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## *PDCD1* single nucleotide genes polymorphisms confer susceptibility to juvenile-onset systemic lupus erythematosus

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Juvenile-onset systemic lupus erythematosus (JSLE) is a multisystem autoimmune disease in which both the genetic and environmental factors seem to be involved in the etiopathogenesis of the disease. The aim of this study was to evaluate the association of programmed cell death 1 (PDCD1, also called PD-1) gene polymorphisms with JSLE susceptibility in Iranian population. In this case-control association study, three *PDCD1* SNPs, including *PD-1.1 G/A*, *PD-1.3 G/A* and *PD-1.9 C/T* were genotyped in 50 Iranian patients with JSLE and 202 healthy unrelated controls using PCR-RFLP method. The *PD-1.1 A* allele was found to be more frequent in the case group compared with controls (6% vs. 1.5%,  $p=0.024$ ). Moreover, the *GG* genotype was less frequent in cases than in controls (88% vs. 97%,  $p=0.021$ ). The other *PDCD1* SNPs did not show association. At the haplotypic level, no significant differences was recognized between the two groups of case and control neither for the *GAC* (*PD-1.1 G*, *PD-1.3 A*, *PD-1.9 C*) nor for the *GGC* haplotype (*PD-1.1 G*, *PD-1.3 G*, *PD-1.9 C*). Our findings support the influence of the *PD1.1 A* SNP on the development of JSLE in Iranian population.

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