

**Table 1** Characteristics of the studies included in this meta-analysis

| Auther                       | Published |         |           |                   |           |                       | Mean |       | APOE Genotype,number of patients |    |       |     |       |   |        |         |        |  |       |  |      |      |      |
|------------------------------|-----------|---------|-----------|-------------------|-----------|-----------------------|------|-------|----------------------------------|----|-------|-----|-------|---|--------|---------|--------|--|-------|--|------|------|------|
|                              | Country   | Ethnic  | Cases     | Number            | Diagnosis | Male,n                |      | Age,y | ε2/ε2                            |    | ε2/ε3 |     | ε2/ε4 |   | ε3/ε3  |         | ε3/ε4  |  | ε4/ε4 |  | ε2,n | ε3,n | ε4,n |
|                              |           |         |           |                   |           | year                  |      |       |                                  |    |       |     |       |   |        |         |        |  |       |  |      |      |      |
| 1 Mengel D <sup>[1]</sup>    | 2016      | Germany | Caucasian | PD                | 187       | Clinical <sup>E</sup> | NR   | NR    | 3                                | 28 | 5     | 111 | 40    | 0 | 39/374 | 290/374 | 45/374 |  |       |  |      |      |      |
|                              |           |         |           |                   | 188       | Clinical <sup>F</sup> | NR   | NR    | 2                                | 28 | 4     | 111 | 41    | 2 | 36/376 | 291/376 | 49/376 |  |       |  |      |      |      |
|                              |           |         |           |                   | 72        | Clinical <sup>G</sup> | NR   | NR    | 0                                | 12 | 3     | 34  | 22    | 1 | 15/144 | 102/144 | 27/144 |  |       |  |      |      |      |
| 2 Singh NK <sup>[2]</sup>    | 2014      | India   | Asian     | PD <sup>A,C</sup> | 70        | Clinical <sup>E</sup> | 38   | 58.01 | 0                                | 6  | 1     | 42  | 21    | 0 | 7/140  | 111/140 | 22/140 |  |       |  |      |      |      |
|                              |           |         |           |                   | 100       | Clinical              | 61   | 59.71 | 0                                | 11 | 1     | 74  | 14    | 0 | 12/200 | 173/200 | 15/200 |  |       |  |      |      |      |
| 3 Gregório ML <sup>[3]</sup> | 2013      | Brazil  | Caucasian | PD                | 232       | Clinical <sup>H</sup> | 144  | 69.2  | 0                                | 19 | 1     | 169 | 37    | 6 | 20/464 | 394/464 | 50/464 |  |       |  |      |      |      |
|                              |           |         |           |                   | 137       | Clinical              | 66   | 71.7  | 0                                | 8  | 0     | 103 | 24    | 2 | 8/274  | 238/274 | 28/274 |  |       |  |      |      |      |
|                              |           |         |           |                   | Controls  | Controls              | 66   | 71.7  | 0                                | 8  | 0     | 103 | 24    | 2 | 8/274  | 238/274 | 28/274 |  |       |  |      |      |      |
| 4 Dong X <sup>[4]</sup>      | 2013      | China   | Asian     | PD                | 36        | Clinical <sup>E</sup> | NR   | NR    | 2                                | 3  | 0     | 24  | 6     | 1 | 7/72   | 57/72   | 8/72   |  |       |  |      |      |      |
|                              |           |         |           |                   | 15        | Clinical <sup>I</sup> | 13   | 71.2  | 0                                | 1  | 0     | 10  | 3     | 1 | 1/30   | 24/30   | 5/30   |  |       |  |      |      |      |
|                              |           |         |           |                   | 52        | Clinical              | 33   | 69.4  | 4                                | 9  | 0     | 35  | 4     | 0 | 17/104 | 83/104  | 4/104  |  |       |  |      |      |      |









