

# Genetic evaluation of BRCA1-A complex genes with triple-negative breast cancer susceptibility in Chinese women

## Supplementary Materials

### MATERIALS AND METHODS

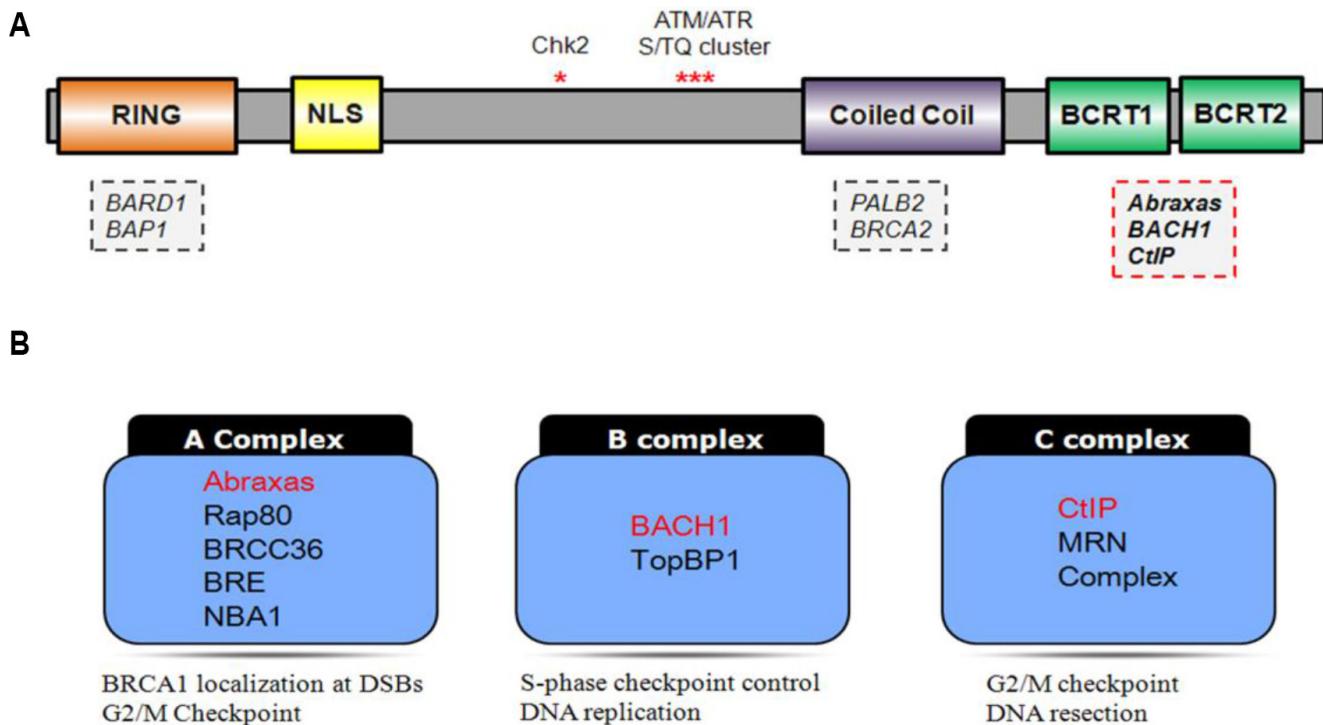
#### Study participants

The triple-negative breast cancer diagnoses of patients are determined by the pathologists of the department of Pathology in the Fudan University Shanghai Cancer Center. The H.E staining of tumor tissue slides was performed and used for determining invasive breast carcinoma. A triple-negative breast cancer case was defined as a patient tumor sample negative in Estrogen Receptor (ER), Progesterone Receptor (PR) and HER2 expression in immunohistochemistry (IHC) staining. Patients with HER2 expression status (IHC, score equals to 2+) were subjected to fluorescence *in situ* hybridization (FISH) test for the HER2 gene amplification. The HER2 over-expression subgroup was defined as FISH positive or IHC staining score equals to 3+. All criteria in this study followed standard procedure which has been described previously. Table S2 presents the baseline characteristics of all the participants in this study. Patients and controls were compared in age, menopause and body mass index.

