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Keywords: type 2 diabetes mellitus; polymorphic marker; genetic predisposition

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Introduction

Diabetes mellitus is a group of metabolic diseases characterized by chronic hyperglycemia resulting from the impairment of insulin secretion, resistance to its effects, or both. Chronic hyperglycemia due to underlying diabetes is accompanied by impairment or dysfunction of various organs, particularly the eyes, kidneys, nerves, heart, and blood vessels.

Type 2 diabetes mellitus (T2DM) is 10 times more common than type 1 diabetes mellitus. Nowadays, an epidemic of T2DM is occurring in every country of the world, particularly in industrialized countries. The incidence of the disease varies in different regions depending on the ethnicity of the population. According to the World Health Organization, T2DM is present in 3%–6% of the population in European countries, 5% of the population in the United States, 10% of African Americans, 24% of Americans of Mexican origin, and in 35% of the population of Micronesia and Polynesia.

The key causes of T2DM pathogenesis include insulin resistance, impairment of insulin secretion, and increase in the amount of glucose produced by the liver, genetic susceptibility, and sedentary lifestyle and excessive caloric intake that lead to obesity. Heredity undoubtedly plays a large part in the development of T2DM, with lifestyle exacerbating genetically determined insulin resistance (IR).

T2DM is characterized by polygeny, i.e., the clinical phenotype is a result of the effects of several genetic loci [1]. At this point, around 30 genes have been identified whose variants predispose to the development of T2DM [2, 3]. However, susceptibility varies across populations

due to ethnic differences in the polymorphisms abound, variations in the structure of haplotypes/linkage disequilibrium blocks, and the influence of non-genetic factors. These genes can be divided into two types based on their contribution to development of diabetes: genes associated with the impairment of development, growth, proliferation, and functioning of the β -cells of the pancreas, and genes that affect the development of insulin resistance in peripheral tissues such as muscles and liver.

Mutations in the *KCNJ11* gene, which is located at 2q36, may be associated with the development of T2DM due to impaired regulation of insulin from the beta cells of the pancreas.

The Kir6.2 protein encoded by this gene is one of two subunits (the second one is the sulphonylurea receptor) that form a channel for potassium ions. The Kir6.2 protein consists of four domains and forms a pore for potassium ion transport [4]. ATP-dependent potassium channels take part in the regulation of insulin secretion by changing the cell membrane potential of the β cells. At low blood glucose levels and low ATP concentrations inside the β cells, the potassium ion transport channel is open, creating membrane potential. This membrane potential prevents potassium ions, which are required for the transport of insulin-containing granules through the β -cell membrane and for insulin secretion into the bloodstream, from penetrating into β -cells [5, 6].

Mutations in the *KCNJ11* gene lead to changes in the structure of the Kir6.2 protein such that the channels remain open in the presence of ATP. The β -cell membrane remains hyperpolarized, and insulin-containing granules are not secreted [7]. Mutations in this gene may also lead to neonatal diabetes and congenital hyperinsulinemia [8, 9].

The rs5219 polymorphism in exon 1 of the *KCNJ11* gene (substitution of G for A) has been assumed to be associated with the development of T2DM, although direct association with the

development of the disease has not been established [10]. It has also been demonstrated that in some populations, this polymorphism is associated with the reduction of insulin secretion in individuals with normal glucose levels [9]. Examination of more patients has revealed association with the development of T2DM [11–19]. Despite the fact that this association has not been found by other investigators [20], the *K23* allele is shown to be associated with the increased risk of T2DM development in many European (OR = 1.23) and Asian populations (OR = 1.26) [12].

Cyclin-dependent kinase inhibitors constitute the family of proteins that regulate cell cycle, cell proliferation, and differentiation. Impaired functioning of these proteins may be associated with the development of cancer, ischemic heart disease, and diabetes mellitus [21]. The *CDKN2A/2B* genes, which are located at 9p21 [22], are expressed in all cells, including adipocytes and pancreatic β -cells [23]. These genes encode p16^{INK4A} and p14^{ARF}, which are products of the alternative splicing of the *CDKN2A* gene transcripts, p15^{INK4B}, the *CDKN2B* cell cycle inhibitor protein, and the ANRIL transcript, a noncoding regulatory RNA synthesized from the opposite DNA chain [24]. The p16^{INK4A} protein is a component of the regulatory pathway p16-cyclinD-pRb-E2F1, while p14^{ARF} is a component of the ARF-Mdm2-p53 pathway [25].

