Supplementary Information A.

Genomics

The RPCI-1, 3, 4, and 5 human P1 artificial chromosome (PAC), the RPCI-11(Ref)¹ human, the RPCI-23(Ref)² mouse (B6) and the DIL-NOD bacterial artificial chromosome (BAC) libraries were obtained (Table A1). For all RPCI library information see http://www.chori.org/bacpac/. The DIL-NOD library was prepared from the NOD/MrkTac mouse at the Institute of Physical and Chemical Research (RIKEN Ibaraki, Japan) and is available for distribution from the JDRF/WT DIL. A number of probes were used to screen the libraries (data not shown). From the resulting positive clones six were sequenced (Table A1).

Table A1: Library screening and sequencing information.

The human and mouse sequences were assembled and used in database searches. The homology information was integrated into T1Dace, our in-house

adaptation of ${ACeDB}^3$ with the sequence, repeat information (RepeatMasker A.F.A. Smit and P. Green, unpublished,

http://www.genome.washington.edu/UWGC/analysistools/repeatmask.htm), automatically annotated genes from EnsEMBL (http://www.ensembl.org), primers used for SNP harvesting, the identified SNPs, and SNPs from the public domain (dbSNP, TSC SNPs and HGBASE). The mouse and human genomic sequences were compared by constructing percent-identity plots $(PIP)^4$ (Figure A1). A view of this region using Generic Genome Browser (Gbrowse) (http://www.gmod.org/ggb/) is provided (Figure. A2). Only three functional genes exist in the region, *CD28*, *CTLA4* and *ICOS*, and three pseudogenes (a sequence with similarity to the ubiquinoneoxidoreductase MLRQ subunit gene, keratin, and nucleolar phosphoprotein). A sequence alignment of mouse and human sequence around the CT60 SNP revealed 66.1% homology from the poly-A signal to CT60 (ClustalW, 1.74, http://bimas.dcrt.nih.gov/clustalw/clustalw.htmp/), (Figure A3).

Fig. A1

Figure A1. Percentage Identity Plot (PIP).

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markers studied (see Supplementary Information B) and contigs used in the analysis are also shown. The Methods track indicates the methods used in SNP detection. and vertebrate mRNA sequences from EMBL, repeats detected by RepeatMasker, and SNPs confirmed by genotyping. An association curve (scale -log P) for the

Figure A3. Pairwise alignment of the human and mouse CT60 region. Asterisks show identities between the two sequences and dashes denote gaps in the alignment. A polyadenylation site in the human sequence is shown at position +1,772 with respect to the stop codon of *CTLA4*. The ∆ symbol marks the position at which a B3A SINE element was deleted from the mouse sequence to enable a better alignment between the two species. There is no corresponding element in the human sequence. The conservation in the 3'UTR of *CTLA4* may suggest a functional role for this region.

SNP identification

The scanned region and the three SNP identification methods used, are shown in Figure A2. PCR products from 32 individuals (the parents of eight probands from UK T1D families, and eight male and eight female control subjects) were scanned, using denaturing HPLC (Transgenomic Inc., Santa Clara, CA). Primers sets (136 in total) were designed for PCR products (500 - 600 bp) using Primer3 (http://wwwgenome.wi.mit.edu/cgi-bin/primer/primer3_www.cgi), and amplified in each of the 32 individuals and the products analysed according to Transgenomic Application Note 101. Samples with heteroduplex or different homoduplex patterns were then directly sequenced using the same PCR primers (Method 1). Direct sequencing of PCR products from 32 individuals was performed using an Applied Biosystems (ABI) 3700 capillary sequencer (Foster City, CA)(Method 2). For methods 1 and 2, the sequences from AF225900 and RPCI-11-278L16 were used for SNP harvesting. SNPs from the public database (dbSNP) were extracted (Method 3) (Table A2).

In total, more than 60% percent of the 317 kb sequence was scanned in 32 individuals for SNPs (Figure A2), excluding repeats sequences. All 28.6 kb of the CTLA-4 gene and its flanking DNA from 3.5 kb upstream of 5' UTR to 19 kb downstream of the published 3'UTR was contiguously scanned/re-sequenced. For *CD28* 7.7 kb was sequenced. This corresponds to 2.1 kb upstream of 5' UTR, all four exons, and 2.6 kb downstream of 3' UTR. For *ICOS,* SNPs were harvested from 13.9 kb corresponding to 2.7 kb upstream of the 5' UTR, the 5 exons, and all 3' UTR sequence. All the identified SNPs were mapped using the golden path sequence (NCBI build 28) and the information stored in our database. SNP coverage, and SNP positions are shown (Figure A2). Attempts were made to produce a denser SNP map between positions 100 kb and 150 kb using the public databases. No additional SNPs

were found. This may be due to the repetitive nature of this region. In total 108 SNPs were identified and/or confirmed.

