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BREAST TUMOUR GRADING



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FIELD

The present invention relates to the fields of medicine, cell biology, molecular biology and genetics. More particularly, the invention relates to a method of assigning a grade to a breast tumour which reflects its aggressiveness.

BACKGROUND

The effective treatment of cancer depends, to a large extent, on the accuracy with which malignant tissue can be subtyped according to clinicopathological features that reflect disease aggressiveness.

Some clinical subtypes, despite phenotypic homogeneity, are associated with substantial clinical heterogeneity (e.g., refractory response to treatment) confounding their clinical meaning. Recent studies using DNA microarray technology suggest that such clinical heterogeneity may be resolvable at the molecular level (1-4). Indeed, some have demonstrated that gene expression signatures underlying specific biological properties of cancer cells may be superior indicators of clinical subtypes with robust prognostic value (1, 2). Thus, global analysis of gene expression has the potential to uncover molecular determinants of clinical heterogeneity providing a more objective and biologically-rational approach to cancer subtyping.

Accordingly, there is a need in the art for gene markers which are diagnostic or reflective of tumourigenicity.

In breast cancer, histologic grade is an important parameter for classifying tumors into morphological subtypes informative of patient risk. Grading seeks to integrate measurements of cellular differentiation and replicative potential into a composite score that quantifies the aggressive behavior of the tumor.

The most studied and widely used method of breast tumor grading is the Elston-Ellis modified Scarff, Bloom, Richardson grading system, also known as the Nottingham grading system (NGS) (5, 6, Haybittle et al, 1982). The NGS is based on a phenotypic scoring procedure that involves the microscopic evaluation of morphologic and cytologic features of tumor cells including degree of tubule formation, nuclear pleomorphism and mitotic count (6). The sum of these scores stratifies breast tumors into grade I (G1) (well-

Multivariate analyses in large patient cohorts have consistently demonstrated that the histologic grade of invasive breast cancer is a powerful prognostic indicator of disease recurrence and patient death independent of lymph node status and tumor size (6-9). Untreated patients with G1 disease have a ~95% five-year survival rate, whereas those with G2 and G3 malignancies have survival rates at 5 years of ~75% and ~50%, respectively.

However, the value of histologic grade in patient prognosis has been questioned by reports of substantial inter-observer variability among pathologists (10-13) leading to debate over the role that grade should play in therapeutic planning (14, 15). Furthermore, where the prognostic significance of G1 and G3 disease is of more obvious clinical relevance, it is less clear what the prognostic value is of the more heterogeneous, moderately differentiated grade II tumors, which comprise approximately 50% of all breast cancer cases (9, 15, 16).

There is therefore a need for methods which are capable of discriminating between heterogeneous tumour grades, particularly grade II breast tumours.

SUMMARY

We have now demonstrated that a gene expression signature comprising one or more of a set of 232 genes, represented by 264 probesets (e.g., Affymetrix probesets), is capable of discriminating between high and low grade tumors. Such a gene expression signature provides a more objective and clinically valuable measure of tumor grade.

We further describe a novel strategy of clinical class discovery that combines gene discovery and class prediction algorithms with patient survival analysis, and between-group statistical analyses of conventional clinical markers and gene ontologies represented by differentially expressed genes.

Our findings show that the genetic reclassification of histologic grade reveals new clinical subtypes of invasive breast cancer and can improve therapeutic planning for patients with moderately differentiated tumors.

Furthermore, our results support the view that tumors of low and high grade, as defined genetically, may reflect independent pathobiological entities rather than a continuum of cancer progression.

According to a 1st aspect of the present invention, we provide a method of assigning a grade to a breast tumour, which grade is indicative of the aggressiveness of the

tumour, the method comprising detecting the expression of a gene selected from the genes set out in Table D1 (SWS Classifier 0).

There is provided, according to a 2nd aspect of the present invention, a method of classifying a histological Grade 2 tumour into a low aggressiveness tumour or a high aggressiveness tumour, the method comprising assigning a grade to the histological Grade 2 tumour according to the 1st aspect of the invention.

We provide, according to a 3rd aspect of the present invention, a method of predicting a survival rate for an individual with a histological Grade 2 breast tumour, the method comprising assigning a grade to the breast tumour by a method according to any preceding aspect of the invention.

As a 4th aspect of the present invention, there is provided a method of prognosis of an individual with a breast tumour, the method comprising assigning a grade to the breast tumour by a method as described,

We provide, according to a 5th aspect of the present invention, a method of diagnosis of aggressive breast cancer in an individual, the method comprising assigning a grade indicative of high aggressiveness to a breast tumour of the individual by a method as described.

The present invention, in a 6th aspect, provides a method of choosing a therapy for an individual with breast cancer, the method comprising assigning a grade to the breast tumour by a method as described, and choosing an appropriate therapy based on the aggressiveness of the breast tumour.

In a 7th aspect of the present invention, there is provided a method of treatment of an individual with breast cancer, the method comprising assigning a grade to the breast tumour by a method as described, and administering an appropriate therapy to the individual based on the aggressiveness of the breast tumour.

According to an 8th aspect of the present invention, we provide a method of determining the likelihood of success of a particular therapy on an individual with a breast tumour, the method comprising comparing the therapy with the therapy determined by a such a method.

We provide, according to a 9th aspect of the invention, a method of assigning a breast tumour patient into a prognostic group, the method comprising applying the Nottingham Prognostic Index to a breast tumour, in which the histologic grade score of the breast tumour is replaced by a grade obtained by a method as described.

There is provided, in accordance with a 10th aspect of the present invention, a method of assigning a breast tumour patient into a prognostic group, the method comprising deriving a score which is the sum of the following: (a) (0.2 x tumour size in cm); (b) tumour grade in which the tumour grade is assigned by a method as described; and (c) lymph node stage; in which the tumour size and the lymph node stage are determined according to the Nottingham Prognostic Index, in which a patient with a score of 2.4 or less is categorised to a EPG (excellent prognostic group), a patient with a score of less than 3.4 is categorised to a GPG (good prognostic group), a patient with a score of between 3.4 and 5.4 is categorised to a MPG (moderate prognostic group), a patient with a score of greater than 5.4 is categorised to a PPG (poor prognostic group).

As an 11th aspect of the invention, we provide a method of determining whether a breast tumour is a metastatic breast tumour, the method comprising assigning a grade to the breast tumour by a method as described.

We provide, according to a 12th aspect of the invention, a method of identifying a molecule capable of treating or preventing breast cancer, the method comprising: (a) grading a breast tumour; (b) exposing the breast tumour to a candidate molecule; and (c) detecting a change in tumour grade; in which the grade is assigned by a method as described.

According to a 13th aspect of the present invention, we provide a molecule identified by such a method.

There is provided, according to a 14th aspect of the present invention, a method of treatment of an individual suffering from breast cancer, the method comprising modulating the expression of a gene set out in Table D1 (SWS Classifier 0).

We provide, according to a 15th aspect of the present invention, a method of determining the proliferative state of a cell, the method comprising detecting the expression of a gene selected from the genes set out in Table D1 (SWS Classifier 0), in which: (a) a high level of expression of a gene which is annotated “3” in Column 7 (“Grade with Higher Expression”) indicates a highly proliferative cell; (b) a high level of expression of a gene which is annotated “1” in Column 7 (“Grade with Higher Expression”) indicates a non-proliferating cell or a slow-growing cell; (c) a low level of expression of a gene which is annotated “3” in Column 8 (“Grade with Lower Expression”) indicates a highly proliferative cell; and (d) a low level of expression of a gene which is annotated “1” in Column 8 (“Grade with Lower Expression”) indicates a non-proliferating cell or a slow-growing cell.

According to a 16th aspect of the present invention, we provide an array, preferably a microarray, comprising the genes set out in Table D1 (SWS Classifier 0). According to a 17th aspect of the present invention, we provide an array, preferably a microarray, comprising the probesets set out in Table D1 (SWS Classifier 0). We provide, according to an 18th aspect of the present invention, we provide an array, preferably a microarray, comprising the genes set out in the above aspects of the invention. According to a 19th aspect of the present invention, we provide an array, preferably a microarray, comprising the probesets set out in the above aspects of the invention.

As an 20th aspect of the invention, we provide use of such an array or a microarray in a method of assigning a grade to a breast tumour.

According to a 21st aspect of the present invention, we provide a computer implemented method of assigning a grade to a breast tumour, the method comprising processing expression data for one or more genes set out in Table D1 (SWS Classifier 0) and obtaining a grade indicative of aggressiveness of the breast tumour.

The practice of the present invention will employ, unless otherwise indicated, conventional techniques of chemistry, molecular biology, microbiology, recombinant DNA and immunology, which are within the capabilities of a person of ordinary skill in the art. Such techniques are explained in the literature. See, for example, J. Sambrook, E. F. Fritsch, and T. Maniatis, 1989, *Molecular Cloning: A Laboratory Manual*, Second Edition, Books 1-3, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Press; Ausubel, F. M. et al. (1995 and periodic supplements; *Current Protocols in Molecular Biology*, ch. 9, 13, and 16, John Wiley & Sons, New York, N.Y.); B. Roe, J. Crabtree, and A. Kahn, 1996, *DNA Isolation and Sequencing: Essential Techniques*, John Wiley & Sons; J. M. Polak and James O'D. McGee, 1990, *In Situ Hybridization: Principles and Practice*; Oxford University Press; M. J. Gait (Editor), 1984, *Oligonucleotide Synthesis: A Practical Approach*, Irl Press; D. M. J. Lilley and J. E. Dahlberg, 1992, *Methods of Enzymology: DNA Structure Part A: Synthesis and Physical Analysis of DNA* Methods in Enzymology, Academic Press; Using Antibodies : A Laboratory Manual : Portable Protocol NO. I by Edward Harlow, David Lane, Ed Harlow (1999, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Press, ISBN 0-87969-544-7); Antibodies : A Laboratory Manual by Ed Harlow (Editor), David Lane (Editor) (1988, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Press, ISBN 0-87969-314-2), 1855, Lars-Inge Larsson "Immunocytochemistry: Theory and Practice", CRC Press inc., Boca Raton, Florida, 1988, ISBN 0-8493-6078-1, John D. Pound (ed); "Immunochemical Protocols, vol 80", in the series: "Methods in Molecular Biology", Humana Press, Totowa, New Jersey, 1998, ISBN 0-89603-493-3, Handbook of Drug Screening, edited by Ramakrishna Seethala, Prabhavathi B. Fernandes (2001, New York, NY, Marcel Dekker, ISBN 0-8247-0562-9); Lab Ref: A Handbook of Recipes, Reagents, and Other Reference Tools for Use at the

Bench, Edited Jane Roskams and Linda Rodgers, 2002, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, ISBN 0-87969-630-3; and The Merck Manual of Diagnosis and Therapy (17th Edition, Beers, M. H., and Berkow, R, Eds, ISBN: 0911910107, John Wiley & Sons). Each of these general texts is herein incorporated by reference.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE FIGURES

Figure 1. Schema of discovery and validation of the genetic G2a and G2b breast cancer groups. SWS: Statistically Weighted Syndromes method; PAM: Prediction Analysis for Microarray method; CER: Class Error Rate Function; p.s. probe set; G1: grade 1; G2: grade 2; G3: grade 3; G2a: grade 2a; G2b: grade 2b; GO: gene ontology.

Figure 2. Probability (Pr) scores from the SWS classifier. Pr scores (0-1) generated by the class prediction algorithm are shown on the y-axis. Number of tumours per classification exercise is shown on the x-axis. Green indicates grade 1 tumours; red denotes grade 3 tumours.

Figure 3. Survival differences between G2a and G2b genetic grade subtypes. Kaplan-Meier survival curves for G2a and G2b subtypes are shown superimposed on survival curves of histologic grades 1, 2, and 3 (see key). Uppsala cohort survival curves are shown for all patients (A), patients who did not receive systemic therapy (B), patients treated with systemic therapy (C), and patients with ER+ disease who received anti-estrogen therapy only (D). Stockholm cohort survival curves are shown for patients treated with systemic therapy (E) and those with ER+ cancer treated with anti-estrogen therapy only (F). The p-value (likelihood ratio test) reflects the significance of the hazard ratio between the G2a and G2b curves.

Figure 4. Expression profiles of the top 264 grade (G1-G3) associated gene probesets. Gene probesets (rows) and tumours (columns) were hierarchically clustered by average linkage (Pearson correlation), then tumours were grouped according to grade while maintaining original cluster order within groups. Red reflects above mean expression, green denotes below mean expression, and black indicates mean expression. The degree of color saturation reflects the magnitude of expression relative to the mean.

Figure 5. Statistical analysis of clinicopathological markers. Measurements (or percentages of binary measurements) of clinicopathological variables assessed at the time of surgery were compared between different tumour subgroups: G1 vs. G2a, G2a vs. G2b, and G2b vs. G3. P-values are noted below subgroup designations. Average scores (or percentages) within each subgroup are shown as vertical bars with standard deviations.

Figure 6. Stratification of patient risk by classic NPI and ggNPI. (A) Kaplan-Meier survival curves are shown for the classic NPI categories: Good Prognostic Group (GPG); Moderate Prognostic Group (MPG); Poor Prognostic Group (PPG). (B) Kaplan-Meier survival curves are shown for risk groups determined by the classic NPI (black curves) and the NPI calculated with genetic grade assignments (ggNPI; colored curves). (C) Kaplan-Meier survival curves are shown for patients reclassified by ggNPI (colored curves indicate that reclassified patients have survival curves similar to the good, moderate and poor prognostic groups of the classic NPI (black curves)). (D) The disease-specific survival curves of node negative, untreated patients classified into the Excellent Prognostic Group (EPG) by classic NPI (black curve) or ggNPI (green curve) are compared.

Figure 7. Stratification of patient risk by classic NPI and ggNPI. Kaplan-Meier survival curves are shown for risk groups determined by the classic NPI (A) and the NPI calculated with genetic grade predictions (ggNPI) (B). Survival curves of patients re-assigned to new risk groups by the ggNPI are shown (C). The disease-specific survival curve of the EPG patients (by classic NPI) is compared to that of patients identified as EPG exclusively by the ggNPI (D). Classic NPI curves from (A) are shown superimposed on (B-D).

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

BREAST TUMOUR GRADING

We have identified a number of genes whose expression is indicative of breast tumour aggressiveness. Accordingly, we provide for methods of grading breast tumours, and therefore assigning a measure of their aggressiveness, by detecting the level of expression of one or more of these genes. The genes are provided in a number of gene sets, or classifiers.

In a general aspect, we provide for the detection of any one or more of a small set of 264 gene probesets, which we term the “SWS Classifier 0”. This classifier represents 232 genes. In some embodiments, the expression of all of the 264 gene probesets are detected. For example, the expression of all the 232 genes represented by such probesets may be detected.

The genes comprised in this classifier are set out in Table D1 in the section “SWS Classifier 0” below, in Table S1 in Example 20, as well as in Appendix A1. This and the other tables D2, D3, D4 and D5 (see below) contain the GenBank ID and the Gene Symbol of the gene, as well as the “Affi ID”, or the “Affymetrix ID” number of a probe.

Affymetrix probe set IDs and their corresponding oligonucleotide sequences, as well as the Genbank mRNA sequences they are designed from, can be accessed on the world wide web at the ADAPT website

(<http://bioinformatics.picr.man.ac.uk/adapt/ProbeToGene.adapt>) hosted by the Paterson Institute for Cancer Research.

In such an embodiment, therefore, our method comprises determining the expression level of at least one of the genes of the 264 gene probesets (for example, at least one of the 232 genes) in the classifier which we term the “SWS Classifier 0”. More than one, for example, a plurality of the genes of such a set may also be detected. The 264 gene probesets of the SWS Classifier 0 gene set are set out in Table D1 below.

In some embodiments, the expression level of more than one gene is detected. For example, the expression level of 5 or more genes may be detected. The expression level of a plurality of genes may therefore be determined. In some embodiments, the expression level of all 264 gene probesets (for example, the expression level of all 232 genes) may be detected, though it will be clear that this does not need to be so, and a smaller subset may be detected.

We therefore provide for the detection of one or more, a plurality or all, of subsets comprising 17 genes and several subsets of 5-17 genes from the 264 gene probesets.

Thus, alternatively, or in addition, our method may comprise determining the expression level of at least one, a plurality, or all of the genes of an 5 gene set which we term the “SWS Classifier 1”. The 5 genes of the SWS Classifier 1 gene set are set out in Table D2 below.

In other embodiments, our method may comprise determining the expression level of at least one, a plurality, or all of the genes of an 17 gene set which we term the “SWS Classifier 2”. The 17 genes of the SWS Classifier 2 gene set are set out in Table D3 below.

In other embodiments, our method may comprise determining the expression level of at least one, a plurality, or all of the genes of an 7 gene set which we term the “SWS Classifier 3”. The 7 genes of the SWS Classifier 3 gene set are set out in Table D4 below.

In other embodiments, our method may comprise determining the expression level of at least one, a plurality, or all of the genes of an 7 gene set which we term the “SWS Classifier 4”. The 7 genes of the SWS Classifier 4 gene set are set out in Table D5 below.

In specific embodiments, the methods comprise detection of the expression level of all of the genes in the gene set of interest. For example, all 5 genes in the “SWS Classifier

1” are detected, all 17 genes in the “SWS Classifier 2” are detected, all 7 genes in the “SWS Classifier 3” are detected and all 7 genes of the SWS Classifier 4 gene set are detected in these embodiments.

Where the SWS Classifier 1, the SWS Classifier 2, the SWS Classifier 3 or the SWS Classifier 4 are used, each of Tables D2, D3, D4 and D5 provide indications of the grades to be assigned to the tumour depending on the level of expression of the relevant gene which is detected (in Columns 7 and 8 respectively).

Thus, the tables also contain columns showing the grades associated with high and low levels of expression of a particular gene, in Columns 7 and 8 of Table D1 for example. Thus, for example, the gene Barren homolog (*Drosophila*) is annotated to the effect that the “Grade with Higher Expression” is 3, while the “Grade with Lower Expression” is 1. Accordingly, our method provides that the tumour has a grade of 3 if a high level of expression of Barren homolog (*Drosophila*) is detected in or from the tumour. If a low level of this gene is detected in or from the tumour, then a grade of 1 may be assigned to that tumour.

Detection of gene expression, for example for tumour grading, may suitably be done by any means as known in the art, and as described in further detail below.

The methods described here for gene expression analysis and tumour grading may be automated, or partially or completely controlled by a controller such as a microcomputer. Thus, any of the methods described here may comprise computer implemented methods of assigning a grade to a breast tumour. For example, such a method may comprise processing expression data for one or more genes set out in Table D1 (SWS 0 Classifier) and obtaining a grade indicative of aggressiveness of the breast tumour.

The methods described here are suitably capable of classifying a breast tumour to an accuracy of at least 85%, preferably at least 90% accuracy, preferably at least 95% accuracy, with reference to the grade obtained by conventional means, such as for example grading of the breast tumour by histological grading.

DETECTION OF HIGHER AND LOWER EXPRESSION

In a refinement of our methods, we provide for a “cut-off” level of expression, by which the expression of a gene in or from a tumour may be judged in order to establish whether the expression is at a “high” level, or at a “low” level. The cut-off level is set out in Column 9 of Tables D1, D2, D3, D4 and D5.

Accordingly, in some embodiments, our methods include assigning a grade based on whether the level of expression falls below or exceeds the cut-off. In some embodiments, the cut-off values are determined as the natural log transform normalised signal intensity measurement for Affymetrix arrays. In such embodiments, the cut-off values may be determined as a global mean normalisation with a scaling factor of 500.

For example, referring back to Table 1, the cut-off level of expression for the gene Barren homolog (*Drosophila*) is 5.9167 units (see above and formula (1), Microarray Method). Where a given tumour contains a level of expression of this gene that exceeds this level, then it is determined to be a “high” level of expression. A grade of 3 may then be assigned to that tumour. On the other hand, if the expression of the Barren homologue falls below this cut-off level, then the expression is judged to be a “low” level of expression. A grade of 1 may be assigned to the tumour in this event.

Thus, we provide for a method which comprises detecting a high level of expression of a gene in SWS Classifier 0 and assigning the grade set out in Column 7 of Table D1 to the breast tumour. The method may comprise, or optionally further comprise detecting a low level of expression of the gene and assigning the grade set out in Column 8 of Table D1 to the breast tumour. A high level of expression may be detected if the expression level of the gene is above the expression level set out in Column 9 of Table D1, and a low level of expression is detected if the expression level of the gene is below that level.

DETECTION OF GENE EXPRESSION

There are various methods by which expression levels of a gene may be detected, and these are known in the art. Examples include RT-PCR, RNase protection, Northern blotting, Western blotting etc. The gene expression level may be determined at the transcript level, or at the protein level, or both. The detection may be manual, or it may be automated. It is envisaged that any one or a combination of these methods may be employed in the methods and compositions described here.

The detection of expression of a plurality of genes is suitably detected in the form of an expression profile of the plurality of genes, by conventional means known in the art. In some embodiments, the detection is by means of microarray hybridisation.

For example, a sample of a tumour may be taken from a patient and processed for detection of gene expression levels. Gene expression levels may be detected in the form of nucleic acid or protein levels or both, for example. Analysis of nucleic acid expression levels may be suitably performed by amplification techniques, such as polymerase chain reaction (PCR), rolling circle amplification, etc. Detection of expression levels is suitably

performed by detecting RNA levels. This can be performed by means known in the art, for example, real time polymerase chain reaction (RT-PCR) or RNase protection, etc. For this purpose, we provide for sets of one or more primers or primer pairs which are capable of amplifying any one or more of the genes in the classifiers disclosed herein. Specifically, we provide for a set of primer pairs capable of amplifying all of the genes in the SWS Classifier 0, SWS Classifier 1, SWS Classifier 2, SWS Classifier 3 or SWS Classifier 4 sets.

Suitably, RNA expression levels may be detected by hybridisation to a microchip or array, for example, a microchip or array comprising the genes or probesets corresponding to the specific classifier of interest, as described in the Examples. In some embodiments, the gene expression data or profile is derived from microarray hybridisation to for example an Affymetrix microarray.

Detection of protein levels may be performed by for example, immunoassays including ELISA or sandwich immunoassays using antibodies against the protein or proteins of interest (for example as described in US6664114. The detection may be performed by use of a “dip stick” which comprises impregnated antibodies against polypeptides of interest, such as described in US2004014094.

We provide therefore for sets of one or more antibodies which are capable of binding specifically to any one or more of the proteins encoded by the genes in the classifiers disclosed herein. Specifically, we provide for a set of antibodies capable of amplifying all of the genes in the SWS Classifier 0, SWS Classifier 1, SWS Classifier 2, SWS Classifier 3 or SWS Classifier 4 sets.

The grade may be assigned by applying a class prediction algorithm comprising a nearest shrunken centroid method (Tibshirani, et al., 2002, Proc Natl Acad Sci U S A. 99(10): 6567–6572) to the expression data of the plurality of genes. The class prediction algorithm may suitably comprise Statistically Weighted Syndromes (SWS) or Prediction Analysis of Microarrays (PAM).

In some embodiments, the grade of the tumour may be assigned by applying a class prediction algorithm comprising the steps set out here. First, a set of predictor parameters (i.e., probesets) is obtained, based on predictors which discriminate the histologic tumors G1 and G3. Next, the potentially predictive parameters (i.e. signal intensity values of micro-array) are recoded to obtain cut-off values for robust discrete-valued variables. The recoding is done in such a way as to maximize an informativity measure of discrimination ability of the parameter and minimize its instability to the discrimination object (i.e. patients) belonged to distinct classes (i.e. G1 and G3). Then,

statistically robust discrete-valued variables and combinations thereof are selected for further construction of class prediction algorithm. A sum of the statistically weighted discrete-valued variables and combinations thereof is obtained based on the Weighted Voting Procedure procedure described in SWS method section. Finally, a predictive outcome (classification) scores of breast cancer subtypes based on the sum for sub-typing (re-classification) histologic G2 tumors is obtained.

APPLICATION TO GRADE 2 TUMOURS

In suitable embodiments, the method is applied to grade breast tumours which are traditionally graded as Grade 2 by conventional means, such as by histological grading as known in the art. Our method is capable of distinguishing the aggressiveness of tumours within the group of tumours in Grade 2 which were hitherto thought to be homogenous into Grade 1 like tumours (i.e., more aggressive) and Grade 3 like tumours (i.e., less aggressive). This is described in detail in the Examples.

Accordingly, we provide for a method of classifying a histological Grade 2 tumour into a low aggressiveness tumour or a high aggressiveness tumour. Such a method comprises assigning a grade to the histological Grade 2 tumour according to any of the methods described above. For example, the expression of any one or more genes, for example, all the genes, in any of the SWS Classifiers described here may be detected and a grade of 1 or 3 assigned using Columns 7, 8 or 9 individually or in combination, as described above.

Such regrading using our methods is suitably capable of classifying histological Grade 1 and histological Grade 3 tumours with an accuracy of 70% or above, preferably 80% or above, more preferably 90% or above. The histological grading may be performed by for example the Nottingham Grading System (NGS) or the Elston-Ellis Modified Scarff, Bloom, Richardson Grading System.

Such a tumour which has been reassigned will suitably have one or more characteristics of the reassigned grade. For example, a histological Grade 2 breast tumour which has been assigned a low aggressiveness grade by the gene expression detection methods described here will suitably have at least one feature of a histological Grade 1 breast tumour. Similarly, a breast tumour assigned a high aggressiveness grade will have at least one feature of a histological Grade 3 breast tumour. The feature will suitably comprise likelihood of tumour recurrence post-surgery or survival rate, or both. The feature may comprise a disease free survival rate. Suitably, the feature comprises susceptibility to treatment. Accordingly, application of the grading methods described here enables the classification of the histological Grade 2 tumour into a Grade 1 tumour or a

Grade 3 tumour, so as to allow the clinician to treat the tumour accordingly in view of its aggressiveness, prognosis, etc.

The information obtained from the regarding may be used to predict any of the parameters which may be useful to the clinician, for example, likelihood of tumour metastasis, prognosis of the patient, survival rate, possibility of recovery and recurrence, etc, depending on the grade of the tumour which has been reassigned to the histological Grade 2 tumour. We therefore describe a method of determining whether a breast tumour is a metastatic breast tumour, the method comprising assigning a grade to the breast tumour as described using gene expression data.

We therefore describe a method of predicting a survival rate for an individual with a histological Grade 2 breast tumour, the method comprising assigning a grade to the breast tumour using gene expression data as described. A low aggressiveness grade may suitably indicate a high probability of survival and a high aggressiveness grade may suitably indicate a low probability of survival. We also provide for a method of prognosis of an individual with a breast tumour, the method comprising assigning a grade to the breast tumour by a method as described, and a method of diagnosis of aggressive breast cancer in an individual, the method comprising assigning a grade indicative of high aggressiveness to a breast tumour of the individual by a method as described.

The methods of gene expression analysis may be employed for determining the proliferative state of a cell. For example, such a method may comprise detecting the expression of a gene selected from the genes set out in Table D1 (SWS Classifier 0). Where a high level of expression of a gene which is annotated “3” in Column 7 is detected, this may indicate a highly proliferative cell. Similarly, where a high level of expression of a gene which is annotated “1” in Column 7 is detected, a non-proliferating cell or a slow-growing cell may be indicated. If a low level of expression of a gene which is annotated “3” in Column 8 is detected, this may indicate a highly proliferative cell and where a low level of expression of a gene which is annotated “1” in Column 8 is detected, this indicates a non-proliferating cell or a slow-growing cell.

The classifiers are described herein as combinations of probesets, and the skilled person will be aware that more than one probeset can correspond to one gene. Accordingly, the SWS Classifier 0 contains 264 probesets which represent 232 genes. It will be clear therefore that the invention encompasses detection of expression level of one or more genes, and/or one or more probesets within the relevant classifiers, or any combination of this.

DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT

Suitably, the information obtained by the regarding may also be used by the clinician to recommend a suitable treatment, in line with the grade of the tumour which has beenh reassigned.

Thus, a tumour which has been reassigned to Grade 1 may require more aggressive treatment than a tumour which has been reassigned to Grade 3, for example. We therefore describe a method of choosing a therapy for an individual with breast cancer, the method comprising assigning a grade to the breast tumour by a method as described herein, and choosing an appropriate therapy based on the aggressiveness of the breast tumour. In general, the method may be employed for the treatment of an individual with breast cancer, by assigning a grade to the breast tumour and administering an appropriate therapy to the individual based on the aggressiveness of the breast tumour.

In general, we disclose a method of treatment of an individual suffering from breast cancer, the method comprising modulating the expression of a gene set out in Table D1 (SWS Classifier 0), Table D2 (SWS 1 Classifier), Table D3 (SWS Classifier 2), Table D4 (SWS Classifier 3) and/or Table D5 (SWS Classifier 4).

It will be evident that any of the diagnosis and treatment methods may suitably be combined with other methods of assessing the aggressiveness of the tumour, the patient's health and susceptibility to treatment, etc. For example, the diagnosis or choice of therapy may be determined by further assessing the size of the tumour, or the lymph node stage or both, optionally together or in combination with other risk factors

Specifically, the choice of therapy may be determined by assessing the Nottingham Prognostic Index (NPI). The NPI is described in detail in Haybittle, et al., 1982. In combination with the grading methods described here, the method is suitable for assigning a breast tumour patient into a prognostic group. Such a combined method comprises deriving a score which is the sum of the following: (a) $(0.2 \times \text{tumour size in cm})$; (b) tumour grade in which the tumour grade is assigned by a method according to any of the gene expression detection methods described herein; and (c) lymph node stage; in which the tumour size and the lymph node stage are determined according to the Nottingham Prognostic Index, in which a patient with a score of 2.4 or less is categorised to a EPG (excellent prognostic group), a patient with a score of less than 3.4 is categorised to a GPG (good prognostic group), a patient with a score of between 3.4 and 5.4 is categorised to a MPG (moderate prognostic group), a patient with a score of greater than 5.4 is categorised to a PPG (poor prognostic group).

Alternatively, or in addition, a method of assigning a breast tumour patient into a prognostic group may comprise applying the Nottingham Prognostic Index to a breast tumour, but modified such that the histologic grade score of the breast tumour is replaced by a grade obtained by a gene expression detection method as described in this document.

Other factors which may of course be assessed for determining the choice of therapy may include receptor status, such as oestrogen receptor (ER) or progesterone receptor (PR) status, as known in the art. For example, the choice of therapy may be determined by further assessing the oestrogen receptor (ER) status of the breast tumour.

GENE COMBINATIONS

We further provide for combinations of genes according to the various classifiers disclosed in this document. Such combinations may comprise mixtures of genes or corresponding probes, such as in a form which is suitable for detection of expression. For example, the combination may be provided in the form of DNA in solution.

In other embodiments, a microarray or chip is provided which comprises any combination of genes or probes, in the form of cDNA, genomic DNA, or RNA, within the classifiers. In some embodiments, the microarray or chip comprises all the genes or probes in SWS Classifier 0, SWS Classifier 1, SWS Classifier 2, SWS Classifier 3 or SWS Classifier 4. The genes may be synthesised or obtained by means known in the art, and attached on the microarray or chip by conventional means, as known in the art. Such microarrays or chips are useful in monitoring gene expression of any one or more of the genes comprised therein, and may be used for tumour grading or detection as described here.

We further describe a probe set consisting of a probe or probes having Affymetrix ID numbers as set out in Column 6 of Table D1, Table D2, Table D3, Table D4 or Table D5. Specifically, we describe an array, preferably a microarray, comprising the probesets set out in Table D1 (SWS Classifier 0). We also describe an array such as a microarray comprising the genes or probesets set out in Table D2 (SWS 1 Classifier), an array such as a microarray comprising the genes or probesets set out in Table D3 (SWS Classifier 2), an array such as a microarray comprising the genes or probesets set out in Table D4 (SWS3 Classifier), and an array such as a microarray comprising the genes or probesets set out in Table D5 (SWS Classifier 4).

The probes or probe sets are suitably synthesised or made by means known in the art, for example by oligonucleotide synthesis, and may be attached to a microarray for easier carriage and storage. They may be used in a method of assigning a grade to a breast tumour as described herein.

We describe the use of Statistically Weighted Syndromes (SWS) on gene expression data which may comprise microarray gene expression data. We describe the use of SWS for gene discovery. We further describe such use in combination with Prediction Analysis of Microarrays (PAM). We describe the use of SWS to identify gene sets diagnostic of cancer status, such as breast cancer status or proliferative status.

SCREENING

The methods and compositions described here may be used for identifying molecules capable of treating or preventing breast cancer, which may be used as drugs for cancer treatment. Such a method comprises: (a) grading a breast tumour as described using gene expression data; (b) exposing the breast tumour to a candidate molecule; and (c) detecting a change in tumour grade. The change in tumour grade is suitably determined by grading a breast tumour as described using gene expression data before and after exposure to the breast tumour to a candidate molecule. We provide molecule identified by such a method, for example for use in breast cancer treatment.

Particular screening applications relate to the testing of pharmaceutical compounds in drug research. The reader is referred generally to the standard textbook "In vitro Methods in Pharmaceutical Research", Academic Press, 1997, and U.S. Pat. No. 5,030,015). Assessment of the activity of candidate pharmaceutical compounds generally involves combining the breast cancer cells with the candidate compound, determining any change in the tumour grade, as determined by the gene expression detection methods described herein of the cells that is attributable to the compound (compared with untreated cells or cells treated with an inert compound), and then correlating the effect of the compound with the observed change.

