

1 **An expanded genome-wide association study of type 2 diabetes in Europeans**

2 **Running title: European T2D genome-wide association study**

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267 **ABSTRACT**

268 To characterise type 2 diabetes (T2D) associated variation across the allele frequency
269 spectrum, we conducted a meta-analysis of genome-wide association data from 26,676 T2D
270 cases and 132,532 controls of European ancestry after imputation using the 1000 Genomes
271 multi-ethnic reference panel. Promising association signals were followed-up in additional
272 data sets (of 14,545 or 7,397 T2D cases and 38,994 or 71,604 controls). We identified 13
273 novel T2D-associated loci ($p < 5 \times 10^{-8}$), including variants near the *GLP2R*, *GIP*, and *HLA-*
274 *DQA1* genes. Our analysis brought the total number of independent T2D associations to 128
275 distinct signals at 113 loci. Despite substantially increased sample size and more complete
276 coverage of low-frequency variation, all novel associations were driven by common SNVs.
277 Credible sets of potentially causal variants were generally larger than those based on
278 imputation with earlier reference panels, consistent with resolution of causal signals to
279 common risk haplotypes. Stratification of T2D-associated loci based on T2D-related
280 quantitative trait associations revealed tissue-specific enrichment of regulatory annotations in
281 pancreatic islet enhancers for loci influencing insulin secretion, and in adipocytes, monocytes
282 and hepatocytes for insulin action-associated loci. These findings highlight the predominant
283 role played by common variants of modest effect and the diversity of biological mechanisms
284 influencing T2D pathophysiology.

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286 **MAIN TEXT**

287 Type 2 diabetes (T2D) has rapidly increased in prevalence in recent years and represents a
288 major component of the global disease burden (1). Previous efforts to use genome-wide
289 association studies (GWAS) to characterise the genetic component of T2D risk have largely
290 focused on common variants (minor allele frequency [MAF]>5%). These studies have
291 identified close to 100 loci, almost all of them currently defined by common alleles
292 associated with modest (typically 5-20%) increases in T2D risk (2–6). Direct sequencing of
293 whole genomes or exomes offers the most comprehensive approach for extending discovery
294 efforts to the detection of low-frequency (0.5%<MAF<5%) and rare (MAF<0.5%) risk and
295 protective alleles, some of which might have greater impact on individual predisposition.
296 However, extensive sequencing has, thus far, been limited to relatively small sample sizes (at
297 most, a few thousand cases), restricting power to detect rarer risk alleles, even if they are of
298 large effect (7–9). Whilst evidence of rare variant associations has been detected in some
299 candidate gene studies (10,11), the largest study to date, involving exome sequencing in
300 ~13,000 subjects, found little trace of rare variant association effects (9).

301 Here, we implement a complementary strategy that makes use of imputation into existing
302 GWAS samples from the DIAbetes Genetics Replication And Meta-analysis (DIAGRAM)
303 Consortium with sequence-based reference panels (12). This strategy allows the detection of
304 common and low-frequency (but not rare) variant associations in extremely large samples
305 (13), and facilitates the fine-mapping of causal variants. We performed a European ancestry
306 meta-analysis of GWAS with 26,676 T2D cases and 132,532 controls, and followed up our
307 findings in additional independent European ancestry studies of 14,545 T2D cases and 38,994
308 controls genotyped using the MetaboChip (4). All contributing studies were imputed against
309 the March 2012 multi-ethnic 1000 Genomes Project (1000G) reference panel of 1,092 whole-
310 genome sequenced individuals (12). Our study provides near-complete evaluation of common

311 variants with much improved coverage of low-frequency variants, and the combined sample
312 size considerably exceeds that of the largest previous T2D GWAS meta-analyses in
313 individuals of European ancestry (4). In addition to genetic discovery, we fine-map novel and
314 established T2D-associated loci to identify regulatory motifs and cell types enriched for
315 potential causal variants, and pathways through which T2D-associated loci increase disease
316 susceptibility.

317 **RESEARCH DESIGN AND METHODS**

318 **Research participants.** The DIAGRAM stage 1 meta-analyses is comprised of 26,676 T2D
319 cases and 132,532 controls (effective sample size, $N_{\text{eff}}=72,143$ individuals, defined as
320 $4/[(1/N_{\text{cases}})+(1/N_{\text{controls}})]$) from 18 studies genotyped using commercial genome-wide single-
321 nucleotide variant (SNV) arrays (**Supplementary Table 1**). The MetaboChip stage 2 follow
322 up is comprised of 14,545 T2D cases and 38,994 controls ($N_{\text{eff}}=38,645$) from 16 non-
323 overlapping stage 1 studies (4,14). We performed additional follow-up in 2,796 T2D cases
324 and 4,601 controls from the EPIC-InterAct (15) and 9,747 T2D cases and 61,857 controls
325 from the GERA study (16) (**Supplementary Material**).

326 **Statistical analyses.** We imputed autosomal and X chromosome SNVs using the all
327 ancestries 1000G reference panel (1,092 individuals from Africa, Asia, Europe, and the
328 Americas [March, 2012 release]) using miniMAC (17) or IMPUTE2 (18). After imputation,
329 from each study we removed monomorphic variants or those with imputation quality r^2 -
330 $\hat{r}^2 < 0.3$ (miniMAC) or $\text{proper-info} < 0.4$ (IMPUTE2, SNPTEST). Each study performed T2D
331 association analysis using logistic regression, adjusting for age, sex, and principal
332 components for ancestry, under an additive genetic model. We performed inverse-variance
333 weighted fixed-effect meta-analyses of the 18 stage 1 GWAS (**Supplementary Table 1**).
334 Fifteen of the 18 studies repeated analyses also adjusting for body mass index (BMI). SNVs
335 reaching suggestive significance $p < 10^{-5}$ in the stage 1 meta-analysis were followed-up. Novel

336 loci were selected using the threshold for genome-wide significance ($p < 5 \times 10^{-8}$) in the
337 combined stage 1 and stage 2 meta-analysis. For the 23 variants with no proxy ($r^2 \geq 0.6$)
338 available in MetaboChip with 1000G imputation in the fine-mapping regions, the stage 1
339 result was followed-up in EPIC-InterAct and GERA ($N_{\text{eff}}=40,637$), both imputed to 1000G
340 variant density (**Supplementary Material**).

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

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

352 ***Type 1 diabetes (T1D)/T2D discrimination analysis.*** Given the overlap between loci
353 previously associated with T1D and the associated T2D loci, we used an inverse variance
354 weighted Mendelian randomisation approach (22) to test whether this was likely to reflect
355 misclassification of T1D cases as individuals with T2D in the current study (**Supplementary**
356 **Material**).

357 ***Expression quantitative trait locus (eQTL) analysis.*** To look for potential biological overlap
358 of T2D lead variants and eQTL variants, we extracted the lead (most significantly associated)
359 eQTL for each tested gene from existing datasets for a range of tissues (**Supplementary**

360 **Material**). We concluded that a lead T2D SNV showed evidence of association with gene
361 expression if it was in high LD ($r^2 > 0.8$) with the lead eQTL SNV ($p < 5 \times 10^{-6}$).

362 ***Hierarchical clustering of T2D-related metabolic phenotypes.*** Starting with the T2D
363 associated SNVs, we obtained T2D-related quantitative trait Z-scores from published
364 HapMap-based GWAS meta-analysis for: fasting glucose, fasting insulin adjusted for BMI,
365 homeostasis model assessment for beta-cell function (HOMA-B), homeostasis model
366 assessment for insulin resistance (HOMA-IR) (23); 2-hour glucose adjusted for BMI (24);
367 proinsulin (25); corrected insulin response (CIR) (26); BMI (27); high density lipoprotein
368 cholesterol (HDL-C), low density lipoprotein cholesterol (LDL-C), total cholesterol, and
369 triglycerides (28). When an association result for a SNV was not available, we used the
370 results for the variant in highest LD and only for variants with $r^2 > 0.6$. We performed
371 clustering of phenotypic effects using Z-scores for association with T2D risk alleles and
372 standard methods (**Supplementary Material**) (29).

373 ***Functional annotation and enrichment analysis.*** We tested for enrichment of genomic and
374 epigenomic annotations using chromatin states for 93 cell types (after excluding cancer cell
375 lines) from the NIH Epigenome Roadmap project, and binding sites for 165 transcription
376 factors (TF) from ENCODE (30) and Pasquali et al. (31). Using fractional logistic regression,
377 we then tested for the effect of variants with each cell type and TF annotation on the variant
378 posterior probabilities (π_c) using all variants within 1Mb of the lead SNV for each distinct
379 association signal from the fine-mapping analyses (**Supplementary Material**). In each
380 analysis, we considered an annotation significant if it reached a Bonferroni-corrected
381 $p < 1.9 \times 10^{-4}$ (i.e. $0.05/258$ annotations).

382 ***Pathway analyses with DEPICT.*** We used the Data-driven Expression Prioritized Integration
383 for Complex Traits (DEPICT) tool (32) to (i) prioritize genes that may represent promising
384 candidates for T2D pathophysiology, and (ii) identify reconstituted gene sets that are

385 enriched in genes from associated regions and might be related to T2D biological pathways.
386 As input, we used independent SNVs from the stage 1 meta-analysis SNVs with $p < 10^{-5}$ and
387 lead variants at established loci (**Supplementary Material**). For the calculation of empirical
388 enrichment p values, we used 200 sets of SNVs randomly drawn from entire genome within
389 regions matching by gene density; we performed 20 replications for false discovery rate
390 (FDR) estimation.

391 RESULTS

392 *Novel loci detected in T2D GWAS and MetaboChip-based follow-up.* The stage 1 GWAS
393 meta-analysis included 26,676 T2D cases and 132,532 controls and evaluated 12.1M SNVs,
394 of which 11.8M were autosomal and 260k mapped to the X chromosome. Of these, 3.9M
395 variants had MAF between 0.5% and 5%, a near fifteen-fold increase in the number of low-
396 frequency variants tested for association compared to previous array-based T2D GWAS
397 meta-analyses (2,4) (**Supplementary Table 2**). Of the 52 signals showing promising
398 evidence of association ($p < 10^{-5}$) in stage 1, 29 could be followed up in the stage 2
399 MetaboChip data. In combined stage 1 and stage 2 data, 13 novel loci were detected at
400 genome-wide significance (**Table 1, Figure 1, Supplementary Figure 1A-D,**
401 **Supplementary Table 3**).

402 Lead SNVs at all 13 novel loci were common. Although detected here using 1000G imputed
403 data, all 13 were well captured by variants in the HapMap CEU reference panel (2 directly,
404 10 via proxies with $r^2 > 0.8$, and one via proxy with $r^2 = 0.62$) (**Supplementary Materials**). At
405 all 13, lead variants defined through 1000G and those seen when the SNP density was
406 restricted to HapMap content, had broadly similar evidence of association and were of similar
407 frequency (**Supplementary Figure 2; Supplementary Table 3**). Throughout this
408 manuscript, loci are named for the gene nearest to the lead SNV, unless otherwise specified
409 (**Table 1, Supplementary Materials: Biology box**).

410 Adjustment for BMI revealed no additional genome-wide significant associations for T2D
411 and, at most known and novel loci, there were only minimal differences in statistical
412 significance and estimated T2D effect size between BMI-adjusted and unadjusted models.
413 The four signals at which we observed a significant effect of BMI adjustment
414 ($p_{\text{heterogeneity}} < 4.4 \times 10^{-4}$; based on 0.05/113 variants currently or previously reported to be
415 associated with T2D at genome-wide significance) were *FTO* and *MC4R* (at which the T2D
416 association is known to reflect a primary effect on BMI), and *TCF7L2* and *SLC30A8* (at
417 which T2D associations were strengthened after BMI-adjustment) (**Supplementary Figure**
418 **3; Supplementary Table 4**).

419 ***Insights into genetic architecture of T2D.*** In this meta-analysis, we tested 3.9M low-
420 frequency variants ($r^2 \geq 0.3$ or proper-info ≥ 0.4 ; minor allele present in ≥ 3 studies) for T2D
421 association, constituting 96.7% of the low-frequency variants ascertained by the 1000G
422 European Panel (March 2012) (**Supplementary Table 2**). For variants with risk-allele
423 frequencies (RAF) of 0.5%, 1%, or 5%, we had 80% power to detect association ($p < 5 \times 10^{-8}$)
424 for allelic ORs of 1.80, 1.48, and 1.16, respectively, after accounting for imputation quality
425 (**Figure 1, Supplementary Table 5**). Despite the increased coverage and sample size, we
426 identified no novel low-frequency variants at genome-wide significance (**Figure 1**).
427 Since we had only been able to test 29 of the 52 promising stage 1 signals on the MetaboChip,
428 we investigated whether this failure to detect low-frequency variant associations with T2D
429 could be a consequence of selective variant inclusion on the MetaboChip. Amongst the
430 remaining 23 variants, none reached genome-wide significance after aggregating with GWAS
431 data available from EPIC-InterAct. Six of these 23 SNVs had MAF $< 5\%$, and for these we
432 performed additional follow-up in the GERA study. However, none reached genome-wide
433 significance in a combined analysis of stage 1, EPIC-InterAct and GERA (a total of 39,219
434 cases and 198,990 controls) (**Supplementary Table 6**). Therefore, despite substantially

435 enlarged sample sizes that would have allowed us to detect low-frequency risk alleles with
436 modest effect sizes, the overwhelming majority of variants for which T2D-association can be
437 detected with these sample sizes are themselves common.

438 To identify loci containing multiple distinct signals, we performed approximate conditional
439 analysis within the established and novel GWAS loci and detected two such novel common
440 variant signals (**Supplementary Table 7**) (19,20). At the *ANKRD55* locus, we identified a
441 previously-unreported distinct ($p_{\text{conditional}} < 10^{-5}$) association signal led by rs173964
442 ($p_{\text{conditional}} = 3.54 \times 10^{-7}$, MAF=26%) (**Supplementary Table 7, Supplementary Figure 4**). We
443 also observed multiple signals of association at loci with previous reports of such signals
444 (4,14), including *CDKN2A/B* (3 signals in total), *DGKB*, *KCNQ1* (6 signals), *HNF4A*, and
445 *CCND2* (3 signals) (**Supplementary Table 7, Supplementary Figure 4**). At *CCND2*, in
446 addition to the main signal with lead SNV rs4238013, we detected: (i) a novel distinct signal
447 led by a common variant, rs11063018 ($p_{\text{conditional}} = 2.70 \times 10^{-7}$, MAF=19%); and (ii) a third
448 distinct signal led by a low-frequency protective allele (rs188827514, MAF=0.6%;
449 $OR_{\text{conditional}} = 0.60$, $p_{\text{conditional}} = 1.24 \times 10^{-6}$) (**Supplementary Figure 5A, Supplementary Table**
450 **7**), which represents the same distinct signal as that at rs76895963 ($p_{\text{conditional}} = 1.0$) reported in
451 the Icelandic population (**Supplementary Figure 5B**) (7). At *HNF4A*, we confirm recent
452 analyses (obtained in partially-overlapping data) (14) that a low-frequency missense variant
453 (rs1800961, p.Thr139Ile, MAF=3.7%) is associated with T2D, and is distinct from the known
454 common variant GWAS signal (which we map here to rs12625671).

455 We evaluated the trans-ethnic heterogeneity of allelic effects (i.e. discordance in the direction
456 and/or magnitude of estimated odds ratios) at novel loci on the basis of Cochran's Q statistics
457 from the largest T2D trans-ancestry GWAS meta-analysis to date (2). Using reported
458 summary statistics from that study, we observed no significant evidence of heterogeneity of
459 effect size (Bonferroni correction $p_{\text{Cochran's Q}} < 0.05/13 = 0.0038$) between major ancestral

460 groups at any of the 13 loci (**Supplementary Table 8**). These results are consistent with
461 these loci being driven by common causal variants that are widely distributed across
462 populations.

463 **1000G variant density for identification of potentially causal genetic variants.** We used
464 credible set fine-mapping (33) to investigate whether 1000G imputation allowed us to better
465 resolve the specific variants driving 95 distinct T2D association signals at 82 loci
466 (**Supplementary Material**). 99% credible sets included between 1 and 7,636 SNVs; 25
467 included fewer than 20 SNVs, 16 fewer than 10 (**Supplementary Tables 9 and 10**). We
468 compared 1000G-based credible sets with those constructed from HapMap SNVs alone
469 (**Figure 2B, Supplementary Table 9**). At all but three of the association signals (two at
470 *KCNQ1* and rs1800961 at *HNF4A*), 1000G imputation resulted in larger credible sets
471 (median increase of 34 variants) spanning wider genomic intervals (median interval size
472 increase of 5kb) (**Figure 2B, Supplementary Table 9**). The 1000G-defined credible sets
473 included >85% of the SNVs in the corresponding HapMap sets (**Supplementary Table 9**).
474 Despite the overall larger credible sets, we asked whether 1000G imputation enabled an
475 increase in the posterior probability afforded to the lead SNVs, but found no evidence to this
476 effect (**Figure 2C**).

477 Within the 50 loci previously associated with T2D in Europeans (4) which had at least
478 modest evidence of association in the current analyses ($p < 5 \times 10^{-4}$), we asked whether the lead
479 SNV in 1000G-imputed analysis was of similar frequency to that observed in HapMap
480 analyses. Only at *TP53INPI*, was the most strongly associated 1000G-imputed SNV
481 (rs11786613, OR=1.21, $p=1.6 \times 10^{-6}$, MAF=3.2%) of substantially lower frequency than the
482 lead HapMap-imputed SNV (3) (rs7845219, MAF=47.7%, **Figure 2A**). rs11786613 was
483 neither present in HapMap, nor on the Metabochip (**Supplementary Figure 6**). Reciprocal
484 conditioning of this low-frequency SNV and the previously identified common lead SNV

485 (rs7845219: OR=1.05, $p=5.0\times 10^{-5}$, MAF=47.5%) indicated that the two signals were likely to
486 be distinct but the signal at rs11786613 did not meet our threshold ($p_{\text{conditional}}<10^{-5}$) for locus-
487 wide significance (**Supplementary Figure 4**).

488 ***Pathophysiological insights from novel T2D associations.*** Among the 13 novel T2D-
489 associated loci, many (such as those near *HLA-DQA1*, *NRXN3*, *GIP*, *ABO* and *CMIP*)
490 included variants previously implicated in predisposition to other diseases and traits ($r^2>0.6$
491 with the lead SNV) (**Supplementary Table 3, Supplementary Materials: Biology box**). For
492 example, the novel association at SNV rs1182436 lies ~120Kb upstream of *MNX1*, a gene
493 implicated in pancreatic hypoplasia and neonatal diabetes (34–36).