The triple-negative breast cancer cases were more likely to be at younger age at menarche than controls.

#### *In silico* analysis of the investigated SNPs

The genetic variants in this study were analyzed using functional prediction software. Two different computational programs, SIFT (<http://sift.jcvi.org/>) and PolyPhen-2 (<http://genetics.bwh.harvard.edu/pph/>) were carried out for functional predictions of non-synonymous variants. For SNPs in promoter region, RegulomeDB (<http://regulome.stanford.edu/>), TFSEARCH (<http://www.cbrc.jp/research/db/TFSEARCH.html>) and SNPinfo (<http://snpinfo.niehs.nih.gov/>) were used to find the binding sites of the transcription factors. Three programs, ESE Finder 3.0 (<http://rulai.cshl.edu/cgi-bin/tools/ESE3/esefinder.cgi?process=home>), RESCUE-ESE (<http://genes.mit.edu/burgelab/rescue-esel>) and PESX(<http://cubweb.biology.columbia.edu/pesx/>) were used to find the ESEs and ESSs in sequence and predict whether the allele change of synonymous SNPs might cause the ESEs or ESS change.



**Supplementary Figure: S1 A schematic view of BRCA1 and BRCA1 BRCT domains associated protein complexes.**  
(A) BRCA1 contains a RING domain at its N-terminus, a coiled-coil domain and two BRCT domains at the C-terminus. The tandem BRCT domains interact with phospho-SPxF motif-containing proteins ABRAXAS, Bach1 and CtIP. (B) A diagram of the BRCA1 BRCT domain associated complexes and their functions. ABRAXAS, BACH1 and CTIP serve as an adaptor protein that binds directly to BRCA1 in the BRCA1 A, B and C complexes. The BRCA1-A complex contains at least five components: ABRAXAS, RAP80, BRE, BRCC36 and NBA1; the BRCA1-B complex contains at least two components: BACH1 and TopBP1; the BRCA1-C complex contains at least CtIP and the MRN complex (Mre11, Rad50 and Nbs1).

**Supplementary Table S1: Primers for SNP genotyping**

SNP_ID	Primer1	Primer2
rs6721349	ACGTTGGATGAGACCTCTCCTACTCTGATG	ACGTTGGATGTCCTGGAATTCTCTGTCCCC
rs7250266	ACGTTGGATGCCTACCTCTTTTCTATGGC	ACGTTGGATGTGACTAGCCATGATCGCGTG
rs3745185	ACGTTGGATGAGAGGGACCCATTGGAGAG	ACGTTGGATGGTATAGGTCTACTGCAGGG
rs13360277	ACGTTGGATGCATCCAGTAACCAGGTATCC	ACGTTGGATGTTGCAGTACATGGCATGTCG
rs10406920	ACGTTGGATGCTGAACAGCCCTCACTGAC	ACGTTGGATGAGCTGGTACCCCTGGTATCC
rs8100241	ACGTTGGATGGCCTCTAGCACCAAATTAG	ACGTTGGATGACTCTGACCGCGGTGTTG
rs58720304	ACGTTGGATGCTCTGAGACCTCTTAAGTTC	ACGTTGGATGCAGAGGAAGACACTAGTTT
rs12478271	ACGTTGGATGGAGACTCACTACATCTCTT	ACGTTGGATGGAGGAAC TGACACTTGTTT
rs10403581	ACGTTGGATGTCCTCAAATGGGCCCTCTG	ACGTTGGATGCATGGCTGAGCAAAGTCCCT
rs10173507	ACGTTGGATGGAGCACATGCCAACATTG	ACGTTGGATGTAGGAGACACAGTGAAGGCC
rs6737313	ACGTTGGATGGCAACAACCTCCTTTCAAG	ACGTTGGATGTTCAATGGTTATCTAGG
rs13125836	ACGTTGGATGTGGCTGCTCATTTGGATG	ACGTTGGATGCAAGAGATCTCGGTTTAG
rs17078630	ACGTTGGATGTGCCAGACTCTCTAGACA	ACGTTGGATGCAGTCCAACGATGGTATGT
rs72931487	ACGTTGGATGACATGCCAGCCTCAACAAAG	ACGTTGGATGGACTGTATGGCCCACAAAAC

