

Large scale meta-analysis of genetic studies in ischemic stroke: Five genes involving 152,297 individuals

Sir,

Kumar *et al.*^[1] commented our systematic review^[2] on a large scale meta-analysis of genetic studies in ischemic stroke.

Casas *et al.*^[3,4] made 2 different studies with

different sample size (3,387 cases, 4,597 controls and 6,324 cases, 7,604 controls), the 2 works are reported in Bersano *et al.*^[5] which had normally increased the sample size.

We followed the same criteria for selection of studies for the

five genes polymorphisms (Prothrombin, Factor V Leiden, Angiotensin Converting Enzyme, Methylenetetrahydrofolate Reductase and Apolipoproteine E gene meta-analysis since we selected works with the pooling of 5 genes in same ethnic population with strict criteria.

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