

# UC San Diego

## UC San Diego Previously Published Works

### Title

An Expanded Genome-Wide Association Study of Type 2 Diabetes in Europeans

### Permalink

<https://escholarship.org/uc/item/9867n0pw>

### Journal

Diabetes, 66(11)

### ISSN

0012-1797

### Authors

Scott, Robert A  
Scott, Laura J  
Mägi, Reedik  
et al.

### Publication Date

2017-11-01

### DOI

10.2337/db16-1253

Peer reviewed



## An Expanded Genome-Wide Association Study of Type 2 Diabetes in Europeans

Robert A. Scott,<sup>1</sup> Laura J. Scott,<sup>2</sup> Reedik Mägi,<sup>3</sup> Letizia Marullo,<sup>4</sup> Kyle J. Gaulton,<sup>5,6</sup> Marika Kaakinen,<sup>7</sup> Natalia Pervjakova,<sup>3</sup> Tune H. Pers,<sup>8,9,10,11</sup> Andrew D. Johnson,<sup>12</sup> John D. Eicher,<sup>12</sup> Anne U. Jackson,<sup>2</sup> Teresa Ferreira,<sup>5</sup> Yeji Lee,<sup>2</sup> Clement Ma,<sup>2</sup> Valgerdur Steinthorsdottir,<sup>13</sup> Gudmar Thorleifsson,<sup>13</sup> Lu Qi,<sup>14,15,16</sup> Natalie R. Van Zuydam,<sup>5,17</sup> Anubha Mahajan,<sup>5</sup> Han Chen,<sup>18,19</sup> Peter Almgren,<sup>20</sup> Ben F. Voight,<sup>21,22,23</sup> Harald Grallert,<sup>24,25,26</sup> Martina Müller-Nurasyid,<sup>27,28,29,30</sup> Janina S. Ried,<sup>27</sup> Nigel W. Rayner,<sup>5,31,32</sup> Neil Robertson,<sup>5,31</sup> Lennart C. Karssen,<sup>33,34</sup> Elisabeth M. van Leeuwen,<sup>33</sup> Sara M. Willems,<sup>1,33</sup> Christian Fuchsberger,<sup>2</sup> Phoenix Kwan,<sup>2</sup> Tanya M. Teslovich,<sup>2</sup> Pritam Chanda,<sup>35</sup> Man Li,<sup>36</sup> Yingchang Lu,<sup>37,38</sup> Christian Dina,<sup>39</sup> Dorothee Thuillier,<sup>40,41</sup> Loic Yengo,<sup>40,41</sup> Longda Jiang,<sup>7</sup> Thomas Sparso,<sup>10</sup> Hans A. Kestler,<sup>42,43</sup> Himanshu Chheda,<sup>44</sup> Lewin Eisele,<sup>45</sup> Stefan Gustafsson,<sup>46</sup> Mattias Frånberg,<sup>47,48,49</sup> Rona J. Strawbridge,<sup>47</sup> Rafn Benediktsson,<sup>50,51</sup> Astradur B. Hreidarsson,<sup>51</sup> Augustine Kong,<sup>13</sup> Gunnar Sigurðsson,<sup>51,52</sup> Nicola D. Kerrison,<sup>1</sup> Jian'an Luan,<sup>1</sup> Liming Liang,<sup>14,53</sup> Thomas Meitinger,<sup>30,54,55</sup> Michael Roden,<sup>26,56,57</sup> Barbara Thorand,<sup>25,26</sup> Tõnu Esko,<sup>3,8,58</sup> Evelin Mihailov,<sup>3</sup> Caroline Fox,<sup>59,60</sup> Ching-Ti Liu,<sup>61</sup> Denis Rybin,<sup>62</sup> Bo Isomaa,<sup>63,64</sup> Valeriya Lyssenko,<sup>20</sup> Tiinamaija Tuomi,<sup>63,65</sup> David J. Couper,<sup>66</sup> James S. Pankow,<sup>67</sup> Niels Grarup,<sup>10</sup> Christian T. Have,<sup>10</sup> Marit E. Jørgensen,<sup>68</sup> Torben Jørgensen,<sup>69,70,71</sup> Allan Linneberg,<sup>69,72,73</sup> Marilyn C. Cornelis,<sup>74</sup> Rob M. van Dam,<sup>15,75</sup> David J. Hunter,<sup>14,15,16,76</sup> Peter Kraft,<sup>14,53,76</sup> Qi Sun,<sup>15,16</sup> Sarah Edkins,<sup>32</sup> Katharine R. Owen,<sup>31,77</sup> John R.B. Perry,<sup>1</sup> Andrew R. Wood,<sup>78</sup> Eleftheria Zeggini,<sup>32</sup> Juan Tajés-Fernandes,<sup>5</sup> Gonçalo R. Abecasis,<sup>2</sup> Lori L. Bonnycastle,<sup>79</sup> Peter S. Chines,<sup>79</sup> Heather M. Stringham,<sup>2</sup> Heikki A. Koistinen,<sup>80,81,82</sup> Leena Kinnunen,<sup>80,81,82</sup> Bengt Sennblad,<sup>47,48</sup> Thomas W. Mühleisen,<sup>83,84</sup> Markus M. Nöthen,<sup>83,84</sup> Sonali Pechlivanis,<sup>45</sup> Damiano Baldassarre,<sup>85,86</sup> Karl Gertow,<sup>47</sup> Steve E. Humphries,<sup>87</sup> Elena Tremoli,<sup>85,86</sup> Norman Klopp,<sup>24,88</sup> Julia Meyer,<sup>27</sup> Gerald Steinbach,<sup>89</sup> Roman Wennauer,<sup>90</sup> Johan G. Eriksson,<sup>63,91,92,93</sup> Satu Männistö,<sup>91</sup> Leena Peltonen,<sup>32,44,91,94†</sup> Emmi Tikkanen,<sup>44,95</sup> Guillaume Charpentier,<sup>96</sup> Elodie Eury,<sup>41</sup> Stéphane Lobbens,<sup>41</sup> Bruna Gigante,<sup>97</sup> Karin Leander,<sup>97</sup> Olga McLeod,<sup>47</sup> Erwin P. Bottinger,<sup>37</sup> Omri Gottesman,<sup>37</sup> Douglas Ruderfer,<sup>98</sup> Matthias Blüher,<sup>99,100</sup> Peter Kovacs,<sup>99,100</sup> Anke Tonjes,<sup>99,100</sup> Nisa M. Maruthur,<sup>36,101,102</sup> Chiara Scapoli,<sup>4</sup> Raimund Erbel,<sup>45</sup> Karl-Heinz Jöckel,<sup>45</sup> Susanne Moebus,<sup>45</sup> Ulf de Faire,<sup>97</sup> Anders Hamsten,<sup>47</sup> Michael Stumvoll,<sup>99,100</sup> Panagiotis Deloukas,<sup>32,103</sup> Peter J. Donnelly,<sup>5,104</sup> Timothy M. Frayling,<sup>78</sup> Andrew T. Hattersley,<sup>105</sup> Samuli Ripatti,<sup>32,44,95,106</sup> Veikko Salomaa,<sup>80</sup> Nancy L. Pedersen,<sup>107</sup> Bernhard O. Boehm,<sup>108,109</sup> Richard N. Bergman,<sup>110</sup> Francis S. Collins,<sup>79</sup> Karen L. Mohlke,<sup>111</sup> Jaakko Tuomilehto,<sup>91,112,113,114</sup> Torben Hansen,<sup>10,115</sup> Oluf Pedersen,<sup>10</sup> Inês Barroso,<sup>32,116</sup> Lars Lannfelt,<sup>117</sup> Erik Ingelsson,<sup>46,118</sup> Lars Lind,<sup>119</sup> Cecilia M. Lindgren,<sup>5,94</sup> Stéphane Cauchi,<sup>40</sup> Philippe Froguel,<sup>7,40,41</sup> Ruth J.F. Loos,<sup>37,38,120</sup> Beverley Balkau,<sup>121,122</sup> Heiner Boeing,<sup>123</sup> Paul W. Franks,<sup>124,125</sup> Aurelio Barricarte Gurrea,<sup>126,127,128</sup> Domenico Palli,<sup>129</sup> Yvonne T. van der Schouw,<sup>130</sup> David Altshuler,<sup>94,131,132,133,134,135</sup> Leif C. Groop,<sup>20,44</sup> Claudia Langenberg,<sup>1</sup> Nicholas J. Wareham,<sup>1</sup> Eric Sijbrands,<sup>90</sup> Cornelia M. van Duijn,<sup>33,136</sup> Jose C. Florez,<sup>8,132,137</sup> James B. Meigs,<sup>8,132,138</sup> Eric Boerwinkle,<sup>139,140</sup> Christian Gieger,<sup>24,25</sup> Konstantin Strauch,<sup>27,29</sup> Andres Metspalu,<sup>3,141</sup> Andrew D. Morris,<sup>142</sup> Colin N.A. Palmer,<sup>17,143</sup> Frank B. Hu,<sup>14,15,16</sup> Unnur Thorsteinsdottir,<sup>13,50</sup> Kari Stefansson,<sup>13,50</sup> Josée Dupuis,<sup>59,61</sup> Andrew P. Morris,<sup>3,5,144,145</sup> Michael Boehnke,<sup>2</sup> Mark I. McCarthy,<sup>5,31,77</sup> and Inga Prokopenko,<sup>5,7,31</sup> for the DIAbetes Genetics Replication And Meta-analysis (DIAGRAM) Consortium

**To characterize type 2 diabetes (T2D)-associated variation across the allele frequency spectrum, we conducted a meta-analysis of genome-wide association data from 26,676 T2D case and 132,532 control subjects of European ancestry after imputation using the 1000 Genomes multiethnic reference panel. Promising association signals were followed up in additional data sets (of 14,545 or 7,397 T2D case and 38,994 or 71,604 control subjects). We identified 13 novel T2D-associated loci ( $P < 5 \times 10^{-8}$ ), including variants near the *GLP2R*, *GIP*, and *HLA-DQA1* genes. Our analysis brought the total number of independent T2D associations to 128 distinct signals at 113 loci. Despite substantially increased sample size and more complete coverage of low-frequency variation, all novel**

**associations were driven by common single nucleotide variants. Credible sets of potentially causal variants were generally larger than those based on imputation with earlier reference panels, consistent with resolution of causal signals to common risk haplotypes. Stratification of T2D-associated loci based on T2D-related quantitative trait associations revealed tissue-specific enrichment of regulatory annotations in pancreatic islet enhancers for loci influencing insulin secretion and in adipocytes, monocytes, and hepatocytes for insulin action-associated loci. These findings highlight the predominant role played by common variants of modest effect and the diversity of biological mechanisms influencing T2D pathophysiology.**

<sup>1</sup>MRC Epidemiology Unit, University of Cambridge, Cambridge, U.K.

<sup>2</sup>Department of Biostatistics and Center for Statistical Genetics, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI

<sup>3</sup>Estonian Genome Center, University of Tartu, Tartu, Estonia

<sup>4</sup>Department of Life Sciences and Biotechnology, University of Ferrara, Ferrara, Italy

<sup>5</sup>Wellcome Trust Centre for Human Genetics, University of Oxford, Oxford, U.K.

<sup>6</sup>Department of Genetics, Stanford University, Stanford, CA

<sup>7</sup>Department of Genomics of Common Disease, Imperial College London, London, U.K.

<sup>8</sup>Program in Medical and Population Genetics, Broad Institute of MIT and Harvard, Cambridge, MA

<sup>9</sup>Division of Endocrinology and Center for Basic and Translational Obesity Research, Boston Children's Hospital, Boston, MA

<sup>10</sup>Novo Nordisk Foundation Center for Basic Metabolic Research, Faculty of Health and Medical Sciences, University of Copenhagen, Copenhagen, Denmark

<sup>11</sup>Department of Epidemiology Research, Statens Serum Institut, Copenhagen, Denmark

<sup>12</sup>Framingham Heart Study, Population Sciences Branch, Division of Intramural Research, National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, Framingham, MA

<sup>13</sup>deCODE genetics, Amgen, Inc., Reykjavik, Iceland

<sup>14</sup>Department of Epidemiology, Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, Boston, MA

<sup>15</sup>Department of Nutrition, Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, Boston, MA

<sup>16</sup>Channing Division of Network Medicine, Department of Medicine, Brigham and Women's Hospital and Harvard Medical School, Boston, MA

<sup>17</sup>Pat Macpherson Centre for Pharmacogenetics and Pharmacogenomics and Biomedical Research Institute, Ninewells Hospital, University of Dundee, Dundee, U.K.

