

Supplementary Table 1 Characteristics of the included studies

Study and Publication year	Country	Study design	Sample size (cases/controls)	Sex (M/F)	Mean Age (years)	Phenotype	Mutation or polymorphisms	Cases			Controls			HWE	Method
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Yu/2011 ⁹	China	Case-control	611(286/325)	Cases: 214/72	Cases: 56.3	CHD	T-455C	90	13	47	11	157	54	Yes	Real-time fluorescence quantitative PCR
				Controls: 172/153	Controls: 55.79					2					
							C-482T	89	13	48	11	159	52	Yes	
Sediri/2011 ¹⁰	Tunisia	Case-control	687(326/361)	Cases: 326/0 Controls: 361/0	Cases: 53.8 Controls: 51.1	MI	Sst I	26	53	7	31	45	1	Yes	PCR-RFLP
Abd El-Aziz/2011 ¹²	Egypt	Case-control	300(200/100)	Cases: 67/33 Controls: 32/18	Cases: 52.9 Controls: 50.7	MI	Sst I	15	42	8	70	10	20	Yes	PCR-RFLP
AshokKumar/2010 ¹⁵	India	Case-control	832(416/416)	Cases: 322/94 Controls: 315/101	Cases: 53.23 Controls: 53.59	CHD	Sst I	18	19	34	21	176	22	Yes	PCR-RFLP

Bhanushali/2010 ¹¹	India	Case-control	240(50/190)	Cases: 82/8 Controls: 146/44	Cases: 47 Controls: 48	CHD	Sst I	-	-	-	-	-	-	Yes	PCR-RFLP
Muendlein/2008 ¹⁶	Austria	Cross-section	557(332/225)	Cases: 264/68 Controls: 123/102	Cases: 62.5 Controls: 61.5	CHD	C-482T	16 2	14 3	27	11 7	87	21	Yes	Real-time fluorescence quantitative PCR
Martinelli/2007 ¹⁷	Italy	Case-control	913(669/244)	Cases: 544/125 Controls: 168/76	Cases: 60.7 Controls: 58.7	CHD	T-455C	24 4	30 0	12 5	97	118	29	Yes	Immobilized oligonucleotide probes array
Dallongeville/2006 ¹⁸	France	Case-control	917(442/475)	Cases: 442/0 Controls: 475/0	Cases: 35-64 Controls: 35-64	CHD and MI	C-482T	23 7	15 5	35	25 5	185	31	Yes	PCR-RFLP
Tobin/2004 ¹⁹	UK	Case-control	1054(549/505)	Cases: 372/177 Controls: 313/192	Cases: 61.9 Controls: 58.6	MI	C-482T	29 1	23 3	23	28 3	193	29	Yes	Immobilized oligonucleotide probes array
							T-455C	21 1	28 4	52	21 4	229	62	Yes	
							C1100 T	29 8	20 9	40	29 6	172	37	Yes	

Liu/2004 ²⁰	USA	Nested case-control	758(385/373)	Cases: 385/0 Controls: 373/0	Cases: 60 Controls: 59	MI	Sst I	29 5	77	6	29 7	60	4	Yes	PCR-RFLP
Chhabra/2004 ²¹	India	Case-control	309(158/151)	Cases: 139/19 Controls: 139/12	Cases: 53.25 Controls: 52.45	CHD	Sst I	66	76	16	71	66	14	Yes	PCR-RFLP
Wong/2003 ²²	UK	Cohort	2808(187/2621)	Cases: 187/0 Controls: 2621/0	Cases: 56.67 Controls: 56.01	CHD	C1100T, C-428T, Sst I	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	PCR-RFLP
Izar/2003 ²³	Brazil	Case-control	224(112/112)	Cases: 65/47 Controls: 66/46	Cases: 46 Controls: 45(Median)	CHD	Sst I	81	23	3	71	32	1	Yes	PCR-RFLP
Olivieri/2002 ²⁴	Italy	Cross-section	800(549/251)	Cases: 449/100 Controls: 168/83	Cases: 60.4 Controls: 57.6	CHD	T-455C	19 4	25 3	10 2	11 0	118	23	Yes	Immobilized oligonucleotide probes array
							C1100T	29 8	20 5	46 0	12 6	108	17	Yes	
							Sst I	45 2	97	0	21 4	37	0	Yes	

