

Figure 3. Adjusted odds ratios of weighted telomere length genetic risk scores with lung cancer risk among never-smoking females in Asia, by decile. Bars are lung cancer association odds ratios for each weighted GRS decile and error bars represent 95% confidence intervals around the odds ratios. The first decile is used as the reference group with an odds ratio of one. As compared to individuals with a telomere-length associated GRS in the first decile, individuals with a GRS in the tenth decile have a 61% (95% CI = 34–94%, p value = 2.83×10^{-7}) increased odds of developing lung cancer.

Additional age-stratified analyses were conducted to investigate potential differences in the weighted GRS lung cancer association with age. Results indicate women in the younger than 60 years age group had an odds ratio of 1.72 (95% CI = 1.46–2.02, p value = 9.35×10^{-11}) comparing women in the fourth and first quartiles of weighted GRS, whereas women in the 60 years or older age group had an odds ratio of 1.33 (95% CI = 1.12–1.57, p value = 0.001). A significant difference was observed between the two effect estimates (p value = 0.03) indicating the association between weighted telomere-associated GRS and lung cancer risk may be stronger in younger women. Analyses were also stratified based on the two primary histological subtypes of lung cancer: adenocarcinoma and squamous cell carcinoma. The weighted GRS odds ratio comparing the fourth to first quartile for adenocarcinoma cases was 1.51 (95% CI = 1.33–1.72, p value = 2.82×10^{-10}). The squamous cell carcinoma odds ratio estimate was slightly lower at 1.42 (95% CI = 1.10–1.81, p value = 0.006). A case-only analysis of the two histological subtypes found no significant difference in weighted GRS effect (p value = 0.80).

Discussion

Our study investigated the relationship between seven telomere-length associated variants and lung cancer risk. Aggregations of the seven variants were highly associated

with lung cancer risk with the direction of the associations indicating that longer telomere length, as predicted by higher telomere length associated GRS, is a risk factor for lung cancer. Although the telomere-length associated variants explained only a fraction of the variation in telomere length, the associations suggest genetic effects tagged by these variants are important for lung cancer risk.

Previous studies have demonstrated an association with the *TERT* locus (rs2736100)^{21,27} and lung cancer risk, however, our study is the first to provide evidence for associations with other telomere-length associated variants. In particular, the nominal significance of the *TERC* locus (rs10936599) suggests this locus may play a role in telomere-related maintenance important for lung cancer risk, although further studies are needed to verify this association. The seven telomere-length associated variants explain a limited amount of the total variation in telomere length, suggesting that additional variation in telomere length may be attributable to other genetic variants which remain to be discovered. Additionally, the lower association p values of aggregate association tests relative to the telomere-length specific GRS tests suggests that in addition to telomere length other aspects of telomeres, such as maintenance of genome stability or chromosomal repair, or distinct biological process tagged by these telomere-length associated variants, especially rs2736100 in *TERT*, may be important contributors to the lung cancer risk.

Using telomere-length associated genetic variants as an instrument for measuring telomere length provides several advantages. First, reverse causation biases that may influence case-control studies of telomere length and disease can be eliminated since telomere-length associated variants are unrelated to time of blood draw and disease diagnosis. Also, by using a correlated genetic proxy for telomere length, it may be possible to partition genetic versus other risk factors (e.g., aging, oxidative damage) that are reflected in the telomere length phenotype. One potential confounder in our analysis is correlated population specific differences between lung cancer frequency and telomere risk allele frequencies. However, this potential population stratification bias was mitigated by adjusting for all principal components that were significantly associated with lung cancer risk.

The biological mechanism linking longer telomere length to lung carcinogenesis is unclear. Although telomere attrition leads to replicative senescence and apoptosis, telomere elongation may result in immortalized cells with unregulated telomerase activity and unlimited potential for cellular and tumor growth.^{28–31} Shorter telomeres may act as tumor suppressors, whereas longer telomeres may not. In addition, recent evidence suggests excessively long telomeres may be as important for chromosomal instability as critically short telomeres.³²

Our results, as well as an example from coronary artery disease,²⁰ suggest the seven telomere-associated variants are

useful proxies for investigating telomere length in a variety of diseases. Although the seven variants explain a small portion of measured peripheral WBC telomere length, the age-related shortening per variant risk allele (1.9–3.9 years) and equivalent changes in telomere base pair length (57–117 bases) appear to be biologically meaningful for disease risk.²⁰ Evidence from our analysis suggests that these seven telomere-associated variants, discovered in a European population, also have application to Asian populations. Additionally, the effect of the weighted GRS appears stronger in younger individuals suggesting telomere-length associated GRSs may be more useful in younger populations with fewer accumulated environmental exposures affecting telomere length than in older populations.

