Letters to the Editor

Islet transplantation with 15-Deoxyspergualin

Dear Sir,

Concerning our rapid communication "Prolongation of graft survival in allogeneic islet transplantation by (–)15-Deoxyspergualin in the rat" [1] we apologise for a double publication in Transplantation Proceedings (1986) 18: 1860–1861, which we considered originally as a symposium report.

We hope that this misunderstanding will be excused.

Yours sincerely,

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Heterogeneity of diabetes mellitus

Dear Sir,

In a recent article Groop et al. [1] demonstrated the relationship between B-cell function and HLA antigens in patients with Type 2 (non-insulin-dependent) diabetes asserting that it might be possible to distinguish a subgroup of patients with Type 2 diabetes that in the

course of time may develop insulin dependence, and a subgroup of patients with Type 2 diabetes that may not develop such a dependence. The first subgroup of patients showed an increased frequency of HLA-B8, DR4, B8/B15 and DR3/DR4 and significantly lower concentrations of C-peptide than patients without these HLA anti-

Table 1. Clinical features of patients with Type 1 (insulin-dependent) diabetes

No.	Age (years)	Sex (M/F)	Duration of diabetes (years)	Fasting C-peptide (normal range: 1–3 ng/ml)	Relatives with Type 2 (non-insulin-dependent) diabetes
1	26	F	5	0.49	Mother, maternal uncle, aunt, grandmother. Sister with Type 1 diabetes
2	32	M	5	0.85	Father
3	30	F	13	0.50	Mother
4	33	F	20	0.55	Mother
5	24	F	7	0.89	Mother
6	35	M	8	0.40	Mother, brother
7	33	M	13	0.34	Father
8	28	F	12	0.75	Mother
9	28	M	5	0.85	Father
10	24	M	7	0.35	Father, maternal aunt
11	46	F	25	0.54	Mother
12	31	M	7	0.97	Father
13	37	F	9	0.67	Father
14	35	F	10	0.78	Father
15	11	M	2 months	0.86	Paternal grandfather, maternal grandmother, father with IGT ^a
16	22	F	6	0.85	Maternal grandmother, maternal aunt, mother with IGT

^a IGT = impaired glucose tolerance