Variable	OR (95% CI) per log increment		& Coefficient from model 26
	Model 1 ^b	Model 2 ^c	p Coefficient from model 2
TG-to-HDL ratio	3.14 (2.31-4.27)	2.06 (1.45-2.94)	0.72
ALT	3.32 (2.26-4.86)	1.64 (1.05–2.54)	0.49
hs-CRP	1.40 (1.20–1.64)	1.19 (0.99–1.42)	0.17
Ferritin	1.59 (1.30–1.95)	1.32 (1.05–1.67)	0.28
Adiponectin	0.18 (0.11-0.30)	0.40 (0.23-0.70)	-0.91
Fetuin-A	1.63 (1.03–2.57)	1.11 (0.66–1.87)	0.11
RBP4	1.81 (0.98-3.35)	1.09 (0.54-2.22)	0.09

Supplementary Table 5. Associations between per log increment of all the biomarkers and risk of type 2 diabetes mellitus^a

OR, odds ratio; CI, confidence interval; TG-to-HDL ratio, the ratio of triglycerides to high density lipoprotein cholesterol; ALT, alanine aminotransferase; hs-CRP, high-sensitivity C-reactive protein; RBP4, retinol-binding protein 4.

^aThe sample size for all the biomarkers was 485 type 2 diabetes mellitus cases and 485 controls. Cases and controls were matched on age at blood taken (\pm 3 years), sex, dialect, and date of blood collection (\pm 6 months), ^bModel 1 was calculated using conditional logistic regression model with adjustment for age at blood taken (continuous), smoking (never, ever smoker), alcohol intake (never, weekly, or daily), weekly activity (<0.5, 0.5 to 3.9, and \geq 4.0 hr/wk), education level (primary school and below, secondary or above), history of hypertension (yes, no), body mass index (continuous), and fasting status (yes, no), ^cModel 2: model 1 plus adjustment for all the other biomarkers (per log increment; continuous).