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Title: A null mutation in ANGPTL8 does not associate with either plasma glucose or type 2 diabetes in humans

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1. Please give the full names and affiliations of the ethics committees that approved the study (or an ethics committee that can be considered to have given an overall approval).

Response: The BioImage Study and the KORA and UK studies from the T2D-GENES consortium have been approved by the MIT IRB (#1010004095, #0912003615 #1107004579, respectively). The CHARGE Diabetes Working Group consists of 27 European Ancestry studies and all participating studies were approved by local institutional review committees.

Results were obtained from the CHARGE Diabetes Working Group from a meta-analysis reported in Nature Communications in 2015 (Wessel, et al. Low-frequency and rare exome chip variants associate with fasting glucose and type 2 diabetes susceptibility). No individual level data was shared and the primary report states, “All studies were approved by their local institutional review boards and written informed consent was obtained from all study participants.”

We have updated the manuscript with more detailed ethics committee information.

2. Please state whether consent was written or verbal.

Response: All subjects have provided written informed consent. We have updated the manuscript to include this information.