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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

From a clinical / scientific perspective, this is an interesting paper but given its nature , it clearly needs to be carefully reviewed by a statistician to ensure the methodology employed as well as the results are satisfactory. I only have a few, minor, suggestions :-

1. The way that the abstract is worded suggests 'risk of CD for caucasian cohorts' - ethnicity isnt mentioned before in the abstract and it may be perceived this dosent apply to UC - just needs minor rewording/ say in methods they are caucasian.
2. It would help to know how IBD was diagnosed /classified in the 3 studies.
3. Give a breakdown, in each category, how many studues were excluded because 'irrelevance, repetitive studies and reviews'.
4. Typographical errors eg 'articals' (inclusion and exclusion criteria) 'bia' (towards end of discussion) and 'IBD is thought to be a multiple genetic disease' may be better written as 'IBD is believed to partly arise from multiple genetic factors' or similar (start of discussion).



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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This is a meta-analysis about the CD24 polymorphism and ibd. But the exception and inclusion criteria of the authors were both inadequate. They excluded 46 papers from the analysis. But we dont understand why? Even we dont learn what are they. After excluding nearly all of the papers from the analysis, authors perform a meta-analysis with 2 or 3 papers. I think that such a low number of paper is inadequate for performing a meta-analysis.



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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This is the first meta-analysis regarding to significance of CD24 gene polymorphism in patients with IBD. Recently, there are many studies on different genes polymorphisms and this article is an interesting summary of data of two CD24 gene polymorphisms. The meta-analysis is correctly performed. However, the language requires major revisions and the paper should be corrected by a native speaker. There are mistakes with referrals in two paragraphs "Association of CD24 C170T polymorphism and IBD susceptibility" and "Association of TG1527del polymorphism and IBD susceptibility" - there is Table 3 Figure 1, should be Table 2 Figure 1 Please clarify which data are correct: in the main text there is a significant difference in CD group of P1527del vs TG (OR=1.27, 95% CI = 1.01-1.58, p=0.037) and in the Table 2 there is: (OR=1.24, 95% CI = 1.01-1.52, p=0.037) Please clarify which data are correct: in the main text there is "statistic test reveals that there was no heterogeneity between studies (for allele: I2 = 0%, p=0.806)" and in the Table 2 there is: "statistic test reveals that there was no heterogeneity between studies (for allele: I2 = 0%, p=0.803)"