

1 **Prostate cancer genetic propensity risk score may modify the association between**
2 **this tumour and type 2 diabetes mellitus (MCC-Spain study)**

3 **Running title:** Genetic susceptibility modifies Type 2 diabetes mellitus and prostate
4 cancer association.

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39 **ABSTRACT**

40 **BACKGROUND:** Some studies have reported an inverse association between type 2
41 diabetes mellitus (T2DM) and prostate cancer (PCa), but results on this issue are still
42 inconsistent. In this study, we evaluate whether this heterogeneity might be related to
43 differences in this relationship by tumour or by individual genetic susceptibility to PCa.

44 **METHODS:** We studied 1047 incident PCa cases and 1379 randomly selected
45 controls, recruited in 7 Spanish provinces for the population-based MCC-Spain case-
46 control. Tumour were classified by aggressiveness according to the International
47 Society of Urological Pathology (ISUP), and we constructed a PCa polygenic risk score
48 (PRS) as proxy for genetic susceptibility. The epidemiological questionnaire collected
49 detailed self-reported data on T2DM diagnosis and treatment. The association between
50 T2DM status and PCa was studied by fitting mixed logistic regression models, and, for
51 its association by aggressiveness of PCa, with multinomial logistic regression models.
52 To evaluate the possible modulator role of PRS in this relationship, we included the
53 corresponding interaction term in the model, and repeated the analysis stratified by PRS
54 tertiles.

55 **RESULTS:** Globally, our results showed an inverse association between T2DM and
56 overall PCa limited to grade 1 tumours ($OR_{ISUP=1}$: 0.72; 95%CI: 0.53–0.98), which
57 could be compatible with a detection bias. However, PCa risk also varied with duration
58 of diabetes treatment -inversely to metformin and positively with insulin-, without
59 differences by aggressiveness. When we considered genetic susceptibility, T2DM was
60 more strongly associated with lower PCa risk in those with lower PRS ($OR_{tertile\ 1}$: 0.31;
61 95%CI: 0.11-0.87), independently of ISUP grade.

62 **CONCLUSIONS:** Our findings reinforce the need to include aggressiveness and
63 susceptibility of PCa, and T2DM treatments in the study of the relationship between
64 both diseases.

65 **Key words:** prostate cancer; diabetes mellitus; ISUP grade; metformin; genetic
66 susceptibility; MCC-Spain.

67 **Introduction**

68 Prostate cancer (PCa) is a public health problem in terms of incidence and mortality,
69 with almost 1.3 million new cases and 359,000 deaths worldwide in 2018. In fact, it was
70 the most frequently diagnosed cancer and the fourth-leading cause of cancer death for
71 men in 2018¹. Age, race, and genetic susceptibility—with estimates of PCa heritability
72 at 57%—are non-modifiable risk factors for PCa²⁻⁵. In contrast, the relationship of other
73 lifestyles exposures, such as smoking or diet, on PCa has limited evidence, excepting
74 obesity, classified as probable risk factor for advanced PCa⁶. Therefore, its aetiology
75 remains largely unknown, limiting the possibilities of primary prevention. As PCa
76 burden is expected to increase in the future⁷, the identification of modifiable factors
77 related with this disease is a real need.

78 PCa is a heterogeneous disease with different behaviour depending on aggressiveness;
79 however, aetiological research has specific difficulties due to variability in prevalence
80 of PSA testing, associated to detection of low-grade tumors^{8,9}. Therefore, considering
81 tumour aggressiveness in the search of risk factors for PCa is a critical issue.

82 Diabetes mellitus is one of the putative risk factors for PCa, as it is an established risk
83 factor for breast or colorectal cancer¹⁰. However, several reviews have reported an
84 inverse association of PCa with type 2 diabetes mellitus (T2DM)¹⁰⁻¹², with moderate to
85 high heterogeneity among studies, while the reasons for lower rates of PCa in diabetic
86 men remain still unclear.

