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Response to Reviewer #1:

Many thanks to Reviewer 1 for his/her fair, encouraging and constructive comments regarding the improvement of our manuscript for BMC Medical Genetics. We found the comments very informative.

After careful revision according to your comments, we have made corresponding changes to the manuscript, as follows:

Comment 1. This was is a well written article that contains the necessary data of a meta-analysis. Please ensure that the references that are homogeneously written, as well as in the tables. It is recommend to refer to authors by their last name in the tables.

Answer. We have cited the references in the tables and referred the authors by their last name in the tables according to your suggestion.
Response to Reviewer #2:

Many thanks for your comments, regarding the advice of our manuscript submission to BMC Medical Genetics. We very much appreciate the careful reading of our manuscript and valuable suggestions of the reviewer. Our corresponding modifications are summarized as follows:

Comment 1. The selection criterion needs clarification. Is "controlled study design" referred to a case/control study designed? Did the authors include cohort studies also?

Answer. The controlled study design was the case-control study designed. It didn’t include the cohort studies. We have modified the relevant description in the section of Materials and Methods.

Comment 2. It is important to know how many studies, from those that fit the literature search criteria, were excluded and for what reasons. Please provide a table with this information.

Answer. Thank you for your careful reviewing. We have described the study selection process in Figure 1 in the section of Results.