wild-type *ABCC11* (538G) is related to drug resistance in breast cancer and high rates of mortality. In conclusion, the present study shows that Japanese women with wet earwax have a higher relative risk of developing breast cancer than those with dry earwax. Further examination of the *ABCC11* SNPs that determine these phenotypes may provide useful insights into the mechanisms by which breast cancer develops and progresses, including drug resistance and chemosensitivity.

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