87 A possible source of this heterogeneity can be a different relationship according to
88 aggressiveness. Some studies have not found differences by grade of disease¹²⁻¹⁴,
89 whereas other authors have reported a higher risk of high-grade disease in patients with
90 T2DM¹⁵. The most recent studies have found that lower rates in T2DM patients was
91 limited to low/intermediate-grade PCa, with detection bias as a plausible explanation for

92 this relationship¹⁶⁻¹⁹. However, none of these studies evaluated whether genetic
93 susceptibility to PCa may play a modifying role in this complex association. On the
94 other hand, there is some evidence that the use and duration of pharmacological
95 treatments habitually used for T2DM control may modulate its association with
96 PCa^{20,21}. To date, research results for these points are controversial^{10,13,22,23}.

97 For the above reasons and unanswered questions, the objective of this study was to
98 evaluate the association between T2DM and PCa, taking into account tumour
99 aggressiveness and individual genetic susceptibility for PCa, as well as the type and
100 duration of diabetes treatment.

101 **Methods**

102 *Study participants*

103 MCC-Spain is a population-based multicase-control study designed to explore the
104 influence of environmental factors and their interaction with genetic factors in the
105 aetiology of different tumours (cases of breast, colorectal, prostate, gastric cancer, and
106 chronic lymphocytic leukaemia). Simultaneously of cases and controls was carried out
107 between September 2008-December 2013. Detailed information on the study design has
108 been previously published²⁴. Study protocol was approved by the Ethics committees of
109 the participating institutions. All participants signed an informed consent.

110 Briefly, for this study, participating cases were all incident cases of histologically
111 confirmed PCa (International Classification of Diseases 10th Revision:C61,D07.5) with
112 a Gleason score ≥ 6 (N=1090) identified through the medical registries of the participant
113 hospitals in 7 Spanish provinces (Asturias, Barcelona, Cantabria, Granada, Huelva,
114 Madrid, and Valencia) during the recruitment period. Controls were randomly selected
115 from the general practitioner lists of selected primary healthcare centres within the
116 catchment areas of the collaborating hospitals. This identification was possible because

117 the Spanish National Health System has universal access with a general practitioner
118 assigned to each user. Therefore, a single set of population-based controls, frequency-
119 matched to the overall distribution of cases by age in 5-year intervals, sex, and study
120 region were selected. Eligibility criteria for all participants were: 1) age 20-85 years, 2)
121 residence in the catchment area ≥ 6 months prior to recruitment, and 3) able to answer
122 the epidemiological questionnaire. They study personnel invited them to participate by
123 phone. We recruited 1493 male controls without previous history of PCa. The response
124 rate was 67.4% for cases and 52.2% for controls.

125 From the confirmed PCa cases, we excluded those participants reporting a diagnosis of
126 diabetes ≤ 1 year before the interview, (n=23:9 cases;14 controls) to allow for a
127 minimum latency period, as well as those diagnosed with diabetes before the age of 40
128 (n=27:7 cases;20 controls), as this subgroup might include type 1 diabetes mellitus
129 cases. We also excluded participants lacking information on diabetes or on potential
130 confounding variables (education level and family history of PCa) (n=107:27 cases;80
131 controls), leading to a final sample size of 1047 incident cases and 1379 controls
132 **(Figure 1)**.

133 *Study variables*

134 Trained examiners performed the interviews for all participants. We used a structured
135 computerised questionnaire that included socio-demographic factors, anthropometric
136 variables, lifestyle behaviours, family history of cancer, and self-reported history of
137 previous diseases and treatments. Interviewers were blinded to any previous hypothesis.

138 For this analysis, we classified study participants as having T2DM if they answered
139 positively to the question “has your doctor ever told you that you have diabetes?”. Time
140 since diabetes diagnosis was calculated by subtracting the age at T2DM diagnosis from

141 the age at the interview. We also collected data on self-reported medical treatment of
142 T2DM, differentiated to main groups: insulin and analogues (A10A) and blood glucose-
143 lowering drugs, excluding insulin (A10B)²⁵. According to the last treatment received ≥ 1
144 year, participants were sub-classified into three categories: 1) conservative therapy, 2)
145 oral hypoglycaemic agents, and 3) insulin, regardless of the use oral hypoglycaemic
146 agents. The duration of treatments (in years) for metformin, insulin, and sulfonylurea
147 use was calculated through the questions: “In what year/at what age did you start taking
148 treatment X?”, “Are you still taking the treatment?”, and “At what year/at what age did
149 you stop taking treatment X?”.