rs6710214	ACGTTGGATGACAAGTTAACATGTGGATTG	ACGTTGGATGCATTAATTTAGGGTGGGAC
rs10209126	ACGTTGGATGCCAGATCACCTAGTCATAAC	ACGTTGGATGTAATGCCTATCATAGTGGCT
rs2278256	ACGTTGGATGAGGCAGCTCTCACTCCAAAC	ACGTTGGATGGAGACAGAAACTGGTTGAGG
rs12642536	ACGTTGGATGCCGAGATCTCTGAATTGCC	ACGTTGGATGAGCTAGTCCAGCTAGTACAC
rs11891642	ACGTTGGATGTGCAGCCTGGATTACAATG	ACGTTGGATGCAGGTACCAACAATTGAAG
rs895745	ACGTTGGATGTGTAGGGTATTAGGTAGG	ACGTTGGATGCAGTGCTGAACAAAAGAGAC
rs13167812	ACGTTGGATGTAGACAAAAGGATGCCACGG	ACGTTGGATGGAACGGTAGTTCCACATC
rs10189899	ACGTTGGATGAACAGGTGAGCAAACCAAGAG	ACGTTGGATGCTAGATTGAGTCTGCC
rs4898413	ACGTTGGATGGGAAACTCCTAGGCAGATAG	ACGTTGGATGAGCCAACATGAGTTCTAGC
rs353465	ACGTTGGATGTTATGCCATTGCCCTCCTG	ACGTTGGATGCACAGCATATGCTGAATGTC
rs5945286	ACGTTGGATGAGATGAAGATAAGCACCAGG	ACGTTGGATGTTCACCTCCCCAGTC
rs5945300	ACGTTGGATGATGCATCGTTAGGCAACTTC	ACGTTGGATGCATATGCCCTGGCATGTAG
rs17078658	ACGTTGGATGCACAGCTCTACAAATGCAG	ACGTTGGATGTAAGACAAGTGACTACTCCC
rs17352824	ACGTTGGATGGTGCCTGGGAAAGGTAATGA	ACGTTGGATGGCTAAAAAACTACTGTGT
rs6547829	ACGTTGGATGCAGAGAAGGCAACAGATAGG	ACGTTGGATGACTATCTGACCCACCTGTC
rs8170	ACGTTGGATGAGTTCGCCATGCAGTTGTG	ACGTTGGATGTGGATACCAAGGGTACCAAG
rs12464240	ACGTTGGATGGGTACAACAGCCTTATGCC	ACGTTGGATGTGAGGCTCTCAGAGAGAAC
rs12422	ACGTTGGATGGGGACCACTATGGCTTAATG	ACGTTGGATGGAATTCTAGGGTCAAAG
rs3733876	ACGTTGGATGGCTGTTGACCAGTAAGAG	ACGTTGGATGGGTACTTACCAAGGACAAAC
rs17709034	ACGTTGGATGAAAGCCACCTAAACACAAC	ACGTTGGATGTTGTGGCCTTAGTTGTCACC
rs2363956	ACGTTGGATGAGCCATGCAGAGGTGACAAC	ACGTTGGATGGTTGTCCACAGTTCAAGG
rs144376330	ACGTTGGATGTAGGGGCACAGGCCAGCGT	ACGTTGGATGTCCTGAAGTGTGAGGCTCC
rs3734091	ACGTTGGATGAAGATATTCAACAGAGGAG	ACGTTGGATGTGATGAGAGTACTGATGAGG
rs11739147	ACGTTGGATGTTCTTCCCTGCTGTGGG	ACGTTGGATGGTTTATAAGCTGCTCTGTC
rs365132	ACGTTGGATGCAAGGTCAAAAGTTCAGAGG	ACGTTGGATGCACAAATGAAAATTAAATGGG
rs77519137	ACGTTGGATGAAATGTTAACACTCATCAC	ACGTTGGATGATGAGCTATTGGGATCAG
rs10420922	ACGTTGGATGTGAGAGCCCCGTATCTTTG	ACGTTGGATGGAGGGACATTAGGGCTTG
rs201627097	ACGTTGGATGGCTTAGATCGTTGTCTG	ACGTTGGATGAGACTAGATGACAGATGGC

