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## Mutation Analysis and Single Nucleotide Polymorphism (SNP) of TP53 in Breast Cancer In East Java

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### ABSTRACT

The Incidence of Indonesia breast cancer case in 2018 was reported at 20.7% or 160,653 in number. The factors that caused breast cancer is *TP53* gene mutation and Single Nucleotide Polymorphism (SNP). This study aimed to determine the mutation and Single Nucleotide Polymorphism (SNP) of *TP53* gene in breast cancer. Samples of this study were 9 people chosen based on a purposive technique. The methods include total DNA isolation, DNA quantification, PCR, and sequencing. The results of the sequencing were then analyzed using alignment and blast. The SNP is browsed by the SNP finder on NCBI both followed by protein modeling. The results of this study indicate the existence of mutation in the exon and intron regions. Substitution of Guanine (G) to base Adenine (A) is occur in codon 496 which is a coding region. SNP was also obtained in exon of sample 12. The conclusion of this study is breast cancer can be caused by mutations that occur in the exon and altered the structur of protein structure, so then affect the binding affinity between p53 and its target domain. Tp53 gene mutation is not the only cause of breast cancer staging development, there are other genes that also contribute to the development of cancer stage. In addition, Single Nucleotide Polymorphism in the *TP53* gene can be used as a predisposition marker of breast cancer that has potential to be inherited.

**Keywords:** Breast Cancer, Mutation, Single Nucleotide Polymorphism, *TP53*

## Introduction

Breast cancer is the most frequent disease that faced by women and the most leading cause of death around the world [1, 2]. World Health Organization (WHO) in 2018 has reported that from 18.078.957 cancer cases, 11,6% is breast cancer. In Indonesia, breast cancer was reported as the most common cancer with the number of patient reached 58.256 and the mortality reached 22.692 [3]. The number of patient breast cancer in East Java is predicted to increase every year [4]. Based on data that had been reported by the Indonesia Ministry of Health in 2016, known that in East Java Province found 18,115 breast and cervical cancer incidence or estimated 31.1% compared in number to other provinces in Java Island.

Genetic mutations and single nucleotide polymorphism can be the factors causing breast cancer to develop [5]. One of the gene mutations that contribute to cancer is the *TP53* gene mutation [6]. As has been reported, the frequency of *TP53* gene mutations in other countries reached above 30%, such as in the USA (45%), Japan (47%), Kashmir (44%), UK (34.5%), and African-Americans (34.5%) [7, 8, 9].

P53 is a protein that coded by *TP53* gene in the nucleus and acts as a transcription factor [10]. P53 in normal cells tends to be stable and increases when DNA damage occurs [11]. P53-wild type acts as the Guardian of the Genome, so that p53 protein will increase when DNA damage occurs,

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[12]. P53 level expression that increased can activate the genes which involved in cell cycle arrest, DNA repair, and apoptosis pathways [13, 14]. However, mutations that occur in the TP53 gene can cause the p53 protein to become defective, so it affects the DNA repair process, proliferation abnormalities, and accelerates the formation of cancer [15].

Breast cancer is also caused by single nucleotide variations or Single Nucleotide Polymorphism (SNP) [16]. Genetic variations that have a high frequency of occurrence in the genome can increase the breast cancer incidence [17]. On the other hand, breast cancer is often diagnosed at late stage and due to inadequate resources, so women with breast cancer cannot receive the early appropriate treatment [18, 19]. In contrast, developed countries is already try to prioritize to prevent, manage, educate, and improve the treatment or therapy of breast cancer patients [20]. Mutation analysis and SNP of TP53 gene in breast cancer is one of the studies that can provide supporting information about the genomic condition of breast cancer. In addition, studies on TP53 mutations in breast cancer are not widely known in Indonesia, so studies of mutations and the SNP of TP53 gene that have a contribution to cancer development are important to be carried out, and in order to provide information on early detection and potential inheritance of breast cancer risk especially in East Java.

## Material and Methods

### Total DNA isolation and quantification

All breast cancer tissue samples are obtained from female patients by the Surgical Oncology Team of Dr. Syaiful Anwar Public Hospital. Then characterized by tumor size (T), lymph node invasion (N), and also the incidence of metastasis (M) refers to the TNM Breast Cancer Staging System from American Joint Committee on Cancer (AJCC). Two samples showed stage IIIB while other samples showed stage IV and its shown in Table 1. Total DNA isolation was carried out using Roche Kit® and then stored in a freezer with temperatures -20°C - 0° C. The DNA quality and quantity test was carried out using a Nanodrop Spectrophotometer 2000®. A total of 9 isolated samples showed the scores are more than 50 ng/μl and ratio between 1.8-2.0. All isolated DNA has good quality and quantity, so that it can proceed to the Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR).

### Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) and electrophoresis

PCR for TP53 fragment with using forward primer 5' TAGGTTGGCTCTGACTGTAC and for the reverse primer 5'-CAGTCAAGAA GAAAACGGCAT which designed using the National Center of Biotechnology Information blast primer (ncbi.nlm.nih.gov). PCR Cocktail consisted of 1 μl forward primers, 1 μl reverse primers, 10 μl PCR mix, 7 μl SDW, 1 μl sample. NTC Cocktail consists of 1 μl forward primer, 1 μl reverse primer, 10 μl PCR mix, 8 μl SDW. The samples that were prepared is amplified using Rotor Gene Q (Qiagen®). PCR is carried out with the following steps: 1) Initial denaturation at 94°C for 5 minutes, 2) Denaturation at 94°C for 20 seconds, 3) Annealing at 52°C for 10 seconds, 4) Extension at 72°C for 30 seconds, and 5) Final Extension at 72°C for 5 minutes. Then the ampli-con was continued to electrophoresis which was performed by using the Mupid® Electrophoresis System and 0.8% agarose gel which is consisting of 0.4 g agarose, 44 ml TBE (Tris-Boric Acid-EDTA) 1× at 50 V for 60 minutes. Then the result is visualized using the UV transluminator gel documentation system.

### Sequencing, alignment, 3D protein modeling, protein docking, and SNP analysis

The amplicon was then sequenced using the Sanger Sequencing method. TP53-wildtype are downloaded from the National Center of Biotechnology Information (NCBI) in fasta (.fas) file, then imported into the BioEdit software and continued to ClustalX software. Then, the DNA sequence is aligned and then analyzed the nucleotides. In addition, the amino acids are downloaded from Uniprot (www.uniprot.org). Protein modeling, Swissmodel (swissmodel.expasy.org) for protein docking, is using PatchDock server (bio-info3d.cs.ac.il/PatchDock/). Furthermore, the results of docking and protein modeling are visualized using the Pymol application which can be downloaded on Pymol (www.pymol.org/edu). In addition, SNP analysis is performed using the SNP finder on the NCBI page (ncbi.nlm.nih.gov).

## Results and Discussions

### Mutation of TP53 gene in 9 samples

Sequencing and alignment results showed mutations in exon sample 12, while 3 samples showed no mutations, and 5 samples showed mutations in

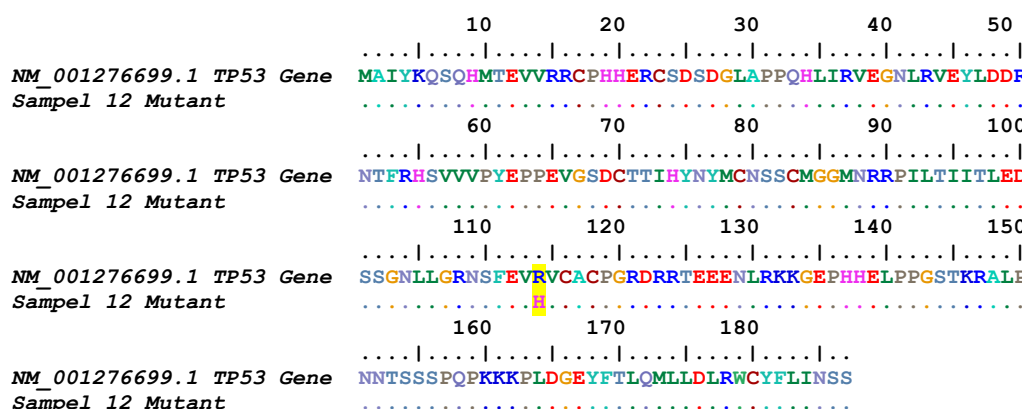


Figure 1. Amino acid alignment results showed the amino acid change (Yellow Highlight; R→H)

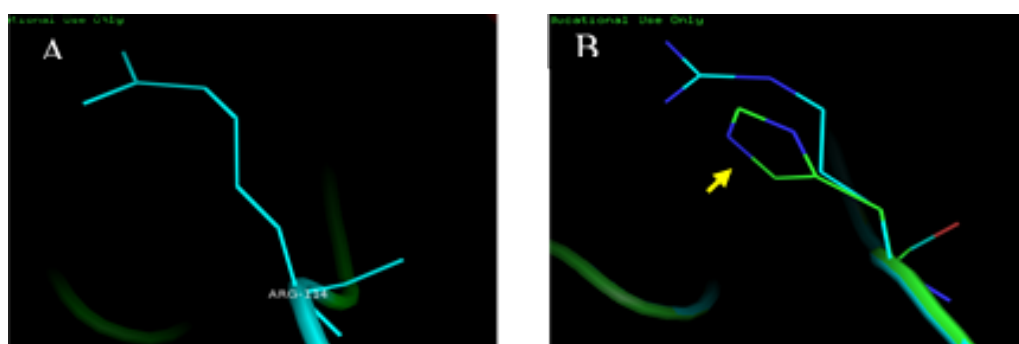


Figure 2. Visualization of p53 wild type (A) and mutant proteins (B)

introns. Colomer *et al.*, (2003) reported that 75% of mutations that frequently occur in the TP53 gene are substitution [21]. Substitution on the TP53 intron is the most common mutation [22]. Mutations in introns can affect regulation through splicing or interactions between proteins and its target domain [23]. Mutations that occur can cause sequences dysfunction that control the transcription [24]. In addition, the translational results of TP53 gene fragments in sample 12 are shown in Figure 1. The mutation that occurred in sample 12 is a substitution which causes an amino acid change in codon 114, Arginine to Histidine.