<sup>18</sup>Human Genetics Center and Department of Epidemiology, Human Genetics & Environmental Sciences, School of Public Health, The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston, Houston, TX

<sup>19</sup>Center for Precision Health, School Biomedical Informatics, and School of Public Health, The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston, Houston, TX

<sup>20</sup>Lund University Diabetes Centre and Department of Clinical Sciences Malmö, University Hospital Scania, Lund University, Malmö, Sweden

<sup>21</sup>Department of Pharmacology, Perelman School of Medicine, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA

<sup>22</sup>Department of Genetics, Perelman School of Medicine, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA

<sup>23</sup>Institute of Translational Medicine and Therapeutics, Perelman School of Medicine, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA

<sup>24</sup>Research Unit of Molecular Epidemiology, Helmholtz Zentrum München, German Research Center for Environmental Health, Neuherberg, Germany

<sup>25</sup>Institute of Epidemiology II, Helmholtz Zentrum München, German Research Center for Environmental Health, Neuherberg, Germany

<sup>26</sup>German Center for Diabetes Research, Neuherberg, Germany

<sup>27</sup>Institute of Genetic Epidemiology, Helmholtz Zentrum München, German Research Center for Environmental Health, Neuherberg, Germany

<sup>28</sup>Department of Medicine I, University Hospital Grosshadern, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität, Munich, Germany

<sup>29</sup>Genetic Epidemiology, Institute of Medical Informatics, Biometry and Epidemiology, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität, Munich, Germany

<sup>30</sup>Munich Heart Alliance, German Centre for Cardiovascular Disease, Munich, Germany

<sup>31</sup>Oxford Centre for Diabetes, Endocrinology and Metabolism, University of Oxford, Oxford, U.K.

<sup>32</sup>Wellcome Trust Sanger Institute, Hinxton, U.K.

<sup>33</sup>Department of Epidemiology, Erasmus University Medical Center, Rotterdam, the Netherlands

<sup>34</sup>PolyOmica, 's-Hertogenbosch, the Netherlands

<sup>35</sup>High Throughput Biology Center, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, Baltimore, MD

<sup>36</sup>Department of Epidemiology, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, Baltimore, MD

<sup>37</sup>The Charles Bronfman Institute for Personalized Medicine, Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, New York, NY

<sup>38</sup>The Genetics of Obesity and Related Metabolic Traits Program, Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, New York, NY

<sup>39</sup>institut du thorax, INSERM, CNRS, Centre Hospitalier Universitaire de Nantes, Université de Nantes, Nantes, France

<sup>40</sup>Lille Institute of Biology, European Genomics Institute of Diabetes, Lille, France

<sup>41</sup>CNRS UMR 8199, European Genomic Institute for Diabetes (EGID), Institut Pasteur de Lille, University of Lille, Lille, France

<sup>42</sup>Leibniz Institute on Aging, Fritz Lipmann Institute, Jena, Germany

<sup>43</sup>Institute of Medical Systems Biology, Ulm University, Ulm, Germany

<sup>44</sup>Institute for Molecular Medicine Finland, University of Helsinki, Helsinki, Finland

<sup>45</sup>Institute for Medical Informatics, Biometry and Epidemiology, University Hospital of Essen, Essen, Germany

<sup>46</sup>Molecular Epidemiology, Department of Medical Sciences, and Science for Life Laboratory, Uppsala University, Uppsala, Sweden

<sup>47</sup>Cardiovascular Medicine Unit, Department of Medicine Solna, Karolinska Institutet, Stockholm, Sweden

<sup>48</sup>Science for Life Laboratory, Stockholm, Sweden

<sup>49</sup>Department for Numerical Analysis and Computer Science, Stockholm University, Stockholm, Sweden

<sup>50</sup>Faculty of Medicine, University of Iceland, Reykjavik, Iceland

<sup>51</sup>Landspítali University Hospital, Reykjavik, Iceland

<sup>52</sup>Icelandic Heart Association, Kópavogur, Iceland

<sup>53</sup>Department of Biostatistics, Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, Boston, MA

<sup>54</sup>Institute of Human Genetics, Helmholtz Zentrum München, Neuherberg, Germany

<sup>55</sup>Institute of Human Genetics, Technische Universität München, Munich, Germany

Type 2 diabetes (T2D) has rapidly increased in prevalence in recent years and represents a major component of the global disease burden (1). Previous efforts to use genome-wide association studies (GWAS) to characterize the genetic component of T2D risk have largely focused on common variants (minor allele frequency [MAF] >5%). These studies have identified close to 100 loci, almost all of them currently defined by common alleles associated with modest (typically 5–20%) increases in T2D risk (2–6). Direct sequencing of whole genomes or exomes offers the most comprehensive approach for extending discovery efforts to

the detection of low-frequency ( $0.5\% < \text{MAF} < 5\%$ ) and rare ( $\text{MAF} < 0.5\%$ ) risk and protective alleles, some of which might have greater impact on individual predisposition. However, extensive sequencing has thus far been limited to relatively small sample sizes (at most, a few thousand cases), restricting power to detect rarer risk alleles even if they are of large effect (7–9). Although evidence of rare variant associations has been detected in some candidate gene studies (10,11), the largest study to date, involving exome sequencing in ~13,000 subjects, found little trace of rare variant association effects (9).

<sup>56</sup>Department of Endocrinology and Diabetology, Medical Faculty, Heinrich-Heine University, Düsseldorf, Germany

<sup>57</sup>Institute for Clinical Diabetology, German Diabetes Center, Leibniz Institute for Diabetes Research at Heinrich-Heine University Düsseldorf, Düsseldorf, Germany

<sup>58</sup>Division of Genetics and Endocrinology, Boston Children's Hospital, Boston, MA

<sup>59</sup>Framingham Heart Study, National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, Framingham, MA

<sup>60</sup>Division of Endocrinology, Diabetes and Hypertension, Brigham and Women's Hospital and Harvard Medical School, Boston, MA

<sup>61</sup>Department of Biostatistics, Boston University School of Public Health, Boston, MA

<sup>62</sup>Data Coordinating Center, Boston University School of Public Health, Boston, MA

<sup>63</sup>Folkhälsan Research Center, Helsinki, Finland

<sup>64</sup>Department of Social Services and Health Care, Jakobstad, Finland

<sup>65</sup>Department of Medicine, Helsinki University Hospital, University of Helsinki, Helsinki, Finland

<sup>66</sup>Collaborative Studies Coordinating Center, Department of Biostatistics, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, NC

<sup>67</sup>Division of Epidemiology & Community Health, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN

<sup>68</sup>Steno Diabetes Center, Gentofte, Denmark

<sup>69</sup>Research Centre for Prevention and Health, Capital Region of Denmark, Copenhagen, Denmark

<sup>70</sup>Faculty of Health and Medical Sciences, University of Copenhagen, Copenhagen, Denmark

<sup>71</sup>Faculty of Medicine, Aalborg University, Aalborg, Denmark

<sup>72</sup>Rigshospitalet, Copenhagen University Hospital, Copenhagen, Denmark

<sup>73</sup>Department of Clinical Medicine, Faculty of Health and Medical Sciences, University of Copenhagen, Denmark

<sup>74</sup>Department of Preventive Medicine, Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine, Chicago, IL

<sup>75</sup>Saw Swee Hock School of Public Health, National University of Singapore, Singapore, Singapore

<sup>76</sup>Program in Genetic Epidemiology and Statistical Genetics, Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, Boston, MA

<sup>77</sup>National Institute for Health Research Oxford Biomedical Research Centre, Churchill Hospital, Oxford, U.K.

<sup>78</sup>Genetics of Complex Traits, University of Exeter Medical School, University of Exeter, Exeter, U.K.

<sup>79</sup>National Human Genome Research Institute, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, MD

<sup>80</sup>Department of Health, National Institute for Health and Welfare, Helsinki, Finland

<sup>81</sup>Endocrinology, Department of Medicine and Abdominal Center, University of Helsinki and Helsinki University Central Hospital, Helsinki, Finland

<sup>82</sup>Minerva Foundation Institute for Medical Research, Biomedicum Helsinki 2U, Helsinki, Finland

<sup>83</sup>Institute of Human Genetics, University of Bonn, Bonn, Germany

<sup>84</sup>Department of Genomics, Life & Brain Center, University of Bonn, Bonn, Germany

<sup>85</sup>Centro Cardiologico Monzino, Istituto di Ricovero e Cura a Carattere Scientifico, Milan, Italy

<sup>86</sup>Dipartimento di Scienze Farmacologiche e Biomolecolari, Università di Milano, Milan, Italy

<sup>87</sup>Cardiovascular Genetics, BHF Laboratories, Institute Cardiovascular Sciences, University College London, London, U.K.

<sup>88</sup>Hannover Unified Biobank, Hannover Medical School, Hannover, Germany

<sup>89</sup>Department of Clinical Chemistry and Central Laboratory, University of Ulm, Ulm, Germany

<sup>90</sup>Department of Internal Medicine, Erasmus University Medical Center, Rotterdam, the Netherlands

<sup>91</sup>Department of Chronic Disease Prevention, National Institute for Health and Welfare, Helsinki, Finland

<sup>92</sup>Department of General Practice and Primary Health Care, University of Helsinki, Helsinki, Finland

<sup>93</sup>Unit of General Practice, Helsinki University Central Hospital, Helsinki, Finland

<sup>94</sup>Broad Institute of MIT and Harvard, Cambridge, MA

<sup>95</sup>Department of Public Health, Hjelt Institute, University of Helsinki, Helsinki, Finland

<sup>96</sup>Endocrinology-Diabetology Unit, Corbeil-Essonnes Hospital, Corbeil-Essonnes, France

<sup>97</sup>Division of Cardiovascular Epidemiology, Institute of Environmental Medicine, Karolinska Institutet, Stockholm, Sweden

<sup>98</sup>Division of Psychiatric Genomics, Department of Psychiatry, Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, New York, NY

<sup>99</sup>FB AdiposityDiseases, University of Leipzig, Leipzig, Germany

<sup>100</sup>Department of Medicine, University of Leipzig, Leipzig, Germany

<sup>101</sup>Division of General Internal Medicine, Department of Medicine, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Medicine, Baltimore, MD

<sup>102</sup>The Welch Center for Prevention, Epidemiology and Clinical Research, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD

<sup>103</sup>William Harvey Research Institute, Barts and The London School of Medicine and Dentistry, Queen Mary University London, London, U.K.

<sup>104</sup>Department of Statistics, University of Oxford, Oxford, U.K.

<sup>105</sup>Institute of Biomedical and Clinical Science, University of Exeter Medical School, Exeter, U.K.

<sup>106</sup>Public Health Genomics Unit, National Institute for Health and Welfare, Helsinki, Finland

<sup>107</sup>Department of Medical Epidemiology and Biostatistics, Karolinska Institutet, Stockholm, Sweden

<sup>108</sup>Division of Endocrinology and Diabetes, Department of Internal Medicine, University Medical Centre Ulm, Ulm, Germany

<sup>109</sup>Lee Kong Chian School of Medicine, Imperial College London and Nanyang Technological University, Singapore, Singapore

<sup>110</sup>Diabetes and Obesity Research Institute, Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, Los Angeles, CA

<sup>111</sup>Department of Genetics, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC

<sup>112</sup>Dasman Diabetes Institute, Dasman, Kuwait

<sup>113</sup>Centre for Vascular Prevention, Danube University Krems, Krems, Austria

<sup>114</sup>Diabetes Research Group, King Abdulaziz University, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia

<sup>115</sup>Faculty of Health Sciences, University of Southern Denmark, Odense, Denmark

Here, we implement a complementary strategy that makes use of imputation into existing GWAS samples from the Diabetes Genetics Replication And Meta-analysis (DIAGRAM) Consortium with sequence-based reference panels (12). This strategy allows the detection of common and low-frequency (but not rare) variant associations in extremely large samples (13) and facilitates the fine-mapping of causal variants. We performed a European ancestry meta-analysis of GWAS with 26,676 T2D case and 132,532 control subjects, and we followed up our findings in additional independent European ancestry studies of 14,545 T2D case and 38,994 control subjects genotyped using the Metachip (4). All contributing studies were imputed against the March 2012 multiethnic 1000 Genomes Project (1000G) reference panel of 1,092 whole-genome-sequenced individuals (12). Our study provides near-complete evaluation of common variants with much improved coverage of low-frequency variants, and the combined sample size considerably exceeds that of the largest previous T2D GWAS meta-analyses in individuals of European ancestry (4). In addition to genetic discovery, we fine-mapped novel and established T2D-associated loci to identify regulatory motifs and cell types enriched for potential causal variants, as well as pathways through which T2D-associated loci increase disease susceptibility.

