Supplementary Figure 1. QQ plots for (A) LADA vs. population controls, (B) LADA vs. T1D, and (C) LADA vs. T2D



Supplementary Figure 2. Manhattan plots for (A) LADA vs. population controls, (B) LADA vs. T1D, and (C) LADA vs. T2D





Supplementary Figure 3. QQ plots showing established T1D (red) and T2D (blue) loci in LADA vs. population controls. A) All loci; B) zoomed in at $1 > P > 10^{-4}$ (excluding top T1D signals).





Supplementary Note: Cohort Information

Cohort name: Action Lada

Cohort type: LADA cases

Inclusion/exclusion criteria: Patients were designated with diabetes according to standard criteria, and LADA was defined as follows: patients 1) aged 30–70 years, 2) with diabetes associated autoantibodies, and 3) who did not require insulin treatment for at least 6 months post diagnosis. Type 1 autoimmune diabetic patients were defined as case subjects with diabetes and with diabetes-associated autoantibodies where insulin was started at diagnosis or within 1 month of diagnosis. Inclusion criteria for all patients were that patients have diabetes (with at least two recorded fasting blood glucose measurements >7 mmol/L), that time from diagnosis was 5 years for all patients, and that patients were aged 30–70 years at the time of recruitment. Exclusion criteria were insufficient dataset, current pregnancy, renal disease with raised creatinine or proteinuria, or acute illness at the time of testing.

Number of study subjects: 1098

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Cohort reference: REC Reference P/02/240

Conflicts of interest: No potential conflicts of interest relevant to this work.

Cohort name: Action Lada 'Plus'

Cohort type: LADA cases

Inclusion/exclusion criteria: Patients were designated with diabetes according to standard criteria, and LADA was defined as follows: patients 1) aged 30–70 years, 2) with diabetes associated autoantibodies, and 3) who did not require insulin treatment for at least 6 months post diagnosis. Type 1 autoimmune diabetic patients were defined as case subjects with diabetes and with diabetes-associated autoantibodies where insulin was started at diagnosis or within 1 month of diagnosis. Inclusion criteria for all patients were that patients have diabetes (with at least two recorded fasting blood glucose measurements >7 mmol/L), that time from diagnosis was 5 years for all patients, and that patients were aged 30–70 years at the time of recruitment. Exclusion criteria were insufficient dataset, current pregnancy, renal disease with raised creatinine or proteinuria, or acute illness at the time of testing.

Number of study subjects: 441

Acknowledgements:

Funding:

Cohort reference:

Conflicts of interest:

Cohort name: All New Diabetics In Scania (ANDIS)

Cohort type (population controls/ LADA cases/ T1D cases/ T2D cases): LADA cases

Inclusion/exclusion criteria:

GAD

ELISA: Negative:< 5 kE/L, Positive:=> 10 kE/L

RIA: Negative:0-34 U/ml, Positive:> 50 U/ml

LADA

Age at onset \geq 35 years

GAD (ELISA) > 10 kE/L

GAD (RIA) >50 U/ml

Non-Scandinavian individuals excluded

Number of study subjects: 440

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Cohort reference: http://andis.ludc.med.lu.se/

Conflicts of interest: None

Cohort name: Bone Mineral Density in Childhood Study (BMDCS)

Cohort type (population controls/ LADA cases/ T1D cases/ T2D cases): population controls

Cohort description: The Bone Mineral Density in Childhood Study is a multicenter, longitudinal study of bone accrual in healthy children.

Inclusion/exclusion criteria: Only individuals of European ancestry were included.

Number of study subjects: 1056

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Study cohort: Copenhagen Controls

The Copenhagen Control sample is collected from two cohorts (The 1936 birth cohort and ADDITION-PRO), and comprises 1974 non-diabetic adults. The control subjects had a mean age of 64.42 (range, 34.44), and 49.9% were male.

Cohort name: The 1936 birth cohort

Cohort type (population controls/ LADA cases/ T1D cases/ T2D cases): Population controls

Cohort description/inclusion/exclusion criteria: The cohort consists of all subjects born in 1936, who, on 2 April 1976, were resident in one of four municipalities nearby Glostrup Hospital, Denmark (n=695). The cohort was collected to assess the age-specific prevalence of diabetes mellitus and impaired glucose tolerance in 60-year-old individuals in 1996/97.

Number of study subjects: 624 non-diabetic individuals (502 NGTs, 122 IFG/IGTs)

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Cohort reference: Drivsholm T. Increasing prevalence of diabetes mellitus and impaired glucose tolerance among 60-year-old Danes. *Diabet Med* 2001.

Conflicts of interest: NA

Cohort name: ADDITION-PRO

Cohort type (population controls/ LADA cases/ T1D cases/ T2D cases): Controls

Cohort description/inclusion/exclusion criteria: ADDITION-PRO is a longitudinal cohort study of 2082 adults (>45 years) collected to have IGT, IFG, or NGT either with high or low risk of developing type 2 diabetes (based on information about age, sex, gestational diabetes, family history of diabetes, hypertension, BMI, and level of physical activity).

