

Supplementary information

Distinct Levels of Reactive Oxygen Species Coordinate Metabolic Activity with Beta-cell Mass Plasticity

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Supplementary Figures

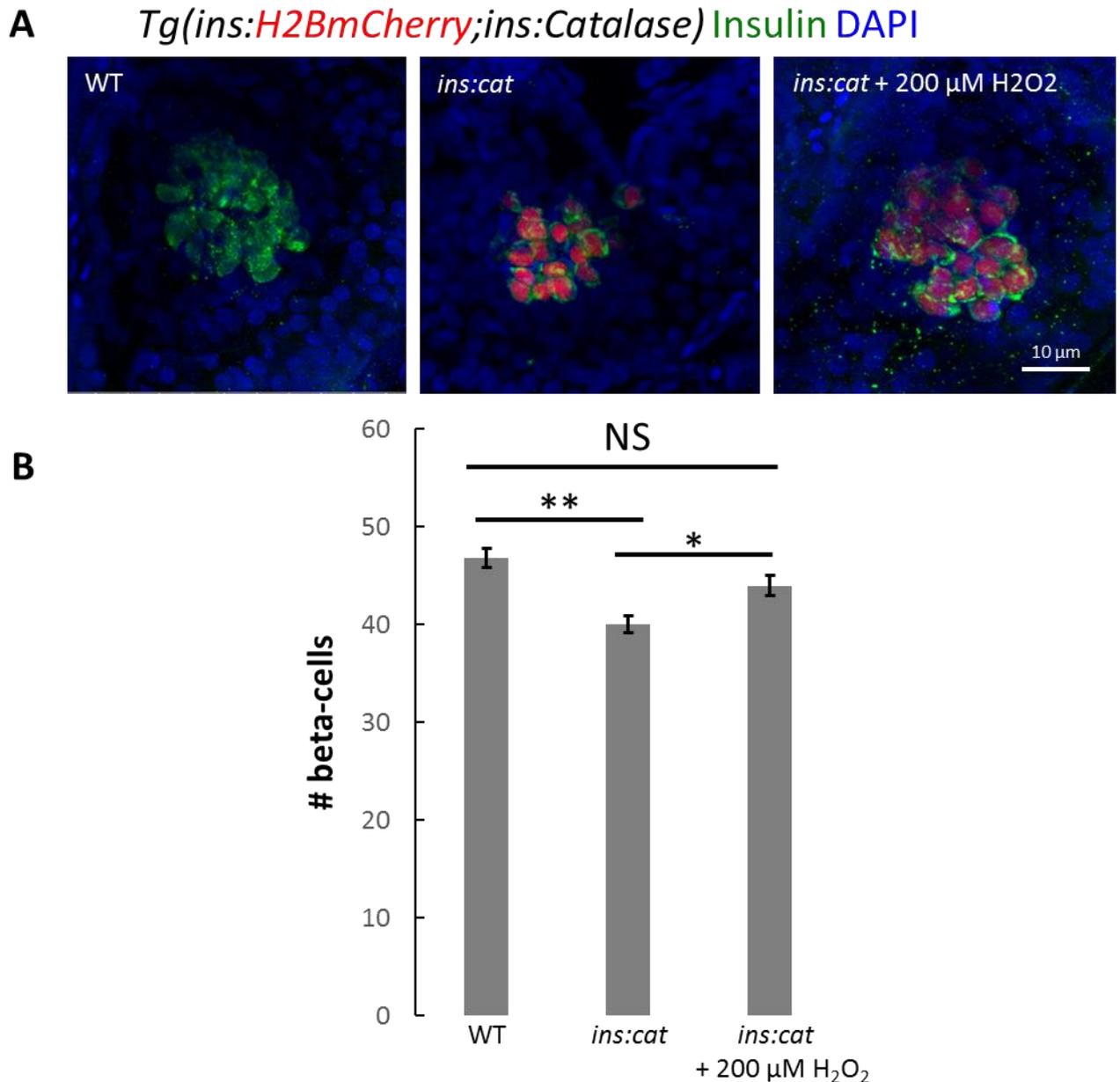


Figure S1: H₂O₂-treatment restores beta-cell number in *Tg(ins:catalase;ins:H2BmCherry)* larvae.

