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Opportunity for Natural Selection Among Four Andhra Caste Populations

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ABSTRACT The estimates of opportunity for natural selection are reported for four endogamous Andhra castes namely. Chakali (0.6274), Kumrnari (0.9572), Mangali (0.66792) and (0.6957). the contribution of fertility to the total index is greater than the contribution of mortality among four populations studied, the average estimate of opportunity for natural selection recorded for the four Andhra castes (0.7399) is slightly higher than the average index reported for Indian populations (0.6650).