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**Figure S2.** Receiver operating characteristic (ROC) curve of (A) *HOXA9* and (B) *RASSF1A* for small-cell lung cancer (SCLC) detection in plasma samples (study group #2).

**Figure S3.** Receiver operating characteristic (ROC) curve of *HOXA9* for squamous cell carcinoma detection in tissue samples (study group #1).

## Supplementary Tables

**Table S1** - Primers used in study group #1 tissue samples and qMSP conditions for each gene.

Gene		Sequences	Annealing Temperature	Primer concentration ( $\mu\text{M}$ )
<i><math>\beta</math>-Actin</i>	Primers	F – 5' TGG TGA TGG AGG AGG TTT AGT AAG T 3'	60	400
		R – 5' ACC AAT AAA ACC TAC TCC TCC CTT AA 3'		
APC	Primers	F – 5' TGT GTT TTA TTG CGG AGT GC 3'	62	300
		R – 5' CAC ATA TCG ATC ACG TAC GC 3'		
HOXA9	Primers	F – 5' TAT TTA GTC GGT ATT CGC 3'	60	300
		R – 5' ACC TCG AAC GCT TCC CAT 3'		
RAR $\beta$ 2	Primers	F – 5' TCG AGA ACG CGA GCG ATT 3'	60	300
		R – 5' GAC CAA TCC AAC CGA AAC 3'		
RASSF1A	Primers	F – 5' AGC GAA GTA CGG GTT TAA TC 3'	60	300
		R – 5' ACA CGC TCC AAC CGA ATA 3'		

**Table S2** - Primers and probe sequences used in study group #2 and #3 plasma samples with respective fluorochrome and quencher.

Gene	Sequences	
<i><b>β-Actin</b></i>	Primers	F – 5' TGG TGA TGG AGG AGG TTT AGT AAG T 3'
		R – 5' ACC AAT AAA ACC TAC TCC TCC CTT AA 3'
	Probe	5' Cy5 – ACC ACC ACC CAA CAC ACA ATA ACA AAC ACA – QSY 3'
<i><b>APC</b></i>	Primers	F – 5' TGT GTT TTA TTG CGG AGT GC 3'
		R – 5' CAC ATA TCG ATC ACG TAC GC 3'
	Probe	5' VIC – CAA TCG ACG AAC TCC CGA C – MGB 3'
<i><b>HOXA9</b></i>	Primers	F – 5' TAT TTA GTC GGT ATT CGC 3'
		R – 5' ACC TCG AAC GCT TCC CAT 3'
	Probe	5' FAM –GAA ACT ACC AAA CCG C– MGB 3'
<i><b>RARβ2</b></i>	Primers	F – 5' TCG AGA ACG CGA GCG ATT 3'
		R – 5' GAC CAA TCC AAC CGA AAC 3'
	Probe	5' HEX – CTT ACA AAA AAC CTT CCG AAT ACG TTC CGA – Iowa Black RQ-Sp 3'
<i><b>RASSF1A</b></i>	Primers	F – 5' AGC GAA GTA CGG GTT TAA TC 3'
		R – 5' ACA CGC TCC AACC GA ATA 3'
	Probe	5' NED – CGG GAG TTG GTA TTC GTT GGG CG – QSY 3'

**Table S3** – Associations between clinical stage and *APC*, *HOXA9*, *RARβ2*, and *RASSF1A* methylation levels in study group #1. *P* values obtained by Kruskal–Wallis followed by Mann–Whitney U tests and Bonferroni’s correction.

	<b>Clinical Stage</b>			
	<i>APC</i>	<i>HOXA9</i>	<i>RARβ2</i>	<i>RASSF1A</i>
<i>I vs II</i>	n.s.	-	n.s.	n.s.
<i>I vs III</i>	n.s.	-	n.s.	n.s.
<i>I vs IV</i>	<0.0001	-	<0.0001	<0.0001
<i>II vs III</i>	n.s.	-	n.s.	n.s.
<i>II vs IV</i>	0.024	-	0.0006	0.018
<i>III vs IV</i>	0.084	-	0.024	0.024
<i>p</i> value Kruskal–Wallis	0.001	n.s.	<0.0001	<0.0001