Studies in muscle cells have shown that the protein encoded by the *CDKN2B* gene affects insulin secretion by regulating expression of the *E2F1* gene [22]. The E2F1 transcription factor has direct control over *KCNJ11* gene expression. Insulin secretion deteriorates in different mouse stocks with one component of the pathway *CDKN-E2F1-KCNJ11* impaired [26]. The product of the *CDKN2A* gene, p16^{INK4A}, takes part in the control of β -cell proliferation [27]. p16 accumulates with age, which leads to the suppression of the kinase Cdk4 and impairment of β -cell proliferation [27]. The *CDKN2A* gene is likely to be involved in the development of T2DM

through an age-dependent reduction in the number and regenerative potential of β -cells, which leads to the overall deterioration of the endocrine function of the pancreas [28]. Studies of Chinese [29], African-American [30], Japanese [31], and a number of European populations [32–34] confirm that polymorphisms at the *CDKN2A/2B* locus are associated with the development of T2DM. The single nucleotide polymorphism (SNP) *rs10811661* has the strongest association with diabetes in European populations (OR = 1.19) [33].

The *CDKAL1* gene, located at 6p22.3, is homologous to the CDK5RAP1 inhibitor of the CDK5 kinase [35]. It has been shown that CDKAL1 also acts as an inhibitor of in pancreatic β -cells; CDK5 kinase activity plays a significant role in the efficiency of insulin granule secretion into the bloodstream [36, 37].

The role of the CDK5 kinase in the development of various diseases has been thoroughly studied. Malfunctioning CDK5 and its activator protein p35 lead to the development of cytotoxic effects and neurodegenerative diseases such as Alzheimer's disease and amyotrophic sclerosis [38, 39]. CDK5 expression is observed in the β -cells of the pancreas. Furthermore, an increase in the expression of the p35 protein genes occurs. This protein forms p35/CDK5 complexes that regulate the expression of insulin genes [40].

A number of polymorphisms in the *CDKAL1* gene (*rs7756992*, *rs7754840*, and *rs10946398*) show association with T2DM (OR up to 1.15 in populations with European ethnicity) [41].

Insulin secretion is reduced with the introduction of glucose in the carriers of the risk alleles *rs7756992* and *rs10946398* [42]. Several SNPs have been identified in the *CDKAL1* gene that show association with low insulin secretion in individuals with and without T2DM, depending on the population [43–46]. Additionally, in sample populations having European ethnicity,

rs7756992 is associated with low birth weight, which is an independent risk factor for diabetes development [47].

One of the major causes of T2DM development is reduction in insulin secretion. This process depends on the concentration of zinc ions in the β -cells of the pancreas, which is regulated by type 8 zinc carrier proteins (ZnT8) [48].

The ZnT8 protein belongs to a family of zinc carrier proteins (SLC30) that includes 10 proteins [49]. The structure of most of these proteins consists of various combinations of five transmembrane domains; between the fourth and the fifth domains there is a histidine-rich area [50]. The ZnT8 protein serves as a channel, pumping Zn^{2+} ions into secretory vesicles. Inside the vesicles, Zn^{2+} ions form a complex with insulin, resulting in a hexameric structure [51].

The ZnT8 protein is encoded by the *SLC30A8* gene located near 8q24.11. The expression of this gene is most intense in pancreatic β -cells. Thus, zinc plays an important part in the regulation of insulin maturation, storage, and secretion by β -cells [52]. The participation of the *SLC30A8* gene in the development of T2DM has been substantiated in several large-scale studies [53–55]. The SNP *rs13266634*, located in exon 8, has the most distinct association with diabetes. This SNP results in the replacement of the arginine by tryptophan (OR in Caucasians = 1.12). *R325* allele is associated with a reduction in insulin secretion [56] and impairment of the transformation of proinsulin into insulin [57].