All the supporting information, including SNP sequences, shown in Table A3 is also available from our ftp site (ftp://ftp-gene.cimr.cam.ac.uk/CTLA4).

dbSNP identifiers	confirmed/genotyped		
rs1879877	Yes		
rs1181390	Yes		
rs1181389	-		
rs1181388	Yes		
rs1980421			
rs1980422			
rs1181425	Yes		
rs1181426			
rs875020			
rs179584			
rs1974996			
rs231387			
rs749933			
rs890637			
rs1035846			
rs231813			
rs231815			
rs231817			
rs231736			
rs1863800	Yes		

Table A2: The names of re-sequenced SNPs in dbSNP

Table A3: Sequences of 108 SNPs

DNA preparation

For cell-line samples, DNA was extracted from Epstein-Barr virus (EBV) transformed peripheral blood lymphocytes. One hundred ml of confluent EBV cells were pelleted at 1000 rpm for 5 min. The supernatant was discarded and cells were re-suspended in 3.5 ml of 6 M guanidine hydrochloride (Sigma, Dorset, UK), 250 µl of 7.5 M ammonium acetate (VWR international Ltd, Lutterworth, UK), 50 µl of Proteinase K (VWR international Ltd, Lutterworth, UK) and 250 µl of 20% sodium N-laurylsarcosinate solution (Fluka, Dorset, UK). The solution was incubated overnight at 37 °C. The tubes were cooled to RT and then 2 ml of chloroform added. The samples were then mixed and spun at 2500 rpm for 3 min. The upper layer was removed and added to 10 ml of absolute ethanol. The tubes were chilled to -20°C overnight. The solution was gently inverted and the precipitated DNA pelleted at 3000 rpm for 15 min in an Allegra 6R micro-centrifuge (Beckman, High Wycombe,UK). Pellets were washed with 70% ethanol and re-suspended in 300 l TE (10 mM Tris, 0.1 mM EDTA; pH 7.5). DNA was quantified using PicoGreen dsDNA quantitation reagent (Molecular Probes Europe B.V., Leiden, The Netherlands) and diluted to 4 ng/ul in TE (pH 7.5) before use. For blood samples, whole blood was lysed using 30 ml of lysis buffer $(0.3 M$ Sucrose, 1.0 M Tris-HCl, 4.9 M MgCl₂, 1% Triton-X (Sigma, Dorset, UK)). DNA was extracted from the resultant white blood cell pellet using the method described above for cell-line samples.

Genotyping PCR

PCR conditions were optimised by varying $MgCl₂$ concentrations between 1 and 5 mM and annealing temperature between 50 °C and 65 °C. PCRs were performed in 384 well polypropylene microtitre plates (ABgene, Epsom, Surrey, UK) in 6 µl final reaction volume. 3 µl of 4 ng/µl stock of genomic DNA was dispensed into each well. 3 µl of PCR reaction mix containing 0.4 mM dNTP, $2-10$ mM MgCl₂, 3.8 ng/ μ l forward and reverse primer, and 0.25 units of TaqGold (Applied Biosystems, Foster City, CA) was added and the plate was covered with Adhesive Sealing Sheet (ABgene, Epsom, Surrey, UK). Reactions were incubated at 95° C for 15 min and then cycled for 35 cycles of 95 °C for 30 s, 50-65 °C for 30 s, 72 °C for 30 s, and finally incubated for 15 min at 72° C on PCT225 thermocyclers (MJ Research, Watertown, MA) using heated lids. All pipetting steps for PCR preparation were performed with on a Beckman Multimek[™] 96 robot (Beckman, High Wycombe, UK), dedicated to pre-PCR work.