Russo/2001 ²⁵	USA	Cohort	2485(202/2283)	Cases: 146/56 Controls: 1133/1150	-	CHD	Sst I	-	-	-	-	-	-	Yes	PCR-RFLP
Kee/1999 ³⁰	UK	Case-control	1375(761/614)	Cases: 761/0 Controls: 614/0	-	MI	Sst I	501	112	1	645	113	3	Yes	PCR-RFLP
Wick/1995 ²⁶	Germany	Case-control	313(212/101)	-	-	CHD	Sst I	170	42	0	85	16	0	Yes	PCR-RFLP
Vavatsi/1995 ²⁷	Greece	Case-control	149(95/54)	Cases: 85/10 Controls: 46/9	Cases: 51 Controls: 50	CHD	Sst I	69	20	0	36	12	2	Yes	PCR-RFLP
Rigoli/1995 ²⁸	Italy	Case-control	124(62/62)	Cases: 43/19 Controls: 42/20	Cases: 58.2 Controls: 57.6	CHD	Sst I	41	21	0	52	10	0	Yes	PCR-RFLP
Miettinen/1994 ²⁹	Finland	Case-control	132(82/50)	Cases: 78/4 Controls: 42/8	Cases: 40.8 Controls: 38.7	CHD	Sst I	62	19	1	37	12	1	Yes	PCR-RFLP

MI: myocardial infarction; AMI: acute myocardial infarction; CHD: coronary heart disease; HWE: Hardy-Weinberg Equilibrium; PCR: polymerase chain reaction; RFLP: restriction fragment length polymorphism

-: not reported.

For case-control and cross-sectional studies

Q1: Is the case definition adequate?

- a) yes, with independent validation b) yes, eg record linkage or based on self-reports c) no description

Q2: Representativeness of the cases

- a) consecutive or obviously representative series of cases b) potential for selection biases or not stated

Q3: Selection of Controls

- a) community controls b) hospital controls c) no description

Q4: Definition of Controls

- a) no history of disease (endpoint) b) no description of source

Q5: Comparability of cases and controls on the basis of the design or analysis

- a) study controls for age b) study controls for any additional factor

Q6: Ascertainment of exposure

- a) secure record b) structured interview where blind to case/control status
c) interview not blinded to case/control status d) written self-report or medical record only
e) no description

Q7: Same method of ascertainment for cases and controls

- a) yes b) no

Q8: Non-Response rate

- a) same rate for both groups b) non respondents described c) rate different and no designation

For cohort studies

Q1: Representativeness of the exposed cohort

- a) truly representative of the average population in the community b) somewhat representative of the average population in the community
c) selected group of users d) no description of the derivation of the cohort

Q2: Selection of the non exposed cohort

- a) drawn from the same community as the exposed cohort b) drawn from a different source

c) no description of the derivation of the non-exposed cohort

Q3: Ascertainment of exposure

a) secure record b) structured interview

c) written self-report d) no description

Q4: Demonstration that outcome of interest was not present at start of study

a) yes b) no

Q5: Comparability of cohorts on the basis of the design or analysis

a) study controls for age b) study controls for any additional factor Outcome

Q6: Assessment of outcome

a) independent blind assessment b) record linkage

c) self-report d) no description

Q7: Was follow-up long enough for outcomes to occur

a) yes b) no

Q8: Adequacy of follow up of cohorts

a) complete follow up - all subjects accounted for

b) subjects lost to follow up unlikely to introduce bias - small number lost > 70 % follow up, or description provided of those lost

c) follow up rate < 70% and no description of those lost

d) no statement

Supplementary Table 3 Studies with multivariable OR

Study	Polymorphism	Univariate OR (95% CI)	Multivariable OR (95% CI)	Adjusted factors
Sediri/2011 ¹⁰	Sst I	1.54 (1.02-2.34)	2.02 (1.11-3.67)	age, diabetes, dyslipidemia, BMI and smoking
Muendlein/2008 ¹⁶	C-482T	1.14 (0.81-1.60)	1.18 (0.8-1.75)	age, sex, T2DM, BMI, hypertension, and smoking
Martinelli/2007 ¹⁷	T-455C	1.15 (0.85-1.55)	1.82 (1.05-3.18)	age, sex, smoke, hypertension, diabetes, BMI,

				creatinine, LDL-cholesterol, HDL-cholesterol, TG, ApoC-III and hs-CRP
Dallongeville/2006 ¹⁸	C-482T	0.95 (0.73-1.23)	0.91 (0.69-1.22)	age
Liu/2004 ²⁰	Sst I	1.13 (0.80-1.61)	1.25 (0.74–2.10)	age, cigarette smoking, BMI, alcohol intake, physical activity, history of diabetes mellitus, history of high cholesterol, history of hypertension, and use of multivitamins
Wong/2003 ²²	Sst I	0.72 (0.45-1.15)	0.70 (0.44-1.12)	age and practice and triglyceride levels
Olivieri/2002 ²⁴	Sst I	1.24 (0.82-1.87)	0.97 (0.59–1.59)	age, gender, smoking status, presence of diabetes and hypertension, cholesterol, triglycerides, apoA-I, and apoB.

BMI: body mass index; T2DM: type 2 diabetes mellitus; LDL: low density lipoprotein; HDL: high density lipoprotein; TG: triglyceride; hs-CRP: high sensitivity C-reaction protein.