

Supplementary Materials: HLA-DQB1 and HLA-DRB1 variants confer susceptibility to latent autoimmune diabetes in adults: relative predispositional effects among allele groups

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Table S1. Quality assessment scheme for the included literature (Newcastle-Ottawa Scale).

| Literature | Selection | | | | Comparability | | Exposure | | | Total |
|------------------------|-----------|----|-----|----|---------------|----|----------|------|-------|-------|
| | I | II | III | IV | V | VI | VII | VIII | | |
| Yin N.N. (2017) | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | ***** | ***** |
| Cejkova P. (2008) | * | * | * | | * | * | * | * | ***** | ***** |
| Katarina K. (2007) | * | * | * | | * | | * | * | ***** | ***** |
| Desai M. (2007) | | * | * | * | * | | * | * | ***** | ***** |
| Li Q. (2005) | * | | * | * | * | | * | * | ***** | ***** |
| Hosszufulusi N. (2003) | * | | * | * | * | | * | * | ***** | ***** |
| Cerna M. (2003) | * | | * | * | * | * | * | * | ***** | ***** |
| Vatay A. (2002) | * | | * | * | * | * | * | * | ***** | ***** |
| Xiao J.Z. (1997) | * | | * | * | * | | * | * | **** | **** |

I: Adequacy of the case definition; II: Representativeness of the cases; III: Selection of controls; IV: Definition of controls; V: Comparability of cases and controls on the basis of the design or analysis; VI: Ascertainment of exposure; VII: Same method of ascertainment for cases and controls; VIII: Nonresponse rate.

Table S2. The main characteristics of LADA patients and controls.

| First Author, Year | Male/Female | | Mean Age (years) | | BMI (kg/m ²) | | No Treatment after Diagnosis | Insulin after 6 months | Mean C-peptide (pmol/L) | GADA (ng/mL) | IA-2A | ICAs |
|-----------------------|-------------|---------|----------------------|-----------|--------------------------|---------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------|-------|------|
| | LADA | Control | LADA | Control | LADA | Control | (months) | | | | | |
| Yin N.N., 2017 | 370/282 | 640/541 | 50.6±11.3 | 41.9±16.4 | | | 6 | | | + / - | + / - | |
| Cejkova P., 2008 | | | | | 31.6 (26.6-45.4) | | 6 | At onset: | 554.5(50.4–2000) | | | |
| Katarina K., 2007 | 17/14 | | | | | | 6 | | 542.2 (204.5–1522) | | | |
| Desai M., 2007 | 150/177 | | 55.3±19.8(20– 91) | | 25.4±4.0 | | | 478.0 (4.4–1522) | 392.0 (5–2800) | | | |

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|--------------------------|---------|---------------------|---------------------|----|---|----------------|-------|-------|
| UKPDS | 110/101 | | 25.1±4.8 | 3 | | + / - | | |
| W2 | 74/56 | | 28.6±5.3 | 12 | | + / - | | |
| YT2D | 16/21 | | 27.5±5.8 | 3 | | + / - | + / - | |
| Li Q., 2005 | 23/16 | 37.5 | | 6 | | + / - | | |
| Hosszufalusi N., 2003 | 25/29 | 59.0 (47.5–67.0) | 23.5 (22.6-27.1) | 6 | At onset: 530.0 (240–1400) After onset, 1–10 years: 340.0 (210–1870) | + / - | + / - | + / - |
| Cerna M., 2003 | 30/40 | | 27 (22–37) | 6 | 400.0 (160–1170) | 193.0 (3–3000) | + / - | |
| Vatay A., 2002 | 20/22 | 56.9±2.3 | | 6 | | + / - | | + / - |
| Xiao J.Z., 1997 | | | | 6 | | + / - | + / - | |

BMI: body mass index; GADA: antiglutamic acid decarboxylase antibody; IA-2A: islet antigen 2A; ICAs: antibodies against islet cells; + : positive reaction; - : negative reaction; + / - : some patients were positive for GADA, IA-2A or ICAs.