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|    |                          |      |         |           | PDD <sup>A</sup>  | 15  | Clinical <sup>I</sup> | 13 | 71.2  | 0  | 1  | 0  | 10  | 3  | 1  | 1/30   | 24/30   | 5/30    |
|    |                          |      |         |           | Controls          | 52  | Clinical              | 33 | 69.4  | 4  | 9  | 0  | 35  | 4  | 0  | 17/104 | 83/104  | 4/104   |
| 23 | Zhao XP <sup>[23]</sup>  | 2003 | China   | Asian     | PD                | 68  | Clinical <sup>H</sup> | 40 | 63    | 0  | 4  | 5  | 48  | 11 | 0  | 9/136  | 111/136 | 16/136  |
|    |                          |      |         |           | Controls          | 110 | Clinical              | 59 | 68    | 3  | 13 | 2  | 75  | 16 | 1  | 21/220 | 179/220 | 20/220  |
|    | Schulte                  |      |         |           |                   |     |                       |    |       |    |    |    |     |    |    |        |         |         |
| 24 | T <sup>[24]</sup>        | 2003 | Germany | Caucasian | PD                | 382 | Clinical <sup>E</sup> | NR | NR    | 0  | 51 | 16 | 230 | 71 | 14 | 67/764 | 582/764 | 115/764 |
|    |                          |      |         |           | Controls          | 306 | Clinical              | NR | NR    | 1  | 40 | 5  | 184 | 69 | 7  | 47/612 | 477/612 | 88/612  |
| 25 | Tang G <sup>[25]</sup>   | 2002 | China   | Asian     | PD <sup>A</sup>   | 68  | Clinical <sup>H</sup> | 35 | 65.61 | 0  | 4  | 5  | 48  | 11 | 0  | 9/136  | 111/136 | 16/136  |
|    |                          |      |         |           | Controls          | 160 | Clinical              | 76 | 55.81 | 6  | 12 | 1  | 110 | 29 | 2  | 25/320 | 261/320 | 34/320  |
|    | Parsian                  |      |         |           |                   |     |                       |    |       |    |    |    |     |    |    |        |         |         |
| 26 | A <sup>[26]</sup>        | 2002 | USA     | Caucasian | PD <sup>A</sup>   | 166 | Clinical <sup>E</sup> | NR | 68    | NR | NR | NR | NR  | NR | NR | 19/332 | 279/332 | 34/332  |
|    |                          |      |         |           | PD#               | 118 | Clinical <sup>E</sup> | NR | 67    | NR | NR | NR | NR  | NR | NR | 11/236 | 201/236 | 24/236  |
|    |                          |      |         |           | Controls          | 94  | Clinical              | NR | 62    | NR | NR | NR | NR  | NR | NR | 11/188 | 163/188 | 14/188  |
| 27 | Eerola J <sup>[27]</sup> | 2002 | Finland | Caucasian | PD <sup>A,C</sup> | 147 | Clinical <sup>E</sup> | 87 | 67.2  | 1  | 17 | 3  | 82  | 40 | 4  | 22/294 | 221/294 | 51/294  |

