Supplementary materials

| 1 | All patients | | Comparative group | | Distant metastasis group | | P-value |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|--------------|-------------------|--------------|--------------------------|--------------|---------------------|
| | values no. | % | values no. | % | values no. | % | |
| Patients | 46 | 100.0 | 23 | 50.0 | 23 | 50.0 | |
| Age at diagnosis (years) | 50.0 | | 50.0 | | 04.5 | | 0.6445 ^a |
| median range | 59.0 22.9-84.4 | | 58.6 30.5-84.4 | | 61.5 22.9-75.6 | | |
| Menopausal status | 22.3-04.4 | | 30.3-04.4 | | 22.9-73.0 | | 0.7241 ^b |
| pre | 8 | 17.4 | 5 | 21.7 | 3 | 13.0 | 0.7211 |
| post | 29 | 63.0 | 14 | | 15 | 65.2 | |
| unknown | 9 | 19.6 | 4 | 17.4 | 5 | 21.7 | |
| Tumor size (pT) | | | | | | | 0.1818 ^a |
| 1 | 21 | 45.7 | 12 | 52.2 | 9 | 39.1 | |
| 2 | 19 4 | 41.3 | 10 1 | 43.5 | 9 | 39.1 | |
| 3 4 | 4 | 8.7 4.3 | 0 | 4.3 0.0 | 3 2 | 13.0 8.7 | |
| Nodal status (pN) | | | | 0.0 | | 0.1 | 0.1880 ^a |
| 0 | 29 | 63.0 | 16 | 69.6 | 13 | 56.5 | |
| 1 | 10 | 21.7 | 6 | 26.1 | 4 | 17.4 | |
| 2 | 4 | 8.7 | 1 | 4.3 | 3 | 13.0 | |
| 3 | 3 | 6.5 | 0 | 0.0 | 3 | 13.0 | h |
| Histology | | 00.0 | 15 | | | 70.0 | 0.4599 ^b |
| ductal Iobular | 32 7 | 69.6 15.2 | 15 5 | 65.2 21.7 | 17 2 | 73.9 8.7 | |
| others (including mixed types) | 7 | 15.2 | 3 | | 4 | 17.4 | |
| Molecular subtype | | 10.2 | 0 | 10.0 | т | 17.1 | 0.0979 ^b |
| luminal A | 24 | 52.2 | 15 | 65.2 | 9 | 39.1 | |
| luminal B HER2- | 4 | 8.7 | 1 | 4.3 | 3 | 13.0 | |
| luminal B HER2+ | 10 | 21.7 | 5 | 21.7 | 5 | 21.7 | |
| nonluminal HER2+ | 3 | 6.5 | 2 | | 1 | 4.3 | |
| triple negative/basal-like | 5 | 10.9 | 0 | 0.0 | 5 | 21.7 | 0.00478 |
| Stage (AJCC) | 47 | 27.0 | 10 | 40 E | 7 | 20.4 | 0.0647 ^a |
| 1 | 17 20 | 37.0 43.5 | 10 12 | 43.5 52.2 | 7 8 | 30.4 34.8 | |
| | 9 | 19.6 | 1 | 4.3 | 8 | 34.8 | |
| Grade (Nottingham grading system) | - | | · · · · · | | - | | 0.2963 ^a |
| 1 | 5 | 10.9 | 4 | 17.4 | 1 | 4.3 | |
| 2 | 23 | 50.0 | 11 | 47.8 | 12 | 52.2 | |
| 3 | 16 | 34.8 | 7 | 30.4 | 9 | 39.1 | |
| unknown | 2 | 4.3 | 1 | 4.3 | 1 | 4.3 | a =a (ab |
| ER status | | 20.4 | 0 | 00.4 | 0 | 04.0 | 0.5216 ^b |
| negative positive | 14 32 | 30.4 69.6 | 6 17 | 26.1 73.9 | 8 15 | 34.8 65.2 | |
| PGR status | 52 | 03.0 | 17 | 75.5 | 15 | 00.2 | 0.0439 ^b |
| negative | 12 | 26.1 | 3 | 13.0 | 9 | 39.1 | 0.0100 |
| positive | 34 | 73.9 | 20 | 87.0 | 14 | 60.9 | |
| HER2 status | | | | | | | 0.7433 ^b |
| negative | 33 | 71.7 | 16 | 69.6 | 17 | 73.9 | |
| positive | 13 | 28.3 | 7 | 30.4 | 6 | 26.1 | h |
| Surgery | | | _ | | _ | | 0.1528 ^b |
| tumorectomy | 10 | 21.7 | 7 | | 3 | 13.0 | |
| Chamatharany | 36 | 78.3 | 16 | 69.6 | 20 | 87.0 | 0.7425 ^b |
| Chemotherapy yes | 25 | 54.3 | 13 | 56.5 | 12 | 52.2 | 0.7425 |
| no | 18 | 39.1 | 8 | | 12 | 43.5 | |
| unknown | 3 | 6.5 | 2 | | 1 | 4.3 | |
| Radiotherapy | | | | | | | 0.8329 ^b |
| yes | 12 | 26.1 | 6 | | 6 | 26.1 | |
| no | 31 | 67.4 | 15 | | 16 | 69.6 | |
| unknown | 3 | 6.5 | 2 | 8.7 | 1 | 4.3 | o co i ch |
| Hormonal therapy | ~~ | 74 7 | | 70.0 | | 05.0 | 0.3319 ^b |
| yes | 33 10 | 71.7 21.7 | 18 3 | 78.3 13.0 | 15 7 | 65.2 30.4 | |
| no unknown | 10 | 21.7 6.5 | 3 | | 1 | 30.4 4.3 | |
| Herceptin | 0 | 0.0 | 2 | 0.7 | 1 | 1.5 | 0.8357 ^b |
| yes | 4 | 8.7 | 2 | 8.7 | 2 | 8.7 | |
| no | 39 | 84.8 | 19 | 82.6 | 20 | 87.0 | |
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Table S1 Clinical and pathological characteristics of breast cancer patients.

