# Evidence of a Non-MHC Susceptibility Locus in Type <sup>I</sup> Diabetes Linked to HLA on Chromosome 6

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#### Summary

Linkage studies have led to the identification of several chromosome regions that may contain susceptibility loci to type <sup>I</sup> diabetes (IDDM), in addition to the HLA and lNS loci. These include two on chromosome 6q, denoted IDDM5 and IDDM8, that are not linked to HLA. In <sup>a</sup> previous study, we noticed that the evidence for linkage to IDDM susceptibility around the HLA locus extended over a total distance of 100 cM, which suggested to us that another susceptibility locus could reside near HLA. We developed <sup>a</sup> statistical method to test this hypothesis in a panel of 523 multiplex families from France, the United States, and Denmark (a total of 667 affected sib pairs, 536 with both parents genotyped), and here present evidence ( $P = .00003$ ) of a susceptibility locus for IDDM located 32 cM from HLA in males but not linked to HLA in females and distinct from IDDM5 and IDDM8. A new statistical method to test for the presence of a second susceptibility locus linked to a known first susceptibility locus (here HLA) is presented. In addition, we analyzed our current family panel with markers for IDDM5 and IDDM8 on chromosome 6 and found suggestions of linkage for both of these loci ( $P = .002$ ) and .004, respectively, on the complete family panel). When cumulated with previously published results, with overlapping families removed, the affected-sib-pair tests had a significance of  $P = .0001$  for IDDM5 and  $P = .00004$  for IDDM8.

### Introduction

Type <sup>I</sup> diabetes (IDDM) is a multifactorial disease that results from immune-mediated destruction of the insu-

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lin-producing  $\beta$  pancreatic islet cells. The major histocompatibility complex (MHC) on chromosome 6 has been shown to contain one or more major genetic determinant(s) of disease susceptibility and accounts for >40% of the sibling recurrence risk (Rotter and Landaw 1984; Risch 1987). The insulin gene (INS) on chromosome 11p15.5 also contributes to IDDM susceptibility, as demonstrated by association and linkage studies (Bell et al. 1984; Thomson et al. 1989; Julier et al. 1991; Bain et al. 1992; Lucassen et al. 1993; She et al. 1994; McGinnis and Spielman 1995; Undlien et al. 1995; van der Auwera et al. 1993). The VNTR located <sup>5</sup>' of the INS gene is the most likely susceptibility variant; it could act through an effect on the transcription level of the gene (Bennett et al. 1995; Kennedy et al. 1995; Lucassen et al. 1995). Together, HLA and INS probably account for <50% of the familial aggregation, and thus other genes are also likely to contribute to disease susceptibility.

Results from two genome-wide linkage studies (Davies et al. 1994; Hashimoto et al. 1994) and other investigations (Field et al. 1994, 1996; Luo et al. 1995; Owerbach and Gabbay 1995) have provided evidence for the presence of other susceptibility loci in several chromosome regions. Support for several of these linkages have been found in more than one study. These are IDDM3 on chromosomes 15 (Field et al. 1994; Luo et al. 1995, 1996), IDDM4 on chromosome 11q13 (Davies et al. 1994; Field et al. 1994; Hashimoto et al. 1994; Luo et al. 1996), IDDM7 on chromosome 2q (Davies et al. 1994; Copeman et al. 1995; Owerbach and Gabbay 1995), and two loci on chromosome 6, separated by 27 cM, IDDMS (Davies et al. 1994; Luo et al. 1996) and IDDM8 (Davies et al. 1994; Luo et al. 1995, 1996). Studies of these loci and other regions continue, and recently an additional susceptibility locus, IDDM11, was reported on chromosome 14 (Field et al. 1996).

In our previous study (Hashimoto et al. 1994), we noticed that evidence for linkage in the MHC region extended over a distance of 100 cM in the Généthon genetic map (Dib et al. 1996) from D6S309, 30 cM on

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the proximal side of HLA, to D6S283, 70 cM on its distal side. The effects of susceptibility loci such as HLA may lead to broad regions of linkage in multifactorial diseases (J. Terwilliger, W. Shannon, G. Lathrop, J. Nolan, L. Goldin, G. Chase, and D. Weeks, unpublished data); alternatively, our observation could be due to the presence of a second susceptibility gene near HLA. The other chromosome 6 regions (at 6q25 and 6q27) that have been reported to contain IDDM susceptibility loci are unlinked to HLA. However, in the nonobese diabetic (NOD) mouse, evidence from congenic NOD strains supports the presence of a susceptibility locus in an 11 cM segment of mouse chromosome 17 adjacent to, but distinct from, the murine MHC locus H2 (Ikegami et al. 1995).

