

PEER-REVIEW REPORT

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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This case control study investigated the association between genetic polymorphisms of MafK and ulcerative colitis (UC) susceptibility. The authors found that rs4268033 AA and rs3735656 CC genotypes were significantly associated with the susceptibility to UC. Major points 1. As the authors said that the mean age of controls was relatively high. The association of age and genotypes need to be clarified. 2. The control people are also patients suffering from other diseases. Community people will be better choice. 3. The diagnostic criteria of UC should be mentioned. 4. Are there differences in genotypes between male and female?

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The manuscript reports an interesting and original data. The claims are convincing and fully supported by the experimental data. The experimental procedures appear to be well done. The authors provided sufficient methodological detail that the experiments could be reproduced. Statistical analysis is well done. The claims are appropriately discussed. Overall, the paper is well written.