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(57) Abstract: The present invention provides improved methods of differentiating insulin+, glucose responsive islet-like structures from insulin- cells. The invention further provides methods for using insulin+, glucose responsive islet-like structures, as well as the insulin+, glucose responsive cells which comprise said islet-like clusters.

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