^{a)}P-value of Mann-Whitney U test

^{b)}P-value of Pearson chi square test

A group of 46 breast cancer patients was divided into two groups: with and without distant metastasis (comparative group) within a follow-up period of 9 years. Baseline demographic and tumor characteristics as well as types of treatment were compared between these two groups using Mann-Whitney U test for continuous (age) and ordinal variables (tumor size, nodal status, stage, grade), and by Pearson chi square test for categorical variables (menopausal status, histology, molecular subtype, ER, PGR and HER2 status, treatment options).

Fig. S1 Dataset legend to Oncomine meta-analysis of *HAX1* expression in breast cancer (ductal and lobular).

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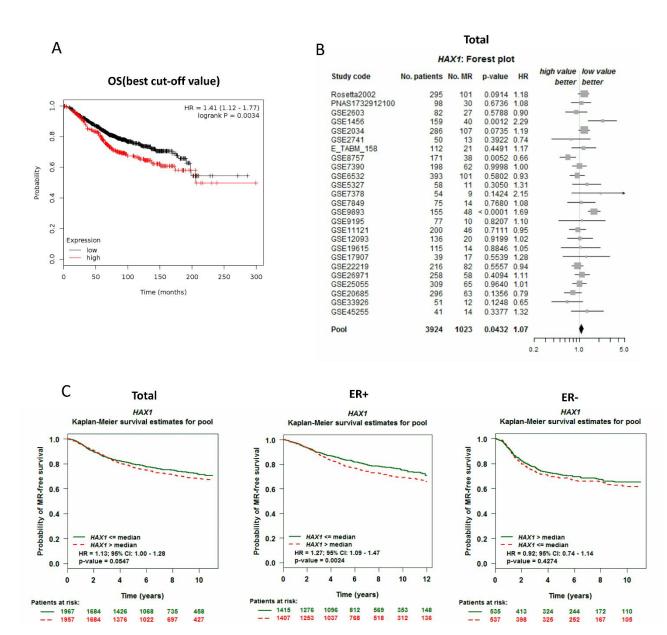


Fig. S2 HAX1 overexpression is associated with metastatic relapse (additional data).

A. Overall survival (OS) analysis for total number of patients (n=1,402). Statistically significant more favorable prognosis for patients with lower *HAX1* expression, but only if patients were split by best cut-off value B. Forest plot for total number of patients with metastatic relapse information (n=3,924) (bcGenExMiner) C. Kaplan-Meier curves for metastatic relapse-free survival (MRFS) plotted in bcGenExMiner for each group of patients with metastatic relapse information (all patients, ER+, ER-). Patients were split by median into groups with high and low *HAX1* expression.