

## Supplementary Data

### S1. LC-HRMS Instrumentation and Analytical Conditions

#### Instrumentation.

LC-HRMS analyses were conducted using a Thermo Scientific™ Vanquish™ UHPLC Binary Pump system coupled with an Orbitrap high-resolution mass spectrometer (Thermo Fisher Scientific Inc., Waltham, MA, USA).

#### Chromatographic Conditions.

Analyses were performed on a Thermo Scientific Accucore Phenyl-Hexyl column (100 mm × 2.1 mm ID, 2.6  $\mu$ m particle size), maintained at 40 °C. The mobile phases consisted of:

- **A:** MS-grade water with 0.1% formic acid
- **B:** MS-grade methanol with 0.1% formic acid

A gradient program was employed at a flow rate of 0.3 mL/min as follows:

- 0–16 min: B increased to 90%
- 16–20 min: B maintained at 90%
- 20–25 min: returned to 5%

The injection volume was 3  $\mu$ L.

#### Mass Spectrometry Conditions.

Mass spectrometric detection was carried out in **positive electrospray ionization (ESI+)** mode with the following settings:

- Capillary voltage: **3.30** kV
- Capillary temperature: **320** °C
- Scan range: **m/z 66.7–1000**

Data acquisition was performed using **full-MS data-dependent MS2 (ddMS2)** mode.

#### Data Processing and Compound Annotation.

Raw data were processed using Thermo Scientific™ Compound Discoverer™ 3.3 software, including feature alignment, peak detection, and baseline correction. Fragmentation patterns were evaluated using the HighChem Fragmentation Library and matched against reference databases:

- **ChemSpider** ([www.chemspider.com](http://www.chemspider.com))
- **mzCloud** ([www.mzcloud.org](http://www.mzcloud.org))

Additional data handling and visualization were carried out using Xcalibur™ 4.7 software.

## **S2. HbA1C Procedure**

A total of 2  $\mu$ L of erythrocyte lysates was used for the HbA1c analysis. A calibration curve was created using HbA1c concentrations of 200, 100, 50, 25, 12.5, 6.26, and 3.125 ng/mL. Erythrocyte lysates were diluted 1:10,000. After washing the wells, 100  $\mu$ L of various standard concentrations was dispensed into each well. Subsequently, 100  $\mu$ L of diluent was introduced into the blank well, while 100  $\mu$ L of the erythrocyte lysate specimen was applied to the wells coated with the HbA1c monoclonal antibody, followed by incubation at 37 °C for 2 hours. The plate underwent three successive washes. Subsequently, each well received 100  $\mu$ L of the biotin-labeled antibody conjugate and was incubated at 37 °C for one hour. Following this, the wells were washed three times before adding 100  $\mu$ L of streptavidin-horseradish peroxidase (HRP), then incubated at 37 °C for 30 minutes. After another series of three washes, 90  $\mu$ L of the 3,3',5,5'-tetramethylbenzidine (TMB) substrate was introduced into each well. The plate was gently agitated to ensure uniform mixing and incubated in the dark at 37 °C for 15 minutes to allow color development. Finally, absorbance readings were taken at 450 nm using a microplate spectrophotometer (Multiskan FC, Thermo Fisher, China). HbA1c concentration was calculated from the calibration curve.

## **S3. Histological Preparation and H&E Staining Protocol (15,16)**

### **Fixation and Tissue Processing.**

Pancreatic tissues were rinsed in 0.9% NaCl and fixed in 10% neutral buffered formalin at room temperature for 48 hours. Fixed tissues were cut into 0.5–1 cm slices, placed into labeled cassettes, and processed through a graded ethanol series (70%, 90%, and 100%), followed by clearing in toluene. Paraffin infiltration was performed in two stages (2 h and 3 h), and tissues were embedded into paraffin blocks.

### **Sectioning and Slide Preparation.**

Paraffin blocks were sectioned at 5–6  $\mu$ m thickness using a rotary microtome. Sections were floated on a 40 °C water bath and mounted on gelatin-coated glass slides (5 g gelatin in 100 mL distilled water). Slides were air-dried on a warming plate for approximately 1 hour prior to staining.

### **Hematoxylin–Eosin Staining.**

Deparaffinization was performed with xylene (2  $\times$  2 min), followed by rehydration through graded ethanol (100% and 95%, each 1 min  $\times$  2 repeats). Slides were stained with Mayer's hematoxylin for 15 min and rinsed under running tap water for 20 min. Counterstaining with eosin was performed for 2 min. Slides were dehydrated through 95% and 100% ethanol (2  $\times$  2 min each) and cleared in xylene (3  $\times$  2 min). Finally, slides were mounted with coverslips.

### **Histological Analysis.**

Only sections containing at least 10 islets of Langerhans were selected. The diameters of islets were measured, averaged, and statistically analyzed. Microscopic evaluation was performed using a bright-field light microscope at 400 $\times$  magnification.

#### **S4. Immunohistochemistry (IHC) Procedure**

##### **Washing and Blocking.**

Residual substances were removed by washing tissue sections with phosphate-buffered saline (PBS; pH 7.4) for 3 minutes. The slides were then treated with the Dako REAL EnVision Detection System and incubated for 30 minutes at room temperature.

##### **DAB Development.**

Following incubation, the slides were washed with PBS containing Tween 20. Chromogenic development was performed by applying 3,3'-diaminobenzidine (DAB) substrate buffer (Dako) for 2–5 minutes, after which the sections were rinsed under running tap water for 10 minutes.

##### **Counterstaining and Dehydration.**

Sections were counterstained with hematoxylin for 1–2 minutes, rinsed again for 5 minutes, and then dehydrated sequentially in 70%, 80%, 96%, and absolute ethanol (5 minutes each).

##### **Clearing and Mounting.**

Tissue sections were cleared in xylene (three changes, 5 minutes each). Finally, slides were mounted using a permanent mounting medium and covered with glass coverslips.