

SUPPLEMENTARY DATA

Supplementary Table 1. Stereology of subcellular compartments in β -cells from control mice versus $ABCA1^{-P/-P}$ mice. Compartments are expressed as a relative % of the cytoplasm. Differences between control and $ABCA1^{-P/-P}$ mice are statistically non-significant.

Genotype	Glucose concentration culture medium (mM)	Number of islets analyzed, n	Mature insulin granules (%Vv)	Mitochondria (% Vv)	Lytic /autophagic compartment (% Vv)
$ABCA1^{+/+}$	6	3	8.50±1.67	8.82±1.21	0.13±0.06
$ABCA1^{-P/-P}$	6	3	10.27±2.18	10.35±0.80	0.34±0.10
$ABCA1^{+/+}$	11	3	2.83±0.72	9.15±0.32	0.30±0.16
$ABCA1^{-P/-P}$	11	3	4.57±0.81	11.00±0.50	0.26±0.09

Supplementary Figure 1. Significant changes in β cell ultrastructure accompany the loss of $ABCA1$ in β cells. (A) β -cells in islets isolated from $ABCA1^{+/+}$ mice reflected the general hallmarks of normal compartmental organization of the insulin secretory pathway. The mature insulin granules were generally uniform in size and appearance. (B) Lack of $ABCA1$ in β -cells resulted in a marked increase in the extent of heterogeneity for both size and morphology of insulin granules. GA, Golgi apparatus; M, mitochondrion; N, nucleus; PM, plasma membrane. Bars, 20 μ m (A); 2 μ m (B).