150 PCa was classified according International Society of Urological Pathology (ISUP)²⁶.
151 Ten PCa cases could not be classified due to lack of information. For sample size
152 reasons, grades 4 and 5 were analysed jointly. We also explored this association with
153 other categorisation (ISUP 1vs.2vs.3-5; American Joint Committee on Cancer (AJCC)
154 8th ed.: I-IIA vs IIB-IV).

155 The genotyping of the participants with available DNA (694 cases and 1,010 controls)
156 was performed by the Centro Nacional de Genotipado (CEGEN-ISCIH). They used the
157 Infinium Human Exome BeadChip (Illumina, San Diego, USA), with >200,000 coding
158 markers, plus 5000 additional custom SNPs selected from genes of interest or from
159 previous genome-wide association studies (GWAS). We constructed a Polygenic Risk
160 Score (PRS) to classify our participants according to their genetic polymorphic
161 susceptibility to PCa (see Supplementary Table S1 and Gómez-Acebo, I. et al.²⁷).

162 *Statistical Analyses*

163 The association between T2DM status and PCa was studied by fitting mixed logistic
164 regression models. To evaluate the association between T2DM and aggressiveness of

165 PCa (ISUP1/ISUP2/ISUP3/ISUP4-5), we adjusted mixed multinomial logistic
166 regression models, with controls as reference category. In both analyses, we included as
167 putative confounding factors, age (continuous), education level (no studies-
168 primary/secondary/high school), body mass index (BMI) one year before the interview
169 (normal/overweight versus obesity), family history of PCa (none/second-grade/first-
170 degree) as fixed effects terms, and interviewers as a random effect term. As a sensitivity
171 analysis, we tested other models, adjusting also by smoking (never/ex-smoker/smoker),
172 family history of diabetes (none/second-degree/first-degree), and physical exercise
173 (metabolic equivalents accumulated throughout life).

174 To study whether diabetes treatment could be associated with PCa incidence, first, we
175 evaluated the risk of PCa associated with each treatment regimen (conservative, oral
176 medication, insulin+/-oral medication) using population without diabetes as reference
177 category. Then, we quantified the association between time of use of specific
178 antidiabetic drugs (metformin, insulin, sulfonylureas) and PCa among diabetic
179 subgroup. In both cases, we used mixed multivariate multinomial logistic regression
180 models with interviewers as random effect term and included the previously adjusted
181 variables.

182 Finally, we evaluated the role of genetic susceptibility in the relationship between
183 diabetes and PCa for all cases and by aggressiveness of PCa. We combined ISUP 3-5
184 due to the lower number of participants with genotyping data. We classified cases and
185 controls according to PRS tertiles in controls; models were similar to those explained,
186 including the corresponding interaction term to test the possible modifying role of PRS
187 or stratified by this variable.

188 **Results**

189 **Table 1** shows the main characteristics of the studied participants. According to ISUP
190 classification, 44.8% of PCa cases had grade 1, decreasing this proportion to 35.3% in
191 diabetic men (versus 46.3% in non-diabetic men). Compared to controls, PCa cases had
192 a higher frequency of studies lower than secondary level (62.2% versus 51.1% of
193 controls), family history of PCa (19.8% versus 7.4% of controls), and of having had
194 PSA testing (96.5% versus 71.5% of controls). Men with T2DM were older, had a
195 higher prevalence of obesity, and familiar history of T2DM, both in cases and controls.
196 Non-diabetic men reported more first-degree relatives with PCa within cases (18.2%
197 versus 8.1% of men with T2DM), and lower prostate-specific antigen (PSA) testing
198 within controls (70.1% versus 78.2% of men with T2DM). Regarding duration of
199 T2DM, on average, controls reported to have this disease for around one year more than
200 cases. Description of other clinical characteristics of PCa cases appears in
201 Supplementary Table S2.

