

# Association of polymorphic markers of genes *FTO*, *KCNJ11*, *CDKAL1*, *SLC30A8*, and *CDKN2B* with type 2 diabetes mellitus in the Russian population

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**Background.** To study the association with type 2 diabetes mellitus with the *KCNJ11*, *CDKAL1*, *SLC30A8*, *CDKN2B*, and *FTO* genes in the Russian population, we performed an analysis of the distribution of frequencies polymorphic markers of these genes. **Methods.** The study compared 862 patients with T2DM to 443 unrelated control subject of Russian origin. All were genotyped for 10 single nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs) of the genes using real-time PCR (TaqMan assays). HOMA-IR and HOMA- $\beta$  were used to measure insulin resistance and  $\beta$ -cell secretory function, respectively. **Results.** Analysis of the distribution of frequencies of alleles of polymorphic markers of the *KCNJ11*, *CDKAL1*, *SLC30A8*, and *CDKN2B* genes showed statistically significant associations with T2DM in the Russian population examined. However, the association between the *FTO* gene and T2DM in this population was not statistically significant. The following polymorphic markers showed a significant association with impaired glucose metabolism or impaired  $\beta$ -cells function: *rs5219* of the *KCNJ11* gene, *rs13266634* of the *SLC30A8* gene, *rs10811661* of the *CDKN2B* gene, and *rs9465871*, *rs7756992*, and *rs10946398* of the *CDKAL1* gene. **Conclusion.** In the Russian population, genes affecting the level of synthesis and secretion of insulin in the  $\beta$ -cells of the pancreas play a central role in the development of T2DM.

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## 27 **Abstract**

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37 with T2DM in the Russian population examined. However, the association between the *FTO*  
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45 **Keywords:** type 2 diabetes mellitus; polymorphic marker; genetic predisposition

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50 **Introduction**

51 Diabetes mellitus is a group of metabolic diseases characterized by chronic hyperglycemia

52 resulting from the impairment of insulin secretion, resistance to its effects, or both. Chronic

53 hyperglycemia due to underlying diabetes is accompanied by impairment or dysfunction of

54 various organs, particularly the eyes, kidneys, nerves, heart, and blood vessels.

55 Type 2 diabetes mellitus (T2DM) is 10 times more common than type 1 diabetes mellitus.

56 Nowadays, an epidemic of T2DM is occurring in every country of the world, particularly in

57 industrialized countries. The incidence of the disease varies in different regions depending on the

58 ethnicity of the population. According to the World Health Organization, T2DM is present in

59 3%–6% of the population in European countries, 5% of the population in the United States, 10%

60 of African Americans, 24% of Americans of Mexican origin, and in 35% of the population of

61 Micronesia and Polynesia.

62 The key causes of T2DM pathogenesis include insulin resistance, impairment of insulin

63 secretion, and increase in the amount of glucose produced by the liver, genetic susceptibility, and

64 sedentary lifestyle and excessive caloric intake that lead to obesity. Heredity undoubtedly plays a

65 large part in the development of T2DM, with lifestyle exacerbating genetically determined

66 insulin resistance (IR).

67 T2DM is characterized by polygeny, i.e., the clinical phenotype is a result of the effects of

68 several genetic loci [1]. At this point, around 30 genes have been identified whose variants

69 predispose to the development of T2DM [2, 3]. However, susceptibility varies across populations

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

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

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

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

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

93 development of the disease has not been established [10]. It has also been demonstrated that in  
94 some populations, this polymorphism is associated with the reduction of insulin secretion in  
95 individuals with normal glucose levels [9]. Examination of more patients has revealed  
96 association with the development of T2DM [11–19]. Despite the fact that this association has not  
97 be found by other investigators[20], the *K23* allele is shown to be associated with the increased  
98 risk of T2DM development in many European (OR = 1.23) and Asian populations (OR = 1.26)  
99 [12].

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

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

116 through an age-dependent reduction in the number and regenerative potential of  $\beta$ -cells, which  
117 leads to the overall deterioration of the endocrine function of the pancreas [28]. Studies of  
118 Chinese [29], African-American [30], Japanese [31], and a number of European populations [32–  
119 34] confirm that polymorphisms at the *CDKN2A/2B* locus are associated with the development  
120 of T2DM. The single nucleotide polymorphism (SNP) *rs10811661* has the strongest association  
121 with diabetes in European populations (OR = 1.19) [33].

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

126 The role of the CDK5 kinase in the development of various diseases has been thoroughly  
127 studied. Malfunctioning CDK5 and its activator protein p35 lead to the development of cytotoxic  
128 effects and neurodegenerative diseases such as Alzheimer's disease and amyotrophic sclerosis  
129 [38, 39]. CDK5 expression is observed in the  $\beta$ -cells of the pancreas. Furthermore, an increase in  
130 the expression of the p35 protein genes occurs. This protein forms p35/CDK5 complexes that  
131 regulate the expression of insulin genes [40].

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

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

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

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

143 The ZnT8 protein belongs to a family of zinc carrier proteins (SLC30) that includes 10 proteins  
144 [49]. The structure of most of these proteins consists of various combinations of five  
145 transmembrane domains; between the fourth and the fifth domains there is a histidine-rich area  
146 [50]. The ZnT8 protein serves as a channel, pumping  $Zn^{2+}$  ions into secretory vesicles. Inside the  
147 vesicles,  $Zn^{2+}$  ions form a complex with insulin, resulting in a hexameric structure [51].