Results from our study indicate the variation tagged by seven telomere-length associated variants is important for lung cancer risk. Our genetic-based proxy for telomere length suggests longer telomere length is associated with increased lung cancer risk in non-smoking Asian females which is consistent with evidence from a number of relatively small prospective studies of measured telomere length and lung cancer risk with non-smoking cases in Asia and mostly ever-smoking cases of European descent.¹⁷ Further studies investigating the biological mechanisms related to the variation in telomere length captured by these genetic variants will improve understanding of the molecular pathways linking telomere length to lung cancer risk and may elucidate important preventative and therapeutic targets.

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Interactions between household air pollution and GWAS-identified lung cancer susceptibility markers in the Female Lung Cancer Consortium in Asia (FLCCA)

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Abstract We previously carried out a multi-stage genome-wide association study (GWAS) on lung cancer among never smokers in the Female Lung Cancer Consortium in Asia (FLCCA) (6,609 cases, 7,457 controls) that identified novel susceptibility loci at 10q25.2, 6q22.2, and

6p21.32, and confirmed two previously identified loci at 5p15.33 and 3q28. Household air pollution (HAP) attributed to solid fuel burning for heating and cooking, is the leading cause of the overall disease burden in Southeast Asia, and is known to contain lung carcinogens. To evaluate the gene–HAP interactions associated with lung cancer in loci independent of smoking, we analyzed data from studies participating in FLCCA with fuel use information available ($n = 3$; 1,731 cases; 1,349 controls). Coal use was associated with a 30 % increased risk of lung cancer (OR 1.3, 95 % CI 1.0–1.6). Among the five a priori SNPs

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identified by our GWAS, two showed a significant interaction with coal use (*HLA Class II* rs2395185, $p = 0.02$; *TP63* rs4488809 (rs4600802), $p = 0.04$). The risk of lung cancer associated with coal exposure varied with the respective alleles for these two SNPs. Our observations provide evidence that genetic variation in *HLA Class II* and *TP63* may modify the association between HAP and lung cancer risk. The roles played in the cell cycle and inflammation pathways by the proteins encoded by these two genes provide biological plausibility for these interactions; however, additional replication studies are needed in other non-smoking populations.

Introduction

Genome-wide association studies (GWAS) of lung cancer, consisting primarily of smokers of Caucasian descent, identified susceptibility variants on 5p15 and 15q25 (Landi et al. 2009; Amos et al. 2008; Hung et al. 2008; Wang et al. 2008; Wu et al. 2009; Truong et al. 2010), providing insights into the underlying mechanism(s) of lung cancer susceptibility. It was unclear, however, if these genetic variations were associated with lung cancer and/or tobacco smoking (Chanock and Hunter 2008). Interestingly, we did not observe an association at the nicotine receptor coding region on 15q25 (Hsiung et al. 2010; Lan et al. 2012) in our Female Lung Cancer Consortium in Asia (FLCCA), which consists of epidemiological studies of lung cancer restricted to never-smoking female lung cancer cases and

never-smoking female controls, suggesting that 15q25 is not associated with lung cancer independent of smoking. Further, our multi-stage GWAS of lung cancer among never smokers identified novel lung cancer susceptibility loci (Lan et al. 2012), which were not associated with lung cancer risk (i.e., $p \leq 10^{-8}$) in the GWAS consisting primarily of Caucasian smokers (Landi et al. 2009; Amos et al. 2008; Hung et al. 2008; Wang et al. 2008; Wu et al. 2009; Truong et al. 2010).

Lung cancer GWAS findings highlight the importance of accounting for environmental exposures, via study design or exposure assessment data, that may modify the genetic associations. We set out to evaluate the gene–environment interactions associated with lung cancer loci independent of smoking. Indoor emissions from household combustion of coal have been classified as carcinogenic to humans (IARC 2010). We pooled data on household air pollution (HAP) attributed to solid fuel burning for heating and cooking, which is the leading cause of disease in Southeast Asia (Lim et al. 2013), from three studies included in our GWAS.

Methods

Female Lung Cancer Consortium in Asia (FLCCA)

The Female Lung Cancer Consortium in Asia (FLCCA) consisting of epidemiological studies of lung cancer, which are restricted to never-smoking female lung cancer cases

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and never-smoking female controls, was used for this research. To date, FLCCA includes 14 studies from Mainland China, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Singapore, Japan, and South Korea. FLCCA is comprised of over 6,600 cases, 7,400 controls (Lan et al. 2012).