|    |                         |      |           |           |    |                    |                       |                       |       |       |    |    |    |     |    |        |         |         |        |
|----|-------------------------|------|-----------|-----------|----|--------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-------|-------|----|----|----|-----|----|--------|---------|---------|--------|
|    |                         |      |           |           |    | Controls           | 137                   | Clinical              | 50    | 65.8  | 1  | 14 | 6  | 70  | 42 | 4      | 22/274  | 196/274 | 56/274 |
| 28 | Wang F <sup>[28]</sup>  | 2001 | China     | Asian     | PD | 40                 | Clinical <sup>H</sup> | 28                    | 66.13 | 0     | 1  | 0  | 35 | 4   | 0  | 1/80   | 75/80   | 4/80    |        |
|    |                         |      |           |           |    | PDD                | 11                    | Clinical <sup>I</sup> | 7     | 71.09 | 0  | 1  | 0  | 6   | 4  | 0      | 1/22    | 17/22   | 4/22   |
|    |                         |      |           |           |    | Controls           | 52                    | Clinical              | 30    | 65.5  | 0  | 3  | 0  | 42  | 7  | 0      | 3/104   | 94/104  | 7/104  |
| 29 | Hao YX <sup>[29]</sup>  | 2001 | China     | Asian     | PD | 64                 | Clinical <sup>H</sup> | 37                    | 63    | 0     | 6  | 4  | 40 | 14  | 0  | 10/128 | 100/128 | 18/128  |        |
|    |                         |      |           |           |    | Controls           | 101                   | Clinical              | 53    | 62    | 3  | 6  | 2  | 76  | 13 | 1      | 14/202  | 171/202 | 17/202 |
|    |                         |      |           |           |    | PDD                | 43                    | Clinical <sup>I</sup> | 31    | 78.6  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 38  | 5  | 0      | 0/86    | 81/86   | 5/86   |
| 30 | Zeng XY <sup>[30]</sup> | 2000 | China     | Asian     | PD | 54                 | Clinical <sup>H</sup> | 37                    | 68.2  | 0     | 2  | 1  | 48 | 3   | 0  | 3/108  | 101/108 | 4/108   |        |
|    |                         |      |           |           |    | Controls           | 234                   | Clinical              | 158   | 59.2  | 2  | 24 | 1  | 188 | 15 | 4      | 29/468  | 415/468 | 24/468 |
|    |                         |      |           |           |    | BS <sup>[31]</sup> | ds                    |                       |       |       |    |    |    |     |    |        |         |         |        |
| 31 | Harhangi                | 2000 | Netherlan | Caucasian | PD | 81                 | Clinical <sup>H</sup> | 30                    | 76    | 0     | 14 | 2  | 51 | 13  | 1  | 16/162 | 129/162 | 17/162  |        |
|    |                         |      |           |           |    | PDD                | 26                    | Clinical <sup>I</sup> | 8     | 82    | 1  | 8  | 1  | 7   | 9  | 0      | 11/52   | 31/52   | 10/52  |
|    |                         |      |           |           |    | Zhang              |                       |                       |       |       |    |    |    |     |    |        |         |         |        |
| 32 | JH <sup>[32]</sup>      | 1999 | China     | Asian     | PD | 72                 | Clinical <sup>H</sup> | NR                    | NR    | 0     | 32 | 10 | 23 | 7   | 0  | 42/144 | 85/144  | 17/144  |        |

|    |                        |      |                    | Controls  | 66                | Clinical | NR                    | NR  | 0    | 39 | 9  | 14 | 4   | 0  | 48/132 | 71/132 | 13/132  |         |
|----|------------------------|------|--------------------|-----------|-------------------|----------|-----------------------|-----|------|----|----|----|-----|----|--------|--------|---------|---------|
|    |                        |      | Oliveri            |           |                   |          |                       |     |      |    |    |    |     |    |        |        |         |         |
| 33 |                        | 1999 | Italy              | Caucasian | PD <sup>A</sup>   | 126      | Clinical <sup>E</sup> | 72  | NR   | 0  | 6  | 7  | 99  | 14 | 0      | 13/252 | 218/252 | 21/252  |
|    |                        |      | RL <sup>[33]</sup> |           |                   |          |                       |     |      |    |    |    |     |    |        |        |         |         |
|    |                        |      |                    |           | Controls          | 119      | Clinical              | 57  | NR   | 0  | 10 | 7  | 91  | 10 | 1      | 17/238 | 202/238 | 19/238  |
|    |                        |      |                    | Nether-   |                   |          |                       |     |      |    |    |    |     |    |        |        |         |         |
| 34 | Bon MA <sup>[34]</sup> | 1999 |                    | Caucasian | PD                | 50       | Pathologic            | NR  | NR   | NR | NR | NR | NR  | NR | NR     | 12/100 | 69/100  | 19/100  |
|    |                        |      | lands              |           |                   |          |                       |     |      |    |    |    |     |    |        |        |         |         |
|    |                        |      |                    |           | Controls          | 95       | Pathologic            | NR  | NR   | NR | NR | NR | NR  | NR | NR     | 13/190 | 153/190 | 24/190  |
| 35 | Qin B <sup>[35]</sup>  | 1998 | China              | Asian     | PD                | 36       | Clinical <sup>H</sup> | 24  | 66.6 | 0  | 1  | 0  | 33  | 2  | 0      | 1/72   | 69/72   | 2/72    |
|    |                        |      |                    |           | PDD               | 32       | Clinical <sup>I</sup> | 23  | 80.1 | 0  | 0  | 0  | 29  | 3  | 0      | 0/64   | 61/64   | 3/64    |
|    |                        |      |                    |           | Controls          | 60       | Clinical              | 55  | 68.1 | 0  | 3  | 0  | 53  | 3  | 1      | 3/120  | 112/120 | 5/120   |
| 36 | NR <sup>[36]</sup>     | 1997 | France             | Caucasian | PD <sup>A C</sup> | 46       | Clinical <sup>H</sup> | 27  | 65   | 0  | 12 | 0  | 26  | 8  | 0      | 12/92  | 72/92   | 8/92    |
|    |                        |      |                    |           | PD <sup>B C</sup> | 57       | Clinical <sup>H</sup> | 29  | 65   | 1  | 8  | 0  | 40  | 8  | 0      | 10/114 | 96/114  | 8/114   |
|    |                        |      |                    |           | Controls          | 387      | Clinical              | 215 | 67   | 2  | 43 | 6  | 239 | 92 | 5      | 53/774 | 613/774 | 108/774 |
| 37 | Ballering              | 1997 | Nether-            | Caucasian | PD <sup>C</sup>   | 50       | Clinical <sup>H</sup> | NR  | NR   | 1  | 8  | 2  | 22  | 17 | 0      | 12/100 | 69/100  | 19/100  |

