

# Pancreas

[ Endocrinology Block | Histology ]

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### Objective

- O1 The endocrine part of the pancreas within the exocrine part.
- O2 The histological features of the cells of islet of Langerhans.
  - The function of different cells of islets of Langerhans.

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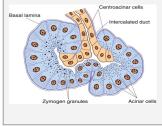
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#### **Exocrine Pancreas**

Pancreatic Acini	Pancreatic Acinar Cells	Duct System
<ul> <li>Serous acini: Secreting digestive pancreatic enzymes (Thin fluid).</li> <li>Centroacinar cells: <ul> <li>Nuclei in center of acini.</li> <li>The beginning of the ducts.</li> </ul> </li> <li>No Myoepithelial cells around the acini.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Shape: Pyramidal (Rosette shape)</li> <li>Nuclei: Basal, rounded and vesicular.</li> <li>Cytoplasm:</li> <li>Basal part Basophilic → Abundant rER secrete proteins (digestive enzymes)</li> <li>Apical part Acidophilic → Secretory granules (zymogen)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Centroacinar cells (low cuboidal): First ductal cells, have serous secretions</li> <li>Int<u>er</u>calated ducts (low cuboidal).</li> <li>Int<u>ra</u>lobular ducts (low columnar): NOT prominent.</li> <li>Int<u>er</u>lobular ducts (simple columnar).</li> <li>Main pancreatic duct (tall columnar) with goblet cells</li> </ul>





Low Magnification



**Medium Magnification** 

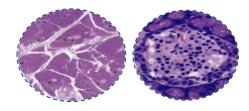






#### Islets of langerhans:

- Pale-staining spherical collections of endocrine cells, scattered among the acini.
- Richly vascularized by fenestrated capillaries (with diaphragm)
- Each islet is surrounded and supported by reticular fibers (collagen type III).
- About I Million islets in human pancreas, Most numerous in the tail



(According to islets)	$\beta$ (B) Cells	α <b>(A) Cells</b>	ð (D) Cells	G	PP	
Percentage	70%	15-20%	5-10%	۱%	۱%	
Location	Center	Periphery	Throughout the islet	Throughout the islet	Throughout the islet	
Secretions	<mark>Insulin</mark> (↓Blood Sugar)	<mark>Glucagon</mark> (↑Blood Sugar)	Somatostatin (↓Pancreas Secretions)	Gastrin (个HCl from Parietal cells)	Pancreatic Polypeptide (↓Exocrine Secretions)	
Granules	• Granules in $\alpha$ cells are much more numerous, more tightly packed, smaller, and denser than those of $\beta$ cells. • Granules in $\delta$ cells are less dense than those of $\beta$ and $\alpha$ cells.			-	-	

-Cannot be differentiated from one another by routine stains. **Immunostaining** is most useful for distinguishing between them.



01	Islets of Langerhan is characterized by which of the following?			
A-Dark staining collection of endocrine cells		B- more numerous in the body of pancreas	C-Rich in fenestrated capillaries	D-Surrounded by elastic fibers
<b>02</b> Which one of the following cells secrete Insulin?				
A-Al	pha Cells	B-Beta Cells	C-G Cells	D-Delta Cells
03 Which ONE of the following cells produce Glucagon?				
A-Al	pha Cells	B-Beta Cells	C-Delta Cells	D-PP Cells

04	Most of Langerhans islets are found in which part of the Pancreas?			
A-Head		B-Body	C-Tail	D-Neck

05 Which one of the following statements is CORRECT about Pancreas?				
A-Beta Cells is concentrated in the peripheral of the islet		B-Alpha Cells secrete Insulin	C-No myoepithelial cells in the pancreatic acini	D-PP Cells secrete Glucagon

Answer key: **1-C,2-B,3-A,4-C,5-C** 

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