

Figure S1. Representative western blot (of two independent experiments performed) reflecting calpastatin protein levels in cytosolic and nuclear enriched fractions of islet lysates obtained from 9 wk-old WT, WT:hCAST, hTG and hTG:hCAST. GAPDH and PARP were used as loading controls for cytosolic and nuclear fractions respectively.

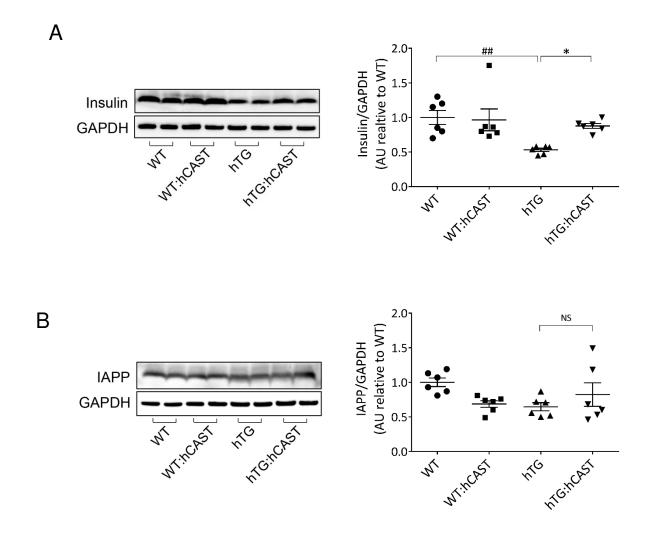


Figure S2. Insulin (A) and IAPP (B) protein levels in islets from 9 wk-old WT, WT:hCAST, hTG and hTG:hCAST mice were measured by Western blot. Average fasting blood glucose levels in corresponding groups were 62.7±3.8, 63.9±6.2, 90.3±4.2 and 71.8±4.3 mg/dl in (A) and 72.0±2.5, 73.2±6.2, 85.5±3.1 and 71.5±4.7 mg/dl in (B). Data are expressed as mean±SEM; n=6 per group; * p<0.05 versus hTG; ## p<0.01 versus WT; one-way ANOVA followed by Fisher's LSD post hoc test in (A); two tail Student's test in (B).

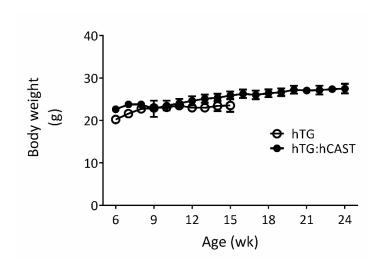


Figure S3. Body weight in hTG and hTG:hCAST mice (n=4-9 mice per group per time point).

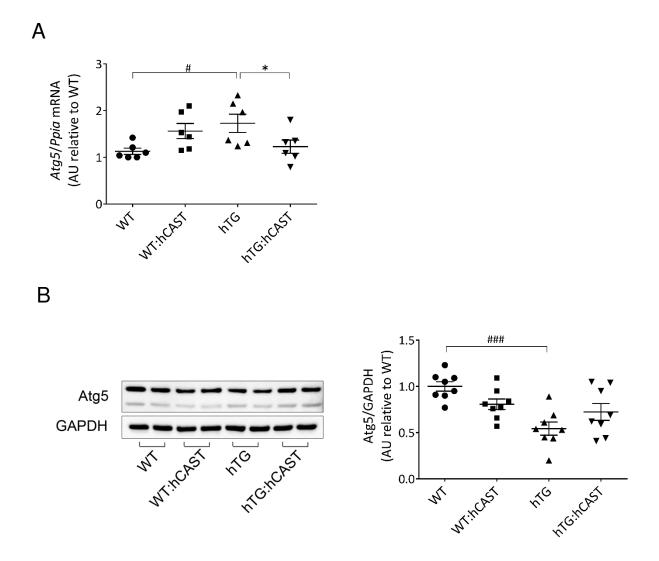


Figure S4. *Atg5* mRNA were measured by RT-qPCR (A) and protein levels were measured by Western blot (B) in islet lysates obtained from 9 wk-old WT, WT:hCAST, hTG and hTG:hCAST mice. Average fasting blood glucose levels in corresponding groups were 65.1±4.3, 77.2±3.5, 72.0±3.8 and 70.1±4.1 mg/dl in (A) and 69.9±3.0, 66.4±2.9, 91.7±3.4 and 68.4±4.8 mg/dl in (B). Data are expressed as mean±SEM; n=6 (A) and n=8 (B) per group; *p<0.5 versus hTG; #p<0.05, ### p<0.001 versus WT.

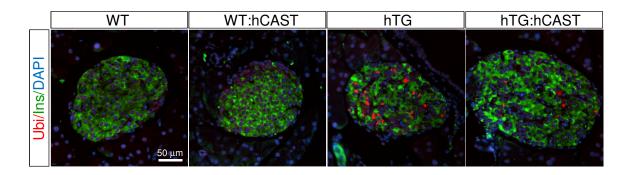


Figure S5. Representative immunofluorescence images of islets from 9 wk-old WT, WT:hCAST, hTG and hTG:hCAST mice stained for ubiquitin (red), insulin (green) and nuclei (blue, DAPI). Staining was performed in 2 mice per group with fasting blood glucose levels within normal range (WT - 84 and 76 mg/dl; WT:hCAST - 92 and 74 mg/dl; hTG - 64 and 89 mg/dl; hTG:hCAST - 78 and 71 mg/dl). Images of 15-30 islets per tissue section were taken using 20x objective.