(A) Confocal projections of the principal islets of 4 dpf WT and *Tg(ins:catalase;ins:H2BmCherry)* larvae treated with vehicle or 200 μ M H₂O₂ from 2 to 4 dpf. **(B)** Quantification of the average number of beta-cells in WT (n=32), *Tg(ins:catalase;ins:H2BmCherry)* (n=40), and *Tg(ins:catalase;ins:H2BmCherry)* larvae treated with 200 μ M H₂O₂ (n=40). The average number of beta-cells in *Tg(ins:catalase;ins:H2BmCherry)* animals was significantly reduced compared to WT (p=2.8E-06), whereas in the H₂O₂-treated *Tg(ins:catalase;ins:H2BmCherry)* larvae, this number was not different, indicating that exogenous H₂O₂-administration can restore beta-cell mass. Error bars = SEM. NS = Not significant.

Tg(ins:H2BmCherry; ins:catalase) Insulin Glucagon

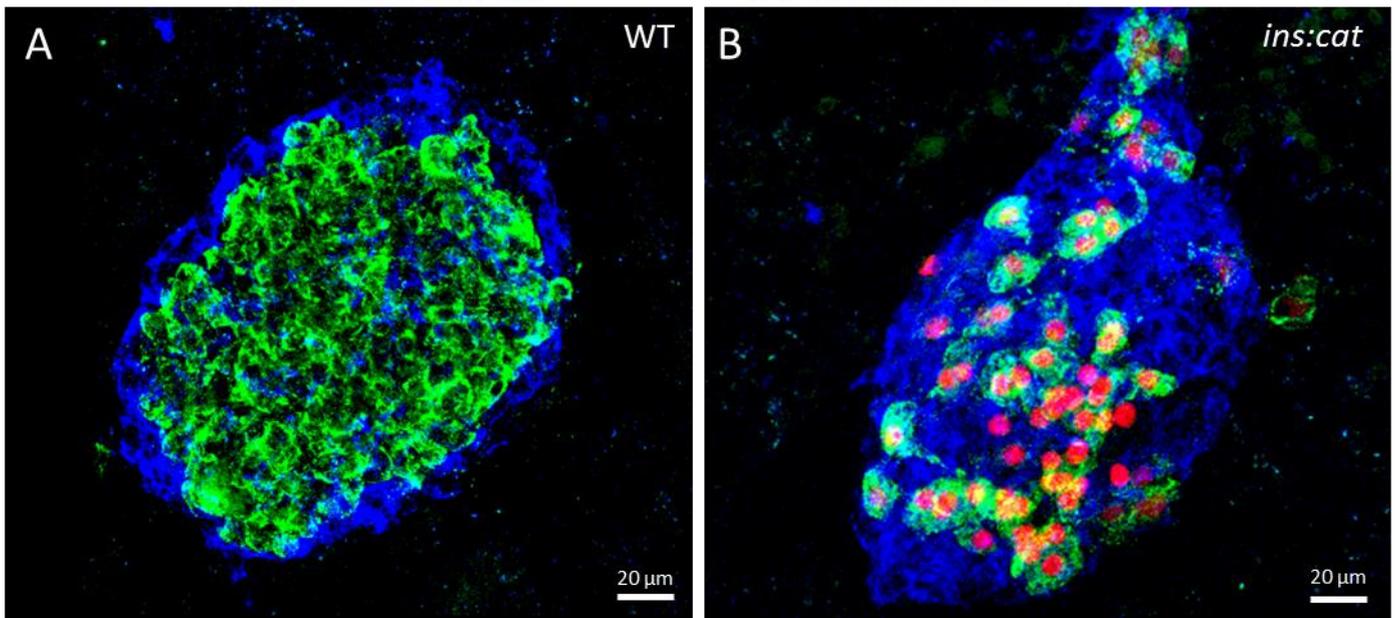


Figure S2: Catalase expression in beta-cells leads to a reduction in beta-cell mass.