202 **Table 2** shows the associations between diabetes status, diabetes management and PCa
203 risk, overall and by ISUP categories. After multivariate analysis, participants with
204 T2DM seemed to have a protective association with PCa risk compared to those without
205 diabetes (OR:0.78;95% CI:0.60–1.02). However, when ISUP grade was considered, this
206 negative relationship was only found in grade 1: OR:0.72(95%CI:0.53–0.98). Regarding
207 duration of treatment, an inverse association between the number of years of metformin
208 treatment and overall PCa was observed (OR_{per year}:0.90;95%CI:0.85–0.96). Conversely,
209 a small increase in the rates of PCa appeared with each longer duration of insulin use. In
210 both treatments, there were no relevant differences by level of aggressiveness.

211 The sensitivity analyses showed similar findings (Supplementary Table S3 and S4).

212 According to PRS, cases with lower genetic susceptibility (tertile 1) were older, had a
213 lower prevalence of T2DM, and lower PSA levels at diagnosis (Supplementary Table

214 S5). The results of the association between T2DM and PCa by genetic susceptibility to
215 PCa is presented in **Table 3**. There were differences by tertile of PRS in all
216 aggressiveness categories: the lower the genetic predisposition to PCa, the stronger the
217 inverse association between T2DM and PCa.

218 **Discussion**

219 Our results provide new information that highlights the complexity of the relationship
220 between T2DM and PCa. On the one hand, our results suggest that T2DM might be a
221 protective factor for PCa, but this inverse relationship may be limited only to low-grade
222 PCa. On the other hand, it seems that genetic susceptibility plays a modulating role in
223 the association between T2DM and this tumour, with lower risks of PCa among those
224 with low PRS, independent of tumour grade. Our findings also show that prolonged use
225 of metformin reduced the PCa rates and the years of use of insulin produce a small
226 increase in risk, without clear differences by ISUP grade.

227 To date, the mechanistic pathways that may explain a possible protective association
228 between both diseases are unclear. Some authors have reported that diabetic men may
229 have lower levels of certain hormonal factors (i.e., testosterone, insulin, and IGF-1)
230 involved in the development of aggressive prostate cancers²⁸; others have suggested that
231 lifestyle changes after diabetes diagnosis might contribute to reducing the risk of PCa²⁸,
232 although there are no indisputable preventive factors associated with this tumour.
233 However, as in our case, most recent reports have found that the inverse association of
234 T2DM was limited to low-grade prostate tumours¹⁶⁻¹⁸, and attributed this to detection
235 bias. PSA levels seem to be lower in men with diabetes than in those without this
236 illness, perhaps due to lower testosterone levels²⁹, placing diabetic men with prostatic
237 tumours under the established PSA cut-off point for biopsy more often. Thus, T2DM
238 may appear 'protective' for those indolent low-grade PCa usually detected by PSA

239 screening. If so, diabetic subjects would have a higher proportion of aggressive tumours
240 than non-diabetics, as we observe in our study.

241 However, the inclusion of genetic data in the analysis adds new information to the
242 picture. We observed a differential effect of T2DM depending on the genetic
243 susceptibility of men to PCa. According to our data, the potential protective effect of
244 T2DM is stronger in men with a lower PRS across all aggressiveness categories. While
245 detection bias might still play a certain role, as some authors have reported lower levels
246 of PSA in men with a lower PRS^{30,31}, our results also support the existence of a real
247 protective association between T2DM and PCa among men with lower genetic risk of
248 PCa. These data are in line with the “genetic theory” that suggests an inverse genetic
249 link between both pathologies^{28,32}. In this sense, other authors have reported a lower risk
250 of PCa among individuals with higher genetic susceptibility to T2DM^{33–35}.

251 In regard to the duration of specific treatments, our data provide additional evidence that
252 a higher number of years using metformin may be protective against PCa. In this sense,
253 experimental studies have found that this biguanide could have anti-ageing and anti-
254 cancer effects through many actions³⁶. Nevertheless, results are not uniform; in fact,
255 recent meta-analyses reporting no association between duration of metformin use and
256 PCa^{37–39} have been shown to be affected by high heterogeneity and publication bias.

