

[Autoimmune Attack May Be Involved in Type 2](#)

It's known that [type 1 diabetes](#) is triggered by an attack on the insulin-producing cells in the pancreas by the body's immune system. Now evidence is mounting that this type of autoimmune dysfunction may also help destroy these cells in people with [type 2](#). Researchers identified for the first time a pancreas-attacking immune system cell, known as an islet reactive T cell, in a group of people who had recently been diagnosed with type 2 diabetes. More research is needed to assess the role of these cells in the progression of type 2.

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