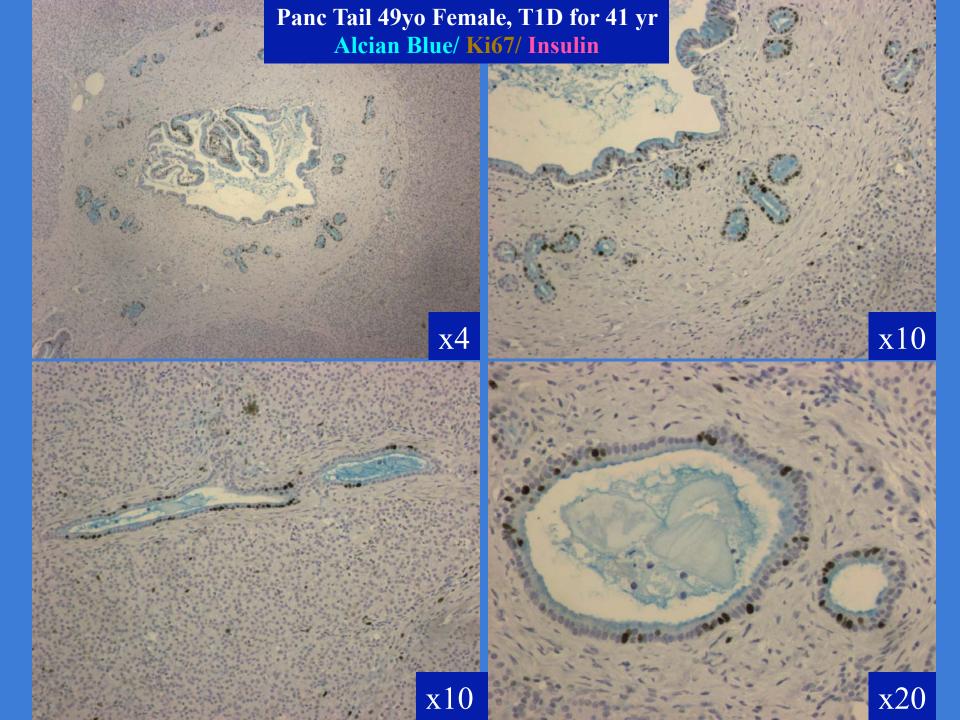
> 600,000 cells counted so far

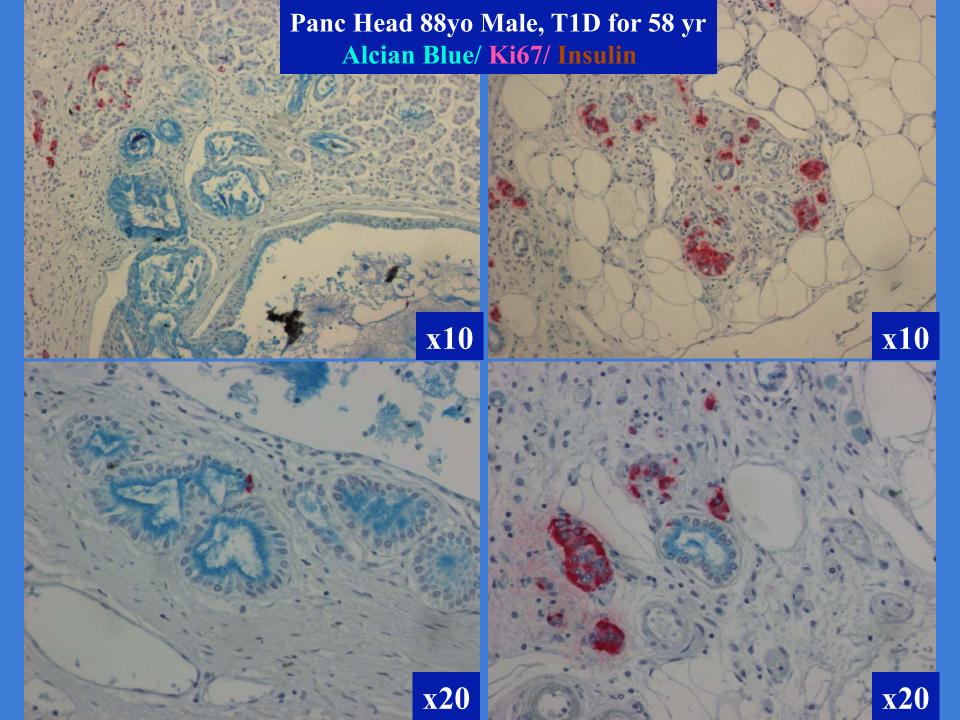




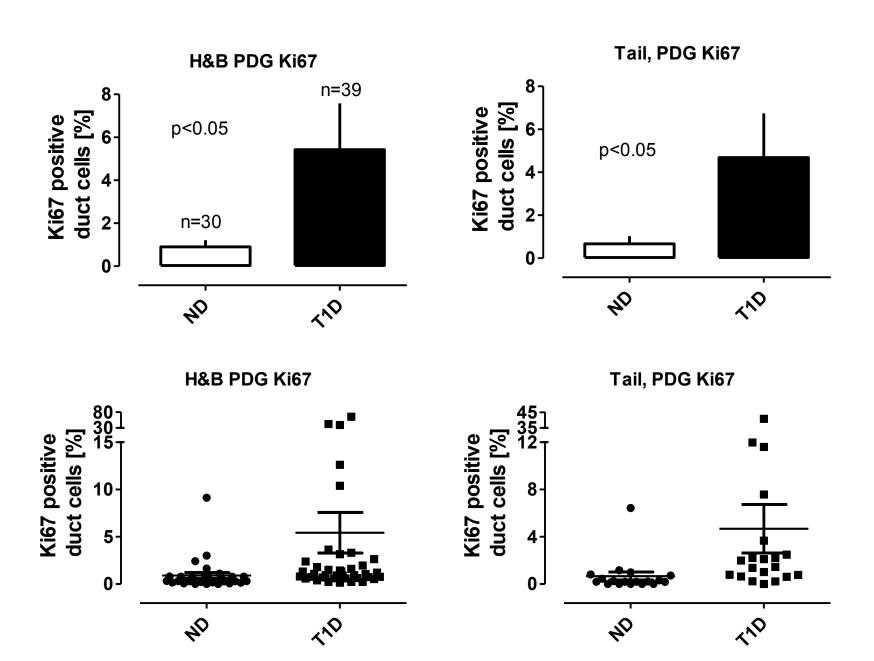