257 On the contrary, we observed a small positive association for each year of insulin use
258 and PCa. This is compatible with the reported effect of insulin in the viability of PCa
259 cells⁴⁰. However, studies have been more focused on the effect of its use than on its
260 duration, and they have yielded inconsistent findings with a meta-analysis declaring no
261 association⁴¹, another indicating increased risk,⁴² and recent original articles finding a
262 protective relationship^{13,19}. Time of exposure to antidiabetic agents may also be an
263 additional source of heterogeneity²¹.

264 One of the strengths of this multicentre study is its population-based character, making
265 the results more generalisable. Moreover, the prevalence of comorbidities such as
266 diabetes and obesity in the control group (15.7% and 24.6% respectively) were similar
267 to those published in previous studies^{43,44}, reinforcing the representativeness of our
268 study sample. In addition, the availability of clinical and histological information
269 allowed us to classify tumours according to ISUP grade. Another added value of this
270 study is the evaluation of PCa risk in regard to both T2DM treatment type and duration,
271 an approach that, to our knowledge, very few observational studies have previously
272 done, as well as the availability of genetic data for most of the participants.

273 This study also has several limitations. First, it is difficult to differentiate the effects of
274 T2DM treatment from those of the disease itself. While there are biologic reasons for
275 metformin to reduce risk, this may be a proxy for the results seen with diabetes duration
276 as most of the participants with diabetes took metformin. Second, as diabetes history
277 and treatment were self-reported, they might be affected by recall bias, a very relevant
278 issue in case-control studies; however, its effect might be attenuated by the fact that the
279 possible relationship between PCa and T2DM is not common knowledge. An additional
280 third problem is the possible presence of unknown diabetes, mainly among controls;
281 according to the International Diabetes Federation⁴⁵ around 40.7% of the European
282 diabetic population do not know they are. In contrast, in PCa cases, undetected T2DM is
283 probably discovered along the diagnostic process of the tumour. Thus, this
284 underdiagnosis of diabetes, probably more pronounced in controls, would suggest that
285 we might be underestimating the real association between T2DM and PCa. Fourth, our
286 dataset did not allow us to differentiate between type-1 or type-2 diabetes mellitus,
287 although we tried to minimise the probability of including cases of type-1 diabetes by
288 excluding diabetes diagnosed before the age of 40. Fifth, we took into account some

289 potential confounders when analysing the association between diabetes and PCa, but
290 residual confounding could influence our results. Finally, the reduced number of
291 participants on medications other than metformin resulted in limited power to assess
292 associations with PCa by grade.

293 In conclusion, our results suggest that T2DM might be a protective factor for PCa. We
294 cannot rule out the existence of a detection bias, but the variation of the risk according
295 to PCa genetic susceptibility may suggest a biological base in the relationship between
296 both diseases. Further research is needed to confirm these results and to continue
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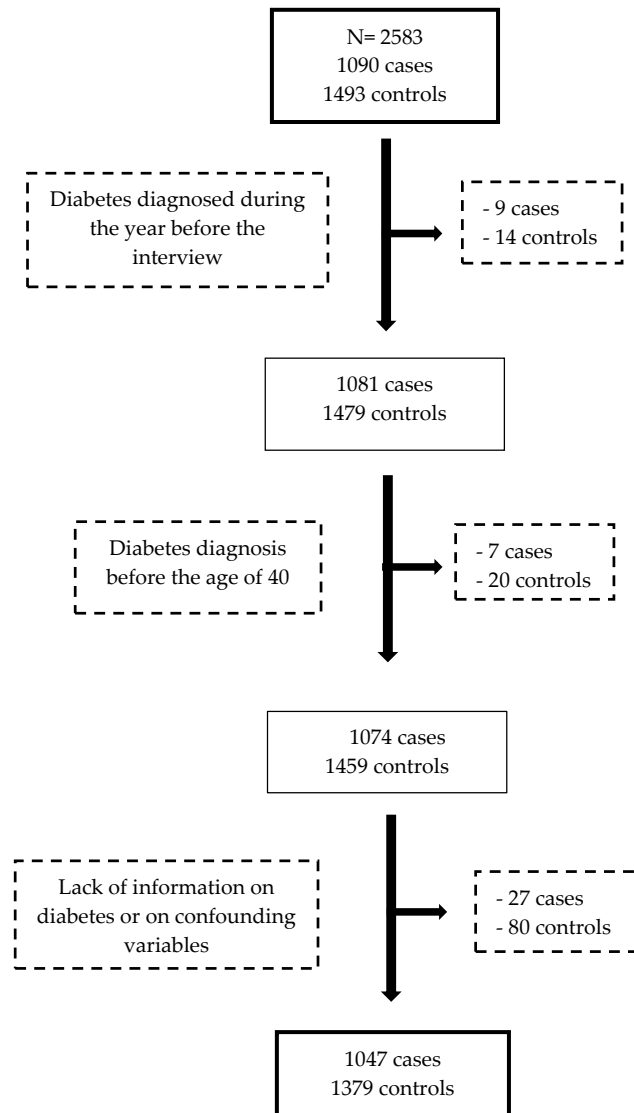


