Reviewer's report

Title: TRAIL gene 1595C/T polymorphisms contribute to the susceptibility and severity of intervertebral disc degeneration: a data synthesis

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The authors have evaluated the role of TRAIL polymorphisms in intervertebral disc degeneration in a Han Chinese population.

They have performed a thorough meta-analysis and established that there is a significant relationship with susceptibility and severity to IDD with the 1595C/T polymorphism.

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