Genotyping methods

Apart from early RFLPs⁵ all the genotyping on this project was performed using the Invader[®] genotyping method described previously⁶. Probe sets for each SNP were designed and synthesised by Third Wave Technologies, Inc (Madison, WI). For a uniplex dry-down plate Invader[®] assay, assays were prepared for each allele separately. In a 384-well format, PCR products were diluted 1:4 in distilled water. Aliquots of 3 µl were dispensed into two pre-prepared 384-well format Invader® Assay FRET detection plates (Third Wave Technologies, Inc. Madison, WI). Six microlitres of probe mix containing 1.3 μ M allele specific probe, 0.13 μ M InvaderTM probe, and $7.5 \text{ mM } MgCl_2$ were added. All pipetting steps for this preparation were performed with a Beckman Multimek[™] 96 robot. Plates were covered with Adhesive Sealing Sheet (ABgene, Epsom, Surrey, UK). Reactions were incubated at 95 °C for 5 min, and 65 °C for 10-80 min on MJ PCT225 thermocyclers. Fluorescence was measured directly at the end of incubation using a Cytofluor 4400 fluorescence

microtiter plate reader (Perkin Elmer Applied Biosystems, Foster City, CA), excitation 485/20, emission 530/25, and gain 50.

For a biplex dry-down plate Invader[®] assay, assays for both SNP alleles were performed at the same time. Final reaction concentrations of the allele-specific probes were 0.7 μ M and the InvaderTM probe was 0.07 μ M. The probes were labelled either FAM or RED. Fluorescence was measured directly at the end of incubation using a Cytofluor 4400, excitation 485/20, emission 530/25 for FAM and excitation 560/20, emission 620/40 for RED. All pipetting steps were performed with a Beckman Multimek[™] 96 robot.

The $(AT)_{n-3}$ ['] UTR microsatellite marker was genotyped using fluorescentlylabelled primers as described elsewhere⁷.

Genotype concordance

Genotyping concordance was assessed by double-typing a small number of key SNPs using either a second batch of biplex Invader® kit, or the Taqman MGB chemistry (Applied Biosystems Inc, Foster City, CA)⁸⁻⁹.

MH30, CT60 and JO31 were genotyped using both Taqman and Invader \circledR in either UK T1D families, GD cases or controls by two scientists independently. The allelic differences were 0/632(0%) for MH30, 1/688 (0.037%) for CT60, 1/1,898 (0.053%) for JO31, in total, 2/5,218 (0.038%). CTAF371_1 was genotyped using Taqman and biplex Invader[®] by the same scientist. No allelic difference was observed in 1,990 alleles. No typing difference was observed in 768 alleles for CTIC154 1 comparing two different batches of biplex Invader $\&$ kits.

Genotype checks

All the genotyping data was stored in our local MySQL database (http://www.mysql.com). This allows easy double scoring, error checking and data retrieval. Data manipulation errors are reduced to a minimum by employing automated approaches. All Invader® and Taqman data was scored twice independently.

Case-control datasets In the case-control datasets, genotyping data was checked for Hardy-Weinberg equilibrium (HWE) separately for the cases and controls. Markers and datasets showing deviation from HWE $(0.01 < P < 0.05)$ are presented in Table A4. Datasets, which showed deviation from HWE ($P < 0.01$) were treated as genotyping errors, and were retyped. No data set used in analysis showed deviation from HWE ($P < 0.01$). Of the 216 datasets (108 SNPs) typed in the Graves' cases and controls, 18 datasets are out of HWE $(0.01 < P < 0.05)$. No datasets were out of HWE in the large Graves'case-control dataset or in the AIH cases.

Since regression analyses are sensitive to the number of typed samples, we retyped SNPs if there were > 10% genotyping failures in either the cases or controls. The percentages of genotype failures were as a result less than 10% in each case and control dataset used, except for rs1181426V cases (15.9%).

D'(Ref)¹⁰ and $W_n(Ref)^{11}$ were used as the measure of pairwise LD in the LD blocks, measured both in a moving window across the region and against the doubletyped key frame markers, MH30 and CT60. If D' or W_n differed substantially between cases and controls between a pair of markers (and $D' > 0.8$), we retyped the marker.