The *FTO* gene is located at 16q12.2. The nucleotide sequence of the *FTO* gene is homologous to genes encoding the Fe^{2+} and 2-oxyglutarate-dependent dioxygenases [61]. These proteins are involved in the oxidative modification of nitrogenous bases, for example, in nucleic acid demethylation. Therefore, it is assumed that the *FTO* gene plays a role in epigenetic regulation [62]. Its function in the development of obesity remains to be determined. The *FTO* gene is

expressed in various tissues, particularly hypothalamus, liver, muscle tissue, adipocytes, and the β -cells of the pancreas [58]. Its expression in the subcutaneous fat is higher than in other tissues, although it is the latter that affects body mass index (BMI) [59]. Experiments on rats show that *FTO* gene expression in the hypothalamus increases significantly during fasting due to the regulation of fat energy consumption [60].

Recent population studies show that people who are homozygous for allele *A* of the *FTO* gene variant *rs9939609* have a higher body mass index, weigh 3 kg more on average, and are twice as likely to become obese compared with individuals who are homozygous for the protective allele *T/T* genotype [63–65]. The presence of the protective allele *T* leads to increased lipolytic activity of adipocytes, thus reducing fat mass [66]. Examination of many populations shows a association between increased BMI, obesity, and the presence of several SNPs in intron 1 of the *FTO* gene (*OR* = 1.42 in individuals with European ethnicity), most notably *rs9939609* [67]. At the same time, *rs9939609* has been found to be associated with various biochemical disorders in overweight and obese individuals that facilitate the development of the metabolic syndrome and T2DM, including increased fasting blood glucose and insulin concentrations, high triglyceride levels, and low concentrations of high-density lipoproteins [68].

This study examines associations between polymorphisms in the *KCNJ11*, *SLC30A8*, *CDKAL1*, *CDKN2B*, and *FTO* genes and the presence of T2DM in a sample of Russian patients.

Materials and Methods

The study compared 862 patients diagnosed with T2DM (DM2+) to a control group (DM2–) consisting of 443 randomly selected health resort patients showing no signs of the T2DM based on clinical and biochemical examination. Members of the DM2+ group were patients at the

Endocrinology Research Center (Moscow, Russia) and Tyumen State Medical University (Tyumen, Russia) and were found to be of European ancestry, based on a questionnaire results. The groups were similar in terms of age and sex (Table 1). Local Committee for Ethics of Endocrinology Research Centre (Moscow, Russian Federation) granted ethical approval to carry out the study (Ethical Application Ref: protocol No.14AB on 27-nov-2014).

Table 1. Characteristics of the examined groups

Characteristics	DM2+ (n = 862)	DM2- (n = 443)
Age (years)	60.0 ± 10.2	54.4 ± 11.0
BMI*	30.5 ± 5.0	28.7 ± 4.8
Basal glucose level (mol/l)	9.4 ± 1.3	5.1 ± 0.7
Glucose level 2 h after PGTT** (mol/l)	12.1 ± 1.4	6.9 ± 0.8
Basal insulin level (mU/l)	14.9 ± 5.4	10.4 ± 4.3
Insulin level 2 h after PGTT** (mU/l)	93.6 ± 28.4	41.9 ± 10.3
Glycated hemoglobin HbA1c (%)	7.4 ± 1.9%	-
HOMA-b	47.8 ± 16.1	94.3 ± 30.6
HOMA-IR	6.7 ± 1.3	2.8 ± 1.5

* BMI–body mass index

** PGTT–peroral glucose tolerance test

Blood glucose and insulin concentrations were measured at baseline and two h after an oral glucose tolerance test. Homeostasis model assessment of insulin resistance (HOMA-IR) and

homeostasis model assessment of β -cell function (HOMA- β) indices were also calculated for the purpose of evaluating the tissue insulin resistance tissue and β -cell function, respectively [69].

Genomic DNA was phenol-chloroform extracted from whole blood samples after incubation with proteinase K in the presence of 0.1% sodium dodecyl sulfate using conventional methods [70].