Linked susceptibility loci for a single trait have been described in rodent models of multifactorial diseases (e.g., Ghosh et al. 1993; Kreutz et al. 1995; Gu et al. 1996) and may be expected occasionally in humans. Two closely linked susceptibility loci are likely to be indistinguishable in most linkage studies, but it may be possible to separately discern their effects if they are distantly linked, although the standard nonparametric methods of linkage analysis are not applicable for this. In principal, multilocus parametric approaches, such as implemented by Lathrop and Ott (1990), or techniques, such as the two-locus maximum-LOD-score approach of Cordell et al. (1995), could be applied to test for the effects of linked susceptibility loci, but they require explicit assumptions regarding the inheritance of the disease trait, and the likelihood calculations are often computationally intense with the need of substantial computer time.

Here we describe a simple and easy to implement extension of identity-by-descent (IBD) methods to two linked susceptibility loci. The method, which is based on weighted logistic analysis, provides a test for a linked susceptibility locus, given the presence of a first susceptibility locus; sex-specific recombination distances and tests of epistasis can be incorporated. We apply the method to data from French, U.S., and Danish multiplex IDDM families and show evidence for <sup>a</sup> non-HLA susceptibility gene mapping  $\sim$ 40 cM distal to HLA in the sex-averaged genetic map. We also provide new data to evaluate regions on chromosome 6 in which other non-MHC susceptibility loci have been detected (IDDMS and IDDM8).

#### Subjects, Material, and Methods

# Families

A total of 523 multiplex IDDM families of Caucasian origin containing 667 affected sib pairs from France (128 families containing 159 affected sib pairs), North Africa (23 families containing 25 affected sib pairs), the United States (225 families containing 310 sib pairs), and Denmark (147 families containing 173 affected sib pairs) were studied. DNA samples from both parents were available for 536 of the affected sib pairs. A subset of the French panel has been described elsewhere (Hashimoto et al. 1994). In the French families, diabetics were either positive for islet cell autoantibodies or had onset prior to 45 years of age, or both. All were ketone positive at the time of diagnosis and required daily treatment with insulin. The 23 families of North African origin were resident in France or in Algeria and were ascertained under the same criteria as the French panel. U.S. families were obtained from the Human Biological Data Interchange (HBDI) repository as described by Lernmark et al. (1990) or from the collection held by one of us (J.R.) in Los Angeles. Age at onset was  $\leq 24$  years in Los Angeles families. IDDM status in HBDI families was as provided by HBDI. A subset of the Danish panel has been described by Pociot et al. (1993); age at onset of Danish patients was <20 years, and all required insulin from diagnosis. The CEPH panel of 59 reference families (Dausset et al. 1990) was used to estimate genetic distances.

#### Marker Selection

Three microsatellite markers were selected to characterize at the HLA locus on the basis of mapping data from the study by Martin et al. (1995): a microsatellite at DQB1 (primers DQBlCAR1/DQBlCAR2 (Macaubas et al. 1995)); the anonymous marker D6S273 (AFM142xh6); and TNFB (primers TNFa-IR2/IR4) (Nedospasov et al. 1991). Two markers proximal to HLA and on 6p (D6S309 and D6S260) and <sup>10</sup> markers distal to HLA on 6q (D6S271, D6S286, D6S300, D6S468, D6S283, D6S434, D6S1580, D6S301, D6S447, and D6S287) were selected from the Généthon map (Dib et al. 1996) to cover the region of chromosome 6 linkage detected in our original study (Hashimoto et al. 1994). In addition, we selected four markers on chromosome 6q to test for linkage in the regions of IDDMS and IDDM8. These were ESR in the IDDMS region (Davies et al. 1994) and D6S264, D6S446, and D6S281, the three markers that showed the strongest evidence of linkage in the IDDM8 region from the studies by Luo et al. (1995, 1996).

#### Characterization of Microsatellite Markers

Genotype characterization was performed as described by Gyapay et al. (1994), with some modifications. In brief, PCR products from six to eight systems were pooled and loaded on an acrylamide gel and then transferred to a Nylon membrane that was hybridized with a succession of radioactively labeled primers to reveal sequentially genotypes at each locus. Exact allele size classes could be determined for most markers by

comparison with a reference individual that was included in each half of acrylamide gel. This was not possible for three markers where only the allelic differences within families could be reliably assigned. The analysis of these markers was restricted afterwards to families in which parental genotypes were known.