494 The lead SNV rs78761021 at the *GLP2R* locus, encoding the receptor for glucagon-like
495 peptide 2, is in strong LD ($r^2=0.87$) with a common missense variant in *GLP2R* (rs17681684,
496 D470N, $p=3\times 10^{-7}$). These signals were strongly dependent and mutually extinguished in
497 reciprocal conditional analyses, consistent with the coding variant being causal and
498 implicating *GLP2R* as the putative causal gene (**Supplementary Figure 7**). While previously
499 suggested to regulate energy balance and glucose tolerance (37), *GLP2R* has primarily been
500 implicated in gastrointestinal function (38,39). In contrast, *GLP1R*, encoding the GLP-1
501 receptor (the target for a major class of T2D therapies (40)) is more directly implicated in
502 pancreatic islet function and variation at this gene has been associated with glucose levels and
503 T2D risk (41).

504 We also observed associations with T2D centred on rs9271774 near *HLA-DQA1* (**Table 1**), a
505 region showing a particularly strong association with T1D (42). There is considerable
506 heterogeneity within, and overlap between, the clinical presentations of T1D and T2D, but
507 these can be partially resolved through measurement of islet cell autoantibodies (43). Such
508 measures were not uniformly available across studies contributing to our meta-analysis
509 (**Supplementary Table 1**). We therefore considered whether the adjacency between T1D-

510 and T2D-risk loci was likely to reflect misclassification of individuals with autoimmune
511 diabetes as cases in the present study.

512 Three lines of evidence make this unlikely. First, the lead T1D-associated SNV in the HLA
513 region (rs6916742) was only weakly associated with T2D in the present study ($p=0.01$), and
514 conditioning on this variant had only modest impact on the T2D-association signal at
515 rs9271774 ($p_{\text{unconditional}}=3.3 \times 10^{-7}$; $p_{\text{conditional}}=9.1 \times 10^{-6}$). Second, of 52 published genome-wide
516 significant T1D-association GWAS signals, 50 were included in the current analysis: only six
517 of these reached even nominal association with T2D ($p<0.05$; **Supplementary Figure 8**), and
518 at one of these six (*BCARI*), the T1D risk-allele was *protective* for T2D. Third, in genetic
519 risk score (GRS) analyses, the combined effect of these 50 T1D signals on T2D risk was of
520 only nominal significance (OR = 1.02[1.00, 1.03], $p=0.026$), and significance was eliminated
521 when the 6 overlapping loci were excluded (OR = 1.00[0.98, 1.02], $p=0.73$). In combination,
522 these findings argue against substantial misclassification and indicate that the signal at *HLA-*
523 *DQAI* is likely to be a genuine T2D signal.

524 ***Potential genes and pathways underlying the T2D loci: eQTL and pathway analysis.*** Cis-
525 eQTLs analyses highlighted four genes as possible effector transcripts: *ABO* (pancreatic
526 islets), *PLEKHAI1* (whole blood), *HSD17B12* (adipose, liver, muscle, whole blood) at the
527 respective loci, and *HLA-DRB5* expression (adipose, pancreatic islets, whole blood) at the
528 *HLA-DQAI* locus (**Supplementary Table 11**).

529 We next asked whether large-scale gene expression data, mouse phenotypes, and protein-
530 protein interaction (PPI) networks could implicate specific gene candidates and gene sets in
531 the aetiology of T2D. Using DEPICT (32), 29 genes were prioritised as driving observed
532 associations (FDR<0.05), including *ACSL1* and *CMIP* among the genes mapping to the novel
533 loci (**Supplementary Table 12**). These analyses also identified 20 enriched reconstituted
534 gene sets (FDR<5%) falling into 4 groups (**Supplementary Figure 9**; complete results,

535 including gene prioritisation, can be downloaded from
536 [https://onedrive.live.com/redir?resid=7848F2AF5103AA1B!1505&authkey=!AIC31supgUwj](https://onedrive.live.com/redir?resid=7848F2AF5103AA1B!1505&authkey=!AIC31supgUwjZVU&ithint=file%2cxlsx)
537 [ZVU&ithint=file%2cxlsx](https://onedrive.live.com/redir?resid=7848F2AF5103AA1B!1505&authkey=!AIC31supgUwjZVU&ithint=file%2cxlsx)). These included pathways related to mammalian target of
538 rapamycin (mTOR), based on co-regulation of the *IDE*, *TLE1*, *SPRY2*, *CMIP*, and *MTMR3*
539 genes (44).

540 ***Overlap of associated variants with regulatory annotations.*** We observed significant
541 enrichment for T2D-associated credible set variants in pancreatic islet active enhancers
542 and/or promoters (log odds [β]=0.74, $p=4.2 \times 10^{-8}$) and FOXA2 binding sites ($\beta=1.40$,
543 $p=4.1 \times 10^{-7}$), as previously reported (**Supplementary Table 13**) (14). We also observed
544 enrichment for T2D-associated variants in coding exons ($\beta=1.56$, $p=7.9 \times 10^{-5}$), in EZH2-
545 binding sites across many tissues ($\beta=1.35$, $p=5.3 \times 10^{-6}$), and in binding sites for NKX2.2
546 ($\beta=1.73$, $p=4.1 \times 10^{-8}$) and PDX1 ($\beta=1.46$, $p=7.4 \times 10^{-6}$) in pancreatic islets (**Supplementary**
547 **Figure 10**).

548 Even though credible sets were generally larger, analyses performed on the 1000G imputed
549 results produced stronger evidence of enrichment than equivalent analyses restricted to SNVs
550 present in HapMap. This was most notably the case for variants within coding exons ($\beta=1.56$,
551 $p=7.9 \times 10^{-5}$ in 1000G compared to $\beta=0.68$, $p=0.62$ in HapMap), and likely reflects more
552 complete capture of the true causal variants in the more densely imputed credible sets. Single
553 lead SNVs overlapping an enriched annotation accounted for the majority of the total
554 posterior probability ($\pi_c > 0.5$) at seven loci. For example, the lead SNV (rs8056814) at
555 *BCAR1* ($\pi_c=0.57$) overlaps an islet enhancer (**Supplementary Figure 11A**), while the newly-
556 identified low-frequency signal at *TP53INP1* overlaps an islet promoter element
557 (rs117866713; $\pi_c=0.53$) (**Figure 2D**) (31).

558 We applied hierarchical clustering to the results of diabetes-related quantitative trait
559 associations for the set of T2D-associated loci from the present study, identifying three main

560 clusters of association signals with differing impact on quantitative traits (**Supplementary**
561 **Table 9**). The first, including *GIPR*, *C2CDC4A*, *CDKALI*, *GCK*, *TCF7L2*, *GLIS3*, *THADA*,
562 *IGF2BP2*, and *DGKB* involved loci with a primary impact on insulin secretion and
563 processing (26,29). The second cluster captured loci (including *PPARG*, *KLF14*, and *IRS1*)
564 disrupting insulin action. The third cluster, showing marked associations with BMI and lipid
565 levels, included *NRXN3*, *CMIP*, *APOE*, and *MC4R*, but not *FTO*, which clustered alone.

566 In regulatory enhancement analyses, we observed strong tissue-specific enrichment patterns
567 broadly consistent with the phenotypic characteristics of the physiologically-stratified locus
568 subsets. The cluster of loci disrupting insulin secretion showed the most marked enrichment
569 for pancreatic islet regulatory elements ($\beta=0.91$, $p=9.5\times 10^{-5}$). In contrast, the cluster of loci
570 implicated in insulin action was enriched for annotations from adipocytes ($\beta=1.3$, $p=2.7\times 10^{-11}$)
571 and monocytes ($\beta=1.4$, $p=1.4\times 10^{-12}$), and that characterised by associations with BMI and
572 lipids showed preferential enrichment for hepatic annotations ($\beta=1.15$, $p=5.8\times 10^{-4}$) (**Figure**
573 **3A-C**). For example, at the novel T2D-associated *CMIP* locus, previously associated with
574 adiposity and lipid levels (28,45), the lead SNV (rs2925979, $\pi_c=0.91$) overlaps an active
575 enhancer element in both liver and adipose tissue, among others (**Supplementary Figure**
576 **11B**).

577 **DISCUSSION**

578 In this large-scale study of T2D genetics, in which individual variants were assayed in up to
579 238,209 subjects, we identify 13 novel T2D-associated loci at genome-wide significance and
580 refine causal variant location for the 13 novel and 69 established T2D loci. We also provide
581 evidence for enrichment in regulatory elements at associated loci in tissues relevant for T2D,
582 and demonstrate tissue-specific enrichment in regulatory annotations when T2D loci were
583 stratified according to inferred physiological mechanism.

584 Together with loci reported in other recent publications (9), we calculate that the present
585 analysis brings the total number of independent T2D associations to 128 distinct signals at
586 113 loci (**Supplementary Table 3**). Lead SNVs at all 13 novel loci were common ($MAF >$
587 0.15) and of comparable effect size ($1.07 \leq OR \leq 1.10$) to previously-identified common variant
588 associations (2,4). Associations at the novel loci showed homogeneous effects across diverse
589 ethnicities, supporting the evidence for coincident common risk alleles across ancestry groups
590 (2). Moreover, we conclude that misclassification of diabetes subtype is not a major concern
591 for these analyses and that the *HLA-DQA1* signal represents genuine association with T2D,
592 independent of nearby signals that influence T1D.

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

607 The discovery of novel genome-wide significant association signals in the current analysis is
608 attributable primarily to increased sample size, rather than improved genomic coverage.

609 Although we queried a large proportion of the low-frequency variants present in the 1000G
610 European reference haplotypes, and had >80% power to detect genome-wide significant
611 associations with $OR > 1.8$ for the tested low-frequency risk variants, we found no such low-
612 frequency variant associations in either established or novel loci. Whilst low-frequency
613 variant coverage in the present study was not complete, this observation adds to the growing
614 evidence (2,4,9,46) that few low-frequency T2D-risk variants with moderate to strong effect
615 sizes exist in European ancestry samples, and is consistent with a primary role for common
616 variants of modest effect in T2D risk. The present study reinforces the conclusions from a
617 recent study which imputed from whole-genome sequencing data - from 2,657 European T2D
618 cases and controls, rather than 1000G - into a set of GWAS studies partially overlapping with
619 the present meta-analysis. We demonstrated that the failure to detect low frequency
620 associations in that study is not overcome by a substantial increase in sample size (9). It is
621 worth emphasising that we did not, in this study, have sufficient imputation quality to test for
622 T2D associations with rare variants and we cannot evaluate the collective contribution of
623 variants with $MAF < 0.5\%$ to T2D risk.

624 The development of T2D involves dysfunction of multiple mechanisms across several
625 distinct tissues (9,29,31,47,48). When coupled with functional data, we saw larger effect
626 estimates for enrichment of coding variants than observed with HapMap SNVs alone,
627 consistent with more complete recovery of the causal variants through imputation using a
628 denser reference panel. The functional annotation analyses also demonstrated that the
629 stratification of T2D-risk loci according to primary physiological mechanism resulted in
630 evidence for consistent and appropriate tissue-specific effects on transcriptional regulation.
631 These analyses exemplify the use of a combination of human physiology and genomic
632 annotation to position T2D GWAS loci with respect to the cardinal mechanistic components
633 of T2D development. Extension of this approach is likely to provide a valuable *in silico*

634 strategy to aid prioritisation of tissues for mechanistic characterisation of genetic
635 associations. Using the hypothesis-free pathway analysis of T2D associations with DEPICT
636 (32), we highlighted a causal role of mTOR signalling pathway in the aetiology of T2D not
637 observed from individual loci associations. The mTOR pathway has previously been
638 implicated in the link between obesity, insulin resistance, and T2D from cell and animal
639 models (44,49).

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

647 **DESCRIPTION OF SUPPLEMENTAL DATA**

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830 **FIGURE TITLES AND LEGENDS**

831 **Figure 1.** The effect sizes of the established (blue diamonds, $N=69$, $p<5\times 10^{-4}$,
832 **Supplementary Material**), novel (red diamonds, $N=13$), and additional distinct (sky blue
833 diamonds, $N=13$, **Supplementary Table 7**) signals according to their risk allele frequency
834 (**Supplementary Table 3**). The additional distinct signals are based on approximate
835 conditional analyses. The distinct signal at *TP53INP1* led by rs11786613 (**Supplementary**
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838 reported signal at this locus. The power curve shows the estimated effect size for which we
839 had 80% power to detect associations. Established common variants with $OR>1.12$ are
840 annotated.

841 **Figure 2.** A) The number of SNVs included in 99% credible sets when performed on all
842 SNVs compared to when analyses were restricted to those SNVs present in HapMap. B) The
843 cumulative π_c of the top 3 SNVs among all 1000G SNVs and after restriction to HapMap
844 SNVs is shown. While the low frequency SNV at *TP53INP1* (rs11786613) did not reach the
845 threshold for a distinct signal in approximate conditional analyses, we fine-mapped both this
846 variant and the previous common signal separately after reciprocal conditioning, which
847 suggested they were independent. C) The minor allele frequency of the lead SNV identified
848 in current analyses compared to that identified among SNVs present in HapMap. D) The
849 association of the low frequency variant rs11786613 (blue) and that of the previous lead
850 variant at this locus, rs7845219 (purple). The low frequency variant overlaps regulatory
851 annotations active in pancreatic islets, among other tissues, and the sequence surrounding the
852 A allele of this variant has a *in silico* recognition motif for a FOXA1:AR (androgen receptor)
853 protein complex.

854 **Figure 3.** Type 2 diabetes loci stratified by patterns of quantitative trait (e.g. glycaemic,
855 insulin, lipid, and anthropometric) effects show distinct cell-type annotation patterns. We
856 hierarchically clustered loci based on endophenotype data and identified groups of T2D loci
857 associated with measures of A) insulin secretion, B) insulin resistance, and C) BMI/lipids.
858 We then tested the effect of variants in cell-type enhancer and promoter chromatin states on
859 the posterior probabilities of credible sets for each group. We identified most significant
860 effects among pancreatic islet chromatin for insulin secretion loci, CD14+ monocyte and
861 adipose chromatin for insulin resistance loci, and liver chromatin for BMI/lipid loci.

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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						Stage1+Stage2		
	Chr:Position	SNV†	EA/NEA	EAF	OR (CI 95%)	P-value	Chr:Position	SNV‡	r ² with lead SNV	EA/NEA	EAF	OR (95% CI)	P-value	OR (95% CI)§	P-value
<i>ACSL1</i>	4:185708807	rs60780116	T/C	0.84	1.09 (1.06-1.13)	7.38x10 ⁻⁸	4:185714289	rs1996546	0.62	G/T	0.86	1.08 (1.03-1.13)	5.60x10 ⁻⁴	1.09 (1.06-1.12)	1.98x10 ⁻¹⁰
<i>HLA-DQA1</i>	6:32594309	rs9271774	C/A	0.74	1.10 (1.06-1.14)	3.30x10 ⁻⁷	6:32594328	rs9271775	0.91	T/C	0.80	1.08 (1.03-1.13)	7.59x10 ⁻⁴	1.09 (1.06-1.12)	1.11x10 ⁻⁹
<i>SLC35D3</i>	6:137287702	rs6918311	A/G	0.53	1.07 (1.04-1.10)	6.67x10 ⁻⁷	6:137299152	rs4407733	0.92	A/G	0.52	1.05 (1.02-1.08)	1.63x10 ⁻³	1.06 (1.04-1.08)	6.78x10 ⁻⁹
<i>MNX1</i>	7:157027753	rs1182436	C/T	0.80	1.08 (1.05-1.12)	8.30x10 ⁻⁷	7:157031407	rs1182397	0.92	G/T	0.85	1.06 (1.02-1.11)	4.38x10 ⁻³	1.08 (1.05-1.10)	1.71x10 ⁻⁸
<i>ABO</i>	9:136155000	rs635634	T/C	0.18	1.08 (1.05-1.12)	3.59x10 ⁻⁷	9:136154867	rs495828	0.83	T/G	0.20	1.06 (1.01-1.10)	1.23x10 ⁻²	1.08 (1.05-1.10)	2.30x10 ⁻⁸
<i>PLEKHAI</i>	10:124186714	rs2292626	C/T	0.50	1.09 (1.06-1.11)	1.75x10 ⁻¹²	10:124167512	rs2421016	0.99	C/T	0.50	1.05 (1.02-1.08)	2.30x10 ⁻³	1.07 (1.05-1.09)	1.51x10 ⁻¹³
<i>HSD17B12</i>	11:43877934	rs1061810	A/C	0.28	1.08 (1.05-1.11)	5.29x10 ⁻⁹	11:43876435	rs3736505	0.92	G/A	0.30	1.05 (1.01-1.08)	4.82x10 ⁻³	1.07 (1.05-1.09)	3.95x10 ⁻¹⁰
<i>MAP3K11</i>	11:65364385	rs111669836	A/T	0.25	1.07 (1.04-1.10)	7.43x10 ⁻⁷	11:65365171	rs11227234	1.00	T/G	0.24	1.05 (1.01-1.08)	8.77x10 ⁻³	1.06 (1.04-1.09)	4.12x10 ⁻⁸
<i>NRXN3</i>	14:79945162	rs10146997	G/A	0.21	1.07 (1.04-1.10)	4.59x10 ⁻⁶	14:79939993	rs17109256	0.98	A/G	0.21	1.07 (1.03-1.11)	1.27x10 ⁻⁴	1.07 (1.05-1.09)	2.27x10 ⁻⁹
<i>CMIP</i>	16:81534790	rs2925979	T/C	0.30	1.08 (1.05-1.10)	2.72x10 ⁻⁸	16:81534790	rs2925979	1.00	T/C	0.31	1.05 (1.02-1.08)	3.06x10 ⁻³	1.07 (1.04-1.09)	2.27x10 ⁻⁹
<i>ZZEF1</i>	17:4014384	rs7224685	T/G	0.30	1.07 (1.04-1.10)	2.00x10 ⁻⁷	17:3985864	rs8068804	0.95	A/G	0.31	1.07 (1.03-1.11)	4.11x10 ⁻⁴	1.07 (1.05-1.09)	3.23x10 ⁻¹⁰
<i>GLP2R</i>	17:9780387	rs78761021	G/A	0.34	1.07 (1.05-1.10)	5.49x10 ⁻⁸	17:9791375	rs17676067	0.87	C/T	0.31	1.03 (1.00-1.07)	3.54x10 ⁻²	1.06 (1.04-1.08)	3.04x10 ⁻⁸
<i>GIP</i>	17:46967038	rs79349575	A/T	0.51	1.07 (1.04-1.09)	2.61x10 ⁻⁷	17:47005193	rs15563	0.78	G/A	0.54	1.04 (1.01-1.07)	2.09x10 ⁻²	1.06 (1.03-1.08)	4.43x10 ⁻⁸

*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'UTR); ‡Stage 2: proxy SNV (r²>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. Abbreviations: Chr – chromosome, CI – confidence interval, EA - effect allele, EAF – effect allele frequency, OR – odds ratio, NEA – non-effect allele.