Real-time PCR was used to amplify regions of interest within the target genes. PCR was conducted using 50–100 ng of genomic DNA in 20 μ L of a reaction mixture containing 70 mM Tris-HCl, pH 8.8, 16.6 mM ammonium sulfate, 0.01% Tween-20, 2 mM magnesium chloride, 200 nmol of each dNTP, 500 nmol primers (Evrogen, Russia), 350 nmol of fluorescent probes (DNK-Sintez, Russia), and 1.5 U Taq DNA-polymerase (Evrogen, Russia). Amplification was carried out using an StepOnePlus thermal cycler (Applied Biosystems, CA, USA) using the following conditions: initial denaturation at 95°C for two minutes; 40 cycles of denaturation (94°C) for 10 seconds, annealing (54–66°C) for 60 seconds, extension (72°C) for 10 seconds. Fluorescent dyes used in the probes were carboxyfluorescein and hexachlorofluorescein, and the fluorescence extinguisher was BHQ-1. Sequences of primers, fluorescent probes, and the method for determining the genotypes of the examined loci are presented in Table 2. Designations of polymorphic markers comply with the standards of the dbSNP database (<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/snp/>).

215 **Table 2. Sequence of primers, fluorescent probes, and specific features of the amplification**
 216 **of the polymorphic regions of genes *FTO*, *KCNJ11*, *SLC30A8*, *CDKN2B*, and *CDKAL1***

Gene	Polymorphic marker	Genotyping method	Sequence of primers, 5'-3'	Sequence of probes, 5'-3'	Annealing temperature, °C
<i>FTO</i>	<i>rs8050136</i>	TaqMan	gcttcatagcctagtcta gcttcatagcctagtcta	cactgtggcaataaatatctgagc cactgtggcaatcaatatctgagc	58
	<i>rs7202116</i>	TaqMan	gcctaattgtgaaatctca gaacctccatcattcacta	taactaatcatataaacatctttcatcttagac tg taactaatcatataaacgtctttcatcttagac tg	58
	<i>rs9930506</i>	TaqMan	gtgtgatccaatattaggg ctaggtatgtatcaactca	aaggacatactacatgaattactaatatc aaggacatactacgtgaattactaatatc	60
<i>KCNJ11</i>	<i>rs5219</i>	TaqMan	gaggaatacgtgctgaca tgcctttcttgacacaa	aggaccctgccaagcccaggta aggaccctgccgagcccaggta	62
<i>SLC30A8</i>	<i>rs13266634</i>	TaqMan	tctccctgtgcttcttatac gtgagtgagtgcacgtga	agcagccagccgggacagcc agcagccagctgggacagcc	60
<i>CDKN2B</i>	<i>rs10811661</i>	TaqMan	aagcgttcttgccctgtc ggtaggaggagccagaaga	cctccagcttagttttcccatgacagtaagt ct cctccagcttagttttctcatgacagtaagtc t	60

<i>CDKAL</i> <i>I</i>	<i>rs7756992</i>	TaqMan	tttgacaattaatatcc tttaacacacaagaatc	tgtatttagtttagatctacagtt tgtatttagtttggatctacagtt	54
	<i>rs9465871</i>	TaqMan	gagtgatcagctgtgtaa ccagttccctattgacaa	tgttgctgagaaactgagttagatgaa tgttgctgagaaattgagttagatgaa	55
	<i>rs7754840</i>	TaqMan	ccagatataccacacaaa acctcagtcataacaga	aatgttggaacgttgacttgat aatgttggaagggtgacttgat	55
	<i>rs10946398</i>	TaqMan	tataattaggtgaactggt gtaagacaagtgtctgata t	ttagtatcggtatgctgtcattgc ttagtatcggtctgctgtcattgc	53

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218 Contingency tables and chi-square tests were used for statistical analyses of the allelic
 219 distributions of SNPs in the DM+ and DM− groups. Calculations were performed using the
 220 Calculator for Statistical Computation in Case-Control Studies [71] and SPSS, ver. 17. Analysis
 221 of variance was used to test for associations between gene polymorphisms and metabolic
 222 characteristics (glucose and insulin levels, HOMA-IR, and HOMA-β indices). HaploView 3.2
 223 was used for the analysis of linkage disequilibrium blocks and selection of polymorphic markers
 224 for FTO gene [72]. For all analyses, $P < 0.05$ was considered to be statistically significant.