## RESEARCH DESIGN AND METHODS

### Research Participants

The DIAGRAM stage 1 meta-analyses comprises 26,676 T2D case and 132,532 control subjects (effective sample

size  $N_{\text{eff}} = 72,143$  individuals, defined as  $4/[(1/N_{\text{cases}}) + (1/N_{\text{controls}})]$ ) from 18 studies genotyped using commercial genome-wide single nucleotide variant (SNV) arrays (Supplementary Table 1). The Metachip stage 2 follow-up comprises 14,545 T2D case and 38,994 control subjects ( $N_{\text{eff}} = 38,645$ ) from 16 nonoverlapping stage 1 studies (4,14). We performed additional follow-up in 2,796 T2D case and 4,601 control subjects from the European Prospective Investigation into Cancer and Nutrition-InterAct (EPIC-InterAct) study (15) and in 9,747 T2D case and 61,857 control subjects from the Resource for Genetic Epidemiology on Adult Health and Aging (GERA) study (16) (Supplementary Material).

### Statistical Analyses

We imputed autosomal and X chromosome SNVs using the all-ancestries 1000G reference panel (1,092 individuals from Africa, Asia, Europe, and the Americas [March 2012 release]) using minimac (17) or IMPUTE2 (18). After imputation, from each study we removed monomorphic variants or those with imputation quality  $r^2\text{-hat} < 0.3$  (minimac) or proper-info  $< 0.4$  (IMPUTE2, SNPTEST). Each study performed T2D association analysis using logistic regression, adjusting for age, sex, and principal components for ancestry, under an additive genetic model. We performed inverse-variance weighted fixed-effect meta-analyses of the 18 stage 1 GWAS (Supplementary Table 1). Fifteen of the 18 studies repeated analyses also adjusting for BMI. SNVs reaching suggestive significance  $P < 10^{-5}$  in the stage 1 meta-analysis were followed up. Novel loci were selected

<sup>116</sup>University of Cambridge Metabolic Research Laboratories and National Institute for Health Research Cambridge Biomedical Research Centre, Wellcome Trust-MRC Institute of Metabolic Science, Addenbrooke's Hospital Cambridge, Cambridge, U.K.

<sup>117</sup>Department of Public Health and Caring Sciences, Uppsala University, Uppsala, Sweden

<sup>118</sup>Division of Cardiovascular Medicine, Department of Medicine, Stanford University School of Medicine, Stanford, CA

<sup>119</sup>Cardiovascular Epidemiology, Department of Medical Sciences, Uppsala University Hospital, Uppsala, Sweden

<sup>120</sup>The Mindich Child Health and Development Institute, Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, New York, NY

<sup>121</sup>INSERM, CESP, UMR 1018, Villejuif, France

<sup>122</sup>University of Paris-Sud, UMR 1018, Villejuif, France

<sup>123</sup>German Institute of Human Nutrition Potsdam-Rehbruecke, Nuthetal, Germany

<sup>124</sup>Lund University, Malmö, Sweden

<sup>125</sup>Umeå University, Umeå, Sweden

<sup>126</sup>Navarra Public Health Institute, Pamplona, Spain

<sup>127</sup>Navarra Institute for Health Research, Pamplona, Spain

<sup>128</sup>CIBER Epidemiology and Public Health, Madrid, Spain

<sup>129</sup>Cancer Research and Prevention Institute, Florence, Italy

<sup>130</sup>University Medical Center Utrecht, Utrecht, the Netherlands

<sup>138</sup>General Medicine Division, Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, MA

<sup>139</sup>Human Genetics Center, The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston, Houston, TX

<sup>140</sup>Human Genome Sequencing Center, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX

<sup>141</sup>Institute of Molecular and Cell Biology, University of Tartu, Tartu, Estonia

<sup>142</sup>Usher Institute of Population Health Sciences and Informatics, The University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh, U.K.

<sup>143</sup>Cardiovascular and Diabetes Medicine, Biomedical Research Institute, Ninewells Hospital, University of Dundee, Dundee, U.K.

<sup>144</sup>Department of Biostatistics, University of Liverpool, Liverpool, U.K.

<sup>145</sup>Department of Molecular and Clinical Pharmacology, University of Liverpool, Liverpool, U.K.

Corresponding authors: Inga Prokopenko, i.prokopenko@imperial.ac.uk, Mark I. McCarthy, mark.mccarthy@drf.ox.ac.uk, and Michael Boehnke, boehnke@umich.edu.

Received 27 October 2016 and accepted 21 May 2017.

This article contains Supplementary Data online at <http://diabetes.diabetesjournals.org/lookup/suppl/doi:10.2337/db16-1253/-/DC1>.

R.A.S., L.J.S., R.M., L.M., K.J.G., and M.K. contributed equally to this work. A.P.M., M.Bo., M.I.M., and I.P. jointly directed this research.

†Deceased.

© 2017 by the American Diabetes Association. Readers may use this article as long as the work is properly cited, the use is educational and not for profit, and the work is not altered. More information is available at <http://www.diabetesjournals.org/content/license>.

See accompanying article, p. 2741.

using the threshold for genome-wide significance ( $P < 5 \times 10^{-8}$ ) in the combined stage 1 and stage 2 meta-analysis. For the 23 variants with no proxy ( $r^2 \geq 0.6$ ) available in Metachip with 1000G imputation in the fine-mapping regions, the stage 1 result was followed up in EPIC-InterAct and GERA ( $N_{\text{eff}} = 40,637$ ), both imputed to 1000G variant density (Supplementary Material). Summary-level statistics from the stage 1 GWAS meta-analysis are available online at <http://diagram-consortium.org/downloads.html>.

#### Approximate Conditional Analysis With GCTA

We performed approximate conditional analysis in the stage 1 sample using GCTA v1.24 (19,20). We analyzed SNVs in the 1-Mb window around each lead variant, conditioning on the lead SNV at each locus (Supplementary Material) (21). We considered loci to contain multiple distinct signals if multiple SNVs reached locus-wide significance ( $P < 10^{-5}$ ), accounting for the approximate number of variants in each 1-Mb window (14).

#### Fine-Mapping Analyses Using Credible Set Mapping

To identify 99% credible sets of causal variants for each distinct association signal, we performed fine-mapping for loci at which the lead independent SNV reached  $P < 5 \times 10^{-4}$  in the stage 1 meta-analysis. We performed credible set mapping using the T2D stage 1 meta-analysis results to obtain the minimal set of SNVs with cumulative posterior probability  $>0.99$  (Supplementary Material).

#### Type 1 Diabetes/T2D Discrimination Analysis

Given the overlap between loci previously associated with type 1 diabetes (T1D) and the associated T2D loci, we used an inverse-variance weighted Mendelian randomization approach (22) to test whether this was likely to reflect misclassification of T1D case subjects as individuals with T2D in the current study (Supplementary Material).

#### Expression Quantitative Trait Locus Analysis

To look for potential biological overlap of T2D lead variants and expression quantitative trait locus (eQTL) variants, we extracted the lead (most significantly associated) eQTL for each tested gene from existing data sets for a range of tissues (Supplementary Material). We concluded that a lead T2D SNV showed evidence of association with gene expression if it was in high linkage disequilibrium (LD) ( $r^2 > 0.8$ ) with the lead eQTL SNV ( $P < 5 \times 10^{-6}$ ).

#### Hierarchical Clustering of T2D-Related Metabolic Phenotypes

Starting with the T2D-associated SNVs, we obtained T2D-related quantitative trait  $z$  scores from published HapMap-based GWAS meta-analysis for the following: fasting glucose, fasting insulin adjusted for BMI, HOMA for  $\beta$ -cell function, and HOMA for insulin resistance (23); 2-h glucose adjusted for BMI (24); proinsulin (25); corrected insulin response (CIR) (26); BMI (27); and HDL cholesterol, LDL cholesterol, total cholesterol, and triglycerides (28).

When an association result for an SNV was not available, we used the results for the variant in highest LD and only for variants with  $r^2 > 0.6$ . We performed clustering of phenotypic effects using  $z$  scores for association with T2D risk alleles and standard methods (Supplementary Material) (29).

#### Functional Annotation and Enrichment Analysis

We tested for enrichment of genomic and epigenomic annotations using chromatin states for 93 cell types (after excluding cancer cell lines) from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) Roadmap Epigenomics Project, as well as binding sites for 165 transcription factors from the Encyclopedia of DNA Elements (ENCODE) project (30) and Pasquali et al. (31). Using fractional logistic regression, we then tested for the effect of variants with each cell type and transcription factor annotation on the variant posterior probabilities ( $\pi_c$ ) using all variants within 1 Mb of the lead SNV for each distinct association signal from the fine-mapping analyses (Supplementary Material). In each analysis, we considered an annotation significant if it reached a Bonferroni-corrected  $P < 1.9 \times 10^{-4}$  (i.e., 0.05/258 annotations).

#### Pathway Analyses With DEPICT

We used the Data-driven Expression Prioritized Integration for Complex Traits (DEPICT) tool (32) to 1) prioritize genes that may represent promising candidates for T2D pathophysiology and 2) identify reconstituted gene sets that are enriched in genes from associated regions and might be related to T2D biological pathways. As input, we used independent SNVs from the stage 1 meta-analysis SNVs with  $P < 10^{-5}$  and lead variants at established loci (Supplementary Material). For the calculation of empirical enrichment  $P$  values, we used 200 sets of SNVs randomly drawn from entire genome within regions matching by gene density; we performed 20 replications for false discovery rate (FDR) estimation. Supplementary tables, supplementary material, and DEPICT analyses are available online at [http://diagram-consortium.org/2017\\_Scott\\_DIAGRAM\\_1000G/](http://diagram-consortium.org/2017_Scott_DIAGRAM_1000G/).

## RESULTS

### Novel Loci Detected in T2D GWAS and Metachip-Based Follow-up

The stage 1 GWAS meta-analysis included 26,676 T2D case and 132,532 control subjects and evaluated 12.1 million SNVs, of which 11.8 million were autosomal and 260,000 mapped to the X chromosome. Of these, 3.9 million variants had MAF between 0.5 and 5%, a near fifteen-fold increase in the number of low-frequency variants tested for association compared with previous array-based T2D GWAS meta-analyses (2,4) (Supplementary Table 2). Of the 52 signals showing promising evidence of association ( $P < 10^{-3}$ ) in stage 1, 29 could be followed up in the stage 2 Metachip data. In combined stage 1 and stage 2 data, 13 novel loci were detected at genome-wide significance (Table 1, Fig. 1, Supplementary Fig. 1A–D, and Supplementary Table 3).

Lead SNVs at all 13 novel loci were common. Although detected here using 1000G imputed data, all 13 were well

captured by variants in the HapMap CEU (Central Europe) reference panel (two directly, 10 via proxies with  $r^2 > 0.8$ , and one via proxy with  $r^2 = 0.62$ ) (Supplementary Material). At all 13, lead variants defined through 1000G and those seen when the SNP density was restricted to HapMap content had broadly similar evidence of association and were of similar frequency (Supplementary Fig. 2 and Supplementary Table 3). Throughout this article, loci are named for the gene nearest to the lead SNV, unless otherwise specified (Table 1 and Supplementary Material).

Adjustment for BMI revealed no additional genome-wide significant associations for T2D and, at most known and novel loci, there were only minimal differences in statistical significance and estimated T2D effect size between BMI-adjusted and unadjusted models. The four signals at which we observed a significant effect of BMI adjustment ( $P_{\text{heterogeneity}} < 4.4 \times 10^{-4}$ ; based on 0.05/113 variants currently or previously reported to be associated with T2D at genome-wide significance) were *FTO* and *MC4R* (at which the T2D association is known to reflect a primary effect on BMI) and *TCF7L2* and *SLC30A8* (at which T2D associations were strengthened after BMI-adjustment) (Supplementary Fig. 3 and Supplementary Table 4).

### Insights Into Genetic Architecture of T2D

In this meta-analysis, we tested 3.9 million low-frequency variants ( $r^2 \geq 0.3$  or proper-info  $\geq 0.4$ ; minor allele present in  $\geq 3$  studies) for T2D association, constituting 96.7% of the low-frequency variants ascertained by the 1000G European panel (March 2012) (Supplementary Table 2). For variants with risk allele frequencies (RAF) of 0.5%, 1%, or 5%, we had 80% power to detect association ( $P < 5 \times 10^{-8}$ ) for allelic odds ratios (ORs) of 1.80, 1.48, and 1.16, respectively, after accounting for imputation quality (Fig. 1 and Supplementary Table 5). Despite the increased coverage and sample size, we identified no novel low-frequency variants at genome-wide significance (Fig. 1).