The screening may be done, for example, either because the compound is designed to have a pharmacological effect on certain cell types such as tumour cells, or because a compound designed to have effects elsewhere may have unintended side effects. Two or more drugs can be tested in combination (by combining with the cells either simultaneously or sequentially), to detect possible drug-drug interaction effects. In some applications, compounds are screened initially for potential toxicity (Castell et al., pp. 375-410 in "In vitro Methods in Pharmaceutical Research," Academic Press, 1997). Cytotoxicity can be determined in the first instance by the effect on cell viability, survival, morphology, and expression or release of certain markers, receptors or enzymes. Effects of a drug on chromosomal DNA can be determined by measuring DNA synthesis or repair. [³H]thymidine or BrdU incorporation, especially at unscheduled times in the cell cycle, or above the level required for cell replication, is consistent with a drug effect. The reader is

referred to A. Vickers (PP 375-410 in "In vitro Methods in Pharmaceutical Research," Academic Press, 1997) for further elaboration.

Candidate molecules subjected to the assay and which are found to be of interest may be isolated and further studied. Methods of isolation of molecules of interest will depend on the type of molecule employed, whether it is in the form of a library, how many candidate molecules are being tested at any one time, whether a batch procedure is being followed, etc.

The candidate molecules may be provided in the form of a library. In a preferred embodiment, more than one candidate molecule is screened simultaneously. A library of candidate molecules may be generated, for example, a small molecule library, a polypeptide library, a nucleic acid library, a library of compounds (such as a combinatorial library), a library of antisense molecules such as antisense DNA or antisense RNA, an antibody library etc, by means known in the art. Such libraries are suitable for high-throughput screening. Tumour cells may be exposed to individual members of the library, and the effect on tumour grade, if any, cell determined. Array technology may be employed for this purpose. The cells may be spatially separated, for example, in wells of a microtitre plate.

In a preferred embodiment, a small molecule library is employed. By a "small molecule", we refer to a molecule whose molecular weight is preferably less than about 50 kDa. In particular embodiments, a small molecule has a molecular weight preferably less than about 30 kDa, more preferably less than about 15 kDa, most preferably less than 10 kDa or so. Libraries of such small molecules, here referred to as "small molecule libraries" may contain polypeptides, small peptides, for example, peptides of 20 amino acids or fewer, for example, 15, 10 or 5 amino acids, simple compounds, etc.

Alternatively or in addition, a combinatorial library, as described in further detail below, may be screened for candidate modulators of tumour function.

COMBINATORIAL LIBRARIES

Libraries, in particular, libraries of candidate molecules, may suitably be in the form of combinatorial libraries (also known as combinatorial chemical libraries).

A "combinatorial library", as the term is used in this document, is a collection of multiple species of chemical compounds that consist of randomly selected subunits. Combinatorial libraries may be screened for molecules which are capable of changing the choice by a stem cell between the pathways of self-renewal and differentiation.

Various combinatorial libraries of chemical compounds are currently available, including libraries active against proteolytic and non-proteolytic enzymes, libraries of agonists and antagonists of G-protein coupled receptors (GPCRs), libraries active against non-GPCR targets (e.g., integrins, ion channels, domain interactions, nuclear receptors, and transcription factors) and libraries of whole-cell oncology and anti-infective targets, among others. A comprehensive review of combinatorial libraries, in particular their construction and uses is provided in Dolle and Nelson (1999), *Journal of Combinatorial Chemistry*, Vol 1 No 4, 235-282. Reference is also made to *Combinatorial peptide library protocols* (edited by Shmuel Cabilly, Totowa, N.J. : Humana Press, c1998. *Methods in Molecular Biology* ; v. 87). Specific combinatorial libraries and methods for their construction are disclosed in United States Patent 6,168,914 (Campbell, et al), as well as in Baldwin et al. (1995), "Synthesis of a **Small Molecule Library** Encoded with Molecular Tags," J. Am. Chem. Soc. 117:5588-5589, and in the references mentioned in those documents.

Further references describing chemical combinatorial libraries, their production and use include those available from the URL <http://www.netsci.org/Science/Combichem/>, including The Chemical Generation of Molecular Diversity. Michael R. Pavia, Sphinx Pharmaceuticals, A Division of Eli Lilly (Published July, 1995); Combinatorial Chemistry: A Strategy for the Future - MDL Information Systems discusses the role its Project Library plays in managing diversity libraries (Published July, 1995); Solid Support Combinatorial Chemistry in Lead Discovery and SAR Optimization, Adnan M. M. Mjalli and Barry E. Toyonaga, Ontogen Corporation (Published July, 1995); Non-Peptidic Bradykinin Receptor Antagonists From a Structurally Directed Non-Peptide Library. Sarvajit Chakravarty, Babu J. Mavunkel, Robin Andy, Donald J. Kyle*, Scios Nova Inc. (Published July, 1995); Combinatorial Chemistry Library Design using Pharmacophore Diversity Keith Davies and Clive Briant, Chemical Design Ltd. (Published July, 1995); A Database System for Combinatorial Synthesis Experiments - Craig James and David Weininger, Daylight Chemical Information Systems, Inc. (Published July, 1995); An Information Management Architecture for Combinatorial Chemistry, Keith Davies and Catherine White, Chemical Design Ltd. (Published July, 1995); Novel Software Tools for Addressing Chemical Diversity, R. S. Pearlman, Laboratory for Molecular Graphics and Theoretical Modeling, College of Pharmacy, University of Texas (Published June/July, 1996); Opportunities for Computational Chemists Afforded by the New Strategies in Drug Discovery: An Opinion, Yvonne Connolly Martin, Computer Assisted Molecular Design Project, Abbott Laboratories (Published June/July, 1996); Combinatorial Chemistry and Molecular Diversity Course at the University of Louisville: A Description, Arno F. Spatola, Department of Chemistry, University of Louisville (Published June/July, 1996); Chemically Generated Screening Libraries: Present and Future. Michael R. Pavia, Sphinx

Pharmaceuticals, A Division of Eli Lilly (Published June/July, 1996); Chemical Strategies For Introducing Carbohydrate Molecular Diversity Into The Drug Discovery Process.. Michael J. Sofia, Transcell Technologies Inc. (Published June/July, 1996); Data Management for Combinatorial Chemistry. Maryjo Zaborowski, Chiron Corporation and Sheila H. DeWitt, Parke-Davis Pharmaceutical Research, Division of Warner-Lambert Company (Published November, 1995); and The Impact of High Throughput Organic Synthesis on R&D in Bio-Based Industries, John P. Devlin (Published March, 1996).

Techniques in combinatorial chemistry are gaining wide acceptance among modern methods for the generation of new pharmaceutical leads (Gallop, M. A. et al., 1994, *J. Med. Chem.* 37:1233-1251; Gordon, E. M. et al., 1994, *J. Med. Chem.* 37:1385-1401.). One combinatorial approach in use is based on a strategy involving the synthesis of libraries containing a different structure on each particle of the solid phase support, interaction of the library with a soluble receptor, identification of the 'bead' which interacts with the macromolecular target, and determination of the structure carried by the identified 'bead' (Lam, K. S. et al., 1991, *Nature* 354:82-84). An alternative to this approach is the sequential release of defined aliquots of the compounds from the solid support, with subsequent determination of activity in solution, identification of the particle from which the active compound was released, and elucidation of its structure by direct sequencing (Salmon, S. E. et al., 1993, *Proc.Natl.Acad.Sci.USA* 90:11708-11712), or by reading its code (Kerr, J. M. et al., 1993, *J.Am.Chem.Soc.* 115:2529-2531; Nikolaiev, V. et al., 1993, *Pept. Res.* 6:161-170; Ohlmeyer, M. H. J. et al., 1993, *Proc.Natl.Acad.Sci.USA* 90:10922-10926).

Soluble random combinatorial libraries may be synthesized using a simple principle for the generation of equimolar mixtures of peptides which was first described by Furka (Furka, A. et al., 1988, Xth International Symposium on Medicinal Chemistry, Budapest 1988; Furka, A. et al., 1988, 14th International Congress of Biochemistry, Prague 1988; Furka, A. et al., 1991, *Int. J. Peptide Protein Res.* 37:487-493). The construction of soluble libraries for iterative screening has also been described (Houghten, R. A. et al. 1991, *Nature* 354:84-86). K. S. Lam disclosed the novel and unexpectedly powerful technique of using insoluble random combinatorial libraries. Lam synthesized random combinatorial libraries on solid phase supports, so that each support had a test compound of uniform molecular structure, and screened the libraries without prior removal of the test compounds from the support by solid phase binding protocols (Lam, K. S. et al., 1991, *Nature* 354:82-84).

Thus, a library of candidate molecules may be a synthetic combinatorial library (e.g., a combinatorial chemical library), a cellular extract, a bodily fluid (e.g., urine, blood,

tears, sweat, or saliva), or other mixture of synthetic or natural products (e.g., a library of small molecules or a fermentation mixture).

A library of molecules may include, for example, amino acids, oligopeptides, polypeptides, proteins, or fragments of peptides or proteins; nucleic acids (e.g., antisense; DNA; RNA; or peptide nucleic acids, PNA); aptamers; or carbohydrates or polysaccharides. Each member of the library can be singular or can be a part of a mixture (e.g., a compressed library). The library may contain purified compounds or can be “dirty” (i.e., containing a significant quantity of impurities).

Commercially available libraries (e.g., from Affymetrix, ArQule, Neose Technologies, Sarco, Ciddco, Oxford Asymmetry, Maybridge, Aldrich, Panlabs, Pharmacopoeia, Sigma, or Tripose) may also be used with the methods described here.

In addition to libraries as described above, special libraries called diversity files can be used to assess the specificity, reliability, or reproducibility of the new methods. Diversity files contain a large number of compounds (e.g., 1000 or more small molecules) representative of many classes of compounds that could potentially result in nonspecific detection in an assay. Diversity files are commercially available or can also be assembled from individual compounds commercially available from the vendors listed above.

ANALYSIS METHOD - RNA PURIFICATION

The breast tumour is surgically resected, processed, and snap frozen. A frozen portion of the tumour is processed for total RNA extraction using the Qiagen RNeasy kit (Qiagen, Valencia, CA). Briefly, frozen tumours are cut into minute pieces, and pieces totalling ~50-100 milligrams (mg) are homogenized for 40 seconds in RNeasy Lysis Buffer (RLT). Proteinase K is added, and the samples are incubated for 10 minutes at 55 degrees C, followed by centrifugation and the addition of ethanol. After transferring the supernatant into RNeasy columns, DNase is added. Collected RNA is then assessed for quality using an Agilent 2100 bioanalyzer (Agilent Technologies, Rockville, MD) or by agarose gel. The RNA is stored at minus -70 degrees C.

MICROARRAY ANALYSIS

Labeled cRNA target is generated for microarray hybridization essentially according to the Affymetrix protocol (Affymetrix, Santa Clara, CA). Briefly, approximately 5 micrograms (μ g) of total RNA are reversed transcribed into first-strand cDNA using a T7-linked oligo-dT primer, followed by second strand synthesis. A T7 RNA polymerase is then used to linearly amplify antisense RNA. This “cRNA” is biotinylated and chemically fragmented at 95°C. Ten μ g of the fragmented, biotinylated

cRNA is hybridized at 45°C for 16 hours to an Affymetrix high-density oligonucleotide GenChip array. The array is then washed and stained with streptavidin-phycoerythrin (10 µg/ml). Signal amplification is achieved using a biotinylated anti-streptavidin antibody. The scanned images are inspected for the presence of artifacts. In case of defects, the hybridization procedure is repeated. Expression values and detection calls are computed from raw data following the procedures outlined for the Affymetrix MAS 5.0 analysis software. Global mean normalization of the gene expression by hybridization signals across all arrays is used to control for differences in chip hybridization signal intensity values. To do that for a given array j ($j = 1, 2, \dots, M$), we calculated normalization coefficients k_j ($j = 1, 2, \dots, n$), by the following formula:

$$k_j = n * \ln(500) / \sum_{i=1}^n \ln(a_{ij}), \quad (1)$$

where n is the number of observed probe sets, a_{ij} is the signal intensity value of the i -th Affymetrix probesets representing a gene expression. Then the natural logarithm of the signal intensity value of the given array j was multiplied by this normalization coefficient. A normalisation coefficient of 500 is used in determining the cut-offs shown in the Tables in this document.

SWS ANALYSIS

The microarray-derived normalized numerical expression values corresponding to the genetic grade signature genes are used as input for the SWS algorithm.

OTHER METHODS

The RNA purification and microarray analysis methodologies above reflect only our “preferred methods”, and that other variants exist that could be used in conjunction with our Process for Predicting Patient Outcome...For example, the starting material could be formalin-fixed paraffin-embedded tumor material instead of fresh frozen material, or the RNA might be extracted using a Cesium Chloride Gradient method, or the RNA could be analyzed by NimbleGen Microarrays that include DNA probes corresponding to our genes of interest. And it should also be noted that a microarray may not be necessary at all to determine the expression levels of our signature genes, but rather their expression could be quantitatively measured by PCR-based techniques such as real time-PCR.

CLASSIFIERS, GENE SETS AND PROBE SETS

SWS CLASSIFIER 0 (TABLE D1)

Order	UGID(build #177)	UnigeneName	Gene Symbol	Genbank Acc	Affli ID	Grade with Higher Expression	Grade with Lower Expression	Cut-Off	Chi-2	Instability indices
1	Hs.528654	Hypothetical protein FLJ11029	FLJ11029	BG165011	B.228273_at	3	1	7.7063	95.973	0.011
2	acc NM_003158.1			NM_003158	A.208079_s_at	3	1	6.6526	95.599	0.002
3	Hs.308045	Barren homolog (Drosophila)	BRRI1	D38553	A.212949_at	3	1	5.9167	92.640	0.006
4	Hs.35962	CDNA clone IMAGE:4452583, partial cds		BG492359	B.226936_at	3	1	7.5619	92.601	0.003
5	Hs.184339	Maternal embryonic leucine zipper kinase	MELK	NM_014791	A.204825_at	3	1	7.1073	90.110	0.002
6	Hs.250822	Serine/threonine kinase 6	STK6	NM_003600	A.204092_s_at	3	1	6.7266	88.639	0.003
7	Hs.9329	TPX2, microtubule-associated protein homolog (Xenopus laevis)	TPX2	AF098158	A.210052_s_at	3	1	7.4051	86.239	0.001
8	Hs.1594	Centromere protein A, 17kDa	CENPA	NM_001809	A.204962_s_at	3	1	6.344	85.316	0.037
9	Hs.198363	MCM10 minichromosome maintenance deficient 10 (S. cerevisiae)	MCM10	AB042719	B.222962_s_at	3	1	6.1328	85.176	0.001
10	Hs.48855	Cell division cycle associated 8	CDCA8	BC001651	A.221520_s_at	3	1	5.2189	85.152	0.018
11	Hs.169840	TTK protein kinase	TTK	NM_003318	A.204822_at	3	1	6.2397	82.242	0.017
12	Hs.69360	Kinesin family member 2C	KIF2C	U63743	A.209408_at	3	1	7.3717	82.105	0.006
13	Hs.55028	CDNA clone IMAGE:6043059, partial cds		BF111626	B.228559_at	3	1	7.2212	82.105	0.001
14	Hs.5111941	Forkhead box M1	FOXM1	NM_021953	A.202580_x_at	3	1	6.5827	81.868	0.001
15	Hs.3104	Kinesin family member 14	KIF14	AW183154	B.236641_at	3	1	6.4175	81.868	0.023
16	Hs.179718	V-myb myeloblastosis viral oncogene homolog (avian)-like 2	MYBL2	NM_002466	A.201710_at	3	1	6.0661	79.208	0.017
17	Hs.93002	Ubiquitin-conjugating enzyme E2C	UBE2C	NM_007019	A.202954_at	3	1	7.8431	79.208	0.064
18	Hs.344037	Protein regulator of cytokinesis 1	PRC1	NM_003981	A.218009_s_at	3	1	7.3376	79.208	0.003
19	Hs.436187	Thyroid hormone receptor interactor 13	TRIP13	NM_004237	A.204033_at	3	1	7.1768	78.981	0.091
20	Hs.408658	Cyclin E2	CCNE2	NM_004702	A.205034_at	3	1	6.2055	78.603	0.019
21	Hs.30114	Cell division cycle associated 3	CDCA3	BC002551	B.223307_at	3	1	7.8418	78.603	0.084
22	Hs.84113	Cyclin-dependent kinase inhibitor 3 (CDK2-associated dual specificity phosphatase)	CDKN3	AF213033	A.209714_s_at	3	1	6.8414	78.554	0.005
23	Hs.279766	Kinesin family member 4A	KIF4A	NM_012310	A.218355_at	3	1	6.6174	78.212	0.013
24	Hs.104859	Hypothetical protein DKFZp762E1312	DKFZp762E1312	NM_018410	A.218726_at	3	1	6.3781	75.507	0.036
25	Hs.444118	MCM6 minichromosome maintenance deficient 6 (MIS5 homolog, S. pombe) (S. cerevisiae)	MCM6	NM_005915	A.201930_at	3	1	7.9353	75.386	0.014

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26	acc NM_018123.1			NM_018123	A.219918_s_at	3	1	6.5958	75.386	0.002
27	Hs.287472	BUB1 budding uninhibited by benzimidazoles 1 homolog (yeast)	BUB1	AF043294	A.209642_at	3	1	6.0118	74.136	0.058
28	Hs.36708	BUB1 budding uninhibited by benzimidazoles 1 homolog beta (yeast)	BUB1B	NM_001211	A.203755_at	3	1	6.68	73.453	0.007
29	Hs.77783	Membrane-associated tyrosine- and threonine-specific cdc2-inhibitory kinase	PKMYT1	NM_004203	A.204267_x_at	3	1	6.9229	73.441	0.002
30	Hs.446554	RAD51 homolog (RecA homolog, E. coli) (S. cerevisiae)	RAD51	NM_002875	A.205024_s_at	3	1	6.3524	73.441	0.016
31	Hs.82906	CDC20 cell division cycle 20 homolog (S. cerevisiae)	CDC20	NM_001255	A.202870_s_at	3	1	7.1291	72.984	0.108
32	Hs.252712	Karyopherin alpha 2 (RAG cohort 1, importin alpha 1)	KPNA2	NM_002266	A.201088_at	3	1	8.4964	72.560	0.025
33	Hs.3104		KIF14	NM_014875	A.206364_at	3	1	6.1518	72.560	0.067
34	Hs.103305	Chromobox homolog 2 (Pc class homolog, Drosophila)		BE514414	B.226473_at	3	1	7.5388	72.560	0.014
35	Hs.152759	Activator of S phase kinase	ASK	NM_006716	A.204244_s_at	3	1	5.9825	72.294	0.018
36	acc AL138828			AL138828	B.228069_at	3	1	7.0119	72.294	0.084
37	Hs.226390	Ribonucleotide reductase M2 polypeptide	RRM2	NM_001034	A.201890_at	3	1	7.1014	70.961	0.002
38	Hs.445890	HSPC163 protein	HSPC163	NM_014184	A.218728_s_at	3	1	7.6481	70.764	0.003
39	Hs.194698	Cyclin B2	CCNB2	NM_004701	A.202705_at	3	1	7.0096	70.698	0.001
40	Hs.234545	Cell division cycle associated 1	CDCA1	AF326731	B.223381_at	3	1	6.4921	70.698	0.008
41	Hs.16244	Sperm associated antigen 5	SPAG5	NM_006461	A.203145_at	3	1	6.4627	70.095	0.001
42	Hs.62180	Anillin, actin binding protein (scraps homolog, Drosophila)	ANLN	AK023208	B.222608_s_at	3	1	6.9556	69.641	0.013
43	Hs.14559	Chromosome 10 open reading frame 3	C10orf3	NM_018131	A.218542_at	3	1	6.4965	69.335	0.049
44	Hs.122908	DNA replication factor	CDT1	AW075105	B.228868_x_at	3	1	7.0543	69.335	0.001
45	Hs.8878	Kinesin family member 11	KIF11	NM_004523	A.204444_at	3	1	6.4655	69.318	0.005
46	Hs.83758	CDC28 protein kinase regulatory subunit 2	CKS2	NM_001827	A.204170_s_at	3	1	7.8353	69.178	0.027
47	Hs.112160	Chromosome 15 open reading frame 20	PIF1	AF108138	B.228252_at	3	1	6.6518	69.178	0.039
48	Hs.79078	MAD2 mitotic arrest deficient-like 1 (yeast)	MAD2L1	NM_002358	A.203362_s_at	3	1	6.4606	68.044	0.038
49	Hs.226390	Ribonucleotide reductase M2 polypeptide	RRM2	BC001886	A.209773_s_at	3	1	7.2979	67.380	0.135
50	Hs.462306	Ubiquitin-conjugating enzyme E2S	UBE2S	NM_014501	A.202779_s_at	3	1	6.9165	67.359	0.013
51	Hs.70704	Chromosome 20 open reading frame 129	C20orf129	BC001068	B.225687_at	3	1	7.2322	67.359	0.039
52	Hs.294088	GJA1 protein	GJA1	AY028916	B.223700_at	3	1	5.8432	67.299	0.005
53	Hs.381225	Kinetochore protein Spc24	Spc24	AI469788	B.235572_at	3	1	6.7839	67.299	0.002
54	Hs.334562	Cell division cycle 2, G1 to S and G2 to M	CDC2	AL524035	A.203213_at	3	1	7.0152	66.861	0.024
55	Hs.109706	Hematological and neurological expressed 1	HNI	NM_016185	A.217755_at	3	1	7.9118	66.771	0.008
56	Hs.23900	Rac GTPase activating protein 1	RACGAP1	AU153848	A.222077_s_at	3	1	7.1207	66.484	0.042

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57	Hs.77695	Discs, large homolog 7 (Drosophila)	DLG7	NM_014750	A.203764_at	3	1	6.3122	66.411	0.001
58	Hs.46423	Histone 1, H4c	HIST1H4F	NM_003542	A.205967_at	3	1	8.3796	66.411	0.005
59	Hs.20830	Kinesin family member C1	KIFC1	BC000712	A.209680_s_at	3	1	6.9746	66.411	0.042
60	Hs.339665	Similar to Gastric cancer up-regulated-2		AL135396	B.225834_at	3	1	7.2467	66.411	0.020
61	Hs.94292	FLJ23311 protein	FLJ23311	NM_024680	A.219990_at	3	1	5.0277	66.340	0.007
62	Hs.73625	Kinesin family member 20A	KIF20A	NM_005733	A.218755_at	3	1	7.2115	66.267	0.001
63	Hs.315167	Defective in sister chromatid cohesion homolog 1 (S. cerevisiae)	MGC5528	NM_024094	A.219000_s_at	3	1	6.2835	66.267	0.002
64	Hs.85137	Cyclin A2	CCNA2	NM_001237	A.203418_at	3	1	6.194	66.208	0.001
65	Hs.528669	Chromosome condensation protein G	HCAP-G	NM_022346	A.218662_s_at	3	1	6.0594	66.208	0.013
66	Hs.75573	Centromere protein E, 312kDa	CENPE	NM_001813	A.205046_at	3	1	5.1972	65.474	0.002
67	acc_BE966146	RAD51 associated protein 1		BE966146	A.204146_at	3	1	6.3049	65.318	0.007
68	Hs.334562	Cell division cycle 2, G1 to S and G2 to M	CDC2	D88357	A.210559_s_at	3	1	7.0395	64.754	0.001
69	Hs.108106	Ubiquitin-like, containing PHD and RING finger domains, 1	UHRF1	AK025578	B.225655_at	3	1	7.7335	64.754	0.024
70	Hs.1578	Baculoviral IAP repeat-containing 5 (survivin)	BIRC5	NM_001168	A.202095_s_at	3	1	6.8907	64.566	0.090
71	acc_NM_021067.1			NM_021067	A.206102_at	3	1	6.714	64.566	0.013
72	Hs.244723	Cyclin E1	CCNE1	AI671049	A.213523_at	3	1	6.082	64.566	0.001
73	Hs.198363	MCM10 minichromosome maintenance deficient 10 (S. cerevisiae)	MCM10	NM_018518	A.220651_s_at	3	1	5.6784	64.175	0.081
74	Hs.155223	Stanniocalcin 2	STC2	AI435828	A.203438_at	1	3	7.5388	63.993	0.011
75	Hs.25647	V-fos FBJ murine osteosarcoma viral oncogene homolog	FOS	BC004490	A.209189_at	1	3	8.9921	63.898	0.162
76	Hs.184601	Solute carrier family 7 (cationic amino acid transporter, y ⁺ system), member 5	SLC7A5	AB018009	A.201195_s_at	3	1	7.4931	63.584	0.011
77	Hs.528669	Chromosome condensation protein G	HCAP-G	NM_022346	A.218663_at	3	1	5.7831	63.584	0.007
78	Hs.30114	Cell division cycle associated 3	CDCA3	NM_031299	A.221436_s_at	3	1	6.1898	63.584	0.002
79	Hs.296398	Lysosomal associated protein transmembrane 4 beta	LAPTM4B	T15777	A.214039_s_at	3	1	9.3209	63.330	0.001
80	Hs.442658	Aurora kinase B	AURKB	AB011446	A.209464_at	3	1	5.9611	63.256	0.005
81	Hs.6879	DC13 protein	DC13	NM_020188	A.218447_at	3		7.436	63.256	0.028
82	Hs.78913	Chemokine (C-X3-C motif) receptor 1	CX3CR1	U20350	A.205898_at	1	3	6.7764	63.223	0.014
83	Hs.406684	Sodium channel, voltage-gated, type VII, alpha	SCN7A	AI828648	B.228504_at	1	3	5.8248	63.223	0.004
84	Hs.80976	Antigen identified by monoclonal antibody Ki-67	MKI67	BF001806	A.212022_s_at	3	1	6.7255	62.415	0.125
85	Hs.406639	Hypothetical protein LOC146909	LOC146909	AA292789	A.222039_at	3	1	6.4591	62.214	0.018
86	Hs.334562	Cell division cycle 2, G1 to S and G2 to M	CDC2	NM_001786	A.203214_s_at	3	1	6.588	61.528	0.002

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88	lIs.445098	DEP domain containing 1	SDP35	AK000490	B.222958_s_at	3	1	6.8747	60.835	0.003
89	Hs.58241	Serine/threonine kinase 32B	HSA250839	NM_018401	A.219686_at	1	3	4.5663	60.376	0.005
90	Hs.5199	HSPC150 protein similar to ubiquitin-conjugating enzyme	HSPC150	AB032931	B.223229_at	3	1	7.3947	60.376	0.010
91	acc.158044			T58044	B.227232_at	1	3	8.5021	60.376	0.003
92	Hs.421337	DEP domain containing 1B	XTP1	AK001166	B.226980_at	3	1	5.4977	60.356	0.034
93	Hs.238205	Chromosome 6 open reading frame 115	C6orf115	AF116682	B.223361_at	3	1	8.7555	60.138	0.003
94	Hs.27860	Prostaglandin E receptor 3 (subtype EP3)		AW242315	A.213933_at	1	3	7.3561	59.754	0.257
95	Hs.292511	Neuro-oncological ventral antigen 1	NOVA1	NM_002515	A.205794_s_at	1	3	6.7682	59.512	0.011
96	Hs.276466	Hypothetical protein FLJ21062	FLJ21062	NM_024788	A.219455_at	1	3	5.5257	59.307	0.003
97	Hs.270845	Kinesin family member 23	KIF23	NM_004856	A.204709_s_at	3	1	5.1731	59.307	0.154
98	Hs.293257	Epithelial cell transforming sequence 2 oncogene	ECT2	NM_018098	A.219787_s_at	3	1	6.8052	59.307	0.000
99	Hs.156346	Topoisomerase (DNA) II alpha 170kDa	TOP2A	NM_001067	A.201292_at	3	1	7.2468	59.071	0.011
100	Hs.31297	Cytochrome b reductase 1	CYBRD1	AL136693	B.222453_at	1	3	9.3991	59.071	0.001
101	Hs.414407	Kinetochore associated 2	KNTC2	NM_006101	A.204162_at	3	1	6.017	58.653	0.076
102	Hs.445098	DEP domain containing 1	SDP35	A1810054	B.235545_at	3	1	6.2495	58.653	0.133
103	Hs.301052	Kinesin family member 18A	DKFZP434G2226	NM_031217	A.221258_s_at	3	1	5.3649	58.160	0.158
104	Hs.431762	Tetratricopeptide repeat domain 18	LOC118491	AW024437	B.229170_s_at	1	3	6.2298	58.160	0.065
105	Hs.24529	CHK1 checkpoint homolog (S. pombe)	CHEK1	NM_001274	A.205394_at	3	1	5.6217	58.087	0.017
106	Hs.87507	BRCA1 interacting protein C-terminal helicase 1	BRIP1	BF056791	B.235609_at	3	1	7.1489	58.087	0.011
107	Hs.348920	FSH primary response (LRPR1 homolog, rat) 1	FSHPRH1	BF793446	A.214804_at	3	1	5.0105	57.817	0.057
108	Hs.127797	CDNA FLJ11381 fis, clone HEMBA1000501		A1807356	B.227350_at	3	1	6.8658	57.782	0.014
109	lIs.92458	G protein-coupled receptor 19	GPR19	NM_006143	A.207183_at	3	1	5.2568	57.642	0.002
110	Hs.552	Steroid-5-alpha-reductase, alpha polypeptide 1 (3-oxo-5 alpha-steroid delta 4-dehydrogenase alpha 1)	SRD5A1	BC006373	A.211056_s_at	3	1	6.7605	57.642	0.001
111	Hs.435733	Cell division cycle associated 7	CDC47	AY029179	B.224428_s_at	3	1	7.6746	57.642	0.021
112	Hs.101174	Microtubule-associated protein tau	MAPT	NM_016835	A.203929_s_at	1	3	7.7914	57.600	0.003
113	Hs.436376	Synaptotagmin binding, cytoplasmic RNA interacting protein	SYNCRIP	NM_006372	A.217834_s_at	3	1	6.8123	57.600	0.001
114	Hs.122552	G-2 and S-phase expressed 1	G2SE1	NM_016426	A.204315_s_at	3	1	6.4166	57.542	0.036
115	Hs.153704	NIMA (never in mitosis gene a)-related kinase 2	NEK2	NM_002497	A.204641_at	3	1	7.0017	57.542	0.036
116	Hs.208912	Chromosome 22 open reading frame 18	C22orf18	NM_024053	A.218741_at	3	1	6.3488	56.776	0.006
117	Hs.81892	KIAA0101	KIAA0101	NM_014736	A.202503_s_at	3	1	8.2054	56.644	0.029
118	Hs.279905	Nucleolar and spindle associated protein 1	NUSAP1	NM_016359	A.218039_at	3	1	7.542	56.644	0.006

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120	Hs.144151	Transcribed locus		AI668620	B.237339_at	1	3	9.6693	56.041	0.029
121	Hs.433180	DNA replication complex GINS protein PSF2	Psf2	BC003186	A.221521_s_at	3	1	6.3201	56.036	0.059
122	Hs.47504	Exonuclease 1	EXO1	NM_003686	A.204603_at	3	1	5.927	55.961	0.001
123	Hs.293257	Epithelial cell transforming sequence 2 oncogene	ECT2	BG170335	B.234992_x_at	3	1	5.1653	55.559	0.002
124	Hs.385913	Acidic (leucine-rich) nuclear phosphoprotein 32 family, member E	ANP32E	NM_030920	A.208103_s_at	3	1	6.2989	55.557	0.001
125	Hs.44380	Transcribed locus, weakly similar to NP_060312.1 hypothetical protein FLJ20489 [Homo sapiens]		AA938184	B.236312_at	3	1		55.557	0.007
126	Hs.19322	Chromosome 9 open reading frame 140	LOC89958	AW250904	B.225777_at	3	1	7.8877	55.205	0.003
127	Hs.188173	Lymphoid nuclear protein related to AF4		AA572675	B.232286_at	1	3	7.169	55.205	0.008
128	Hs.28264	Chromosome 10 open reading frame 56	FLJ90798	AL049949	A.212419_at	1	3	7.6504	55.175	0.017
129	Hs.387057	Hypothetical protein FLJ13710	FLJ13710	AK024132	B.232944_at	1	3	6.1947	55.175	0.034
130	acc_A1031658			AL031658	B.232357_at	1	3	5.9761	54.950	0.033
131	Hs.286049	Phosphoserine aminotransferase 1	PSAT1	BC004863	B.223062_s_at	3	1	6.1035	54.930	0.003
132	Hs.19173	Nucleoporin 88kDa	A1806781	B.23786_at	B.23786_at	1	3	7.2856	54.930	0.037
133	Hs.155223	Stanniocalcin 2	STC2	BC000658	A.203439_s_at	1	3	7.6806	54.822	0.040
134	acc_NM_0030896.1			NM_030896	A.221275_s_at	1	3	3.9611	54.822	0.002
135	Hs.101174	Microtubule-associated protein tau	MAPT	AA199717	B.225379_at	1	3	7.8574	54.814	0.021
136	Hs.446680	Retinoic acid induced 2	RAI2	NM_021785	A.219440_at	1	3	6.6594	54.307	0.057
137	Hs.431762	Tetrapeptide repeat domain 18	LOC118491	AW024437	B.229169_at	1	3	5.8266	53.649	0.002
138	acc_NM_005196.1			NM_005196	A.207828_s_at	3	1	7.237	53.119	0.007
139	acc_I90295	Arsenic transactivated protein 1		T90295	B.226661_at	3	1	6.6825	52.825	0.002
140	Hs.42650	ZW10 interactor	ZWINT	NM_007057	A.204026_s_at	3	1	7.5055	52.716	0.034
141	Hs.6641		KIF5C	NM_004522	A.203130_s_at	1	3	7.3214	52.703	0.013
142	Hs.23960	Cyclin B1	CCNB1	N90191	B.228729_at	3	1	6.8018	52.606	0.031
143	Hs.72550	Hyaluronan-mediated motility receptor (RHAMM)	HMMR	NM_012485	A.207165_at	3	1	6.5885	52.400	0.066
144	Hs.73239	Hypothetical protein FLJ10901	FLJ10901	NM_018265	A.219010_at	3	1	6.9429	52.323	0.020
145	Hs.163533	V-erb-a erythroblastic leukemia viral oncogene homolog 4 (avian)		AK024204	B.233498_at	1	3		52.208	0.002
146	Hs.109706	Hematological and neurological expressed 1	HNI	AF060925	B.22396_at	3	1	8.4225	52.166	0.000
147	Hs.165258	Nuclear receptor subfamily 4, group A, member 2		AA523939	B.235739_at	1	3	7.1874	52.022	0.000
148	Hs.20575	Growth arrest-specific 2 like 3	LOC283431	H137811	B.235709_at	3	1	6.7278	51.899	0.010