The samples were collected in 2009–2011 from four Danish research centres (Steno Diabetes Center, Aarhus University Hospital, Holstebro Hospital, and Hospital of South West Jutland, Esbjerg).

Number of study subjects: 1350 non-diabetic individuals (812 NGTs, 538 IFG/IGTs)

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Cohort reference: Johansen et al. Protocol for ADDITION-PRO: a longitudinal cohort study of the cardiovascular experience of individuals at high risk for diabetes recruited from Danish primary care. *BMC Public Health* 2012.

Conflicts of interest: NA

Study cohort: Copenhagen LADA

The Copenhagen LADA sample (n=539) is collected from six cohorts (DD2, Vejle Biobank, OUH, CIMT, Inter99, and SDC). The LADA patients had a mean age of 58.32 (range, 67.31), and 56.2% were male.

The following inclusion criteria for LADA have been applied in all sub-cohorts: GADA positive, ≥ 20 years at the time of diagnosis, and treated without insulin for the first year after diagnosis or having fasting serum C-peptide ≥ 300 pmol/L at the time of investigation.

Cohort name: Danish Centre for strategic Research in Type 2 Diabetes (DD2)

Cohort type (population controls/ LADA cases/ T1D cases/ T2D cases): LADA cases

Cohort description/inclusion/exclusion criteria: DD2 is nationwide cohort, enrolling patients with newly diagnosed type 2 diabetes from general practitioners and hospital specialist outpatient clinics since 2010. GADA was measured in 5966 patients, with an AESKULISA assay.

Number of study subjects: 158 LADA cases

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Cohort reference: Thomsen et al. The Danish Centre for Strategic Research in Type 2 Diabetes (DD2): Organization of diabetes care in Denmark and supplementary data sources for data collection among DD2 study participants. *Clin Epidemiol* 2012.

Conflicts of interest: NA

Cohort name: Vejle Biobank

Cohort type (population controls/ LADA cases/ T1D cases/ T2D cases): LADA cases

Cohort description/inclusion/exclusion criteria: The Vejle Diabetes Biobank was established as a regional Bio bank and comprises individuals with diabetes and a gender- and age-matched control population. All participants were aged between 25 and 75 years (both ages included) and residing in the former County of Vejle area on December 31, 2006. Altogether, 3320 patients with type 2 diabetes or type 1 diabetes were recruited from the central database at Vejle Hospital Laboratory Center. GADA were measured in all 3320 patients, with an AESKULISA assay.

Number of study subjects: 124 LADA cases

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Cohort reference: Petersen et al. Vejle Diabetes Biobank – a resource for studies of the etiologies of diabetes and its comorbidities. *Clin Epidemiol*. 2016.

Conflicts of interest: NA

Cohort name: OUH

Cohort type (population controls/ LADA cases/ T1D cases/ T2D cases): LADA cases

Cohort description/inclusion/exclusion criteria: The OUH LADA cohort is collected from a database of patients with diabetes newly referred to Odense University Hospital (OUH), Denmark, between 1997 and 2011. GAD autoantibodies were measured in 5,671 patients with diabetes, applying an RSR RIA assay, 279 were GADA positive, above 30 years of age, and had fasting C-peptide above 300 pmol/l. Of these DNA was available for 66.

Number of study subjects: 66 LADA cases

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Cohort reference: NA

Conflicts of interest: NA

Cohort name: CIMT

Cohort type (population controls/ LADA cases/ T1D cases/ T2D cases): LADA cases

Cohort description/inclusion/exclusion criteria: The CIMT trial is a multicenter randomized placebo controlled superiority trail conducted from 2008 to 2012 at eight hospitals in the capital region of Denmark. Inclusion criteria included diagnosis of type 2 diabetes, >30 years at diagnosis, BMI >25 kg/m², HbA_{1c}>7.5%, treatment with oral anti-diabetic drugs for \geq 1 year, and/or insulin treatment for \geq 3 months. Exclusion criteria included: major cardiovascular disease within the past 3 months, carotid artery stenosis >70%, heart failure, recent cancer, renal or liver disease, alcohol or drug abuse, unstable retinopathy, pregnancy, breastfeeding, fertile women not using anticonception, or allergy towards trial medication. Altogether, 412 type 2 diabetes patients were included in the trial and were screened for the presence of GADA with an RSR ELISA kit.

Number of study subjects: 31 LADA cases

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Cohort reference: Lundby et al. Study rationale and design of the CIMT trial: the Copenhagen Insulin and Metformin Therapy trial. *Diabetes Obes Metab* 2009.

Conflicts of interest: NA

Cohort name: Inter99

Cohort type (population controls/ LADA cases/ T1D cases/ T2D cases): LADA cases

Cohort description/inclusion/exclusion criteria: Inter99 is a population based intervention cohort, comprising individuals from the Copenhagen area. Altogether 6784 individuals participated in the baseline examination. GADA were measured in 2531 individuals, with an RSR ELISA kit.

