

SUPPLEMENTARY DATA

**Supplementary Table 1.** Pearson correlations of baseline levels of glycerol, fasting free fatty acids and omega fatty acids with age, BMI and traits of glucose metabolism in non-diabetic subjects (N=8566-8749).

Variable	Glycerol		Fasting FFAs		Omega-3 FAs		Docosahexaenoic acid		Omega-6 FAs		Linoleic acid		Monounsaturated FAs		Saturated and omega-7&9 FAs	
	<i>r</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>r</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>r</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>r</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>R</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>r</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>r</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>r</i>	<i>P</i>
Age, y	0.064	2.2x10 <sup>-09</sup>	0.076	9.0x10 <sup>-13</sup>	0.117	7.2x10 <sup>-28</sup>	0.155	1.4x10 <sup>-47</sup>	0.044	5.2x10 <sup>-5</sup>	0.016	0.130	0.098	4.9x10 <sup>-20</sup>	0.075	4.1x10 <sup>-12</sup>
BMI, kg/m <sup>2</sup>	0.248	9.3x10 <sup>-122</sup>	0.113	4.6x10 <sup>-26</sup>	-	0.013	0.006	0.574	0.306	3.0x10 <sup>-186</sup>	-	3.9x10 <sup>-208</sup>	0.242	2.0x10 <sup>-115</sup>	0.313	8.3x10 <sup>-196</sup>
FPG, mmol/L	0.125	1.9x10 <sup>-31</sup>	0.121	6.9x10 <sup>-30</sup>	0.034	1.4x10 <sup>-3</sup>	0.036	7.9x10 <sup>-4</sup>	0.185	1.5x10 <sup>-67</sup>	-	2.7x10 <sup>-75</sup>	0.161	4.7x10 <sup>-51</sup>	0.171	4.8x10 <sup>-58</sup>
2hPG, mmol/L	0.263	2.6x10 <sup>-136</sup>	0.313	2.4x10 <sup>-198</sup>	0.032	3.0x10 <sup>-3</sup>	0.045	2.6x10 <sup>-5</sup>	0.258	1.7x10 <sup>-131</sup>	-	2.5x10 <sup>-139</sup>	0.187	1.3x10 <sup>-68</sup>	0.241	2.9x10 <sup>-114</sup>
Fasting insulin, pmol/L	0.270	5.4x10 <sup>-144</sup>	0.106	3.0x10 <sup>-23</sup>	-	3.0x10 <sup>-10</sup>	-0.051	1.8x10 <sup>-6</sup>	0.366	1.8x10 <sup>-271</sup>	-	7.9x10 <sup>-238</sup>	0.302	4.4x10 <sup>-181</sup>	0.382	1.0x10 <sup>-298</sup>
2h Insulin, pmol/L	0.299	1.5x10 <sup>-177</sup>	0.195	1.4x10 <sup>-75</sup>	0.001	0.96	0.023	0.036	0.315	1.3x10 <sup>-197</sup>	-	7.9x10 <sup>-186</sup>	0.239	1.1x10 <sup>-112</sup>	0.314	2.7x10 <sup>-196</sup>
Matsuda ISI, mg/dL, mU/L	-	1.5x10 <sup>-186</sup>	-	2.9x10 <sup>-47</sup>	0.053	1.3x10 <sup>-6</sup>	0.038	4.4x10 <sup>-4</sup>	0.386	1.3x10 <sup>-303</sup>	-	1.3x10 <sup>-275</sup>	0.315	8.0x10 <sup>-197</sup>	-	<1.1x10 <sup>-282</sup>
InsAUC <sub>0-30</sub> /GluAUC <sub>0-30</sub> , pmol/mmol	0.164	4.0x10 <sup>-53</sup>	-	6.7x10 <sup>-3</sup>	0.068	3.5x10 <sup>-10</sup>	-0.066	1.2x10 <sup>-9</sup>	0.235	3.2x10 <sup>-108</sup>	-	9.9x10 <sup>-83</sup>	0.200	5.5x10 <sup>-78</sup>	0.254	5.3x10 <sup>-127</sup>