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149	Hs.75678	FBJ murine osteosarcoma viral oncogene homolog B	FOSB	NM_006732	A.202768_at	1	3	6.1922	51.899	0.059
150	Hs.437351	Cold inducible RNA binding protein	CIRBP	AL563767	B.225191_at	1	3	8.033	51.899	0.002
151	Hs.57101	MCM2 minichromosome maintenance deficient 2, mitotin (S. cerevisiae)	MCM2	NM_004526	A.202107_s_at	3	1	7.861	51.655	0.273
152	Hs.326736	Ankyrin repeat domain 30A	NY-BR-1	AF269087	B.223864_at	1	3	9.4144	51.336	0.042
153	Hs.298646	ATPase family, AAA domain containing 2	PRO2000	A1925583	B.222740_at	3	1	6.8416	50.763	0.130
154	Hs.119192	H2A histone family, member Z	H2AFZ	NM_002106	A.200853_at	3	1	8.5896	50.108	0.008
155	Hs.119960	PHD finger protein 19	PHF19	BE544837	B.227211_at	3	3	6.3487	50.108	0.084
156	Hs.78619	Gamma-glutamyl hydrolase (conjugase, folylpolyglutammaglutamyl hydrolase)	GGH	NM_003878	A.203560_at	3	1	6.7708	49.945	0.006
157	Hs.283532	Uncharacterized bone marrow protein BM039	BM039	NM_018455	A.219555_s_at	3	1	4.1739	49.945	0.134
158	Hs.221941	Cytochrome b reductase 1	A1669804	B.232459_at	A.218308_at	1	3	7.1171	49.945	0.015
159	Hs.104019	Transforming, acidic coiled-coil containing protein 3	TACC3	NM_006342	B.226992_at	3	1	6.1303	49.820	0.023
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161	Hs.28625	Transcribed locus		A1693516	B.228750_at	1	3	7.1249	49.554	0.055
162	Hs.206868	B-cell CLL/lymphoma 2	AU146384	B.232210_at	B.227081_at	1	3	8.0948	49.554	0.002
163	Hs.75528	Dynein, axonemal, light intermediate polypeptide 1	I1UMAU ANTIG	AW299538	B.227081_at	1	3	7.0851	49.549	0.003
164	acc_AW271106.106			AW271106	B.229490_s_at	3	1	6.2222	49.544	0.017
165	Hs.298646	ATPase family, AAA domain containing 2	PRO2000	A1139629	B.235266_at	3	1	6.1913	49.544	0.009
166	Hs.303090	Protein phosphatase 1, regulatory (inhibitor) subunit 3C	PPP1R3C	N26005	A.204284_at	1	3	7.0275	49.520	0.011
167	Hs.83169	Matrix metalloproteinase 1 (interstitial collagenase)	MMP1	NM_002421	A.204475_at	3	1	7.1705	49.410	0.028
168	Hs.441708	Leucine-rich repeat kinase 1	MGC45866	A1638593	B.230021_at	3	1	6.424	49.410	0.005
169	acc_AV733950.50			AV733950	A.201693_s_at	1	3	7.9061	48.773	0.005
170	Hs.171695	Dual specificity phosphatase 1	DUSP1	NM_004417	A.201041_s_at	1	3	9.7481	48.672	0.003
171	Hs.87491	Thymidylate synthetase	TYMS	NM_001071	A.202589_at	3	1	7.8242	48.672	0.041
172	Hs.434886	Cell division cycle associated 5	CDCA5	BE614410	B.224753_at	3	1	4.9821	48.488	0.106
173	Hs.24395	Chemokine (C-X-C motif) ligand 14	CXCL14	NM_004887	A.218002_s_at	1	3	8.2513	48.231	0.003
174	Hs.104741	T-LAK cell-originated protein kinase	TOPK	NM_018492	A.219148_at	3	1	6.4626	48.155	0.001
175	Hs.272027	F-box protein 5	FBXO5	AK026197	B.234863_x_at	3	1	6.935	48.155	0.037
176	Hs.101174	Microtubule-associated protein tau	MAP1	J03778	A.206401_s_at	1	3	6.4557	48.155	0.021
177	Hs.7888	V-erb-a erythroblastic leukemia viral oncogene homolog 4 (avian)		AW772192	A.214053_at	1	3		48.155	0.029
178	Hs.372254	Lymphoid nuclear protein related to AF4		A1033382	B.244696_at	1	3	7.4158	48.155	0.002
179	Hs.435861	Signal peptide, CUB domain, EGF-like 2	SCUBE2	A1424243	A.219197_s_at	1	3	8.3819	47.983	0.037

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181	Hs.306322	Neuron navigator 3	NAV3	NM_014903	A.204823_at	1	3	5.8235	47.678	0.004
182	Hs.21380	CDNA FLJ136725 fis, clone UTERU2012230		AV709727	B.225996_at	1	3	7.5715	47.581	0.038
183	Hs.89497	Lamin B1	LMNB1	NM_005573	A.203276_at	3	1	7.11	47.281	0.004
184	acc NM_017669.1			NM_017669	A.219650_at	3	1	5.0422	47.281	0.004
185	Hs.12532	Chromosome 1 open reading frame 21	C1orf21	NM_030806	A.221272_s_at	1	3	5.6228	47.104	0.066
186	Hs.399966	Calcium channel, voltage-dependent, L type, alpha 1D subunit	CACNA1D	BE550599	A.210108_at	1	3	6.2612	46.990	0.063
187	Hs.159264	Clone 23948 mRNA sequence		U79293	A.215304_at	1	3	6.9317	46.990	0.066
188	Hs.212787	KIAA0303 protein	KIAA0303	AW971134	A.222348_at	1	3	4.964	46.984	0.002
189	Hs.325650	EH-domain containing 2	EHD2	A1417917	A.221870_at	1	3	6.4774	46.013	0.002
190	Hs.388347	Hypothetical protein LOC143381		AW242720	B.227550_at	1	3	7.657	45.314	0.001
191	Hs.283853	MIRNA full length insert cDNA clone EUROMIMAGE 980547		AL360204	B.232855_at	1	3	4.6288	45.314	0.006
192	Hs.57301	High mobility group AT-hook 1	HMGAI	NM_002131	A.206074_s_at	3	1	7.6723	44.940	0.001
193	Hs.529285	Solute carrier family 40 (iron-regulated transporter), member 1		AA588092	B.239723_at	1	3	6.9222	44.838	0.052
194	Hs.252938	Low density lipoprotein-related protein 2	LRP2	R73030	B.230863_at	1	1	7.4648	44.706	0.003
195	Hs.552	Steroid-5-alpha-reductase, alpha polypeptide 1 (3-oxo-5 alpha-steroid delta 4-dehydrogenase alpha 1)	SRD5A1	NM_001047	A.204675_at	3	1	7.1002	44.684	0.000
196	Hs.156346	Topoisomerase (DNA) II alpha 170kDa	TOP2A	NM_001067	A.201291_s_at	3	1	7.3566	44.552	0.110
197	Hs.413924	Chemokine (C-X-C motif) ligand 10	CXCL10	NM_001565	A.204533_at	3	1	7.9131	44.552	0.070
198	Hs.287466	CDNA FLJ11928 fis, clone HEMBB1000420		AK021990	B.232699_at	1	3	5.8675	44.552	0.002
199	acc X07868			X07868	A.202409_at	1	3	7.9917	44.537	0.002
200	Hs.101174	Microtubule-associated protein tau	MAPT	NM_016835	A.203928_x_at	1	3	6.9103	44.537	0.005
201	Hs.334828	Hypothetical protein FLJ10719	FLJ10719	BG478677	A.213008_at	3	1	6.4461	44.494	0.009
202	Hs.326035	Early growth response 1	EGR1	NM_001964	A.201694_s_at	1	3	8.6202	44.199	0.025
203	Hs.122552	G-2 and S-phase expressed 1	GTSE1	BF973178	A.215942_s_at	3	1	5.4688	44.199	0.041
204	Hs.24395	Chemokine (C-X-C motif) ligand 14	CXCL14	AF144103	B.222484_s_at	1	3	9.3366	44.199	0.006
205	Hs.102406	Melanophilin		A1810764	B.229150_at	1	3	8.078	44.199	0.031
206	Hs.164018	Leucine zipper protein FKSG14	FKSG14	BC005400	B.222848_at	3	1	6.6517	43.845	0.001
207	Hs.19114	High-mobility group box 3	HMGCB3	NM_005342	A.203744_at	3	1	7.5502	43.661	0.007
208	Hs.103982	Chemokine (C-X-C motif) ligand 11	CXCL11	AF002985	A.211122_s_at	3	1	6.1001	43.014	0.003
209	Hs.356349	Transcribed locus	ZNF145	B.228854_at	B.228854_at	1	3	6.8198	43.014	0.001
210	Hs.1657	Estrogen receptor 1	ESR1	NM_000125	A.205225_at	1	3	7.4943	42.966	0.188
211	Hs.144479	Transcribed locus		BF433570	B.237301_at	1	3	6.3171	42.831	0.003
212	acc_BF508074			BF508074	B.240465_at	1	3	6.0041	42.720	0.002

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213	Hs.326391	Phytanoyl-CoA dioxygenase domain containing 1	PHYHDI	AL545998	B.226846_at	1	3	7.2214	42.425	0.100
214	Hs.338851	FLJ41238 protein	FLJ41238	AW629527	B.229764_at	1	3	6.5319	42.334	0.033
215	Hs.65239	Sodium channel, voltage-gated, type IV, beta	SCN4B	AW026241	B.236359_at	1	3	5.5526	42.084	0.106
216	Hs.88417	Sushi domain containing 3	SUSD3	AW966474	B.227182_at	1	3	8.195	41.808	0.015
217	Hs.16530	Chemokine (C-C motif) ligand 18 (pulmonary and activation-regulated)	CCL18	Y13710	A.32128_at	3	1	6.2442	41.317	0.004
218	Hs.384944	Superoxide dismutase 2, mitochondrial	SOD2	X15132	A.216841_s_at	3	1	6.0027	41.317	0.115
219	Hs.406050	Dynein, axonemal, light intermediate polypeptide 1	DNALI1	NM_003462	A.205186_at	1	3	4.2997	40.911	0.009
220	Hs.458430	N-acetyltransferase 1 (arylamine N-acetyltransferase)	NAT1	NM_000662	A.214440_at	1	3	7.7423	40.775	0.001
221	Hs.437023	Nucleoporin 62kDa	IL4I1	A1859620	B.230966_at	3	1	6.4289	40.567	0.041
222	Hs.279905	Nucleolar and spindle associated protein 1	NUSAP1	NM_018454	A.219978_s_at	3	1	6.3357	40.119	0.011
223	Hs.505337	Claudin 5 (transmembrane protein deleted in velocardiofacial syndrome)	CLDN5	NM_003277	A.204482_at	1	3	6.1516	40.053	0.001
224	Hs.44227	Heparanase	HPSE	NM_006665	A.219403_s_at	3	1	5.2989	40.005	0.253
225	Hs.512555	Collagen, type XIV, alpha 1 (undulin)	COL14A1	BF449063	A.212865_s_at	1	3	7.2876	39.981	0.001
226	Hs.511950	Sirtuin (silent mating type information regulation 2 homolog) 3 (S. cerevisiae)	SIRT3	AF083108	A.221562_s_at	1	3	5.9645	39.981	0.019
227	Hs.371357	RNA binding motif, single stranded interacting protein		AW338699	B.241789_at	1	3	6.3656	39.981	0.009
228	Hs.81131	Guanidinoacetate N-methyltransferase	GAMT	NM_000156	A.205354_at	1	3	5.9474	39.852	0.005
229	Hs.158992	FLJ45983 protein		A1631850	B.240192_at	1	3	5.2898	39.852	0.344
230	Hs.104624	Aquaporin 9	AQP9	NM_020980	A.205568_at	3	1	4.9519	39.848	0.010
231	Hs.437867	Homo sapiens, clone IMAGE:5759947, mRNA		AW970881	A.222314_x_at	1	3	5.2505	39.816	0.042
232	Hs.296049	Microfibrillar-associated protein 4	MFAP4	R72286	A.212713_at	1	3	6.5149	39.749	0.001
233	Hs.109439	Osteoglycin (osteoinductive factor, mimecan)	OGN	NM_014057	A.218730_s_at	1	3	4.9325	39.749	0.015
234	Hs.29190	Hypothetical protein MGC24047	MGC24047	A1732488	B.229381_at	1	3	7.2281	39.749	0.069
235	Hs.252418	Elastin (supravalvular aortic stenosis, Williams-Beuren syndrome)	ELN	AA479278	A.212670_at	1	3	6.8951	39.489	0.149
236	Hs.252938	Low density lipoprotein-related protein 2	LRP2	NM_004525	A.205710_at	1	3	5.9845	39.154	0.003
237	Hs.32405	MRNA; cDNA DKFZp586G0321 (from clone DKFZp586G0321)		AL137566	B.228554_at	1	3	7.1124	38.597	0.015
238	Hs.288720	Leucine rich repeat containing 17	LRRCL17	NM_005824	A.205381_at	1	3	7.217	38.493	0.279
239	Hs.203963	Helicase, lymphoid-specific	HELLS	NM_018063	A.220085_at	3	1	5.2886	38.493	0.001
240	Hs.361171	Placenta-specific 9	PLAC9	AW964972	B.227419_x_at	1	3	6.689	38.195	0.000
241	Hs.396595	Flavin containing monooxygenase 5	FMO5	AK022172	A.215300_s_at	1	3	4.1433	37.488	0.002
242	Hs.105434	Interferon stimulated gene 20kDa	ISG20	NM_002201	A.204698_at	3	1	6.2999	37.448	0.003
243	Hs.460184	MCM4 minichromosome maintenance deficient 4 (S. cerevisiae)	MCM4	X74794	A.212141_at	3	1	6.7292	36.577	0.176

Order	UGID(build #177)	UnigeneName	Gene Symbol	Genbank Acc	Affi ID	Grade with Higher Expression	Grade with Lower Expression	Cut-Off	Chi-2	Instability indices
244	Hs.169266	Neuropeptide Y receptor Y1	NPY1R	NM_000909	A.205440_s_at	1	3	5.8305	36.029	0.011
245	acc_R38110			R38110	B.240112_at	1	3	5.1631	35.441	0.021
246	Hs.63931	Dachshund homolog 1 (Drosophila)	DACH	AF650353	B.228915_at	1	3	7.6716	35.346	0.319
247	Hs.102541	Netrin 4	NTN4	AF278532	B.223315_at	1	3	8.2693	35.233	0.132
248	Hs.418367	Neuremedin U	NMU	NM_006681	A.206023_at	3	1	5.1017	34.589	0.035
249	Hs.232127	MRNA; cDNA DKFZp547P042 (from clone DKFZp547P042)		AF512727	A.215014_at	1	3	4.8334	34.570	0.035
250	Hs.212088	Epoxide hydrolase 2, cytoplasmic	EPIHX2	A233336	A.209368_at	1	3	6.4031	34.531	0.154
251	Hs.439760	Cytochrome P450, family 4, subfamily X, polypeptide 1	CYP4X1	AA557324	B.227702_at	1	3	8.5972	34.531	0.015
252	acc_BF513468			BF513468	B.241505_at	1	3	7.1517	34.140	0.001
253	Hs.413078	Nudix (nucleoside diphosphate linked moiety X)-type motif 1	NUDT1	NM_002452	A.204766_s_at	3	1	5.6705	33.955	0.069
254	acc_A1492376			A1492376	B.231195_at	3	1	5.1967	33.602	0.029
255	acc_AW512787			AW512787	B.238481_at	1	3	8.5117	33.572	0.005
256	Hs.74369	Integrin, alpha 7	ITGA7	AK022548	A.216331_at	1	3	5.1535	33.290	0.003
257	Hs.63931	Dachshund homolog 1 (Drosophila)	DACH	NM_004392	A.205472_s_at	1	3	3.9246	33.177	0.002
258	Hs.225952	Protein tyrosine phosphatase, receptor type, T	PTPRT	NM_007050	A.205948_at	1	3	6.7634	32.152	0.190
259	acc_BF793701	Musculoskeletal, embryonic nuclear protein 1		BF793701	B.226856_at	1	3	5.5626	31.816	0.002
260	Hs.283417	Transcribed locus		AI826437	B.229975_at	1	3	6.381	31.307	0.009
261	Hs.21948	Zinc finger protein 533		HI5261	B.243929_at	1	3	4.7165	30.259	0.144
262	Hs.31297	Cytochrome b reductase 1	CYBRD1	NM_024843	A.217889_s_at	1	3	5.6427	27.628	0.056
263	Hs.180142	Calmodulin-like 5	CALML5	NM_017422	A.220414_at	3	1	5.994	27.417	0.009
264	Hs.176588	Cytochrome P450, family 4, subfamily Z, polypeptide 1	CYP4Z1	AV700083	B.237395_at	1	3	8.7505	24.383	0.400

Table D1: SWS Classifier 0: 264 Probesets.

For any particular gene, where the value of the cell in column 7 “Grade with Higher Expression” is 3, the value of the cell in column 8 “Grade with Lower Expression” is 1, and where the value of cell “Grade with Higher Expression” is 1, the value of column “Grade with Lower Expression” is 3. Column 9 shows the cut off (Optimal Variance Cut-off) expressed as the natural log transform normalised signal intensity measurement for Affymetrix arrays (global mean normalisation with a scaling factor of 500).

SWS CLASSIFIER 1 (TABLE D2)

No	UGID (build #183)	Unigene Name	Gene Symbol	Genbank Acc	Affi ID	Grade with Higher Expression	Grade with Lower Expression	Cut-off
1	Hs.528654	Hypothetical protein FLJ11029	FLJ11029	BG165011	B.228273 at	3	1	7.706303
2	acc_NM_003158.1	Serine/threonine kinase 6, transcript 1	STK6	NM_003158	A.208079 s at	3	1	6.652593
3	Hs.35962	CDNA clone IMAGE:4452583, partial cds		BG492359	B.226936 at	3	1	7.561905
4	Hs.308045	Barren homolog (Drosophila)	BRRN1	D38553	A.212949 at	3	1	5.916703
5	Hs.184339	Maternal embryonic leucine zipper kinase	MELK	NM_014791	A.204825 at	3	1	7.107259
6	Hs.250822	Serine/threonine kinase 6, transcript 2	STK6	NM_003600	A.204092 s at	3	1	6.726571

Table D2. SWS Classifier 1: 6 Probe Sets (5 Genes)

For any particular gene, where the value of the cell in column 7 “Grade with Higher Expression” is 3, the value of the cell in column 8 “Grade with Lower Expression” is 1, and where the value of cell “Grade with Higher Expression” is 1, the value of column “Grade with Lower Expression” is 3. Column 9 shows the cut off (Optimal Variance Cut-off) expressed as the natural log transform normalised signal intensity measurement for Affymetrix arrays (global mean normalisation with a scaling factor of 500).

SWS CLASSIFIER 2 (TABLE D3)

No	UGID (build #183)	UnigeneName	Gene Symbol	GenbankAcc	Affi ID	Grade with Higher Expression	Grade with Lower Expression	Cut-off
1	Hs.184339	Maternal embryonic leucine zipper kinase	MELK	NM_014791	A.204825_at	3	1	5.437105
2	Hs.308045	Barren homolog (<i>Drosophila</i>)	BRRN1	D38553	A.212949_at	3	1	5.504552
3	Hs.9329	TPX2, microtubule-associated protein homolog (<i>Xenopus laevis</i>)	TPX2	AF098158	A.210052_s_at	3	1	5.872187
4	Hs.486401	CDNA clone IMAGE:4452583, partial cds		BG492359	B.226936_at	3	1	7.569926
5	Hs.75573	Centromere protein E, 312kDa	CENPE	NM_001813	A.205046_at	3	1	6.943423
6	Hs.528654	Hypothetical protein FLJ11029	FLJ11029	BG165011	B.228273_at	3	1	7.711138
7	acc_NM_003158			NM_003158	A.208079_s_at	3	1	6.571034
8	Hs.524571	Cell division cycle associated 8	CDCA8	BC001651	A.221520_s_at	3	1	6.894196
9	Hs.239	Forkhead box M1	FOXM1	NM_021953	A.202580_x_at	3	1	5.211513
10	Hs.179718	V-myb myeloblastosis viral oncogene homolog (avian)-like 2	MYBL2	NM_002466	A.201710_at	3	1	6.269081
11	Hs.169840	TTK protein kinase	TTK	NM_003318	A.204822_at	3	1	8.230804
12	Hs.75678	FBJ murine osteosarcoma viral oncogene homolog B	FOSB	NM_006732	A.202768_at	1	3	8.761579
13	Hs.25647	V-fos FBJ murine osteosarcoma viral oncogene homolog	FOS	BC004490	A.209189_at	1	3	7.085984
14	Hs.524216	Cell division cycle associated 3	CDCA3	NM_031299	A.221436_s_at	3	1	6.29283
15	Hs.381225	Kinetochore protein Spc24	Spc24	AI469788	B.235572_at	3	1	6.340503
16	Hs.62180	Anillin, actin binding protein (scraps homolog, <i>Drosophila</i>)	ANLN	AK023208	B.222608_s_at	3	1	6.84578

17	Hs.434886	Cell division cycle associated 5	CDCA5	BE614410	B.224753_at	3	1	5.290668
18	Hs.523468	Signal peptide, CUB domain, EGF-like 2	SCUBE2	AI424243	A.219197_s_at	3	1	5.792164

Table D3. SWS Classifier 2: 18 Probe Sets (17 Genes)

For any particular gene, where the value of the cell in column 7 “Grade with Higher Expression” is 3, the value of the cell in column 8 “Grade with Lower Expression” is 1, and where the value of cell “Grade with Higher Expression” is 1, the value of column “Grade with Lower Expression” is 3. Column 9 shows the cut off (Optimal Variance Cut-off) expressed as the natural log transform normalised signal intensity measurement for Affymetrix arrays (global mean normalisation with a scaling factor of 500).

SWS CLASSIFIER 3 (TABLE D4)

Order	UGID(build #183)	Unigene Name	Gene Symbol	Genbank Acc	Affi ID	Grade with Higher Expression	Grade with Lower Expression	Cut-off
1	Hs.9329	TPX2, microtubule-associated protein homolog (Xenopus laevis)	TPX2	AF098158	A.210052_s_at	3	1	8.7748
2	Hs.344037	Protein regulator of cytokinesis 1	PRC1	NM_003981	A.218009_s_at	3	1	8.2222
3	Hs.292511	Neuro-oncological ventral antigen 1	NOVA1	NM_002515	A.205794_s_at	1	3	6.7387
4	Hs.155223	Stanniocalcin 2	STC2	AI435828	A.203438_at	1	3	8.0766
5	Hs.437351	Cold inducible RNA binding protein	CIRBP	AL565767	B.225191_at	1	3	8.2308
6	Hs.24395	Chemokine (C-X-C motif) ligand 14	CXCL14	NM_004887	A.218002_s_at	1	3	7.086
7	Hs.435861	Signal peptide, CUB domain, EGF-like 2	SCUBE2	AI424243	A.219197_s_at	1	3	7.2545

Table D4. SWS Classifier 3: 7 Probe Sets (7 Genes)

For any particular gene, where the value of the cell in column 7 “Grade with Higher Expression” is 3, the value of the cell in column 8 “Grade with Lower Expression” is 1, and where the value of cell “Grade with Higher Expression” is 1, the value of column “Grade with Lower Expression” is 3. Column 9 shows the cut off (Optimal Variance Cut-off) expressed as the natural log transform normalised signal intensity measurement for Affymetrix arrays (global mean normalisation with a scaling factor of 500).

SWS CLASSIFIER 4 (TABLE D5)

Order	UGID(build #183)	Unigene Name	Gene Symbol	GenbankAcc	Affi ID	Grade with Higher Expression	Grade with Lower Expression	Cut-off
1	Hs.48855	cell division cycle associated 8	CDCA8	BC001651	A.221520_s_at	3	1	5.5046
2	Hs.75573	centromere protein E, 312kDa	CENPE	NM_001813	A.205046_at	3	1	5.2115
3	Hs.552	steroid-5-alpha-reductase, alpha polypeptide 1 (3-oxo-5 alpha-steroid delta 4-dehydrogenase alpha 1)	SRD5A1	BC006373	A.211056_s_at	3	1	6.9192
4	Hs.101174	microtubule-associated protein tau	MAPT	NM_016835	A.203929_s_at	1	3	4.8246
5	Hs.164018	leucine zipper protein FKSG14	FKSG14	BC005400	B.222848_at	3	1	6.1846
6	acc_R38110	N.A.		R38110	B.240112_at	1	3	6.2557
7	Hs.325650	EH-domain containing 2	EHD2	AI417917	A.221870_at	1	3	7.6677

Table D5. SWS Classifier 4: 7 Probe Sets (7 Genes)

For any particular gene, where the value of the cell in column 7 “Grade with Higher Expression” is 3, the value of the cell in column 8 “Grade with Lower Expression” is 1, and where the value of cell “Grade with Higher Expression” is 1, the value of column “Grade with Lower Expression” is 3. Column 9 shows the cut off (Optimal Variance Cut-off) expressed as the natural log transform normalised signal intensity measurement for Affymetrix arrays (global mean normalisation with a scaling factor of 500).

EXAMPLES**Example 1. Materials and Methods: Patients and Tumour Specimens**

Clinical characteristics of patient and tumour samples of the Uppsala, Stockholm and Singapore cohorts are summarized in Table E1.

Name of cohorts	Uppsala n=254			Stockholm n=147			Singapore n=98		
	G1 n=68	G2 n=126	G3 n=55	G1 n=28	G2 n=58	G3 n=61	G1 n=11	G2 n=40	G3 n=47
Patients, by grade									
Age, median yrs	62	63	62	55	58	52	59	52	50
<55 years, %	26	25	44	50	41	56	37	60	68
Tumour size, cm	1.8	2.2	2.9	1.9	2.5	2.0	3.4	2.8	3.1
Nodes, positive, %	15	35	55	33	50	32	36	40	51
ER negative tumours, %	3	9	38	0	7	33	0	28	53
Follow up, median yrs	11	9	6	8	7	7	-	-	-
All recurrences, %	26	39	50	7	24	36	-	-	-
Endocrine therapy, %	18	37	36	75	62	49	-	-	-
Chemotherapy, %	4	6	22	4	5	13	-	-	-
Combine therapy, %	2	3	0	11	16	10	-	-	-
No systemic therapy, %	77	54	45	11	17	28			

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Table E1. *Distribution of patients and tumour characteristics*

All cohorts are of unselected populations, and in each case, the original tumour material was collected at the time of surgery and freshly frozen on dry ice or in liquid nitrogen and stored under liquid nitrogen or at -70°C.

Example 2. Methods: Details of Uppsala, Singapore and Stockholm Cohorts

Uppsala Cohort

5 The Uppsala cohort originally comprised of 315 women representing 65% of all breast cancers resected in Uppsala County, Sweden from January 1, 1987 to December 31, 1989. Information pertaining to patient therapies, clinical follow up, and sample processing are described elsewhere (41).

Histological Grading

10 For histological grading, new tumour sections are prepared from the original paraffin blocks, stained with eosin, and graded in a blinded fashion by H.N. according to the Nottingham grading system (6, Haybittle et al., 1982) as follows:

Tubule Formation: 3=poor, if < 10% of the tumour showed definite tubule formation, 2=moderate, if $\geq 10\%$ but $\leq 75\%$, and 1=well, if $> 75\%$.

15 *Mitotic Index:* 1=low, if <10 mitoses, 2=medium, if 10-18 mitoses, and 3=high, if > 18 mitoses (per 10 high-power fields). The field diameter was 0.57 mm.

Nuclear Grade: 1=low, if there was little variation in the size and shape of the nuclei, 2=medium for moderate variation, and 3=high for marked variation and large size.

Scores are then summed, and tumour samples with scores ranging from 3-5 are classified as grade I; 6-7 as grade II; and 8-9 as grade III.

20 *Protein Assays*

Protein levels of Estrogen Receptor (ER) and Progesterone Receptor (PgR) are assessed by immunoassay (monoclonal 6F11 anti-ER and monoclonal NCL-PGR, respectively, Novocastra Laboratories Ltd, Newcastle upon Tyne, UK) and deemed positive if > 0.1 fmol/ug DNA. VEGF was measured in tumour cytosol by a quantitative immunoassay kit (Quantikine-human VEGF; R&D Systems, Minneapolis, MN, USA) as described (42). Protein levels of Ki-67 are analyzed using anti-Ki67 antibody (MIB-1) by the grid-graticula method with cut-offs: low=2, medium > 2 and < 6 , high=6. Cyclin E was measured using the antibody HE12 (Santa Cruz Inc., USA) with cutoffs: low=0-4%, medium=5-49%, and high=50-100% stained tumour cells (43).

S-phase fraction was determined by flow cytometry and defined as high if >7% in diploid tumours, or >12% in aneuploid tumours. TP53 mutational status was determined by cDNA sequencing as previously described (41). The Uppsala tumour samples are approved for microarray profiling by the ethical committee at the Karolinska Institute, Stockholm, Sweden.

Stockholm Cohort

The Stockholm samples are derived from breast cancer patients that were operated on at the Karolinska Hospital from January 1, 1994 through December 31, 1996 and identified in the Stockholm-Gotland breast cancer registry.

Information on patient age, tumour size, number of metastatic axillary lymph nodes, hormonal receptor status, distant metastases, site and date of relapse, initial therapy, and date and cause of death are obtained from patient records filed with the Stockholm-Gotland registry.

Tumour sections are classified using the Nottingham grading system (Haybittle et al., 1982). The Stockholm tumour samples are approved for microarray profiling by the ethical committee at the Karolinska Hospital, Stockholm, Sweden.

Singapore Cohort

The Singapore samples are derived from patients that were operated on at the National University Hospital (Singapore) from February 1, 2000 through January 31, 2002.

Information on patient age, tumour size, number of metastatic lymph nodes and hormonal receptor status are obtained from hospital records.

Tumour sections are graded in a blinded fashion according to the Nottingham grading system (Haybittle et al., 1982) as applied to the Uppsala and Stockholm cohorts, with the following exception: *Mitotic Index*: 1=low, if <8 mitoses, 2=medium, if 9-16 mitoses, and 3=high, if >16 mitoses (per 10 high-power fields). The field diameter is 0.55 mm. The Singapore tumour samples are approved for microarray profiling by the Singapore National University Hospital ethics board.

After exclusions based on tissue availability, RNA integrity, clinical annotation and microarray quality control, expression profiles of 249, 147, and 98 tumours from the

Uppsala, Stockholm and Singapore cohorts, respectively, were deemed suitable for further analysis.

Example 3. Materials and Methods: Microarray Expression Profiling and Processing

All tumour samples are profiled on the Affymetrix U133A and B genechips.

5 Microarray analysis of the Uppsala and Singapore samples was carried out at the Genome Institute of Singapore (44). The Stockholm samples are analyzed by microarray at Bristol-Myers Squibb, Princeton, New Jersey, USA. RNA processing and microarray hybridizations are carried out essentially as described (44).

10 Microarray data processing: all microarray data are processed as previously described (44).

Example 4. Materials and Methods: Statistical Analysis of Gene Ontology (GO) Terms

GO analysis is facilitated by PANTHER software (<https://panther.appliedbiosystems.com/>) (46). Selected gene lists are statistically compared (Mann–Whitney) with a reference list (ie, NCBI Build 35) comprised of all genes represented on the microarray to identify significantly over- and under-represented GO terms.

Example 5. Materials and Methods: Survival Analysis

20 The Kaplan Meier estimate is used to compute survival curves, and the p-value of the likelihood-ratio test is used to assess the statistical significance of the resultant hazard ratios. For standardization, events occurring beyond 10 years are censored. All cases of contralateral disease are censored. Disease-free survival (DFS) is defined as the time interval from surgery until the first recurrence or last follow-up.

25 Multivariate analysis by Cox proportional hazard regression, including a stepwise model selection procedure based on the Akaike information criterion, and all survival statistics are performed in the R survival package. Remaining predictors in the Cox models are assessed by Likelihood-ratio test p-values.