Number of study subjects: 19 LADA cases

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Cohort reference: Jørgensen et al. A randomized non-pharmacological intervention study for prevention of ischaemic heart disease: baseline results Inter99. *Eur J Cardiovasc Prev Rehabil*. 2003.

Conflicts of interest: NA

Cohort name: SDC

Cohort type (population controls/ LADA cases/ T1D cases/ T2D cases): LADA cases

Cohort description/inclusion/exclusion criteria: The SDC cohort comprises patients >18 years with type 2 diabetes (n=1676) recruited from the outpatient clinic at Steno Diabetes Center, Gentofte, Denmark. Individuals in pregnancy, having another cause of diabetes or being of another ethnicity than Danish were excluded. GADA were measured in 1595 individuals. Of the 141 LADA patients, GADA were measured with RSR ELISA in 52 patients, and with AESKULISA in 89 patients.

Number of study subjects: 141 LADA cases

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Cohort reference: NA

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Cohort name: Diabetes Registry Vasa (DIREVA)

Cohort type (population controls/ LADA cases/ T1D cases/ T2D cases): LADA cases/ T1D cases/ T2D cases

Inclusion/exclusion criteria: LADA

Age at onset \geq 35 years C-peptide (KLU) > 0.2 nmol/L GAD65a (EIA) \geq 10 U/ml

T1D Age at onset < 35 years C-peptide (KLU) < 0.2 nmol/L

T2D Age at onset ≥ 35 years C-peptide (KLU) ≥ 0.2 nmol/L GAD65a (EIA) <10 U/ml

Number of study subjects: 3290

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Cohort reference: NA

Conflicts of interest: None

Cohort name: GoDARTS

Cohort type (population controls/ LADA cases/ T1D cases/ T2D cases):

- population controls (replication study only) 969
- LADA cases 206
- T2D cases 4413

Inclusion/exclusion criteria:

- Age diagnosis <35
- No insulin within 1 year diagnosis
- GADA positive

Number of study subjects: (see above)

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Cohort name: HUNT

Cohort type (population controls/ LADA cases/ T1D cases/ T2D cases): LADA and T2D cases and non-diabetic population controls

Inclusion/exclusion criteria: LADA: Self-reported yes to having diabetes, positive for GAD antibodies, initial age at diagnosis >30 years old and no insulin treatment within one year of diagnosis.

T2D: Self-reported yes to having diabetes, GAD antibodies negative, initial age at diagnosis >30 years old and no insulin treatment within one year of diagnosis. Age and gender matched to the LADA cases.

Non-diabetic controls: Self-reported no to ever having diabetes and had non-fasting serum glucose <7.0 mmol/l. Age and gender matched to the LADA cases.

Number of study subjects: 139 LADA, 695 T2D and 695 non-diabetic controls

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Cohort references:

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Cohort name: Malmö Diet and Cancer study

Cohort type (population controls/ LADA cases/ T1D cases/ T2D cases): Non-diabetic controls

Inclusion/exclusion criteria:

Diabetes

Number of study subjects: 3126

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Cohort reference: Berglund G, Nilsson P, Eriksson KF, Nilsson JA, Hedblad B, Kristenson H, et al. Long-term outcome of the Malmo preventive project: mortality and cardiovascular morbidity. J Intern Med. 2000;247(1):19-29. Epub 2000/02/15.

Conflicts of interest: None

Cohort name: Scania Diabetes Registry (SDR)

Cohort type (population controls/ LADA cases/ T1D cases/ T2D cases): LADA cases/ T1D cases/ T2D cases

Inclusion/exclusion criteria:

SDR

GAD (Wallenberg lab (AU ref < 5.0) GAD (Wallenberg lab (IU/ml ref <32) C-peptide (Klin kem (RIA) ref 0.25-0.75) C-peptide (Klin kem ref 0.3-1.3) C-peptide (Lund (ref 0.25-0.75)

LADA

Age at onset ≥ 35 GAD ≥ 10 AU GAD ≥ 50 IU/ml

T1D

Age at onset < 35 $GAD \ge 20 \text{ AU}$ $GAD \ge 100 \text{ IU/ml}$ C-peptide ≥ 0.25 (Klin kem (RIA)) C-peptide ≥ 0.3 (Klin kem) C-peptide ≥ 0.25 (Lund)

T2D

$$\begin{split} BMI > 25 \\ GAD < 5 \text{ AU} \\ GAD \leq 34 \text{ IU/ml} \\ C\text{-peptide (Klin kem (RIA))} \geq 0.75 \\ C\text{-peptide (Klin kem)} \geq 1.3 \\ C\text{-peptide (Lund)} \geq 0.75 \end{split}$$
 For patients that did not fulfill the criteria for any of the above, the diagnosis given by their physician was used

Non-Scandinavian individuals excluded

Number of study subjects: 3567

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Cohort reference: Lindholm E, Agardh E, Tuomi T, Groop L, Agardh CD. Classifying diabetes according to the new WHO clinical stages. Eur J Epidemiol. 2001;17(11):983-9. Epub 2002/10/17.

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