## SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

## A rationally designed Hsp70 variant rescues the aggregation-associated toxicity of human IAPP in cultured pancreatic islet β-cells

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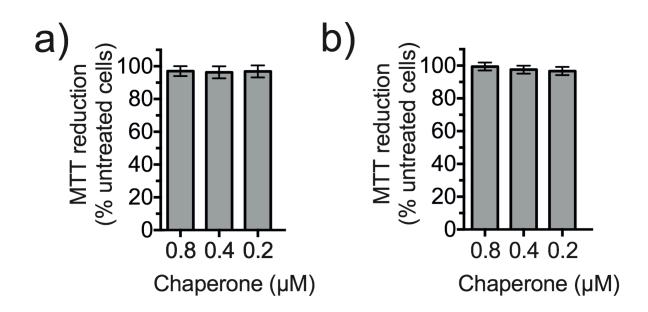
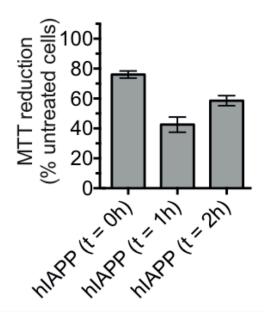
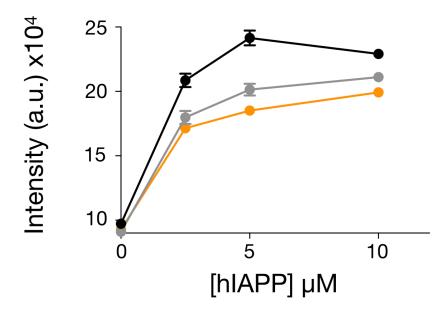


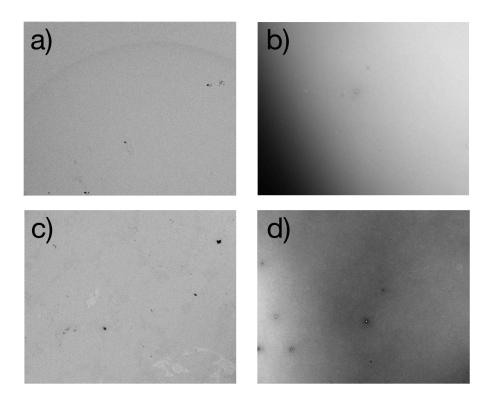
Figure S1. Viability of RIN-m5F cells in the presence of increasing concentrations of Hsp70 variants, but not of hIAPP, using the MTT reduction assay. Cells were incubated for 24 h with: (a) Hsp70 WT or (b) GHsp70-hIAPP at the molar concentrations used in Figure 2a. Data are the mean  $\pm$  SEM (n = 5) and are representative of two different experiments conducted on separate days. Cells lysed with Triton X-100 were used as a negative control to assess the minimum MTT reduction ( $\sim 2 \pm 0.5$  % of untreated cells).



**Figure S2.** Toxicity of hIAPP on RIN-m5F cells using the MTT reduction assay. Cells were incubated for 24 h with hIAPP suspended at 10  $\mu$ M in cell media. The media was added to the cells immediately (t = 0 h) or after pre-incubation at 37 °C at quiescent conditions for 1 hour (t = 1h) or 2 hours (t = 2h). Data are the mean ± SEM (*n* = 5) and are representative of two different experiments conducted on separate days. Cells lysed with Triton X-100 were used as a negative control to assess the minimum MTT reduction (~3 ± 0.5 % of untreated cells).



**Figure S3.** ELISA binding assay of hIAPP (2.5, 5, 10  $\mu$ M) with GHsp70-hIAPP (black), Hsp70 WT (grey) and GHsp70-A $\beta$  (yellow) variants.



**Figure S4. (a)** TEM image of a solution containing 10  $\mu$ M hIAPP alone at the beginning of the aggregation reaction. **(b-d)** TEM images of solutions containing 0.8  $\mu$ M Hsp70 WT **(b)**, GHsp70-A $\beta$  **(c)**, or GHsp70-hIAPP **(d)** in the absence of hIAPP after 15 hours of incubation at 37 °C.