The visualization result of wild-type and mutant p53 are shown in Figure 2. The results showed 3D structures between p53-wild type and p53-mutant which have aromatic chains (Figure 2B; yellow arrow). The change of protein structure affect the binding ability between p53 and the target domain [25]. Alliteration structure of whole protein of p53 is shown in Figure 3 as the results of modeling proteins.

Petitjean *et al.*, (2007) reported that protein structure alteration can also caused the loss of

binding ability between p53 and its target domain [26]. DNA binding ability is the main activity of p53 which is involved in transcription of apoptosis and cell cycle arrest pathway [27, 28].

The protein structure of p53 (A) showed the normal protein structure, whereas the protein p53 (B) showed protein structure topography change and indicate the presence of aromatic chains (yellow arrows in Figure 2). These changes allow TP53 binding affinity abnormalities to occur in the target domain. This study was strengthened by the results of docking between the p53 protein and co.partner-WAF1 in the cell cycle arrest pathway [29]. The docking results show that the binding energy between mutant p53 and WAF1 is greater than the energy needed by normal p53 and WAF1. Takemura *et al.*, (2018) reported that the amount of energy in docking results through computational methods can predict the amount of energy needed during binding process [30]. P53-mutant protein showed a large score of energy, which may cause the failure the binding process with its co. partner protein [31]. Sable and Jois, (2015) reported that disruption of protein – protein interaction

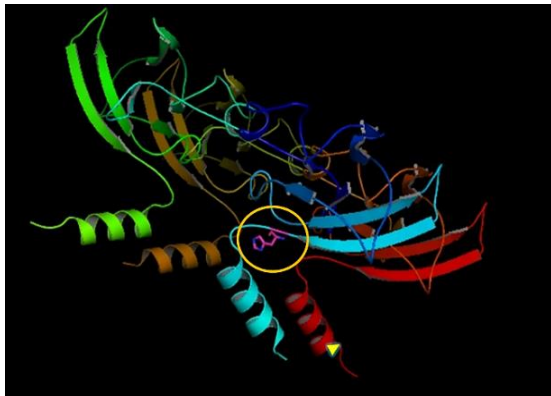


Figure 3. Topography Structure of p53-mutant

Table 1. Pathology and stadium character of samples

Sample Number	T	N	M	Stage	Position	Metastatic Position
10	4b	0	0	IIIB	Sinistral	-
11	4b	0	1	IV	Dex/Sin	Contralateral
12	4c	1	0	IIIB	Dextral	-
14	4a	3c	1	IV	Sinistral	Lung
15	4c	3	1	IV	Sin/Dex	Contralateral
17	2	1	1	IV	Sinistral	Liver
19	4c	1	1	IV	Dextral	Lung
20	4b	1	1	IV	Sin/Dex	Contralateral
22	4b	1	1	IV	Dextral	Lung

due to increased energy needed during binding process could trigger the development of a disease such as cancer [32]. The interaction of p53 with WAF1 plays a role in inducing CDK1 in the cell cycle arrest pathway, so that if this interaction is disrupted, the cell cycle cannot be stopped and cancer cells continue to proliferate [33].

### Single Nucleotide Polymorphisme in sampel 12

Based on the results, 1 of 9 samples showed the existence of SNP, in exon sample 12 (rs28934576). Chitralla & Yeguvapalli, (2014) reported that the dbSNPID database with rs.28934576 showed the possibility of causing damage or alter the amino acid structure which encoded in breast cancer [34]. Single Nucleotide Polymorphism is a variation of DNA base sequence due to changes in a single nucleotide [35]. SNP in the coding region (cSNPs) has a significant effect that cause protein structure change [36]. As a result, these changes affect the important acti-

vities of proteins in the genome, such as TP53 which play the important role in cell cycle arrest pathway [37]. SNP occurred > 1% in a population and can be predicted [38]. In addition, the polymorphism in the TP53 gene is also related to the response to treatment in patients with breast cancer [39].

### Conclusion

Based on the results of the study it can be concluded that there are mutations in the TP53 gene and Single Nucleotide Polymorphism (SNP) in exon sample 12 which causes alteration of protein structure and binding affinity. TP53 gene mutation is not the only cause of breast cancer staging development, there are other genes that also contribute to the development of cancer stage. In addition, the SNP in the TP53 gene might be used as a marker of breast cancer predisposition which has the potential to be inherited.

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