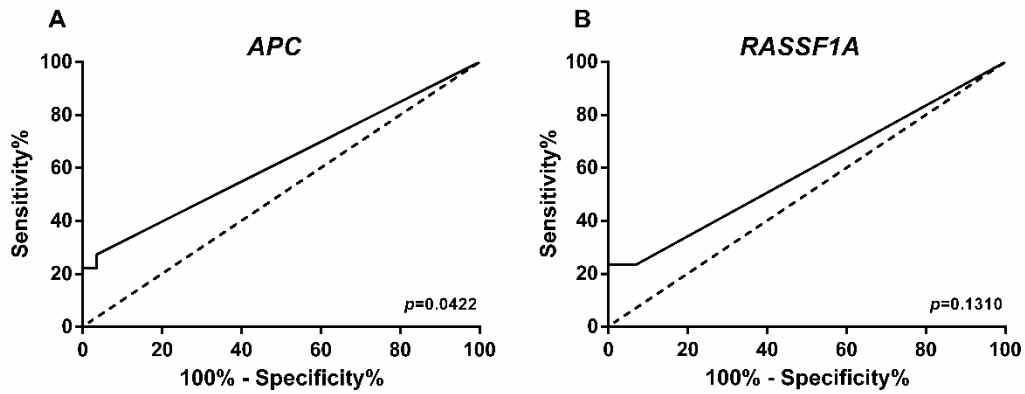
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**Table S4** – Associations between clinical stage and *APC*, *HOXA9*, *RARβ2*, and *RASSF1A* methylation levels in study group #2. *P* values obtained by Kruskal–Wallis followed by Mann–Whitney U tests and Bonferroni’s correction.

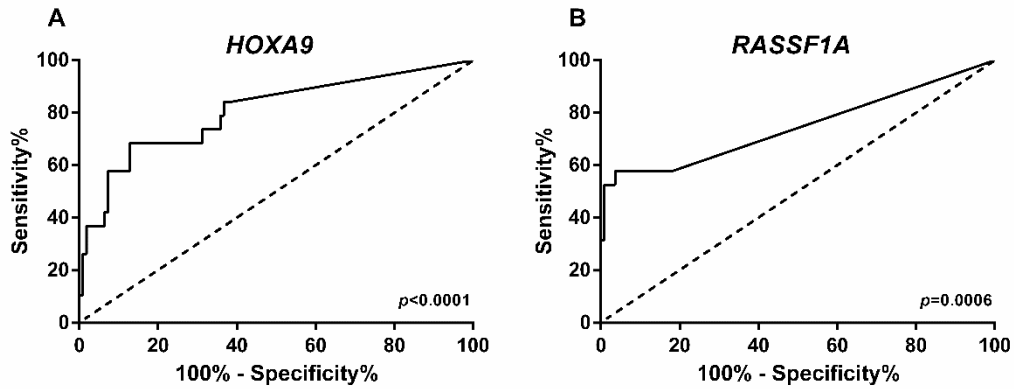
	<b>Clinical Stage</b>			
	<i>APC</i>	<i>HOXA9</i>	<i>RARβ2</i>	<i>RASSF1A</i>
<i>I vs II</i>	-	n.s.	-	n.s.
<i>I vs III</i>	-	n.s.	-	n.s.
<i>I vs IV</i>	-	n.s.	-	n.s.
<i>II vs III</i>		n.s.		n.s.
<i>II vs IV</i>	-	n.s.	-	n.s.
<i>III vs IV</i>	-	n.s.	-	0.018
<i>p</i> value Kruskal–Wallis	0.073	0.002	n.s.	0.014

n.s., not significant

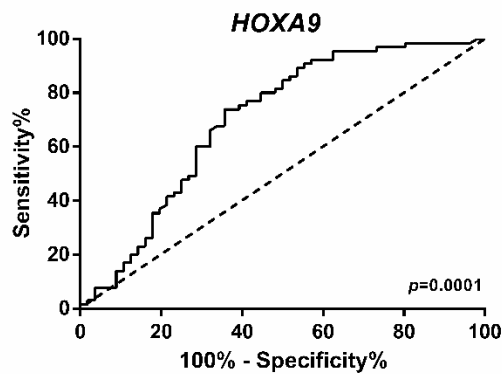
## Supplementary Figures



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**Figure S2.** Receiver operating characteristic (ROC) curve of (A) *HOXA9* and (B) *RASSF1A* for small-cell lung cancer (SCLC) detection in plasma samples (study group #2).



**Figure S3.** Receiver operating characteristic (ROC) curve of *HOXA9* for squamous cell carcinoma detection in tissue samples (study group #1).