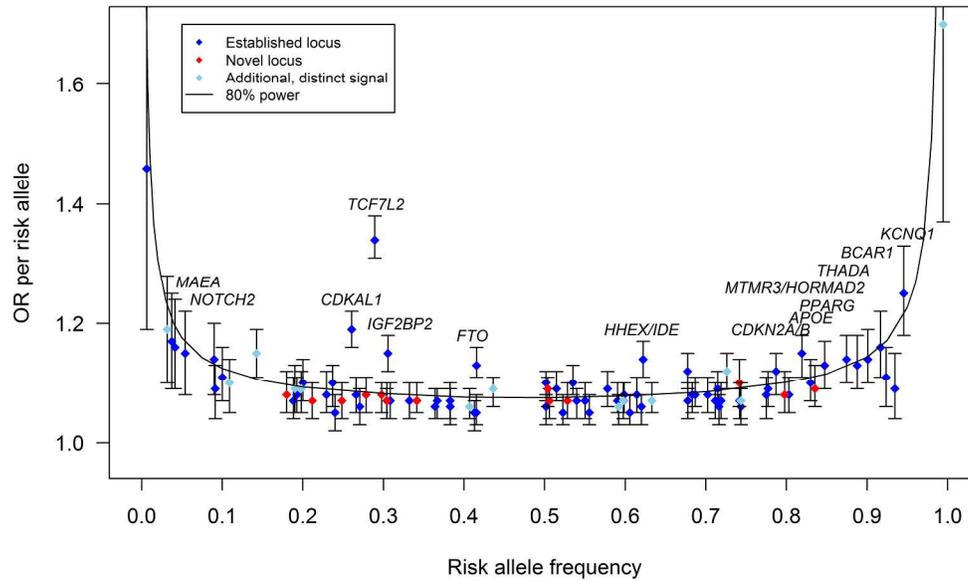


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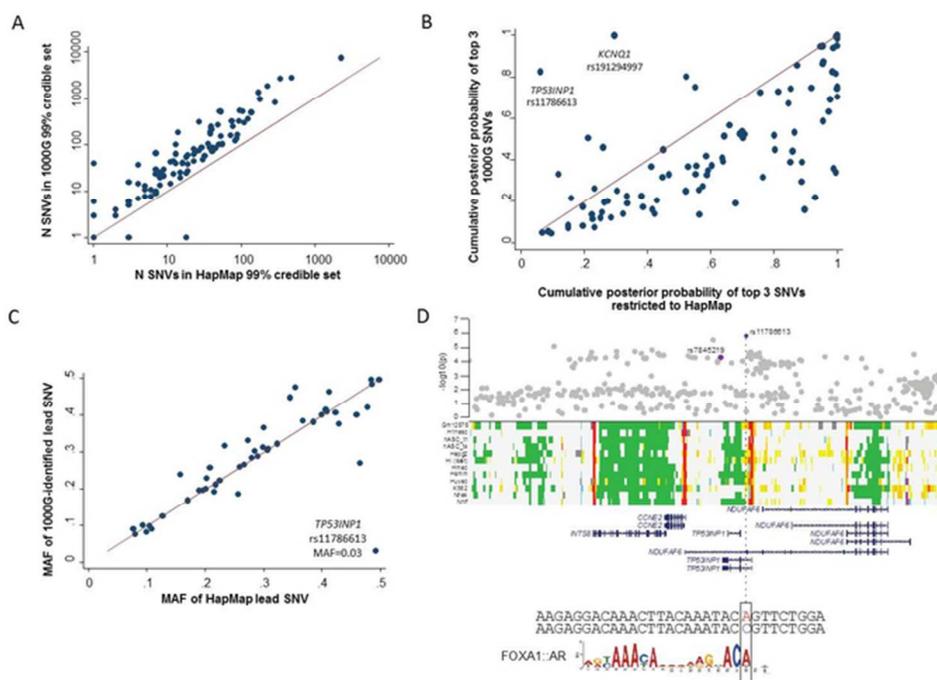


Figure 2. A) The number of SNVs included in 99% credible sets when performed on all SNVs compared to when analyses were restricted to those SNVs present in HapMap. B) The cumulative nc of the top 3 SNVs among all 1000G SNVs and after restriction to HapMap SNVs is shown. While the low frequency SNV at TP53INP1 (rs11786613) did not reach the threshold for a distinct signal in approximate conditional analyses, we fine-mapped both this variant and the previous common signal separately after reciprocal conditioning, which suggested they were independent. C) The minor allele frequency of the lead SNV identified in current analyses compared to that identified among SNVs present in HapMap. D) The association of the low frequency variant rs11786613 (blue) and that of the previous lead variant at this locus, rs7845219 (purple). The low frequency variant overlaps regulatory annotations active in pancreatic islets, among other tissues, and the sequence surrounding the A allele of this variant has a *in silico* recognition motif for a FOXA1:AR (androgen receptor) protein complex.

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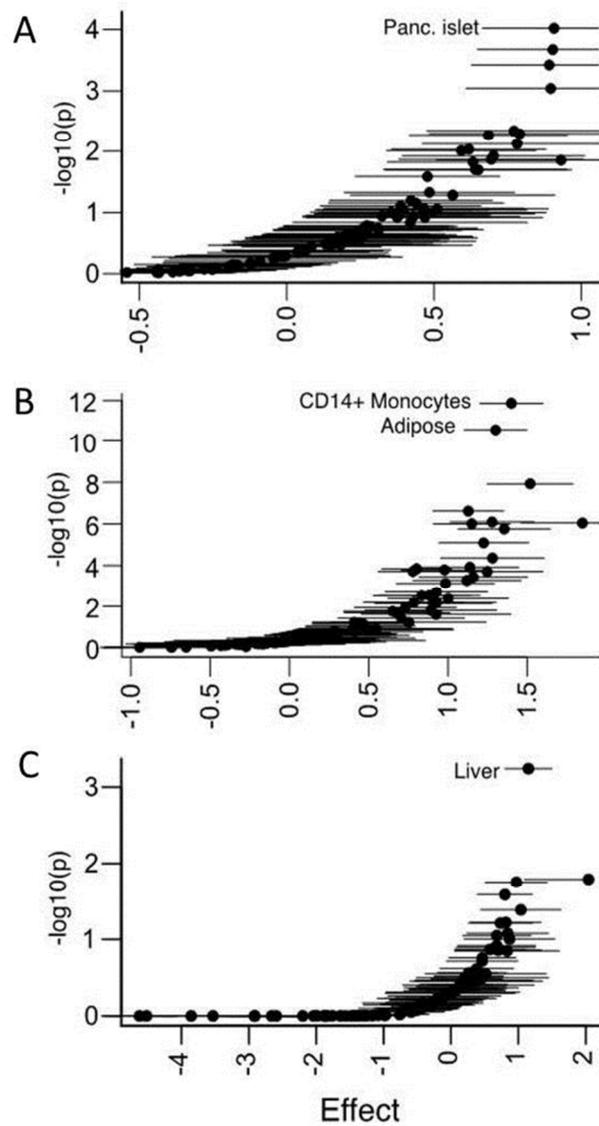


Figure 3. Type 2 diabetes loci stratified by patterns of quantitative trait (e.g. glycaemic, insulin, lipid, and anthropometric) effects show distinct patterns of tissue-specific epigenomic annotation. We hierarchically clustered loci based on endophenotype data and identified groups of T2D loci associated with measures of A) insulin secretion, B) insulin resistance, and C) BMI/lipids. We then looked for enrichment of credible set posterior probabilities for variants mapping to tissue-specific chromatin state annotations. We identified the most significant effects among pancreatic islet annotations for insulin secretion loci, CD14+ monocyte and adipose annotations for insulin resistance loci, and hepatic annotations for BMI/lipid loci.

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Research participants

The DIAGRAM stage 1 analyses comprised a total of 26,676 T2D cases and 132,532 control participants from 18 GWAS. The MetaboChip stage 2 follow up comprised 16 studies (D2D2007, DANISH, DIAGEN, DILGOM, DRsEXTRA, EMIL-Ulm, FUSION2, NHR, IMPROVE, InterACT-CMC, Leipzig, METSIM, HUNT/TROMSO, SCARFSHEEP, STR, Warren2/58BC) with MetaboChip data (1), in which the participants did not overlap those included in stage 1. Stage 1 study sizes ranged between 80 and 7,249 T2D cases and from 455 to 83,049 controls. The study characteristics are described in detail in **Supplementary Table 1**. The MetaboChip follow-up study sizes ranged from 101 and 3,553 T2D cases and from 586 to 6,603 controls. Details of MetaboChip replication cohorts have been described in detail previously (1,2). For SNVs not captured on MetaboChip directly or by proxy, we performed follow-up in 2,796 individuals with T2D and 4,601 controls from the EPIC-InterAct study (3). In addition, we used 9,747 T2D cases and 61,857 controls from the GERA study (4) to follow-up six low frequency variants not captured on MetaboChip. All study participants were of European ancestry and were from the United States and Europe. All studies were approved by local research ethic committees, and all participants gave written informed consent.

Overview of Study Design and Analysis Strategy

We performed inverse-variance weighted fixed-effect meta-analyses of 18 stage 1 GWAS (**Supplementary Table 1**). Following imputation to the 1000G multi-ethnic reference panel, each study performed T2D association analysis using logistic regression, adjusting for age, sex, and study-specific covariates, under an additive genetic model. Fifteen of the 18 studies repeated analyses also adjusting for body mass index (BMI). A total of 40 loci reached genome-wide significance ($p=5 \times 10^{-8}$) in the stage 1 meta-analysis, of which four mapped >500kb from previously-known T2D-associated loci, and were therefore considered likely to represent novel signals. At a lesser level of significance ($p < 10^{-5}$), we identified 48 additional putative novel signals. In stage 1, we identified fifty-two regions in which the most strongly associated SNP had a $p < 10^{-5}$, was greater than 500kb distant from the nearest known T2D associated variant and was in $r^2 < .02$ with all known T2D associated variants. Of the combined set of 52 putative novel signals, 46 featured a lead SNV with MAF >5%. From each of these 52 regions, we selected the most strongly-associated variant for follow-up in stage 2. As the stage 1 meta-analysis had exhausted most European-ancestry studies with available GWAS data, stage 2 was primarily based on 16 independent European-ancestry studies (2) genotyped on the MetaboChip custom array (5). Of the 52 putative lead variants from stage 1, 29 variants or their LD proxies ($r^2 \geq 0.6$) were present in MetaboChip. Specifically, four SNVs were themselves present on the MetaboChip, 20 were represented by a proxy ($r^2 > 0.8$) and an additional 5 by a proxy in lower linkage disequilibrium (LD) ($0.8 > r^2 > 0.6$) (**Table 1, Supplementary Table 6, Supplementary Figure 1A-C**). Novel loci were defined using the threshold for genome-wide significance in the combined stage 1 and stage 2 meta-analysis or in stage 1 alone, when no suitable proxy was available. The remaining 23 variants were followed-up in EPIC-InterAct study. We neither observed any additional signals attaining genome-wide significance threshold, nor detected any nominally significant effects in this follow-up stage alone. Six low-frequency variants were followed-up additionally in the GERA study (**Supplementary Table 6**).

Genotyping, imputation and quality control

Genotyping of individual stage 1 studies was carried out using commercial genome-wide single-nucleotide variant (SNV) arrays as detailed in **Supplementary Table 1**. We excluded samples and SNPs as described in **Supplementary Table 1**. We imputed autosomal and X chromosome SNVs using the all ancestries 1000 Genomes Project (1000G) reference panel (1,092 individuals from Africa, Asia, Europe, and the Americas, (March, 2012 release)) using miniMAC (6) or IMPUTE2 (7). EPIC-InterAct was genotyped on the Illumina HumanCoreExome chip and imputed using the 1000G reference panel (March, 2012 release). The imputation parameters are given in **Supplementary Table 1**. Insertion/deletion variants were not analysed due to the lower quality of their calls in the 1000G reference panel release used as compared to later panel releases. After imputation, from each study we removed monomorphic imputed variants or those with study-

specific imputation quality $r^2\text{-hat}<0.3$ (miniMAC) or $\text{proper-info}<0.4$ (IMPUTE2, SNPTEST). MetaboChip studies were imputed using with the same 1000G panel (1,2) as used in Stage 1.

To compare the variant imputation quality and distribution of minor allele frequency (MAF) for variants imputed using the 1000G March 2012 reference panel to those imputed using the HapMap2 reference panel European individuals, we also imputed into the WTCCC sample using HapMap2 reference panel European individuals. We independently binned the SNVs from the two imputation panels by allele frequency and computed the per-bin SNP number and the average proper_info score.

Statistical analyses

In stage 1, in each study we performed logistic regression association analysis of T2D with genotype dosage using an additive genetic model including as covariates age, sex and principal components derived from the genetic data to account for population stratification. We further applied genomic control (GC) correction to study-level association summary statistics to correct for residual population structure not accounted for by principal components adjustment. We combined the association results using inverse variance-weighted fixed effect meta-analysis using both GWAMA (8) and METAL (9), and observed identical results. The stage 1 meta-analysis had 11.7M autosomal and 260k chromosome X SNVs that 1) had a total minor allele count >5 and 2) were present in ≥ 3 studies. The lambda (GC) value was 1.08, while inflation estimates from LDscore regression (10) showed no evidence of population stratification suggesting lambda (GC)=1. We performed inverse variance weighted fixed-effects meta-analysis of the 16 stage 2 MetaboChip studies (lambda GC correction applied based on QT-interval variant set (1)) and the 18 stage 1 studies using GWAMA (8) and METAL (9) software. Heterogeneity was assessed using the I^2 index from the complete study-level meta-analysis. We combined stage 1 and stage 2 results by inverse variance-weighted fixed-effect meta-analysis.

We performed a secondary T2D association analysis by modelling body mass index (BMI) as covariate in 15 studies (not including DGDG, GoDARTS and WTCCC). The total sample size for this analysis was 21,440 T2D cases and 97,052 controls, ($N_{\text{eff}}=70,242$). The lambda (GC) was 1.05. Genetic effect sizes (beta coefficients) estimated from models with and without BMI adjustments were compared using a matched analysis within the same subset of 15 studies: $\frac{(\beta_{\text{noBMI}} - \beta_{\text{BMI}})}{\sqrt{SE(\beta_{\text{noBMI}})^2 + SE(\beta_{\text{BMI}})^2 - 2\rho \times SE(\beta_{\text{noBMI}}) \times SE(\beta_{\text{BMI}})}}$, where β_{BMI} and β_{noBMI} are the estimated genetic effect from models with and without BMI adjustment, $SE(\beta)$ is the estimated standard error of the estimates, and ρ is the estimated correlation between β_{BMI} and β_{noBMI} obtained from all genetic variants ($\rho=0.90$).

Comparison between HapMap and 1000G reference variant sets

We made LocusZoom(11) regional plots of the Stage 1 meta-analysis results indexed by lead SNV for the 13 novel loci, and estimated LD using the EUR 1000G March 2012 variant set (**Supplementary Figure 2**). We also made regional plots indexed by the lead 1000G SNV, but otherwise only including SNVs present in the previous HapMap2-imputed analyses(1,12).

Power calculations

We performed power calculations¹⁰ over a range of odds ratios (ORs), using the corresponding genotype relative risk (GRR) in the power calculation, to (i) determine the effect size that would yield 80% power based on a grid search and (ii) to provide power estimates for pre-specified ORs, for specified risk allele frequency (RAF). The RAF is defined as the frequency of the allele that increases T2D risk in the stage 1 meta-analysis. We determined power as a function of the GRR, RAF, $\alpha=5 \times 10^{-8}$, and the average weighted effective case sample size, assuming a 1:1 ratio of cases and controls. For each variant, we defined weighted effective case sample size as the product of the variant-specific effective case sample size and the average variant-specific imputation quality (based on r^2 hat or info measures available from each included study). To calculate the average weighted effective case sample size, for each RAF we selected the 10,000 stage 1 meta-analysis variants with RAF closest to the target RAF (taking equal proportions of variants above and below the RAF), and took the average of the 10,000 weighted effective case sample sizes.

Approximate conditional analysis with GCTA

To identify if multiple statistically independent signals were present in known and novel T2D associated regions, we performed approximate conditional analysis in the stage 1 sample using GCTA (v1.24) (13). Among 70 established T2D-associated and 13 novel loci ($p < 5 \times 10^{-4}$), we analysed SNVs in the 1Mb-window around each lead variant, conditioning on the lead SNV at each locus. We ran the GCTA analysis using three separate genotype reference panels for estimation of LD between variants (14): UK10K project (N=3,621), Genetics of Diabetes Audit and Research in Tayside Scotland (GoDARTS (15)) study (3,298 T2D cases and 3,708 controls) and Prospective Investigation of the Vasculature in Uppsala Seniors (PIVUS (16)) study (n=949). We considered loci as containing distinct signals (in the initial and further rounds of analysis) if a SNV reached locus-wide significance after accounting for region-specific multiple testing ($p < 10^{-5}$) in all three reference panels. Where we observed distinct signals, we then conditioned on the original lead SNV, and the newly observed distinct SNV(s) to detect further signals, until no additional signal was identified at $p < 10^{-5}$. We identified six regions with more than one independent signal (18 distinct signals). In each region with multiple signals, for each independent variant we conditioned on all other independent variants in the region and used these results were used for finemapping (below). At *KCNQ1*, we performed conditioning using GCTA model selection which better handles the large number of independent signals (using the UK10K reference panel).