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226 Results and discussion

227 The incidence of alleles of polymorphic markers of *FTO*, *KCNJ11*, *CDKAL1*, *SLC30A8*, and
 228 *CDKN2B* in the sample population was not significantly different from the incidence in a typical
 229 European population (data on the incidence in the European population is obtained from the
 230 HapMap (CEU) project, <http://hapmap.org>). The distribution of alleles in DM+ and DM− groups
 231 was consistent with the distribution predicted from the Hardy-Weinberg equilibrium, which

232 permitted the use of a multiplicative inheritance model for the analysis of associations between
 233 polymorphic markers and metabolic phenotypes [73].
 234 Table 3 summarizes the results of the analysis of associations of the examined markers with
 235 T2DM. The following polymorphic markers showed statistically significant association with
 236 T2DM: *rs5219* of the *KCNJ11* gene, *rs13266634* of the *SLC30A8* gene, *rs10811661* of the
 237 *CDKN2B/2A* gene, *rs9465871*, *rs7756992*, and *rs10946398* of the *CDKAL1* gene.

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239 **Table 3. Comparative analysis of incidence distribution of alleles and genotypes of polymorphic markers of the genes *FTO*,**
 240 ***KCNJ11*, *CDKAL1*, *SLC30A8*, and *CDKN2B***

Gene	Polymorphic marker	Genotype	Distribution of genotypes		Model					
			DM2+	DM2–	Multiplicative		Dominant		Recessive	
			N = 862	N = 443	<i>p</i>	<i>OR</i> (95% <i>CI</i>)	<i>p</i>	<i>OR</i> (95% <i>CI</i>)	<i>p</i>	<i>OR</i> (95% <i>CI</i>)
<i>FTO</i>	<i>rs8050136</i>	<i>C/C</i>	272 (0,32)	143 (0,32)	0.1	0.97 (0.76–1.24)	0.79	0.97 (<i>C/C</i>) (0.76–1.24)	0.02	1.76 (<i>A/A</i>) (1.04–2.98)
		<i>C/A</i>	527 (0,61)	281 (0,63)		0.91 (0.72–1.15)		1.04 (<i>C/A+A/A</i> vs. <i>C/C</i>) (0.81–		0.57 (<i>C/C+C/A</i> vs. <i>A/A</i>)
		<i>A/A</i>	63 (0,07)	19 (0,04)		1.76 (1.04–2.98)		1.32)		(0.34–0.96)
	<i>rs7202116</i>	<i>A/A</i>	225 (0,26)	124 (0,28)	0.72	0.91(0.70–1.18)	0.47	0.91 (<i>A/A</i>) (0.70–1.18)	0.91	0.98 (<i>G/G</i>) (0.74–1.31)
		<i>A/G</i>	468 (0,54)	231 (0,52)		1.09 (0.87–1.37)		1.10 (<i>A/G+G/G</i> vs. <i>A/A</i>)		1.02 (<i>A/A+A/G</i> vs. <i>G/G</i>)
		<i>G/G</i>	169 (0,2)	88 (0,2)		0.98 (0.74–1.31)		(0.85–1.42)		(0.76–1.36)