Table A4: Markers and datasets showing deviation from Hardy-Weinberg

equilibrium

Family collections All typing data on family collections, including the microsatellite marker (AT) _n 3'UTR, were screened for Mendelian inconsistencies using PedCheck¹². Families that consistently misinherit in $> 3\%$ of SNPs were marked in the database, and automatically excluded from analysis. The familial dataset was screened again for Mendelian inconsistencies in STATA (http://www.stata.com). The working hypothesis is that these give a measure of genotyping error, given we have already excluded "real" misinheritances. These apparent misinheritances were eliminated by re-typing or excluding a family from the analysis for that marker. Mendelian inconsistencies in the 3,671 T1D family dataset are tabulated in Table A5. There were 231 inconsistencies out of 41,406 informative transmissions (0.56%). Some families identified by STATA have been recently excluded as newly-identified consistently mis-inheriting families in our lab. The number of apparent offspring inconsistencies arising from genotyping errors is, therefore, less than 0.56%.

D'and Wⁿ values were calculated with two double-typed frame markers (MH30, CT60) and were used for LD pattern checking. If the datasets showed largely different D' or W_n values within each population, we re-typed the marker.

The familial genotyping data was also screened for HWE using parents only by population, grouped as UK (Warren I, Yorkshire, Belfast, South West and Bristol), Norway, Romania, USA and Finland. Only one of 41 datasets showed deviation from HWE in Graves'and T1D families (not shown).

	Affected sibling			Unaffected			
SNP name	Inconsistencies Informative			% Inconsistencies Informative		%	Total %
CTAF343	18	2321	0.78	5	1211 0.41		0.65%
rs1863800	20	3282 0.61		10	1696 0.59		0.60%
MH30	25	3647	0.69	20	2033 0.98		0.79%
+49G>A	1	3434 0.03		2	1837 0.11		0.06%
CT ₆₀	15	3824 0.39		11	2099 0.52		0.44%
JO31	25	3290 0.76		15	1788 0.84		0.79%
JO30	17	2994 0.57		8	1506 0.53		0.56%
JO27 1	20	3177	0.63	9	1609 0.56		0.61%
CTIC ₁₅₄	5	1084 0.46		5		574 0.87	0.60%
Total	146	27053	0.54	85	14353 0.59		0.56%

Table A5: Apparent misinheritances in 3,671 T1D families

CTLA-4 gene expression

Primers and probes to detect human CTLA-4 and sCTLA-4 mRNAs were designed using Primer Express software (Applied Biosystems, Foster City, CA), β2 microglobulin by use of Primer 3 program (Table A6). The mouse primer and probe sets are shown in Table A7. All the synthesised probes were labelled FAM and

TAMRA at the 5' and 3', respectively. All the sequences and the annealing

temperatures used for the 3'UTR mapping are tabulated in Table A8. Figure A4

shows our transcription analysis results of human the CTLA-4 gene.

Table A6: Primers and probes for human Taqman assay

Table A8: Primers for the 3' UTR mapping

CATAGTCTCTACTCTCCTGTGA GC ATGGAGATGATGGCAGAACCTC 55°C.

Figure A4**:** Transcription of the human CTLA-4 gene. Seven different sets of primers, indicated by open boxes, were designed on the basis of the genomic sequence downstream the open reading frame of *CTLA4*. For each primer set both +RT (reverse transcriptase)(+) and –RT(-) PCR products are displayed. RT-PCR mapping placed the end of the 3'UTR 6.57 kb 3' the last codon of CTLA-4 and CT60, JO31 and JO30 inside the 3' UTR. Northern Blot of $poly(A)$ + mRNA derived from unstimulated and 24 h stimulated PBMC show the presence of multiple transcripts of CTLA-4 due to the existence of different poly(A) signal (A-G) in the 3' UTR. JO31 and JO30 are only present in the long 6.7 kb transcript. All five of the 2.9-6.7 kb transcripts include CT60. Primer sequences are given in Table A8. With respect to the pattern of splicing since the disease-associated 6.1 kb region is only 279 bp 3' of the major polyadenylation poly(A) mRNA termination site of *CTLA4*, we propose that its allelic variation might affect termination of the transcript. Sequences $3'$ of the poly(A) site bind the protein complex that mediates transcription termination¹³⁻¹⁵. The termination

protein complex in turn binds to the proteins mediating splicing of the final exon in the highly orchestrated production of a mature transcript¹⁵. The pre-mRNA complex destined to form mature sCTLA-4 mRNA may be more stable when the protective allele contributes to the secondary structure or, alternatively, the splicing needed to produce the sCTLA-4 mRNA from the protective allele may be more efficient.

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