Finemapping analyses using credible set mapping

The goal of finemapping was to identify sets of 99% credible causal variants for the lead independent variants at known and novel loci. We used credible set fine-mapping (17) within 95 distinct signals (at 82 loci) with T2D-association signals $p < 5 \times 10^{-4}$ in the present stage 1 to investigate whether 1000G-imputation allowed us to better resolve the specific variants driving these associations (**Supplementary Tables 3 and 9**). We included in the credible set analysis all signals where the lead independent SNV reached $p < 5 \times 10^{-4}$ in the stage 1 meta-analysis, as SNVs with weak association, mostly those identified in non-European GWASs, generally yield very large credible SNP sets. In regions with multiple independent variants, we used the signal remaining following approximate conditional analysis on all other independent variants in the region (see above). To define the locus boundaries, for each lead SNV we identified the outermost variants from the set of variants in $r^2 \geq .2$ with the lead SNV and added an additional flanking region of .02 cM to each side. To perform credible set mapping, the T2D stage 1 meta-analysis results were converted to Bayes' factors (BF) for each variant within the variant/locus boundary (17). The posterior probability that SNV_j was causal was defined by:

$$\varphi_j = \frac{BF_j}{\sum_k BF_k}$$

where, BF_j denotes the BF for the jth SNV, and the denominator is the sum of all included BFs. A 99% credible set of variants was created by ranking the posterior probabilities from highest to lowest and summing them until the cumulative posterior probability exceeded 0.99. To estimate the credible set sizes we would have observed with HapMap imputation-based meta-analysis results, we recomputed the posterior probabilities after first restricting to variants observed in previous HapMap-imputed analyses.

T1D/T2D discrimination analysis

Given the overlap between loci previously associated with T1D and the newly associated T2D loci, we used an inverse variance weighted Mendelian randomisation approach (18) to test whether this was likely to reflect misclassification of T1D cases as individuals with T2D in the current study. Briefly, using 50 SNVs associated with T1D at genome-wide significance (19), we tested the association of genetic predisposition to T1D with T2D in the present analysis. If some proportion of T2D cases in the current study actually are T1D, we would expect that the T1D risk variants to consistently predict T2D risk. We performed analysis with and without the lead SNVs showing associations with both T1D and T2D ($p < 0.05$ for T2D).

Expression quantitative trait loci (eQTL) analysis

Lead SNVs at all 13 novel loci mapped to non-coding sequence, leaving uncertain the identities of the effector transcripts through which the T2D-risk effects are mediated. To highlight potential effectors, we first considered RNA expression data, focusing on data from pancreatic islets, adipose, muscle, liver, and whole blood, and seeking coincidence ($r^2 > 0.8$) between the lead T2D-associated SNVs and drivers of regional cis-eQTLs ($p < 5 \times 10^{-6}$) (**Supplementary Table 10**). To look for potential biological overlap of T2D lead variants and eQTL variants, we extracted the lead (most significantly associated) eQTL for each tested gene from existing datasets for pancreatic islets (20), skeletal muscle (21,22), adipose tissue (22–26), liver (22,24,27–30) and whole blood (which has the largest sample size of available eQTL studies) (22,23,26,31–47). Additional eQTL data was integrated from online sources including ScanDB (<http://www.scandb.org/newinterface/about.html>), the Broad Institute GTEx Portal (<http://www.gtexportal.org/home/>), and the Pritchard Lab (eqtl.uchicago.edu). Additional liver eQTL data was downloaded from ScanDB and cis-eQTLs were limited to those with $p < 10^{-6}$. We considered that a lead T2D SNV showed potential evidence of influencing gene expression if it was in high LD ($r^2 > 0.8$) with the lead eQTL SNP, and if the lead eQTL SNP had $p < 5 \times 10^{-6}$.

Hierarchical clustering of T2D-related metabolic phenotypes

Starting with the T2D associated SNV variants in the finemapping set, we identified sets of variants with similar patterns of T2D related quantitative trait association. For the T2D associated SNVs, we obtained T2D-related quantitative trait z scores from published HapMap-based GWAS meta-analysis for: fasting glucose (FG (48)), fasting insulin adjusted for BMI (FIadjBMI (48)), homeostasis model assessment for beta-cell function (HOMA-B (48)), homeostasis model assessment for insulin resistance (HOMA-IR (48)), 2-h glucose adjusted for BMI (2hGluadjBMI (49)), proinsulin (PR (50)), corrected insulin response (CIR (51)), body mass index (52), high density lipoprotein (HDL-C), low density lipoprotein (LDL-C), total cholesterol (TC), triglycerides (TG), all from the Global Lipids Genetics Consortium (53). When the result for a SNV was not available, we used the results from the variant in highest r^2 ($r^2 > 0.6$). We coded the z-scores such that a positive sign indicated that the trait value was higher for the T2D risk allele, a negative sign that the trait value was lower for the T2D risk allele. We performed complete linkage hierarchical clustering and used the Euclidian distance dissimilarity measure $L^2 = 15\%$ as a threshold to define the loci clusters. We tested the validity of groups through multi-scale bootstrap resampling with 50,000 bootstrap replicates, as described previously (54). All distances, clustering analyses and statistical calculations were done using *stats*, *gplots*, *pvclust*, *fpc* and *vegan* packages in the R programming language (R Core Team (2013) R: A language and environment for statistical computing. R Foundation for Statistical Computing, Vienna, Austria. URL <http://www.R-project.org/>).

Functional annotation and enrichment analysis

We tested for enrichment of genomic and epigenomic annotations obtained from two sources. First, we obtained chromatin states for 93 cell types (after excluding cancer cell lines) from the NIH Epigenome Roadmap project. For each cell type, we collapsed active enhancer (EnhA) and promoter (TssA) states into one annotation for that cell type. Secondly, we obtained binding sites for 165 transcription factors (TF) from ENCODE (55) and Pasquali et al. (56). We first sought to extend these analyses to the denser variant coverage and expanded number of GWAS signals in the present meta-analysis (**Supplementary Table 9**). Across credible sets for the 95 distinct signals with $p < 5 \times 10^{-4}$ in the present stage 1 European analysis (**Supplementary Tables 3 and 9**), we used a fractional logistic regression model to compare a binary indicator of variants overlapping a total of 261 functional annotations to the posterior probabilities for association derived from the fine-mapping analysis (π_c) (**Supplementary Table 12**). For each TF, we collapsed all binding sites into one annotation. We then tested for the effect of variants with each cell type and TF annotation on the variant posterior probabilities (π_c) using all variants in the 95 credible regions (ie 100% credible sets). We used a generalized linear model where the dependent variable is π_c value for each variant and the predictor variable is a binary indicator of overlap of the variant and the annotation, a (1 if yes, 0 if no). We included several additional binary indicators for generic gene-based annotations in the

model for each annotation - 3UTR (u), 5UTR (v), coding exon (c), and within 1kb upstream of GENCODE Tss (t) - as well as a categorical variable for locus membership (l).

$$\log\left(\frac{\pi_c}{1-\pi_c}\right) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 a + \beta_2 u + \beta_3 v + \beta_4 c + \beta_5 t + \beta_6 l, \quad \pi_c \sim \text{Binomial}$$

For each annotation, we obtained the estimated effect size and standard error from this model. We then re-calculated the standard error using the sandwich variance estimator (R package sandwich). We calculated a z-score by dividing the effect size by the re-estimated standard error, and calculated a two-sided p-value from the z-score. We also applied this model to the three subsets of loci visually identified from the hierarchical clustering as having similar T2D-related trait association patterns. In each analysis, we considered an annotation significant if it reached a Bonferroni-corrected p-value threshold of 2×10^{-4} (.05/256 annotations).

Pathway analyses with DEPICT

We used the Data-driven Expression Prioritized Integration for Complex Traits (DEPICT) tool (57) to i) prioritize genes that may represent promising candidates for T2D pathophysiology, and (ii) 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 (LD-pruning parameters: $r^2 < 0.05$ in the 1000 Genomes project phase 1 reference panel including 268 unrelated individuals from CEU, GBR and TSI populations; release date 2011-05-21; physical distance threshold=500kb) selected from the set including stage1 meta-analysis SNVs with $p < 10^{-5}$ and lead variants at established loci. We then used the DEPICT method (57) to construct associated regions by mapping genes to independently associated SNVs, if they overlapped or resided within LD window ($r^2 > 0.5$) with the independently associated SNV. Variants within the major histocompatibility complex region (chromosome 6, base pairs 25,000,000 through 35,000,000) were excluded. This gave 206 independent regions covering 328 genes for the analysis with DEPICT. 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 FDR estimation. For each significantly enriched reconstituted gene set, we plotted the five genes that most strongly mapped to the given gene sets and resided within an associated T2D locus. The mapping strength between a gene and a reconstituted gene set was denoted by a Z-score shown in parenthesis after the gene identifier in **Supplementary Table 10**. After the gene set enrichment analysis, we omitted reconstituted gene sets for which genes in the original gene set were not nominally enriched (Wilcoxon rank-sum test). By design, genes in the original gene set are expected to be enriched in the reconstituted gene set; lack of enrichment complicates interpretation of the reconstituted gene set because the label of the reconstituted gene set will be inaccurate. Using this procedure the “Megacephaly” reconstituted gene set was removed from the results. To visualize the 20 reconstituted gene sets with $p < 10^{-5}$ in Cytoscape (58) (**Supplementary Figure 10**), we estimated their overlap by computing the pairwise Pearson correlation coefficient r between each pair of gene sets followed by discretization into one of three bins; $0.3 \leq \rho < 0.5$ as low overlap, $0.5 \leq \rho < 0.7$ as medium overlap, and $\rho \geq 0.7$ as high overlap.

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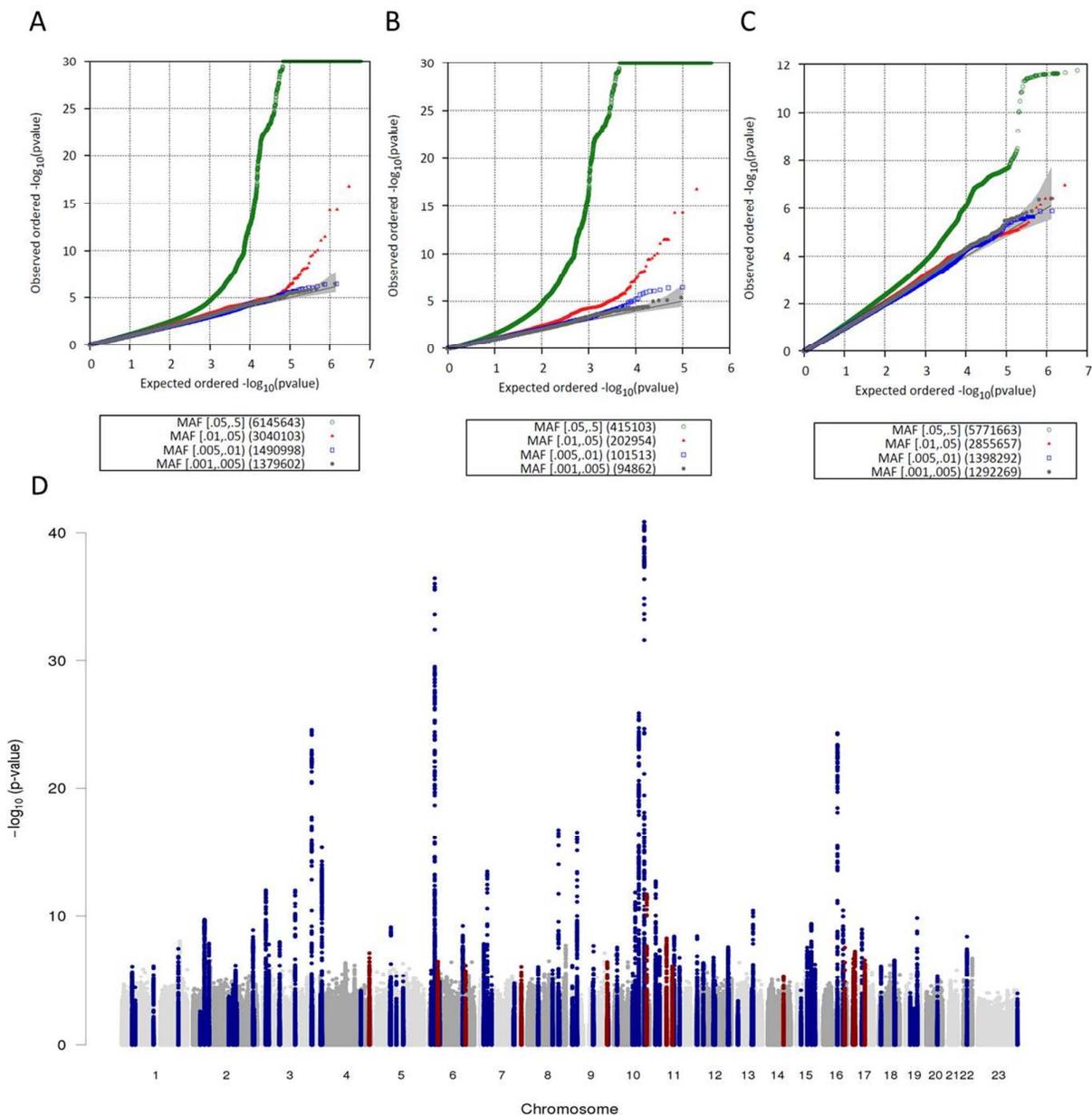
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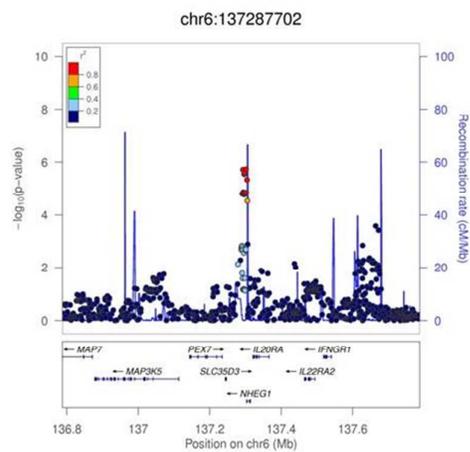
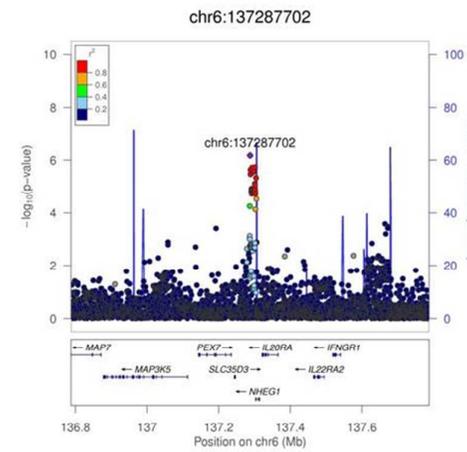
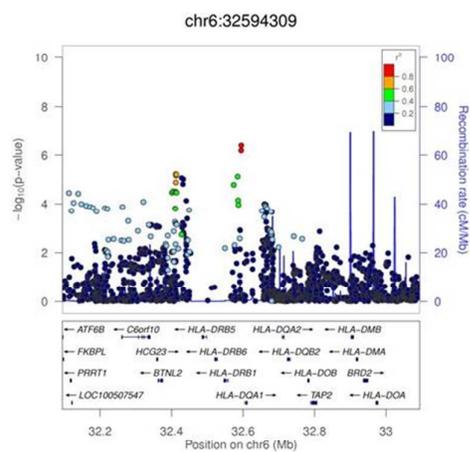
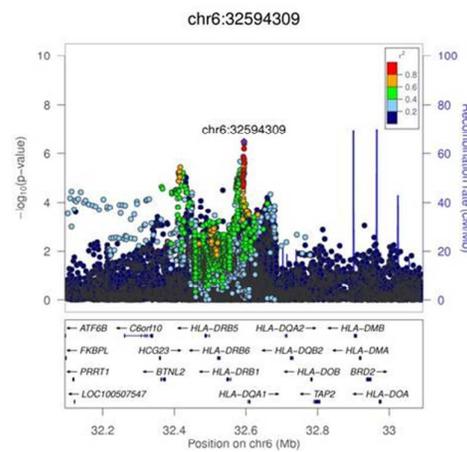
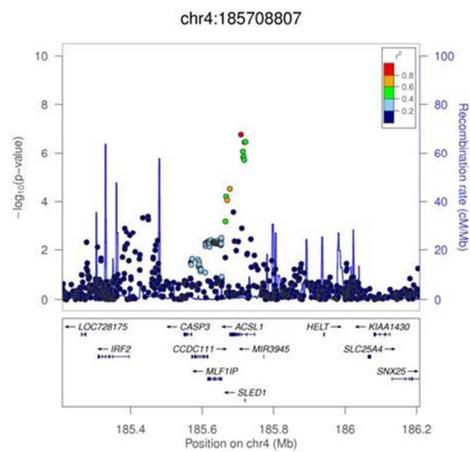
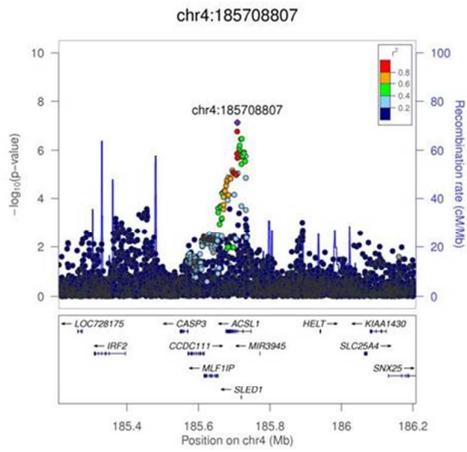
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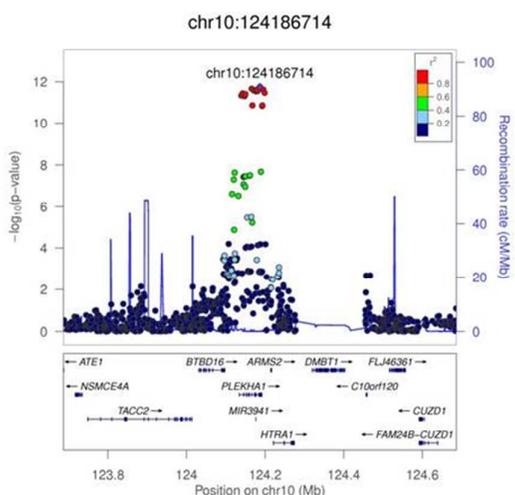
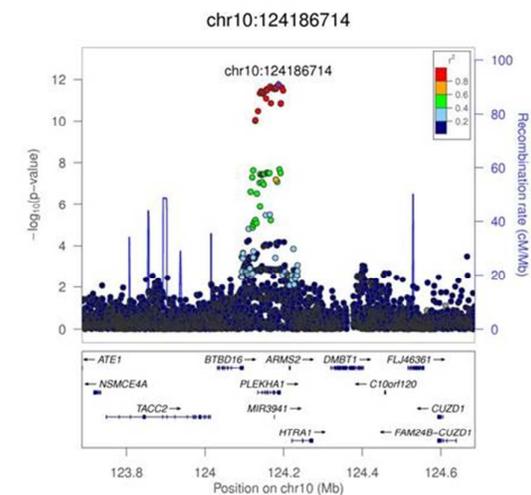
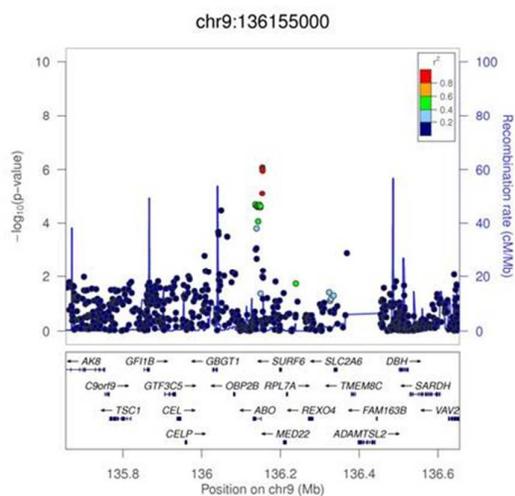
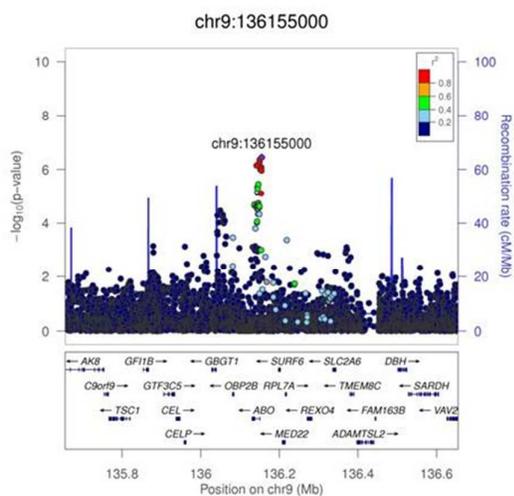
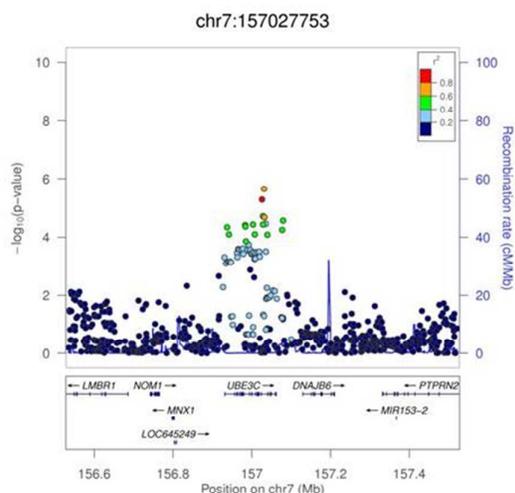
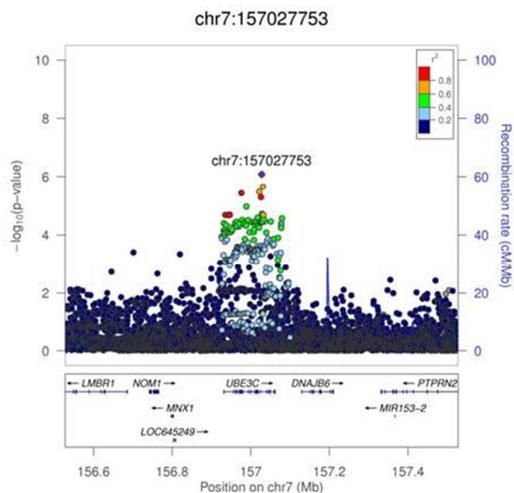
**Supplementary Figure 1. QQ- and Manhattan plots of the discovery association meta-analysis results.**