Table 1. Main characteristics of the study participants by type 2 diabetes mellitus (T2DM) and cancer status.

Study variables		Cases			Total (n= 1379)	Controls	
		Total (n= 1047)	No T2DM (n=911)	T2DM (n=136)		No T2DM (n=1162)	T2DM (n=217)
Age, mean (SD ^a)		65.9 (7.4)	65.7 (7.4)	67.3 (7.2)	66.4 (8.6)	65.9 (8.7)	69.2 (6.8)
Education level, n (%)	<Secondary	651 (62.2)	555 (60.9)	96 (70.6)	705 (51.1)	588 (50.6)	117 (53.9)
	Secondary	233 (22.2)	207 (22.7)	26 (19.1)	377 (27.3)	324 (27.9)	53 (24.4)
	>High School	163 (15.6)	149 (16.4)	14 (10.3)	297 (21.6)	250 (21.5)	47 (21.7)
Body mass index (kg/m ²), n (%)	<25	266 (25.3)	244 (26.8)	22 (16.2)	351 (25.4)	314 (27.0)	36 (16.6)
	25–30	533 (50.7)	467 (51.2)	65 (47.8)	689 (49.9)	580 (49.9)	109 (50.2)
	>30	253 (24.1)	200 (22.0)	49 (36.0)	341 (24.6)	268 (23.1)	72 (33.2)
Family history prostate cancer, n (%)	No	840 (80.2)	719 (78.9)	121 (89.0)	1277 (92.6)	1074 (92.4)	203 (93.5)
	Second-degree	30 (2.9)	26 (2.9)	4 (2.9)	17 (1.2)	16 (1.4)	1 (0.5)
	First-degree	177 (16.9)	166 (18.2)	11 (8.1)	85 (6.2)	72 (6.2)	13 (6.0)
Family history diabetes, n (%)	No	714 (68.2)	653 (71.7)	61 (44.8)	957 (69.5)	853 (73.5)	104 (48.1)
	Second-degree	31 (3.0)	24 (2.6)	7 (5.2)	61 (4.4)	55 (4.7)	6 (2.8)
	First-degree	302 (28.8)	234 (25.7)	58 (50.0)	359 (26.1)	253 (21.8)	106 (49.1)
	Missing	-	-	-	2	1	1
Screening last 5 years PSA testing, n (%)	No	37 (3.5)	30 (3.3)	7 (5.1)	356 (28.5)	311 (29.9)	45 (21.8)
	Yes	1004 (96.5)	875 (96.7)	129 (94.9)	891 (71.5)	730 (70.1)	161 (78.2)
	Missing	6	6	-	132	121	11
T2DM duration (yrs), mean (SD)			8.9 (7.5)			10.4 (8.0)	
T2DM treatment, n (%)	Conservative			12 (8.8)			29 (13.4)
	Drugs			124 (91.2)			188 (86.6)
ISUP grade ^b , n (%)	1	465 (44.8)	417 (46.3)	48 (35.3)			
	2	300 (28.9)	254 (28.2)	46 (33.8)			
	3	120 (11.6)	100 (11.1)	20 (14.7)			
	4	87 (8.4)	76 (8.4)	11 (8.1)			
	5	65 (6.3)	54 (6.0)	11 (8.1)			
	Missing	10	10	-			

a: standard deviation; b: classified according to International Society of Urological Pathology (ISUP).

