79 records identified from database after initial search up to September 10, 2013
0 Additional records identified from retrieved articles

13 Potentially relevant records included

12 Records included in the meta-analysis
11 in English
1 in Chinese

12 Records including 14 studies for -308G/A

66 Records excluded (for title and abstract)
38 records were not related gene polymorphism
17 records were polymorphism other than -308G/A and/or -238G/A of TNF-α
1 record was not closely relevant to prostate cancer
10 records were reviews or meta-analysis

1 Record excluded
1 concerning the TNF-α gene and prognosis

4 Records including 5 studies for -238G/A