# Statistical Analysis

The marker loci were evaluated individually for disease linkage through a  $\chi^2$  test comparing observed IBD counts from informative meioses with expectations calculated from the theoretical .50 IBD probability for the absence of linkage, and with the SIBPAIR program (J. Terwilliger, W. Shannon, G. Lathrop, J. Nolan, L. Goldin, G. Chase, and D. Weeks, unpublished data), which also takes into account information when parents are not genotyped. Mutilocus analysis was performed with the ASPEX program package (version 1.45) from D. Hinds and N. Risch.

In the SIBPAIR program, linkage is evaluated with likelihood-based test statistic that is equivalent to the LOD score calculated under the assumption of <sup>a</sup> simple recessive disease model with phase-unknown matings. In brief, the likelihood contribution for meioses from a heterozygous parent with  $n$  affected offspring, of which m inherited one marker allele and  $n - m$  the other, is  ${\rho^m(1 - \rho)^{n-m} + \rho^{n-m}(1 - \rho)^m}$ . Here  $\rho$  is equivalent to the recombination fraction under a recessive model, on the assumption that the parent is a obligate heterozygote for the disease locus. For the whole family, the contribution is the product of the two parental contributions if the mating is not a intercross. If parental genotypes are missing, the likelihood is a sum of terms corresponding to each of the possible parental genotype combinations, weighted by the genotype frequencies calculated under the assumption of Hardy-Weinberg equilibrium and incorporating information on all offspring (on the assumption of a Mendelian segregation ratio for unaffected or unknown offspring). Similarly, intercross matings are treated by considering likelihood terms for different possible parental origins of alleles. To test for linkage, the product of the likelihoods over all families is maximized as a function of  $\rho$  in the interval  $0.0-0.5$ , and the likelihood ratio test statistic is calculated against the null hypothesis of  $\rho = 0.5$ . This choice of test statistic is based, on the one hand, on its increased power and better small sample behavior compared to alternatives in simulation experiments in which the number of affected siblings is >2 in some sibships (J. Terwilliger and G. M. Lathrop, unpublished data) and on the other, its equivalence to the IBD test when all families contain two affected offspring and parental genotypes are known (Hyer et al. 1991; Knapp et al. 1994). The estimated IBD sharing from SIBPAIR is a weighted estimate where the weights are proportional to the number of independent affected offspring pairs in a family.

A two-locus IBD method was developed to test for the presence of linked susceptibility loci. Let  $n_{ij}$  be the number of sib pairs, with the IBD status  $i$  for the first locus (here, HLA) and *j* for the second locus  $(i, j = 0, j)$ 1), ignoring pairs for which IBD status is unknown at either locus. Then  $n_i = n_{i1} + n_{i0}$  is the total number of sib-pair meioses with IBD status of  $i$  at the first locus. Linkage of susceptibility to the second marker will be evaluated in light of the observed IBD counts for the first marker, and thus conditional on  $n_i$ . In the following,  $q_{i|i}$ represents the IBD probability at the second marker locus conditional on IBD status at the first marker locus. We will be principally interested in the logistic transformation of these probabilities, defined as  $r_i$  $=$  ln(q<sub>1|i</sub>/q<sub>0|i</sub>) = ln[q<sub>1|i</sub>/(1 - q<sub>1|i</sub>)].

First, consider the case where the two marker loci are not linked and IBD status at one susceptibility locus is independent of IBD status at the other susceptibility locus. Then,  $r_i = r = \ln[q/(1-q)]$ , where  $q = q_{1|i}$  represents the single IBD probability for the second marker, which here does not depend on IBD status at the first locus. When the second marker is unrelated to disease susceptibility, its IBD probability has the value  $q = 0.5$ , and thus we have  $r = 0$ . Segregation of the second marker with disease is evaluated by a test of  $q \ge 0.5$ (equivalent to  $r \ge 0$ ) versus  $q = 0.5$  (equivalent to  $r = 0$ ). The test can be based on the value of the statistic  $T_1 = f/\sqrt{\hat{v}}$ , where  $\hat{r}$  and  $\hat{v}$  are the weighted least-square estimate and its estimated variance

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\hat{r} = (\sum \hat{r}_i/\hat{v}_i)/(\sum 1/\hat{v}_i)
$$
  

$$
\hat{v} = (\sum 1/\hat{v}_i)^{-1},
$$
 (1)

with  $\hat{r}_i$  and  $\hat{v}_i$  for the *i*th IBD group given by

$$
\hat{r}_i = \ln(n_{i1}/n_{i0})
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\hat{v}_i = n_i/n_{i1}n_{i0} \tag{2}
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Under the null hypothesis,  $T_1$  is asymptotically distributed as  $N(0,1)$ , and a one-sided significance value is calculated. The inverse logistic transformation applied to  $\hat{r}$  leads to an estimate,  $\hat{q}$ , of the IBD probability for the second marker locus.

