

S1 Table. Clinical characteristics of the breast cancer patients recruited in the present study

	No. of patients (%) (n=44)
Age (yr)	
≤ 50	13 (29.5)
> 50	31 (70.5)
Macroscopic tumor size (mm)	
≤ 30	19 (43.2)
> 30	25 (56.8)
Lymph node status	
≤ 3 involved	30 (68.2)
> 3 involved	14 (31.8)
Scarff-Bloom-Richardson	
1	5 (11.4)
2	13 (29.5)
3	26 (59.1)
Estrogen receptor status	
Positive	42 (95.5)
Negative	2 (4.5)
Progesterone receptor status	
Positive	25 (56.8)
Negative	19 (43.2)
HER2 status	
Positive	28 (63.6)
Negative	16 (36.4)