



Lack of association between the *hOGG1* gene Ser326Cys polymorphism and gastric cancer risk: evidence from a case-control study and a meta-analysis

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ABSTRACT. The association between the human 8-oxoguanine glycosylase 1 (*hOGG1*) gene Ser326Cys polymorphism (rs1052133) and gastric cancer has been widely evaluated, yet a definitive answer to whether this association exists is lacking. We first conducted a case-control study to assess this association in a large Han Chinese population, and then performed a meta-analysis to further address this issue. This case-control study involved 448 patients clinically diagnosed with gastric cancer and 372 cancer-free control individuals from China. Genotyping was conducted using the polymerase chain reaction-ligase detection reaction method. Meta-analysis was performed by the STATA software. Data and study quality were assessed in duplicate. Our case-control association study indicated that there were no significant differences in the genotype and allele distributions of the Ser326Cys

polymorphism between gastric cancer patients and controls ($P = 0.8026$ for genotype, and $P = 0.5857$ for allele), consistent with the results of the subsequent meta-analysis involving 2745 patients and 4588 controls under both allelic [odds ratio (OR) = 1.02; 95% confidence interval (CI) = 0.91-1.14; $P = 0.739$] and dominant (OR = 0.97; 95%CI = 0.78-1.21; $P = 0.803$) models. Further subgroup analyses by ethnicity, source of controls, and sample size also did not detect any positive associations in this meta-analysis. Overall, our study in the Han Chinese population, along with the meta-analysis, failed to confirm the association of the *hOGG1* gene Ser326Cys polymorphism with gastric cancer risk, even across different ethnic populations.

Key words: Gastric cancer; *hOGG1* gene; Polymorphism; Risk association study; Meta-analysis