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Stem cell transplantation into pancreas of diabetes rats

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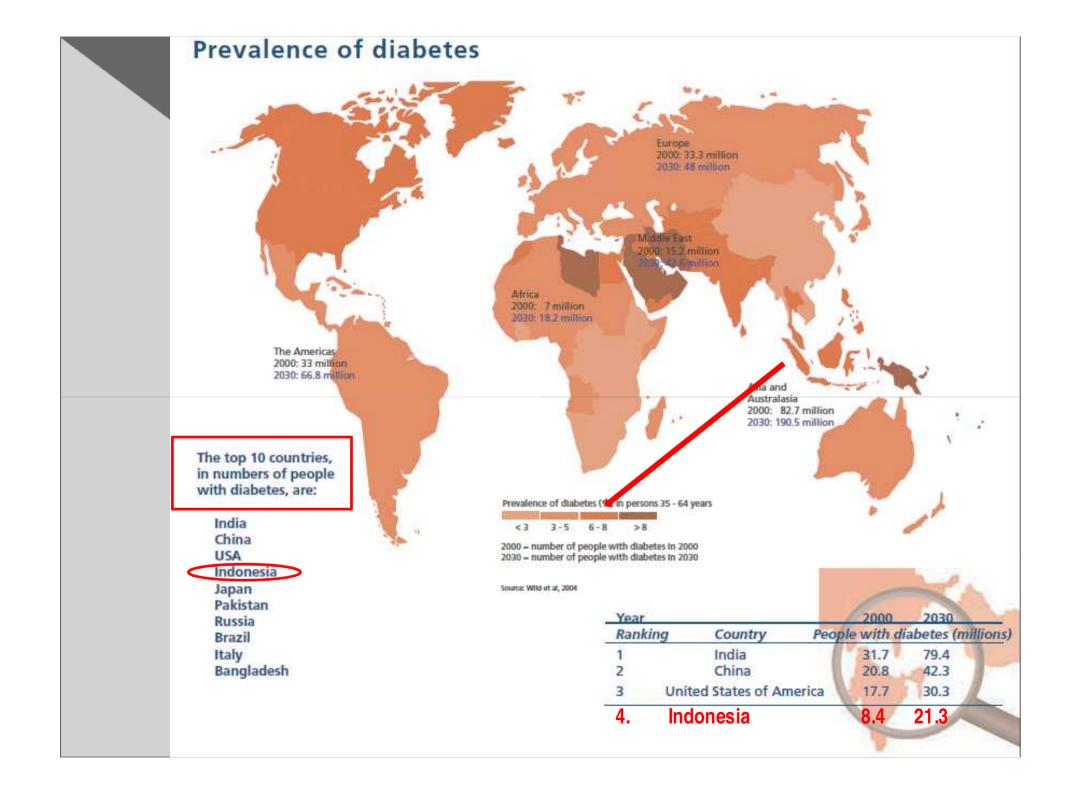
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The number of people with diabetes is increasing due to:





Population growth ↑

Aging

Urbanization

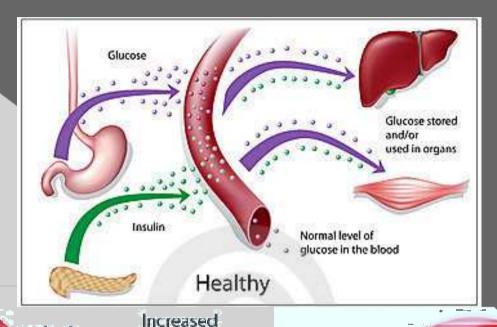


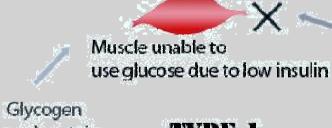
prevalence of obesity



physical inactivity ↑

What is diabetes?





