

Genetic Affinity Among Caste and Tribal Populations of India

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ABSTRACT Indian population offer a good material for genetical and anthropological studies because of their diversities. The first broad grouping of Indian populations is that into tribes and castes. Collecting gene frequency data from the literature, an attempt has been made to study the magnitude of genetic affinity among caste and tribal populations of various regions of India by genetic distance analysis. It has been observed that tribes in different regions are in general genetically different from neighbouring caste populations and it is further collaborated by ethno history and socio-cultural perspectives.