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Corrigendum: Meta-analysis of the association between toll-like receptor gene polymorphisms and hepatitis C virus infection

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In the published article, there was an error in [Table 1](#). We mistakenly labeled the reference by [Sizova et al. \(2016\)](#) as Russia. It should be corrected to Ukraine. The corrected [Table 1](#) and its caption appear below.

In the published article, there was an error. The selected studies used for our meta-analysis contain populations from seven countries, instead of six countries.

A correction has been made to Results, *Study characteristics and quality assessment results*, Paragraph 1. This sentence previously stated:

“The selected studies contain populations from six countries, covering many regions, such as Africa, Europe, and Asia.”

The corrected sentence appears below:

“The selected studies contain populations from seven countries, covering many regions, such as Africa, Europe, and Asia.”

The authors apologize for this error and state that this does not change the scientific conclusions of the article in any way. The original article has been updated.

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TABLE 1 Characteristics of studies involved in the meta-analysis.

| Study | Country | Controls | Sample size* | Distribution of genotype and allele | | | | | Genotyping method | P _{HWE} |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------|-------------------------------------|--------|-------|---------|---------|--|------------------|
| | | | | CC | CT | TT | C | T | | |
| rs3775290(TLR3) | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mosaad et al. (2018) | Egypt | Healthy individuals | 100/100 | 6/37 | 90/50 | 4/13 | 102/124 | 98/76 | PCR-RFLP | 0.541 |
| Abdelwahab et al. (2020) | Egypt | Seronegative health-care workers | 70/159 | 46/105 | 18/46 | 6/8 | 110/256 | 30/62 | PCR-RFLP | 0.323 |
| Sghaier et al. (2018) | Tunisia | Seronegative individuals | 174/360 | 77/157 | 51/149 | 46/54 | 205/463 | 143/257 | PCR-RFLP | 0.062 |
| Hamdy et al. (2018) | Egypt | Seronegative health-care workers | 235/284 | 141/170 | 78/95 | 16/19 | 360/435 | 110/133 | PCR-RFLP | 0.257 |
| Zayed et al. (2017) | Egypt | Healthy individuals | 100/100 | 66/55 | 28/39 | 6/6 | 160/149 | 40/51 | PCR-RFLP | 0.791 |
| Chi et al. (2017) | China | Healthy individuals | 122/42 | 37/12 | 41/16 | 44/14 | 115/40 | 129/44 | SNPscan™ Multiplex SNP Typing Kit | 0.126 |
| rs179008(TLR7) | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mosaad et al. (2018) | Egypt | Healthy individuals | 30/30 | 13/11 | 10/14 | 7/5 | 144/138 | 56/62 | PCR-RFLP | 0.880 |
| Fakhir et al. (2017) | Morocco | Individuals without liver diseases | 246/72 | 85/33 | 83/27 | 78/12 | 312/133 | 346/77 | TaqMan allelic discrimination assays, PCR-RFLP | 0.123 |
| Valverde-Villegas et al. (2017) | Brazil (European descendants) | HIV-infected individuals | 16/81 | 10/57 | | 6/24 | 22/64 | 2/13 | PCR-RFLP | 0.802 |
| | Brazil (African descendants) | HIV-infected individuals | 19/45 | 12/33 | | 7/12 | 32/43 | 6/13 | PCR-RFLP | 0.050 |
| Malov et al. (2018) | Russia | Healthy individuals | 120/132 | 99/119 | 15/10 | 6/3 | 213/248 | 27/16 | AmpliSense-HCV-genotype kit, real-time PCR | 0.000 |
| Sizova et al. (2016) | Ukraine | Healthy individuals | 125/85 | 102/63 | 21/19 | 2/3 | 225/145 | 25/25 | PCR-RFLP | 0.460 |

*HCV group/control group; PCR-RFLP, PCR-restriction fragment length polymorphism; some P_{HWE} values were obtained directly from the original text of the study, the investigator calculated it and retained three decimal places when there was no information of P_{HWE} value in the original text, P_{HWE} < 0.05 indicates that it does not conform to Hardy-Weinberg equilibrium; The TLR7 rs179008 gene polymorphism occurs on the X chromosome, so only the female population is used as study objects in principle when counting the genotype distribution; In Valverde-Villegas et al. (2017) studies, the sample size of genotype AT and TT only showed the sum of these two because the data provided in the original article was not detailed.