Glycogen and protein breakdown, causing keto-acidosis

TYPE 1 DIABETES

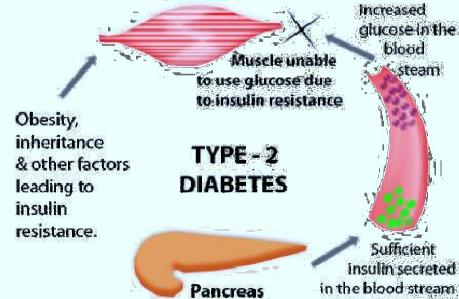


Decreased insulin in the blood vessels

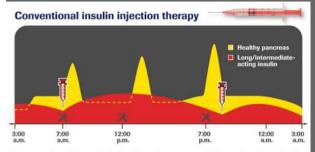
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to low

insulin



Current effective medication



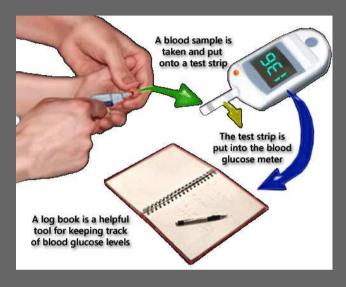
Conventional insulin injection therapy provides only a "blanket" of insulin that may not respond to varying insulin needs throughout the day

Dosage instructions are entered into the pump's small computer and the appropriate amount of insulin is then injected into the body in a calculated, controlled manner

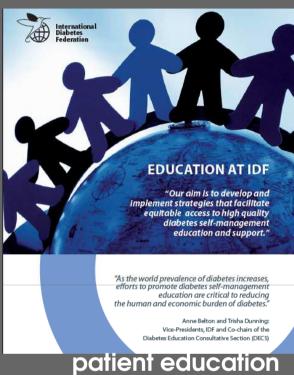
Insulin pump

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Tight control of blood glucose by conventional or intensive insulintreatment



Tight control of blood glucose by self blood glucose monitoring,



can efficiently ameliorate glycemic abnormalities, and reduce the risk of distressing

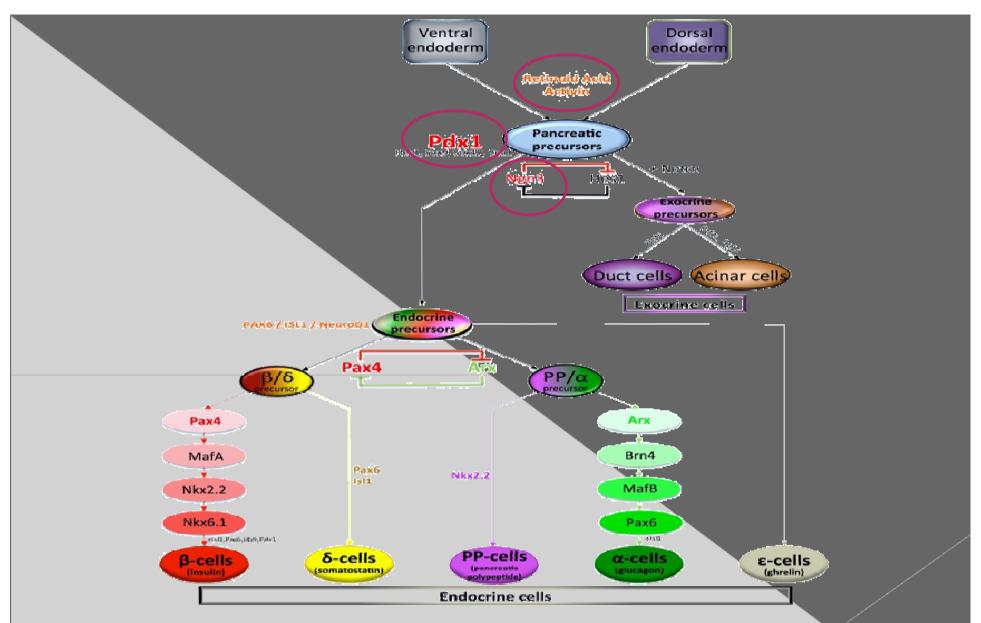
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However, cost of benefit: 3 x increase



