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Title: Influence of IL17A polymorphisms on the aberrant methylations of DAPK and CDH1 in non-cancerous gastric mucosa

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Dear Sir,

We have already reported the significant association between IL-17A gene polymorphisms (rs2275913) and the susceptibility to gastric cancer (Hum Immunol 70:547-51, 2009). In this study, we studied an association between polymorphisms in IL17A (rs2275913 and rs3748067 in 3’-UTR) and gene methylation as pre-cancerous condition, in Japanese population. This study provide the first evidence that rs3748067 (*1244 C>T) is associated with the development of gastric disorders. In addition, it is also a first report that IL17A -197 G>A (rs2275913) and *1244 C>T may affect cooperatively on the development of pre-cancerous condition in gastric non-cancerous mucosa.

We are submitting our manuscript entitled “The influence of polymorphisms of IL17A on the aberrant methylations of DAPK and CDH1 in non-cancerous gastric mucosa” for your kind consideration of its suitability for publication in *BMC Med Genet*.

Sincerely yours,

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