Table 2. Association between diabetes and diabetes treatment with prostate cancer risk, overall and by International Society of Urological Pathology (ISUP) grading of prostate cancer. Numbers may differ due to lack of information on ISUP scores in some participants.

	Overall ¹		ISUP=1 ²		ISUP=2		ISUP=3		ISUP=4-5		p-het ⁵	
	n Ca ³	n Co ⁴	OR (95% CI)	n Ca ³	OR (95% CI)	n Ca ³	OR (95% CI)	n Ca ³	OR (95% CI)	n Ca ³		OR (95% CI)
No diabetes	911	1162	1.00	417	1.00	254	1.00	100	1.00	130	1.00	
Diabetes	136	217	0.78 (0.60–1.02)	48	0.72 (0.53–0.98)	46	0.99 (0.70–1.42)	20	1.12 (0.65–1.93)	22	0.83 (0.59–1.16)	0.07
Conservative management	12	29	0.48 (0.22–1.04)	2	*	3	*	2	*	5	1.45 (0.69–3.05)	*
Oral hypoglycaemic agents	95	147	0.78 (0.57–1.07)	38	0.87 (0.60–1.25)	33	1.08 (0.70–1.65)	13	1.10 (0.60–2.02)	11	0.62 (0.33–1.14)	0.26
Metformin use (years) **	78	111	0.90 (0.85–0.96)	30	0.93 (0.83–1.05)	28	0.93 (0.83–1.04)	10	0.86 (0.78–0.94)	10	0.93 (0.81–1.07)	0.94
Sulfonylurea use (years)**	36	54	0.97 (0.90–1.05)	14	1.01 (0.94–1.10)	13	0.96 (0.87–1.07)	3	*	6	0.93 (0.85–1.02)	0.36
Insulin (+/- oral hypoglycaemic agents)	29	41	1.01 (0.57–1.78)	8	0.62 (0.36–1.08)	10	1.09 (0.69–1.72)	5	1.47 (0.53–4.07)	6	1.12 (0.53–2.34)	0.10
Insulin use (years)**	24	36	1.05 (0.99–1.11)	7	1.05 (1.01–1.08)	9	1.02 (0.97–1.08)	3	*	5	1.03 (0.94–1.12)	0.39

¹ Mixed logistic regression models. ² Mixed multinomial logistic regression models. ³ Ca: cases. ⁴ Co: controls.

*Values are not presented due to the small number of cases in this group. **Based on participants who reported duration of treatment.

Models for diabetes and diabetes management are adjusted for age, education level (no studies-primary/secondary/high school), body mass index (normal/overweight versus obesity), and family history of prostate cancer (none/second-degree/first-degree).

Models for metformin and sulfonylurea further adjusted for insulin treatment (yes/no) and for treatment with the other hypoglycaemic agent (yes/no).

Table 3. Association between type 2 diabetes mellitus and prostate cancer by genetic susceptibility to prostate cancer.

PRS ⁵	Overall ¹			ISUP=1 ²		ISUP=2 ²		ISUP=3-5 ²	
	N Ca ³	n Co ⁴	OR (95% CI)	n Ca ³	OR (95% CI)	n Ca ³	OR (95% CI)	n Ca ³	OR (95% CI)
Tertile 1	95	337	0.31 (0.11–0.87)	51	0.30 (0.08–0.97)	21	0.57 (0.14–2.29)	23	0.21 (0.05–0.97)
Tertile 2	222	337	0.55 (0.32–0.95)	93	0.47 (0.21–1.01)	63	0.68 (0.37–1.24)	66	0.67 (0.33–1.37)
Tertile 3	368	336	0.61 (0.38–0.98)	164	0.56 (0.32–0.97)	113	0.94 (0.49–1.78)	91	0.65 (0.40–1.06)
p-het			0.428		0.217		0.815		0.840

¹ Mixed logistic regression models. ² Mixed multinomial logistic regression models. ³ Ca: cases. ⁴ Co: controls. ⁵ Tertiles of the polygenic risk score (PRS). Models for diabetes and diabetes management are adjusted for age, education level (no studies-primary/secondary/high school), body mass index (normal/overweight versus obesity), and family history of prostate cancer (none/second-degree/first-degree).