(A-B) Confocal projections spanning the volume of the principal islets of WT and *Tg(ins:catalase;ins:H2BmCherry)* animals stained for insulin and glucagon. The beta-cells in the principal islet of the *Tg(ins:catalase;ins:H2BmCherry)* animals (B) were scattered and fewer in numbers as compared to WT (A).

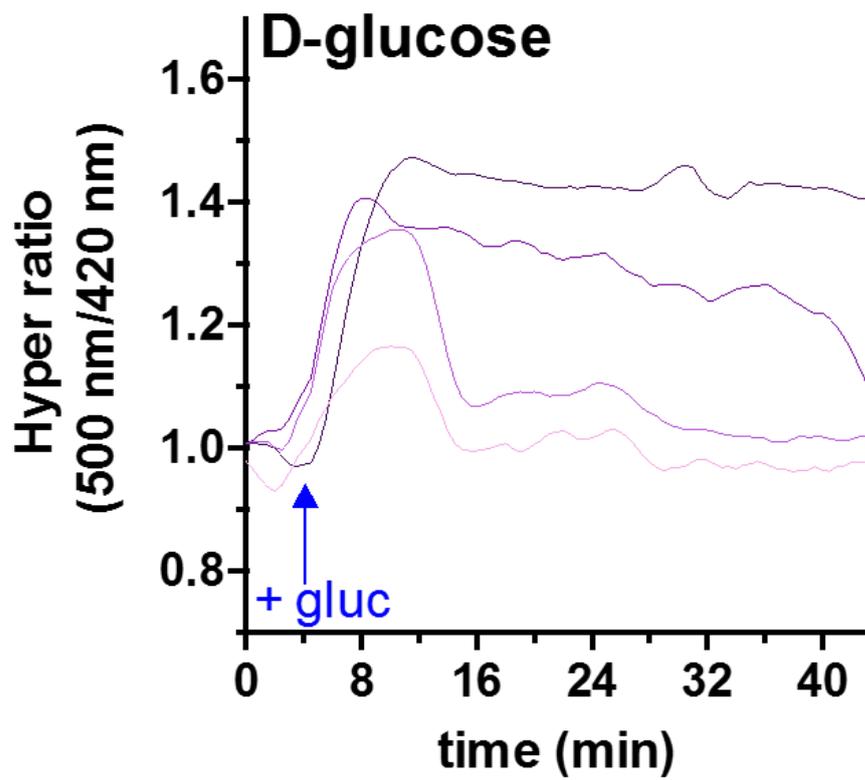


Figure S3: Heterogeneity of H₂O₂ levels in response to glucose.

Quantification of HyPer-3 ratio in INS-1 cells showing distinct dynamics of H₂O₂ levels in response to 18 mM D-glucose. Note, selected representative long-term single cell tracks from experiments from Fig.3b are shown to illustrate transient and more persistent increases in H₂O₂ levels in response to the same glucose stimulus.

