759 titles found in PubMed

- 91 articles were not in English
- 208 articles investigated irrelevant outcomes or irrelevant genes and polymorphisms
- 81 articles were not conducted in humans
- 108 articles were Reviews - editorials
- 12 articles were conference abstracts published in journal supplements

259 articles remaining after abstract selection investigating the role of ACE I/D polymorphism in CAD

- 188 articles investigated susceptibility, progression, severity or survival, irrespective of treatment effect or investigated outcomes unrelated to CAD
- 13 articles included overlapping cases or their data were not extractable

58 articles were finally included in the review

28 articles were included in three meta-analyses