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**Effect of the GATA3 Signaling and its Single Nucleotide Polymorphism on Clinical Outcome of Breast Cancer Patients**

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Genome-wide association studies have revealed a multitude of breast cancer-associated SNPs. The majority of these SNPs are located in noncoding regions of the genome. Our breast cancer genome data have been derived from tumor samples of 72 patients. We analyzed whole-genome sequences of those tumor tissues to identify DNA variations. Our data showed several SNPs including GATA3-Ser237Ala, pro409Ala and Glu360Ala to be associated with significant risk in spontaneous, non-hereditary breast cancer. GATA3 is a transcription factor regulating luminal cell differentiation and has been implicated in the luminal types of breast carcinoma. Our data showed that GATA3 depletion led to a significant decrease of migration, invasion and proliferation. Previous study indicated that GATA3 regulated expression of interferon response genes. We found that GATA3 and Interferon-induced protein 44-like (IFI44L) mRNA expression levels were lower in the *in vivo* selected highly invasive breast cancer cell lines. Besides, GATA3 knockdown resulted in significantly decreased IFI44L expression. IFI44L is a type I interferon-stimulated gene (ISG) and belongs to the IFI44 family. Our data showed that overexpression of IFI44L decreased chemoresistance towards paclitaxel and knockdown of IFI44L promotes sphere formation. Furthermore, we found that depletion of IFI44L enhanced migration, invasion, and proliferation through activating the c-Met/Src signaling pathway. Taken together, our data indicated that targeting a novel GATA3/IFI44L signaling affected cancer stemness, metastasis, and drug resistance via regulating c-Met/Src signaling pathway in breast cancer. GATA3 and IFI44L can potentially be used as useful prognostic markers.