Since we had only been able to test 29 of the 52 promising stage 1 signals on the MetaboChip, we investigated whether this failure to detect low-frequency variant associations with T2D could be a consequence of selective variant inclusion on the MetaboChip. Among the remaining 23 variants, none reached genome-wide significance after aggregating with GWAS data available from EPIC-InterAct. Six of these 23 SNVs had MAF  $< 5\%$ , and for these we performed additional follow-up in the GERA study. However, none reached genome-wide significance in a combined analysis of stage 1, EPIC-InterAct, and GERA (a total of 39,219 case and 198,990 control subjects) (Supplementary Table 6). Therefore, despite substantially enlarged sample sizes that would have allowed us to detect low-frequency risk alleles with modest effect sizes, the overwhelming majority of variants for which T2D association can be detected with these sample sizes are themselves common.

To identify loci containing multiple distinct signals, we performed approximate conditional analysis within the established and novel GWAS loci and detected two such

novel common variant signals (Supplementary Table 7) (19,20). At the *ANKRD55* locus, we identified a previously unreported distinct ( $P_{\text{conditional}} < 10^{-5}$ ) association signal led by rs173964 ( $P_{\text{conditional}} = 3.54 \times 10^{-7}$ , MAF = 26%) (Supplementary Table 7 and Supplementary Fig. 4). We also observed multiple signals of association at loci with previous reports of such signals (4,14), including *CDKN2A/B* (three signals in total), *DGKB* and *KCNQ1* (six signals), and *HNF4A* and *CCND2* (three signals) (Supplementary Table 7 and Supplementary Fig. 4). At *CCND2*, in addition to the main signal with lead SNV rs4238013, we detected 1) a novel distinct signal led by a common variant, rs11063018 ( $P_{\text{conditional}} = 2.70 \times 10^{-7}$ , MAF = 19%) and 2) a third distinct signal led by a low-frequency protective allele (rs188827514, MAF = 0.6%;  $OR_{\text{conditional}} = 0.60$ ,  $P_{\text{conditional}} = 1.24 \times 10^{-6}$ ) (Supplementary Fig. 5A and Supplementary Table 7), which represents the same distinct signal as that at rs76895963 ( $P_{\text{conditional}} = 1.0$ ) reported in the Icelandic population (Supplementary Fig. 5B) (7). At *HNF4A*, we confirmed recent analyses (obtained in partially overlapping data) (14) that a low-frequency missense variant (rs1800961, p.Thr139Ile, MAF = 3.7%) is associated with T2D and is distinct from the known common variant GWAS signal (which we mapped here to rs12625671).

We evaluated the trans-ethnic heterogeneity of allelic effects (i.e., discordance in the direction and/or magnitude of estimated ORs) at novel loci on the basis of Cochran's Q statistics from the largest T2D trans-ancestry GWAS meta-analysis to date (2). Using reported summary statistics from that study, we observed no significant evidence of heterogeneity of effect size (Bonferroni correction  $P_{\text{Cochran's Q}} < 0.05/13 = 0.0038$ ) between major ancestral groups at any of the 13 loci (Supplementary Table 8). These results are consistent with these loci being driven by common causal variants that are widely distributed across populations.

### 1000G Variant Density for Identification of Potentially Causal Genetic Variants

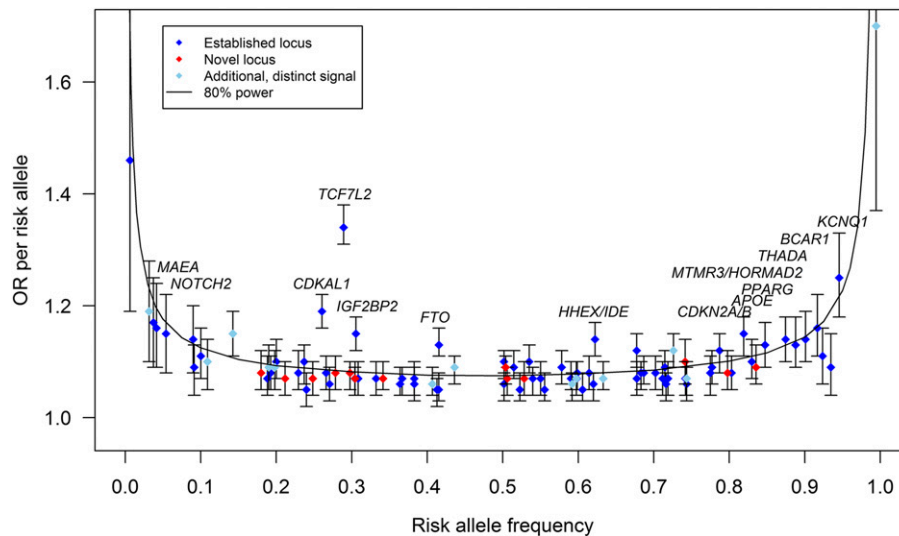
We used credible set fine-mapping (33) to investigate whether 1000G imputation allowed us to better resolve the specific variants driving 95 distinct T2D association signals at 82 loci (Supplementary Material). The 99% credible sets included between 1 and 7,636 SNVs; 25 included fewer than 20 SNVs, 16 fewer than 10 (Supplementary Tables 9 and 10). We compared 1000G-based credible sets with those constructed from HapMap SNVs alone (Fig. 2B and Supplementary Table 9). At all but three of the association signals (two at *KCNQ1* and rs1800961 at *HNF4A*), 1000G imputation resulted in larger credible sets (median increase of 34 variants) spanning wider genomic intervals (median interval size increase of 5 kb) (Fig. 2B and Supplementary Table 9). The 1000G-defined credible sets included  $> 85\%$  of the SNVs in the corresponding HapMap sets (Supplementary Table 9). Despite the overall larger credible sets, we asked whether 1000G imputation enabled an increase in the posterior probability afforded to the lead SNVs, but we found no evidence to this effect (Fig. 2C).

**Table 1—Novel loci associated with T2D from the combination of 1000G-imputed GWAS meta-analysis (stage 1) and Metabochip follow-up (stage 2)**

Locus name*	Stage 1										Stage 2				Stage 1 + stage 2	
	Chr:position	SNV†	EA/NEA	EAF	OR (95% CI)	P value	Chr:position	SNV‡	r <sup>2</sup> with lead SNV	EA/NEA	EAF	OR (95% CI)	P value	OR (95% CI)‡	P value	
ACSL1	4:185708807	rs60780116	T/C	0.84	1.09 (1.06–1.13)	7.38 × 10 <sup>-8</sup>	4:185714289	rs1996546	0.62	G/T	0.86	1.08 (1.03–1.13)	5.60 × 10 <sup>-4</sup>	1.09 (1.06–1.12)	1.98 × 10 <sup>-10</sup>	
HLA-DQA1	6:32594309	rs9271774	C/A	0.74	1.10 (1.06–1.14)	3.30 × 10 <sup>-7</sup>	6:32594328	rs9271775	0.91	T/C	0.80	1.08 (1.03–1.13)	7.59 × 10 <sup>-4</sup>	1.09 (1.06–1.12)	1.11 × 10 <sup>-9</sup>	
SLC35D3	6:137287702	rs6918311	A/G	0.53	1.07 (1.04–1.10)	6.67 × 10 <sup>-7</sup>	6:137299152	rs4407733	0.92	A/G	0.52	1.05 (1.02–1.08)	1.63 × 10 <sup>-3</sup>	1.06 (1.04–1.08)	6.78 × 10 <sup>-9</sup>	
MXN1	7:157027753	rs1182436	C/T	0.80	1.08 (1.05–1.12)	8.30 × 10 <sup>-7</sup>	7:157031407	rs1182397	0.92	G/T	0.85	1.06 (1.02–1.11)	4.38 × 10 <sup>-3</sup>	1.08 (1.05–1.10)	1.71 × 10 <sup>-8</sup>	
ABO	9:136155000	rs635634	T/C	0.18	1.08 (1.05–1.12)	3.59 × 10 <sup>-7</sup>	9:136154867	rs495828	0.83	T/G	0.20	1.06 (1.01–1.10)	1.23 × 10 <sup>-2</sup>	1.08 (1.05–1.10)	2.30 × 10 <sup>-8</sup>	
PLEKHA1	10:124186714	rs2292626	C/T	0.50	1.09 (1.06–1.11)	1.75 × 10 <sup>-12</sup>	10:124167512	rs2421016	0.99	C/T	0.50	1.05 (1.02–1.08)	2.30 × 10 <sup>-3</sup>	1.07 (1.05–1.09)	1.51 × 10 <sup>-13</sup>	
HSD17B12	11:43877934	rs1061810	A/C	0.28	1.08 (1.05–1.11)	5.29 × 10 <sup>-9</sup>	11:43876435	rs3736505	0.92	G/A	0.30	1.05 (1.01–1.08)	4.82 × 10 <sup>-3</sup>	1.07 (1.05–1.09)	3.95 × 10 <sup>-10</sup>	
MAP3K11	11:65364385	rs111669836	A/T	0.25	1.07 (1.04–1.10)	7.43 × 10 <sup>-7</sup>	11:65365171	rs11227234	1.00	T/G	0.24	1.05 (1.01–1.08)	8.77 × 10 <sup>-3</sup>	1.06 (1.04–1.09)	4.12 × 10 <sup>-8</sup>	
NRXN3	14:79945162	rs10146997	G/A	0.21	1.07 (1.04–1.10)	4.59 × 10 <sup>-6</sup>	14:79939993	rs17109256	0.98	A/G	0.21	1.07 (1.03–1.11)	1.27 × 10 <sup>-4</sup>	1.07 (1.05–1.09)	2.27 × 10 <sup>-9</sup>	
CMIP	16:81534790	rs2925979	T/C	0.30	1.08 (1.05–1.10)	2.72 × 10 <sup>-8</sup>	16:81534790	rs2925979	1.00	T/C	0.31	1.05 (1.02–1.08)	3.06 × 10 <sup>-3</sup>	1.07 (1.04–1.09)	2.27 × 10 <sup>-9</sup>	
ZZEF1	17:4014384	rs7224685	T/G	0.30	1.07 (1.04–1.10)	2.00 × 10 <sup>-7</sup>	17:3985864	rs8068804	0.95	A/G	0.31	1.07 (1.03–1.11)	4.11 × 10 <sup>-4</sup>	1.07 (1.05–1.09)	3.23 × 10 <sup>-10</sup>	
GLP2R	17:9780387	rs78761021	G/A	0.34	1.07 (1.05–1.10)	5.49 × 10 <sup>-8</sup>	17:9791375	rs17676067	0.87	C/T	0.31	1.03 (1.00–1.07)	3.54 × 10 <sup>-2</sup>	1.06 (1.04–1.08)	3.04 × 10 <sup>-8</sup>	
GIP	17:46967038	rs79349575	A/T	0.51	1.07 (1.04–1.09)	2.61 × 10 <sup>-7</sup>	17:47005193	rs15563	0.78	G/A	0.54	1.04 (1.01–1.07)	2.09 × 10 <sup>-2</sup>	1.06 (1.03–1.08)	4.43 × 10 <sup>-8</sup>	

\*The nearest gene is listed; this does not imply this is the biologically relevant gene. †Lead SNV types: all map outside transcripts except rs429358 (missense variant) and rs1061810 (3' untranslated region). ‡Stage 2: proxy SNV (r<sup>2</sup> > 0.6 with stage 1 lead SNV) was used when no stage 1 SNV was available. ‡The meta-analysis OR is aligned to the stage 1 SNV risk allele. Chr, chromosome; EA, effect allele; EAF, effect allele frequency; NEA, non-effect allele.





**Figure 1**—The effect sizes of the established (blue diamonds,  $N = 69$ ,  $P < 5 \times 10^{-4}$ ) (Supplementary Material), novel (red diamonds,  $N = 13$ ), and additional distinct (sky blue diamonds,  $N = 13$ ) (Supplementary Table 7) signals according to their risk allele frequency (Supplementary Table 3). The additional distinct signals are based on approximate conditional analyses. The distinct signal at *TP53/INP1* led by rs11786613 (Supplementary Table 7) is plotted (sky blue diamond). This signal did not reach locus-wide significance but was selected for follow-up because of its low frequency and absence of LD with previously reported signal at this locus. The power curve shows the estimated effect size for which we had 80% power to detect associations. Established common variants with OR  $> 1.12$  are annotated.