Example 6. Methods: Scoring by the Nottingham Prognostic Index (NPI)

NPI scores (Haybittle et al., 1982) are calculated according to the following formula:

$$\text{NPI score} = (0.2 \times \text{tumour size (cm)}) + \text{grade (1,2 or 3)} + \text{LN stage (1,2 or 3)}$$

Tumour size is defined as the longest diameter of the resected tumour. LN stage is 1, if lymph node negative, 2, if 3 or fewer nodes involved, and 3, if >3 nodes involved (47). As the number of cancerous lymph nodes are not available for the Uppsala cohort, a LN stage score of 2 is assigned if 1 or more nodes are involved, and a score of 3 is assigned if nodal involvement showed evidence of periglandular growth. For ggNPI calculations, grade scores (1,2 or 3) are replaced by genetic grade predictions (1 or 3).

NPI scores <3.4 = GPG (good prognostic group); scores of 3.4 to 5.4 = MPG (moderate prognostic group); scores >5.4 = PPG (poor prognostic group). Scores of 2.4 or less = EPG (excellent prognostic group).

15 Example 7. Methods: Descriptive Statistics

For inter-group comparisons using the clinicopathological measurements, non-parametric Mann–Whitney U-test statistics are used for continuous variables and one-sided Fisher’s exact test used for categorical variables. This work is facilitated by the Statistica-6 and StatXact-6 software packages.

20 Example 8. Materials and Methods: Details of Genetic Reclassification Algorithm of Grade 2 Tumours Based on SWS Approach

In simplified terms, the algorithm of genetic re-classification of Grade 2 tumour, based on SWS approach can be described as follows.

A *training set* consisting of samples of known classes (eg, histologic grade I (G1) and histologic grade III (G3) tumours) is used to select the *variables* (ie, gene expression measurements; *probesets* or *predictors*), that allow the most accurate discrimination (or prediction) of the samples in the training set. Once the SWS algorithm is *trained* on the optimal set of variables, it is then applied to an independent *exam set* (ie, a new set of samples not used in training) to validate it’s prediction accuracy. More details are given below.

Briefly, for constructing the class prediction function, the SWS method uses the training set $\tilde{S}_0$ (comprised of G1 and G3 tumour samples) to evaluate statistically the weight of the graduated “informative” variables (predictors), and all possible pairs of these predictors. The predictors are automatically selected by SWS from n ($n=44,500$) probe sets (which represents the gene expression measurements) on U133A and U133B Affymetrix Genechips.

The description of each patient includes n (potential) prognostic variables $X_1, \dots, X_n$ (signals from probe sets of the U133A and U133B chips) and information about class to which a patient belongs. In particular, the predictors might be able to discriminate G1 and G3 tumours with minimum “a posteriori probability”. Reliability of the SWS class prediction function is based on the standard “leave-one-out procedure” and on an additional *exam* of the class prediction ability on one or more independent sample populations (ie, patient cohorts). In this application of SWS, the G2 tumour samples of the Uppsala cohort and two other cohorts (NUH and Stockholm cohorts; see Methods) have been used as exam datasets to test the SWS class prediction function.

Let us consider the available n -dimension domain of the variables (the probesets) $X_1, \dots, X_n$ as prognostic variable space. The SWS algorithm is based on calculating the a posteriori probabilities of the tumours belonging to one of two classes using a weighted voting scheme involving the sets of so called “syndromes”. A syndrome is the sub-region of prognostic variable space. For a syndrome to be useful in the algorithm, within the syndrome, one class of samples (for instance, G3 tumours) must be significantly highly represented than another class (for instance, G1s), and in other sub-region(s) the inverse relationship should be observed. In the present version of the SWS method, one-dimensional and two-dimensional sub-regions (syndromes) are used.

Let b'_i and b''_i denote the boundaries of the sub-region for the variable X_i (the i -th probe set); $b'_i \geq X_i > b''_i$. One-dimensional syndrome for the variable X_i is defined as the set of points in variable space for which inequalities $b'_i \geq X_i > b''_i$ are satisfied. Two-dimensional syndrome for variables $X_{i'}$ and $X_{i''}$ is defined as a set of points in variable space for which inequalities $b'_{i'} \geq X_{i'} > b''_{i'}$ and $b'_{i''} \geq X_{i''} > b''_{i''}$ are satisfied. The

syndromes are constructed at the initial stage of training using the optimal partitioning (OP) algorithm described below.

SWS Training Algorithm

5 SWS training algorithm is based on three major steps:

1) optimal recoding (partitioning) of the given covariates (signal intensity values) to obtain discrete-valued variables with low and high gradation;

2) selection of the most informative and robust of these discrete-valued variables and their paired combinations (termed syndromes) that together best characterize the
10 classes of interest;

3) tallying the statistically weighted votes of these syndromes to allow us to compute the value of the outcome prediction function.

Optimal Partitioning (OP)

The OP method is used for constructing the optimal syndromes for each class (G1
15 and G3) using the training set $\tilde{S}_0$. The OP is based on the optimal partitioning of some potential prognostic variable X_i range that allows the best separation of the samples belonging to different classes. To evaluate the separating ability of partition R (see below) in the training set $\tilde{S}_0$ the chi-2 functional is used (Kuznetsov et al, 1998). The optimal partitions are searched inside observed variable domain that contain partitions
20 with cut-off values not greater than a fixed threshold (defined below). The partition with the maximal value of the chi-2 functional is considered optimal for the given variable.

Stability of Partitioning

Another important characteristic that allows evaluation the prognostic ability of partitioning model for specific variables is the index of *boundary instability*. Let
25 $R_0, R_1, \dots, R_m$ be optimal partitions of variable X_i ranges that is calculated by training set $\tilde{S}_0, \tilde{S}_1, \dots, \tilde{S}_m$, where $\tilde{S}_k$ is the training set without description of the k^{th} sample. Let K_j denote the different classes ($j=1,2$). Let $b_1^k, \dots, b_{r-1}^k$ be boundary points of optimal partition R_k found by training set $\tilde{S}_k$; D_i is the variance of variable X_i . The boundary

instability index $\kappa(\tilde{S}_0, K_j, r)$ for partitioning with r elements is calculated as the ratio (Kuznetsov et al, 1996):

$$\kappa(\tilde{S}_0, K_j, r) = \frac{1}{D_i(r-1)} \left[\sum_{k=1}^m \sum_{l=1}^{r-1} (b_l^k - b_l^0)^2 \right].$$

5 *Selecting of Optimal Variables Set*

The OP can be used at the initial stage of training for reducing the dimension of the prognostic variables set. Selection of the optimal set of prognostic variables depends on a sufficiently high partition value determined by the Chi-2 function. The additional criterion of selection of prognostic variables is the instability index $\kappa(\tilde{S}_0, K_j, r)$. The variable is
 10 used if value $\kappa(\tilde{S}_0, K_j, r)$ is less than threshold κ_0 , defined *a priori* by the user. When the partition of the given variable is unstable ($\kappa(\tilde{S}_0, K_j, r) < \kappa_0$), the variable is removed from the final optimal set of prognostic variables. Finally, the optimal set of prognostic variables is defined if both selection criteria are fulfilled.

The Weighted Voting Procedure

15 Let $\tilde{Q}_j^0$ denote the set of constructed syndromes for class K_j . Let $\mathbf{x}^*$ denote the point of parametric space. The SWS estimates a posteriori probability $P_j^{sv}(\mathbf{x}^*)$ of the class K_j at the point $\mathbf{x}^*$ that belongs to the intersection of syndromes $q_1, \dots, q_r$ from $\tilde{Q}_j^0$ as follows:

$$P_j^{sv}(\mathbf{x}^*) = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^r w_i' \nu_i'}{\sum_{i=1}^r w_i'}, \quad (1)$$

20 where ν_i' is the fraction of class K_j among objects with prognostic variables vectors belonging to syndrome q_i , w_i is the so-called “weight” of syndrome q_i . The weight w_i is calculated by the formula,

$$w_i = \frac{m_i}{m_i + 1} \frac{1}{\hat{d}_i},$$

where $\hat{d}_i = (1 - \nu_i^i) \nu_i^i + \frac{1}{m_i} (1 - \nu_0^j) \nu_0^j$ (Kuznetsov, 1996). The estimate of fraction ν_i^j variance has the second term $\frac{1}{m_i} (1 - \nu_0^j) \nu_0^j$, which is used to avoid a value $\hat{d}_i$ equal to

5 zero in cases when the given syndrome is associated only with objects of one class from the training set.

The results of testing applied and simulated tasks have demonstrated that formula (1) gives too low of estimates of conditional probabilities for classes that are of smaller fraction in the training set. So the additional correction of estimates in (1) has been implemented. The final estimates of conditional probability at point $\mathbf{x}^*$ are calculated as

$$10 \quad P_j^{sw}(\mathbf{x}^*) = P_j^{sv}(\mathbf{x}^*) \chi(\tilde{S}_0, K_j), \text{ where } \chi(\tilde{S}_0, K_j) = \frac{1}{\sum_{k=1}^m P_j^{sv}(\mathbf{x}_k)} \text{ and } \mathbf{x}_k \text{ is the vector of}$$

prognostic variables for the k -th samples from the training set.

Example 9. Derivation of a Classifier Comprising 264 Probe Sets (SWS Classifier 0)

Schema of the SWS-Based Discovery Method of Novel Classes of Tumours

Our methodology is based on the schema presented in Figure 1.

15 Beginning with the Uppsala dataset comprised of 68 G1 and 55 G3 tumours, we used SWS optimal partitioning (OP) at the initial stage of training to reduce the dimension of the prognostic variables set. SWS rank orders the set of probes according to specific algorithmic criteria for assessing differential expression between classes.

20 Based on this two-criteria (chi-2 and instability index) selection algorithm, we used SWS chi-2 values bigger than 24.38 (at p-value less than 0.00001); in combination with low boundary instability index criteria ($\kappa_0 < 0.1$ for 90% of the selected informative variables and $\kappa_0 < 0.4$ for 10% of the other informative variables). Visual presentation on scatchard plot ($\log \kappa_0$, chi-2) distribution of probesets, these two cut-off values discriminated the relatively small and compact group of probesets. We observed that this

25 group of probesets provide a local minima on the Class Error Rate (CER) function and

provide an optimal selection of 264 probesets classifier of G1 and G3. Using these 264 probe sets, the both SWS and PAM methods provide a small misclassification error (4.5% for G1, and 5.5% for G3, respectively) when the leave-one-out cross-validation procedure is used. We also used the U-test with critical value $p=0.05$ (with Bonferroni correction) and all 264 probesets follow this cut-off value.

Based on our selection criteria, we selected a classifier comprising 264 probe sets, which we term the “SWS Classifier 0”. See Table D1 in section “SWS Classifier 0” of the Description as well as Appendix 1.

Details are shown in Appendix 1A, Appendix 2, Appendix 3 and Appendix 4.

Example 10. A Posteriori Probability for SWS Classifier 0 (264 Probe Sets) G1 and G3 Estimated by SWS Classifier 2

A posterior probability for G1 and G3 was also estimated by SWS Classifier 2 for each tumour sample by the classical leave-one-out cross-validation procedure.

We estimated the class error rate based on the misclassification error rate plot (Tibshirani et al, 2002) and found that for the 264 selected probe sets, CER consists of 5% for G1, and 6% for G3, respectively. Similar discrimination was obtained with SWS methods (see above).

Based on consistency between SWS and U-tests and PAM CER validation of the selection procedure, we further considered the classification results using the 264 variables. In two-group comparisons, high CER were observed in the G1-G2 and G2-G3 predictions (data not shown), while G1-G3 classification accuracy was high (<5% errors). Complementary to SWS classification method, the PAM method confirms that G2 tumours are not molecularly distinct from either low or high grade tumours, possibly owing to substantial molecular heterogeneity within the G2 class.

Example 11. Derivation of Classifiers of 6 Genes (SWS Classifier 1)

To extract the smallest possible classifier from the 264 variables, we varied the initial parameters of the SWS algorithm to minimize the number of predictors in training set providing the maximum correlation coefficient between posteriori probabilities and true class indicators (specifically, 1 was the indicator of G1 tumours, and 3 was the indicator of G3 tumours in the G1-G3 comparison). The predictive power of the predictor

set was estimated using standard leave-one-out procedure and counting the numbers of errors of class predictions.

We derived a classifier comprising 6 gene probe sets (5 genes) which we term the “SWS Classifier 1”. 4.4% for class G1; and 5.5% for class G3 CERs were obtained with the SWS Classifier 1. See Figure 1 and Table D2 in section “SWS Classifier 1” of the Description.

Appendix 5A, Appendix 5B and Appendix 5C show detailed information about selected gene probe sets, optimal partition boundaries, true classes, posterior probabilities and clinical significance of the SWS Classifier 1 predictor (estimated by patient survival analysis).

Example 12. Derivation of Classifiers of 18 Genes (SWS Classifier 2)

By SWS, for the G1-G3 comparisons, maximal prediction accuracies are obtained with 18 probe sets (17 genes). We refer to this 18 probe set as the “SWS Classifier 2”. See Table D3 in section “SWS Classifier 2” of the Description. This classifier includes all five genes represented by SWS Classifier 1.

Appendix 6A, Appendix 6B and Appendix 6C show detailed information about selected gene probe sets, optimal partition boundaries, true classes, posterior probabilities and clinical significance of the SWS Classifier 2 (estimated by patient survival analysis).

With the 18 probe sets, both the SWS Classifier 2 and PAM correctly classify ~96% (65/68) of the G1s and ~95% (52/55) of the G3s (by leave one-out method).

The smaller number of probes sets required by SWS Classifier 1 (6 probe sets) compared to PAM (18 probe sets, data not presented) may reflect the ability of SWS to use more diverse interaction and/or co-expression patterns during variable selection.

The posterior probability (Pr) is an estimate of the likelihood that a sample from the exam group of tumours belongs to one class (termed “G1-like”) or the other (ie, “G3-like”). Both 18 probesets SWS and PAM classifiers scored the vast majority of G1 and G3 tumours with high probabilities of class membership.

Example 13. The SWS Classifier 0 (264 Gene Probe Set) Contains Many Small Subsets Which Can Provide Equally High Discrimination Ability of the Genetic G2a and G2b Tumours

Due to the highly informative and stable nature of each gene (represented by Affymetrix probe-sets) of the 264 predictor set we hypothesized that there are many small alternative gene sub-sets that could be used to classify tumours with high accuracy (and therefore classify patients according to outcome with high prognostic significance). For example, high Pr scores for the class assignments of G1 and G3 by SWS classifier 1 (6 probesets, as shown in Table D2 in section “SWS classifier 1” of the Description and Appendix 5A) and SWS class assignments of G1-like and G3-like classes within G2 class were observed.

Notably, 95% of the tumours of the Uppsala cohort showed >75% probability of belonging to either the G1-like or G3-like class, indicating a highly discriminant statistical basis for the class prediction function of the SWS classifier 1 for the G2 class.

Example 14. SWS Classifier 3 and SWS Classifier 4

To find other classifiers, we excluded the best 6 probe sets (SWS classifier 1) from the 264 probe sets, and randomly selected two non-overlapping subsets (each of 40 probe sets) from the remaining 258 probe sets and applied the SWS algorithm to each subset.

In this way, we selected two additional classifiers: SWS classifier 3 (6-probe sets; Table D4 in section “SWS Classifier 3” of the Description and Appendix 7A) and SWS classifier 4 (7-probe sets; Table D5 in section “SWS Classifier 4” of the Description and Appendix 8A).

Tables D4 and D5 are organized as Table D3. For Uppsala , Stockholm and Singapore cohorts, each of three SWS classifiers provide similar high accuracy of classification in G1-G3 comparisons (Tables D3-D5). SWS also provided high and reproducible levels of separation of G2a and G2b sub-groups for different cohorts and highly significant differences in G2a-G2b comparison based on survival analysis (Tables D3-D5).

These tables show the values of parameters of SWS algorithm for selected classifiers, predicted individual probabilities of belonging to the given class, and gene annotation, clinical significance etc.

Thus, we could consider the 264 probe sets as a general genetic classifier of the G2a (G1-like) and G2b (G3-like) tumour types.

Example 15. Dichotomy of G2 Tumours by 264 Probe Sets Gene Grade Classifier

We next applied our grade classifiers directly to the 126 G2 tumours of the Uppsala cohort to ask if these genetic determinants of low and high grade might resolve moderately differentiated G2 tumours into separable classes. Using SWS for the 264 predictor set, we observed that the G2 tumours could be separated into G1-like (n=83) and G3-like (n=43) classes with few tumours exhibiting intermediate Pr scores (Appendix 2).

The probabilities of the SWS class assignments are shown in Figure 2B (Figure 2, Panel B) and more detailed information in Appendix 2.

We found 96% of the G2 tumours were assigned by the SWS classifier (and 94% by the PAM classifier, data not shown) to either the G1-like or G3-like classes with >75% probability, indicating that almost all G2 tumours can be molecularly well separated into distinct low- and high-grade-like classes (henceforth referred to as “G2a” and “G2b” genetic grades) (Appendix 2).

We validated the separation ability of G1a and G2b based on individual predictors and showed that all of them are statistically significant by U-test and t-test (Appendix 3).

Clinical validation (survival analysis) of G2a and G2b tumour subtypes based on the predictor set (or genetic classifier), showed a highly significant difference between survival curves of the G1a and G2b patients (Appendix 4).

Example 16. Genetic Grade is Prognostic of Tumour Recurrence

To determine if the genetic grade classification correlates with patient outcome, we compared the disease-free survival (DFS) of patients with histologic G2 tumours classified as G2a or G2b by the SWS algorithm. (Due to space limitations and high concordance between the SWS and PAM classifiers, only data for the SWS classifier are presented hereafter.)

The Kaplan-Meier survival curves for these patients are shown in Figure 3 (green and red curves) superimposed on the survival curves of histologic G1, G2 and G3 patients (black curves) for comparison. Patients with G2a tumours showed a significantly better disease-free survival than those with G2b disease, regardless of therapeutic background (p=0.001; Figure 3A).

This finding is consistent in specific therapeutic contexts including untreated patients (Figure 3B), systemic therapy (Figure 3C), and hormone therapy only (Figure 3D) with survival differences significant at p=0.019, p=0.10 and p=0.022, respectively. These findings demonstrate a robust prognostic power of the genetic grade classifier in moderately differentiated tumours independent of therapeutic effects.

Example 17. External Validation of the Genetic Grade Signature on the Stockholm and Singapore Cohorts

For external validation, we directly applied the SWS classifier to two large independent cohorts of primary breast cancer cases that are also graded according to the NGS guidelines and profiled on the Affymetrix platform (albeit at different times and in different laboratories). The results of the grade classifications are shown in Figure 2.

In both the Stockholm and Singapore cohorts, the G1 tumours are correctly classified with high accuracies similar to that observed in the training set: 96% (27/28) for Stockholm and 91% (10/11) for Singapore (Figure 2C and Figure 2E). However, both cohorts showed less accuracy in classifying the G3 tumours: 75% (46/61) for Stockholm and 72% (34/47) for Singapore. Despite this, the classifier remained capable of dividing the vast majority of the tumour samples into G1-like and G3-like classes with high Pr scores, and this remained true for the G2 tumours of both the Stockholm and Singapore cohorts (Figure 2D and Figure 2F).

As clinical histories are available on the Stockholm patients, we tested the prognostic performance of the classifier on this new G2 population of which 79% (46/58) of tumours are classified as G2a and 21% (12/58) are classified as G2b. Though this set is considerably smaller than the Uppsala G2 set, similar survival associations are observed.

As Figure 3E and Figure 3F show, patients with the G2a subtype are significantly less likely to relapse than those with tumours of the G2b subtype, indicating that the prognostic performance of the genetic grade classifier is reproducible in a second, independent population of G2 patients.

Example 18. The Prognostic Power of Genetic Grade is Independent of Other Risk Factors

To assess the prognostic novelty of the classifier, we used multivariate Cox regression models to compare its performance to that of other conventional prognostic indicators assessed in the Uppsala cohort including lymph node status, tumour size, patient age, and estrogen (ER) and progesterone (PgR) receptor status. See Table E3 below.

	All patients		Untreated patients		Systemic therapy-treated patients		ER+, Tamoxifen-treated patients	
Variables	p-value	Hazard ratio (95% CI)	p-value	Hazard ratio (95% CI)	p-value	Hazard ratio (95% CI)	p-value	Hazard ratio (95% CI)
genetic grade signature	0.001	1.50-5.09	0.046	1.02-7.77	0.038	1.49-8.01	0.009	1.39-9.99
LN status	0.031	0.27-0.94	0.700	0.01-23.53	0.091	0.13-1.16	0.096	0.11-1.20
Tumour size	0.054	0.99-1.07	0.950	0.91-1.10	0.016	1.01-1.11	0.250	0.97-1.09
Age	0.500	0.97-1.06	0.820	0.96-1.03	0.440	0.96-1.02	0.450	0.94-1.02
ER status	0.061	0.46-1.06	0.640	0.15-3.18	0.110	0.01-1.55	-	-
PgR status	0.300	0.57-6.10	-	-	0.270	0.56-7.76	0.990	0.10-9.50

Table E3. The genetic grade signature is a strong independent indicator of disease-free survival in a multivariate analysis with conventional risk factors.

As Table E3 shows, the genetic grade signature remained significantly associated with outcome in the different therapeutic contexts independent of the classical predictors, and is superior to both LN status and tumour size in all four treatment subgroups with the exception of systemic therapy where only tumour size is more significant.

This finding is further substantiated by a robust model selection approach (the Akaike Information Criterion) whereby the genetic grade classifier remained more significant than LN status and tumour size in all therapeutic subgroups (data not shown). These results demonstrate a powerful and additive contribution of the genetic grade classifier to patient prognosis.

Example 19. G2a and G2b Subtypes Are Molecularly and Pathologically Distinct

The prognostic performance of the classifier suggests that G2a and G2b genetic grades may in fact represent distinct pathological entities previously unrecognized. We investigated this possibility by several approaches.

First we examined the histopathological composition of the G2a and G2b tumours and found that the predominant histologic subtypes – ductal, lobular and tubular – are equally distributed within the two classes and therefore not correlated with genetic grade (data not shown). Next, we analyzed the expression levels of the selected 264 probesets (i.e., representing ~232 genes) as the *maximum* number of probesets capable of recapitulating a high G1/G3 classification accuracy (see Methods). These genes represent the top most significantly differentially expressed genes between G1 and G3 tumours after correcting for false discovery (see Table D1 above).

As shown in Figure 4, hierarchical cluster analysis using this set of genes shows a striking separation of the G2 population into two primary tumour profiles highly resembling the G1 and G3 profiles and that separate well into the G2a and G2b classes. Indeed, all but 11 of these 264 gene probesets are also differentially expressed (at $p < 0.05$, Wilcoxon rank-sum test) between the G2a and G2b tumours.

This finding shows that extensive molecular heterogeneity exists within the G2 tumour population, and this heterogeneity is robustly defined by the major determinants of G1 and G3 cancer. It also demonstrates that a much larger and pervasive transcriptional program underlies the genetic grade predictions of the SWS signature – despite its composition of a mere 5 genes. Furthermore, statistical analysis of the gene ontology (GO) terms associated with the G2a-G2b differentially expressed genes revealed the significant enrichment of numerous biological processes and molecular functions.

Table E4 displays a selected set of significantly enriched GO categories which includes cell cycle, inhibition of apoptosis, cell motility and stress response, suggesting an imbalance of these cellular processes between the G2a- and G2b-type tumour cells.

Biological Process	G1 vs G2a	G2a vs G2b	G2b vs G3
Cell cycle	6.2E-06	5.7E-28	2.5E-06
Chromatin packaging and remodeling	1.3E-02	2.5E-02	

Mitosis	2.7E-02	6.8E-15	1.1E-03
Inhibition of apoptosis		4.4E-03	4.9E-03
Oncogenesis	1.6E-02	5.5E-04	5.5E-03
Cell motility		3.6E-02	4.4E-02
Stress response		5.0E-03	
Molecular Function			
Kinase activator	1.1E-03	7.2E-06	
Histone	3.5E-03	5.0E-02	
Nucleic acid binding	1.3E-02		
Microtubule family cytoskeletal protein		7.6E-07	4.2E-04
Chemokine			7.5E-03
Non-receptor serine/threonine protein kinase		7.8E-04	
Extracellular matrix linker protein		1.9E-02	
Pathway			
Insulin/IGF pathway-MAPKK/MAPK cascade	4.9E-02		
Apoptosis signaling pathway			4.9E-02
Ubiquitin proteasome pathway		3.0E-02	

Table E4. Gene ontology analysis of differentially expressed genes. Selected terms are shown with corresponding p-values that reflect significance of term enrichment

Table S2 below shows the complete list of GO categories and their p values.

G2a vs. G2b tumours				
Biological Process	NCBI REFLIST (23481)	expected ratio	observed ratio	P value
Cell cycle	853	7.08	50	5.69E-28
Mitosis	287	2.38	22	6.78E-15
Cell proliferation and differentiation	751	6.24	32	4.21E-14
Cell cycle control	390	3.24	23	3.50E-13
Chromosome segregation	102	0.85	10	2.00E-08
Cell structure	624	5.18	17	2.16E-05
Protein targeting and localization	225	1.87	10	2.27E-05
Cell structure and motility	1021	8.48	22	4.73E-05
DNA metabolism	305	2.53	11	5.82E-05
Oncogenesis	600	4.98	14	5.52E-04

DNA replication	89	0.74	5	9.62E-04
Protein phosphorylation	592	4.92	13	1.49E-03
Meiosis	68	0.56	4	2.65E-03
Inhibition of apoptosis	127	1.05	5	4.43E-03
Stress response	187	1.55	6	5.03E-03
Biological process unclassified	9457	78.54	61	5.89E-03
Protein biosynthesis	598	4.97	0	6.54E-03
Carbohydrate metabolism	512	4.25	0	1.36E-02
Cytokinesis	116	0.96	4	1.65E-02
Protein modification	1013	8.41	15	2.27E-02
Chromatin packaging and remodeling	196	1.63	5	2.47E-02
Sensory perception	642	5.33	1	2.91E-02
Cytokine/chemokine mediated immunity	83	0.69	3	3.26E-02
Other cell cycle process	4	0.03	1	3.27E-02
Proteolysis	813	6.75	2	3.35E-02
Chemosensory perception	399	3.31	0	3.54E-02
Cell motility	291	2.42	6	3.57E-02
Apoptosis	459	3.81	8	3.91E-02
DNA recombination	38	0.32	2	4.03E-02
Olfaction	364	3.02	0	4.75E-02
Molecular Function	NCBI REFLIST (23481)	expected ratio	observed ratio	P value
Microtubule binding motor protein	74	0.61	10	9.86E-10
Microtubule family cytoskeletal protein	233	1.93	12	7.63E-07
Kinase activator	54	0.45	6	7.21E-06
Kinase modulator	126	1.05	8	1.27E-05
Replication origin binding protein	19	0.16	4	2.21E-05
Non-receptor serine/threonine protein kinase	289	2.4	9	7.79E-04
Protein kinase	526	4.37	12	1.64E-03
Voltage-gated sodium channel	14	0.12	2	6.23E-03
Cytoskeletal protein	824	6.84	14	9.42E-03
Kinase	692	5.75	12	1.36E-02
Extracellular matrix linker protein	25	0.21	2	1.87E-02
Ribosomal protein	431	3.58	0	2.70E-02
KRAB box transcription factor	640	5.31	1	2.95E-02
DNA strand-pairing protein	6	0.05	1	4.86E-02
Histone	99	0.82	3	5.03E-02
Pathway	NCBI REFLIST (23481)	expected ratio	observed ratio	P value
Cell cycle	22	0.18	3	8.75E-04
Ubiquitin proteasome pathway	80	0.66	3	2.97E-02
DNA replication	43	0.36	2	5.03E-02
<i>G1 vs. G2a tumours</i>				
Biological Process	NCBI REFLIST (23481)	expected ratio	observed ratio	P value
Cell cycle control	390	0.35	6	9.19E-07
Cell cycle	853	0.76	7	6.19E-06
Chromatin packaging and remodeling	196	0.18	2	1.32E-02
Oncogenesis	600	0.54	3	1.57E-02
Nucleoside, nucleotide and nucleic acid	3372	3.02	7	2.31E-02

metabolism				
Mitosis	287	0.26	2	2.69E-02
Calcium ion homeostasis	32	0.03	1	2.82E-02
Developmental processes	2150	1.92	5	3.77E-02
mRNA transcription regulation	1553	1.39	4	4.63E-02
Molecular Function	NCBI REFLIST (23481)	expected ratio	observed ratio	P value
Kinase activator	54	0.05	2	1.08E-03
Histone	99	0.09	2	3.54E-03
Kinase modulator	126	0.11	2	5.65E-03
Select regulatory molecule	979	0.88	4	1.02E-02
Nucleic acid binding	3014	2.7	7	1.29E-02
Nuclear hormone receptor	48	0.04	1	4.21E-02
Other transcription factor	387	0.35	2	4.64E-02
Pathway	NCBI REFLIST (23481)	expected ratio	observed ratio	P value
Axon guidance mediated by semaphorins	50	0.04	1	4.38E-02
Insulin/IGF pathway-mitogen activated protein kinase kinase/MAP kinase cascade	56	0.05	1	4.89E-02

G2b vs. G3 tumours

Biological Process	NCBI REFLIST (23481)	expected ratio	observed ratio	P value
Cell cycle	853	2.29	12	2.50E-06
Cell proliferation and differentiation	751	2.01	10	3.03E-05
Cell cycle control	390	1.05	7	8.55E-05
Mitosis	287	0.77	5	1.06E-03
Chromosome segregation	102	0.27	3	2.68E-03
Inhibition of apoptosis	127	0.34	3	4.93E-03
Oncogenesis	600	1.61	6	5.45E-03
Apoptosis	459	1.23	5	7.85E-03
Meiosis	68	0.18	2	1.46E-02
Chromatin packaging and remodeling	196	0.53	3	1.59E-02
Protein targeting and localization	225	0.6	3	2.28E-02
Developmental processes	2150	5.77	11	2.69E-02
Oncogene	98	0.26	2	2.88E-02
Skeletal development	108	0.29	2	3.43E-02
Determination of dorsal/ventral axis	14	0.04	1	3.69E-02
Cytokinesis	116	0.31	2	3.91E-02
Cell motility	291	0.78	3	4.36E-02
Embryogenesis	131	0.35	2	4.86E-02
Molecular Function	NCBI REFLIST (23481)	expected ratio	observed ratio	P value
Microtubule family cytoskeletal protein	233	0.63	5	4.19E-04
Chromatin/chromatin-binding protein	132	0.35	3	5.49E-03
Chemokine	48	0.13	2	7.51E-03
Non-motor microtubule binding protein	52	0.14	2	8.76E-03
Microtubule binding motor protein	74	0.2	2	1.71E-02
Other transcription factor	387	1.04	4	2.04E-02
Cytoskeletal protein	824	2.21	6	2.31E-02
Reductase	108	0.29	2	3.43E-02

Pathway	NCBI REFLIST (23481)	expected ratio	observed ratio	P value
Apoptosis signaling pathway	131	0.35	2	4.86E-02

Table S2. Comprehensive table of significant gene ontology terms identified in the different tumour group comparisons.

To extend our analysis beyond the transcript level, we investigated the differences
5 between G2a and G2b tumours using conventional clinicopathological markers.

Of the three histologic grading criteria, both mitotic count and nuclear
pleomorphism are found to significantly vary between the G2a and G2b tumours ($p=0.007$
and $p=0.05$; Figure 5A and Figure 5I). Protein levels of the proliferation marker Ki67 are
also found to be significantly different between the G2a and G2b tumours ($p<0.0001$;
10 Figure 5B).

These findings, together with those of the gene ontology analysis, suggest that the
genetic grade classifier may largely mirror cell proliferation and thus reflect the replicative
potential of the breast tumour cells. However, proliferation is not the only oncogenic
factor found to be associated with genetic grade. In the G2b tumours, protein levels of
15 VEGF (Figure 5C), a major inducer of angiogenesis, and the degree of vascular growth
(Figure 5D) are both found to be significantly higher compared to the G2a samples
($p=0.015$ and $p=0.002$, respectively) suggesting that a difference in angiogenic potential
also distinguishes the two genetic grade classes.

Further analysis of bio-markers revealed yet more oncogenic differences. P53
20 mutations are found in only 6% of the G2a tumours, whereas 44% of the G2b tumours are
p53 mutants ($p<0.0001$; Figure 5E) consistent with their higher replicative potential, and
likely conferring a further survival advantage to these tumours via decreased apoptotic
potential. We also observed higher levels of cyclin E1 protein ($p=0.04$; Figure 5F) in the
G2b tumours which, in addition to contributing to enhanced proliferation (20), may also
25 confer greater genomic instability (21, 22).

Finally, we observed a significant difference in hormonal status between the G2a
and G2b tumours, with an increasing fraction of ER negative (7% versus 19%; $p=0.06$)
and PgR negative (8.5% versus 23%; $p=0.02$) tumours in the G2b class, indicating
differences in hormone sensitivity and dependence.

30 Taken together, these results show that multiple tumourigenic properties measured at the
RNA, DNA, protein, and cellular levels can subdivide the G2a and G2b tumour subtypes –

a finding that may explain, in part, the different patient survival outcomes observed between these two genetic classes.

Example 20. The Grade Signature is More Than a Proliferative Marker

5 The genetic and clinicopathological evidence suggests that the genetic grade signature reflects, among other properties, the proliferative capacity of tumour cells. That proliferation rate is positively correlated with poor outcome in breast cancer (23) could explain the prognostic capacity of the genetic grade signature.

10 To further investigate this possibility, we analyzed the major proliferation markers, Ki67, S-phase fraction and mitotic index, together with the genetic grade signature, for survival correlations in Cox regression models (Table S3).