FFA, free fatty acid; FA, fatty acid, BMI, body mass index. FPG, fasting plasma glucose; 2hPG, 2-hour plasma glucose; Matsuda ISI, Matsuda insulin sensitivity index, InsAUC<sub>0-30</sub>/GluAUC<sub>0-30</sub> AUC, Insulin area under curve 0-30 / Glucose area under the curve 0-30 minutes. Glycerol and fasting FFA are given in mmol/L, all others (omega 3 FAs, docosahexaenoic acid, omega-6 FAs, linoleic acid, monounsaturated FAs, and saturated FAs and omega 7&9 FAs) as percentage of total FAs. All traits were logarithmically transformed to correct for their skewed distribution, except for age.

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**Supplementary Table 2.** Partial correlations of baseline levels of glycerol, fasting free fatty acids and omega fatty acids with traits of glucose metabolism in non-diabetic subjects adjusted for age and BMI (N=8566-8749).

Variable	Glycerol		Fasting FFAs		Omega-3 FAs		Docosahexaenoic acid		Omega-6 FAs		Linoleic acid		Monounsaturated FAs		Saturated and omega-7&9 FAs	
	<i>r</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>r</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>r</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>r</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>R</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>r</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>r</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>r</i>	<i>P</i>
FPG, mmol/L	0.067	4.2x10 <sup>-10</sup>	0.095	4.0x10 <sup>-19</sup>	0.040	2.4x10 <sup>-4</sup>	0.032	2.7x10 <sup>-3</sup>	0.121	1.7x10 <sup>-29</sup>	0.128	9.3x10 <sup>-33</sup>	0.111	5.3x10 <sup>-25</sup>	0.105	9.6x10 <sup>-23</sup>
2hPG, mmol/L	0.205	2.1x10 <sup>-82</sup>	0.288	4.5x10 <sup>-166</sup>	0.020	0.069	0.018	0.089	0.207	1.5x10 <sup>-84</sup>	0.207	4.2x10 <sup>-84</sup>	0.154	3.9x10 <sup>-47</sup>	0.193	3.0x10 <sup>-73</sup>
Fasting insulin, pmol/L	0.155	1.7x10 <sup>-47</sup>	0.047	1.0x10 <sup>-5</sup>	0.067	5.5x10 <sup>-10</sup>	-0.072	2.9x10 <sup>-11</sup>	0.240	3.7x10 <sup>-113</sup>	0.198	3.2x10 <sup>-77</sup>	0.203	3.5x10 <sup>-81</sup>	0.257	1.2x10 <sup>-130</sup>
2h Insulin, pmol/L	0.217	2.1x10 <sup>-92</sup>	0.154	2.4x10 <sup>-47</sup>	0.009	0.392	-0.006	0.595	0.234	2.9x10 <sup>-107</sup>	0.211	1.0x10 <sup>-87</sup>	0.183	1.6x10 <sup>-65</sup>	0.236	1.8x10 <sup>-109</sup>
Matsuda ISI, mg/dL, mU/L	-0.200	3.3x10 <sup>-78</sup>	-0.103	7.5x10 <sup>-22</sup>	0.057	1.5x10 <sup>-7</sup>	0.065	1.3x10 <sup>-9</sup>	0.273	6.5x10 <sup>-147</sup>	0.237	2.7x10 <sup>-110</sup>	-0.230	1.4x10 <sup>-103</sup>	0.286	7.1x10 <sup>-162</sup>
InsAUC <sub>0-30</sub> / GluAUC <sub>0-30</sub> , pmol/mmol	0.064	2.2x10 <sup>-9</sup>	0.088	2.8x10 <sup>-16</sup>	0.063	5.1x10 <sup>-9</sup>	-0.077	9.4x10 <sup>-13</sup>	0.120	9.5x10 <sup>-29</sup>	0.077	7.3x10 <sup>-13</sup>	0.109	4.0x10 <sup>-24</sup>	0.139	2.3x10 <sup>-38</sup>

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