

## Long noncoding rna malat1 may be a prognostic biomarker in idh1/2 wild-type primary glioblastomas

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### Abstract

© 2019 ABMSFBIH. Primary glioblastoma (GB) is the most aggressive type of brain tumors. While mutations in isocitrate dehydrogenase (IDH) genes are frequent in secondary GBs and correlate with a better prognosis, most primary GBs are IDH wild-type. Recent studies have shown that the long noncoding RNA metastasis associated lung adenocarcinoma transcript-1 (MALAT1) is associated with aggressive tumor phenotypes in different cancers. Our aim was to clarify the prognostic significance of MALAT1 in IDH1/2 wild-type primary GB tumors. We analyzed IDH1/2 mutation status in 75 patients with primary GB by DNA sequencing. The expression of MALAT1 was detected in the 75 primary GB tissues and 5 normal brain tissues using reverse transcription quantitative PCR (RT-qPCR). The associations between MALAT1 expression, IDH1/2 mutation status, and clinicopathological variables of patients were determined. IDH1 (R132H) mutation was observed in 5/75 primary GBs. IDH2 (R172H) mutation was not detected in any of our cases. MALAT1 expression was significantly upregulated in primary GB vs. normal brain tissues ( $p = 0.025$ ). Increased MALAT1 expression in IDH1/2 wild-type primary GBs correlated with patient age and tumor localization ( $p = 0.032$  and  $p = 0.025$ , respectively). A multivariate analysis showed that high MALAT1 expression was an unfavorable prognostic factor for overall survival ( $p = 0.034$ ) in IDH1/2 wild-type primary GBs. High MALAT1 expression may have a prognostic role in primary GBs independent of IDH mutations.

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### Keywords

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