	Uppsala G2 patients	
Variables	p-value	Hazard ratio (95% CI)
Genetic grade signature	0.0075	1.28-4.88
Ki67	0.9300	0.92-1.08
S-phase fraction	0.9200	0.50-1.86
Mitotic index	0.6900	0.56-2.40

Table S3. Multivariate analysis of proliferation markers and the genetic grade signature for disease-free survival correlations among patients with grade II tumours.

15 Multivariate analysis showed that the genetic grade signature remained a significant independent predictor of recurrence ($p=0.0075$) in the presence of these proliferation markers, suggesting that the prognostic power of the grade signature derives from more than just an association with cell proliferation.

Example 21. G2a and G2b Tumours Are Not Identical to Histologic G1 and G3 Cancers

20 In the survival analysis (Figure 3), we observed no significant survival differences between patients with G1 and G2a tumours, nor those with G3 and G2b tumours. This observation, together with the transcriptional analysis in Figure 4, suggests that the G2a and G2b classes may be clinically and molecularly indistinguishable from histologic G1
25 and G3 tumours, respectively.

To address this, we further analyzed the expression patterns of the 264 grade-associated probesets described in Figure 4. We discovered 14 genes and 57 genes significantly differentially expressed ($p < 0.01$, Mann–Whitney U-test) between the G1 and G2a tumours and G3 and G2b tumours, respectively.

Notably, FOS and FOSB, central components of the AP-1 transcription factor complex, are expressed at higher levels in the G1 tumours, while genes involved in cell cycle progression such as CCNE2, MAD2L1, ASK and ECT2 are expressed at higher levels in the G2a tumours. In a similar fashion, the G3 tumours showed higher expression of cell cycle genes such as CDC20, BRRN1 and TTK as well as proliferative genes with oncogenic potential including MYBL2, ECT2 and CCNE1 when compared to the G2b tumours, while the anti-apoptotic gene, BCL2, is expressed at higher levels in the G2b tumours.

GO analysis of these differentially expressed genes indicated larger biological differences. In the G1-G2a comparison, the differentially expressed genes pointed to differences primarily in cell cycle-related processes and oncogenesis, while differences between the G2a and G3 tumours included cell cycle-related processes, inhibition of apoptosis, oncogenesis and cell motility (Table E4, Table S2).

Statistical analysis of conventional clinicopathological markers revealed further distinctions in the G1-G2a and the G2b-G3 tumour comparisons. As shown in Figure 5, G2a tumours showed significant increases in tumour size (K), lymph node positivity (L), cellular mitoses (A), tubule formation (J) and Ki67 levels (B) compared to histologic G1 tumours, and the G3 population showed significant increases in tumour size (K), vascular growth (D), mitoses (A), tubule formation (J), cyclin E1 (F) and ER negative status (G) when compared to the G2b tumours.

Taken together, these data indicate that the G2a and G2b populations, though highly similar to G1 and G3 tumours in terms of survival and transcriptional configuration, remain separable at multiple molecular and clinicopathological levels.

Example 22. Prognostic Potential of the Genetic Grade Signature in G3 Tumours

The prognostic performance of the genetic grade signature in the G2 population suggests that the molecular “misclassifications” in the G1-G3 comparisons might correlate with

survival differences. Of the 68 Uppsala and 28 Stockholm G1 tumours, too few are classified as G3-like (ie, 4 in total) for a reliable Kaplan-Meier estimate.

However, among the 55 Uppsala and 61 Stockholm G3 tumours, a total of 18 are classified as G1-like. Kaplan-Meier analysis could not confirm a significant disease-free-survival advantage for these patients, though a trend is observed (Figure 7A).

Interestingly, scaling of the SWS probability (Pr) score to a threshold of $Pr > 0.8$ (for G1-like) resulted in the selection of 12 G1-like G3 tumours associated with only two relapse events (one being a local recurrence only), thus having a survival curve moderately different from that of the remaining G3 population ($p=0.077$; Figure 7A).

This finding suggests that the prognostic significance of the classifier may extend also to the poorly differentiated G3 tumours, and that scaling based on the classifier Pr score may allow the fine tuning of prognostic sensitivity and/or specificity, depending on the clinical application.

Example 23. Genetic Grade Improves Prognosis by the Nottingham Prognostic Index

The Nottingham Prognostic Index (NPI) is a widely accepted method of stratifying patients into prognostic groups (good (GPG), moderate (MPG) and poor (PPG)) based on lymph node stage, tumour size, and histologic grade (24). It is described in detail in Haybittle et al., 1982. We investigated whether incorporating genetic grade into the NPI could improve patient stratification. A simplified substitution method was explored.

For all tumours of the Uppsala and Stockholm cohorts for which NPI scores and survival information could be obtained ($n=382$), histologic grade (1, 2 or 3) is replaced by the genetic grade prediction (1 or 3) and new NPI (ie, *ggNPI*) scores are computed (see Methods). The survival of patients stratified into risk groups is then compared between classic NPI and *ggNPI*.

Though the survival curves of the NPI and *ggNPI* prognostic groups are comparable (Figure 6A and Figure 6B), the *ggNPI* reclassified 96 patients into different prognostic groups (ie, 46 into GPG, 36 into MPG, and 13 into PPG). The survival curves of these reclassified patients are highly similar to the GPG, MPG and PPG of the classic NPI (Figure 6C) indicating that reclassification by genetic grade improves prognosis of patient risk.

Practical guidelines that use the NPI in therapeutic decision making often recognize an excellent prognostic group (EPG) comprised of patients with NPI scores ≤ 2.4 (25, 26). Untreated patients in this group with lymph node negative disease have a 95% 10-year survival probability – equivalent to that of an age-matched female population without breast cancer (26). Thus, patients in this group are routinely not recommended for post-operative adjuvant therapy (25-27).

We compared the NPI and ggNPI stratifications on a subset of 161 lymph-node-negative patients who received no adjuvant systemic therapy. Forty-three and 87 patients are classified into the EPG by the classic NPI and ggNPI, respectively. Of the 43 patients classified into the EPG by the classic NPI, only one was considered different by the ggNPI; whereas, of those classified as needing adjuvant therapy by the classic NPI (ie, scores >2.4), 45 are reclassified by the ggNPI into the EPG.

When examined for outcome, the survival curves of the 43 and 87 EPG patients by NPI and ggNPI, respectively, are statistically indistinguishable, both showing ~94% survival at 10 years (Figure 6D).

Thus, twice as many patients could be accurately classified into the EPG by the ggNPI, suggesting that the use of genetic grade can improve prediction of which patients should be spared systemic adjuvant therapy.

Example 24. Discussion

The clinical subtyping of cancer directly impacts disease management. Subtypes indicative of tumour recurrence or drug resistance indicate the need for more aggressive or specific therapeutic strategies, while those that suggest less aggressive disease may specify milder therapeutic options. While clinical subtyping has historically been based primarily on the phenotypic properties of cancer, comprehensive genomic and transcriptomic analyses are beginning to reveal robust genotypic determinants of tumour subtype. In this context, we have studied the transcriptomes of primary invasive breast cancers using expression microarray technology to elucidate the genetic underpinnings of histologic grade, and to use this information to resolve the clinical heterogeneity associated with histologic grade.

Using two different supervised learning algorithms, SWS and PAM, we identified small gene subsets capable of classifying histologic grade I and grade III tumours with high

accuracy. The smallest gene signature (SWS), comprised of a mere 5 genes (6 probesets), partitioned the large majority of G2 tumours into two highly distinguishable subclasses with G1-like and G3-like properties (G2a and G2b, respectively). Not only are the G2a and G2b tumours molecularly similar to those of histologic G1 and G3, respectively, but the disease-free survival curves of G2a and G2b patients are also highly resemblant of those of G1 and G3 patients. Moreover, these observations are confirmed in a large independent breast cancer cohort. Further analysis revealed that extensive genetic differences between the G2a and G2b classes are accompanied by a host of biological and tumourigenic differences known to separate low and high grade cancer (28) including proliferation rate (mitotic index, Ki67), angiogenic potential (VEGF, vascular growth), p53 mutational status, and estrogen and progesterone dependence, to name a few. Together, these findings demonstrate that the genetic grade signature recognizes and delineates two novel grade-related clinical subtypes among moderately differentiated G2 tumours.

Ma et. al. (2003) were the first to report a histologic grade signature capable of distinguishing low and high grade breast tumours. Using 12K cDNA microarrays to analyse material from 10 G1, 11 G2 and 10 G3 microdissected tumors, they identified from a list of 1,940 variably expressed, well-measured genes (the top 200 differentially expressed between G1 and G3 tumours ($p < 0.01$ after false discovery correction) (29). Using these genes to cluster their graded tumours, they observed that the majority of G2 tumours possessed a hybrid signature intermediate to that of G1 and G3 with few exceptions (see Figure 3 in Ma et. al., PNAS, 2003). Notably, this finding is in contrast with our discovery that the majority of G2 tumours do not display hybrid signatures (Figure 4; profiles of the top 264 gene probesets), but rather possess clear G1-like or G3-like gene features. According to our SWS classifiers, only a small percentage (6%) of the grade 2 tumors has intermediate grade measurements (i.e. Pr score < 0.75 for G1-like and G3-like).

To address this discrepancy, we cross-compared their list of 200 grade-associated genes to our list of 232 and observed a significant overlap of 35 genes ($p < 1.0 \times 10^{-7}$; Monte Carlo simulation) including 2 of our 5 SWS signature genes, MELK and STK6. However, this overlap, despite its significance, represents only a small percentage of either gene list. That the two lists are mostly dissimilar in composition, and that the Ma et. al. study included both invasive (IDC) and noninvasive (DCIS) tumours could explain, to some degree, the variable results observed. Nevertheless, our finding that G2 tumours are

predominantly G1-like or G3-like is clinically substantiated by the significant and reproducible survival differences observed between the G2a and G2b classes. It is also possible that differences in sample size (we have much larger number of patients than in Ma etc work), sample preparation, sample size, RNA purification, data normalization
 5 could have contributed to the variable results.

To better understand the prognostic value of the genetic grade signature, we compared its performance to other major indicators of outcome in multivariate Cox regression models. In G2 tumours, not only did the classifier remain an independent predictor of disease recurrence, but it is consistently a more powerful predictor than lymph
 10 node status and tumour size, underscoring its value as a new prognostic indicator. When incorporated into the Nottingham Prognostic Index (Haybittle et al., 1982), the genetic grade signature improved risk stratification for 25% of patients (compared to the classic NPI) and more than doubled the fraction of lymph node negative patients that should be classified into the excellent prognostic group and thus spared adjuvant treatment.

Breast cancer is thought to progress from a hyperplastic state, to a noninvasive malignant form (carcinoma in situ), to invasive carcinoma and, ultimately, to metastatic disease (30-32). Both the noninvasive and invasive forms can be stratified according to histologic grade. Whether grade is a continuum through which breast cancer progresses, or whether it is merely the endpoint of distinct genetic pathways has been debated (33-38).
 20 Studies comparing primary tumours to their subsequent metastases have supported the grade progression model, particularly when multiple metachronous recurrences are analyzed (38, 39). However, comparative genomic studies have identified reproducible chromosomal alterations that distinguish low and high grade disease including a 16q deletion unique to G1 carcinomas (36, 37, 40). These studies argue against the progression
 25 model and point to genetic origins of histologic grade. In our study of 494 invasive primary tumours, 94% could be molecularly classified with high probability of being G1-like or G3-like, while only 6% showed intermediate Pr scores (ie, <0.75 for G1-like or G3-like). Notably, we observed these same percentages in the G2 population of 224 tumours. These findings support the genetic pathways model of grade origin, as they suggest that
 30 the large majority of breast cancers fundamentally exist in one of two predominant forms marked by the molecular and clinical essence of low or high grade. Whether these forms correlate with the grade-specific genomic alterations previously reported (36, 37, 40) remains to be elucidated.

It should also be noted that although a small percentage (~6%) of the tumours in our study had intermediate genetic grade measurements (ie, analogous to the hybrid signature observed in Ma et. al. (2003)), too few were discovered to determine the clinical relevance of this intermediate genotype. Furthermore, it is unclear whether these intermediates arise as homogeneous cells that truly borderline low and high grade, or rather represent heterogeneous tumours comprised of distinct low and high grade cell types, such as that observed in tubular mixed carcinoma (38). Alternatively, that we observed the same percentage of intermediacy in tumor classification of all grades and across cohorts, suggests that this class represent a baseline level of uncertainty owing the technical noise.

In conclusion, our results show that the genetic essence of histologic grade can be distilled down to the expression patterns of a mere 5 genes with powerful prognostic implications, particularly in the grade II setting and in the context of the NPI. The results indicate that G2 invasive breast cancer, at least in genetic terms, does not exist as a significant clinical entity. Indeed, our genetic grade signature dichotomized G2 tumours into two biologically and clinically distinct subtypes that could further be distinguished from G1 and G3 populations. Thus histologic grading, together with measurements of genetic grade, provide a rational basis for the refinement of the G2 subtype into subgrades “2a” and “2b” with immediate clinical ramifications.

Furthermore, our finding that the genetic grade signature could further resolve outcome prediction in G3 tumours, and in a manner dependent on Pr score thresholding, suggests that the genetic grade classifier, viewed as a scalable continuous variable, may have robust prognostic benefit in the diagnosis of all breast tumours. How to optimally weight the genetic grade measurement in combination with other risk factors for greatest prognostic return is a clinical challenge that must next be addressed.

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should not be unduly limited to such specific embodiments and that many modifications
and additions thereto may be made within the scope of the invention. Indeed, various
modifications of the described modes for carrying out the invention which are obvious to
20 those skilled in molecular biology or related fields are intended to be within the scope of
the claims. Furthermore, various combinations of the features of the following dependent
claims can be made with the features of the independent claims without departing from the
scope of the present invention.

APPENDIX I**SWS Classifier 0**

Order	UGID(build #177)	UnigeneName	Gene Symbol	Genbank Acc	Affi ID	Cut-off	SWS: Chi-2	Instability indices
1	Hs.528654	Hypothetical protein FLJ11029	FLJ11029	BG165011	B.228273_at	7.7063	96.0	0.01139
2	acc_NM_003158.1			NM_003158	A.208079_s_at	6.6526	95.6	0.002087
3	Hs.308045	Barren homolog (Drosophila)	BRRN1	D38553	A.212949_at	5.9167	92.6	0.005697
4	Hs.35962	CDNA clone IMAGE:4452583, partial cds		BG492359	B.226936_at	7.5619	92.6	0.003179
5	Hs.184339	Maternal embryonic leucine zipper kinase	MELK	NM_014791	A.204825_at	7.1073	90.1	0.002296
6	Hs.250822	Serine/threonine kinase 6	STK6	NM_003600	A.204092_s_at	6.7266	88.6	0.003041
7	Hs.9329	TPX2, microtubule-associated protein homolog (Xenopus laevis)	TPX2	AF098158	A.210052_s_at	7.4051	86.2	0.000788
8	Hs.1594	Centromere protein A, 17kDa	CENPA	NM_001809	A.204962_s_at	6.344	85.3	0.037328
9	Hs.198363	MCM10 minichromosome maintenance deficient 10 (S. cerevisiae)	MCM10	AB042719	B.222962_s_at	6.1328	85.2	0.001132
10	Hs.48855	Cell division cycle associated 8	CDC48	BC001651	A.221520_s_at	5.2189	85.2	0.018247
11	Hs.169840	TTK protein kinase	TTK	NM_003318	A.204822_at	6.2397	82.2	0.017014
12	Hs.69360	Kinesin family member 2C	KIF2C	U63743	A.209408_at	7.3717	82.1	0.006487
13	Hs.55028	CDNA clone IMAGE:6043059, partial cds		BF111626	B.228559_at	7.2212	82.1	0.000785
14	Hs.511941	Forkhead box M1	FOXM1	NM_021953	A.202580_x_at	6.5827	81.9	0.001279
15	Hs.3104	Kinesin family member 14	KIF14	AW183154	B.236641_at	6.4175	81.9	0.02267
16	Hs.179718	V-myb myeloblastosis viral oncogene homolog (avian)-like 2	MYBL2	NM_002466	A.201710_at	6.0661	79.2	0.017019
17	Hs.93002	Ubiquitin-conjugating enzyme E2C	UBE2C	NM_007019	A.202954_at	7.8431	79.2	0.06442
18	Hs.344037	Protein regulator of cytokinesis 1	PRC1	NM_003981	A.218009_s_at	7.3376	79.2	0.002774
19	Hs.436187	Thyroid hormone receptor interactor 13	TRIP13	NM_004237	A.204033_at	7.1768	79.0	0.090947
20	Hs.408658	Cyclin E2	CCNE2	NM_004702	A.205034_at	6.2055	78.6	0.018747
21	Hs.30114	Cell division cycle associated 3	CDC43	BC002551	B.223307_at	7.8418	78.6	0.083659
22	Hs.84113	Cyclin-dependent kinase inhibitor 3 (CDK2-associated)	CDKN3	AF213033	A.209714_s_at	6.8414	78.6	0.005037

		dual specificity phosphatase)						
23	Hs.279766	Kinesin family member 4A	KIF4A	NM_012310	A.218355_at	6.6174	78.2	0.013173
24	Hs.104859	Hypothetical protein DKFZp762E1312	DKFZp762E1312	NM_018410	A.218726_at	6.3781	75.5	0.035806
25	Hs.444118	MCM6 minichromosome maintenance deficient 6 (MIS5 homolog, S. pombe) (S. cerevisiae)	MCM6	NM_005915	A.201930_at	7.9353	75.4	0.013732
26	acc_NM_018123.1			NM_018123	A.219918_s_at	6.5958	75.4	0.001536
27	Hs.287472	BUB1 budding uninhibited by benzimidazoles 1 homolog (yeast)	BUB1	AF043294	A.209642_at	6.0118	74.1	0.057721
28	Hs.36708	BUB1 budding uninhibited by benzimidazoles 1 homolog beta (yeast)	BUB1B	NM_001211	A.203755_at	6.68	73.5	0.006753
29	Hs.77783	Membrane-associated tyrosine- and threonine-specific cdc2-inhibitory kinase	PKMYT1	NM_004203	A.204267_x_at	6.9229	73.4	0.001777
30	Hs.446554	RAD51 homolog (RecA homolog, E. coli) (S. cerevisiae)	RAD51	NM_002875	A.205024_s_at	6.3524	73.4	0.016246
31	Hs.82906	CDC20 cell division cycle 20 homolog (S. cerevisiae)	CDC20	NM_001255	A.202870_s_at	7.1291	73.0	0.108453
32	Hs.252712	Karyopherin alpha 2 (RAG cohort 1, importin alpha 1)	KPNA2	NM_002266	A.201088_at	8.4964	72.6	0.025069
33	Hs.3104		KIF14	NM_014875	A.206364_at	6.1518	72.6	0.066755
34	Hs.103305	Chromobox homolog 2 (Pc class homolog, Drosophila)		BE514414	B.226473_at	7.5588	72.6	0.013762
35	Hs.152759	Activator of S phase kinase	ASK	NM_006716	A.204244_s_at	5.9825	72.3	0.018258
36	acc_AL138828			AL138828	B.228069_at	7.0119	72.3	0.084119
37	Hs.226390	Ribonucleotide reductase M2 polypeptide	RRM2	NM_001034	A.201890_at	7.1014	71.0	0.002233
38	Hs.445890	HSPC163 protein	HSPC163	NM_014184	A.218728_s_at	7.6481	70.8	0.003156
39	Hs.194698	Cyclin B2	CCNB2	NM_004701	A.202705_at	7.0096	70.7	0.000753
40	Hs.234545	Cell division cycle associated 1	CDCA1	AF326731	B.223381_at	6.4921	70.7	0.008259
41	Hs.16244	Sperm associated antigen 5	SPAG5	NM_006461	A.203145_at	6.4627	70.1	0.000806
42	Hs.62180	Anillin, actin binding protein (scraps homolog, Drosophila)	ANLN	AK023208	B.222608_s_at	6.9556	69.6	0.012886
43	Hs.14559	Chromosome 10 open reading frame 3	C10orf3	NM_018131	A.218542_at	6.4965	69.3	0.048726
44	Hs.122908	DNA replication factor	CDT1	AW075105	B.228868_x_at	7.0543	69.3	0.001059
45	Hs.8878	Kinesin family member 11	KIF11	NM_004523	A.204444_at	6.4655	69.3	0.005297
46	Hs.83758	CDC28 protein kinase regulatory subunit 2	CKS2	NM_001827	A.204170_s_at	7.8353	69.2	0.027378

47	Hs.112160	Chromosome 15 open reading frame 20	PIF1	AF108138	B.228252_at	6.6518	69.2	0.038767
48	Hs.79078	MAD2 mitotic arrest deficient-like 1 (yeast)	MAD2L1	NM_002358	A.203362_s_at	6.4606	68.0	0.038039
49	Hs.226390	Ribonucleotide reductase M2 polypeptide	RRM2	BC001886	A.209773_s_at	7.2979	67.4	0.135043
50	Hs.462306	Ubiquitin-conjugating enzyme E2S	UBE2S	NM_014501	A.202779_s_at	6.9165	67.4	0.01343
51	Hs.70704	Chromosome 20 open reading frame 129	C20orf129	BC001068	B.225687_at	7.2322	67.4	0.038884
52	Hs.294088	GAJ protein	GAJ	AY028916	B.223700_at	5.8432	67.3	0.00478
53	Hs.381225	Kinetochore protein Spc24	Spc24	AI469788	B.235572_at	6.7839	67.3	0.002404
54	Hs.334562	Cell division cycle 2, G1 to S and G2 to M	CDC2	AL524035	A.203213_at	7.0152	66.9	0.024298
55	Hs.109706	Hematological and neurological expressed 1	HN1	NM_016185	A.217755_at	7.9118	66.8	0.008041
56	Hs.23900	Rac GTPase activating protein 1	RACGAP1	AU153848	A.222077_s_at	7.1207	66.5	0.042338
57	Hs.77695	Discs, large homolog 7 (Drosophila)	DLG7	NM_014750	A.203764_at	6.3122	66.4	0.001011
58	Hs.46423	Histone 1, H4c	HIST1H4F	NM_003542	A.205967_at	8.3796	66.4	0.00462
59	Hs.20830	Kinesin family member C1	KIFC1	BC000712	A.209680_s_at	6.9746	66.4	0.041639
60	Hs.339665	Similar to Gastric cancer up-regulated-2		AL135396	B.225834_at	7.2467	66.4	0.019861
61	Hs.94292	FLJ23311 protein	FLJ23311	NM_024680	A.219990_at	5.0277	66.3	0.006891
62	Hs.73625	Kinesin family member 20A	KIF20A	NM_005733	A.218755_at	7.2115	66.3	0.000671
63	Hs.315167	Defective in sister chromatid cohesion homolog 1 (S. cerevisiae)	MGC5528	NM_024094	A.219000_s_at	6.2835	66.3	0.001518
64	Hs.85137	Cyclin A2	CCNA2	NM_001237	A.203418_at	6.194	66.2	0.00117
65	Hs.528669	Chromosome condensation protein G	HCAP-G	NM_022346	A.218662_s_at	6.0594	66.2	0.01287
66	Hs.75573	Centromere protein E, 312kDa	CENPE	NM_001813	A.205046_at	5.1972	65.5	0.002372
67	acc_BE966146	RAD51 associated protein 1		BE966146	A.204146_at	6.3049	65.3	0.006989
68	Hs.334562	Cell division cycle 2, G1 to S and G2 to M	CDC2	D88357	A.210559_s_at	7.0395	64.8	0.000887
69	Hs.108106	Ubiquitin-like, containing PHD and RING finger domains, 1	UHRF1	AK025578	B.225655_at	7.7335	64.8	0.024133
70	Hs.1578	Baculoviral IAP repeat-containing 5 (survivin)	BIRC5	NM_001168	A.202095_s_at	6.8907	64.6	0.090038
71	acc_NM_021067.1			NM_021067	A.206102_at	6.714	64.6	0.01255
72	Hs.244723	Cyclin E1	CCNE1	AI671049	A.213523_at	6.082	64.6	0.000547
73	Hs.198363	MCM10 minichromosome maintenance deficient 10 (S. cerevisiae)	MCM10	NM_018518	A.220651_s_at	5.6784	64.2	0.080997
74	Hs.155223	Stanniocalcin 2	STC2	AI435828	A.203438_at	7.5388	64.0	0.011227
75	Hs.25647	V-fos FBJ murine osteosarcoma viral oncogene	FOS	BC004490	A.209189_at	8.9921	63.9	0.162153

76	Hs.184601	homolog	SLC7A5	AB018009	A.201195_s_at	7.4931	63.6	0.010677
		Solute carrier family 7 (cationic amino acid transporter, y ⁺ system), member 5						
77	Hs.528669	Chromosome condensation protein G	HCAP-G	NM_022346	A.218663_at	5.7831	63.6	0.0072
78	Hs.30114	Cell division cycle associated 3	CDCA3	NM_031299	A.221436_s_at	6.1898	63.6	0.001853
79	Hs.296398	Lysosomal associated protein transmembrane 4 beta	LAPTM4B	T15777	A.214039_s_at	9.3209	63.3	0.001249
80	Hs.442658	Aurora kinase B	AURKB	AB011446	A.209464_at	5.9611	63.3	0.005453
81	Hs.6879	DC13 protein	DC13	NM_020188	A.218447_at	7.436	63.3	0.027988
82	Hs.78913	Chemokine (C-X3-C motif) receptor 1	CX3CR1	U20350	A.205898_at	6.7764	63.2	0.014155
83	Hs.406684	Sodium channel, voltage-gated, type VII, alpha	SCN7A	AI828648	B.228504_at	5.8248	63.2	0.003803
84	Hs.80976	Antigen identified by monoclonal antibody Ki-67	MKI67	BF001806	A.212022_s_at	6.7255	62.4	0.124758
85	Hs.406639	Hypothetical protein LOC146909	LOC146909	AA292789	A.222039_at	6.4591	62.2	0.017876
86	Hs.334562	Cell division cycle 2, G1 to S and G2 to M	CDC2	NM_001786	A.203214_x_at	6.588	61.5	0.001897
87	Hs.23960	Cyclin B1	CCNB1	BE407516	A.214710_s_at	7.1555	60.8	0.01353
88	Hs.445098	DEP domain containing 1	SDP35	AK000490	B.222958_s_at	6.8747	60.8	0.003156
89	Hs.58241	Serine/threonine kinase 32B	HSA250839	NM_018401	A.219686_at	4.5663	60.4	0.005019
90	Hs.5199	HSPC150 protein similar to ubiquitin-conjugating enzyme	HSPC150	AB032931	B.223229_at	7.3947	60.4	0.010211
91	acc_T58044			T58044	B.227232_at	8.5021	60.4	0.00327
92	Hs.421337	DEP domain containing 1B	XTP1	AK001166	B.226980_at	5.4977	60.4	0.033734
93	Hs.238205	Chromosome 6 open reading frame 115	C6orf115	AF116682	B.223361_at	8.7555	60.1	0.003347
94	Hs.27860	Prostaglandin E receptor 3 (subtype EP3)		AW242315	A.213933_at	7.3561	59.8	0.256699
95	Hs.292511	Neuro-oncological ventral antigen 1	NOVA1	NM_002515	A.205794_s_at	6.7682	59.5	0.010617
96	Hs.276466	Hypothetical protein FLJ21062	FLJ21062	NM_024788	A.219455_at	5.5257	59.3	0.003021
97	Hs.270845	Kinesin family member 23	KIF23	NM_004856	A.204709_s_at	5.1731	59.3	0.15391
98	Hs.293257	Epithelial cell transforming sequence 2 oncogene	ECT2	NM_018098	A.219787_s_at	6.8052	59.3	0.000246
99	Hs.156346	Topoisomerase (DNA) II alpha 170kDa	TOP2A	NM_001067	A.201292_at	7.2468	59.1	0.011073
100	Hs.31297	Cytochrome b reductase 1	CYBRD1	AL136693	B.222453_at	9.3991	59.1	0.001036
101	Hs.414407	Kinetochore associated 2	KNTC2	NM_006101	A.204162_at	6.017	58.7	0.076227
102	Hs.445098	DEP domain containing 1	SDP35	AI810054	B.235545_at	6.2495	58.7	0.133208
103	Hs.301052	Kinesin family member 18A	DKFZP434G2226	NM_031217	A.221258_s_at	5.3649	58.2	0.157731
104	Hs.431762	Tetratricopeptide repeat domain 18	LOC118491	AW024437	B.229170_s_at	6.2298	58.2	0.065188

105	Hs.24529	CHK1 checkpoint homolog (S. pombe)	CHEK1	NM_001274	A.205394_at	5.6217	58.1	0.016515
106	Hs.87507	BRCA1 interacting protein C-terminal helicase 1	BRIP1	BF056791	B.235609_at	7.1489	58.1	0.010814
107	Hs.348920	FSH primary response (LRPR1 homolog, rat) 1	FSHPRH1	BF793446	A.214804_at	5.0105	57.8	0.056646
108	Hs.127797	CDNA FLJ11381 fis, clone HEMBA1000501		AI807356	B.227350_at	6.8658	57.8	0.014086
109	Hs.92458	G protein-coupled receptor 19	GPR19	NM_006143	A.207183_at	5.2568	57.6	0.001708
110	Hs.552	Steroid-5-alpha-reductase, alpha polypeptide 1 (3-oxo-5 alpha-steroid delta 4-dehydrogenase alpha 1)	SRD5A1	BC006373	A.211056_s_at	6.7605	57.6	0.00075
111	Hs.435733	Cell division cycle associated 7	CDC47	AY029179	B.224428_s_at	7.6746	57.6	0.020822
112	Hs.101174	Microtubule-associated protein tau	MAPT	NM_016835	A.203929_s_at	7.7914	57.6	0.003067
113	Hs.436376	Synaptotagmin binding, cytoplasmic RNA interacting protein	SYNCRIP	NM_006372	A.217834_s_at	6.8123	57.6	0.000586
114	Hs.122552	G-2 and S-phase expressed 1	GTSE1	NM_016426	A.204315_s_at	6.4166	57.5	0.036289
115	Hs.153704	NIMA (never in mitosis gene a)-related kinase 2	NEK2	NM_002497	A.204641_at	7.0017	57.5	0.03551
116	Hs.208912	Chromosome 22 open reading frame 18	C22orf18	NM_024053	A.218741_at	6.3488	56.8	0.006304
117	Hs.81892	KIAA0101	KIAA0101	NM_014736	A.202503_s_at	8.2054	56.6	0.029102
118	Hs.279905	Nucleolar and spindle associated protein 1	NUSAP1	NM_016359	A.218039_at	7.542	56.6	0.005918
119	Hs.170915	Hypothetical protein FLJ10948	FLJ10948	NM_018281	A.218552_at	7.9778	56.0	0.00983
120	Hs.144151	Transcribed locus		AI668620	B.237339_at	9.6693	56.0	0.028527
121	Hs.433180	DNA replication complex GINS protein PSF2	Pfs2	BC003186	A.221521_s_at	6.3201	56.0	0.058903
122	Hs.47504	Exonuclease 1	EXO1	NM_003686	A.204603_at	5.927	56.0	0.001031
123	Hs.293257	Epithelial cell transforming sequence 2 oncogene	ECT2	BG170335	B.234992_x_at	5.1653	55.6	0.001881
124	Hs.385913	Acidic (leucine-rich) nuclear phosphoprotein 32 family, member E	ANP32E	NM_030920	A.208103_s_at	6.2989	55.6	0.001331
125	Hs.44380	Transcribed locus, weakly similar to NP_060312.1 hypothetical protein FLJ20489 [Homo sapiens]		AA938184	B.236312_at	5.7016	55.6	0.007219
126	Hs.19322	Chromosome 9 open reading frame 140	LOC89958	AW250904	B.225777_at	7.8877	55.2	0.003266
127	Hs.188173	Lymphoid nuclear protein related to AF4		AA572675	B.232286_at	7.169	55.2	0.008402
128	Hs.28264	Chromosome 10 open reading frame 56	FLJ90798	AL049949	A.212419_at	7.6504	55.2	0.017182
129	Hs.387057	Hypothetical protein FLJ13710	FLJ13710	AK024132	B.232944_at	6.1947	55.2	0.03374
130	acc_AL031658			AL031658	B.232357_at	5.9761	54.9	0.032742
131	Hs.286049	Phosphoserine aminotransferase 1	PSAT1	BC004863	B.223062_s_at	6.1035	54.9	0.003426
132	Hs.19173	Nucleoporin 88kDa		AI806781	B.235786_at	7.2856	54.9	0.036867
133	Hs.155223	Stanniocalcin 2	STC2	BC000658	A.203439_s_at	7.6806	54.8	0.039627

