

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

Sir,

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

Casas *et al.*<sup>[3,4]</sup> 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.*<sup>[5]</sup> 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 Apolipoprotein 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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