|    | LA <sup>[37]</sup>                  |      | lands   |           |                   |     |                       |     |    |   |    |   |     |    |   |        |         |        |
|----|-------------------------------------|------|---------|-----------|-------------------|-----|-----------------------|-----|----|---|----|---|-----|----|---|--------|---------|--------|
|    |                                     |      |         |           | Controls          | 107 | Clinical              | NR  | NR | 1 | 14 | 3 | 61  | 25 | 3 | 19/214 | 161/214 | 34/214 |
|    |                                     |      |         |           |                   |     |                       |     |    |   |    |   |     |    |   |        |         |        |
|    |                                     |      |         |           |                   |     |                       |     |    |   |    |   |     |    |   |        |         |        |
| 38 | Whitehead<br>AS <sup>[38]</sup>     | 1996 | Ireland | Caucasian | PD                | 189 | Clinical <sup>E</sup> | 123 | NR | 0 | 26 | 5 | 111 | 44 | 3 | 31/378 | 292/378 | 55/378 |
|    |                                     |      |         |           |                   |     |                       |     |    |   |    |   |     |    |   |        |         |        |
|    |                                     |      |         |           | Controls          | 162 | Clinical              | 101 | NR | 0 | 19 | 1 | 102 | 38 | 2 | 20/324 | 261/324 | 43/324 |
|    |                                     |      |         |           |                   |     |                       |     |    |   |    |   |     |    |   |        |         |        |
| 39 | Rubins-<br>ztein DC <sup>[39]</sup> | 1994 | UK      | Caucasian | PD <sup>A C</sup> | 34  | Clinical <sup>H</sup> | 26  | 57 | 0 | 8  | 1 | 19  | 6  | 0 | 9/68   | 52/68   | 7/68   |
|    |                                     |      |         |           |                   |     |                       |     |    |   |    |   |     |    |   |        |         |        |
|    |                                     |      |         |           | Controls          | 34  | Clinical              | 26  | 57 | 0 | 2  | 1 | 21  | 10 | 0 | 3/68   | 54/68   | 11/68  |

Abbreviations: NR,Not Reported; PD,Parkinson's disease; PDD,Parkinson's disease dementia; Controls,Healthy individuals.

<sup>A</sup>,Sporadic;<sup>B</sup>,Familial;<sup>C</sup>,Without dementia;<sup>D</sup>,With dementia;<sup>E</sup>,UK Parkinson's Disease Society Brain Bank clinical diagnostic criteria;<sup>F</sup>,Petersen criteria;<sup>G</sup>,Level II Movement Disorder Society task force criteria;

<sup>H</sup>,Based on clinical symptoms, levodopa-responsiveness and neuroimaging method;<sup>I</sup>,DSM-III-R;<sup>J</sup>,Based on the 2007 Turkish diagnostic criteria;<sup>K</sup>,Based on MMSE score and NINCDS-ADRDA

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