134	acc_NM_030896.1				NM_030896	A.221275_s_at	3.9611	54.8	0.001787
135	Hs.101174	Microtubule-associated protein tau		MAPT	AA199717	B.225379_at	7.8574	54.8	0.021421
136	Hs.446680	Retinoic acid induced 2		RAI2	NM_021785	A.219440_at	6.6594	54.3	0.057037
137	Hs.431762	Tetratricopeptide repeat domain 18		LOC118491	AW024437	B.229169_at	5.8266	53.6	0.002367
138	acc_NM_005196.1				NM_005196	A.207828_s_at	7.237	53.1	0.007336
139	acc_T90295	Arsenic transactivated protein 1			T90295	B.226661_at	6.6825	52.8	0.001873
140	Hs.42650	ZW10 interactor		ZWINT	NM_007057	A.204026_s_at	7.5055	52.7	0.033812
141	Hs.6641			KIF5C	NM_004522	A.203130_s_at	7.3214	52.7	0.012878
142	Hs.23960	Cyclin B1		CCNB1	N90191	B.228729_at	6.8018	52.6	0.031361
143	Hs.72550	Hyaluronan-mediated motility receptor (RHAMM)		HMMR	NM_012485	A.207165_at	6.5885	52.4	0.065936
144	Hs.73239	Hypothetical protein FLJ10901		FLJ10901	NM_018265	A.219010_at	6.9429	52.3	0.020279
145	Hs.163533	V-erb-a erythroblastic leukemia viral oncogene homolog 4 (avian)			AK024204	B.233498_at	7.5435	52.2	0.002319
146	Hs.109706	Hematological and neurological expressed 1		HN1	AF060925	B.222396_at	8.4225	52.2	0.000387
147	Hs.165258	Nuclear receptor subfamily 4, group A, member 2			AA523939	B.235739_at	7.1874	52.0	0.000444
148	Hs.20575	Growth arrest-specific 2 like 3		LOC283431	H37811	B.235709_at	6.7278	51.9	0.009763
149	Hs.75678	FBJ murine osteosarcoma viral oncogene homolog B		FOSB	NM_006732	A.202768_at	6.1922	51.9	0.059132
150	Hs.437351	Cold inducible RNA binding protein		CIRBP	AL565767	B.225191_at	8.033	51.9	0.00158
151	Hs.57101	MCM2 minichromosome maintenance deficient 2, mitotin (S. cerevisiae)		MCM2	NM_004526	A.202107_s_at	7.861	51.7	0.27277
152	Hs.326736	Ankyrin repeat domain 30A		NY-BR-1	AF269087	B.223864_at	9.4144	51.3	0.042111
153	Hs.298646	ATPase family, AAA domain containing 2		PRO2000	AI925583	B.222740_at	6.8416	50.8	0.130085
154	Hs.119192	H2A histone family, member Z		H2AFZ	NM_002106	A.200853_at	8.5896	50.1	0.007836
155	Hs.119960	PHD finger protein 19		PHF19	BE544837	B.227211_at	6.3487	50.1	0.084007
156	Hs.78619	Gamma-glutamyl hydrolase (conjugase, folypolyglutaminyl hydrolase)		GGH	NM_003878	A.203560_at	6.7708	49.9	0.006283
157	Hs.283532	Uncharacterized bone marrow protein BM039		BM039	NM_018455	A.219555_s_at	4.1739	49.9	0.13406
158	Hs.221941	Cytochrome b reductase 1			AI69804	B.232459_at	7.1171	49.9	0.01473
159	Hs.104019	Transforming, acidic coiled-coil containing protein 3		TACC3	NM_006342	A.218308_at	6.1303	49.8	0.022905
160	acc_AK002203.1				AK002203	B.226992_at	7.9091	49.7	0.036845
161	Hs.28625	Transcribed locus			AI693516	B.228750_at	7.1249	49.6	0.055282

162	Hs.206868	B-cell CLL/lymphoma 2		HUMAUA	AU146384	B.232210_at	8.0948	49.6	0.002178
163	Hs.75528	Dynein, axonemal, light intermediate polypeptide 1	TIG		AW299538	B.227081_at	7.0851	49.5	0.003326
164	acc_AW271106				AW271106	B.229490_s_at	6.2222	49.5	0.017341
165	Hs.298646	ATPase family, AAA domain containing 2	PRO2000		AI139629	B.235266_at	6.1913	49.5	0.009434
166	Hs.303090	Protein phosphatase 1, regulatory (inhibitor) subunit 3C	PPP1R3C		N26005	A.204284_at	7.0275	49.5	0.011239
167	Hs.83169	Matrix metalloproteinase 1 (interstitial collagenase)	MMP1		NM_002421	A.204475_at	7.1705	49.4	0.027959
168	Hs.441708	Leucine-rich repeat kinase 1	MGC45866		AI638593	B.230021_at	6.424	49.4	0.005067
169	acc_AV733950				AV733950	A.201693_s_at	7.9061	48.8	0.004773
170	Hs.171695	Dual specificity phosphatase 1	DUSP1		NM_004417	A.201041_s_at	9.7481	48.7	0.002971
171	Hs.87491	Thymidylate synthetase	TYMS		NM_001071	A.202589_at	7.8242	48.7	0.040774
172	Hs.434886	Cell division cycle associated 5	CDCA5		BE614410	B.224753_at	4.9821	48.5	0.106362
173	Hs.24395	Chemokine (C-X-C motif) ligand 14	CXCL14		NM_004887	A.218002_s_at	8.2513	48.2	0.002571
174	Hs.104741	T-LAK cell-originated protein kinase	TOPK		NM_018492	A.219148_at	6.4626	48.2	0.001405
175	Hs.272027	F-box protein 5	FBXO5		AK026197	B.234863_x_at	6.935	48.2	0.036746
176	Hs.101174	Microtubule-associated protein tau	MAPT		J03778	A.206401_s_at	6.4557	48.2	0.020545
177	Hs.7888	V-erb-a erythroblastic leukemia viral oncogene homolog 4 (avian)			AW772192	A.214053_at	7.0744	48.2	0.028848
178	Hs.372254	Lymphoid nuclear protein related to AF4			AI033582	B.244696_at	7.4158	48.2	0.001898
179	Hs.435861	Signal peptide, CUB domain, EGF-like 2	SCUBE2		AI424243	A.219197_s_at	8.3819	48.0	0.037351
180	Hs.385998	WD repeat and HMG-box DNA binding protein 1	WDHD1		AK001538	A.216228_s_at	4.541	47.7	0.000561
181	Hs.306322	Neuron navigator 3	NAV3		NM_014903	A.204823_at	5.8235	47.7	0.003778
182	Hs.21380	CDNA FLJ36725 fis, clone UTERU2012230			AV709727	B.225996_at	7.5715	47.6	0.038219
183	Hs.89497	Lamin B1	LMNB1		NM_005573	A.203276_at	7.11	47.3	0.003693
184	acc_NM_017669.1				NM_017669	A.219650_at	5.0422	47.3	0.003906
185	Hs.12532	Chromosome 1 open reading frame 21	C1orf21		NM_030806	A.221272_s_at	5.6228	47.1	0.06632
186	Hs.399966	Calcium channel, voltage-dependent, L type, alpha 1D subunit	CACNA1D		BE550599	A.210108_at	6.2612	47.0	0.063467
187	Hs.159264	Clone 23948 mRNA sequence			U79293	A.215304_at	6.9317	47.0	0.066157
188	Hs.212787	KIAA0303 protein	KIAA0303		AW971134	A.222348_at	4.964	47.0	0.002269
189	Hs.325650	EH-domain containing 2	EHD2		AI417917	A.221870_at	6.4774	46.0	0.001916
190	Hs.388347	Hypothetical protein LOC143381			AW242720	B.227550_at	7.657	45.3	0.001238

191	Hs.283853	MRNA full length insert cDNA clone EUROIMAGE 980547		AL360204	B.232855_at	4.6288	45.3	0.00605
192	Hs.57301	High mobility group AT-hook 1	HMGAI	NM_002131	A.206074_s_at	7.6723	44.9	0.001416
193	Hs.529285	Solute carrier family 40 (iron-regulated transporter), member 1		AA588092	B.239723_at	6.9222	44.8	0.051707
194	Hs.252938	Low density lipoprotein-related protein 2	LRP2	R73030	B.230863_at	7.4648	44.7	0.003167
195	Hs.552	Steroid-5-alpha-reductase, alpha polypeptide 1 (3-oxo-5 alpha-steroid delta 4-dehydrogenase alpha 1)	SRD5A1	NM_001047	A.204675_at	7.1002	44.7	0.000327
196	Hs.156346	Topoisomerase (DNA) II alpha 170kDa	TOP2A	NM_001067	A.201291_s_at	7.3566	44.6	0.110228
197	Hs.413924	Chemokine (C-X-C motif) ligand 10	CXCL10	NM_001565	A.204533_at	7.9131	44.6	0.06956
198	Hs.287466	CDNA FLJ11928 fis, clone HEMBB1000420		AK021990	B.232699_at	5.8675	44.6	0.001646
199	acc_X07868			X07868	A.202409_at	7.9917	44.5	0.001984
200	Hs.101174	Microtubule-associated protein tau	MAPT	NM_016835	A.203928_x_at	6.9103	44.5	0.005431
201	Hs.334828	Hypothetical protein FLJ10719	FLJ10719	BG478677	A.213008_at	6.4461	44.5	0.009488
202	Hs.326035	Early growth response 1	EGR1	NM_001964	A.201694_s_at	8.6202	44.2	0.024935
203	Hs.122552	G-2 and S-phase expressed 1	GTSE1	BF973178	A.215942_s_at	5.4688	44.2	0.041015
204	Hs.24395	Chemokine (C-X-C motif) ligand 14	CXCL14	AF144103	B.222484_s_at	9.3366	44.2	0.005525
205	Hs.102406	Melanophilin		AI810764	B.229150_at	8.078	44.2	0.030939
206	Hs.164018	Leucine zipper protein FKSG14	FKSG14	BC005400	B.222848_at	6.6517	43.8	0.001146
207	Hs.19114	High-mobility group box 3	HMGGB3	NM_005342	A.203744_at	7.5502	43.7	0.007416
208	Hs.103982	Chemokine (C-X-C motif) ligand 11	CXCL11	AF002985	A.211122_s_at	6.1001	43.0	0.003299
209	Hs.356349	Transcribed locus	ZNF145	AI492388	B.228854_at	6.8198	43.0	0.001352
210	Hs.1657	Estrogen receptor 1	ESR1	NM_000125	A.205225_at	7.4943	43.0	0.188092
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212	acc_BF508074			BF508074	B.240465_at	6.0041	42.7	0.001555
213	Hs.326391	Phytanoyl-CoA dioxygenase domain containing 1	PHYHD1	AL545998	B.226846_at	7.2214	42.4	0.100092
214	Hs.338851	FLJ41238 protein	FLJ41238	AW629527	B.229764_at	6.5319	42.3	0.032903
215	Hs.65239	Sodium channel, voltage-gated, type IV, beta	SCN4B	AW026241	B.236359_at	5.5526	42.1	0.106317
216	Hs.88417	Sushi domain containing 3	SUSD3	AW966474	B.227182_at	8.195	41.8	0.015261
217	Hs.16530	Chemokine (C-C motif) ligand 18 (pulmonary and activation-regulated)	CCL18	Y13710	A.32128_at	6.2442	41.3	0.003608
218	Hs.384944	Superoxide dismutase 2, mitochondrial	SOD2	X15132	A.216841_s_at	6.0027	41.3	0.115014
219	Hs.406050	Dynein, axonemal, light intermediate polypeptide 1	DNAL1	NM_003462	A.205186_at	4.2997	40.9	0.008737

220	Hs.458430	N-acetyltransferase 1 (arylamine N-acetyltransferase)	NAT1	NM_000662	A.214440_at	7.7423	40.8	0.001176
221	Hs.437023	Nucleoporin 62kDa	IL4I1	AI859620	B.230966_at	6.4289	40.6	0.041224
222	Hs.279905	Nucleolar and spindle associated protein 1	NUSAP1	NM_018454	A.219978_s_at	6.3357	40.1	0.011365
223	Hs.505337	Claudin 5 (transmembrane protein deleted in velocardiiofacial syndrome)	CLDN5	NM_003277	A.204482_at	6.1516	40.1	0.00138
224	Hs.44227	Heparanase	HPSE	NM_006665	A.219403_s_at	5.2989	40.0	0.252507
225	Hs.512555	Collagen, type XIV, alpha 1 (undulin)	COL14A1	BF449063	A.212865_s_at	7.2876	40.0	0.00117
226	Hs.511950	Sirtuin (silent mating type information regulation 2 homolog) 3 (S. cerevisiae)	SIRT3	AF083108	A.221562_s_at	5.9645	40.0	0.018847
227	Hs.371357	RNA binding motif, single stranded interacting protein		AW338699	B.241789_at	6.3656	40.0	0.009148
228	Hs.81131	Guanidinoacetate N-methyltransferase	GAMT	NM_000156	A.205354_at	5.9474	39.9	0.005094
229	Hs.158992	FLJ45983 protein		AI631850	B.240192_at	5.2898	39.9	0.344219
230	Hs.104624	Aquaporin 9	AQP9	NM_020980	A.205568_at	4.9519	39.8	0.010084
231	Hs.437867	Homo sapiens, clone IMAGE:5759947, mRNA		AW970881	A.222314_x_at	5.2505	39.8	0.042065
232	Hs.296049	Microfibrillar-associated protein 4	MFP4P	R72286	A.212713_at	6.5149	39.7	0.001482
233	Hs.109439	Osteoglycin (osteoinductive factor, mimecan)	OGN	NM_014057	A.218730_s_at	4.9325	39.7	0.014665
234	Hs.29190	Hypothetical protein MGC24047	MGC24047	AI732488	B.229381_at	7.2281	39.7	0.068574
235	Hs.252418	Elastin (supraaortic stenosis, Williams-Beuren syndrome)	ELN	AA479278	A.212670_at	6.8951	39.5	0.148698
236	Hs.252938	Low density lipoprotein-related protein 2	LRP2	NM_004525	A.205710_at	5.9845	39.2	0.003389
237	Hs.32405	MRNA; cDNA DKFZp586G0321 (from clone DKFZp586G0321)		AL137566	B.228554_at	7.1124	38.6	0.014875
238	Hs.288720	Leucine rich repeat containing 17	LRR17	NM_005824	A.205381_at	7.217	38.5	0.278881
239	Hs.203963	Helicase, lymphoid-specific	HELLS	NM_018063	A.220085_at	5.2886	38.5	0.001189
240	Hs.361171	Placenta-specific 9	PLAC9	AW964972	B.227419_x_at	6.689	38.2	0.000231
241	Hs.396595	Flavin containing monooxygenase 5	FMO5	AK022172	A.215300_s_at	4.1433	37.5	0.00184
242	Hs.105434	Interferon stimulated gene 20kDa	ISG20	NM_002201	A.204698_at	6.2999	37.4	0.002793
243	Hs.460184	MCM4 minichromosome maintenance deficient 4 (S. cerevisiae)	MCM4	X74794	A.212141_at	6.7292	36.6	0.175849
244	Hs.169266	Neuropeptide Y receptor Y1	NPY1R	NM_000909	A.205440_s_at	5.8305	36.0	0.011114
245	acc_R38110			R38110	B.240112_at	5.1631	35.4	0.020648
246	Hs.63931	Dachshund homolog 1 (Drosophila)	DACH	AI650353	B.228915_at	7.6716	35.3	0.318902
247	Hs.102541	Netrin 4	NTN4	AF278532	B.223315_at	8.2693	35.2	0.132405

248	Hs.418367	Neuromedin U	NMU	NM_006681	A.206023_at	5.1017	34.6	0.03508
249	Hs.232127	MRNA; cDNA DKFZp547P042 (from clone DKFZp547P042)		AL512727	A.215014_at	4.8334	34.6	0.035434
250	Hs.212088	Epoxide hydrolase 2, cytoplasmic	EPHX2	AF233336	A.209368_at	6.4031	34.5	0.153812
251	Hs.439760	Cytochrome P450, family 4, subfamily X, polypeptide 1	CYP4X1	AA557324	B.227702_at	8.5972	34.5	0.015323
252	acc_BF513468			BF513468	B.241505_at	7.1517	34.1	0.001404
253	Hs.413078	Nudix (nucleoside diphosphate linked moiety X)-type motif 1	NUDT1	NM_002452	A.204766_s_at	5.6705	34.0	0.069005
254	acc_AI492376			AI492376	B.231195_at	5.1967	33.6	0.029021
255	acc_AW512787			AW512787	B.238481_at	8.5117	33.6	0.004714
256	Hs.74369	Integrin, alpha 7	ITGA7	AK022548	A.216331_at	5.1535	33.3	0.003271
257	Hs.63931	Dachshund homolog 1 (Drosophila)	DACH	NM_004392	A.205472_s_at	3.9246	33.2	0.001985
258	Hs.225952	Protein tyrosine phosphatase, receptor type, T	PTPRT	NM_007050	A.205948_at	6.7634	32.2	0.190046
259	acc_BF793701	Musculoskeletal, embryonic nuclear protein 1		BF793701	B.226856_at	5.5626	31.8	0.002068
260	Hs.283417	Transcribed locus		AI826437	B.229975_at	6.381	31.3	0.008528
261	Hs.21948	Zinc finger protein 533		H15261	B.243929_at	4.7165	30.3	0.14416
262	Hs.31297	Cytochrome b reductase 1	CYBRD1	NM_024843	A.217889_s_at	5.6427	27.6	0.055739
263	Hs.180142	Calmodulin-like 5	CALML5	NM_017422	A.220414_at	5.994	27.4	0.008616
264	Hs.176588	Cytochrome P450, family 4, subfamily Z, polypeptide 1	CYP4Z1	AV700083	B.237395_at	8.7505	24.4	0.399969

APPENDIX 1A

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SWS Classifier 0 Accuracy G1 vs G3

Accuracy: G1 vs G3

G1=63/68 (92.6%)

G3=51/55 (92.7%)

Number	Patient ID	Histologic grade	Probability for G1	Probability for G3	Predicted grade
1	X100B08	1	0.956	0.044	1
2	X209C10	1	0.930	0.070	1
3	X21C28	1	0.941	0.059	1
4	X220C70	1	0.941	0.059	1
5	X224C93	1	0.834	0.166	1
6	X227C50	1	0.950	0.050	1
7	X229C44	1	0.917	0.083	1
8	X231C80	1	0.860	0.140	1
9	X233C91	1	0.958	0.042	1
10	X235C20	1	0.231	0.769	3
11	X236C55	1	0.955	0.045	1
12	X114B68	1	0.502	0.498	1
13	X243C70	1	0.951	0.049	1
14	X246C75	1	0.950	0.050	1
15	X248C91	1	0.956	0.044	1
16	X253C20	1	0.948	0.052	1
17	X259C74	1	0.949	0.051	1
18	X261C94	1	0.952	0.048	1
19	X262C85	1	0.924	0.076	1
20	X263C82	1	0.955	0.045	1
21	X266C51	1	0.950	0.050	1
22	X267C04	1	0.628	0.372	1
23	X282C51	1	0.942	0.058	1
24	X284C63	1	0.923	0.077	1
25	X289C75	1	0.958	0.042	1
26	X28C76	1	0.927	0.073	1
27	X294C04	1	0.310	0.690	3
28	X309C49	1	0.013	0.987	3
29	X316C65	1	0.952	0.048	1
30	X128B48	1	0.962	0.038	1
31	X33C30	1	0.945	0.055	1
32	X39C24	1	0.935	0.065	1
33	X42C57	1	0.912	0.088	1
34	X45A96	1	0.844	0.156	1
35	X48A46	1	0.942	0.058	1
36	X49A07	1	0.886	0.114	1
37	X52A90	1	0.954	0.046	1
38	X61A53	1	0.878	0.122	1
39	X65A68	1	0.888	0.112	1
40	X6B85	1	0.212	0.788	3
41	X72A92	1	0.867	0.133	1
42	X135B40	1	0.901	0.099	1

43	X74A63	1	0.635	0.365	1
44	X83A37	1	0.779	0.221	1
45	X8B87	1	0.949	0.051	1
46	X99A50	1	0.767	0.233	1
47	X138B34	1	0.956	0.044	1
48	X155B52	1	0.961	0.039	1
49	X156B01	1	0.962	0.038	1
50	X160B16	1	0.956	0.044	1
51	X163B27	1	0.945	0.055	1
52	X105B13	1	0.877	0.123	1
53	X173B43	1	0.959	0.041	1
54	X174B41	1	0.910	0.090	1
55	X177B67	1	0.958	0.042	1
56	X106B55	1	0.940	0.060	1
57	X180B38	1	0.948	0.052	1
58	X181B70	1	0.834	0.166	1
59	X184B38	1	0.936	0.064	1
60	X185B44	1	0.943	0.057	1
61	X10B88	1	0.444	0.556	3
62	X192B69	1	0.960	0.040	1
63	X195B75	1	0.916	0.084	1
64	X196B81	1	0.868	0.132	1
65	X19C33	1	0.690	0.310	1
66	X204B85	1	0.948	0.052	1
67	X205B99	1	0.570	0.430	1
68	X207C08	1	0.921	0.079	1
69	X111B51	3	0.043	0.957	3
70	X222C26	3	0.680	0.320	1
71	X226C06	3	0.013	0.987	3
72	X113B11	3	0.077	0.923	3
73	X232C58	3	0.040	0.960	3
74	X234C15	3	0.086	0.914	3
75	X238C87	3	0.153	0.847	3
76	X241C01	3	0.035	0.965	3
77	X249C42	3	0.036	0.964	3
78	X250C78	3	0.039	0.961	3
79	X252C64	3	0.033	0.967	3
80	X269C68	3	0.015	0.985	3
81	X26C23	3	0.250	0.750	3
82	X270C93	3	0.028	0.972	3
83	X271C71	3	0.065	0.935	3
84	X279C61	3	0.024	0.976	3
85	X287C67	3	0.045	0.955	3
86	X291C17	3	0.015	0.985	3
87	X127B00	3	0.026	0.974	3
88	X303C36	3	0.017	0.983	3
89	X304C89	3	0.961	0.039	1
90	X311A27	3	0.041	0.959	3
91	X313A87	3	0.024	0.976	3
92	X314B55	3	0.016	0.984	3
93	X101B88	3	0.014	0.986	3
94	X37C06	3	0.030	0.970	3
95	X46A25	3	0.044	0.956	3
96	X131B79	3	0.151	0.849	3

97	X54A09	3	0.013	0.987	3
98	X55A79	3	0.075	0.925	3
99	X62A02	3	0.018	0.982	3
100	X66A84	3	0.019	0.981	3
101	X67A43	3	0.020	0.980	3
102	X69A93	3	0.084	0.916	3
103	X70A79	3	0.016	0.984	3
104	X73A01	3	0.324	0.676	3
105	X76A44	3	0.123	0.877	3
106	X79A35	3	0.048	0.952	3
107	X82A83	3	0.235	0.765	3
108	X89A64	3	0.015	0.985	3
109	X90A63	3	0.031	0.969	3
110	X139B03	3	0.133	0.867	3
111	X102B06	3	0.034	0.966	3
112	X142B05	3	0.037	0.963	3
113	X143B81	3	0.073	0.927	3
114	X146B39	3	0.015	0.985	3
115	X147B19	3	0.037	0.963	3
116	X103B41	3	0.016	0.984	3
117	X153B09	3	0.023	0.977	3
118	X104B91	3	0.104	0.896	3
119	X162B98	3	0.503	0.497	1
120	X172B19	3	0.079	0.921	3
121	X182B43	3	0.014	0.986	3
122	X194B60	3	0.030	0.970	3
123	X200B47	3	0.951	0.049	1

APPENDIX 2

SWS Classifier 0: Prediction of genetic G2a and G2b tumour sub-types based on 264 gene classifier

Order	Patient ID	Histologic grade	Probability for G2a	Probability for G2b	Predicted grade
1	X210C72	2	0.404	0.596	2b
2	X211C88	2	0.445	0.555	2b
3	X212C21	2	0.959	0.041	2a
4	X213C36	2	0.333	0.667	2b
5	X216C61	2	0.856	0.144	2a
6	X217C79	2	0.943	0.057	2a
7	X218C29	2	0.805	0.195	2a
8	X112B55	2	0.337	0.663	2b
9	X221C14	2	0.612	0.388	2a
10	X223C51	2	0.818	0.182	2a
11	X225C52	2	0.055	0.945	2b
12	X22C62	2	0.82	0.18	2a
13	X230C47	2	0.042	0.958	2b
14	X237C56	2	0.046	0.954	2b
15	X23C52	2	0.095	0.905	2b
16	X240C54	2	0.157	0.843	2b
17	X242C21	2	0.287	0.713	2b
18	X244C89	2	0.104	0.896	2b
19	X245C22	2	0.142	0.858	2b
20	X247C76	2	0.501	0.499	2a
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APPENDIX 3

SWS Classifier 0: Tests of differences G2a and G2b by 264 gene classifier

Nn	GeneSymbol	Genbank AccNo	Affy ID	SWS Cut-off	G2a-G2b: U-test, p-value	G2a-G2b:t-test, p value	hazard ratio	survival p value
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257	DNALI1	NM_003462	A.205186_at	4.299739	1.54E-01	2.58E-02	-0.08851533	0.869483818
23	MMP1	NM_002421	A.204475_at	7.170495	2.04E-01	2.26E-01	1.047070923	0.01186788
264	PPP1R3C	N26005	A.204284_at	7.027458	2.85E-01	6.40E-01	-0.006752502	0.987063337
126	CXCL14	NM_004887	A.218002_s_at	8.251287	4.49E-01	5.03E-01	-0.502169588	0.190758302
51	CXCL14	AF144103	B.222484_s_at	9.336584	6.54E-01	5.00E-01	-0.777835445	0.03993233

APPENDIX 4

SWS Classifier 0: Clinical validation (survival analysis) of G2a and G2b tumour subtypes (264 classifier).

Cox PH test summary (Baseline group 1)

	coef	exp(coef)	se(coef)	z	p
group2b	0.795	2.21	0.292	2.72	0.0066

Likelihood ratio test=7.25 on 1 df, p=0.00711
n= 126

	n	events	rmean	se(rmean)	median	0.95LCL	0.95UCL
group 2a=	79	23	9.97	0.507	Inf	Inf	Inf
group 2b=	47	24	7.35	0.793	8.5	2.58	Inf

APPENDIX 5A

SWS Classifier 1

Order	UGID(build #183)	Unigen eName	GeneSymbol	Genbank Acc	Affi ID	Cut-off
1	Hs.528654	Hypothetical protein FLJ11029	FLJ11029	BG16501.1	B.228273_a.t	7.706303
2	acc_NM_003158.1	Serine/threonine kinase 6, transcript 1	STK6	NM_003158	A.208079_s.at	6.652593
3	Hs.35962	CDNA clone IMAGE:4452583, partial cds		BG492359	B.226936_a.t	7.561905
4	Hs.308045	Barren homolog (Drosophila)	BRRN1	D38553	A.212949_a.t	5.916703
5	Hs.184339	Maternal embryonic leucine zipper kinase	MELK	NM_014791	A.204825_a.t	7.107259
6	Hs.250822	Serine/threonine kinase 6, transcript 2	STK6	NM_003600	A.204092_s.at	6.726571

APPENDIX 5B

SWS Classifier 1: Classifier Accuracy

Accuracy

G1= 65/68

(95.6%)

G3= 51/55

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(94.5%)

Number	Patient ID	Histologic grade	Probability for G 1	Probability for G3	Predicted grade
1	X100B08	1	0.959	0.041	1
2	X209C10	1	0.959	0.041	1
3	X21C28	1	0.959	0.041	1
4	X220C70	1	0.959	0.041	1
5	X224C93	1	0.959	0.041	1
6	X227C50	1	0.959	0.041	1
7	X229C44	1	0.959	0.041	1
8	X231C80	1	0.959	0.041	1
9	X233C91	1	0.959	0.041	1
10	X235C20	1	0.287	0.713	3
11	X236C55	1	0.959	0.041	1
12	X114B68	1	0.782	0.218	1
13	X243C70	1	0.959	0.041	1
14	X246C75	1	0.959	0.041	1
15	X248C91	1	0.959	0.041	1
16	X253C20	1	0.959	0.041	1
17	X259C74	1	0.959	0.041	1
18	X261C94	1	0.959	0.041	1
19	X262C85	1	0.959	0.041	1
20	X263C82	1	0.959	0.041	1
21	X266C51	1	0.959	0.041	1
22	X267C04	1	0.959	0.041	1
23	X282C51	1	0.959	0.041	1
24	X284C63	1	0.959	0.041	1
25	X289C75	1	0.959	0.041	1
26	X28C76	1	0.959	0.041	1
27	X294C04	1	0.887	0.113	1
28	X309C49	1	0.01	0.99	3
29	X316C65	1	0.959	0.041	1
30	X128B48	1	0.959	0.041	1
31	X33C30	1	0.959	0.041	1
32	X39C24	1	0.959	0.041	1
33	X42C57	1	0.959	0.041	1
34	X45A96	1	0.959	0.041	1
35	X48A46	1	0.959	0.041	1
36	X49A07	1	0.959	0.041	1
37	X52A90	1	0.959	0.041	1
38	X61A53	1	0.959	0.041	1

39	X65A68	1	0.959	0.041	1
40	X6B85	1	0.733	0.267	1
41	X72A92	1	0.489	0.511	3
42	X135B40	1	0.959	0.041	1
43	X74A63	1	0.894	0.106	1
44	X83A37	1	0.733	0.267	1
45	X8B87	1	0.959	0.041	1
46	X99A50	1	0.959	0.041	1
47	X138B34	1	0.959	0.041	1
48	X155B52	1	0.959	0.041	1
49	X156B01	1	0.959	0.041	1
50	X160B16	1	0.959	0.041	1
51	X163B27	1	0.959	0.041	1
52	X105B13	1	0.959	0.041	1
53	X173B43	1	0.959	0.041	1
54	X174B41	1	0.959	0.041	1
55	X177B67	1	0.959	0.041	1
56	X106B55	1	0.959	0.041	1
57	X180B38	1	0.959	0.041	1
58	X181B70	1	0.887	0.113	1
59	X184B38	1	0.959	0.041	1
60	X185B44	1	0.959	0.041	1
61	X10B88	1	0.678	0.322	1
62	X192B69	1	0.959	0.041	1
63	X195B75	1	0.959	0.041	1
64	X196B81	1	0.887	0.113	1
65	X19C33	1	0.959	0.041	1
66	X204B85	1	0.959	0.041	1
67	X205B99	1	0.915	0.085	1
68	X207C08	1	0.959	0.041	1
69	X111B51	3	0.001	0.999	3
70	X222C26	3	0.036	0.974	3
71	X226C06	3	0.001	0.999	3
72	X113B11	3	0.001	0.999	3
73	X232C58	3	0.001	0.999	3
74	X234C15	3	0.003	0.997	3
75	X238C87	3	0.163	0.837	3
76	X241C01	3	0.001	0.999	3
77	X249C42	3	0.001	0.999	3
78	X250C78	3	0.001	0.999	3
79	X252C64	3	0.001	0.999	3
80	X269C68	3	0.001	0.999	3
81	X26C23	3	0.047	0.953	3
82	X270C93	3	0.001	0.999	3
83	X271C71	3	0.001	0.999	3
84	X279C61	3	0.001	0.999	3
85	X287C67	3	0.001	0.999	3
86	X291C17	3	0.001	0.999	3
87	X127B00	3	0.001	0.999	3
88	X303C36	3	0.001	0.999	3
89	X304C89	3	0.996	0.004	1
90	X311A27	3	0.001	0.999	3
91	X313A87	3	0.001	0.999	3
92	X314B55	3	0.001	0.999	3

93	X101B88	3	0.001	0.999	3
94	X37C06	3	0.001	0.999	3
95	X46A25	3	0.001	0.999	3
96	X131B79	3	0.597	0.403	1
97	X54A09	3	0.001	0.999	3
98	X55A79	3	0.001	0.999	3
99	X62A02	3	0.001	0.999	3
100	X66A84	3	0.001	0.999	3
101	X67A43	3	0.001	0.999	3
102	X69A93	3	0.001	0.999	3
103	X70A79	3	0.001	0.999	3
104	X73A01	3	0.034	0.966	3
105	X76A44	3	0.005	0.995	3
106	X79A35	3	0.005	0.995	3
107	X82A83	3	0.005	0.995	3
108	X89A64	3	0.001	0.999	3
109	X90A63	3	0.001	0.999	3
110	X139B03	3	0.001	0.999	3
111	X102B06	3	0.001	0.999	3
112	X142B05	3	0.003	0.998	3
113	X143B81	3	0.016	0.984	3
114	X146B39	3	0.001	0.999	3
115	X147B19	3	0.001	0.999	3
116	X103B41	3	0.001	0.999	3
117	X153B09	3	0.001	0.999	3
118	X104B91	3	0.001	0.999	3
119	X162B98	3	0.033	0.977	3
120	X172B19	3	0.004	0.996	3
121	X182B43	3	0.001	0.999	3
122	X194B60	3	0.005	0.995	3
123	X200B47	3	0.931	0.069	1

APPENDIX 5C

SWS Classifier 1: Prediction validation

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# Cox PH test summary (Baseline
group 1)
      coef exp(coef) se(coef)  z    p
group3 0.921    2.51  0.292 3.15
0.0016

Likelihood ratio test=9.66 on 1 df, p=0.00189
n= 126
      n events rmean se(rmean) median 0.95LCL
0.95UCL
group 2a=83   23 10.0   0.489   Inf    Inf
Inf
group 2b=43   24  7.0   0.820   6.5   2.58
Inf
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* DFS Event defined as any type of recurrence or death because of breast cancer, whichever comes first