Tg(ins:CFP-NTR) DAPI TUNEL

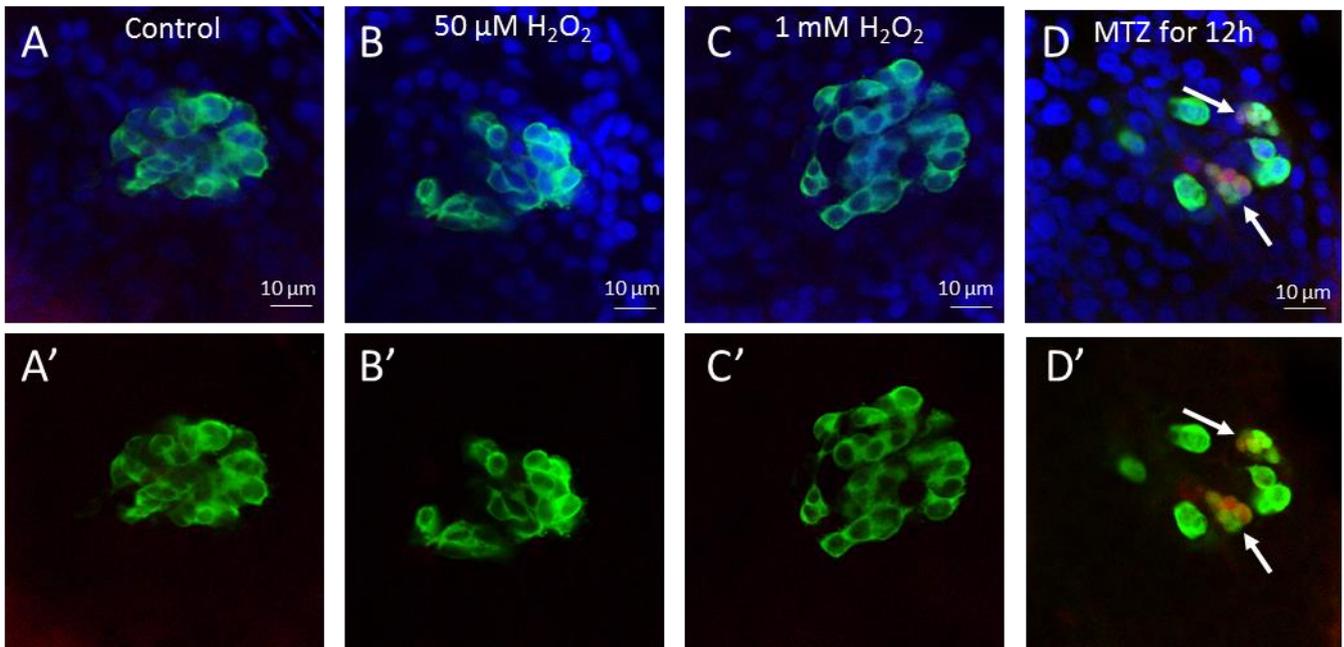


Figure S4: Treatment with different concentrations of H₂O₂ does not cause beta-cell apoptosis. (A-C) Confocal sections of *Tg(ins:CFP-NTR)* larvae. Beta-cells are marker using CFP (green). The larvae were treated with vehicle (A), 50 μM H₂O₂ (B), or 1mM H₂O₂ (C) from 3 to 4 dpf and beta-cell apoptosis was analyzed using the TUNEL assay. No TUNEL-positivity can be observed in the beta-cells or in the surrounding pancreatic tissue. (D) *Tg(ins:CFP-NTR)* expresses the Nitroreductase (NTR) enzyme from *Escherichia coli* under the *insulin* promoter. The NTR enzyme converts the pro-drug metronidazole (MTZ) to its cytotoxic form, leading to the specific ablation of beta-cells upon exposure to MTZ. TUNEL⁺ beta-cells were evident after 12h of treatment with MTZ to induce targeted beta-cell ablation.