Table S3. Meta-regression with concomitant variables for the heterogeneity analysis.

| Allele Group | N | Publication Year | | Ethnicity | | Sample Size | | NOS Score | |
|--------------|---|------------------|-------|-----------|-------|-------------|-------|-----------|--------------|
| | | β | p | β | p | β | p | β | p |
| DQB1*02 | 8 | 1.019 | 0.489 | 1.781 | 0.079 | 1.000 | 0.193 | 0.964 | 0.871 |
| DQB1*03 | 9 | 0.996 | 0.887 | 0.880 | 0.724 | 1.000 | 0.580 | 0.780 | 0.244 |
| DQB1*04 | 6 | 1.063 | 0.052 | 1.304 | 0.659 | 1.001 | 0.090 | 1.689 | 0.028 |
| DQB1*05 | 5 | 1.013 | 0.878 | 0.345 | 0.539 | 0.999 | 0.478 | 1.570 | 0.253 |
| DQB1*06 | 7 | 0.974 | 0.509 | 1.872 | 0.075 | 1.000 | 0.675 | 0.830 | 0.551 |
| DRB1*03 | 6 | 0.985 | 0.617 | 0.712 | 0.299 | 1.000 | 0.234 | 0.814 | 0.271 |
| DRB1*04 | 6 | 0.981 | 0.543 | 0.922 | 0.849 | 1.000 | 0.709 | 1.014 | 0.953 |
| DRB1*07 | 4 | 1.064 | 0.697 | 0.538 | 0.139 | 1.002 | 0.069 | 0.447 | 0.250 |
| DRB1*08 | 5 | 0.919 | 0.181 | 0.398 | 0.313 | 0.999 | 0.136 | 0.922 | 0.902 |
| DRB1*11 | 4 | 1.079 | 0.717 | 0.727 | 0.468 | 0.998 | 0.288 | 1.783 | 0.615 |
| DRB1*12 | 5 | 1.108 | 0.120 | 2.917 | 0.139 | 1.001 | 0.132 | 1.732 | 0.279 |
| DRB1*15 | 4 | 0.882 | 0.471 | 0.477 | 0.130 | 0.998 | 0.055 | 3.595 | 0.055 |

Note: β , regression coefficient in the form of an index; p, the p value of the meta-regression; Bold: statistically significant p value.

Table S4. Leave-one-out sensitivity analysis for HLA-DQB1*05, HLA-DRB1*08 and HLA-DRB1*09.

| Allele Group | Leave-one-out study | OR | 95% CI | p | I^2 | p_h |
|-----------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------|--------|-------|-------|
| <i>DQB1*05</i> | | | | | | |
| Cejkova P. 2008 | 0.719 | 0.567-0.913 | 0.007 | 19.60% | 0.292 | |
| Desai M. 2007 | 0.919 | 0.627-1.256 | 0.594 | 12.90% | 0.328 | |
| Cerna M. 2003 | 0.883 | 0.552-1.410 | 0.601 | 50.90% | 0.107 | |
| Vatay A. 2002 | 0.706 | 0.551-0.904 | 0.006 | 22.40% | 0.276 | |
| Xiao J.Z. 1997 | 0.769 | 0.612-0.964 | 0.023 | 48.40% | 0.121 | |
| <i>DRB1*08</i> | | | | | | |
| Yin N.N. 2017 | 1.454 | 0.620-3.412 | 0.390 | 67.70% | 0.026 | |
| Cejkova P. 2008 | 1.038 | 0.484-2.225 | 0.925 | 81.50% | 0.001 | |
| Desai M. 2007 | 1.401 | 0.511-3.839 | 0.512 | 83.30% | 0.000 | |
| Cerna M. 2003 | 0.623 | 0.490-0.792 | 0.000 | 37.00% | 0.190 | |
| Vatay A. 2002 | 1.065 | 0.485-2.340 | 0.875 | 81.90% | 0.001 | |
| <i>DRB1*09</i> | | | | | | |
| Yin N.N. 2017 | 1.050 | 0.474-2.328 | 0.904 | 18.60% | 0.297 | |
| Cejkova P. 2008 | 1.344 | 1.150-1.571 | 0.000 | 25.10% | 0.261 | |
| Desai M. 2007 | 1.372 | 1.173-1.606 | 0.000 | 0.00% | 0.702 | |
| Cerna M. 2003 | 1.334 | 1.141-1.559 | 0.000 | 0.00% | 0.444 | |
| Vatay A. 2002 | 1.346 | 1.152-1.573 | 0.000 | 26.20% | 0.255 | |