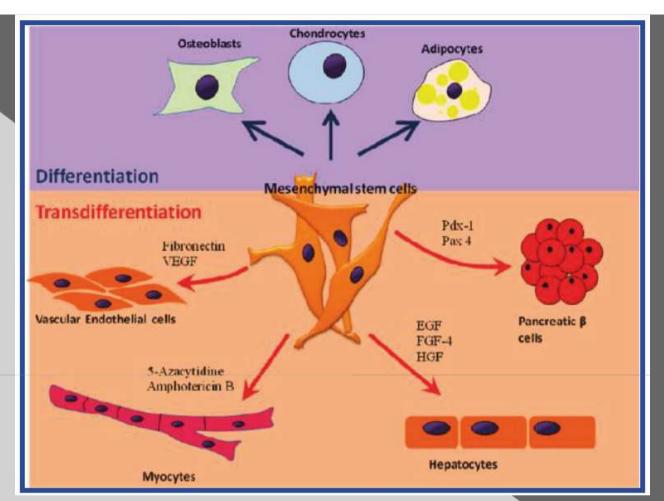
- Best strategies:
 - promote the expansion of existing beta-cells within the body

stem cell derived insulin-producing cells



A specific program of TF gene expression is subsequently activated and defines the fate of pancreatic progenitors. One of them, Pdx1 is required for pancreatic epithelium determination and subsequently Ngn3 for endocrine lineage specification.

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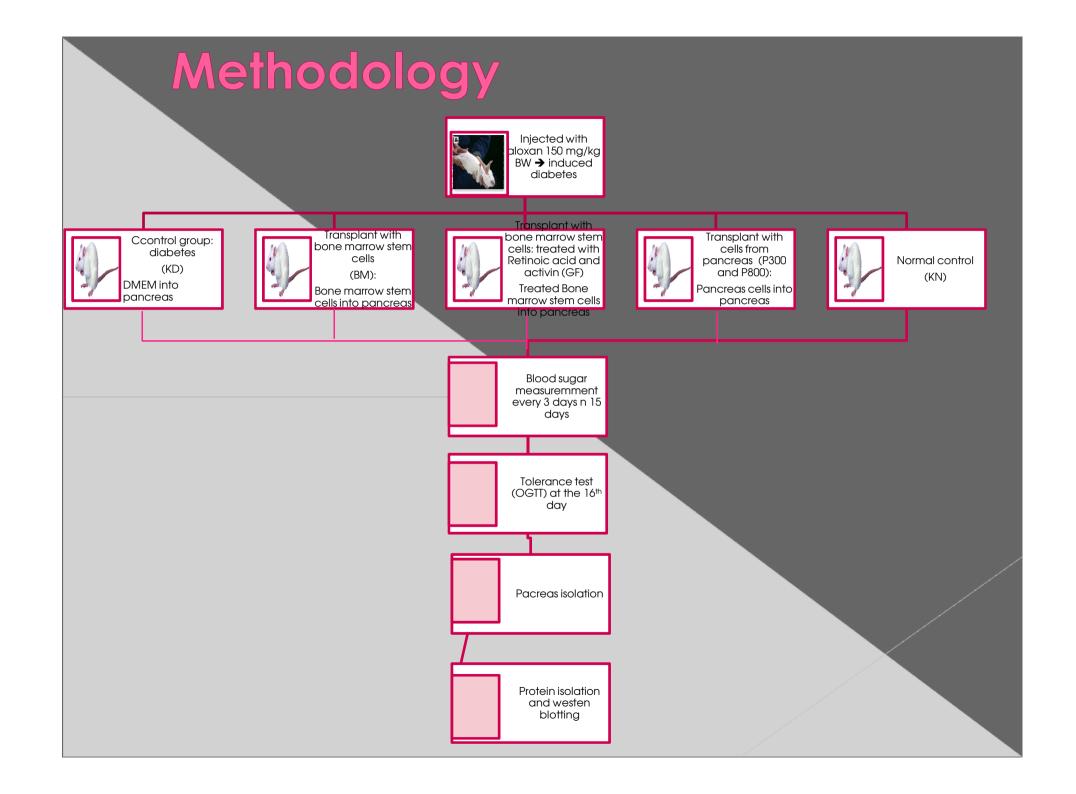
Differentiation and transdifferentiation of mesenchymal stem cells (MSCs). MSCs have three established differentiation directions:

osteoblasts, chondrocytes and adipocytes. Stimulation with chemical or biological signals can induce transdifferentiation of MSCs into vascular endothelial cell, myocytes, hepatocytes, and pancreatic β cells.