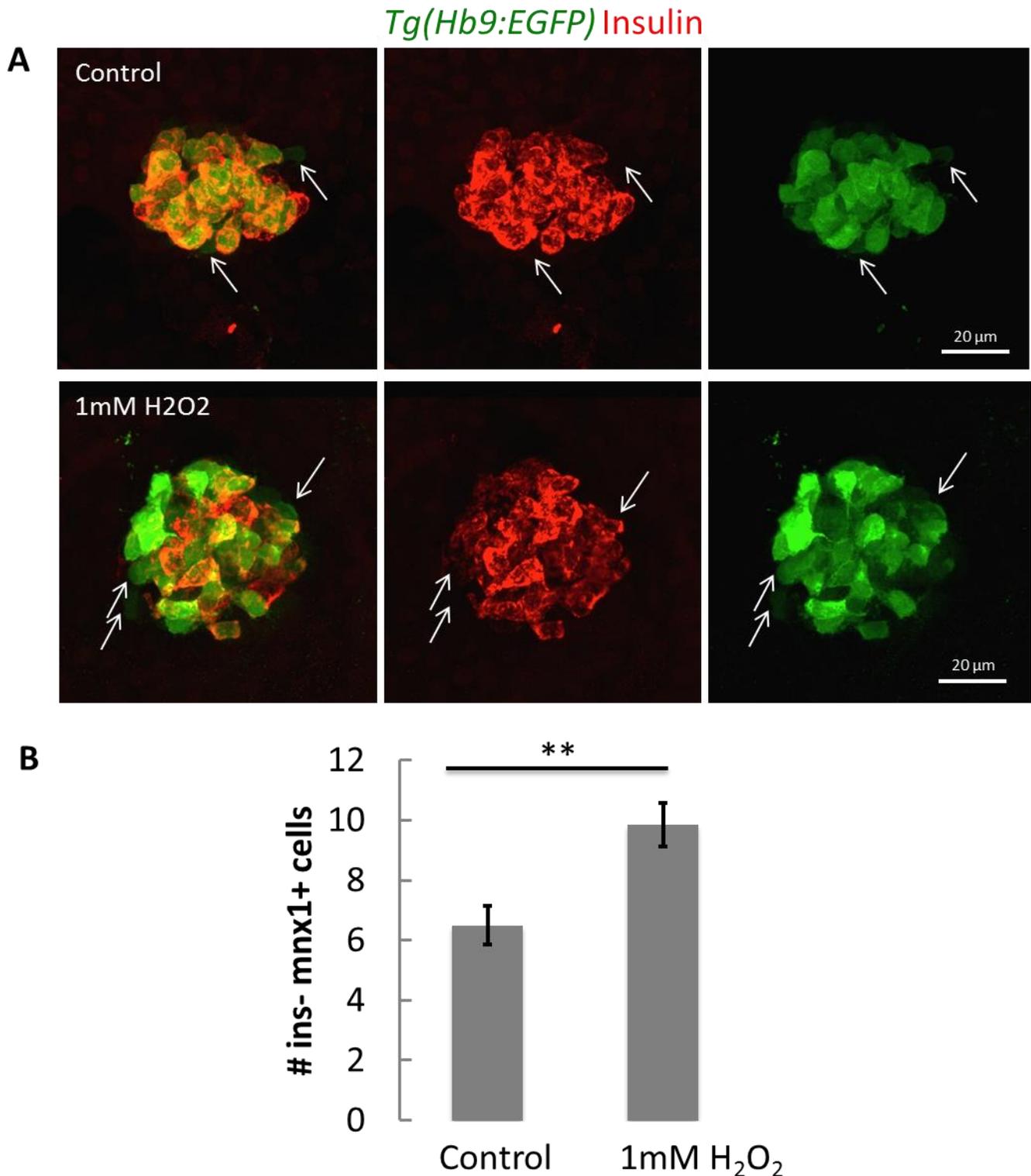


Figure S5: H₂O₂-treatment increases the number of *mnx1*⁺/*insulin*⁻ cells.

(A) Confocal projections of the principal islets of 4 dpf *Tg(mnx1:GFP)* controls and larvae treated with 1mM H₂O₂ from 3 to 4 dpf. Arrowheads point to *mnx1:GFP*⁺ but *Insulin*⁻ cells. **(B)** Quantification of the number of *mnx1:GFP*⁺ and *insulin*⁻ cells in controls (n=16 animals) and H₂O₂-treated animals (n=13 animals). H₂O₂-treated animals exhibit higher numbers of *mnx1:GFP*⁺ and *Insulin*⁻ cells compared to controls (p= 0,002). Error bars = SEM.