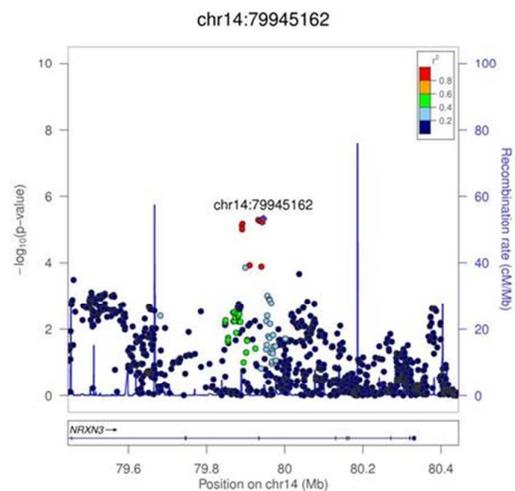
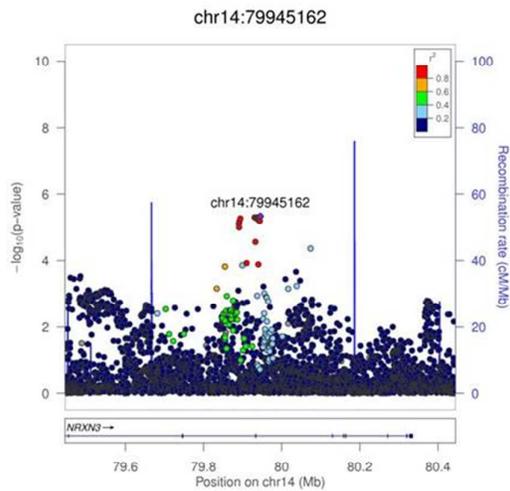
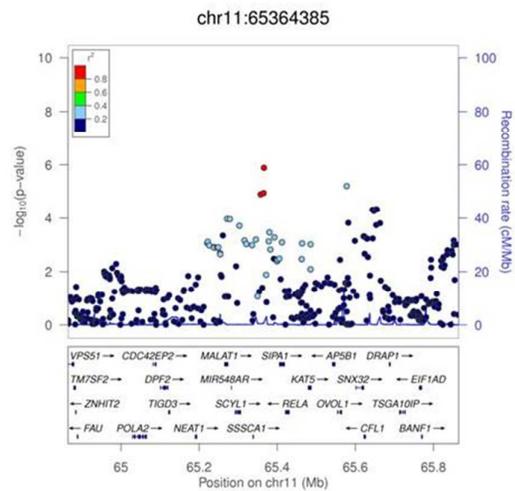
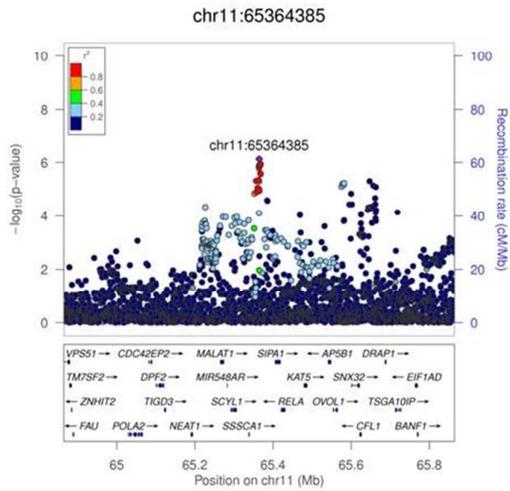
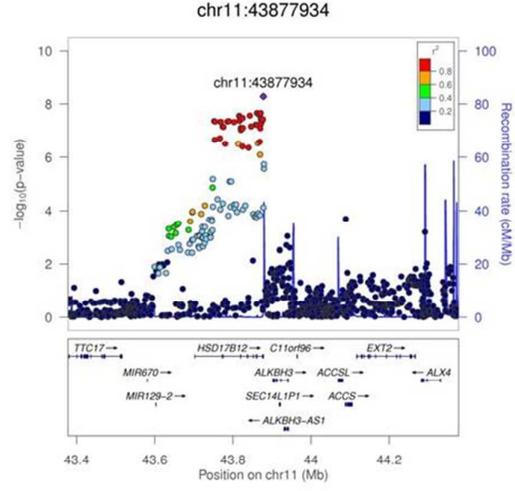
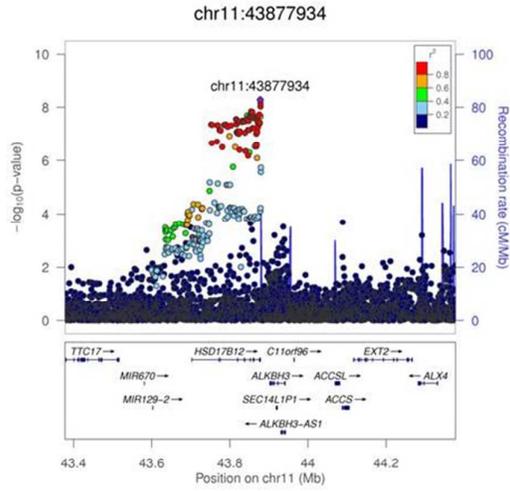
A) QQ-plot of all the signals. B) QQ-plot of previously established signals. C) QQ-plot of novel signals. D) Manhattan plot. Signals of association reaching genome-wide significance for the first time in the present study ($p < 5 \times 10^{-8}$) are colored in red; blue dots represent previously established loci (**Supplementary Table 3**). The Y-axis was trimmed at $-\log_{10}(\text{p-value}) = 40$ for easier visualisation; the *TCF7L2* association signal ($p = 1.35 \times 10^{-81}$) falls far beyond this range (**Supplementary Table 3**).

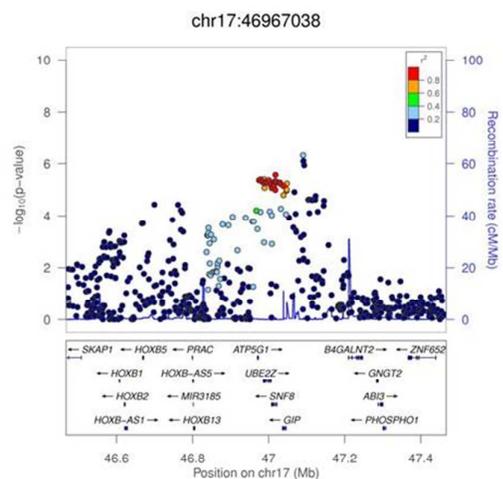
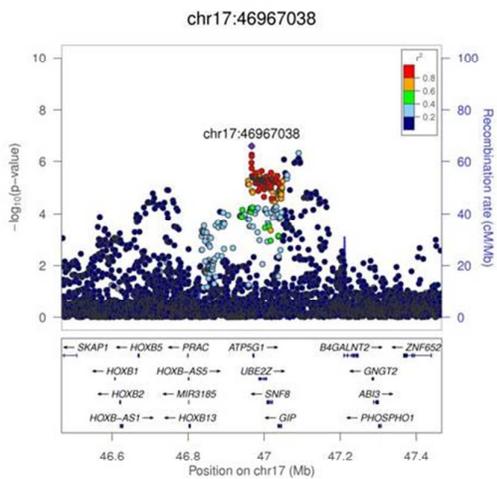
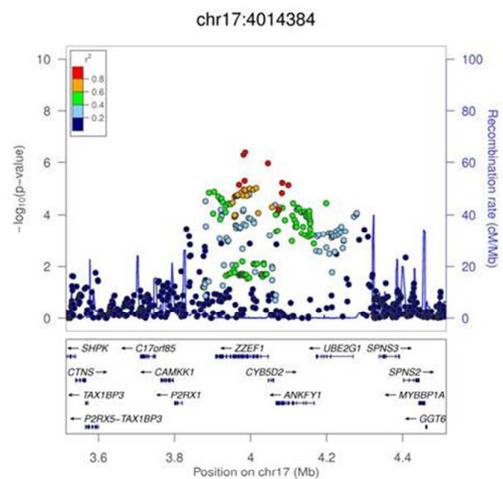
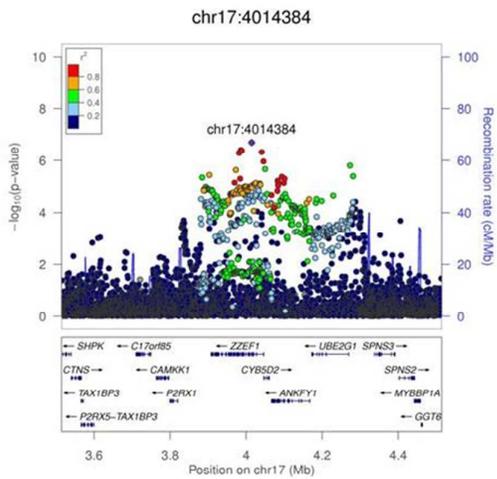
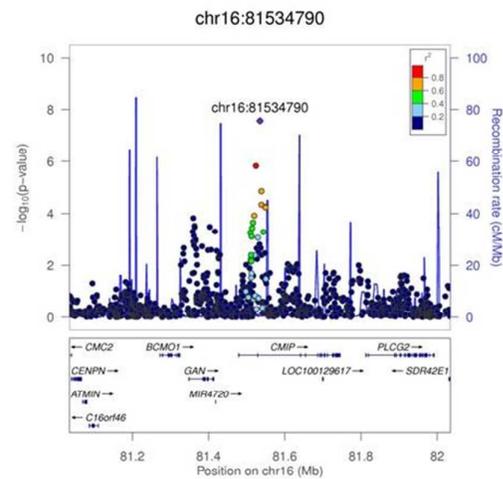
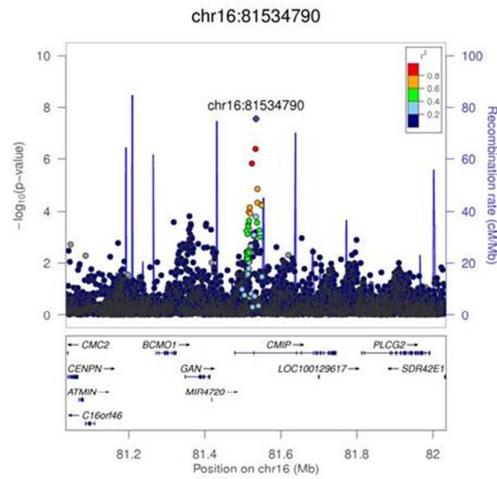
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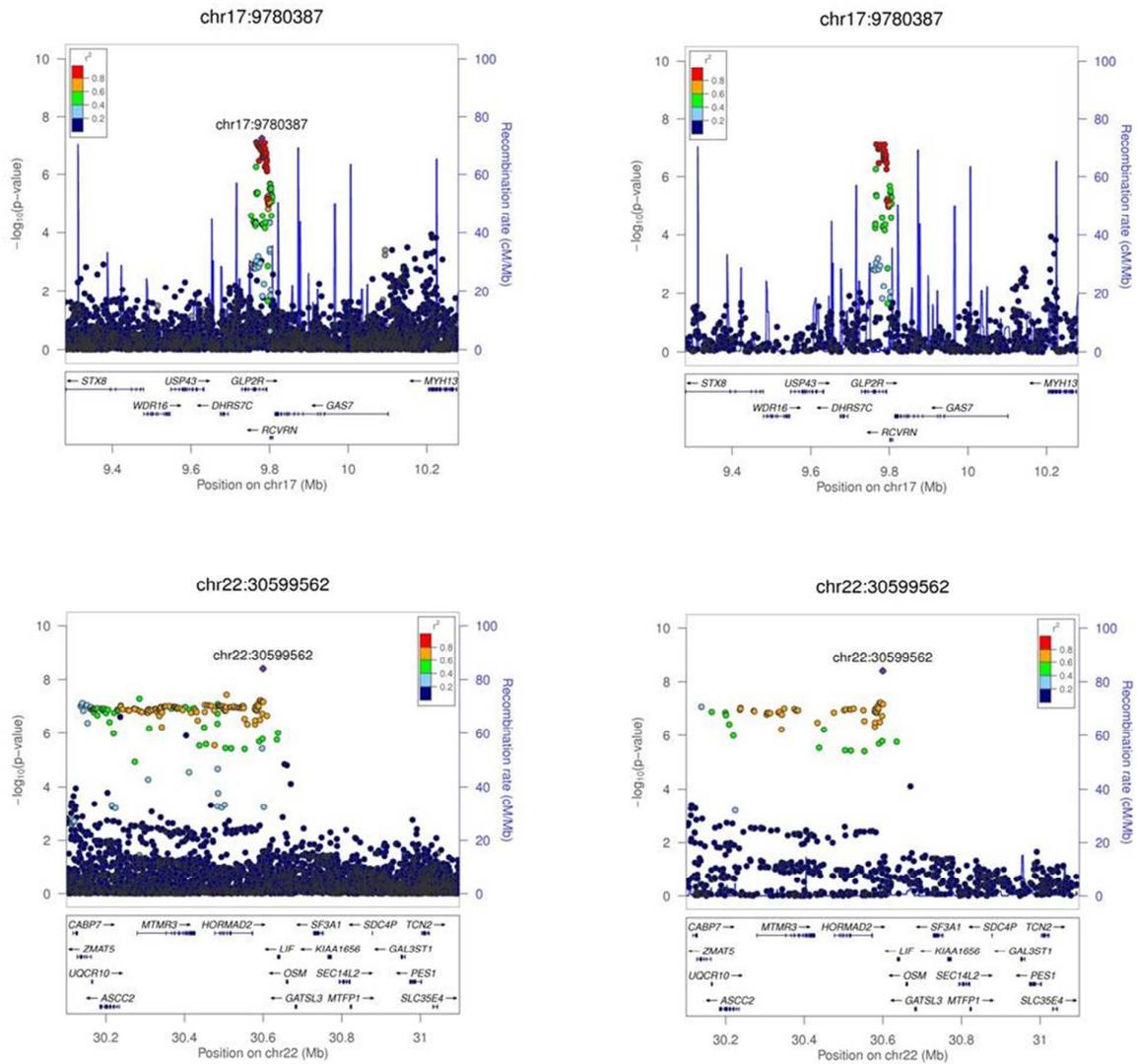
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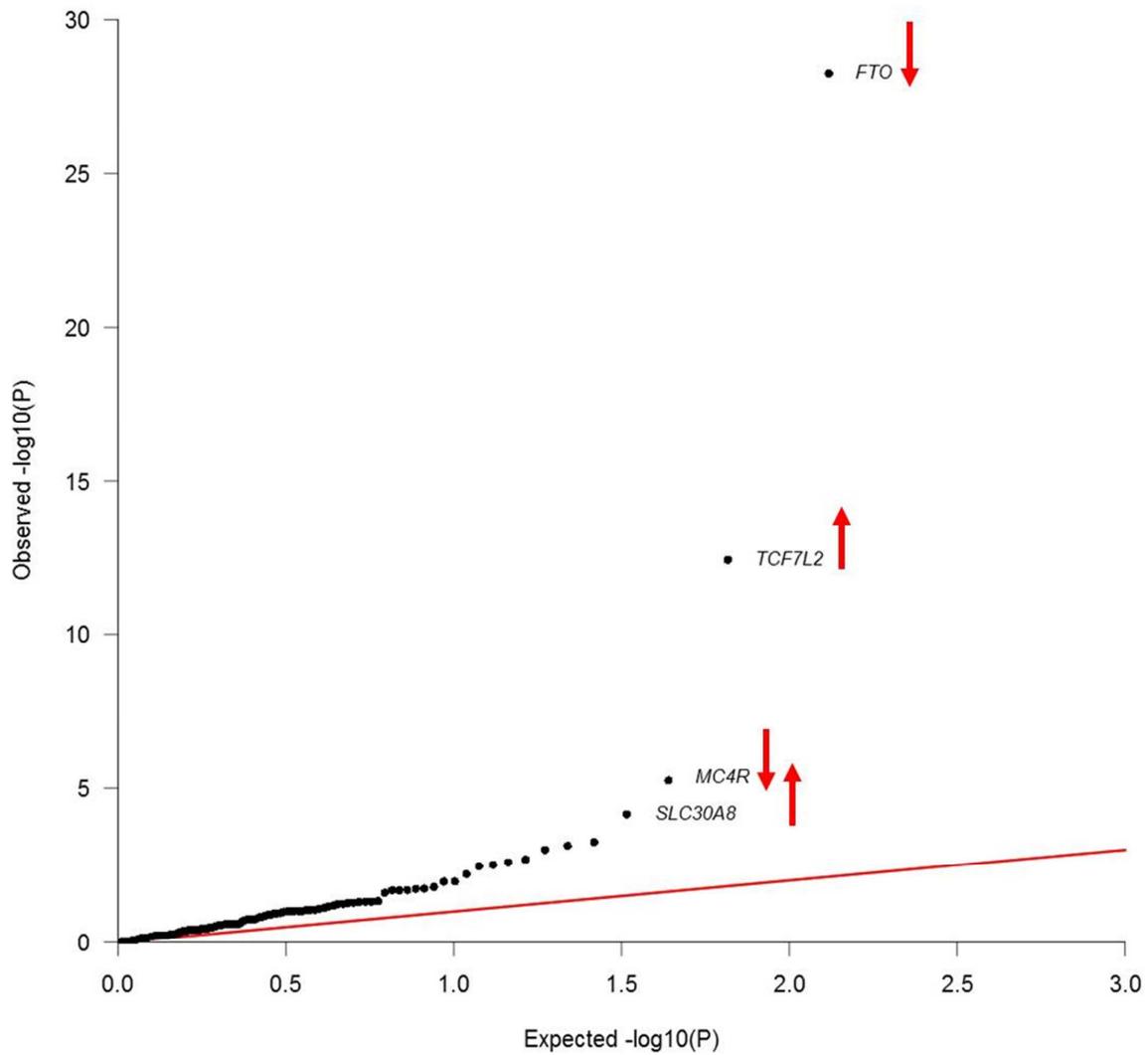