Now suppose that the two markers are linked with  $recombination fraction  $\theta$ , and the chromosome contains$ a single susceptibility locus that coincides with the location of the first marker locus (this is the null hypothesis below). The probability that a sibling pair has the same IBD status at both markers, independent of disease status, is  $1 - \phi$ , where  $\phi = 2\theta(1 - \theta)$ . In an affected sibling pair, the IBD probability at the second marker locus, which we will denote  $p_i$  (for IBD status i), is a function of the IBD probabilities at the first marker locus, denoted  $p_i^1$ 

$$
p_1 = (1 - \phi)p_1^1 + \phi p_0^1
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$$
p_0 = \phi p_1^1 + (1 - \phi)p_0^1.
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Conditioning on the IBD status at the first marker locus leads to

$$
p_{j|i} = \frac{(1 - \phi)}{\phi} \text{ for } i = j,
$$

where  $p_{i|i}$  is used to symbolize the conditional IBD probability at the second marker (to distinguish it from  $q_{i|i}$ when lack of linkage is assumed). In analogy with two unlinked marker loci as described above, we are interested in a test based on the logistic transformation

$$
s_i = \ln(p_{1|i}/p_{0|i}) = \ln[p_{1|i}/(1-p_{1|i})].
$$

Under the null hypothesis as defined above:

$$
s_i = \frac{\ln(1 - \phi) - \ln(\phi)}{\ln(\phi) - \ln(1 - \phi)} \quad \text{for } i = 1
$$

whereas, in the absence of linkage between the markers, the logistic transformation is zero under the null hypothesis.

More generally, we can assume that for linked marker loci

$$
s_i = \frac{r_i + \ln(1 - \phi) - \ln(\phi)}{r_i - \ln(1 - \phi) + \ln(\phi)} \quad \text{for } i = 1
$$

where  $r_i$  will be nonzero if the second marker is closely linked to another susceptibility locus at a distance from the first marker. Thus, when  $\phi$  is known,  $r_i$  is estimated as

$$
\hat{r}_i = \frac{\hat{s}_i - \ln(1 - \phi) + \ln(\phi)}{\hat{s}_i + \ln(1 - \phi) - \ln(\phi)} \quad \text{for } i = 1
$$
\n(3)

where  $\hat{s}_i = \ln(n_{i1}/n_{i0})$ . If we wish to test the null hypothesis of  $r_i = 0$ , it would be reasonable to proceed by considering the alternative hypothesis where  $r_i = r \ge 0$ , as in the case of marker loci that are not linked. The estimated variance of  $\hat{r}_i$  has the value given in (2), and the test statistic  $T_1$  is calculated from the equations in (1) but with estimates of  $\hat{r}_i$  obtained from (3). If the inverse logistic transformation is applied to  $\hat{r}$  from (1), we obtain  $\hat{p}$  where p can be interpreted as the IBD probability

at the second locus that would be observed if  $\theta = .5$ (e.g., for a locus with equivalent susceptibility effect but on <sup>a</sup> different chromosome). We refer to this as the IBD estimate at the second locus adjusted for the effects of the first locus.

Another hypothesis of interest is  $r_1 = r_0$ , which is equivalent to the usual test for lack of interaction in  $2 \times 2$  contingency table. Rejection of this hypothesis implies lack of independence of the IBD status for the two marker loci, after adjustment for their linkage. The statistical test is based on the difference  $\hat{s}_1 - \hat{s}_0$ , which has a large sample expectation of  $2[\ln(1 - \phi) - \ln(\phi)]$ under the null hypothesis and estimated variance  $\hat{v}_1$ +  $\hat{v}_0$ . The test statistic  $T_2 = \hat{s}_1 - \hat{s}_0 - 2\ln(1 - \phi)$ +  $2\ln(\phi)/(\hat{v}_1 + \hat{v}_0)$  is then asymptotically distributed as  $N(0,1)$ , and its significance (two-sided) is judged accordingly.

It is usual to modify the logistic estimates to reduce small sample bias. For weighted least-squares analysis, Cox and Snell (1989, p. 32) propose the following modifications:

$$
\hat{S}_i = \ln[(n_{i1} - 0.5)/(n_{i0} - 0.5)]
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$$
\hat{V}_i = (n_{i.} - 1)/(n_{i1}n_{i0}),
$$
\n(4)

which are used in the application below.

When male and female recombination fractions are different, the counts for paternal and maternal meioses are separated. The sums in equation (1) will then include four terms, two for each sex, with sex-specific estimates of the  $r_i$  as in (3) but as functions of  $\phi_m = 2\theta_m(1 - \theta_m)$ in male meioses and  $\phi_f = 2\theta_f(1 - \theta_f)$  in female meioses.