	<i>rs9930506</i>	<i>A/A</i> <i>A/G</i> <i>G/G</i>	208 (0,24) 466 (0,54) 188 (0,22)	115 (0,26) 239 (0,54) 89 (0,2)	0.67	0.91 (0.70–1.18) 1.00 (0.80–1.26) 1.11 (0.84–1.47)	0.47	0.91 (A/A) (0.70–1.18) 1.10 (A/G+G/G vs. A/A) (0.85–1.43)	0.47	1.11 (G/G) (0.68 – 1.20) 0.90 (A/A+A/G vs. G/G) (0.84 – 1.47)
<i>KCNJ1</i> <i>1</i>	<i>rs5219</i>	<i>Glu/Glu</i> <i>Glu/Lys</i> <i>Lys/Lys</i>	174 (0,2) 486 (0,56) 202 (0,23)	124 (0,28) 246 (0,56) 73 (0,16)	0.000 7	0.65 (0.50–0.85) 1.04 (0.82–1.30) 1.55 (1.15–2.09)	0.001	0.65 (Glu/Glu) 1.54 (0.50–0.85) (Glu/Lys+Lys/Lys vs. Glu/Glu) (1.18–2.01)	0.004	1.55(Lys/Lys) (0.48–0.87) 0.64 (Glu/Glu+Glu/Lys vs. Lys/Lys) (1.15–2.09)
<i>SLC30A</i> <i>8</i>	<i>rs13266634</i>	<i>C/C</i> <i>C/T</i> <i>T/T</i>	449 (0,52) 340 (0,39) 73 (0,08)	268 (0,6) 154 (0,35) 21 (0,05)	0.004	0.71 (0.56–0.90) 1.22 (0.96–1.55) 1.86 (1.13–3.06)	0.004	0.71 (C/C)(0.56–0.90) 1.41 (C/T+T/T vs. C/C) (1.12–1.78)	0.01	1.86 (T/T) (1.13–3.06) 0.54 (C/C+C/T vs. T/T) (0.33–0.89)

<i>CDKN2B</i>	<i>rs10811661</i>	<i>T/T</i>	285 (0,33)	209 (0,47)	1.0E-7	0.55 (0.44–0.70)	7.0E-7	0.55 (T/T) (0.44–0.70)	2.0E-5	2.10 (C/C) (1.49–2.97)
		<i>C/T</i>	405 (0,47)	187 (0,42)		1.21 (0.96–1.53)		1.81		0.48
		<i>C/C</i>	172 (0,2)	47 (0,11)		2.10 (1.49 – 2.97)		(T/C+C/C) (1.43–2.29)		(T/T+T/C) (0.34–0.67)
<i>CDKAL1</i>	<i>rs7756992</i>	<i>A/A</i>	390 (0,45)	235 (0,53)	0.0003	0.73 (0.58–0.92)	0.008	0.73 (A/A) (0.58–0.92)	0.0001	2.06(G/G) (1.42–3.00)
		<i>A/G</i>	329 (0,38)	169 (0,38)		1.00 (0.79–1.27)		1.37		0.49(A/A+A/G vs. G/G)
		<i>G/G</i>	143 (0,17)	39 (0,09)		2.06 (1.42–3.00)		(A/G+G/G vs. A/A) (1.09–1.72)		(0.33–0.71)
	<i>rs9465871</i>	<i>C/C</i>	259 (0,3)	190 (0,43)	1.0E-5	0.57 (0.45–0.73)	4.0E-6	0.57 (C/C) (0.45–0.73)	0.02	1.49 (T/T) (0.47–0.95)
		<i>C/T</i>	468 (0,54)	204 (0,46)		1.39 (1.11–1.75)		1.75		0.67
		<i>T/T</i>	135 (0,16)	49 (0,11)		1.49 (1.05–2.12)		(C/T+T/T vs. C/C) (1.38–2.22)		(C/C+C/T) (1.05–2.12)

	<i>rs7754840</i>	<i>C/C</i>	440 (0,51)	205 (0,46)		1.21 (0.96–1.52)		0.88 (G/G) (0.53–1.46)		1.21 (C/C) (0.96–1.52)
		<i>C/G</i>	379 (0,44)	213 (0,48)	0.26	0.85 (0.67–1.07)	0.61	1.14 (C/C+C/G vs. G/G)	0.1	0.83
		<i>G/G</i>	43 (0,05)	25 (0,06)		0.88 (0.53–1.46)		(0.69–1.89)		(C/G+G/G) (0.66–1.04)
	<i>rs10946398</i>	<i>A/A</i>	500 (0,58)	297 (0,67)		0.68 (0.53–0.86)		0.68 (A/A) (0.53–0.86)		1.67 (C/C) (1.02–2.73)
		<i>A/C</i>	293 (0,34)	124 (0,28)	0.004	1.32 (1.03–1.70)	0.002	1.47 (A/C+C/C vs. A/A) (1.16–	0.04	0.60
		<i>C/C</i>	69 (0,08)	22 (0,05)		1.67 (1.02–2.73)		1.87)		(A/A+A/C vs. C/C) (0.37–0.98)

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The *KCNJ11* gene contains the SNP *rs5219* in exon 1 (substitution G→A), which leads to a substitution of Glu for Lys at position 23. Studies of the association of this polymorphism with the development of T2DM in different populations have produced conflicting results. The population studied [7] and a study of the Finnish population [8] showed no association of this marker with T2DM. However, later studies did find an association between *rs5219* and T2DM [16, 74].

