Online Supplementary Material

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Supplementary Note 1

Analysis of cis regulatory elements of IGFBP2 gene

For the identification of putative regulatory elements located within or in close proximity to the *IGFBP*-2 gene, hepatic H3K27ac, H3K4me3, H3K9ac histone marks known to be associated with active promoters were downloaded from the ENCODE-Project. BAM-files were converted to bed files using BEDTools and then filtered for chromosomes. Bed-files were loaded into R (version 3.4.3) by use of Gviz (version 1.22.3), rtracklayer (version 1.38.3) and chipseq (version 1.28.0) packages. Chip-Seq scores were calculated within a size of 100 base pairs and plotted with the plot Tracks function. The resulting tracks of the single tissues were overlapped with help of Gimp (version 2.8).

Supplementary Table 1. Baseline characteristics in cases and controls of the nested case-control sample with methylation data.

	Controls	Cases
All (n=580)	n=290	n=290
IGFBP-2 [ng/ml]	100 (67, 142)	60 (44, 87)
Gender (% female)	48	48
Age at baseline [y]	56 (49, 60)	56 (49, 61)
BMI [kg/m ²]	26 (24, 28)	30 (27, 33)
Waist [cm]	89 (81, 95)	100 (92, 107)
Smoking Status [%]		
never smoker	47	33
ex-smoker, < 20 u./d.	23	26
ex-smoker, ≥ 20 u./d.	11	19
smoker, < 20 u./d.	13	11
smoker, ≥ 20 u./d.	7	12
Education [%]		
vocational training or lower	37	47
technical college	24	22
university	39	31
Alcohol [g/day]	9.7 (3.3, 22.3)	8.2 (2.5 19.6)
FLI [%]	37 (13, 62)	79 (54, 90)
IGF-1 [ng/ml]	157 (126, 197)	153 (125, 194)
IGFBP-3 [µg/ml]	3 (2.7, 3.5)	3.1 (2.7, 3.5)
Triglyceride [mg/dl]	117 (84, 168)	168 (123, 241)
Fetuin [µg/ml]	257 (223, 302)	279 (236, 317)
GPT [U/L]	22 (16, 30)	29.5 (21, 42)
gamma-GT [U/L]	20 (13, 36)	34 (21, 53)
Adiponectin [µg/ml]	7.6 (5.4, 9.8)	5.3 (4, 7.5)
Glucose [mg/dl]	103 (95, 113)	118 (105, 140)
HbA1c[%]	54(5157)	61(5767)

Comparison of the baseline characteristics between randomly selected incident type 2 diabetes cases and 1:1 matched controls; matching criteria were age (± 6 months), sex, and fasting time (<3h, 3h to <6h, and ≥ 6 h before blood draw), time of day of blood sampling (± 2 h), and season at blood sampling.

Supplementary Figure 1. Restricted cubic spline analysis of the non-linear relation between circulating IGFBP2 concentrations and type 2 diabetes (Q1-Q4: Quintiles of the IGFBP2 distribution)



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Supplemental Figure 2. Testing potential interactions with follow-up time



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Variable	Replications	Seed	Pr > MaxAbsVal
igfbp2	1000	48680156	0.579

Supplemental Figure 3. Checking proportional hazards assumption



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