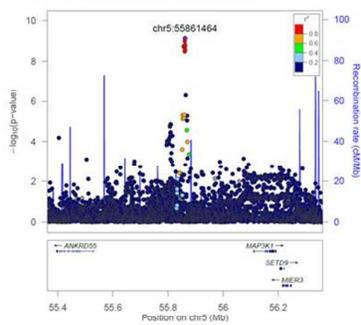


Supplementary Figure 2. Regional plots for the thirteen novel T2D loci. In the left panel, the plot is based using all 1000 Genomes March 2012 multi-ethnic SNV set, whereas in the right panel the plot is restricted to SNVs present in HapMap CEU reference set.

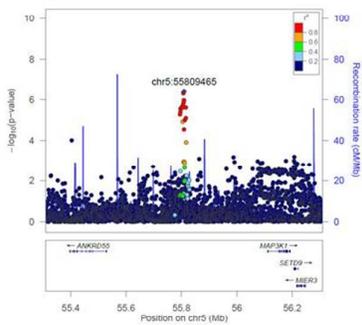


Supplementary Figure 3. QQ-plot of the expected vs. observed P-values for heterogeneity between BMI-adjusted and unadjusted association analysis models for established and novel T2D loci. The *FTO*, *TCF7L2*, *MC4R* and *SLC30A8* loci show large differences between models ($p_{\text{heterogeneity}}=5.70 \times 10^{-29}$, 3.51×10^{-13} , 5.54×10^{-6} and 6.94×10^{-5} , respectively).

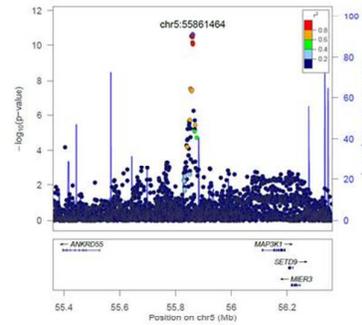
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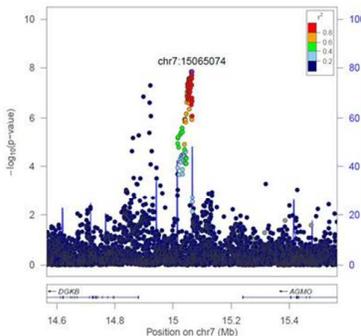
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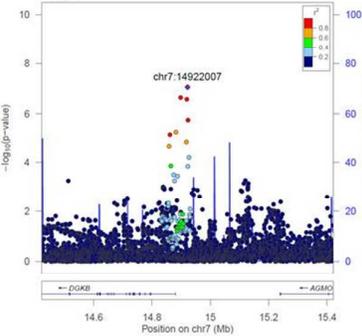
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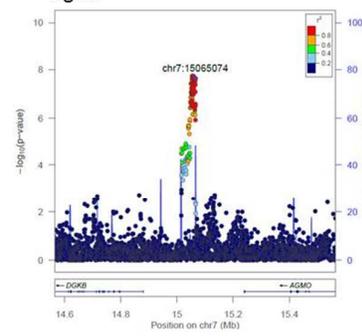
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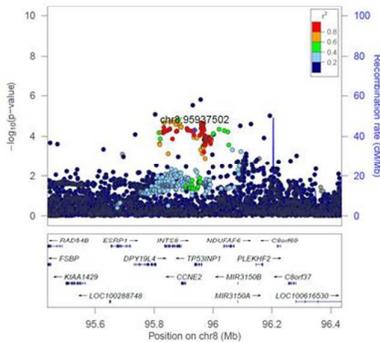
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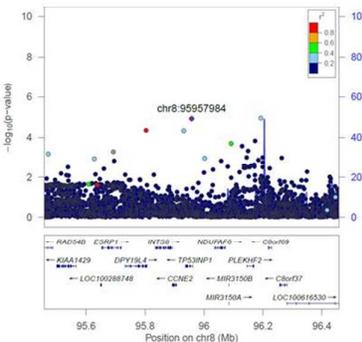
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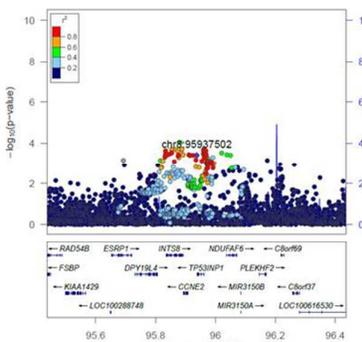
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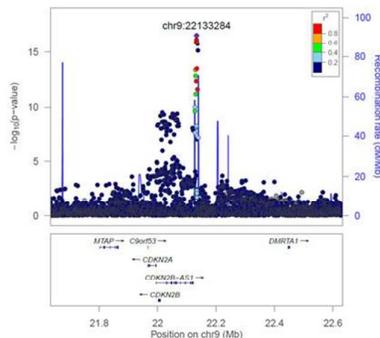
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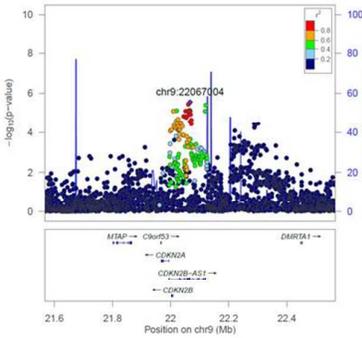
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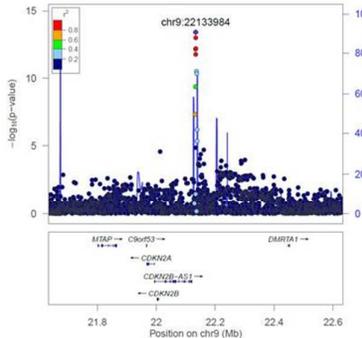
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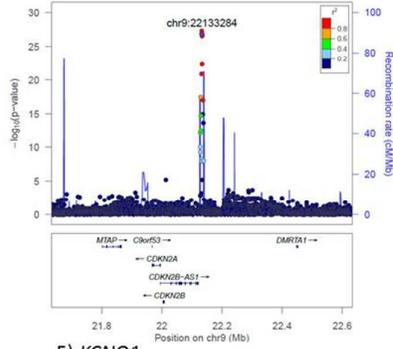
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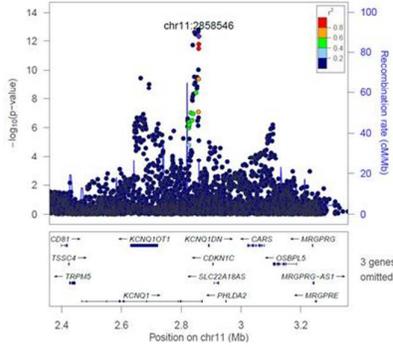
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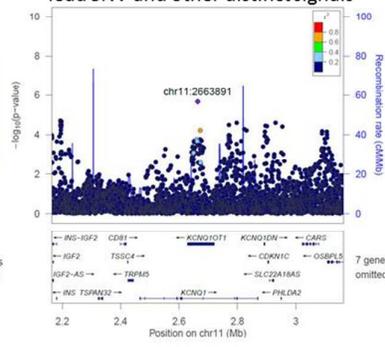
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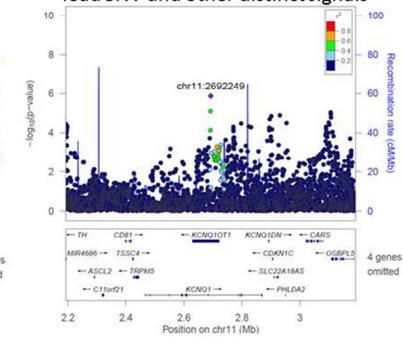
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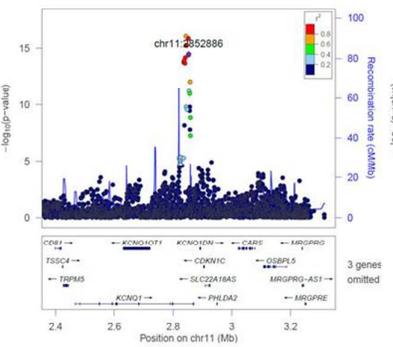
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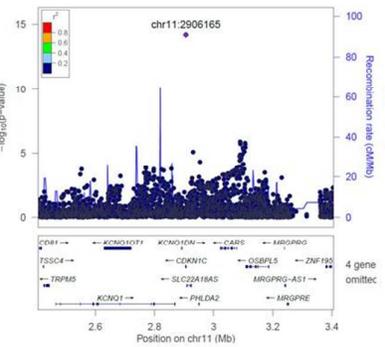
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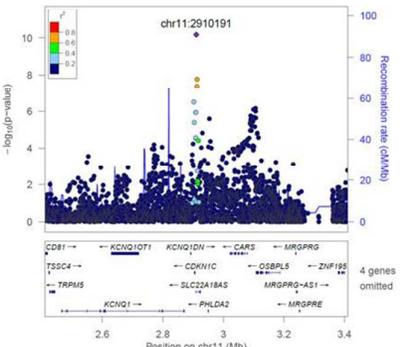
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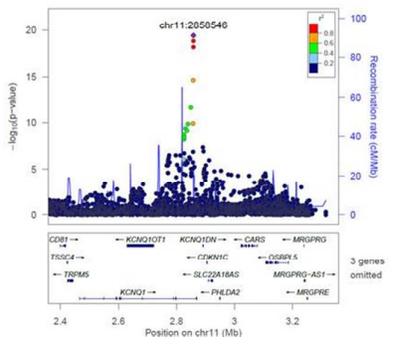
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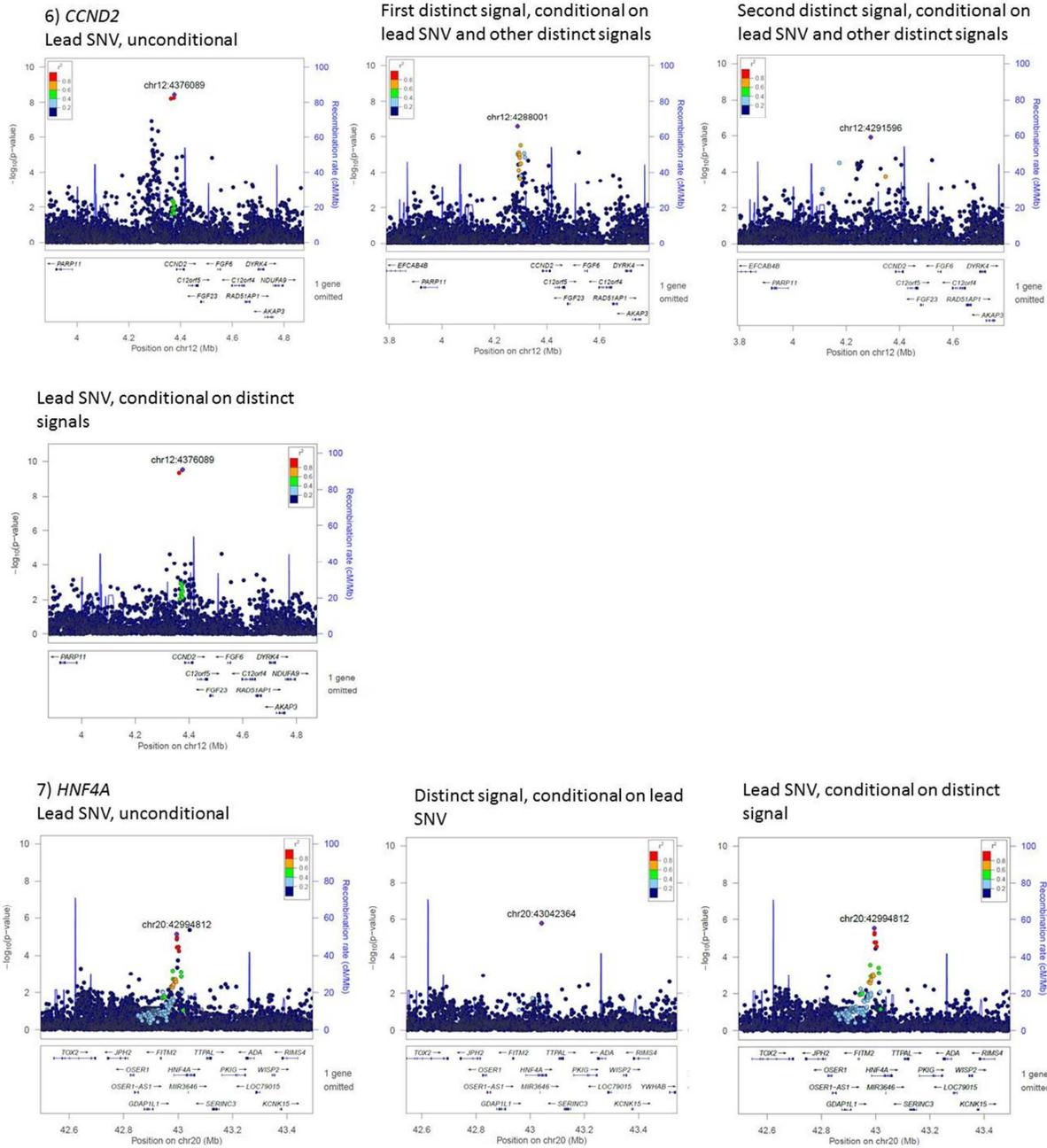


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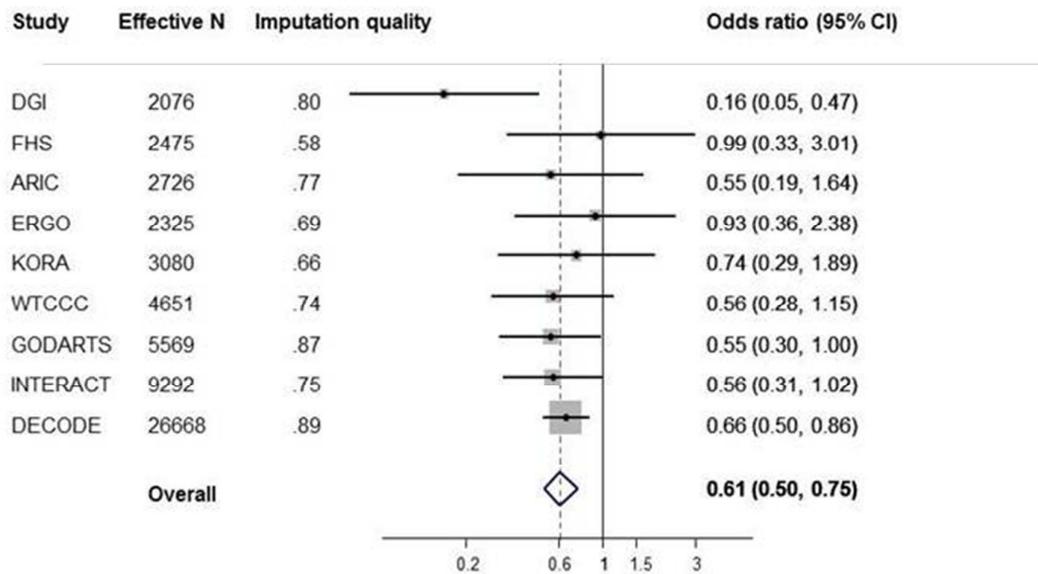
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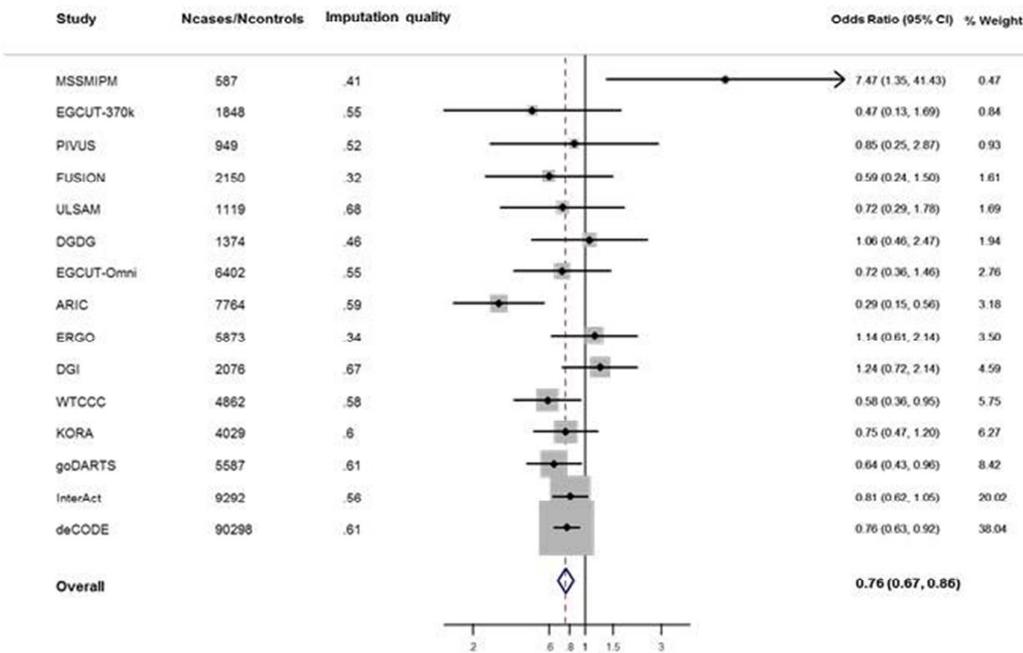


Supplementary Figure 4. Regional plots for T2D loci showing additional distinct signals ($p < 10^{-5}$) in the approximate conditional analysis. First, unconditional analysis results are shown, followed by results conditioned on the lead SNV and other distinct signals. In the last plot for each locus the results for lead SNV conditional on the distinct signal(s) are shown.

