177 studies identified and screened by search

127 Potentially relevant studies retrieved for detailed evaluation

28 studies retrieved for more detailed evaluation

99 articles excluded after title and abstract review
- 2 not in human
- 61 irrelevant to RA or SLE
- 24 irrelevant to polymorphism
- 12 reviews or meta-analysis

17 excluded after review of full text
- 2 lack full text
- 3 other polymorphisms
- 2 authors published 2 related papers
- 10 not in Asian populations

11 studies included in meta-analysis