Number	Patient ID	Probability for G2a	Probability for G2b	Predicted grade	DFS TIME	DFS EVENT*
1	X210C72	0.894	0.106	2a	0.5	1
2	X211C88	0.777	0.223	2a	1.5	0
3	X212C21	0.959	0.041	2a	3.75	1
4	X213C36	0.005	0.995	2b	10.08	0
5	X216C61	0.959	0.041	2a	10.75	0
6	X217C79	0.959	0.041	2a	10.75	0
7	X218C29	0.894	0.106	2a	10.75	0
8	X112B55	0.007	0.993	2b	0.92	1
9	X221C14	0.143	0.857	2b	3	1
10	X223C51	0.894	0.106	2a	8.42	0
11	X225C52	0.001	0.999	2b	10.75	0
12	X22C62	0.959	0.041	2a	4.83	0
13	X230C47	0.001	0.999	2b	0.5	1
14	X237C56	0.143	0.857	2b	10.67	0
15	X23C52	0.005	0.995	2b	8.5	1
16	X240C54	0.005	0.995	2b	2.42	1
17	X242C21	0.209	0.791	2b	2.17	1
18	X244C89	0.777	0.223	2a	7.25	1
19	X245C22	0.143	0.857	2b	0	1
20	X247C76	0.959	0.041	2a	10.5	0
21	X11B47	0.959	0.041	2a	7.42	0
22	X24C30	0.959	0.041	2a	10.67	0
23	X251C14	0.959	0.041	2a	10.5	0
24	X254C80	0.959	0.041	2a	10.5	0
25	X255C06	0.959	0.041	2a	10.5	0
26	X256C45	0.001	0.999	2b	1.25	1

27	X120B73	0.001	0.999	2b	11.58	0
28	X257C87	0.959	0.041	2a	10.5	0
29	X258C21	0.959	0.041	2a	5.75	1
30	X260C91	0.09	0.91	2b	10.42	0
31	X265C40	0.777	0.223	2a	10.42	0
32	X122B81	0.959	0.041	2a	11.17	0
33	X268C87	0.001	0.999	2b	10.33	0
34	X272C88	0.959	0.041	2a	10.33	0
35	X274C81	0.959	0.041	2a	10.33	0
36	X275C70	0.959	0.041	2a	10.25	0
37	X277C64	0.959	0.041	2a	8.58	0
38	X124B25	0.959	0.041	2a	5	1
39	X278C80	0.351	0.649	2b	10.25	0
40	X27C82	0.959	0.041	2a	6.83	0
41	X280C43	0.959	0.041	2a	1	1
42	X286C91	0.959	0.041	2a	10	0
43	X288C57	0.959	0.041	2a	10	0
44	X290C91	0.959	0.041	2a	10	0
45	X292C66	0.959	0.041	2a	10	0
46	X296C95	0.959	0.041	2a	9.92	0
47	X297C26	0.959	0.041	2a	9.92	0
48	X298C47	0.959	0.041	2a	6.5	1
49	X301C66	0.959	0.041	2a	9.92	0
50	X307C50	0.777	0.223	2a	9.83	0
51	X308C93	0.005	0.995	2b	2.25	1
52	X34C80	0.959	0.041	2a	10.17	0
53	X35C29	0.202	0.798	2b	2.42	1
54	X36C17	0.959	0.041	2a	10.08	0
55	X40C57	0.877	0.123	2a	10	0
56	X41C65	0.959	0.041	2a	9.92	0
57	X130B92	0.959	0.041	2a	4.42	1
58	X43C47	0.877	0.123	2a	9.92	0
59	X44A53	0.123	0.877	2b	12.75	0
60	X47A87	0.001	0.999	2b	9.58	1
61	X50A91	0.777	0.223	2a	9.08	1
62	X51A98	0.959	0.041	2a	12.67	0
63	X53A06	0.202	0.798	2b	2.58	1
64	X56A94	0.959	0.041	2a	1.08	1
65	X58A50	0.001	0.999	2b	0.42	1
66	X58B97	0.001	0.999	2b	0.75	1
67	X60A05	0.959	0.041	2a	0.67	1
68	X134B33	0.015	0.985	2b	2	1
69	X63A62	0.959	0.041	2a	0.17	1
70	X64A59	0.046	0.954	2b	12.42	0
71	X75A01	0.202	0.798	2b	3.58	1
72	X77A50	0.662	0.338	2a	1.08	1
73	X7B96	0.959	0.041	2a	2.42	1
74	X84A44	0.017	0.983	2b	12.17	0
75	X136B04	0.959	0.041	2a	2.42	1
76	X85A03	0.777	0.223	2a	2.08	0
77	X86A40	0.001	0.999	2b	12.17	0
78	X87A79	0.662	0.338	2a	12.08	0
79	X88A67	0.029	0.971	2b	4.25	1
80	X94A16	0.959	0.041	2a	11.08	0

81	X96A21	0.959	0.041	2a	0.08	1
82	X137B88	0.894	0.106	2a	10.5	1
83	X9B52	0.877	0.123	2a	11.33	0
84	X13B79	0.959	0.041	2a	10.83	0
85	X140B91	0.959	0.041	2a	11.5	0
86	X144B49	0.959	0.041	2a	11.5	0
87	X145B10	0.003	0.997	2b	11.42	0
88	X14B98	0.924	0.076	2a	10.83	0
89	X150B81	0.777	0.223	2a	11.42	0
90	X151B84	0.894	0.106	2a	11.42	0
91	X152B99	0.959	0.041	2a	2.08	0
92	X154B42	0.005	0.995	2b	3.42	1
93	X158B84	0.959	0.041	2a	4.67	1
94	X159B47	0.001	0.999	2b	6.5	1
95	X15C94	0.959	0.041	2a	4.42	0
96	X161B31	0.959	0.041	2a	11.42	0
97	X164B81	0.001	0.999	2b	11.33	0
98	X165B72	0.046	0.954	2b	1.5	1
99	X166B79	0.025	0.975	2b	11.33	0
100	X168B51	0.959	0.041	2a	5.33	0
101	X169B79	0.959	0.041	2a	11.33	0
102	X16C97	0.877	0.123	2a	3.58	1
103	X170B15	0.894	0.106	2a	4.08	1
104	X171B77	0.005	0.995	2b	1.75	1
105	X175B72	0.894	0.106	2a	0	1
106	X176B74	0.959	0.041	2a	6	0
107	X178B74	0.761	0.239	2a	7.42	0
108	X179B28	0.959	0.041	2a	2.33	1
109	X17C40	0.959	0.041	2a	1.92	0
110	X183B75	0.894	0.106	2a	7	1
111	X186B22	0.029	0.971	2b	0.17	1
112	X187B36	0.001	0.999	2b	0	1
113	X188B13	0.469	0.531	2b	11	0
114	X189B83	0.005	0.995	2b	11	0
115	X18C56	0.777	0.223	2a	10.75	0
116	X191B79	0.001	0.999	2b	4.42	1
117	X193B72	0.469	0.531	2b	10.92	0
118	X197B95	0.777	0.223	2a	10.92	0
119	X198B90	0.959	0.041	2a	10.92	0
120	X199B55	0.894	0.106	2a	10.92	0
121	X110B34	0.001	0.999	2b	11.67	0
122	X201B68	0.959	0.041	2a	10.92	0
123	X202B44	0.959	0.041	2a	10.83	0
124	X203B49	0.959	0.041	2a	10.83	0
125	X206C05	0.924	0.076	2a	6.42	0
126	X208C06	0.001	0.999	2b	0.08	0

APPENDIX 6A

SWS Classifier 2

Order	UGID (build #177)	Unigene Name	Gene Symbol	Genbank Acc	AffyID	cut-off
1	Hs.184339	Maternal embryonic leucine zipper kinase	MELK	NM_014791	A.204825_at	5.43711
2	Hs.308045	Barren homolog (Drosophila)	BRRN1	D38553	A.212949_at	5.50455
3	Hs.244580	TPX2, microtubule-associated protein homolog (Xenopus laevis)	TPX2	AF098158	A.210052_s_at	5.87219
4	Hs.486401	CDNA clone IMAGE:4452583, partial cds		BG492359	B.226936_at	7.56993
5	Hs.75573	Centromere protein E, 312kDa	CENPE	NM_001813	A.205046_at	6.94342
6	Hs.528654	Hypothetical protein FLJ11029	FLJ11029	BG165011	B.228273_at	7.71114
7	acc_NM_003158			NM_003158	A.208079_s_at	6.57103
8	Hs.524571	Cell division cycle associated 8	CDCA8	BC001651	A.221520_s_at	6.8942
9	Hs.239	Forkhead box M1	FOXM1	NM_021953	A.202580_x_at	5.21151
10	Hs.179718	V-myb myeloblastosis viral oncogene homolog (avian)-like 2	MYBL2	NM_002466	A.201710_at	6.26908
11	Hs.169840	TTK protein kinase	TTK	NM_003318	A.204822_at	8.2308
12	Hs.75678	FBJ murine osteosarcoma viral oncogene homolog B	FOSB	NM_006732	A.202768_at	8.76158
13	Hs.25647	V-fos FBJ murine osteosarcoma viral oncogene homolog	FOS	BC004490	A.209189_at	7.08598
14	Hs.524216	Cell division cycle associated 3	CDCA3	NM_031299	A.221436_s_at	6.29283
15	Hs.381225	Kinetochore protein Spc24	Spc24	AI469788	B.235572_at	6.3405
16	Hs.62180	Anillin, actin binding protein (scraps homolog, Drosophila)	ANLN	AK023208	B.222608_s_at	6.84578
17	Hs.434886	Cell division cycle associated 5	CDCA5	BE614410	B.224753_at	5.29067
18	Hs.523468	Signal peptide, CUB domain, EGF-like 2	SCUBE2	AI424243	A.219197_s_at	5.79216

APPENDIX 6B

SWS Classifier 2: Accuracy

Accuracy
G1=65/68
(95.6%)
G3=53/55
(96.4%)

Number	Patients ID	Histologic grade	Probability for G1	Probability for G3	Predicted grade G1 or G3
1	X100B08	1	0.993	0.007	1
2	X209C10	1	0.982	0.018	1
3	X21C28	1	0.993	0.007	1
4	X220C70	1	0.993	0.007	1
5	X224C93	1	0.991	0.009	1
6	X227C50	1	0.995	0.005	1
7	X229C44	1	0.987	0.013	1
8	X231C80	1	0.978	0.022	1
9	X233C91	1	0.993	0.007	1
10	X235C20	1	0.120	0.880	3
11	X236C55	1	0.995	0.005	1
12	X114B68	1	0.684	0.316	1
13	X243C70	1	0.993	0.007	1
14	X246C75	1	0.993	0.007	1
15	X248C91	1	0.995	0.005	1
16	X253C20	1	0.995	0.005	1
17	X259C74	1	0.991	0.009	1
18	X261C94	1	0.995	0.005	1
19	X262C85	1	0.995	0.005	1
20	X263C82	1	0.995	0.005	1
21	X266C51	1	0.976	0.024	1
22	X267C04	1	0.812	0.188	1
23	X282C51	1	0.995	0.005	1
24	X284C63	1	0.989	0.011	1
25	X289C75	1	0.995	0.005	1
26	X28C76	1	0.995	0.005	1
27	X294C04	1	0.859	0.141	1
28	X309C49	1	0.086	0.914	3
29	X316C65	1	0.993	0.007	1
30	X128B48	1	0.995	0.005	1
31	X33C30	1	0.995	0.005	1
32	X39C24	1	0.989	0.011	1
33	X42C57	1	0.995	0.005	1
34	X45A96	1	0.995	0.005	1
35	X48A46	1	0.995	0.005	1
36	X49A07	1	0.993	0.007	1
37	X52A90	1	0.985	0.015	1

38	X61A53	1	0.968	0.032	1
39	X65A68	1	0.991	0.009	1
40	X6B85	1	0.035	0.965	3
41	X72A92	1	0.855	0.145	1
42	X135B40	1	0.995	0.005	1
43	X74A63	1	0.927	0.073	1
44	X83A37	1	0.833	0.167	1
45	X8B87	1	0.995	0.005	1
46	X99A50	1	0.759	0.241	1
47	X138B34	1	0.995	0.005	1
48	X155B52	1	0.995	0.005	1
49	X156B01	1	0.995	0.005	1
50	X160B16	1	0.993	0.007	1
51	X163B27	1	0.995	0.005	1
52	X105B13	1	0.870	0.130	1
53	X173B43	1	0.995	0.005	1
54	X174B41	1	0.990	0.010	1
55	X177B67	1	0.993	0.007	1
56	X106B55	1	0.993	0.007	1
57	X180B38	1	0.993	0.007	1
58	X181B70	1	0.969	0.031	1
59	X184B38	1	0.983	0.017	1
60	X185B44	1	0.995	0.005	1
61	X10B88	1	0.892	0.108	1
62	X192B69	1	0.995	0.005	1
63	X195B75	1	0.993	0.007	1
64	X196B81	1	0.644	0.356	1
65	X19C33	1	0.986	0.014	1
66	X204B85	1	0.995	0.005	1
67	X205B99	1	0.837	0.163	1
68	X207C08	1	0.993	0.007	1
69	X111B51	3	0.001	0.999	3
70	X222C26	3	0.240	0.760	3
71	X226C06	3	0.001	0.999	3
72	X113B11	3	0.005	0.995	3
73	X232C58	3	0.001	0.999	3
74	X234C15	3	0.014	0.986	3
75	X238C87	3	0.293	0.707	3
76	X241C01	3	0.001	0.999	3
77	X249C42	3	0.002	0.998	3
78	X250C78	3	0.004	0.996	3
79	X252C64	3	0.002	0.998	3
80	X269C68	3	0.001	0.999	3
81	X26C23	3	0.444	0.556	3
82	X270C93	3	0.018	0.982	3
83	X271C71	3	0.005	0.995	3
84	X279C61	3	0.001	0.999	3
85	X287C67	3	0.005	0.995	3
86	X291C17	3	0.001	0.999	3
87	X127B00	3	0.001	0.999	3
88	X303C36	3	0.001	0.999	3
89	X304C89	3	0.999	0.001	1
90	X311A27	3	0.004	0.996	3

91	X313A87	3	0.001	0.999	3
92	X314B55	3	0.002	0.998	3
93	X101B88	3	0.001	0.999	3
94	X37C06	3	0.003	0.997	3
95	X46A25	3	0.002	0.998	3
96	X131B79	3	0.241	0.759	3
97	X54A09	3	0.001	0.999	3
98	X55A79	3	0.002	0.998	3
99	X62A02	3	0.001	0.999	3
100	X66A84	3	0.001	0.999	3
101	X67A43	3	0.001	0.999	3
102	X69A93	3	0.043	0.957	3
103	X70A79	3	0.001	0.999	3
104	X73A01	3	0.145	0.855	3
105	X76A44	3	0.018	0.982	3
106	X79A35	3	0.004	0.996	3
107	X82A83	3	0.012	0.988	3
108	X89A64	3	0.000	1.000	3
109	X90A63	3	0.001	0.999	3
110	X139B03	3	0.003	0.997	3
111	X102B06	3	0.001	0.999	3
112	X142B05	3	0.006	0.994	3
113	X143B81	3	0.009	0.991	3
114	X146B39	3	0.001	0.999	3
115	X147B19	3	0.003	0.997	3
116	X103B41	3	0.001	0.999	3
117	X153B09	3	0.001	0.999	3
118	X104B91	3	0.023	0.977	3
119	X162B98	3	0.134	0.866	3
120	X172B19	3	0.051	0.949	3
121	X182B43	3	0.001	0.999	3
122	X194B60	3	0.004	0.996	3
123	X200B47	3	1.000	0.000	1

APPENDIX 6C**SWS Classifier 2: G2a-G2b Prediction and Survival**

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# Cox PH test summary (Baseline
group 1)
      coef exp(coef) se(coef)  z    p
group2b 1.06    2.87  0.298 3.54
4e-04

Likelihood ratio test=12.8 on 1 df, p=0.000341
n= 126
n events rmean se(rmean) median 0.95LCL
0.95UCL
group 2a= 77    19 10.33    0.499   Inf    Inf
Inf
group 2b=49    28  6.98    0.750    7     3
Inf
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* DFS Event defined as any type of recurrence or death because of breast cancer, whichever comes first

Num ber	Patient ID	Histologic grade	Probability for G2a	Probability for G2b	Predicted grade (2a-G2a, 2b- G2b)	DFS TIME	DFS EVENT*
1	X210C72	2	0.017	0.983	2b	0.5	1
2	X211C88	2	0.673	0.327	2a	1.5	0
3	X212C21	2	1.000	0.000	2a	3.75	1
4	X216C61	2	0.999	0.001	2a	10.75	0
5	X217C79	2	0.999	0.001	2a	10.75	0
6	X218C29	2	0.999	0.001	2a	10.75	0
7	X223C51	2	0.997	0.003	2a	8.42	0
8	X22C62	2	0.999	0.001	2a	4.83	0
9	X244C89	2	0.059	0.941	2b	7.25	1
10	X247C76	2	0.894	0.106	2a	10.5	0
11	X11B47	2	0.999	0.001	2a	7.42	0
12	X24C30	2	1.000	0.000	2a	10.67	0
13	X251C14	2	1.000	0.000	2a	10.5	0
14	X254C80	2	1.000	0.000	2a	10.5	0
15	X255C06	2	0.999	0.001	2a	10.5	0
16	X257C87	2	1.000	0.000	2a	10.5	0
17	X258C21	2	1.000	0.000	2a	5.75	1
18	X265C40	2	0.934	0.066	2a	10.42	0
19	X122B81	2	0.999	0.001	2a	11.17	0
20	X272C88	2	1.000	0.000	2a	10.33	0
21	X274C81	2	1.000	0.000	2a	10.33	0
22	X275C70	2	0.999	0.001	2a	10.25	0
23	X277C64	2	1.000	0.000	2a	8.58	0
24	X124B25	2	0.999	0.001	2a	5	1
25	X27C82	2	1.000	0.000	2a	6.83	0
26	X280C43	2	1.000	0.000	2a	1	1

27	X286C91	2	1.000	0.000	2a	10	0
28	X288C57	2	0.999	0.001	2a	10	0
29	X290C91	2	1.000	0.000	2a	10	0
30	X292C66	2	0.961	0.039	2a	10	0
31	X296C95	2	1.000	0.000	2a	9.92	0
32	X297C26	2	1.000	0.000	2a	9.92	0
33	X298C47	2	0.998	0.002	2a	6.5	1
34	X301C66	2	0.902	0.098	2a	9.92	0
35	X307C50	2	0.406	0.594	2b	9.83	0
36	X34C80	2	0.999	0.001	2a	10.17	0
37	X36C17	2	1.000	0.000	2a	10.08	0
38	X40C57	2	0.805	0.195	2a	10	0
39	X41C65	2	0.999	0.001	2a	9.92	0
40	X130B92	2	1.000	0.000	2a	4.42	1
41	X43C47	2	0.539	0.461	2a	9.92	0
42	X50A91	2	0.998	0.002	2a	9.08	1
43	X51A98	2	0.155	0.845	2b	12.67	0
44	X56A94	2	0.999	0.001	2a	1.08	1
45	X60A05	2	0.999	0.001	2a	0.67	1
46	X63A62	2	0.999	0.001	2a	0.17	1
47	X7B96	2	0.081	0.919	2b	2.42	1
48	X136B04	2	0.999	0.001	2a	2.42	1
49	X85A03	2	0.939	0.061	2a	2.08	0
50	X94A16	2	1.000	0.000	2a	11.08	0
51	X96A21	2	0.999	0.001	2a	0.08	1
52	X137B88	2	0.992	0.008	2a	10.5	1
53	X9B52	2	0.134	0.866	2b	11.33	0
54	X13B79	2	1.000	0.000	2a	10.83	0
55	X140B91	2	1.000	0.000	2a	11.5	0
56	X144B49	2	1.000	0.000	2a	11.5	0
57	X14B98	2	0.997	0.003	2a	10.83	0
58	X150B81	2	0.995	0.005	2a	11.42	0
59	X151B84	2	0.998	0.002	2a	11.42	0
60	X152B99	2	1.000	0.000	2a	2.08	0
61	X158B84	2	1.000	0.000	2a	4.67	1
62	X15C94	2	1.000	0.000	2a	4.42	0
63	X161B31	2	0.999	0.001	2a	11.42	0
64	X168B51	2	1.000	0.000	2a	5.33	0
65	X169B79	2	0.996	0.004	2a	11.33	0
66	X16C97	2	0.997	0.003	2a	3.58	1
67	X170B15	2	0.913	0.087	2a	4.08	1
68	X175B72	2	0.760	0.240	2a	0	1
69	X176B74	2	1.000	0.000	2a	6	0
70	X178B74	2	0.996	0.004	2a	7.42	0
71	X179B28	2	0.999	0.001	2a	2.33	1
72	X17C40	2	0.999	0.001	2a	1.92	0
73	X183B75	2	0.045	0.955	2b	7	1
74	X18C56	2	0.997	0.003	2a	10.75	0
75	X197B95	2	0.072	0.928	2b	10.92	0
76	X198B90	2	0.999	0.001	2a	10.92	0
77	X199B55	2	0.074	0.926	2b	10.92	0
78	X201B68	2	0.998	0.002	2a	10.92	0
79	X202B44	2	1.000	0.000	2a	10.83	0

80	X203B49	2	1.000	0.000	2a	10.83	0
81	X206C05	2	0.994	0.006	2a	6.42	0
82	X278C80	2	0.990	0.010	2a	10.25	0
83	X77A50	2	0.989	0.011	2a	1.08	1
84	X87A79	2	0.927	0.073	2a	12.08	0
85	X188B13	2	0.934	0.066	2a	11	0
86	X193B72	2	0.400	0.600	2b	10.92	0
87	X213C36	2	0.041	0.959	2b	10.08	0
88	X112B55	2	0.000	1.000	2b	0.92	1
89	X221C14	2	0.363	0.637	2b	3	1
90	X225C52	2	0.000	1.000	2b	10.75	0
91	X230C47	2	0.000	1.000	2b	0.5	1
92	X237C56	2	0.001	0.999	2b	10.67	0
93	X23C52	2	0.000	1.000	2b	8.5	1
94	X240C54	2	0.050	0.950	2b	2.42	1
95	X242C21	2	0.099	0.901	2b	2.17	1
96	X245C22	2	0.005	0.995	2b	0	1
97	X256C45	2	0.000	1.000	2b	1.25	1
98	X120B73	2	0.000	1.000	2b	11.58	0
99	X260C91	2	0.005	0.995	2b	10.42	0
100	X268C87	2	0.000	1.000	2b	10.33	0
101	X308C93	2	0.000	1.000	2b	2.25	1
102	X35C29	2	0.003	0.997	2b	2.42	1
103	X44A53	2	0.996	0.004	2a	12.75	0
104	X47A87	2	0.000	1.000	2b	9.58	1
105	X53A06	2	0.038	0.962	2b	2.58	1
106	X58A50	2	0.000	1.000	2b	0.42	1
107	X5B97	2	0.000	1.000	2b	0.75	1
108	X134B33	2	0.000	1.000	2b	2	1
109	X64A59	2	0.001	0.999	2b	12.42	0
110	X75A01	2	0.001	0.999	2b	3.58	1
111	X84A44	2	0.000	1.000	2b	12.17	0
112	X86A40	2	0.000	1.000	2b	12.17	0
113	X88A67	2	0.000	1.000	2b	4.25	1
114	X145B10	2	0.000	1.000	2b	11.42	0
115	X154B42	2	0.000	1.000	2b	3.42	1
116	X159B47	2	0.010	0.990	2b	6.5	1
117	X164B81	2	0.000	1.000	2b	11.33	0
118	X165B72	2	0.304	0.696	2b	1.5	1
119	X166B79	2	0.064	0.936	2b	11.33	0
120	X171B77	2	0.000	1.000	2b	1.75	1
121	X186B22	2	0.002	0.998	2b	0.17	1
122	X187B36	2	0.000	1.000	2b	0	1
123	X189B83	2	0.000	1.000	2b	11	0
124	X191B79	2	0.000	1.000	2b	4.42	1
125	X110B34	2	0.000	1.000	2b	11.67	0
126	X208C06	2	0.000	1.000	2b	0.08	0

APPENDIX 7A**SWS Classifier 3**

Order	UGID(build #183)	UnigeneName	GeneSymbol	GenbankAcc	Affi ID	Cut-off
1	Hs.9329	TPX2, microtubule-associated protein homolog (Xenopus laevis)	TPX2	AF098158	A.210052_s_at	8.7748
2	Hs.344037	Protein regulator of cytokinesis 1	PRC1	NM_003981	A.218009_s_at	8.2222
3	Hs.292511	Neuro-oncological ventral antigen 1	NOVA1	NM_002515	A.205794_s_at	6.7387
4	Hs.155223	Stanniocalcin 2	STC2	AI435828	A.203438_at	8.0766
5	Hs.437351	Cold inducible RNA binding protein	CIRBP	AL565767	B.225191_at	8.2308
6	Hs.24395	Chemokine (C-X-C motif) ligand 14	CXCL14	NM_004887	A.218002_s_at	7.086
7	Hs.435861	Signal peptide, CUB domain, EGF-like 2	SCUBE2	AI424243	A.219197_s_at	7.2545

APPENDIX 7B**SWS Classifier 3: Classifier Accuracy**

Accuracy
 G1= 67/68 (98.5%)
 G3= 51/55 (92.7%)

Number	Patients ID	Histologic grade	Probability for G1	Probability for G3	Predicted grade
1	X100B08	1	0.990	0.010	1
2	X209C10	1	0.818	0.182	1
3	X21C28	1	0.964	0.036	1
4	X220C70	1	0.990	0.010	1
5	X224C93	1	0.587	0.413	1
6	X227C50	1	1.000	0.000	1
7	X229C44	1	0.981	0.019	1
8	X231C80	1	1.000	0.000	1
9	X233C91	1	0.990	0.010	1
10	X235C20	1	0.976	0.024	1
11	X236C55	1	1.000	0.000	1
12	X114B68	1	0.990	0.010	1
13	X243C70	1	0.818	0.182	1
14	X246C75	1	0.990	0.010	1
15	X248C91	1	0.907	0.093	1
16	X253C20	1	1.000	0.000	1
17	X259C74	1	0.990	0.010	1
18	X261C94	1	1.000	0.000	1
19	X262C85	1	1.000	0.000	1
20	X263C82	1	1.000	0.000	1
21	X266C51	1	1.000	0.000	1
22	X267C04	1	0.907	0.093	1
23	X282C51	1	0.907	0.093	1
24	X284C63	1	1.000	0.000	1
25	X289C75	1	1.000	0.000	1
26	X28C76	1	1.000	0.000	1
27	X294C04	1	0.587	0.413	1
28	X309C49	1	0.015	0.985	3
29	X316C65	1	0.990	0.010	1
30	X128B48	1	1.000	0.000	1
31	X33C30	1	1.000	0.000	1
32	X39C24	1	0.907	0.093	1
33	X42C57	1	0.983	0.017	1
34	X45A96	1	0.765	0.235	1
35	X48A46	1	1.000	0.000	1
36	X49A07	1	0.990	0.010	1
37	X52A90	1	0.990	0.010	1
38	X61A53	1	1.000	0.000	1
39	X65A68	1	0.827	0.173	1

40	X6B85	1	0.529	0.471	1
41	X72A92	1	0.907	0.093	1
42	X135B40	1	0.907	0.093	1
43	X74A63	1	0.529	0.471	1
44	X83A37	1	0.976	0.024	1
45	X8B87	1	0.910	0.090	1
46	X99A50	1	0.531	0.469	1
47	X138B34	1	1.000	0.000	1
48	X155B52	1	1.000	0.000	1
49	X156B01	1	1.000	0.000	1
50	X160B16	1	1.000	0.000	1
51	X163B27	1	1.000	0.000	1
52	X105B13	1	0.907	0.093	1
53	X173B43	1	0.910	0.090	1
54	X174B41	1	1.000	0.000	1
55	X177B67	1	0.990	0.010	1
56	X106B55	1	0.990	0.010	1
57	X180B38	1	0.990	0.010	1
58	X181B70	1	0.990	0.010	1
59	X184B38	1	0.907	0.093	1
60	X185B44	1	1.000	0.000	1
61	X10B88	1	0.739	0.261	1
62	X192B69	1	1.000	0.000	1
63	X195B75	1	1.000	0.000	1
64	X196B81	1	1.000	0.000	1
65	X19C33	1	0.587	0.413	1
66	X204B85	1	1.000	0.000	1
67	X205B99	1	0.827	0.173	1
68	X207C08	1	1.000	0.000	1
69	X111B51	3	0.006	0.994	3
70	X222C26	3	0.623	0.377	1
71	X226C06	3	0.005	0.995	3
72	X113B11	3	0.093	0.907	3
73	X232C58	3	0.016	0.984	3
74	X234C15	3	0.005	0.995	3
75	X238C87	3	0.205	0.795	3
76	X241C01	3	0.009	0.991	3
77	X249C42	3	0.002	0.998	3
78	X250C78	3	0.016	0.984	3
79	X252C64	3	0.016	0.984	3
80	X269C68	3	0.002	0.998	3
81	X26C23	3	0.129	0.871	3
82	X270C93	3	0.000	1.000	3
83	X271C71	3	0.002	0.998	3
84	X279C61	3	0.002	0.998	3
85	X287C67	3	0.005	0.995	3
86	X291C17	3	0.006	0.994	3
87	X127B00	3	0.016	0.984	3
88	X303C36	3	0.005	0.995	3
89	X304C89	3	0.899	0.101	1
90	X311A27	3	0.045	0.955	3
91	X313A87	3	0.002	0.998	3
92	X314B55	3	0.002	0.998	3

93	X101B88	3	0.009	0.991	3
94	X37C06	3	0.006	0.994	3
95	X46A25	3	0.057	0.943	3
96	X131B79	3	0.075	0.925	3
97	X54A09	3	0.000	1.000	3
98	X55A79	3	0.028	0.972	3
99	X62A02	3	0.006	0.994	3
100	X66A84	3	0.002	0.998	3
101	X67A43	3	0.002	0.998	3
102	X69A93	3	0.136	0.864	3
103	X70A79	3	0.005	0.995	3
104	X73A01	3	0.194	0.806	3
105	X76A44	3	0.022	0.978	3
106	X79A35	3	0.006	0.994	3
107	X82A83	3	0.062	0.938	3
108	X89A64	3	0.005	0.995	3
109	X90A63	3	0.002	0.998	3
110	X139B03	3	0.022	0.978	3
111	X102B06	3	0.006	0.994	3
112	X142B05	3	0.005	0.995	3
113	X143B81	3	0.002	0.998	3
114	X146B39	3	0.002	0.998	3
115	X147B19	3	0.016	0.984	3
116	X103B41	3	0.002	0.998	3
117	X153B09	3	0.002	0.998	3
118	X104B91	3	0.119	0.881	3
119	X162B98	3	0.623	0.377	1
120	X172B19	3	0.055	0.945	3
121	X182B43	3	0.002	0.998	3
122	X194B60	3	0.002	0.998	3
123	X200B47	3	0.979	0.021	1

SWS Classifier 3: G2a-G2b Prediction Validation

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# Cox PH test summary (Baseline group 1)
      coef exp(coef) se(coef)
z      p
group2b 1.05    2.85  0.292 3.58
0.00035

Likelihood ratio test=12.2 on 1 df, p=0.000485 n=
126

# Survival fit
summaries
      n events rmean se(rmean) median 0.95LCL
0.95UCL
group2a= 87   24 10.05   0.482   Inf
Inf   Inf
group2b= 39   23  6.61   0.844   6.5
2.42   Inf
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* DFS Event defined as any type of recurrence or death because of breast cancer, whichever comes first

Number	Patient ID	Histologic grade	Probability for G2a	Probability for G2b	Predicted grade (2a-G2a, 2b-G2b)	DFS TIME	DFS Event
1	X210C72	2	0.012	0.988	2b	0.5	1
2	X211C88	2	0.999	0.001	2a	1.5	0
3	X212C21	2	1.000	0.000	2a	3.75	1
4	X213C36	2	0.001	0.999	2b	10.08	0
5	X216C61	2	0.820	0.180	2a	10.75	0
6	X217C79	2	0.999	0.001	2a	10.75	0
7	X218C29	2	0.996	0.004	2a	10.75	0
8	X112B55	2	0.418	0.582	2b	0.92	1
9	X221C14	2	0.901	0.099	2a	3	1
10	X223C51	2	0.999	0.001	2a	8.42	0
11	X225C52	2	0.001	0.999	2b	10.75	0
12	X22C62	2	0.901	0.099	2a	4.83	0
13	X230C47	2	0.000	1.000	2b	0.5	1
14	X237C56	2	0.000	1.000	2b	10.67	0
15	X23C52	2	0.001	0.999	2b	8.5	1
16	X240C54	2	0.001	0.999	2b	2.42	1
17	X242C21	2	0.634	0.366	2a	2.17	1
18	X244C89	2	0.001	0.999	2b	7.25	1
19	X245C22	2	0.004	0.996	2b	0	1
20	X247C76	2	0.996	0.004	2a	10.5	0
21	X11B47	2	0.640	0.360	2a	7.42	0