# Results

# Linkage Analysis of 15 Markers of Chromosome 6 in IDDM Families

A set of <sup>15</sup> microsatellite markers that span <sup>a</sup> 115 cM region of chromosome <sup>6</sup> from D6S309, 30 cM proximal to HLA, to D6S287 at 6q22 were characterized in multiplex IDDM families from France, North Africa, and the United States (a total of 494 affected sib pairs, 426 of which with both parents typed). Three of the markers were chosen to obtain a maximum of IBD information at the HLA locus. These were DQB1CAR, TNFB, and DS6273 (located between DQB1 and TNFB [Martin et al. 1995]), each of which has a heterozygosity >.78. We observed no recombinants between D6S273 and TNFB, 0.5% recombination between DQB1 and D6S273 in IDDM families, and 1.1% between DQB1 and D6S273 in the 59 CEPH families. These results are consistent with previously reported physical and genetic distances (Martin et al. 1995). IBD at the HLA locus was evaluated on the basis of the combination of the

three loci, which led to an overall heterozygosity of 95%. (The DQB1 genotype was used to determine the HLA IBD in sib pairs for which <sup>a</sup> recombinant event in the HLA region was observed.)

The linkage of disease to the markers spanning the region was initially evaluated by two methods: (1) sibpair analysis in the families where both parents were genotyped and IBD counts could be obtained for informative meioses; and (2) IBS analysis with the SIBPAIR program, taking into account instances where parental genotype data were unknown or incomplete. The latter method could be applied to all but three of the loci for which the allele differences within families, rather than exact allele sizes, were determined. For these loci, the analyses were restricted to families in which parental genotypes were available. A complete description of the marker loci and the results are given in table 1A and figure la.

Significant evidence of linkage  $(P = .00003)$  was observed with a group of marker loci, D6S283, D6S434, and D6S1580, that span 2 cM on 6q21. These markers reside between the HLA and IDDMS regions and exhibit a recombination rate of  $\sim$ 40% with HLA (for the precise estimation of this recombination frequency, see Genetic Distances from CEPH Families) and 30% with the IDDM5 marker ESR. It is worth noting that the pattern of linkage observed in our data is dissymetrical with respect to HLA, with significant linkage being detected over <sup>a</sup> greater distance proximal to HLA and on 6q compared to the distance distal to HLA on 6p. In addition, there are two maxima in the graphs of the estimated IBD frequencies plotted against location on the chromosome, one in the HLA region and the other at 6q21, and others in the IDDMS and IDDM8 regions (fig.  $1a$ ). A very similar pattern was observed in multilocus affected-sib-pair analysis, which gave <sup>a</sup> maximum LOD score of 6.2 near the markers D6S283, D6S434, and D6S1580 in the 6q21 region (fig.  $1d$ ).

Although these observations could suggest that a second susceptibility locus could reside near D6S283, D6S434, and D6S1580, they do not provide a statistical evaluation of the evidence in favor of this hypothesis. Moreover, the region also shows a striking sex difference in recombination fractions, with female genetic distances more than three-fold greater than male genetic distances in the Généthon map of the region (Dib et al. 1996). It might be hypothesized that the linkage is a consequence of the proximity of the marker loci to HLA in male meioses, even though the estimated male recombination distance to HLA is still large ( $\theta = .31$ ). In female meioses, D6S283, D6S434, and D6Sl580 are unlinked to HLA.

Therefore, we also performed sib-pair analysis independently, with meioses separated by sex. The results, given in table 1B and 1C and figure 1b and 1c, show that both male and female meioses exhibit a second maximum for linkage near the 6q21 markers. In female meioses, none of the marker loci located between HLA and D6S283, D6S434, or D6S1580 showed strong evidence of linkage to IDDM susceptibility. Although the evidence of linkage was nonsignificant at one nearby marker (D6S468), which was also the least informative marker in the region, other flanking markers gave  $P = .001$  (D6S300) and  $P = .008$  (D6S301) in the affected-sib-pair test. These results clearly define a second region unlinked to HLA in female meioses that is likely to contain a susceptibility locus for IDDM ( $P = .0004$ ) in female meioses at D6S283).

When male and female meioses are combined, the test statistic should be adjusted to take into account linkage with HLA in males as described in Subjects, Material, and Methods. Recombination distances between HLA and each markers were obtained from the Généthon data and were applied in the sex-specific form of equation (3). The results were combined with (4) to obtain the estimates and variances for calculation of the sexspecific form of test statistic  $T_1$ . As shown in table 1D, the D6S283-D6S434-D6S1580-D6S301 cluster exhibited the strongest evidence of linkage of all the non-HLA markers tested with this method. The most significant result in combined male and female meioses was obtained at D6S283, with  $P = .00015$ . In the following, the 6q21 region of linkage is denoted as IDDM1S.