**Supplementary Table S2: Clinical characteristic of subjects in step-one cohort (414 TNBCs and 354 controls)**

	Patients	Control	P <sup>a</sup> value
Age (year)			0.37
≤ 50	256 (61.8%)	230 (65.0%)	
> 50	158 (38.2%)	124 (35.0%)	
Age at Menarche (year)			< 0.01
≤ 13	176 (42.5%)	113 (31.9%)	
> 13	238 (57.5%)	241 (68.1%)	
Menopause			0.84
no	279 (67.4%)	241 (68.1%)	
yes	135 (32.6%)	113 (31.9%)	
Number of Live Birth			0.65
1	364 (87.9%)	315 (89.0%)	
> 1	50 (12.1%)	39 (11.0%)	
BMI			0.62
≤ 24	237 (57.2%)	209 (59.0%)	
> 24	177 (42.8%)	145 (41.0%)	

NOTE: <sup>a</sup> Two-sided  $\chi^2$  test.  $P < 0.05$  was considered statistically significant;

Abbreviations: BMI, body mass index.

**Supplementary Table S3: Clinical characteristic of subjects in step-two cohort (652 non-TNBCs and 890 controls)**

	Patients	Control	P <sup>a</sup> value
Age (year)			0.49
≤ 50	361 (55.4%)	477 (53.6%)	
> 50	291 (44.6%)	413 (46.4%)	
Age at Menarche (year)			< 0.01
≤ 13	261 (40.0%)	182 (20.4%)	
> 13	391 (60.0%)	708 (79.6%)	
Menopause			0.36
no	410 (62.9%)	580 (65.2%)	
yes	242 (37.1%)	310 (34.8%)	
Number of Live Birth			0.09
1	568 (87.1%)	801 (90.0%)	
> 1	84 (12.9%)	89 (10.0%)	
BMI			0.08
≤ 24	372 (57.1%)	497 (55.8%)	
> 24	280 (42.9%)	393 (44.2%)	

NOTE: <sup>a</sup> Two-sided  $\chi^2$  test.  $P < 0.05$  was considered statistically significant;

Abbreviations: BMI, body mass index.

**Supplementary Table S4: Associations between each SNPs genotypes and non-TNBCs risk (652 non-TNBCs and 890 controls)**

SNP	Genotype	Case	Control	Codominant		Dominant		Recessive	
				OR (95% CI)	P	OR (95% CI)	P	OR (95% CI)	P
rs2278256	TT	288 (44.1%)	401 (45.0%)	reference	0.91	reference	0.74	reference	0.69
	TC	288 (44.1%)	392 (44.0%)	0.98 (0.79–1.21)		0.97 (0.79–1.19)		0.94 (0.68–1.29)	
	CC	76 (11.7%)	99 (11.1%)	0.93 (0.66–1.30)					
rs7250266	CC	434 (66.5%)	600 (67.4%)	reference	0.81	reference	0.71	reference	0.70
	GC	194 (29.8%)	254 (28.5%)	0.94 (0.75–1.18)		0.96 (0.77–1.19)		1.11 (0.66–1.88)	
	GG	24 (3.7%)	36 (4.1%)	1.09 (0.64–1.86)					