Within the 50 loci previously associated with T2D in Europeans (4), which had at least modest evidence of association in the current analyses ( $P < 5 \times 10^{-4}$ ), we asked whether the lead SNV in 1000G-imputed analysis was of similar frequency to that observed in HapMap analyses. Only at *TP53/INP1* was the most strongly associated 1000G-imputed SNV (rs11786613, OR = 1.21,  $P = 1.6 \times 10^{-6}$ , MAF = 3.2%) of substantially lower frequency than the lead HapMap-imputed SNV (3) (rs7845219, MAF = 47.7%) (Fig. 2A). rs11786613 was neither present in HapMap nor on the Metabochip (Supplementary Fig. 6). Reciprocal conditioning of this low-frequency SNV and the previously identified common lead SNV (rs7845219, OR = 1.05,  $P = 5.0 \times 10^{-5}$ , MAF = 47.5%) indicated that the two signals were likely to be distinct but the signal at rs11786613 did not meet our threshold ( $P_{\text{conditional}} < 10^{-5}$ ) for locus-wide significance (Supplementary Fig. 4).

### Pathophysiological Insights From Novel T2D Associations

Among the 13 novel T2D-associated loci, many (such as those near *HLA-DQA1*, *NRXN3*, *GIP*, *ABO*, and *CMIP*) included variants previously implicated in predisposition to other diseases and traits ( $r^2 > 0.6$  with the lead SNV) (Supplementary Table 3 and Supplementary Material). For example, the novel association at SNV rs1182436 lies ~120 kb upstream of *MNX1*, a gene implicated in pancreatic hypoplasia and neonatal diabetes (34–36).

The lead SNV rs78761021 at the *GLP2R* locus, encoding the receptor for glucagon-like peptide 2, is in strong LD ( $r^2 = 0.87$ ) with a common missense variant in *GLP2R*

(rs17681684, D470N,  $P = 3 \times 10^{-7}$ ). These signals were strongly dependent and mutually extinguished in reciprocal conditional analyses, consistent with the coding variant being causal and implicating *GLP2R* as the putative causal gene (Supplementary Fig. 7). While previously suggested to regulate energy balance and glucose tolerance (37), *GLP2R* has primarily been implicated in gastrointestinal function (38,39). In contrast, *GLP1R*, encoding the glucagon-like peptide 1 receptor (the target for a major class of T2D therapies [40]), is more directly implicated in pancreatic islet function, and variation at this gene has been associated with glucose levels and T2D risk (41).

We also observed associations with T2D centered on rs9271774 near *HLA-DQA1* (Table 1), a region showing a particularly strong association with T1D (42). There is considerable heterogeneity within, and overlap between, the clinical presentations of T1D and T2D, but these can be partially resolved through measurement of islet cell autoantibodies (43). Such measures were not uniformly available across studies contributing to our meta-analysis (Supplementary Table 1). We therefore considered whether the adjacency between T1D and T2D risk loci was likely to reflect misclassification of individuals with autoimmune diabetes as case subjects in the current study.

Three lines of evidence make this unlikely. First, the lead T1D-associated SNV in the HLA region (rs6916742) was only weakly associated with T2D in the current study ( $P = 0.01$ ), and conditioning on this variant had only modest impact on the T2D association signal at rs9271774 ( $P_{\text{unconditional}} = 3.3 \times 10^{-7}$ ;  $P_{\text{conditional}} = 9.1 \times 10^{-6}$ ). Second, of 52 published genome-wide significant T1D association



### Overlap of Associated Variants With Regulatory Annotations

We observed significant enrichment for T2D-associated credible set variants in pancreatic islet active enhancers and/or promoters (log odds [ $\beta$ ] = 0.74,  $P = 4.2 \times 10^{-8}$ ) and FOXA2 binding sites ( $\beta = 1.40$ ,  $P = 4.1 \times 10^{-7}$ ), as previously reported (Supplementary Table 13) (14). We also observed enrichment for T2D-associated variants in coding exons ( $\beta = 1.56$ ,  $P = 7.9 \times 10^{-5}$ ), in EZH2-binding sites across many tissues ( $\beta = 1.35$ ,  $P = 5.3 \times 10^{-6}$ ), and in binding sites for NKX2.2 ( $\beta = 1.73$ ,  $P = 4.1 \times 10^{-8}$ ) and PDX1 ( $\beta = 1.46$ ,  $P = 7.4 \times 10^{-6}$ ) in pancreatic islets (Supplementary Fig. 10).

Even though credible sets were generally larger, analyses performed on the 1000G imputed results produced stronger evidence of enrichment than equivalent analyses restricted to SNVs present in HapMap. This was most notably the case for variants within coding exons ( $\beta = 1.56$ ,  $P = 7.9 \times 10^{-5}$  in 1000G compared with  $\beta = 0.68$ ,  $P = 0.62$  in HapMap) and likely reflects more complete capture of the true causal variants in the more densely imputed credible sets. Single lead SNVs overlapping an enriched annotation accounted for the majority of the total posterior probability ( $\pi_c > 0.5$ ) at seven loci. For example, the lead SNV (rs8056814) at *BCAR1* ( $\pi_c = 0.57$ ) overlaps an islet enhancer (Supplementary Fig. 11A), while the newly identified low-frequency signal at *TP53INP1* overlaps an islet promoter element (rs117866713,  $\pi_c = 0.53$ ) (Fig. 2D) (31).

We applied hierarchical clustering to the results of diabetes-related quantitative trait associations for the set of T2D-associated loci from the current study, identifying three main clusters of association signals with differing impact on quantitative traits (Supplementary Table 9). The first, including *GIPR*, *C2CDC4A*, *CDKAL1*, *GCK*, *TCF7L2*, *GLIS3*, *THADA*, *IGF2BP2*, and *DGKB*, involved loci with a primary impact on insulin secretion and processing (26,29). The second cluster captured loci (including *PPARG*, *KLF14*, and *IRS1*) disrupting insulin action. The third cluster, showing marked associations with BMI and lipid levels, included *NRXN3*, *CMIP*, *APOE*, and *MC4R* but not *FTO*, which clustered alone.

In regulatory enhancement analyses, we observed strong tissue-specific enrichment patterns broadly consistent with the phenotypic characteristics of the physiologically stratified locus subsets. The cluster of loci disrupting insulin secretion showed the most marked enrichment for pancreatic islet regulatory elements ( $\beta = 0.91$ ,  $P = 9.5 \times 10^{-5}$ ). In contrast, the cluster of loci implicated in insulin action was enriched for annotations from adipocytes ( $\beta = 1.3$ ,  $P = 2.7 \times 10^{-11}$ ) and monocytes ( $\beta = 1.4$ ,  $P = 1.4 \times 10^{-12}$ ), and that characterized by associations with BMI and lipids showed preferential enrichment for hepatic annotations ( $\beta = 1.15$ ,  $P = 5.8 \times 10^{-4}$ ) (Fig. 3A–C). For example, at the novel T2D-associated *CMIP* locus, previously associated with adiposity and lipid levels (28,45), the lead SNV (rs2925979,  $\pi_c = 0.91$ ) overlaps an active enhancer element

in both liver and adipose tissue, among others (Supplementary Fig. 11B).

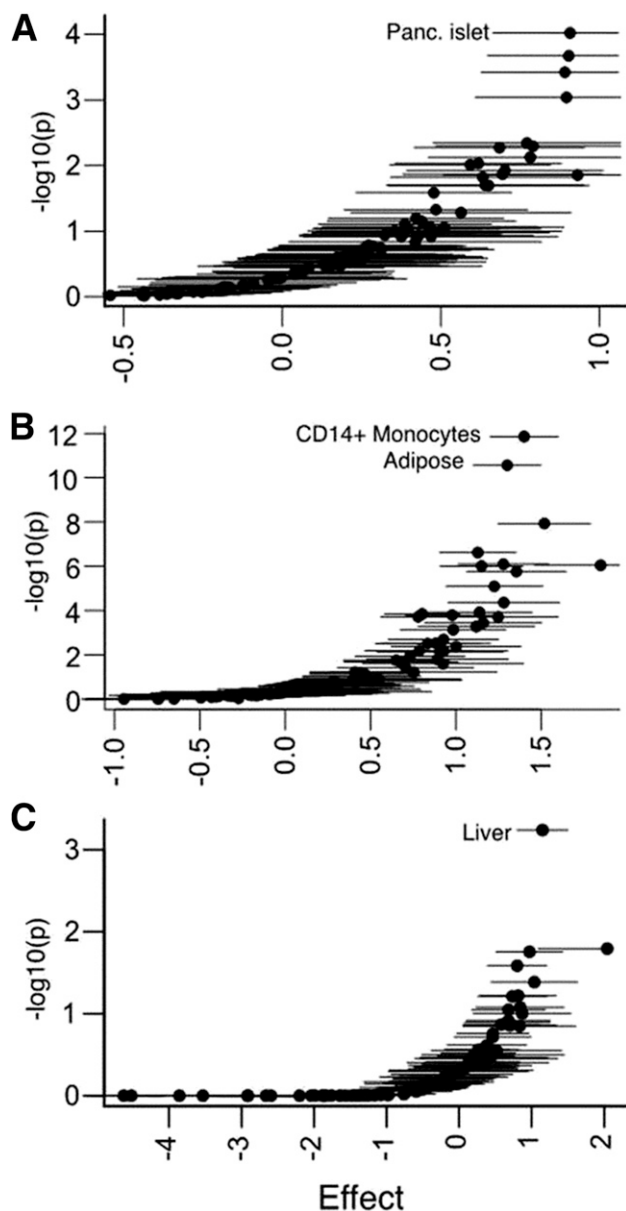
### DISCUSSION

In this large-scale study of T2D genetics, in which individual variants were assayed in up to 238,209 subjects, we identified 13 novel T2D-associated loci at genome-wide significance and refined causal variant location for the 13 novel and 69 established T2D loci. We also found evidence for enrichment in regulatory elements at associated loci in tissues relevant for T2D and demonstrated tissue-specific enrichment in regulatory annotations when T2D loci were stratified according to inferred physiological mechanism.

We calculate that the present analysis, together with loci reported in other recent publications (9), brings the total number of independent T2D associations to 128 distinct signals at 113 loci (Supplementary Table 3). Lead SNVs at all 13 novel loci were common (MAF >15%) and of comparable effect size ( $1.07 \leq \text{OR} \leq 1.10$ ) to previously identified common variant associations (2,4). Associations at the novel loci showed homogeneous effects across diverse ethnicities, supporting the evidence for coincident common risk alleles across ancestry groups (2). Moreover, we conclude that misclassification of diabetes subtype is not a major concern for these analyses and that the *HLA-DQA1* signal represents genuine association with T2D, independent of nearby signals that influence T1D.

We observed a general increase in the size of credible sets with 1000G imputation compared with HapMap imputation. This is likely due to improved enumeration of potential causal common variants on known risk haplotypes rather than resolution toward low-frequency variants of larger effect driving common variant associations. These findings are consistent with the inference (arising also from the other analyses reported here) that the T2D risk signals identified by GWAS are overwhelmingly driven by common causal variants. In such a setting, imputation with denser reference panels, at least in ethnically restricted samples, provides more complete elaboration of the allelic content of common risk haplotypes. Finer resolution of those haplotypes that would provide greater confidence in the location of causal variants will likely require further expansion of trans-ethnic fine-mapping efforts (2). The distinct signals at the established *CCND2* and *TP53INP1* loci point to contributions of low-frequency variant associations of modest effect but indicate that even larger samples will be required to robustly detect association signals at low frequency. Such new large data sets might be used to expand the follow-up of suggestive signals from our analysis.

The discovery of novel genome-wide significant association signals in the current analysis is attributable primarily to increased sample size rather than improved genomic coverage. Although we queried a large proportion of the low-frequency variants present in the 1000G European reference haplotypes and had >80% power to detect genome-wide significant associations with OR >1.8 for the



**Figure 3**—T2D loci stratified by patterns of quantitative trait (e.g., glycemic, insulin, lipid, and anthropometric) effects show distinct cell-type annotation patterns. We hierarchically clustered loci based on endophenotype data and identified groups of T2D loci associated with measures of insulin secretion (A), insulin resistance (B), and BMI/lipids (C). We then tested the effect of variants in cell-type enhancer and promoter chromatin states on the posterior probabilities of credible sets for each group. We identified most significant effects among pancreatic (Panc.) islet chromatin for insulin secretion loci, CD14<sup>+</sup> monocyte and adipose chromatin for insulin resistance loci, and liver chromatin for BMI/lipid loci.

tested low-frequency risk variants, we found no such low-frequency variant associations in either established or novel loci. While low-frequency variant coverage in the current study was not complete, this observation adds to the growing evidence (2,4,9,46) that few low-frequency T2D risk variants with moderate to strong effect sizes exist in

European ancestry samples and is consistent with a primary role for common variants of modest effect in T2D risk. The current study reinforces the conclusions from a recent study that imputed from whole-genome sequencing data—from 2,657 European T2D case and control subjects rather than 1000G—into a set of GWAS studies partially overlapping with the present meta-analysis. We demonstrated that the failure to detect low-frequency associations in that study is not overcome by a substantial increase in sample size (9). It is worth emphasizing that we did not, in this study, have sufficient imputation quality to test for T2D associations with rare variants and we cannot evaluate the collective contribution of variants with MAF <0.5% to T2D risk.