Tg(Tp1:H2BmCherry) Insulin

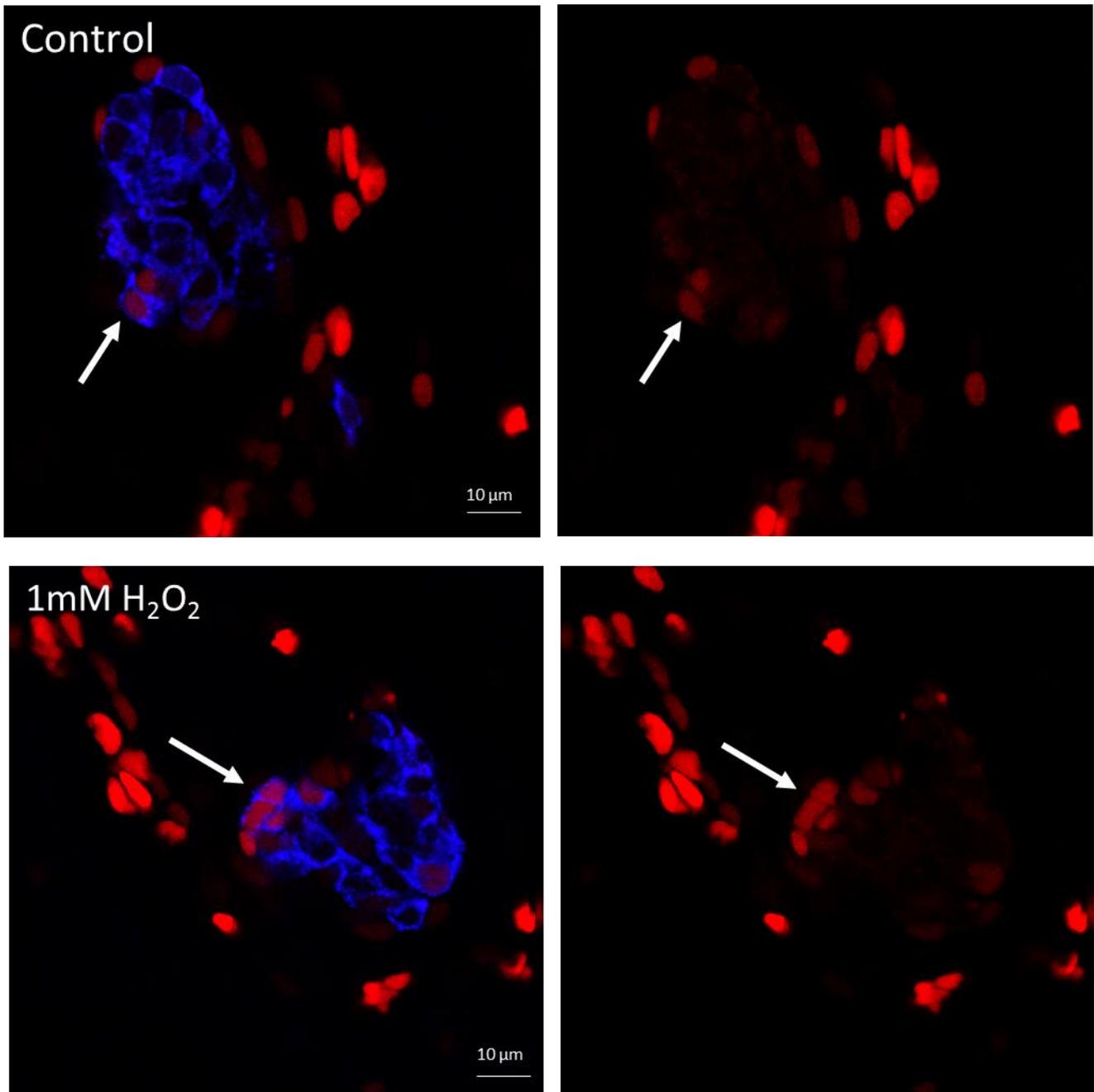


Figure S6: Higher resolution images corresponding to the panels shown in Figure 5D. Confocal sections of primary islets from *Tg(Tp1:H2BmCherry)* larvae stained for Insulin (blue). *Tg(Tp1:H2BmCherry)* drives expression of a fluorescent protein with long half-life (H2BmCherry) in the Notch responsive cells (NRCs) in the pancreas. Beta-cells that differentiate from NRCs can retain H2BmCherry-fluorescence due to perdurance. The larvae were treated with vehicle or 1 mM H₂O₂ from 3 to 4 dpf. The arrows indicate *Tp1:H2BmCherry*⁺ and insulin⁺ cells in the periphery of the primary islets in controls and H₂O₂-treated larvae.