The protein of the *SLC30A8* gene plays a direct role in the maturation and secretion of insulin granules [53]. Three studies have demonstrated that changes in this gene are associated with the development of T2DM in several populations [54, 55, 75].

Previous studies have shown that the *CDKN2B/2A* gene plays a dual role in the deterioration of insulin secretion. The *CDKN2B/2A* protein plays an indirect role in the regulation of *KCNJ11* gene expression by regulating the expression of the *E2F1* gene [21, 22], and it also takes part in the regulation of β -cell proliferation [76, 77].

Insulin resistance is one of the major factors in T2DM development. Increased BMI and fat mass lead to the development and progression of insulin resistance [59, 62]. We tested for the association between T2DM and the *rs8050136*, *rs7202116*, and *rs9930506* alleles of the *FTO* gene. (These three SNPs constitute a linkage disequilibrium block in the promoter region of the *FTO* gene.) The analysis showed no statistically significant differences in the distribution of these SNPs between the DM2+ and DM2– groups.

Table 4 summarizes the results of the association analysis for the examined SNPs and metabolic indicators of glucose intolerance and β -cell dysfunction. All results with $P < .05$ for at least one indicator are shown. The following polymorphic markers showed a significant association with impaired glucose metabolism or impaired β -cells function: *rs5219* of the *KCNJ11* gene,

265 *rs13266634* of the *SLC30A8* gene, *rs10811661* of the *CDKN2B* gene, and *rs9465871*,
 266 *rs7756992*, and *rs10946398* of the *CDKALI* gene.

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268 **Table 4.** Analysis of associations of polymorphic markers of the genes *FTO*, *KCNJ11*, *CDKAL1*, *SLC30A8*, and *CDKN2B* with the
269 metabolic indicators of glucose tolerance and β -cell function

Gene	Polymorphic marker	Genotype	Insulin level 2 h after PGGT** (mU/l)			HOMA- β		
			DM2+	DM2-	<i>p</i>	DM2+	DM2-	<i>p</i>
			N = 862	N = 443	(DM+/DM-)	N = 862	N = 443	(DM+/DM-)
<i>FTO</i>	<i>rs8050136</i>	<i>C/C</i>	80.9 \pm 24.9	51.2 \pm 24.9	ND/ND	59.2 \pm 24.3	99.2 \pm 36.1	ND/ND
		<i>C/A</i>	78.7 \pm 32.2	49.8 \pm 25.2		56.3 \pm 22.4	99.3 \pm 36.2	
		<i>A/A</i>	78.9 \pm 28.2	49.1 \pm 26.3		60.1 \pm 26.7	100.1 \pm 31.7	
	<i>rs7202116</i>	<i>A/A</i>	79.7 \pm 26.9	49.1 \pm 23.8	ND/ND	60.1 \pm 24.8	101.2 \pm 38.3	ND/ND
		<i>A/G</i>	80.3 \pm 31.2	49.2 \pm 24.1		59.2 \pm 22.1	99.6 \pm 35.7	
		<i>G/G</i>	78.2 \pm 28.7	53.2 \pm 27.2		59.3 \pm 26.2	100.2 \pm 36.4	