Note: OR, odds ratio; CI, confidence interval; p, probability for overall effect test; p_h , probability for heterogeneity test; Bold: statistically significant p value.

Table S5. Test for publication bias in the association between the *DQ_B1* and *DR_B1* allele groups and the risk of developing LADA.

| Allele Group | n | p-Begg | p-Egger |
|----------------------------|---|--------|---------|
| <i>DQ_B1</i> *02 | 8 | 0.902 | 0.382 |
| <i>DQ_B1</i> *03 | 9 | 0.175 | 0.229 |
| <i>DQ_B1</i> *04 | 6 | 0.707 | 0.281 |
| <i>DQ_B1</i> *05 | 5 | 0.462 | 0.642 |
| <i>DQ_B1</i> *06 | 7 | 0.368 | 0.322 |
| <i>DR_B1</i> *03 | 6 | 0.707 | 0.560 |
| <i>DR_B1</i> *04 | 6 | 1.000 | 0.321 |
| <i>DR_B1</i> *08 | 5 | 0.221 | 0.127 |
| <i>DR_B1</i> *09 | 5 | 0.806 | 0.947 |

Note: n, the number of studies for the corresponding allele group; p-Begg, the p value of Begg's test; p-Egger, the p value of Egger's test.

Table S6. The frequencies of *DQ_B1* and *DR_B1* allele groups among populations originating from Asia and Europe.

| Allele | Asian | | European | |
|----------------------------|------------|-----------|------------|-----------|
| | Count (2n) | Frequency | Count (2n) | Frequency |
| <i>DQ_B1</i> *02 | 393 | 0.101 | 973 | 0.318 |
| <i>DQ_B1</i> *03 | 1566 | 0.403 | 1189 | 0.310 |
| <i>DQ_B1</i> *04 | 239 | 0.065 | 68 | 0.024 |
| <i>DQ_B1</i> *05 | 4 | 0.036 | 459 | 0.163 |
| <i>DQ_B1</i> *06 | 471 | 0.121 | 522 | 0.186 |
| <i>DR_B1</i> *01 | | | 265 | 0.096 |
| <i>DR_B1</i> *03 | 275 | 0.075 | 614 | 0.203 |
| <i>DR_B1</i> *04 | 266 | 0.073 | 567 | 0.187 |
| <i>DR_B1</i> *07 | | | 408 | 0.147 |
| <i>DR_B1</i> *08 | 304 | 0.083 | 95 | 0.034 |
| <i>DR_B1</i> *09 | 825 | 0.226 | 28 | 0.010 |
| <i>DR_B1</i> *10 | | | 18 | 0.006 |
| <i>DR_B1</i> *11 | | | 355 | 0.128 |
| <i>DR_B1</i> *12 | 408 | 0.112 | 51 | 0.018 |
| <i>DR_B1</i> *13 | | | 278 | 0.100 |
| <i>DR_B1</i> *14 | | | 65 | 0.023 |
| <i>DR_B1</i> *15 | | | 295 | 0.106 |
| <i>DR_B1</i> *16 | | | 95 | 0.034 |