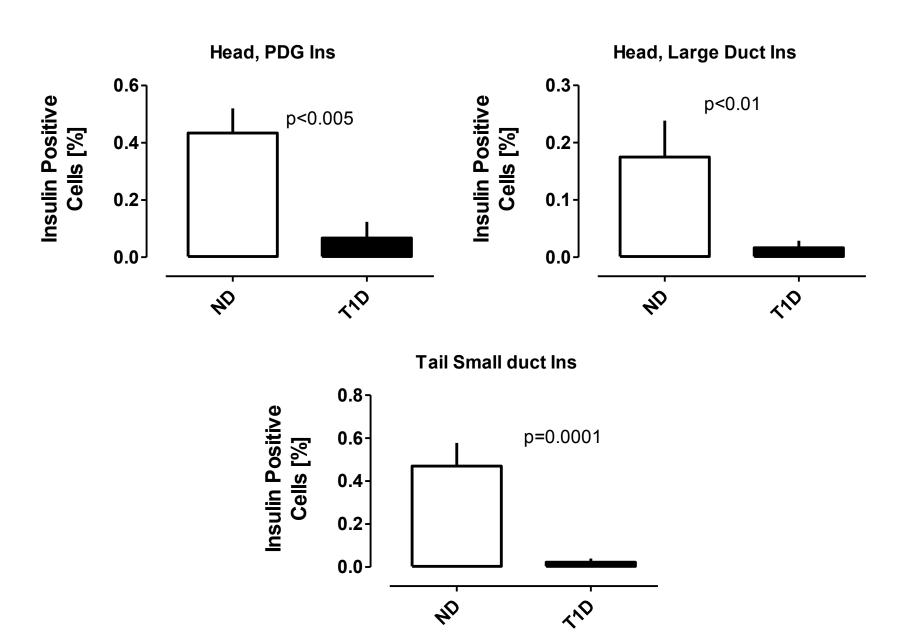




Ki67 in PDG Epithelium



Insulin Staining



Conclusion

 PDG compartment may serve as a stem cell compartment in human pancreas





