

Linkage of schizophrenia with *TPH2* and *5-HTR2A* gene polymorphisms in the Malay population

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ABSTRACT. The serotonergic system has been implicated in the etiology of schizophrenia and other behavioral disorders. Association studies have focused on the tryptophan hydroxylase 2 gene (*TPH2*) and the 5-hydroxytryptamine receptor 2A gene (*5-HTR2A*). We genotyped two single-nucleotide polymorphisms, A1438G of *5-HTR2A* and intronic rs1386494 of *TPH2* in the Malay population, using a sample size of 289 schizophrenic patients and 130 healthy controls. We found a significant association of A1438G of *5-HTR2A* with schizophrenia in Malays. On the other hand, *TPH2* polymorphism was not associated with schizophrenia. This is the first genetic association study concerning schizophrenia in the Malay population.

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