Wu H, Ye Z, Mahato RI. Molecular pharmaceutics. 2011 Oct 3;8(5):1458-70.

Research Objectives

- to study bone marrow and pancreatic stem cells differentiation in the presence of retinoic acid and activin A in pancreas of diabetic rats.
- To analyze bone marrow and pancreatic stem cells differentiation in transplanted pancreas of diabetic rats
 → levels of PDX1 and NGN3 as transcription factors in beta cells will be studied.



Result and discussion

Blood sugar level after stem cells transplantion

blood sugar level accross the treatment group after transplatantion



Blood sugar level in BM group was decreased after bone marrow transplantation Growth factor did not increase the ability of bone marrow stem cells differentiation into β cells

Glucose tolerance test

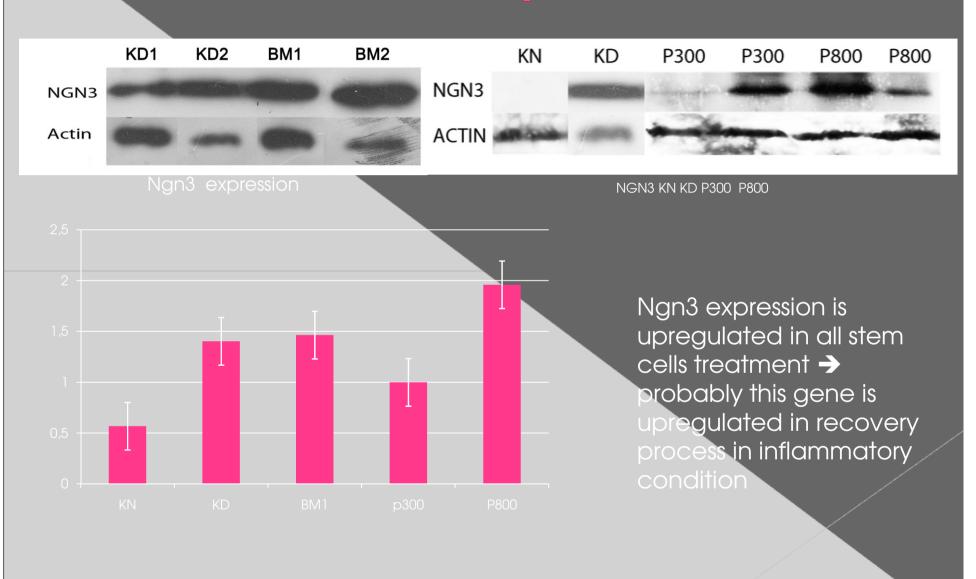
Glucose tolerance test across treatment groups



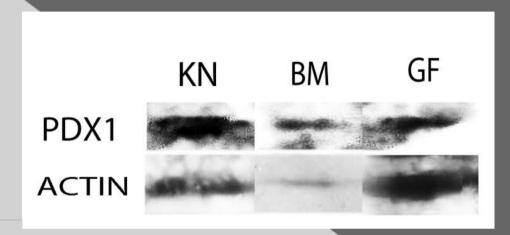
- Glucose tolerance was recovered after bone marrow transplantation
- Growth factor did not increase the ability of bone marrow stem cells differentiation into β cells

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NGN3 expression



PDX1 expression





- Pdx1 is upregulated in the treatment group which are transplanted with bone marrow stem cells
- Growth factor did not facilitate transplanted stem cells to regulate pdx1 expression

Blood sugar level in BM group tend to reduce after transplantation

Summary

- Bone marrow transplantation tends to reduce blood sugar level and glucose tolerance in rats
- This tendency is induced by the pdx1 upregulation in transplanted pancreas

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