The development of T2D involves dysfunction of multiple mechanisms across several distinct tissues (9,29,31,47,48). When coupled with functional data, we saw larger effect estimates for enrichment of coding variants than observed with HapMap SNVs alone, consistent with more complete recovery of the causal variants through imputation using a denser reference panel. The functional annotation analyses also demonstrated that the stratification of T2D risk loci according to primary physiological mechanism resulted in evidence for consistent and appropriate tissue-specific effects on transcriptional regulation. These analyses exemplify the use of a combination of human physiology and genomic annotation to position T2D GWAS loci with respect to the cardinal mechanistic components of T2D development. Extension of this approach is likely to provide a valuable *in silico* strategy to aid prioritization of tissues for mechanistic characterization of genetic associations. Using the hypothesis-free pathway analysis of T2D associations with DEPICT (32), we highlighted a causal role of mTOR signaling pathway in the etiology of T2D not observed from individual loci associations. The mTOR pathway has previously been implicated in the link between obesity, insulin resistance, and T2D from cell and animal models (44,49).

The current results emphasize that progressively larger sample sizes, coupled with higher density sequence-based imputation (13), will continue to represent a powerful strategy for genetic discovery in T2D and in complex diseases and traits more generally. At known T2D-associated loci, identification of the most plausible T2D causal variants will likely require large-scale multiethnic analyses, where more diverse haplotypes, reflecting different patterns of LD, in combination with functional (31,50,51) data allow refinement of association signals to smaller numbers of variants (2).

#### Funding.

**ARIC.** The Atherosclerosis Risk in Communities (ARIC) Study is carried out as a collaborative study supported by National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute contracts HHSN268201100005C, HHSN268201100006C, HHSN268201100007C, HHSN268201100008C, HHSN268201100009C, HHSN268201100010C, HHSN268201100011C, and HHSN268201100012C; R01HL087641, R01HL59367, and R01HL086694; National Human Genome Research Institute contract U01HG004402; and NIH contract HHSN268200625226C. Infrastructure was partly

supported by grant no. UL1RR025005, a component of the NIH and NIH Roadmap for Medical Research. The authors wish to acknowledge the many contributions of Dr. Linda Kao (Department of Epidemiology, Johns Hopkins School of Public Health), who helped direct the diabetes genetics working group in the ARIC Study until her passing in 2014. The authors thank the staff and participants of the ARIC study for their important contributions.

**BioMe.** This work is funded by the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai Institute for Personalized Medicine BioMe BioBank Program, which is supported by The Andrea & Charles Bronfman Philanthropies.

**D2D2007.** The FIN-D2D study has been financially supported by the hospital districts of Pirkanmaa, South Ostrobothnia, and Central Finland; the Finnish National Public Health Institute (National Institute for Health and Welfare); the Finnish Diabetes Association; the Ministry of Social Affairs and Health in Finland; the Academy of Finland (grant no. 129293), the European Commission (Directorate C-Public Health grant agreement no. 2004310); and Finland's Slottery Machine Association.

**DANISH.** The study was funded by the Lundbeck Foundation and produced by the Lundbeck Foundation Centre for Applied Medical Genomics in Personalised Disease Prediction, Prevention and Care (LuCamp, [www.lucamp.org](http://www.lucamp.org)) and Danish Council for Independent Research. The Novo Nordisk Foundation Center for Basic Metabolic Research is an independent research center at the University of Copenhagen, partially funded by an unrestricted donation from the Novo Nordisk Foundation ([www.metabol.ku.dk](http://www.metabol.ku.dk)).

**DGI.** Diabetes Genetics Initiative (DGI), this work was supported by a grant from Novartis. The Botnia Study was supported by grants from the Signe and Ane Gyllenberg Foundation, Swedish Cultural Foundation in Finland, Finnish Diabetes Research Society, the Sigrid Jusélius Foundation, Folkhälsan Research Foundation, Foundation for Life and Health in Finland, Jakobstad Hospital, Medical Society of Finland, Närpes Research Foundation and the Vasa and Närpes Health centers, the European Commission's Seventh Framework Programme (FP7) (2007–2013), the European Network for Genetic and Genomic Epidemiology (ENGAGE), the Collaborative European Effort to Develop Diabetes Diagnostics (CEED3) (2008–2012), and the Swedish Research Council, including a Linné grant (no. 31475113580).

**DGDG.** Diabetes Gene Discovery Group (DGDG), this work was funded by Genome Canada, Génomique Québec, and the Canada Foundation for Innovation. Cohort recruitment was supported by the Fédération Française des Diabétiques, INSERM, CNAIMTS, Centre Hospitalier Universitaire Poitiers, La Fondation de France, and the Endocrinology-Diabetology department of the Corbeil-Essonnes Hospital. C. Petit, J.-P. Riveline, and S. Franc were instrumental in recruitment and S. Brunet, F. Bacot, R. Frechette, V. Catudal, M. Deweider, F. Allegaert, P. Laflamme, P. Lepage, W. Astle, M. Leboeuf, and S. Leroux provided technical assistance. K. Shazand and N. Foisset provided organizational guidance. The authors thank all individuals who participated as case or control subjects in this study.

**deCODE.** The deCODE study was funded by deCODE Genetics/Amgen, Inc., and partly supported by ENGAGE HEALTH-F4-2007-201413. The authors thank the Icelandic study participants and the staff of deCODE Genetics core facilities and recruitment center for their contributions to this work.

**DILGOM.** The Dietary, Lifestyle, and Genetic determinants of Obesity and Metabolic syndrome (DILGOM) study was supported by the Academy of Finland (grant no. 118065). V.Sa. was supported by the Academy of Finland (grant no. 139635) and the Finnish Foundation for Cardiovascular Research. S.Mä. was supported by the Academy of Finland (grant nos. 136895 and 263836). S.R. was supported by the Academy of Finland Centre of Excellence in Complex Disease Genetics (grant nos. 213506 and 129680), the Academy of Finland (grant no. 251217), the Finnish Foundation for Cardiovascular Research, and the Sigrid Jusélius Foundation.

**DR's EXTRA.** The Dose Responses to Exercise Training (DR's EXTRA) Study was supported by the Ministry of Education and Culture of Finland (627; 2004–2011), the Academy of Finland (grant nos. 102318 and 123885), Kuopio University Hospital, the Finnish Diabetes Association, the Finnish Heart Association, the Päivikki and Sakari Sohlberg Foundation, and by grants from European Commission's FP6 Integrated Project (EXGENESIS, LSHM-CT-2004-005272), the City of Kuopio, and the Social Insurance Institution of Finland (4/26/2010).

**EGCUT.** Estonian Genome Center of the University of Tartu (EGCUT) was supported by European Commission grant through the European Regional Development Fund (project no. 2014-2020.4.01.15-0012); PerMed (TerVE ESTRC); European Commission Horizon 2020 grants 692145, 676550, and 654248; and Estonian Research Council grant IUT20-60.

**EMIL-Ulm.** The EMIL Study received support by the State of Baden-Württemberg, Germany, the City of Leutkirch, Germany, and the German Research Council to B.O.B. (GRK 1041). The Ulm Diabetes Study Group received support from the German Research Foundation (DFG-GRK 1041) and the State of Baden-Württemberg Centre of Excellence Metabolic Disorders to B.O.B.

**EPIC-InterAct.** This work was funded by the European Commission's Sixth Framework Programme (grant no. LSHM\_CT\_2006\_037197). The authors thank all EPIC participants and staff for their contribution to the EPIC-InterAct study. The authors thank the laboratory team at the MRC Epidemiology Unit for sample management. I.B. was supported by grant WT098051.

**FHS.** This research was conducted in part using data and resources from the Framingham Heart Study (FHS) of the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute of the NIH and Boston University School of Medicine. The analyses reflect intellectual input and resource development from the FHS investigators participating in the SNP Health Association Resource (SHARe) project. This work was partially supported by the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute's FHS (contract no. N01-HC-25195) and its contract with Affymetrix, Inc., for genotyping services (contract no. N02-HL-6-4278). A portion of this research utilized the Linux Cluster for Genetic Analysis (LinGA-II) funded by the Robert Dawson Evans endowment of the Department of Medicine at Boston University School of Medicine and Boston Medical Center. The work is also supported by National Institute for Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK) grants R01-DK078616 (to J.B.M., J.D., and J.C.F.), K24-DK080140 (to J.B.M.), U01-DK085526 (to H.Che., J.D., and J.B.M.), and a Massachusetts General Hospital Research Scholars Award (to J.C.F.).

**FUSION.** The Finland-United States Investigation of NIDDM Genetics (FUSION) study was funded by NIH grants U01-DK062370, R01-HG000376, and R01-DK072193 and NIH intramural project no. ZIA HG000024. Genome-wide genotyping was conducted by the Johns Hopkins University Genetic Resources Core. Facility SNP Center at the Center for Inherited Disease Research (CIDR), with support from CIDR NIH contract no. N01-HG-65403.

**GERA.** Data came from a grant, the Resource for Genetic Epidemiology Research in Adult Health and Aging (RC2 AG033067, C. Schaefer [Kaiser Permanente Northern California Division of Research] and N. Risch [Institute for Human Genetics, University of California], principal investigators) awarded to the Kaiser Permanente Research Program on Genes, Environment and Health (RPGEH) and the UCSF Institute for Human Genetics. The RPGEH was supported by grants from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, the Wayne and Gladys Valley Foundation, the Lawrence Ellison Medical Foundation, Kaiser Permanente Northern California, and the Kaiser Permanente National and Northern California Community Benefit Programs.

**GoDARTS.** The Genetics of Diabetes Audit and Research in Tayside Scotland (GoDARTS) study was funded by the Wellcome Trust (084727/Z/08/Z, 085475/Z/08/Z, 085475/B/08/Z) and as part of the European Commission IMI-SUMMIT program. The authors acknowledge the support of the Health Informatics Centre, University of Dundee, for managing and supplying the anonymized data and NHS Tayside, the original data owner. The authors are grateful to all the participants who took part in the GoDARTS study, to the general practitioners, to the Scottish School of Primary Care for their help in recruiting the participants, and to the whole team, which includes interviewers, computer and laboratory technicians, clerical workers, research scientists, volunteers, managers, receptionists, and nurses.

**Heinz Nixdorf Recall.** The authors thank the Heinz Nixdorf Foundation (Chairman: M. Nixdorf, Past Chairman: G. Schmidt [deceased]) and the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) for the generous support of this study. An additional research grant was received from Imatron, Inc., South San Francisco, CA, which produced the electron beam computerized tomography scanners, and GE-Imatron, South San Francisco, CA, after the acquisition of Imatron, Inc. The authors acknowledge the support of the Sarstedt AG & Co. (Nümbrecht, Germany) concerning laboratory equipment. The authors received support of the

Ministry of Innovation, Science and Research, Nordrhein Westfalia for the genotyping of the Heinz Nixdorf Recall (HNR) study participants. Technical support for the imputation of the HNR study data on the supercomputer Cray XT6m was provided by the Center for Information and Media Services, University of Duisburg-Essen. The authors are indebted to all the study participants and to the dedicated personnel of both the study center of the HNR study and the electron beam computerized tomography scanner facilities, D. Grönemeyer, Bochum, and R. Seibel, Mülheim, as well as to the investigative group, in particular U. Roggenbuck, U. Slomiany, E.M. Beck, A. Öffner, S. Münkler, M. Bauer, S. Schrader, R. Peter, and H. Hirche.

**HPFS.** The Health Professionals Follow-up Study (HPFS) was funded by the NIH grants P30 DK46200, DK58845, U01HG004399, and UM1CA167552.