**Supplementary Table S5: Pathogenicity prediction of selected SNPs**

SNP	Position/ Function	nsSNP		TF Binding Site		Exonic Splicing Enhancers/ Silencers				
		Poly Phen -2	SIFT	RegulomeDB	TFSEARCH	SNPInfo	miRanda	Sanger	ESE Finder	RESCUE- ESE
NBA1	rs2278256	5' near gene		Likely to affect binding and linked to expression of a gene target	change	yes				
	rs7250266	5' near gene		Likely to affect binding and linked to expression of a gene target	change	yes				
Rap80	rs8170	exon/ synonymous						change	ND	ND
	rs144376330	exon/ synonymous						ND	ND	ESS changed
BRE	rs365132	exon/ synonymous						change	ND	ND
	rs3733876	exon/ missense	Possibly Damaging	Tolerated						
Abraxas	rs13360277	exon/ missense	Benign	Tolerated				ND	ND	
	rs13167812	exon/ missense	Possibly Damaging	Damaging				change	ND	
Abraxas	rs12422	3'UTR						ND	ND	
	rs58720304	3'UTR								
Abraxas	rs13125836	exon/ missense	Possibly Damaging	Tolerated						
	rs12642536	exon/ missense	Benign	Tolerated						

ND: no data/ not analyzed

**Supplementary Table S6: Summary of literatures**

Genes	Reference	Study group	Ethnicity	SNPs (Allele)	Position	Genotype	Haplotype
NBA1	Zheng	patients with breast cancer	African-American	NS		NS	ND
	Solyom	breast/ovarian cancer familial woman	Caucasian	NS		NS	
	Rebbeck	BRCA1 mutation carrier	Mixed (USA)	rs3745185	Intron	HR = 0.82, 0.82	HR = 1.15, 1.22
			(Caucasian/ Hispanic)	rs10406920	Intron	HR = 1.25, 1.37	
				rs8170	Exon/ synonymous	HR = 1.19, 1.24	
	Stevens	patients with TNBC	Caucasian	rs8170	Exon/ synonymous	OR = 1.27	ND
	Antoniou	BRCA1 mutation carrier	Mixed	rs8170	Exon/ synonymous	HR = 1.27, 1.58	ND
Brcc36		and patients with TNBC		rs3745185	Intron	HR = 0.86, 0.73	
	Present study	Patients with TNBC	Chinese	rs7250266	5' near gene	OR = 0.77,0.41	OR = 0.73
	Rebbeck	BRCA1 mutation carrier	Mixed (USA)	NS		NS	NS
Rap80	Present study		(Caucasian/ Hispanic)			NS	NS
	Akbari	women with familial breast cancer	Caucasian	c.-24149G > T	5'CpG Island	OR = 2.0 <sup>a</sup>	ND
				c.-24001A > G	5' CpG Island	OR = 2.0 <sup>a</sup>	
				c.-8A > G	5' UTR	OR = 2.0 <sup>a</sup>	
				c.*27A > C	3'UTR	OR = 2.0 <sup>a</sup>	
Rap80	Nikkilä	women with familial breast cancer	Caucasian	c.1304C > T	Exon/ missense	OR = 1.63	ND
	Rebbeck	BRCA1 mutation carrier	Mixed (USA)	NS		NS	NS
			(Caucasian/ Hispanic)			NS	NS
	Novak	women with familial breast cancer	Caucasian	NS		NS	ND
	Osorio	breast/ovarian cancer familial woman	Caucasian	NS		NS	ND
Present study	Patients with TNBC	Chinese	NS			NS	NS

	Solyom	breast/ovarian cancer familial woman	Caucasian	c.1082G > A	Exon/missense	OR = 24.3	ND
	Novak	women with familial breast cancer	Caucasian	NS		NS	ND
Abraxas	Osorio	breast/ovarian cancer familial woman	Caucasian	NS		NS	ND
	Rebeck	BRCA1 mutation carrier	Mixed (USA) (Caucasian/ Hispanic)	NS		NS	NS
	Present study	Patients with TNBC	Chinese	NS		NS	NS
BRE	Rebeck	BRCA1 mutation carrier	Mixed (USA) (Caucasian/ Hispanic)	rs11891642	Intron	HR = 1.26, 1.25	HR = 1.20
							HR = 1.18
	Present study	Patients with TNBC	Chinese	NS		NS	NS

Abbreviations: ND, no data/ not analyzed; NS, no significance

NOTE: <sup>a</sup>The four variants were in complete linkage disequilibrium ( $r^2 = 1.0$ )