### Genetic Distances from CEPH Families

The two-locus affected-sib-pair analysis requires accurate estimates of the sex-specific recombination fractions. Since the Généthon data is based on only eight CEPH families, we characterized the complete CEPH panel of 59 reference families with some of the microsatellite markers in the HLA (DQB1CAR and D6S273) and IDDM15 (D6S283 and D6S434) regions to obtain more precise estimates. These data confirmed the differences in recombination fractions in male and female meioses in the interval between the markers ( $\chi_1^2 = 18.1$ ) and gave a male recombination estimate (1-LOD-unit confidence interval) of 0.32 (0.27-0.37) with <sup>a</sup> LOD score of 10.00 and a female recombination estimate of 0.48 (0.41- 0.50) with <sup>a</sup> LOD score 0.32. The sex-averaged recombination rate was 0.40 (0.35-0.44). Multilocus analysis of data on eight CEPH families from the Généthon map of the markers described in table <sup>1</sup> predict recombination of 0.32 in males and 0.49 in females (Kosambi mapping function), very close to the estimates from the total panel. The revised recombination estimates based on the total CEPH panel are used below.

# Additional Families

HLA and the three markers that exhibited the strongest evidence of linkage in the IDDM15 region (D6S283,



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Figure 1 Results from affected-sib-pair analysis (a, b, and c) and from multilocus sib-pair analysis (d) of chromosome 6 markers characterized in French, North African, and U.S. families. In a, b, and c, IBD sharing (top) and LOD-score values (bottom) are from the data in table 1. Map positions were estimated from the recombination values in table <sup>1</sup> with the Kosambi mapping function.





D6S434, and D6S1580) were characterized in an independent panel of 147 Danish multiplex IDDM families to seek confirmation of the results. Without accounting for linkage to HLA, the affected-sib-pair test for D6S1580 had a significance of  $P = .01$ . When the data on Danish families were combined with the other panels, the tests gave  $P = .00002$ ,  $P = .0005$ , and  $P = .000006$ for D6S283, D6S434, and D6S1580, respectively. A contingency table analysis was performed on the observed IBD counts to test for homogeneity of the results in the French, U.S., and Danish panels. (North African families were excluded because of the small number of affected sib pairs in this panel.) None of the homogeneity tests were significant (results not shown).

Next, the test statistics were calculated for the three marker loci D6S283, D6S434, and D6S1580 in the combined family panel, taking account of linkage to HLA. Strong evidence of linkage was found, particularly at D6S283 ( $P = .00003$ ), with sex-specific recombination fractions (table 2). When the two completely linked markers D6S283 and D6S434 were combined into a single haplotype, the test for linkage was also significant  $(P = .0002)$ , a value intermediate between those obtained at each of these markers. When the sex-averaged rate was assumed for male and female meioses, the test statistic was  $\chi_1^2 = 18.9$  (P < .00001) for D6S283. The data were also analyzed with other recombination fractions from the 1-LOD-unit confidence intervals reported above. At D6S283, the sex-specific values of the statistic ranged from  $\chi_1^2 = 2.8$  ( $\theta = .27$ ) to  $\chi_1^2 = 8.8$  ( $\theta = .37$ ), for male meioses, and from  $\chi_1^2 = 9.6$  ( $\theta = .41$ ) to  $\chi_1^2$  $= 11.3$  ( $\theta = .5$ ) for female meioses. When families were divided by origin, consistent evidence for linkage was found in the French, U.S., and Danish family sets (table 2). Although the North African panel showed no evidence of linkage (data not shown), heterogeneity could not be confirmed, because only 18 affected sib pairs were informative for HLA and D6S283. The tests of interaction between the IBD status at HLA and the other loci  $(T_2)$  were not significant  $(P = .04$  for D6S283; P > .05 for D6S434 and D6S1580). Finally, we also performed the same tests for linkage with IBD counts for independent sib pairs (a single affected proband was chosen in families with three or more affected offspring, and only those affected sib pairs containing this proband were counted). The combined statistics adjusted for linkage to HLA gave  $P = .0002$  for D6S283 and  $P = .001$ for D6S434 and  $P = .0001$  for D6S1580.