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

156 The *FTO* gene is located at 16q12.2. The nucleotide sequence of the *FTO* gene is homologous to  
157 genes encoding the  $Fe^{2+}$  and 2-oxyglutarate-dependent dioxygenases [61]. These proteins are  
158 involved in the oxidative modification of nitrogenous bases, for example, in nucleic acid  
159 demethylation. Therefore, it is assumed that the *FTO* gene plays a role in epigenetic regulation  
160 [62]. Its function in the development of obesity remains to be determined. The *FTO* gene is

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

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

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

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## 180 **Materials and Methods**

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

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

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190 **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

191 \* BMI–body mass index

192 \*\* PGTT–peroral glucose tolerance test

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

196 homeostasis model assessment of  $\beta$ -cell function (HOMA- $\beta$ ) indices were also calculated for the  
197 purpose of evaluating the tissue insulin resistance tissue and  $\beta$ -cell function, respectively [69].  
198 Genomic DNA was phenol-chloroform extracted from whole blood samples after incubation  
199 with proteinase K in the presence of 0.1% sodium dodecyl sulfate using conventional methods  
200 [70].  
201 Real-time PCR was used to amplify regions of interest within the target genes. PCR was  
202 conducted using 50–100 ng of genomic DNA in 20  $\mu$ L of a reaction mixture containing 70 mM  
203 Tris-HCl, pH 8.8, 16.6 mM ammonium sulfate, 0.01% Tween-20, 2 mM magnesium chloride,  
204 200 nmol of each dNTP, 500 nmol primers (Evrogen, Russia), 350 nmol of fluorescent probes  
205 (DNK-Sintez, Russia), and 1.5 U Taq DNA-polymerase (Evrogen, Russia). Amplification was  
206 carried out using an StepOnePlus thermal cycler (Applied Biosystems, CA, USA) using the  
207 following conditions: initial denaturation at 95°C for two minutes; 40 cycles of denaturation  
208 (94°C) for 10 seconds, annealing (54-66°C) for 60 seconds, extension (72°C) for 10 seconds.  
209 Fluorescent dyes used in the probes were carboxyfluorescein and hexachlorofluorescein, and the  
210 fluorescence extinguisher was BHQ-1. Sequences of primers, fluorescent probes, and the method  
211 for determining the genotypes of the examined loci are presented in Table 2. Designations of  
212 polymorphic markers comply with the standards of the dbSNP database  
213 (<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/snp/>).  
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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	gcctaatgttgaatctca 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 gtgagtgagtgcatcgta	agcagccagccgggacagcc agcagccagctgggacagcc	60
<i>CDKN2B</i>	<i>rs10811661</i>	TaqMan	aagcgttcttgcctgtc ggtaggaggagccagaag a	cctccagcttagtttcccatgacagtaagt ct cctccagcttagtttctcatgacagtaagt t	60

<i>CDKAL</i> <i>I</i>	<i>rs7756992</i>	TaqMan	tttgacaattaatattccc tttaacacacaagaatc	tgtatttagtttagatctacagtt tgtatttagtttggatctacagtt	54
	<i>rs9465871</i>	TaqMan	gagtgatcagctgtgtaa ccagttccctattgacaa	tgttgctgagaaactgagttagatgaa tgttgctgagaaattgagttagatgaa	55
	<i>rs7754840</i>	TaqMan	ccagatataccacaaaa acctcagtcataacaga	aatgttgaaaactgtgacttgat aatgttgaaaagggtgacttgat	55
	<i>rs10946398</i>	TaqMan	tataattaggtgaactggtt gtaagacaagtgtctgata t	ttagtatcgttatgctgtcattgc ttagtatcgttctgctgcattgc	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> ) (0.81–1.32)	0.57 ( <i>C/C+C/A</i> vs. <i>A/A</i> ) (0.34–0.96)
		<i>A/A</i>	63 (0,07)	19 (0,04)							1.76 (1.04–2.98)		
	<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> ) (0.85–1.42)	1.02 ( <i>A/A+A/G</i> vs. <i>G/G</i> ) (0.76–1.36)
		<i>G/G</i>	169 (0,2)	88 (0,2)							0.98 (0.74–1.31)		

	<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>CDKN2 B</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>CDKAL I</i>	<i>rs7756992</i>	<i>A/A</i>	390 (0,45)	235 (0,53)	0.000 3	0.73 (0.58–0.92)	0.008	0.73 (A/A) (0.58–0.92)	0.000 1	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 (A/G+G/G vs. A/A)		0.49(A/A+A/G vs. G/G) (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 (C/T+T/T vs. C/C)		0.67
		<i>T/T</i>	135 (0,16)	49 (0,11)		1.49 (1.05–2.12)		(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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242 The *KCNJ11* gene contains the SNP *rs5219* in exon 1 (substitution G→A), which leads to a  
243 substitution of Glu for Lys at position 23. Studies of the association of this polymorphism with  
244 the development of T2DM in different populations have produced conflicting results . The  
245 population studied [7] and a study of the Finnish population [8] showed no association of this  
246 marker with T2DM. However, later studies did find an association between *rs5219* and T2DM  
247 [16, 74].

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

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

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

261 Table 4 summarizes the results of the association analysis for the examined SNPs and metabolic  
262 indicators of glucose intolerance and  $\beta$ -cell dysfunction. All results with  $P < .05$  for at least one  
263 indicator are shown. The following polymorphic markers showed a significant association with  
264 impaired glucose metabolism or impaired  $\beta$ -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 *CDKAL1* 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  $\beta$ -cell function

Gene	Polymorphic marker	Genotype	Insulin level 2 h after PGGT** (mU/l)			HOMA- $\beta$		
			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>KCNJI</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	

271 **Conclusions**

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

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