22	X24C30	2	0.999	0.001	2a	10.67	0
23	X251C14	2	0.999	0.001	2a	10.5	0
24	X254C80	2	0.999	0.001	2a	10.5	0
25	X255C06	2	0.744	0.256	2a	10.5	0
26	X256C45	2	0.000	1.000	2b	1.25	1
27	X120B73	2	0.000	1.000	2b	11.58	0
28	X257C87	2	0.901	0.099	2a	10.5	0
29	X258C21	2	0.999	0.001	2a	5.75	1
30	X260C91	2	0.640	0.360	2a	10.42	0
31	X265C40	2	0.578	0.422	2a	10.42	0
32	X122B81	2	0.999	0.001	2a	11.17	0
33	X268C87	2	0.000	1.000	2b	10.33	0
34	X272C88	2	0.998	0.002	2a	10.33	0
35	X274C81	2	0.820	0.180	2a	10.33	0
36	X275C70	2	0.999	0.001	2a	10.25	0
37	X277C64	2	0.999	0.001	2a	8.58	0
38	X124B25	2	0.640	0.360	2a	5	1
39	X278C80	2	0.002	0.998	2b	10.25	0
40	X27C82	2	0.550	0.450	2a	6.83	0
41	X280C43	2	1.000	0.000	2a	1	1
42	X286C91	2	1.000	0.000	2a	10	0
43	X288C57	2	0.820	0.180	2a	10	0
44	X290C91	2	1.000	0.000	2a	10	0
45	X292C66	2	0.999	0.001	2a	10	0
46	X296C95	2	1.000	0.000	2a	9.92	0
47	X297C26	2	0.820	0.180	2a	9.92	0
48	X298C47	2	0.999	0.001	2a	6.5	1
49	X301C66	2	0.640	0.360	2a	9.92	0
50	X307C50	2	0.744	0.256	2a	9.83	0
51	X308C93	2	0.000	1.000	2b	2.25	1
52	X34C80	2	0.820	0.180	2a	10.17	0
53	X35C29	2	0.999	0.001	2a	2.42	1
54	X36C17	2	0.901	0.099	2a	10.08	0
55	X40C57	2	0.999	0.001	2a	10	0
56	X41C65	2	1.000	0.000	2a	9.92	0
57	X130B92	2	1.000	0.000	2a	4.42	1
58	X43C47	2	0.574	0.426	2a	9.92	0
59	X44A53	2	1.000	0.000	2a	12.75	0
60	X47A87	2	0.000	1.000	2b	9.58	1
61	X50A91	2	0.012	0.988	2b	9.08	1
62	X51A98	2	0.998	0.002	2a	12.67	0
63	X53A06	2	1.000	0.000	2a	2.58	1
64	X56A94	2	0.998	0.002	2a	1.08	1
65	X58A50	2	0.000	1.000	2b	0.42	1
66	X5B97	2	0.000	1.000	2b	0.75	1
67	X60A05	2	1.000	0.000	2a	0.67	1
68	X134B33	2	0.001	0.999	2b	2	1
69	X63A62	2	0.999	0.001	2a	0.17	1
70	X64A59	2	0.001	0.999	2b	12.42	0
71	X75A01	2	0.999	0.001	2a	3.58	1
72	X77A50	2	0.391	0.609	2b	1.08	1
73	X7B96	2	0.391	0.609	2b	2.42	1
74	X84A44	2	0.002	0.998	2b	12.17	0
75	X136B04	2	0.012	0.988	2b	2.42	1

76	X85A03	2	0.012	0.988	2b	2.08	0
77	X86A40	2	0.000	1.000	2b	12.17	0
78	X87A79	2	0.820	0.180	2a	12.08	0
79	X88A67	2	0.574	0.426	2a	4.25	1
80	X94A16	2	0.999	0.001	2a	11.08	0
81	X96A21	2	0.020	0.980	2b	0.08	1
82	X137B88	2	0.640	0.360	2a	10.5	1
83	X9B52	2	0.999	0.001	2a	11.33	0
84	X13B79	2	0.999	0.001	2a	10.83	0
85	X140B91	2	0.901	0.099	2a	11.5	0
86	X144B49	2	0.796	0.204	2a	11.5	0
87	X145B10	2	0.000	1.000	2b	11.42	0
88	X14B98	2	0.999	0.001	2a	10.83	0
89	X150B81	2	1.000	0.000	2a	11.42	0
90	X151B84	2	1.000	0.000	2a	11.42	0
91	X152B99	2	1.000	0.000	2a	2.08	0
92	X154B42	2	0.099	0.901	2b	3.42	1
93	X158B84	2	0.999	0.001	2a	4.67	1
94	X159B47	2	0.002	0.998	2b	6.5	1
95	X15C94	2	1.000	0.000	2a	4.42	0
96	X161B31	2	1.000	0.000	2a	11.42	0
97	X164B81	2	0.000	1.000	2b	11.33	0
98	X165B72	2	0.944	0.056	2a	1.5	1
99	X166B79	2	0.980	0.020	2a	11.33	0
100	X168B51	2	0.800	0.200	2a	5.33	0
101	X169B79	2	0.995	0.005	2a	11.33	0
102	X16C97	2	1.000	0.000	2a	3.58	1
103	X170B15	2	0.999	0.001	2a	4.08	1
104	X171B77	2	0.000	1.000	2b	1.75	1
105	X175B72	2	0.901	0.099	2a	0	1
106	X176B74	2	1.000	0.000	2a	6	0
107	X178B74	2	1.000	0.000	2a	7.42	0
108	X179B28	2	0.999	0.001	2a	2.33	1
109	X17C40	2	0.999	0.001	2a	1.92	0
110	X183B75	2	0.820	0.180	2a	7	1
111	X186B22	2	0.786	0.214	2a	0.17	1
112	X187B36	2	0.000	1.000	2b	0	1
113	X188B13	2	0.999	0.001	2a	11	0
114	X189B83	2	0.000	1.000	2b	11	0
115	X18C56	2	1.000	0.000	2a	10.75	0
116	X191B79	2	0.099	0.901	2b	4.42	1
117	X193B72	2	0.640	0.360	2a	10.92	0
118	X197B95	2	0.297	0.703	2b	10.92	0
119	X198B90	2	0.901	0.099	2a	10.92	0
120	X199B55	2	0.820	0.180	2a	10.92	0
121	X110B34	2	0.000	1.000	2b	11.67	0
122	X201B68	2	0.999	0.001	2a	10.92	0
123	X202B44	2	0.999	0.001	2a	10.83	0
124	X203B49	2	1.000	0.000	2a	10.83	0
125	X206C05	2	1.000	0.000	2a	6.42	0
126	X208C06	2	0.136	0.864	2b	0.08	0

APPENDIX 8A**SWS Classifier 4**

Order	UGID(build #183)	UnigeneName	GeneSymbol	GenbankAccession	Affid ID	Cut-off
1	Hs.48855	cell division cycle associated 8	CDCA8	BC001651	A.221520_s_at	5.5046
2	Hs.75573	centromere protein E, 312kDa	CENPE	NM_001813	A.205046_at	5.2115
3	Hs.552	steroid-5-alpha-reductase, alpha polypeptide 1 (3-oxo-5 alpha-steroid delta 4-dehydrogenase alpha 1)	SRD5A1	BC006373	A.211056_s_at	6.9192
4	Hs.101174	microtubule-associated protein tau	MAPT	NM_016835	A.203929_s_at	4.8246
5	Hs.164018	leucine zipper protein FKSG14	FKSG14	BC005400	B.222848_at	6.1846
6	acc_R38110	N.A.		R38110	B.240112_at	6.2557
7	Hs.325650	EH-domain containing 2	EHD2	AI417917	A.221870_at	7.6677

APPENDIX 8B

SWS Classifier 4: Classifier Accuracy

Accuracy
 G1= 67/68
 (98.5%)
 G3= 52/55
 (94.5%)

Number	Patients ID	Histologic grade	Probability for G 1	Probability for G3	Predicted grade (G1 or G3)
1	X100B08	1	1.000	0	1
2	X209C10	1	0.992	0.008	1
3	X21C28	1	0.992	0.008	1
4	X220C70	1	1.000	0.000	1
5	X224C93	1	0.962	0.038	1
6	X227C50	1	1.000	0.000	1
7	X229C44	1	0.962	0.038	1
8	X231C80	1	0.742	0.258	1
9	X233C91	1	1.000	0.000	1
10	X235C20	1	0.633	0.367	1
11	X236C55	1	0.986	0.014	1
12	X114B68	1	0.852	0.148	1
13	X243C70	1	1.000	0.000	1
14	X246C75	1	1.000	0.000	1
15	X248C91	1	1.000	0.000	1
16	X253C20	1	1.000	0.000	1
17	X259C74	1	1.000	0.000	1
18	X261C94	1	1.000	0.000	1
19	X262C85	1	0.992	0.008	1
20	X263C82	1	1.000	0.000	1
21	X266C51	1	1.000	0.000	1
22	X267C04	1	0.633	0.367	1
23	X282C51	1	0.962	0.038	1
24	X284C63	1	0.992	0.008	1
25	X289C75	1	0.969	0.031	1
26	X28C76	1	0.992	0.008	1
27	X294C04	1	0.667	0.333	1
28	X309C49	1	0.531	0.469	1
29	X316C65	1	1.000	0.000	1
30	X128B48	1	1.000	0.000	1
31	X33C30	1	0.992	0.008	1
32	X39C24	1	0.992	0.008	1
33	X42C57	1	1.000	0.000	1
34	X45A96	1	0.703	0.297	1
35	X48A46	1	1.000	0.000	1
36	X49A07	1	0.992	0.008	1
37	X52A90	1	0.992	0.008	1

38	X61A53	1	0.742	0.258	1
39	X65A68	1	0.975	0.025	1
40	X6B85	1	0.633	0.367	1
41	X72A92	1	0.992	0.008	1
42	X135B40	1	1.000	0.000	1
43	X74A63	1	0.852	0.148	1
44	X83A37	1	0.852	0.148	1
45	X8B87	1	1.000	0.000	1
46	X99A50	1	0.738	0.262	1
47	X138B34	1	0.992	0.008	1
48	X155B52	1	1.000	0.000	1
49	X156B01	1	1.000	0.000	1
50	X160B16	1	0.992	0.008	1
51	X163B27	1	0.992	0.008	1
52	X105B13	1	0.939	0.061	1
53	X173B43	1	1.000	0.000	1
54	X174B41	1	0.986	0.014	1
55	X177B67	1	1.000	0.000	1
56	X106B55	1	1.000	0.000	1
57	X180B38	1	1.000	0.000	1
58	X181B70	1	0.947	0.053	1
59	X184B38	1	0.852	0.148	1
60	X185B44	1	0.992	0.008	1
61	X10B88	1	0.463	0.537	3
62	X192B69	1	0.992	0.008	1
63	X195B75	1	1.000	0.000	1
64	X196B81	1	0.742	0.258	1
65	X19C33	1	0.962	0.038	1
66	X204B85	1	1.000	0.000	1
67	X205B99	1	0.633	0.367	1
68	X207C08	1	1.000	0.000	1
69	X111B51	3	0.027	0.973	3
70	X222C26	3	0.105	0.895	3
71	X226C06	3	0.003	0.997	3
72	X113B11	3	0.320	0.680	3
73	X232C58	3	0.020	0.980	3
74	X234C15	3	0.028	0.972	3
75	X238C87	3	0.062	0.938	3
76	X241C01	3	0.009	0.991	3
77	X249C42	3	0.003	0.997	3
78	X250C78	3	0.007	0.993	3
79	X252C64	3	0.020	0.980	3
80	X269C68	3	0.003	0.997	3
81	X26C23	3	0.078	0.922	3
82	X270C93	3	0.105	0.895	3
83	X271C71	3	0.009	0.991	3
84	X279C61	3	0.009	0.991	3
85	X287C67	3	0.079	0.921	3
86	X291C17	3	0.008	0.992	3
87	X127B00	3	0.003	0.997	3
88	X303C36	3	0.003	0.997	3
89	X304C89	3	0.888	0.112	1
90	X311A27	3	0.010	0.990	3
91	X313A87	3	0.059	0.941	3

92	X314B55	3	0.010	0.990	3
93	X101B88	3	0.007	0.993	3
94	X37C06	3	0.003	0.997	3
95	X46A25	3	0.064	0.936	3
96	X131B79	3	0.078	0.922	3
97	X54A09	3	0.007	0.993	3
98	X55A79	3	0.322	0.678	3
99	X62A02	3	0.007	0.993	3
100	X66A84	3	0.003	0.997	3
101	X67A43	3	0.003	0.997	3
102	X69A93	3	0.007	0.993	3
103	X70A79	3	0.003	0.997	3
104	X73A01	3	0.643	0.357	1
105	X76A44	3	0.064	0.936	3
106	X79A35	3	0.007	0.993	3
107	X82A83	3	0.147	0.853	3
108	X89A64	3	0.003	0.997	3
109	X90A63	3	0.009	0.991	3
110	X139B03	3	0.067	0.933	3
111	X102B06	3	0.003	0.997	3
112	X142B05	3	0.010	0.990	3
113	X143B81	3	0.020	0.980	3
114	X146B39	3	0.007	0.993	3
115	X147B19	3	0.020	0.980	3
116	X103B41	3	0.009	0.991	3
117	X153B09	3	0.007	0.993	3
118	X104B91	3	0.052	0.948	3
119	X162B98	3	0.439	0.561	3
120	X172B19	3	0.007	0.993	3
121	X182B43	3	0.003	0.997	3
122	X194B60	3	0.009	0.991	3
123	X200B47	3	0.795	0.205	1

APPENDIX 8C**SWS Classifier 4: G2a-G2b Prediction Validation**

# Cox PH test summary (Baseline group 1)						
	coef	exp(coef)	se(coef)	z	p	
group2b	0.789	2.2	0.293	2.69	0.007	
Likelihood ratio test=7.2 on 1 df, p=0.0073 n= 126						
	n events	rmean	se(rmean)	median	0.95LCL	0.95UCL
grade 2a=77	22	10.0	0.508	Inf	Inf	Inf
grade 2b=49	25	7.4	0.777	8.5	3	Inf

* DFS Event defined as any type of recurrence or death because of breast cancer, whichever comes first

Probability for G2a	Probability for G2b	Predicted grade (2a-G2a, 2b-G2b)	DFS TIME	DFS Event *
0.001	0.999	2b	0.5	1
0.001	0.999	2b	1.5	0
0.999	0.001	2a	3.75	1
0.003	0.997	2b	10.08	0
0.999	0.001	2a	10.75	0
1.000	0.000	2a	10.75	0
1.000	0.000	2a	10.75	0
0.024	0.976	2b	0.92	1
0.024	0.976	2b	3	1
0.998	0.002	2a	8.42	0
0.001	0.999	2b	10.75	0
1.000	0.000	2a	4.83	0
0.001	0.999	2b	0.5	1
0.000	1.000	2b	10.67	0
0.001	0.999	2b	8.5	1
0.002	0.998	2b	2.42	1
0.670	0.330	2a	2.17	1
0.007	0.993	2b	7.25	1
0.002	0.998	2b	0	1
0.525	0.475	2a	10.5	0
1.000	0.000	2a	7.42	0
1.000	0.000	2a	10.67	0
0.999	0.001	2a	10.5	0
1.000	0.000	2a	10.5	0
1.000	0.000	2a	10.5	0
0.000	1.000	2b	1.25	1
0.000	1.000	2b	11.58	0
1.000	0.000	2a	10.5	0
1.000	0.000	2a	5.75	1

0.025	0.975	2b	10.42	0
0.008	0.992	2b	10.42	0
1.000	0.000	2a	11.17	0
0.000	1.000	2b	10.33	0
1.000	0.000	2a	10.33	0
1.000	0.000	2a	10.33	0
0.999	0.001	2a	10.25	0
1.000	0.000	2a	8.58	0
0.999	0.001	2a	5	1
0.997	0.003	2a	10.25	0
1.000	0.000	2a	6.83	0
0.999	0.001	2a	1	1
1.000	0.000	2a	10	0
1.000	0.000	2a	10	0
1.000	0.000	2a	10	0
1.000	0.000	2a	10	0
1.000	0.000	2a	9.92	0
1.000	0.000	2a	9.92	0
1.000	0.000	2a	6.5	1
0.007	0.993	2b	9.92	0
0.754	0.246	2a	9.83	0
0.001	0.999	2b	2.25	1
1.000	0.000	2a	10.17	0
0.003	0.997	2b	2.42	1
1.000	0.000	2a	10.08	0
1.000	0.000	2a	10	0
0.999	0.001	2a	9.92	0
1.000	0.000	2a	4.42	1
0.727	0.273	2a	9.92	0
0.525	0.475	2a	12.75	0
0.000	1.000	2b	9.58	1
0.999	0.001	2a	9.08	1
0.007	0.993	2b	12.67	0
0.001	0.999	2b	2.58	1
1.000	0.000	2a	1.08	1
0.000	1.000	2b	0.42	1
0.001	0.999	2b	0.75	1
0.999	0.001	2a	0.67	1
0.007	0.993	2b	2	1
1.000	0.000	2a	0.17	1
0.001	0.999	2b	12.42	0
0.848	0.152	2a	3.58	1
0.719	0.281	2a	1.08	1
0.719	0.281	2a	2.42	1
0.001	0.999	2b	12.17	0
0.693	0.307	2a	2.42	1
0.999	0.001	2a	2.08	0
0.001	0.999	2b	12.17	0
1.000	0.000	2a	12.08	0
0.001	0.999	2b	4.25	1
1.000	0.000	2a	11.08	0
0.999	0.001	2a	0.08	1

0.999	0.001	2a	10.5	1
0.754	0.246	2a	11.33	0
1.000	0.000	2a	10.83	0
1.000	0.000	2a	11.5	0
1.000	0.000	2a	11.5	0
0.000	1.000	2b	11.42	0
0.848	0.152	2a	10.83	0
1.000	0.000	2a	11.42	0
1.000	0.000	2a	11.42	0
0.999	0.001	2a	2.08	0
0.002	0.998	2b	3.42	1
1.000	0.000	2a	4.67	1
0.001	0.999	2b	6.5	1
1.000	0.000	2a	4.42	0
1.000	0.000	2a	11.42	0
0.000	1.000	2b	11.33	0
0.001	0.999	2b	1.5	1
0.001	0.999	2b	11.33	0
1.000	0.000	2a	5.33	0
0.525	0.475	2a	11.33	0
1.000	0.000	2a	3.58	1
1.000	0.000	2a	4.08	1
0.001	0.999	2b	1.75	1
0.003	0.997	2b	0	1
0.999	0.001	2a	6	0
0.999	0.001	2a	7.42	0
0.999	0.001	2a	2.33	1
1.000	0.000	2a	1.92	0
0.592	0.408	2a	7	1
0.001	0.999	2b	0.17	1
0.000	1.000	2b	0	1
0.005	0.995	2b	11	0
0.000	1.000	2b	11	0
0.030	0.970	2b	10.75	0
0.001	0.999	2b	4.42	1
0.000	1.000	2b	10.92	0
0.001	0.999	2b	10.92	0
1.000	0.000	2a	10.92	0
0.001	0.999	2b	10.92	0
0.000	1.000	2b	11.67	0
1.000	0.000	2a	10.92	0
1.000	0.000	2a	10.83	0
1.000	0.000	2a	10.83	0
0.754	0.246	2a	6.42	0
0.001	0.999	2b	0.08	0

CLAIMS

1. A method of assigning a grade to a breast tumour, which grade is indicative of the aggressiveness of the tumour, the method comprising detecting the expression of a gene selected from the genes set out in Table D1 (SWS Classifier 0).
- 5 2. A method according to Claim 1, in which the method comprises detecting a high level of expression of the gene and assigning the grade set out in Column 7 ("Grade with Higher Expression") of Table D1 to the breast tumour or detecting a low level of expression of the gene and assigning the grade set out in Column 8 ("Grade with Lower Expression") of Table D1 to the breast tumour.
- 10 3. A method according to Claim 1 or 2, in which a high level of expression is detected if the expression level of the gene is above the expression level set out in Column 9 ("Cut-Off") of Table D1, and a low level of expression is detected if the expression level of the gene is below that level.
- 15 4. A method according to Claim 1, 2 or 3, in which the expression of a plurality of genes is detected, preferably in the form of an expression profile of the plurality of genes.
5. A method according to any preceding claim, in which the gene expression data or profile is derived from microarray hybridisation such as hybridisation to an Affymetrix microarray, or by real time polymerase chain reaction (RT-PCR).
- 20 6. A method according to any preceding claim, in which the expression level of the gene or genes is detected using microarray analysis with a probe set consisting of a probe or probes having Affymetrix ID numbers as set out in Column 6 ("Affi ID") of Table D1.
7. A method according to any preceding claim, in which the method is capable of classifying a breast tumour to an accuracy of at least 85%, preferably at least 90% accuracy, preferably at least 95% accuracy, with reference to the grade obtained of the breast tumour by histological grading.
- 25 8. A method according to any preceding claim, in which the expression level of 5 or more genes is detected.
9. A method according to Claim 8, in which the 5 or more genes comprises the genes set out in Table D2 (SWS Classifier 1), viz: Barren homolog (*Drosophila*) (BRRN1, GenBank Accession No. D38553); Hypothetical protein FLJ11029 (FLJ11029, GenBank
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Accession No. BG165011); cDNA clone IMAGE:4452583, partial cds (GenBank Accession No. BG492359); Serine/threonine-protein kinase 6 (STK6); and Maternal embryonic leucine zipper kinase (MELK, GenBank Accession No. NM_014791).

10. A method according to Claim 8 or 9, in which the expression level of the genes is
5 detected using microarray analysis with a probe set consisting of probes having Affymetrix ID numbers as set out in Column 6 ("Affi ID") of Table D2 (SWS Classifier 1), viz: B.228273_at, A.208079_s_at, B.226936_at, A.212949_at, A.204825_at, A.204092_s_at.

11. A method according to Claim 8, in which the 5 or more genes comprises the genes
10 set out in Table D4 (SWS Classifier 3), viz: TPX2, microtubule-associated protein homolog (*Xenopus laevis*) (TPX2, GenBank Accession No. AF098158), Protein regulator of cytokinesis 1 (PRC1, GenBank Accession No. NM_003981), Neuro-oncological ventral antigen 1 (NOVA1, GenBank Accession No. NM_002515), Stanniocalcin 2 (STC2, GenBank Accession No. AI435828), Cold inducible RNA binding protein (CIRBP,
15 GenBank Accession No. AL565767), Chemokine (C-X-C motif) ligand 14 (CXCL14, GenBank Accession No. NM_004887), Signal peptide, CUB domain, EGF-like 2 (SCUBE2, GenBank Accession No. AI424243).

12. A method according to Claim 8 or 11, in which the expression level of the genes is
20 detected using microarray analysis with a probe set consisting of probes having Affymetrix ID numbers as set out in Column 6 ("Affi ID") of Table D4 (SWS Classifier 3), viz: A.210052_s_at, A.218009_s_at, A.205794_s_at, A.203438_at, B.225191_at, A.218002_s_at, A.219197_s_at.

13. A method according to Claim 8, in which the 5 or more genes comprises the genes
25 set out in Table D5 (SWS Classifier 4), viz: cell division cycle associated 8 (CDCA8, GenBank Accession No. BC001651), centromere protein E, 312kDa (CENPE, GenBank Accession No. NM_001813), steroid-5-alpha-reductase, alpha polypeptide 1 (3-oxo-5 alpha-steroid delta 4-dehydrogenase alpha 1) (SRD5A1, GenBank Accession No. BC006373), microtubule-associated protein tau (MAPT, GenBank Accession No. NM_016835), leucine zipper protein (FKSG14, GenBank Accession No. FKSG14),
30 BC005400 (GenBank Accession No. R38110), EH-domain containing 2 (EHD2, GenBank Accession No. AI417917).

14. A method according to Claim 8 or 13, in which the expression level of the genes is
detected using microarray analysis with a probe set consisting of probes having Affymetrix ID numbers as set out in Column 6 ("Affi ID") of Table D5 (SWS Classifier

4), viz: A.221520_s_at, A.205046_at, A.211056_s_at, A.203929_s_at, B.222848_at, B.240112_at, A.221870_at.

15. A method according to any of Claims 1 to 7, in which the expression level of 17 or more genes in Table D1 is detected.

5 16. A method according to Claim 15, in which the 17 or more genes comprises the genes set out in Table D3 (SWS Classifier 2), viz: Barren homolog (*Drosophila*) (BRRN1, GenBank Accession No. D38553); Cell division cycle associated 8 (CDCA8, GenBank Accession No. BC001651); V-myb myeloblastosis viral oncogene homolog (avian)-like 2 (MYBL2, GenBank Accession No. NM_002466); Hypothetical protein FLJ11029 (FLJ11029, GenBank Accession No. BG165011); FBJ murine osteosarcoma viral oncogene homolog B (FOSB, GenBank Accession No. NM_006732); CDNA clone IMAGE:4452583, partial cds (GenBank Accession No. BG492359); Serine/threonine-protein kinase 6 (STK6, GenBank Accession No. BC027464); Anillin, actin binding protein (scraps homolog, *Drosophila*) (ANLN, GenBank Accession No. AK023208);
10 Centromere protein E, 312kDa (CENPE, GenBank Accession No. NM_001813); TTK protein kinase (TTK, GenBank Accession No. NM_003318); Signal peptide, CUB domain, EGF-like 2 (SCUBE2, GenBank Accession No. AI424243); V-fos FBJ murine osteosarcoma viral oncogene homolog (FOS, GenBank Accession No. BC004490); TPX2, microtubule-associated protein homolog (*Xenopus laevis*) (TPX2, GenBank Accession
15 No. AF098158); Kinetochore protein Spc24 (Spc24, GenBank Accession No. AI469788); Forkhead box M1 (FOXO1, GenBank Accession No. NM_021953); Maternal embryonic leucine zipper kinase (MELK, GenBank Accession No. NM_014791); Cell division cycle associated 5 (CDCA5, GenBank Accession No. BE614410); and Cell division cycle associated 3 (CDCA3, GenBank Accession No. NM_031299).

25 17. A method according Claim 15 or 16, in which the expression level of the genes is detected using microarray analysis with a probe set consisting of probes having Affymetrix ID numbers as set out in Column 6 ("Affi ID") of Table D3, viz: A.212949_at; A.221520_s_at; A.201710_at; B.228273_at; A.202768_at; B.226936_at; A.208079_s_at; B.222608_s_at; A.205046_at; A.204822_at; A.219197_s_at; A.209189_at;
30 A.210052_s_at; B.235572_at; A.202580_x_at; A.204825_at; B.224753_at; and A.221436_s_at.

18. A method according to any of Claims 8 to 17, in which the method comprises detecting a high level of expression of the gene, and assigning the grade set out in Column 7 ("Grade with Higher Expression") of Table D2 (SWS Classifier 1), Table D3 (SWS

Classifier 2), Table D4 (SWS Classifier 3) or Table D5 (SWS Classifier 4) to the breast tumour.

19. A method according to any of Claims 8 to 17, in which the method comprises detecting a low level of expression of the gene, and assigning the grade set out in Column 8 (“Grade with Lower Expression”) of Table D2 (SWS Classifier 1), Table D3 (SWS Classifier 2), Table D4 (SWS Classifier 3) or Table D5 (SWS Classifier 4) to the breast tumour.

20. A method according to any of Claims 8 to 17, in which a high level of expression is detected if the expression level of the gene is above the expression level set out in Column 9 (“Cut-Off”) of Table D2 (SWS Classifier 1), Table D3 (SWS Classifier 2), Table D4 (SWS Classifier 3) or Table D5 (SWS Classifier 4), and a low level of expression is detected if the expression level of the gene is below that level.

21. A method according to any preceding claim, in which the expression level of all of the genes in Table D1 is detected.

22. A method according to any preceding claim, in which the grade is assigned by applying a class prediction algorithm comprising a nearest shrunken centroid method (Tibshirani, et al., 2002, Proc Natl Acad Sci U S A. 99(10): 6567–6572) to the expression data of the plurality of genes.

23. A method according to Claim 22, in which the class prediction algorithm comprises Prediction Analysis of Microarrays (PAM).

24. A method according to any preceding claim, in which the grade is assigned by applying a class prediction algorithm comprising the steps of:

(a) obtaining a set of predictor parameters;

(b) re-coding the parameters to obtain discrete-valued variables;

(c) selecting statistically robust discrete-valued variables and combinations thereof;

(d) obtaining a sum of the statistically weighted discrete-valued variables and combinations thereof; and

(e) obtaining a predictive outcome of breast cancer subtype based on the sum.

25. A method according to any preceding claim, in which the grade is assigned by applying a class prediction algorithm comprising Statistically Weighted Syndromes (SWS) to the gene expression data.
26. A method according to any preceding claim, in which the breast tumour comprises a histological Grade 2 breast tumour.
27. A method of classifying a histological Grade 2 tumour into a low aggressiveness tumour or a high aggressiveness tumour, the method comprising assigning a grade to the histological Grade 2 tumour according to any preceding claim.
28. A method according to Claim 27, in which a histological Grade 2 breast tumour assigned a low aggressiveness grade has at least one feature of a histological Grade 1 breast tumour.
29. A method according to Claim 27, in which a breast tumour assigned a high aggressiveness grade has at least one feature of a histological Grade 3 breast tumour.
30. A method according to Claim 28 or 29, in which the feature comprises likelihood of tumour recurrence post-surgery or survival rate, preferably disease free survival rate.
31. A method according to Claim 28 or 29, in which the feature comprises susceptibility to treatment.
32. A method according to any preceding claim, in which the method is capable of classifying histological Grade 1 and histological Grade 3 tumours with an accuracy of 70% or above, preferably 80% or above, more preferably 90% or above.
33. A method of predicting a survival rate for an individual with a histological Grade 2 breast tumour, the method comprising assigning a grade to the breast tumour by a method according to any preceding claim.
34. A method according to Claim 33, in which a low aggressiveness grade indicates a high probability of survival and a high aggressiveness grade indicates a low probability of survival.
35. A method of prognosis of an individual with a breast tumour, the method comprising assigning a grade to the breast tumour by a method according to any of Claims 1 to 32.

36. A method of diagnosis of aggressive breast cancer in an individual, the method comprising assigning a grade indicative of high aggressiveness to a breast tumour of the individual by a method according to Claims 1 to 32.

37. A method of choosing a therapy for an individual with breast cancer, the method comprising assigning a grade to the breast tumour by a method according to any of Claims 1 to 32, and choosing an appropriate therapy based on the aggressiveness of the breast tumour.

38. A method of treatment of an individual with breast cancer, the method comprising assigning a grade to the breast tumour by a method according to any of Claims 1 to 32, and administering an appropriate therapy to the individual based on the aggressiveness of the breast tumour.

39. A method according to Claim 36, 37 or 38, in which the diagnosis or choice of therapy is determined by further assessing the size of the tumour, or the lymph node stage or both, optionally together or in combination with other risk factors

40. A method according to any of Claims 36 to 39, in which the choice of therapy is determined by assessing the Nottingham Prognostic Index (Haybittle, et al., 1982).

41. A method according to any of Claims 36 to 40, in which the choice of therapy is determined by further assessing the oestrogen receptor (ER) status of the breast tumour.

42. A method according to any preceding claim, in which the histological grading comprises the Nottingham Grading System (NGS) or the Elston-Ellis Modified Scarff, Bloom, Richardson Grading System.

43. A method of determining the likelihood of success of a particular therapy on an individual with a breast tumour, the method comprising comparing the therapy with the therapy determined by a method according to Claim 37.

44. A method of assigning a breast tumour patient into a prognostic group, the method comprising applying the Nottingham Prognostic Index to a breast tumour, in which the histologic grade score of the breast tumour is replaced by a grade obtained by a method according to any of Claims 2 to 32.

45. A method of assigning a breast tumour patient into a prognostic group, the method comprising deriving a score which is the sum of the following:

(a) (0.2 x tumour size in cm);

(b) tumour grade in which the tumour grade is assigned by a method according to any of Claims 2 to 32; and

(c) lymph node stage;

5 in which the tumour size and the lymph node stage are determined according to the Nottingham Prognostic Index, in which a patient with a score of 2.4 or less is categorised to a EPG (excellent prognostic group), a patient with a score of less than 3.4 is categorised to a GPG (good prognostic group), a patient with a score of between 3.4 and 5.4 is categorised to a MPG (moderate prognostic group), a patient with a score of greater than
10 5.4 is categorised to a PPG (poor prognostic group).

48. A method of determining whether a breast tumour is a metastatic breast tumour, the method comprising assigning a grade to the breast tumour by a method according to any of Claims 1 to 32.

15 49. A method of identifying a molecule capable of treating or preventing breast cancer, the method comprising: (a) grading a breast tumour; (b) exposing the breast tumour to a candidate molecule; and (c) detecting a change in tumour grade; in which the grade is assigned by a method according to any of Claims 1 to 32.

50. A molecule identified by a method according to Claim 49.

20 51. A method of treatment of an individual suffering from breast cancer, the method comprising modulating the expression of a gene set out in Table D1 (SWS Classifier 0).

52. A method of determining the proliferative state of a cell, the method comprising detecting the expression of a gene selected from the genes set out in Table D1 (SWS Classifier 0), in which:

25 (a) a high level of expression of a gene which is annotated “3” in Column 7 (“Grade with Higher Expression”) indicates a highly proliferative cell;

(b) a high level of expression of a gene which is annotated “1” in Column 7 (“Grade with Higher Expression”) indicates a non-proliferating cell or a slow-growing cell;

30 (c) a low level of expression of a gene which is annotated “3” in Column 8 (“Grade with Lower Expression”) indicates a highly proliferative cell; and

(d) a low level of expression of a gene which is annotated “1” in Column 8 (“Grade with Lower Expression”) indicates a non-proliferating cell or a slow-growing cell.

53. A method according to Claim 52, which comprises the features of any of Claims 5
5 to 32.

54. An array, preferably a microarray, comprising the genes set out in Table D1 (SWS Classifier 0).

55. An array, preferably a microarray, comprising the probesets set out in Table D1 (SWS Classifier 0).

10 56. An array, preferably a microarray, comprising the genes set out in Claim 9, 11, 13
or 16

57. An array, preferably a microarray, comprising the probesets set out in Claim 10,
12, 14 or 17.

15 58. Use of an array or a microarray according to any of Claims 54 to 57 in a method of
assigning a grade to a breast tumour.

59. Use according to Claim 58, in which the method comprises any of Claims 1 to 32.

60. A computer implemented method of assigning a grade to a breast tumour, the
method comprising processing expression data for one or more genes set out in Table D1
(SWS Classifier 0) and obtaining a grade indicative of aggressiveness of the breast
20 tumour.