An estimate of the IBD probability,  $p$ , at IDDM15 with adjustment for the HLA effect was calculated by taking the inverse logistic transformation of the weighted least-squares estimate of  $r$ . For D6S283, this was .57 (0.59-0.56, 95% confidence interval). An the assumption that IBD in the paternal and maternal meioses are independent, the (HLA-adjusted) probability that affected sibling pairs have inherited different alleles from both parents is .18 for this locus. Thus, the estimated sibling recurrence risk attributable to IDDM15 is  $.25/.18 = 1.35$ , with correction for the HLA effect. As <sup>a</sup> comparison, if linkage to HLA is ignored, the sibling recurrence risk is 1.48.

#### Analysis of the IDDM5 and IDDM8 Regions

Markers in the regions of the previously designated susceptibility loci on chromosome 6, IDDMS and IDDM8, were characterized in the French, North African, U.S., and Danish families (table 3). ESR, the marker that exhibits the strongest evidence of linkage for IDDMS in the combined data from Davies et al. (1994) and Luo et al. (1995, 1996), gave evidence in favor of linkage  $(P = .002)$  in our families. D6S281, which provided the strongest evidence of linkage for the IDDM8 region in the data compiled by Luo et al. (1996), also showed evidence of linkage ( $P = .004$ ) in our data. As shown in table 4, the combination of data presented here with nonoverlapping information from the literature that have been compiled by Luo et al. (1996) gave overall P values of .0001 for IDDM5 and .00004 for IDDM8, where our data included only independent affected sib pairs with a single proband per family. (The IBD values in tables 3 and 4 differ because the former have been estimated by the SIBPAIR program, which provides weighted estimates that take account of all sib pairs in sibships with more than two affected offspring and which also uses data from families in which one or both parents have not been genotyped.)

# **Discussion**

We have provided evidence of <sup>a</sup> previously unreported susceptibility locus for IDDM, provisionally denoted IDDM15, located near chromosome 6q21, in the region of the markers D6S283, D6S434, and D6S1580. These markers are unlinked to HLA in female meioses but are distantly linked in male meioses ( $\theta = .32$ ). We developed a simple IBD method to take account of linkage between susceptibility loci in order to evaluate the evidence for IDDM15. Overall, this gave strong evidence (P = .00003) in favor of <sup>a</sup> non-MHC susceptibility linked to markers in the region, with positive evidence in three large family panels from France  $(P = .01)$ , USA  $(P$  $= .001$ ), and Denmark ( $P = .02$ ). The estimated IBD probability for IDDM15 was 0.57, leading to an estimated recurrence risk in siblings,  $\lambda_s$ , of 1.35, after adjustment for HLA. By comparison, estimates of  $\lambda_s$  due to specific loci in the French, North African, and U.S. family panels are 3.6 for HLA and 1.28 for IDDM4 in the <sup>1</sup> 1q13 region (calculations on the basis of equations given in the article by Risch [1987]).

Confirmation of linkage to IDDM15 must now be

# Table 2





NOTE.—HLA1 = alleles shared IBD at HLA; HLA0 = alleles not shared IBD at HLA; other abbreviations as in table 1. The recombination fractions used for the statistical analysis were the values estimated in the 59 CEPH families for HLA and D6S283-D6S434: .394 (sex-average), .318 (male) .472 (female).

Table 3

IBD and Statistics for Markers in IDDM5 and IDDM8 Regions

| IBD1                      | IBD <sub>0</sub> | $%$ IBD | z    | P value   |
|---------------------------|------------------|---------|------|-----------|
| A. All Families           |                  |         |      |           |
| 500.2                     | 423.0            | 54.5    | 1.73 | .002      |
| 399.6                     | 371.6            | 52.0    | .26  | <b>NS</b> |
| 366.9                     | 343.8            | 52.4    | .31  | <b>NS</b> |
| 389.3                     | 324.8            | 55.1    | 1.49 | .004      |
| <b>B.</b> French Families |                  |         |      |           |
| 101.2                     | 97.8             | 51.6    | .06  | <b>NS</b> |
| 91.6                      | 101.1            | 47.5    | .00  | <b>NS</b> |
| 88.9                      | 90.1             | 49.7    | .00  | <b>NS</b> |
| 101.3                     | 86.5             | 55.1    | .50  | <b>NS</b> |
| C. U.S. Families          |                  |         |      |           |
| 241.9                     | 174.2            | 58.8    | 2.81 | .0002     |
| 185.2                     | 161.7            | 52.4    | .18  | <b>NS</b> |
| 166.0                     | 139.3            | 55.8    | .85  | .02       |
| 165.7                     | 138.6            | 54.5    | .47  | NS        |
| D. Danish Families        |                  |         |      |           |
| 136.9                     | 139.5            | 49.5    | .00. | NS        |
| 109.0                     | 98.1             | 53.4    | .17  | <b>NS</b> |
| 109.3                     | 108.3            | 50.7    | .01  | NS        |
| 112.2                     | 92.1             | 55.1    | .48  | NS        |
|                           |                  |         |      |           |