**IMPROVE and SCARFSHEEP.** The IMPROVE study was supported by the European Commission (LSHM-CT-2007-037273), the Swedish Heart-Lung Foundation, the Swedish Research Council (8691), the Knut and Alice Wallenberg Foundation, the Foundation for Strategic Research, the Torsten and Ragnar Söderberg Foundation, the Strategic Cardiovascular Programme of Karolinska Institutet, and the Stockholm County Council (560183). The SCARFSHEEP study was supported by the Swedish Heart-Lung Foundation, the Swedish Research Council, the Strategic Cardiovascular Programme of Karolinska Institutet, the Strategic Support for Epidemiological Research at Karolinska Institutet, and the Stockholm County Council. B.S. acknowledges funding from the Magnus Bergvall Foundation and the Foundation for Old Servants. M.F. acknowledges funding from the Swedish e-science Research Center (SeRC). R.J.S. is supported by the Swedish Heart-Lung Foundation, the Tore Nilsson Foundation, the Thuring Foundation, and the Foundation for Old Servants. S.E.H. is funded by the British Heart Foundation (PG08/008).

**KORAGEN.** The KORA (Cooperative Health Research in the Region of Augsburg) research platform was initiated and financed by the Helmholtz Zentrum München, German Research Center for Environmental Health, which is funded by the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) and by the State of Bavaria. The KORA research was supported within the Munich Center of Health Sciences (MC Health), Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität, as part of LMUinnovativ. Part of this project was supported by the German Center for Diabetes Research (DZD).

**METSIM.** The METabolic Syndrome in Men (METSIM) study was funded by the Academy of Finland (grant nos. 77299 and 124243).

**NHS.** Nurses' Health Study (NHS), this work was funded by the NIH grants P30 DK46200, DK58845, U01HG004399, and UM1CA186107.

**PPP-Malmö-Botnia (PMB).** The Prevalence, Prediction and Prevention of Diabetes (PPP)-Botnia study has been financially supported by grants from the Sigrid Jusélius Foundation, the Folkhälsan Research Foundation, the Ministry of Education in Finland, the Nordic Center of Excellence in Disease Genetics, the European Commission (EXGENESIS), the Signe and Ane Gyllenberg Foundation, the Swedish Cultural Foundation in Finland, the Finnish Diabetes Research Foundation, the Foundation for Life and Health in Finland, the Finnish Medical Society, the Paavo Nurmi Foundation, the Helsinki University Central Hospital Research Foundation, the Perklen Foundation, the Ollqvist Foundation, and the Närpes Health Care Foundation. The study has also been supported by the Municipal Health Care Center and Hospital in Jakobstad and Health Care Centers in Vasa, Närpes, and Korsholm. Studies from Malmö were supported by grants from the Swedish Research Council (SFO EXODIAB 2009-1039; LUDC 349-2008-6589, 521-2010-3490, 521-2010-3490, 521-2010-3490, 521-2007-4037, and 521-2008-2974; ANDIS 825-2010-5983), the Knut and Alice Wallenberg Foundation (KAW 2009.0243), the Torsten and Ragnar Söderbergs Stiftelser (MT33/09), the IngaBritt and Arne Lundberg's Research Foundation (grant no. 359), and the Swedish Heart-Lung Foundation.

**PIVUS and ULSAM.** Prospective Investigation of the Vasculature in Uppsala Seniors (PIVUS) and Uppsala Longitudinal Study of Adult Men (ULSAM), this work was funded by the Swedish Research Council, Swedish Heart-Lung Foundation, Knut and Alice Wallenberg Foundation, and Swedish Diabetes Foundation. Genome-wide genotyping was funded by the Wellcome Trust and performed by the SNP&SEQ Technology Platform in Uppsala ([www.genotyping.se](http://www.genotyping.se)). The authors thank Tomas Axelsson, Ann-Christine Wiman, and Caisa Pöntinen for their assistance with genotyping. The SNP Technology Platform is supported by Uppsala University, Uppsala University Hospital, and the Swedish Research Council for Infrastructures.

**Rotterdam Study.** This work is funded by Erasmus Medical Center and Erasmus University, Rotterdam; Netherlands Organization for Health Research and Development (ZonMw); the Research Institute for Diseases in the Elderly (RIDE); the Ministry of Education, Culture and Science; the Ministry of Health, Welfare and Sport; the European Commission (DG XII); and the Municipality of Rotterdam. This study is also funded by the Research Institute for Diseases in the Elderly (014-93-015, RIDE2) and the Netherlands Genomics Initiative (NGI)/Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research (NWO) project no. 050-060-810. The generation and management of GWAS genotype data for the Rotterdam Study is supported by NWO Investments (no. 175.010.2005.011, 911-03-012). The authors thank Pascal Arp, Mila Jhamai, Marijn Verkerk, Lizbeth Herrera, and Marjolein Peters for their help in creating the GWAS database. The authors thank the study participants, the staff from the Rotterdam Study, and the participating general practitioners and pharmacists.

**STR.** The Swedish Twin Registry (STR) was supported by grants from the U.S. NIH (AG028555, AG08724, AG04563, AG10175, and AG08861), the Swedish Research Council, the Swedish Heart-Lung Foundation, the Swedish Foundation for Strategic Research, the Royal Swedish Academy of Science, and ENGAGE (within the European Commission FP7 HEALTH-F4-2007-201413). Genotyping was performed by the SNP&SEQ Technology Platform in Uppsala ([www.genotyping.se](http://www.genotyping.se)). The authors thank Tomas Axelsson, Ann-Christine Wiman, and Caisa Pöntinen for their excellent assistance with genotyping. The SNP&SEQ Technology Platform is supported by Uppsala University, Uppsala University Hospital, and the Swedish Research Council for Infrastructures.

**WARREN 2/58BC and Wellcome Trust Case Control Consortium.** Collection of the U.K. T2D cases was supported by Diabetes UK, BDA Research, and the UK Medical Research Council (Biomedical Collections Strategic Grant G0000649). The UK Type 2 Diabetes Genetics Consortium collection was supported by the Wellcome Trust (Biomedical Collections Grant GR072960). Metachip genotyping was supported by the Wellcome Trust (Strategic Awards 076113, 083948, and 090367 and core support for the Wellcome Trust Centre for Human Genetics 090532) and analysis by the European Commission (ENGAGE HEALTH-F4-2007-201413), MRC (Project Grant G0601261), NIDDK (DK073490, DK085545, and DK098032), and Wellcome Trust (083270 and 098381). The Wellcome Trust Case Control Consortium is funded by Wellcome 076113 and 085475.

**Institutional support for study design and analysis.** This work was funded by MRC (G0601261), NIDDK (RC2-DK088389, U01-DK105535, U01-DK085545, and U01-DK105535), FP7 (ENGAGE HEALTH-F4-2007-201413), and the Wellcome Trust (090532, 098381, 106130, and 090367).

**Individual funding for study design and analysis.** J.T.-F. is a Marie-Curie Fellow (PIEF-GA-2012-329156). M.K. is supported by the European Commission under the Marie Curie Intra-European Fellowship (project MARVEL, PIEF-GA-2013-626461). C.L., R.A.S., and N.J.W. are funded by the Medical Research Council (MC\_UU\_12015/1). L.M. is partially supported by 2010–2011 PRIN funds of the University of Ferrara (holder: Guido Barbujani), in part sponsored by the European Foundation for the Study of Diabetes (EFSD) Albert Renold Travel Fellowships for Young Scientists, and sponsored by the fund promoting internationalization efforts of the University of Ferrara (holder: C.S.). A.P.M. is a Wellcome Trust Senior Fellow in Basic Biomedical Science (grant no. WT098017). M.I.M. is a Wellcome Trust Senior Investigator. J.R.B.P. is supported by the Wellcome Trust (WT092447MA). T.H.P. is supported by The Danish Council for Independent Research Medical Sciences (FSS), the Lundbeck Foundation, and the Alfred Benzon Foundation. I.P. was in part funded by the Elsie Widdowson Fellowship, the Wellcome Trust Seed Award in Science (205915/Z/17/Z), and the European Commission's Horizon 2020 research and innovation programme (DYNAhealth, project no. 633595). B.F.V. is supported by the NIH/NIDDK (R01DK101478) and the American Heart Association (13SDG14330006). E.Z. is supported by the Wellcome Trust (098051). S.E.H. is funded by British Heart Foundation PG08/008 and University College London Biomedical Research Centre. V.Sa. was supported by the Academy of Finland (grant no. 139635) and by the Finnish Foundation for Cardiovascular Research.

**Duality of Interest.** I.B. owns stock in GlaxoSmithKline and Incyte. J.C.F. has received consulting honoraria from Pfizer and PanGenX. V.St., G.T., A.K., U.T., and

K.Ste. are employed by deCODE Genetics/Amgen, Inc. E.I. is a scientific advisor for Precision Wellness, CELLINK, and Olink Proteomics for work unrelated to the present project. M.I.M. sits on advisory panels for Pfizer and Novo Nordisk; has received honoraria from Pfizer, Novo Nordisk, and Eli Lilly; and is a recipient of research funding from Pfizer, Novo Nordisk, Eli Lilly, Takeda, Sanofi, Merck, Boehringer Ingelheim, AstraZeneca, Janssen, Roche, Servier, and AbbVie. No other potential conflicts of interest relevant to this article were reported.

**Author Contributions.** Writing and coordination group: R.A.S., L.J.S., R.M., L.M., K.J.G., M.K., J.D., A.P.M., M.Bo., M.I.M., I.P. Central analysis group: R.A.S., L.J.S., R.M., L.M., C.M., A.P.M., M.Bo., M.I.M., I.P. Additional lead analysts: L.M., K.J.G., M.K., N.P., T.H.P., A.D.J., J.D.E., T.F., Y.Le., J.R.B.P., L.J., A.U.J. GWAS cohort-level primary analysts: R.A.S., L.J.S., R.M., K.J.G., V.St., G.T., L.Q., N.R.V.Z., A.Ma., H.Che., P.A., B.F.V., H.G., M.M.-N., J.S.R., N.W.R., N.R., L.C.K., E.M.v.L., S.M.W., C. Fu., P.Kw., C.M., P.C., M.L., Y. Lu, C.D., D.T., L.Y., C.L., A.P.M., I.P. Metabochip cohort-level primary analysts: T.S., H.A.Ke., H.Chh., L.E., S.G., T.M.T., M.F., R.J.S. Cohort sample collection, phenotyping, genotyping, or additional analysis: R.A.S., H.G., R.B., A.B.H., A.K., G.Si., N.D.K., J.L., L.Lia., T.M., M.R., B.T., T.E., E.M., C.Fo., C.-T.L., D.Ry., B.I., V.L., T.T., D.J.C., J.S.P., N.G., C.T.H., M.E.J., T.J., A.L., M.C.C., R.M.v.D., D.J.H., P.Kr., Q.S., S.E., K.R.O., J.R.B.P., A.R.W., E.Z., J.T.-F., G.R.A., L.L.B., P.S.C., H.M.S., H.A.Ko., L.K., B.S., T.W.M., M.M.N., S.P., D.B., K.G., S.E.H., E.Tr., N.K., J.M., G.St., R.W., J.G.E., S.Mä., L.P., E.Ti., G.C., E.E., S.L., B.G., K.L., O.M., E.P.B., O.G., D.Ru., M.Bl., P.Ko., A.T., N.M.M., C.S., T.M.F., A.T.H., I.B., B.B., H.B., P.W.F., A.B.G., D.P., Y.T.v.d.S., C.L., N.J.W., K.Str., M.Bo., M.I.M. Metabochip cohort principal investigators: R.E., K.-H.J., S.Mo., U.d.F., A.H., M.S., P.D., P.J.D., T.M.F., A.T.H., S.R., V.Sa., N.L.P., B.O.B., R.N.B., F.S.C., K.L.M., J.T., T.H., O.P., I.B., C.L., N.J.W. GWAS cohort principal investigators: L.La., E.I., L.Lin., C.M.L., S.C., P.F., R.J.F.L., B.B., H.B., P.W.F., A.B.G., D.P., Y.T.v.d.S., D.A., L.C.G., C.L., N.J.W., E.S., C.M.v.D., J.C.F., J.B.M., E.B., C.G., K.Str., A.Me., A.D.M., C.N.A.P., F.B.H., U.T., K.Ste., J.D., M.Bo., M.I.M. I.P. is the guarantor of this work and, as such, had full access to all the data in the study and takes responsibility for the integrity of the data and the accuracy of the data analysis.