Tg(Tp1:H2BmCherry); Tg(neurod1:GFP)

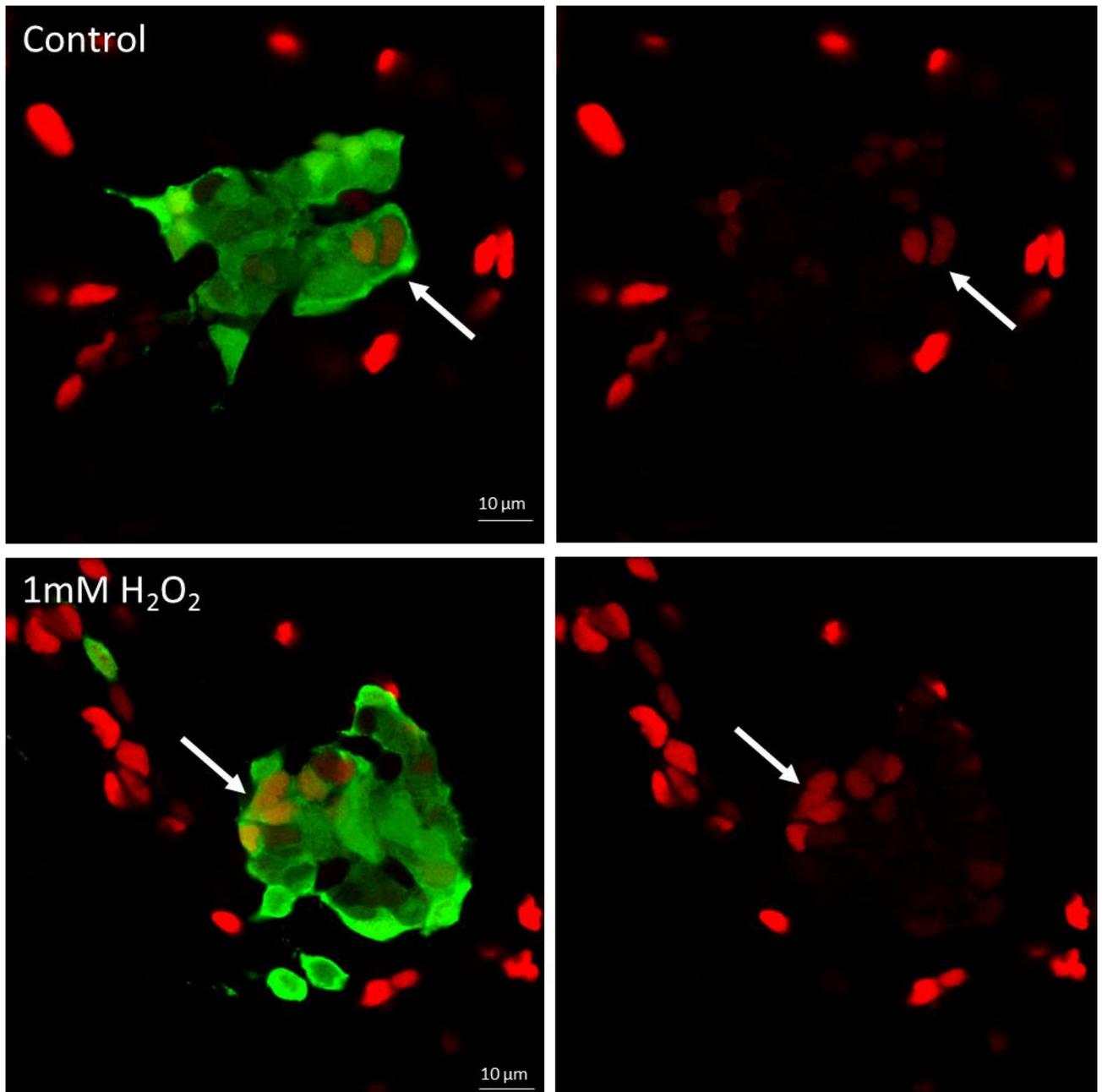


Figure S7: Higher resolution images corresponding to the panels shown in Figure 5F. Confocal sections of primary islets from *Tg(Tp1:H2BmCherry); Tg(neurod1:GFP)* larvae. The arrows indicate *Tp1:H2BmCherry*⁺ and GFP⁺ cells in the periphery of the primary islets in controls and H₂O₂-treated larvae.