NOTE.-Abbreviations as in table 1.

sought in other mulitplex IDDM families. Since the IDDM15 region is linked to HLA in male meioses, the accuracy of the estimated recombination distances will be a key factor in the statistical evaluation of linkage. We have addressed this problem by obtaining recombination estimates from closely verified genotypes from the CEPH panel of 59 reference families (466 meioses). No data are available in the literature to evaluate the precise region of IDDM15 for linkage to disease susceptibility in other family panels. From published data, the closest tested marker is D6S300, which is located <sup>5</sup> cM proximal to D6S283; it showed no evidence of linkage in sex-combined data from 96 U.K. families (Davies et al. 1994). The other previously reported non-MHC susceptibility loci on chromosome 6 map to different regions of 6q. The most closely linked marker for IDDM5, ESR, is located distal to IDDM15, at 6q25, and exhibits >30 cM recombination with the markers linked to IDDM15. The other non-MHC chromosome 6 locus, IDDM8, is located in an even more distal region at 6q27.

Interestingly, it has been suggested that chromosome 6 contains a gene responsible for transient neonatal diabetes mellitus (TND), since several cases of TND reported, to date, have been associated with paternal isodisomy of chromosome 6 (Abramowicz et al. 1994; Temple et al. 1995). This observation would favor the hypothesis of maternal imprinting at this gene (Ledbetter and Engel 1995), as does the observation of a family with three half-sibs affected by TND having the same father but different mothers (Sequel et al. 1982). Although it is presently not possible to determine whether one of the putative IDDM susceptibility genes on chromosome <sup>6</sup> is identical to this TND gene, our data provide no evidence of different IBD frequencies in male and female meioses in any of these regions. Comparative mapping data suggest that all the human IDDM susceptibility regions on chromosome 6 map outside the 11 cM region near H2 that has been reported by Ikegami et al. (1995) to contain <sup>a</sup> non-MHC susceptibility gene for diabetes in the NOD mouse.

Luo et al. (1996) recently provided new data that confirm the evidence of linkage for IDDMS and IDDM8. When data from their study was combined with previously published results, they obtained significance of  $2 \times 10^{-6}$  and  $1 \times 10^{-6}$ , respectively. Our analysis of families from France, the United States, North Africa, and Denmark also supports linkage to IDDMS  $(P = .002)$  and IDDM8 (P = .004). These results are not independent of those of Luo et al. (1996) because families from the HBDI panel (U.S. families) have been incorporated in both studies. When <sup>a</sup> combined data set was produced with duplicate families counted only once, we obtained P values of .0001 at ESR and .00004 at D6S281. Luo et al. (1996) also found evidence for heterogeneity among data sets for linkage to the IDDMS region. With the addition of our family panels, evidence for heterogeneity by source was marginally significant  $(P = .04)$  on the basis of contingency table analysis of data in table 4 (after removal of North Africa families because of their small number). There is no evidence of heterogeneity for linkage in the IDDM8 region in our data, nor in those presented by Luo et al. (1996).

The statistical method that is described here can be applied generally to discriminate between the hypotheses of a single susceptibility locus or linkage between two susceptibility loci. The power to detect the presence of two susceptibility loci will depend on the distances between them and the relative size of their effects. Although neither IDDMS nor IDDM8 is in <sup>a</sup> region that exhibits linkage to HLA, the distance between markers for these loci is 27 cM in CEPH families (data not shown), and IDDM5 resides 35 cM from the IDDM15 region. Two-locus analysis was not performed with IDDMS and IDDM8, because the marker loci were less informative than HLA, which reduces the amount of data available, and neither region exhibited very strong evidence of linkage in our family panel alone. Since







NOTE. - 0 = this study; 1 = Davies et al. (1994); 2 = Luo et al. (1996). FL, ITA, UK = families from Florida, Italy, and United Kingdom studied in the above references, respectively. Calculations were done in all the families, or in the families which contained only two affected siblings (in parentheses). Abbreviations as in table 1.

multilocus data is not available in the literature, twolocus analysis of the combined data sets cannot be undertaken at present. Although such analysis may be useful in the future, it should be noted that the situation described here for linkage between IDDM15 and HLA is quite different because of the large contribution of the MHC in IDDM. Finally, it should be noted that the evidence of linkage and the IBD probabilities declined at intervening markers spanning the regions of IDDM15- IDDM5 and IDDMS-IDDM8 (data not shown), <sup>a</sup> pattern that has been considered characteristic of distinct susceptibility loci in other studies (Luo et al. 1995, 1996).

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