## References

- Global Burden of Disease Study 2013 Collaborators. Global, regional, and national incidence, prevalence, and years lived with disability for 301 acute and chronic diseases and injuries in 188 countries, 1990-2013: a systematic analysis for the Global Burden of Disease Study 2013. *Lancet* 2015;386:743-800
- Mahajan A, Go MJ, Zhang W, et al.; DIAbetes Genetics Replication And Meta-analysis (DIAGRAM) Consortium; Asian Genetic Epidemiology Network Type 2 Diabetes (AGEN-T2D) Consortium; South Asian Type 2 Diabetes (SAT2D) Consortium; Mexican American Type 2 Diabetes (MAT2D) Consortium; Type 2 Diabetes Genetic Exploration by Next-generation sequencing in multi-Ethnic Samples (T2D-GENES) Consortium. Genome-wide trans-ancestry meta-analysis provides insight into the genetic architecture of type 2 diabetes susceptibility. *Nat Genet* 2014;46:234-244
- Voight BF, Scott LJ, Steinthorsdottir V, et al.; MAGIC investigators; GIANT Consortium. Twelve type 2 diabetes susceptibility loci identified through large-scale association analysis. *Nat Genet* 2010;42:579-589
- Morris AP, Voight BF, Teslovich TM, et al.; Wellcome Trust Case Control Consortium; Meta-Analyses of Glucose and Insulin-related traits Consortium (MAGIC) Investigators; Genetic Investigation of Anthropometric Traits (GIANT) Consortium; Asian Genetic Epidemiology Network-Type 2 Diabetes (AGEN-T2D) Consortium; South Asian Type 2 Diabetes (SAT2D) Consortium; DIAbetes Genetics Replication And Meta-analysis (DIAGRAM) Consortium. Large-scale association analysis provides insights into the genetic architecture and pathophysiology of type 2 diabetes. *Nat Genet* 2012;44:981-990
- Zeggini E, Scott LJ, Saxena R, et al.; Wellcome Trust Case Control Consortium. Meta-analysis of genome-wide association data and large-scale replication identifies additional susceptibility loci for type 2 diabetes. *Nat Genet* 2008;40:638-645
- Dupuis J, Langenberg C, Prokopenko I, et al.; DIAGRAM Consortium; GIANT Consortium; Global BPgen Consortium; Anders Hamsten on behalf of Procardis Consortium; MAGIC investigators. New genetic loci implicated in fasting glucose homeostasis and their impact on type 2 diabetes risk. *Nat Genet* 2010;42:105-116
- Steinthorsdottir V, Thorleifsson G, Sulem P, et al. Identification of low-frequency and rare sequence variants associated with elevated or reduced risk of type 2 diabetes. *Nat Genet* 2014;46:294-298
- Estrada K, Aukrust I, Bjørkhaug L, et al.; SIGMA Type 2 Diabetes Consortium. Association of a low-frequency variant in HNF1A with type 2 diabetes in a Latino population [published correction appears in *JAMA* 2014;312:1932]. *JAMA* 2014;311:2305-2314
- Fuchsberger C, Flannick J, Teslovich TM, et al. The genetic architecture of type 2 diabetes. *Nature* 2016;536:41-47
- Majithia AR, Flannick J, Shahinian P, et al.; GoT2D Consortium; NHGRI JHS/FHS Allelic Spectrum Project; SIGMA T2D Consortium; T2D-GENES Consortium. Rare variants in PPARG with decreased activity in adipocyte differentiation are associated with increased risk of type 2 diabetes [published correction appears in *Proc Natl Acad Sci U S A* 2014;111:16225]. *Proc Natl Acad Sci U S A* 2014;111:13127-13132
- Bonnefond A, Clément N, Fawcett K, et al.; Meta-Analysis of Glucose and Insulin-Related Traits Consortium (MAGIC). Rare MTNR1B variants impairing melatonin receptor 1B function contribute to type 2 diabetes. *Nat Genet* 2012;44:297-301
- Abecasis GR, Auton A, Brooks LD, et al.; 1000 Genomes Project Consortium. An integrated map of genetic variation from 1,092 human genomes. *Nature* 2012;491:56-65
- Yang J, Bakshi A, Zhu Z, et al.; LifeLines Cohort Study. Genetic variance estimation with imputed variants finds negligible missing heritability for human height and body mass index. *Nat Genet* 2015;47:1114-1120
- Gaulton KJ, Ferreira T, Lee Y, et al.; DIAbetes Genetics Replication And Meta-analysis (DIAGRAM) Consortium. Genetic fine-mapping and genomic annotation defines causal mechanisms at type 2 diabetes susceptibility loci. *Nat Genet* 2015;47:1415-1425
- Langenberg C, Sharp S, Forouhi NG, et al.; InterAct Consortium. Design and cohort description of the InterAct Project: an examination of the interaction of genetic and lifestyle factors on the incidence of type 2 diabetes in the EPIC Study. *Diabetologia* 2011;54:2272-2282
- Cook JP, Morris AP. Multi-ethnic genome-wide association study identifies novel locus for type 2 diabetes susceptibility. *Eur J Hum Genet* 2016;24:1175-1180
- Howie B, Fuchsberger C, Stephens M, Marchini J, Abecasis GR. Fast and accurate genotype imputation in genome-wide association studies through pre-phasing. *Nat Genet* 2012;44:955-959
- Howie BN, Donnelly P, Marchini J. A flexible and accurate genotype imputation method for the next generation of genome-wide association studies. *PLoS Genet* 2009;5:e1000529
- Yang J, Ferreira T, Morris AP, et al.; Genetic Investigation of Anthropometric Traits (GIANT) Consortium; DIAbetes Genetics Replication And Meta-analysis (DIAGRAM) Consortium. Conditional and joint multiple-SNP analysis of GWAS summary statistics identifies additional variants influencing complex traits. *Nat Genet* 2012;44:369-375, S1-S3
- Yang J, Lee SH, Goddard ME, Visscher PM. GCTA: a tool for genome-wide complex trait analysis. *Am J Hum Genet* 2011;88:76-82
- UK10K Consortium, Walter K, Min JL, et al. The UK10K project identifies rare variants in health and disease. *Nature* 2015;526:82-90
- Burgess S, Butterworth A, Thompson SG. Mendelian randomization analysis with multiple genetic variants using summarized data. *Genet Epidemiol* 2013;37:658-665
- Manning AK, Hivert M-F, Scott RA, et al.; DIAbetes Genetics Replication And Meta-analysis (DIAGRAM) Consortium; Multiple Tissue Human Expression Resource (MUTHER) Consortium. A genome-wide approach accounting for body mass index identifies genetic variants influencing fasting glycemic traits and insulin resistance. *Nat Genet* 2012;44:659-669
- Saxena R, Hivert M-F, Langenberg C, et al.; GIANT consortium; MAGIC investigators. Genetic variation in GIPR influences the glucose and insulin responses to an oral glucose challenge. *Nat Genet* 2010;42:142-148
- Strawbridge RJ, Dupuis J, Prokopenko I, et al.; DIAGRAM Consortium; GIANT Consortium; MuTHER Consortium; CARDIOGRAM Consortium; C4D Consortium.

- Genome-wide association identifies nine common variants associated with fasting proinsulin levels and provides new insights into the pathophysiology of type 2 diabetes. *Diabetes* 2011;60:2624–2634
26. Prokopenko I, Poon W, Mägi R, et al. A central role for GRB10 in regulation of islet function in man. *PLoS Genet* 2014;10:e1004235
27. Speliotes EK, Willer CJ, Berndt SI, et al.; MAGIC; Procardis Consortium. Association analyses of 249,796 individuals reveal 18 new loci associated with body mass index. *Nat Genet* 2010;42:937–948
28. Willer CJ, Schmidt EM, Sengupta S, et al.; Global Lipids Genetics Consortium. Discovery and refinement of loci associated with lipid levels. *Nat Genet* 2013;45:1274–1283
29. Dimas AS, Lagou V, Barker A, et al.; MAGIC Investigators. Impact of type 2 diabetes susceptibility variants on quantitative glycemic traits reveals mechanistic heterogeneity. *Diabetes* 2014;63:2158–2171
30. Dunham I, Kundaje A, Aldred SF, et al.; ENCODE Project Consortium. An integrated encyclopedia of DNA elements in the human genome. *Nature* 2012;489:57–74
31. Pasquali L, Gaulton KJ, Rodríguez-Seguí SA, et al. Pancreatic islet enhancer clusters enriched in type 2 diabetes risk-associated variants. *Nat Genet* 2014;46:136–143
32. Pers TH, Karjalainen JM, Chan Y, et al.; Genetic Investigation of Anthropometric Traits (GIANT) Consortium. Biological interpretation of genome-wide association studies using predicted gene functions. *Nat Commun* 2015;6:5890
33. Maller JB, McVean G, Byrnes J, et al.; Wellcome Trust Case Control Consortium. Bayesian refinement of association signals for 14 loci in 3 common diseases. *Nat Genet* 2012;44:1294–1301
34. Flanagan SE, De Franco E, Lango Allen H, et al. Analysis of transcription factors key for mouse pancreatic development establishes NKX2-2 and MNX1 mutations as causes of neonatal diabetes in man. *Cell Metab* 2014;19:146–154
35. Melé M, Ferreira PG, Reverter F, et al.; GTEx Consortium. Human genomics. The human transcriptome across tissues and individuals. *Science* 2015;348:660–665
36. Bonnefond A, Vaillant E, Philippe J, et al. Transcription factor gene MNX1 is a novel cause of permanent neonatal diabetes in a consanguineous family. *Diabetes Metab* 2013;39:276–280
37. Guan X. The CNS glucagon-like peptide-2 receptor in the control of energy balance and glucose homeostasis. *Am J Physiol Regul Integr Comp Physiol* 2014;307:R585–R596
38. Murphy KG, Bloom SR. Gut hormones and the regulation of energy homeostasis. *Nature* 2006;444:854–859
39. GTEx Consortium. Human genomics. The Genotype-Tissue Expression (GTEx) pilot analysis: multitissue gene regulation in humans. *Science* 2015;348:648–660
40. Drucker DJ, Nauck MA. The incretin system: glucagon-like peptide-1 receptor agonists and dipeptidyl peptidase-4 inhibitors in type 2 diabetes. *Lancet* 2006;368:1696–1705
41. Wessel J, Chu AY, Willems SM, et al.; EPIC-InterAct Consortium. Low-frequency and rare exome chip variants associate with fasting glucose and type 2 diabetes susceptibility. *Nat Commun* 2015;6:5897
42. Bradfield JP, Qu H-Q, Wang K, et al. A genome-wide meta-analysis of six type 1 diabetes cohorts identifies multiple associated loci. *PLoS Genet* 2011;7:e1002293
43. National Institute for Health and Care Excellence. Type 1 diabetes in adults: diagnosis and management [article online]. 2015. Available from nice.org.uk/guidance/ng17. Accessed 16 March 2017
44. Zoncu R, Efeyan A, Sabatini DM. mTOR: from growth signal integration to cancer, diabetes and ageing. *Nat Rev Mol Cell Biol* 2011;12:21–35
45. Shungin D, Winkler TW, Croteau-Chonka DC, et al.; ADIPOGen Consortium; CARDIOGRAMplusC4D Consortium; CKDGen Consortium; GEFOS Consortium; GENIE Consortium; GLGC; ICBP; International Endogene Consortium; LifeLines Cohort Study; MAGIC Investigators; MuTHER Consortium; PAGE Consortium; ReproGen Consortium. New genetic loci link adipose and insulin biology to body fat distribution. *Nature* 2015;518:187–196
46. Agarwala V, Flannick J, Sunyaev S, Altshuler D; GoT2D Consortium. Evaluating empirical bounds on complex disease genetic architecture. *Nat Genet* 2013;45:1418–1427
47. Stumvoll M, Goldstein BJ, van Haeften TW. Type 2 diabetes: principles of pathogenesis and therapy. *Lancet* 2005;365:1333–1346
48. Parker SCJ, Stitzel ML, Taylor DL, et al.; NISC Comparative Sequencing Program; National Institutes of Health Intramural Sequencing Center Comparative Sequencing Program Authors; NISC Comparative Sequencing Program Authors. Chromatin stretch enhancer states drive cell-specific gene regulation and harbor human disease risk variants. *Proc Natl Acad Sci USA* 2013;110:17921–17926
49. Dann SG, Selvaraj A, Thomas G. mTOR Complex1-S6K1 signaling: at the crossroads of obesity, diabetes and cancer. *Trends Mol Med* 2007;13:252–259
50. Claussnitzer M, Dankel SN, Klocke B, et al.; DIAGRAM+ Consortium. Leveraging cross-species transcription factor binding site patterns: from diabetes risk loci to disease mechanisms. *Cell* 2014;156:343–358
51. Farh KK, Marson A, Zhu J, et al. Genetic and epigenetic fine-mapping of causal autoimmune disease variants. *Nature* 2015;518:337–343