	<i>rs9930506</i>	<i>A/A</i>	78.5 ± 28.2	49.8 ± 23.8		61.2 ± 21.5	100.1 ± 39.7	
		<i>A/G</i>	81.2 ± 30.2	52.5 ± 26.5	ND/ND	59.9 ± 22.3	99.2 ± 39.2	ND/ND
		<i>G/G</i>	82.1 ± 29.0	50.9 ± 24.1		59.5 ± 25.6	98.9 ± 37.1	
<i>KCNJ1</i> <i>I</i>	<i>rs5219</i>	<i>Glu/Glu</i>	80.1 ± 33.5	44.9 ± 19.2		46.2 ± 20.8	99.6 ± 37.5	
		<i>Glu/Lys</i>	88.8 ± 32.2	53.2 ± 21.4	0.020/0.044	43.7 ± 22.9	84.7 ± 38.2	ND/0.020
		<i>Lys/Lys</i>	89.4 ± 31.2	54.2 ± 23.2		43.7 ± 22.9	81.2 ± 39.9	
<i>SLC30A</i> <i>8</i>	<i>rs13266634</i>	<i>C/C</i>	78.4 ± 30.7	43.2 ± 17.7		48.3 ± 23.3	92.9 ± 41.1	
		<i>C/T</i>	88.9 ± 31.2	49.2 ± 22.7	0.030/0.018	52.2 ± 26.7	96.2 ± 42.3	ND/ND
		<i>T/T</i>	89.8 ± 30.9	53.6 ± 19.1		51.7 ± 22.5	93.6 ± 43.5	
<i>CDKN2</i> <i>B</i>	<i>rs10811661</i>	<i>T/T</i>	85.9 ± 31.4	49.4 ± 17.6		47.9 ± 21.2	106.1 ± 34.7	
		<i>C/T</i>	82.4 ± 30.3	48.3 ± 16.5	0.035/ND	44.2 ± 20.1	95.2 ± 33.2	0.021/0.042
		<i>C/C</i>	71.2 ± 34.5	48.7 ± 15.8		32.1 ± 18.5	90.8 ± 29.9	
<i>CDKAL</i> <i>I</i>	<i>rs7756992</i>	<i>A/A</i>	82.4 ± 30.5	50.6 ± 20.1		60.8 ± 14.5	105.8 ± 38.8	
		<i>A/G</i>	79.9 ± 31.4	49.1 ± 19.4	0.033/0.045	56.5 ± 21.0	99.9 ± 44.1	0.023/0.041
		<i>G/G</i>	71.8 ± 29.1	46.1 ± 21.1		50.5 ± 21.9	96.6 ± 36.2	

	<i>rs9465871</i>	<i>C/C</i>	85.1 ± 30.5	49.3 ± 24.1	0.025/0.035	53.0 ± 20.5	104.2 ± 48.2	0.021/0.041
		<i>C/T</i>	80.5 ± 33.3	46.4 ± 22.9		49.5 ± 23.9	97.0 ± 40.1	
		<i>T/T</i>	71.8 ± 29.1	40.2 ± 19.2		42.7 ± 18.9	96.0 ± 35.6	
	<i>rs7754840</i>	<i>C/C</i>	80.1 ± 25.7	50.6 ± 22.6	ND/ND	60.4 ± 18.3	101.4 ± 39.4	ND/ND
		<i>C/G</i>	79.9 ± 32.9	49.1 ± 22.7		59.3 ± 20.4	99.3 ± 42.7	
		<i>G/G</i>	79.7 ± 26.1	51.1 ± 25.5		58.7 ± 24.7	101.8 ± 33.9	
	<i>rs10946398</i>	<i>A/A</i>	85.7 ± 32.8	48.2 ± 17.7	0.032/0.047	60.2 ± 19.9	101.4 ± 39.4	ND/ND
		<i>A/C</i>	83.2 ± 35.6	46.5 ± 20.2		60.4 ± 21.3	99.3 ± 42.7	
		<i>C/C</i>	72.4 ± 32.9	40.4 ± 18.5		59.5 ± 24.2	101.8 ± 33.9	

Conclusions

Based on these results, it can be concluded that genes affecting the level of insulin synthesis and secretion in the β -cells of the pancreas, i.e., *KCNJ11*, *SLC30A8*, *CDKN2B*, and *CDKAL1*, play a significant role in the development of T2DM in the examined Russian population. However, the *FTO* gene, which has been shown to be associated with the development of T2DM in other populations, was not found to be associated with the disease in the Russian population.

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