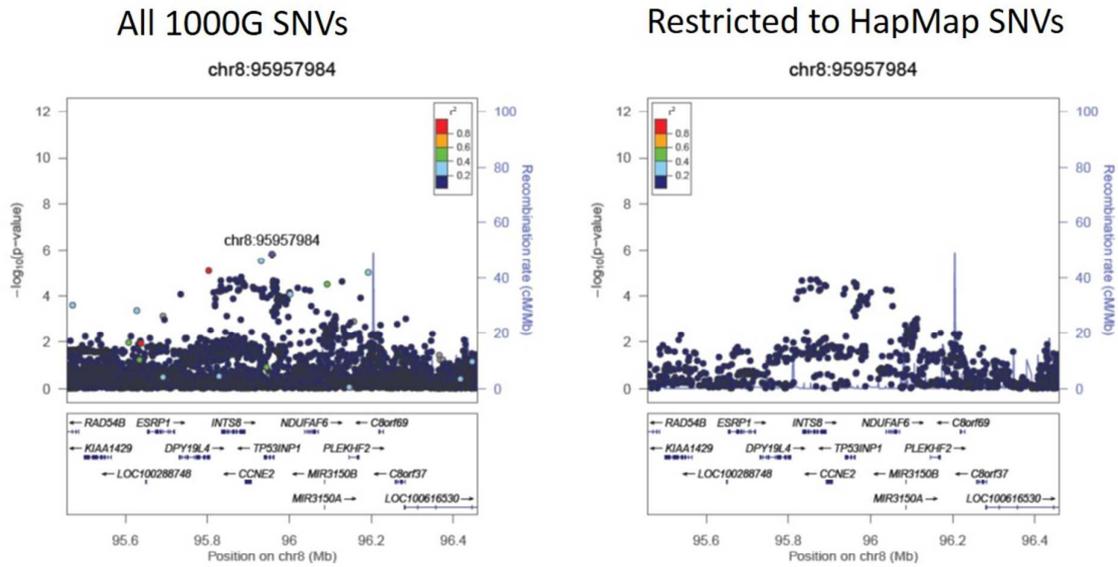
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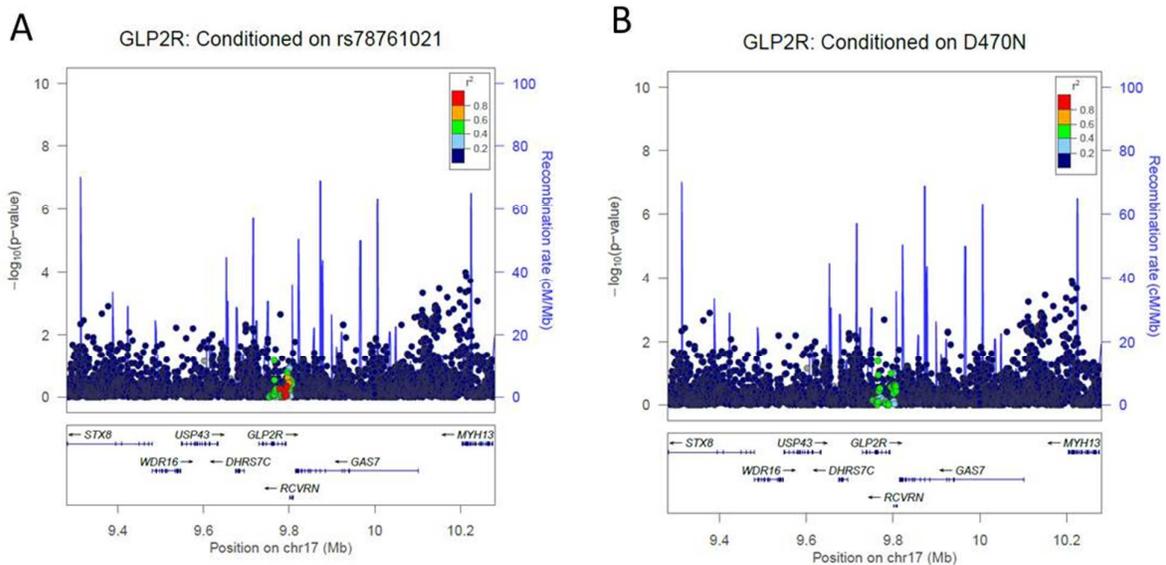
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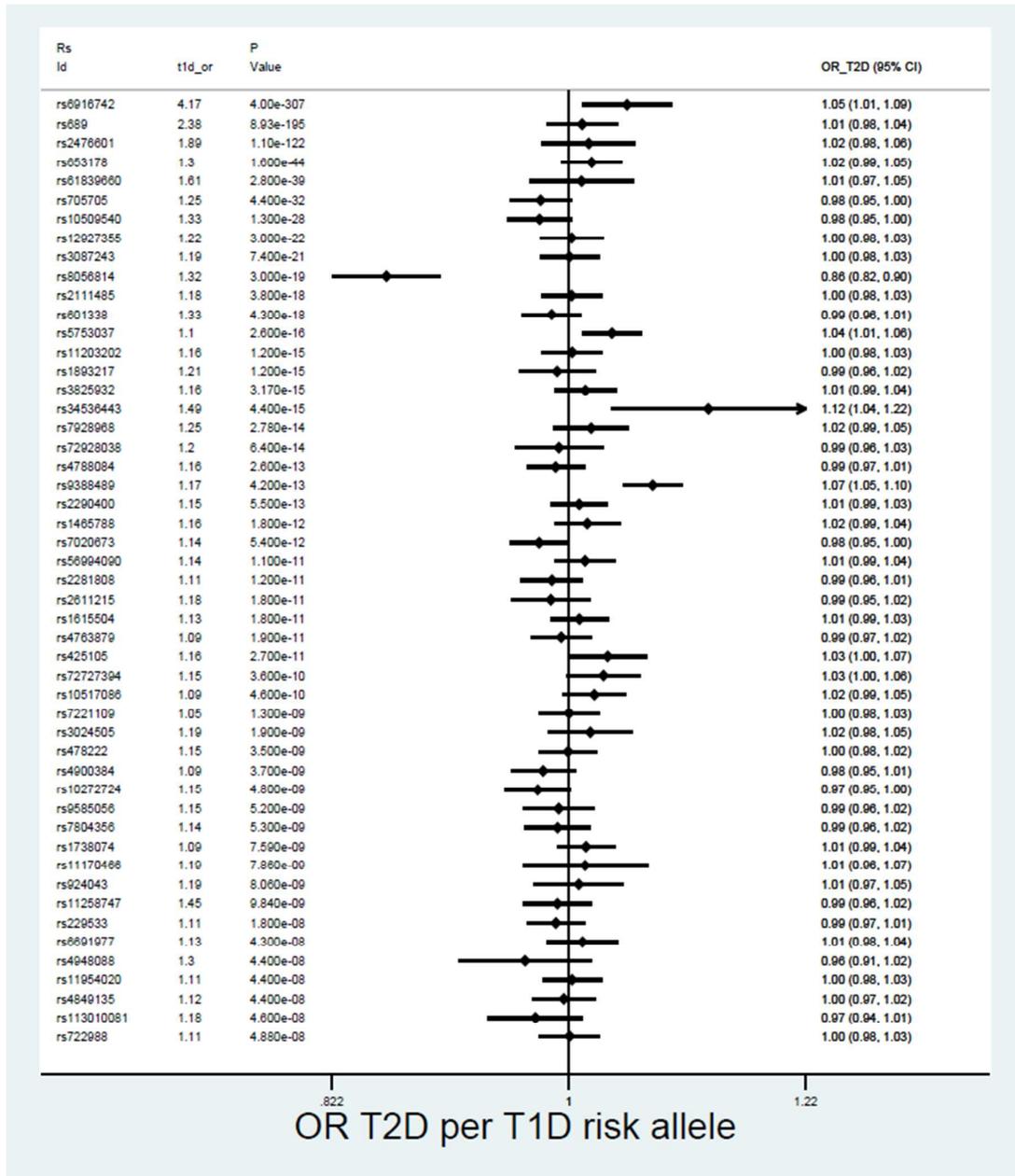
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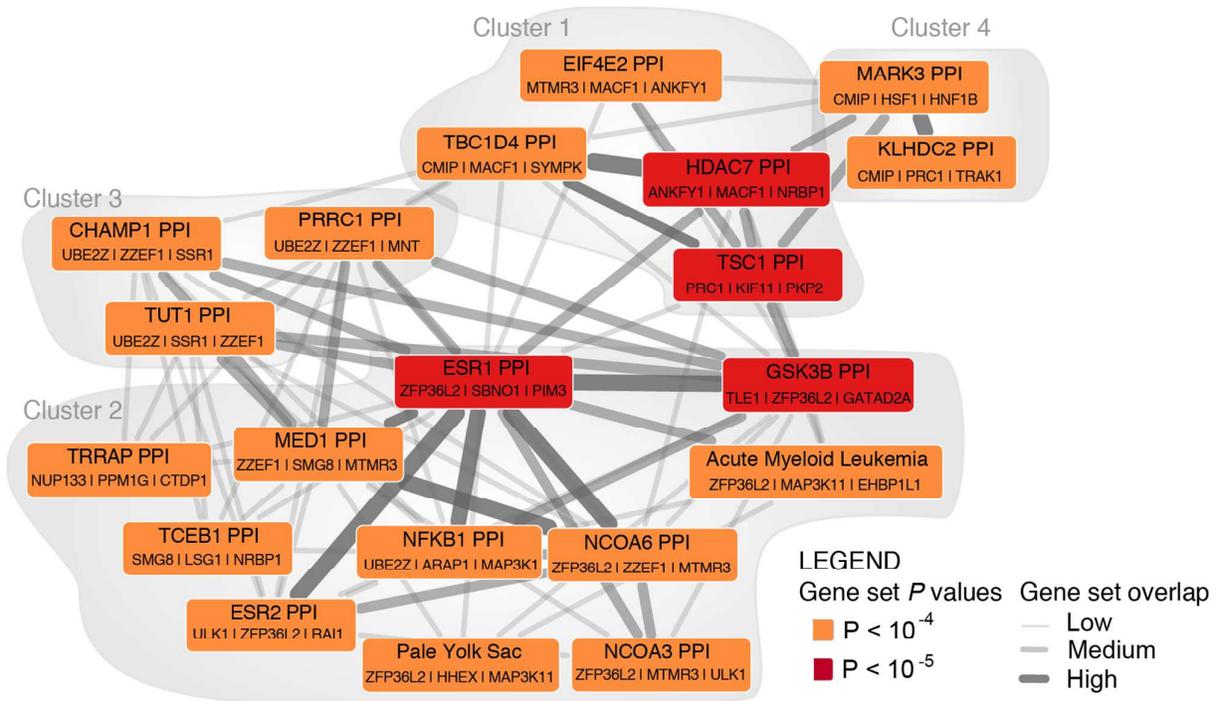
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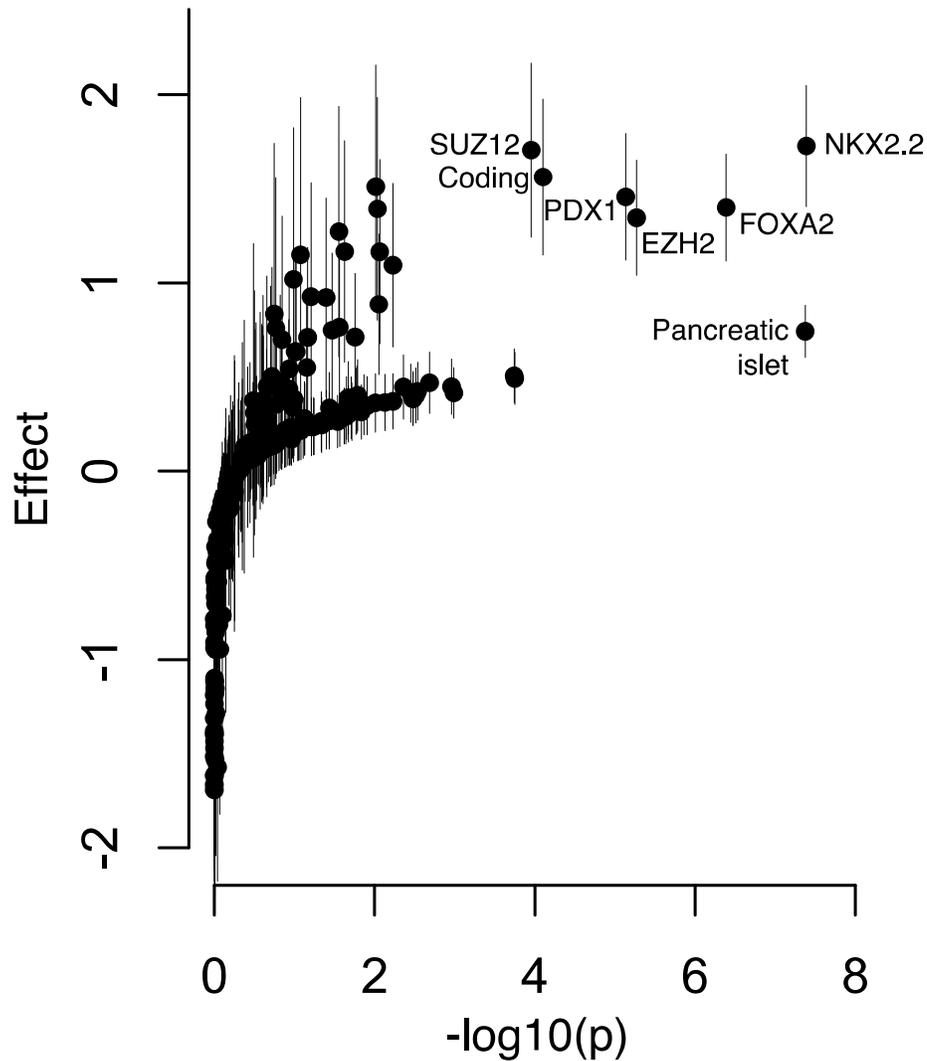
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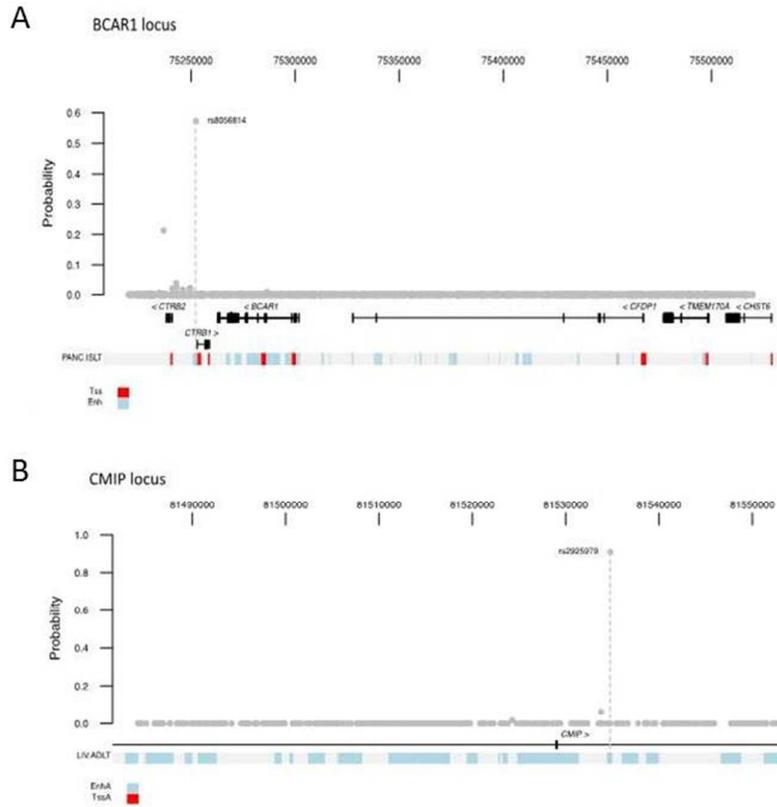
Supplementary Figure 8. Effects on T2D of 50 established T1D variants. All effects are aligned to T1D risk-raising allele. Loci are sorted from top to bottom by the magnitude of association with T1D.



