

**Table S1. Source, clinical, pathological and molecular features of breast cancer cell lines used in this study.**

Cell line	Gene cluster [1]	ER	PR	HER2	TP53	Source	Tumor type	Age (years)	Ethnicity	Tumorigenicity	Culture media	Culture conditions	Ref
1 GI-101A	Lu	+/-*	-	+	+ <sup>M</sup>	XG	IDC	57		Y	RPMI, 20% FBS	37°C, 5% CO <sub>2</sub>	[2-4]
2 MCF-7	Lu	+	[-]	Low	+/- <sup>WT</sup>	PE	IDC	69	W	Y**	RPMI, 20% FBS	37°C, 5% CO <sub>2</sub>	[5]
3 MDA-MB-231	BaB	-	[-]	-	++ <sup>M</sup>	PE	AC	51	W	Y	DMEM, 10% FBS	37°C, 5% CO <sub>2</sub>	[6]
4 Hs 578T	BaB	-	[-]		+ <sup>M</sup>	P.Br	IDC	74	W	N	RPMI, 20% FBS	37°C, 5% CO <sub>2</sub>	[7]
5 SUM149PT	BaB	[-]	[-]	-	[+]	P.Br	Inf Duc.Ca***			Y	Ham's F12, 5% FBS-IH	37°C, 5% CO <sub>2</sub>	[8]

AC, adenocarcinoma; BaB, Basal B; Duc.Ca, ductal carcinoma; IDC, invasive ductal carcinoma; Inf, inflammatory; Lu, luminal; P.Br, primary breast; PE, pleural effusion; W, White.

ER/PR/HER2/TP53 status: ER/PR positivity, HER2 overexpression, and TP53 protein levels and mutational status (obtained from the Sanger web site; M, mutant protein; WT, wild-type protein) are indicated; XG, xenograft.

Square brackets indicate that levels are inferred from mRNA levels alone where protein data is not available.

Media conditions: FBS, fetal bovine serum; I, Insulin (5µg/ml); H, hydrocortisone (1µg/ml); DMEM, Dulbecco's modified Eagle's medium; RPMI, RPMI medium 1640; Ham's F12, F-12 nutrient mixture (Ham).

\* Positive in mRNA levels and negative in protein level.

\*\*With estrogen supplement.

\*\*\*Information obtained on Asterand website (<http://solutions.asterand.com/Human-Cell-Lines-s/1.htm>).

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