

Supplementary Table. Patient Information for Isolation of Lin⁻CD24⁻CD44⁺ Cells from Human Breast Cancer

Case No.	Age	Tumor size (cm)	ER	PR	HER	Grade	Lymph node	Stage	Lin ⁻ CD24 ⁻ CD44 ⁺
1	35	3.8×3.0	(+)	(+)	(-)	III	N1	II	1.4%
2	44	3.6 ×2.8	(+)	(-)	(+)	II	N2	III	33.6%
3	40	4.5 ×2.6	(-)	(-)	(-)	III	N2	III	14.0%
4	48	3.3 ×2.5	(-)	(-)	(+)	III	N1	II	5.2%
5	42	3.6 ×2.8	(+)	(+)	(-)	III	N2	III	4.6%
6	45	4.3 ×2.9	(+)	(-)	(-)	III	N2	III	2.1%
7	45	3.0 ×1.8	(+)	(-)	(-)	II	N1	II	2.0%
8	40	3.9 ×2.5	(-)	(-)	(-)	III	N1	II	25.5%

Notes: All eight patients were diagnosed as invasive ductal breast cancer. The tumor size is the original tumor size measured after surgery. ER, Estrogen receptor; PR, progesteron receptor; HER2, Human Epidermal Growth Factor Receptor 2. The hormonal receptor status was determined by the immunohistochemistry, which were done on the paraffin-embedded sections of the primary tumors. The lymph node information is according to the breast cancer TNM staging system. The Lin⁻CD24⁻CD44⁺ cells were isolated for primary breast tumors.