Supplementary Figure 9. Significantly enriched reconstituted gene sets by DEPICT. We report 20 significantly enriched reconstituted gene sets (FDR<0.05, **Supplementary Table 11**). Reconstituted gene sets are represented by nodes and their overlap by edges. Reconstituted gene sets are colour-coded based on their degree of enrichment in genes at the associated T2D loci (darker means more significant). DEPICT identified 21 significantly enriched reconstituted gene sets; one gene set was omitted due to a potential mismatch between the reconstituted gene set identifier and the reconstituted gene set (see Methods). For each gene set, the three genes exhibiting the highest likelihood within the given gene set and being within associated T2D loci are shown. Pairwise overlap between reconstituted gene sets were estimated by computing the Pearson correlation coefficient r between two reconstituted gene sets followed by discretization into one of three bins; $0.3 \leq r < 0.5$ denotes low overlap, $0.5 \leq r < 0.7$ denotes medium overlap, and $r \geq 0.7$ denotes high overlap. Edges representing overlap corresponding to $r < 0.3$ are not shown.



Supplementary Figure 10. Type 2 diabetes credible sets are enriched for genomic annotations. We calculated the posterior probability of causality for all variants at 95 established T2D loci. We then tested the effect of variants annotated with protein-coding genes, cell type chromatin state, and transcription factor binding on the posterior probabilities across all loci. We identified significant effects among coding exons and pancreatic islet chromatin, and for binding sites of the FOXA2, NKX2.2, PDX1, and EZH2 transcription factors.



Supplementary Figure 11. Genomic annotation at credible sets of novel loci. A) The T2D signal at the *BCAR1* locus contains a variant rs8056814 with a 57% probability of being causal for the signal. This variant overlaps an enhancer active in pancreatic islets proximal to the *CTRB1* gene. B) The novel T2D signal at the *CMIP* locus is also associated with BMI and lipid phenotypes. The variant rs2925979 has a 91% probability of being causal for the *CMIP* signal and overlaps an enhancer active in liver, which is the most enriched cell type in the BMI/lipid physiology group.

BIOLOGY BOX

ACSL1: chr4:185708807 (rs60780116) is an intronic variant in acyl-CoA synthetase long chain family member 1 coding gene (**ACSL1**), an isozyme that converts free long-chain fatty acids into fatty acyl-CoA esters, playing a key role in lipid biosynthesis and fatty acid degradation. **ACSL1** is highly expressed in adipose, liver, skeletal muscle tissue and in whole blood, but expressed at lower levels in pancreas(1). Recent reports have implicated **ACSL1** in regulating systemic glucose homeostasis(2), potentially via an effect on metabolic flexibility and capacity to switch between fatty acid and glucose metabolism. Variants in **ACSL1** have previously been associated with Kawasaki disease(3) ($r^2=0.12$).

HLA-DQA1: Variation in the HLA region has been strongly associated with T1D(4) ($r^2=0.08$) and other autoimmune diseases, including multiple sclerosis(5) ($r^2=0.47$) and inflammatory bowel disease(6) ($r^2=0.13$). Associations with total cholesterol and LDL cholesterol have also been reported(7) ($r^2=0.06$). The lead SNV for T2D association in the HLA region (chr6:32594309; rs9271774) lies ~2kb upstream of **HLA-DQA1**. It is in high LD ($r^2=0.82$) with a SNV strongly associated with expression of **HLA-DRB5** in pancreatic islets(8). Analyses (see main text) suggest that the T2D association is not the result of misclassification of individuals with T1D as T2D cases in the present study.

SLC35D3: Index variant chr6:137287702 (rs6918311) is located ~20kb downstream of the RNA gene **NHEG1** (neuroblastoma highly expressed 1), which has no well characterized function. Also proximal to the lead SNV are: (1) **SLC35D3**, which is a member of the solute carrier family 35 and a regulator of the biosynthesis of platelet-dense granules with possible role in carbohydrate transport; (2) **PEX7**, (peroxisomal biogenesis factor 7) encoding for the cytosolic receptor for the set of peroxisomal matrix enzymes, which is involved in cell metabolism and is associated with peroxisome biogenesis disorders and implicated in autism; and (3) **IL20RA**, which encodes for a subunit of the receptor for interleukin 20, and is a cytokine suggested to be involved in epidermal function.

MNX1: chr7:157027753 (rs1182436) is an intronic variant in **UBE3C**, which encodes for a ubiquitin protein ligase. The lead SNV in the locus lies ~100kb upstream of **MNX1**, which is highly expressed in pancreas(1) containing coding mutations recently implicated in neonatal diabetes(9).

ABO: chr9:136155000 (rs635634) variant lies ~5kb upstream of **ABO** gene, which determines blood group by modifying the oligosaccharides on cell surface glycoproteins. Variation in or near **ABO** has been associated with a very wide range of phenotypes, including glycaemic(10), lipid traits (7) ($r^2=1$), coronary artery disease(11) and stroke(12) ($r^2=0.83$). The lead variant at this locus is in low LD ($r^2<0.05$) with blood group-defining markers(13).

PLEKHAI: chr10:124186714 (rs2292626) is an intronic variant in **PLEKHAI** (pleckstrin homology domain containing, family A member 1). The encoded protein localises to the plasma membrane where it specifically binds phosphatidylinositol 3,4-bisphosphate. This protein may be involved in the formation of signalling complexes in the plasma membrane. Variants in modest LD (rs10490924; $r^2=0.27$) have been associated with age-related macular degeneration(14).

HSD17B12: chr11:43877934 is a 3'UTR variant of **HSD17B12** encoding the enzyme 17-beta hydroxysteroid dehydrogenase-12. **HSD17B12** encodes 17beta-hydroxysteroid dehydrogenase, involved in fatty acid metabolism(15) and estrogen sex steroid hormone formation. **HSD17B12** has been identified as central to adipocyte differentiation(16), and a correlated variant (rs2176598; $r^2=0.68$) was recently associated with BMI(17). However, rs1061810 remained associated with T2D after adjustment for BMI, and we found only a nominal difference in the association of rs1061810 with T2D in meta-analyses with or without adjustment for BMI (**Supplementary Table 4**), potentially indicating a role for **HSD17B12** in risk of

diabetes independently of associations with adiposity. Other associations from this locus have been reported with forced vital capacity(18) ($r^2=0.59$) and neuroblastoma(19) ($r^2=0.24$).

MAP3K11: chr11:65364385 (rs111669836) is located next to **KCNK7** (potassium channel, subfamily K, member 7) gene, a member of the superfamily of potassium channel proteins. **MAP3K11** encodes the Mitogen-activated protein kinase 11, part of the serine/threonine kinase family. MAP3K11 has been implicated in regulation of pancreatic beta-cell death(20). Variation at this locus has previously been associated with e.g. height(21) ($r^2=0.02$) and lipid levels(7) ($r^2=0.08$).

NRXN3: chr14:79945162 (rs10146997) is an established variant associated with waist circumference(22), BMI(23) and obesity(24). It is an intronic variant in the **NRXN3** (Homo sapiens neurexin 3) gene, which is part of a family of central nervous adhesion molecules. It is expressed in the same sub-cortical regions where reward training neuronal pathways are expressed.

CMIP: chr16:81534790 (rs2925979). This gene encodes a c-Maf inducing protein that plays a role in the T-cell signalling pathway. C-mip down-regulates NF- κ B activity and promotes apoptosis in podocytes(25) in cases of idiopathic nephrotic syndrome (INS). Associations with WHR(26), adiponectin(27) and HDL cholesterol(7) levels have been reported for this same variant.

ZZEF1: chr17:4014384 (rs7224685) is an intronic variant in the **ZZEF1** (zinc finger, ZZ-type with EF-hand domain 1) gene related to calcium ion binding. This locus was previously implicated in functional impairment in major depressive disorder, bipolar disorder and schizophrenia(28).

GLP2R: chr17:9780387 (rs78761021) is an intronic variant in the glucagon-like peptide 2 receptor (**GLP2R**) gene belonging to a G protein-coupled receptor superfamily. It is closely related to the glucagon receptor (GCGR) and GLP1R. Glucagon-like peptide-2 (GLP2) is a 33-amino acid proglucagon-derived peptide produced by intestinal enteroendocrine cells.

GIP: the nearest gene to the detected signal (chr17:46967038, rs12941263) in this region is **ATP5G1**, coding for a subunit of mitochondrial ATP synthase and involved in “energy production”, in lipid transports and in cellular metabolism. Another gene within locus, **GIP** encodes an incretin hormone that belongs to the glucagon superfamily and is gastric inhibitory polypeptide. GIP is a potent stimulator of insulin secretion from pancreatic beta-cells following food ingestion and nutrient absorption via its G protein-coupled receptor activation of adenylyl cyclase and other signal transduction pathways(29). Variants (rs46522, rs318095) in high LD ($r^2=0.97$) with our identified SNV at **GIP** have been associated with susceptibility to coronary heart disease(11) and height(30). Variation in the receptor for **GIP** (**GIPR**) have previously been associated with glycemic traits and T2D(31,32).

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Supplementary Table 6. Novel signals with suggestive association in Stage 1 (P<10-5) but with no r

Stage1							Stage2*
Chr	Position	SNV	EA/NEA	EAF	OR (95% CI)	P-value	Chr
5	3048750	rs16870903	T/C	0.0021	2.98 (1.9-4.68)	2.10E-06	
8	64660127	rs187357831	T/G	0.009	1.46 (1.25-1.72)	3.10E-06	
17	73841419	rs3893328	A/G	0.0097	0.59 (0.48-0.74)	2.26E-06	
8	17730962	rs145953760	A/G	0.0169	1.27 (1.14-1.41)	8.56E-06	
13	86575869	rs7329157	T/C	0.0283	1.18 (1.1-1.27)	9.72E-06	13
4	129526996	rs4975241	C/G	0.0607	1.14 (1.08-1.2)	1.32E-06	
18	77548685	rs28620500	A/G	0.071	0.85 (0.79-0.91)	3.40E-06	
4	83563582	rs4693043	A/G	0.144	1.08 (1.05-1.12)	3.16E-06	
6	65590847	rs7774169	A/G	0.1927	0.93 (0.9-0.96)	4.85E-06	6
7	30728452	rs917195	T/C	0.2349	0.93 (0.9-0.96)	1.91E-06	
12	21752108	rs10841855	T/G	0.2496	0.93 (0.9-0.96)	1.54E-06	
5	101620174	rs2548724	T/C	0.2554	1.07 (1.04-1.1)	4.77E-07	
17	48632401	rs898453	A/G	0.274	0.94 (0.91-0.96)	2.05E-06	17
3	170727351	rs1879442	A/G	0.2767	0.94 (0.92-0.97)	4.76E-06	3
17	27613677	rs12452857	A/G	0.2882	1.06 (1.04-1.09)	5.60E-06	17
1	219771721	rs4846569	T/C	0.2943	0.93 (0.9-0.95)	8.83E-09	1
17	17649172	rs11655029	T/C	0.3223	1.06 (1.03-1.09)	6.08E-06	17
15	54776716	rs11858061	A/G	0.3752	1.06 (1.04-1.09)	1.70E-06	15
8	145536056	rs62530366	G/A	0.38	1.08 (1.05-1.11)	1.90E-08	
12	133683261	rs905226	T/C	0.4508	0.95 (0.92-0.97)	8.80E-06	
9	126123009	rs2491353	T/C	0.4528	0.94 (0.92-0.97)	1.99E-06	9
4	95109078	rs1509946	T/G	0.4776	0.94 (0.92-0.96)	4.16E-07	4
22	50435480	rs5771069	A/G	0.4837	0.94 (0.91-0.96)	1.85E-07	22
18	40772286	rs816750	C/G	0.5046	1.06 (1.03-1.08)	2.55E-06	
20	45757655	rs4809627	T/C	0.5223	1.06 (1.03-1.08)	4.85E-06	
7	13894939	rs7801928	T/C	0.5413	1.06 (1.04-1.09)	1.29E-06	7
2	65642097	rs6731993	A/T	0.6107	1.07 (1.04-1.09)	2.60E-07	2
5	112823768	rs1057827	T/C	0.651	1.06 (1.04-1.09)	2.99E-06	5
3	73633701	rs9847947	C/G	0.7371	1.07 (1.04-1.1)	1.69E-06	
3	31176875	rs1625526	A/G	0.7496	1.07 (1.04-1.1)	1.11E-06	
3	114913508	rs6438234	A/G	0.763	0.93 (0.91-0.96)	1.79E-06	3
12	77398721	rs17815608	A/T	0.8276	1.08 (1.05-1.12)	6.20E-06	
6	148963919	rs150268806	T/C	0.8292	0.93 (0.9-0.96)	3.93E-06	
8	82343438	rs182719694	A/G	0.8546	1.1 (1.06-1.14)	3.07E-07	
7	121954105	rs62476011	T/C	0.8628	0.92 (0.89-0.95)	4.28E-06	7
1	88416590	rs6691335	T/C	0.9016	0.9 (0.87-0.94)	2.34E-06	
8	105560821	rs13268287	A/G	0.929	1.13 (1.07-1.19)	7.37E-06	
5	142172314	rs80020232	T/G	0.9819	0.58 (0.46-0.73)	6.41E-06	
19	22530857	rs191030109	T/C	0.9984	0.38 (0.25-0.57)	3.17E-06	

* - Stage 2 SNPs available on MetaboChip are reported by their position and rsID. Other 22 variants \ rs187357831 variant rs185032206 ($r^2=0.75$), for rs3893328 variant rs75830455 ($r^2=0.53$), for rs8002 rs13268508 ($r^2=0.85$).

replication ($P > 5 \times 10^{-8}$) in Stage 2 or Independent InterAct/Interact+GERA study analysis.

Position	SNV	r2 with lead EA/NEA	EAF	OR (95% CI)	P-value	Stage1+Stage2 OR (95% CI)	
			T/C	0.006	1.03 (0.86-1.23)	0.74	1.19 (1.01-1.40)
			T/G	0.009	0.88 (0.72-1.08)	0.23	1.20 (1.06-1.36)
			A/G	0.0097	0.95 (0.83-1.08)	0.40	0.84 (0.75-0.94)
			A/G	0.015	1.02 (0.91-1.14)	0.79	1.15 (1.06-1.24)
86575869	rs7329157	1	T/C	0.031	0.93 (0.84-1.02)	0.12	1.08 (1.02-1.15)
			C/G	0.057	1.11(0.95-1.28)	0.19	1.14 (1.08-1.19)
			A/G	0.060	1.17(0.95-1.46)	0.15	0.88 (0.82-0.94)
			A/G	0.156	0.96(0.87-1.05)	0.39	1.07 (1.03-1.10)
65533066	rs10498828	0.94	T/C	0.180	0.97 (0.94-1.01)	0.16	0.95 (0.93-0.97)
			T/C	0.215	0.95 (0.87-1.05)	0.33	0.93 (0.90-0.96)
			T/G	0.237	0.91 (0.83-1.01)	0.07	0.93 (0.90-0.96)
			T/C	0.232	1.07 (0.99-1.17)	0.10	1.07 (1.04-1.10)
48636534	rs989128	0.60	A/G	0.359	0.98 (0.95-1.01)	0.11	0.95 (0.93-0.97)
170724883	rs8192675	0.97	C/T	0.295	0.95 (0.92-0.99)	0.01	0.95 (0.93-0.97)
27647630	rs797973	0.84	G/T	0.267	1.03 (1.00-1.07)	0.04	1.05 (1.03-1.07)
219771721	rs4846569	1.00	T/C	0.284	0.99 (0.94-1.04)	0.61	0.94 (0.92-0.96)
17654319	rs11656775	0.95	A/G	0.332	1.04 (1.01-1.08)	0.03	1.05 (1.03-1.08)
54756628	rs4776231	0.91	A/C	0.382	1.02 (0.99-1.05)	0.25	1.04 (1.02-1.06)
			G/A	0.362	1.04 (0.99-1.04)	0.32	1.05 (1.03-1.07)
			T/C	0.421	0.95 (0.89-1.03)	0.20	0.95 (0.93-0.97)
126112812	rs10760280	0.66	T/C	0.571	0.99 (0.97-1.02)	0.70	0.96 (0.95-0.98)
95012684	rs1904096	0.82	C/A	0.516	1.00 (0.94-1.07)	0.98	0.95 (0.93-0.97)
50440296	rs137848	0.97	T/C	0.487	0.97 (0.94-1.00)	0.02	0.95 (0.93-0.97)
			C/G	0.535	1.07 (0.99-1.15)	0.08	1.06 (1.04-1.08)
			T/C	0.546	0.99 (0.92-1.07)	0.89	1.05 (1.03-1.08)
13894276	rs1019029	0.66	G/A	0.479	1.02 (0.99-1.05)	0.20	1.05 (1.03-1.07)
65627406	rs2661796	0.60	T/C	0.576	1.00 (0.97-1.03)	0.84	1.04 (1.02-1.06)
112809728	rs367943	1.00	C/T	0.660	1.03 (1.00-1.07)	0.03	1.05 (1.03-1.07)
			C/G	0.741	0.98 (0.90-1.07)	0.65	1.06 (1.03-1.09)
			A/G	0.742	1.01 (0.93-1.10)	0.80	1.06 (1.04-1.09)
114913508	rs6438234	1.00	A/G	0.747	0.97 (0.94-1.01)	0.12	0.95 (0.93-0.97)
			A/T	0.839	1.04 (0.93-1.15)	0.49	1.08 (1.04-1.11)
			T/C	0.829	1.08 (0.98-1.18)	0.14	0.94 (0.92-0.97)
			A/G	0.855	0.94 (0.85-1.05)	0.30	1.08 (1.05-1.12)
122017812	rs1859351	0.83	C/T	0.843	0.98 (0.94-1.02)	0.30	0.95 (0.92-0.97)
			T/C	0.896	1.03 (0.90-1.18)	0.67	0.91 (0.88-0.94)
			A/G	0.920	1.14 (0.98-1.32)	0.08	1.13 (1.08-1.19)
			T/G	0.982	1.012(0.85-1.21)	0.89	0.83 (0.72-0.95)
			T/C	0.998	0.99 (0.84-1.17)	0.95	0.87 (0.75-1.01)

were either directly available in the InterAct and GERA GWAS, or proxies were used in GERA as follows: for 0232 variant rs71587235 ($r^2=1.0$), for rs191030109 variant rs146989164 ($r^2=0.60$), for rs62530366 varia

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