Three studies in FLCCA contributed solid fuel use data to this pooling effort (Table 1). The studies, which have all been previously described, include the Genetic Epidemiological Study of Lung Adenocarcinoma (GELAC) from Taiwan (Jou et al. 2009), the Shenyang Lung Cancer Study (SLCS) (Yin et al. 2009), and the Shanghai Women's Health Cohort Study (SWHS) (Zhang et al. 2007; Zheng et al. 2005). In brief, the GELAC study recruited cases who were 18 years or more of age with incident primary lung cancer from six hospitals in Taiwan. Controls were cancer-free, randomly selected from the health examination clinics of the same hospitals during the same time period of case recruitment and frequency matched by age. The SLCS recruited cases with histologically confirmed lung cancers in Northeast China. Controls were selected from patients who were free of cancer history and symptom, and frequency matched to cases on age. The SWHS is a population-based cohort study of 75,221 women from Shanghai, China, aged 40–70 years. Participants for the current study were selected applying a nested case–control study design. Women with a newly diagnosed malignant neoplasm of the bronchus or lung after study recruitment were included in this study. Controls were selected among the study participants in the cohort who were cancer-free at the time of cancer

diagnosis of the matched cases. For the SWHS, one control was randomly selected and matched with each case by age at baseline. After accounting for subjects with missing genotyping data and HAP data in all participating studies, we were left with an analytic data set of 1,731 cases and 1,349 controls.

Environmental exposure data

We utilized questionnaire data from each study to determine the type of fuel used for heating and/or cooking for each subject. The GELAC and SLCS studies provided information on the type of fuel used during cooking in their childhood home. SWHS provided information for fuel use for each subjects' most recent three residences lived. Fuel use data from each SWHS subject's oldest home was used to define the respective subject's fuel use. For all studies, subjects using any form of solid fuel, including coal, wood, and other forms of biomass, were classified as ever solid fuel users. Those not using these forms of fuel in their homes were classified as never solid fuel users. Ever solid fuel users were then refined into ever coal users if the specific type of fuel used in their home was coal. The questionnaires and interview methods have been previously reported for each of these studies (Jou et al. 2009; Yin et al. 2009; Zhang et al. 2007; Zheng et al. 2005). The main effects of solid fuel use and coal use were assessed by logistic regression, adjusting for age (categorical: less than 40, 40–49, 50–59, 60–69, more than 70) and study (GELAC, SLCS, SWHS).

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Table 1 Studies from the Female Lung Cancer Consortium in Asia (FLCCA) that participated in a gene–environment interaction analysis of GWAS-identified SNPs that confer risk of never-smoking lung cancer and household air pollution

	Genetic epidemiological study of lung adenocarcinoma (GELAC)				Shenyang lung cancer study (SLCS)				Shanghai women's health cohort study (SWHS)				All studies			
	Cases		Controls		Cases		Controls		Cases		Controls		Cases		Controls	
	<i>n</i>	%	<i>n</i>	%	<i>n</i>	%	<i>n</i>	%	<i>n</i>	%	<i>n</i>	%	<i>n</i>	%	<i>n</i>	%
Total subjects	1,098	100	1,019	100	549	100	260	100	84	100	70	100	1,731	100	1,349	100
Age ^a																
<59	504	45.9	479	47.0	282	51.4	127	48.8	40	47.6	31	44.3	826	47.7	637	47.2
≥59	594	54.1	540	53.0	267	48.6	133	51.2	44	52.4	39	55.7	905	52.3	712	52.8
Solid fuel use																
Ever	314	28.6	251	24.6	311	56.6	130	50.0	43	51.2	42	60.0	668	38.6	423	31.4
Never	784	71.4	768	75.4	238	43.4	130	50.0	41	48.8	28	40.0	1,063	61.4	926	68.6
Coal use																
Ever	69	6.3	46	4.5	58	10.6	100	38.5	43	51.2	42	60.0	365	21.1	188	13.9
Never	784	71.4	768	75.4	253	46.1	130	50.0	41	48.8	28	40.0	1,063	61.4	926	68.6
Environmental tobacco smoke																
Ever	767	69.9	615	60.4	481	87.6	222	85.4	59	70.2	53	75.7	1,307	75.5	890	66.0
Never	293	26.7	382	37.5	59	10.7	35	13.5	16	19.0	11	15.7	368	21.3	428	31.7
rs7086803																
GG	461	42.0	488	47.9	269	49.0	143	55.0	33	39.3	44	62.9	763	44.1	675	50.0
GA	459	41.8	415	40.7	239	43.5	105	40.4	38	45.2	21	30.0	736	42.5	541	40.1
AA	128	11.7	66	6.5	41	7.5	12	4.6	13	15.5	5	7.1	182	10.5	83	6.2
rs9387478																
AA	240	21.9	274	26.9	111	20.2	58	22.3	12	14.3	19	27.1	363	21.0	351	26.0
AC	548	49.9	518	50.8	281	51.2	135	51.9	39	46.4	38	54.3	868	50.1	691	51.2
CC	310	28.2	227	22.3	157	28.6	67	25.8	33	39.3	13	18.6	500	28.9	307	22.8
rs2395185																
GG	435	39.6	475	46.6	226	41.2	102	39.2	32	38.1	32	45.7	693	40.0	609	45.1
GT	515	46.9	440	43.2	258	47.0	126	48.5	39	46.4	33	47.1	812	46.9	599	44.4
TT	148	13.5	104	10.2	65	11.8	32	12.3	13	15.5	5	7.1	226	13.1	141	10.5
rs4488809 (rs4600802)																
TT	266	24.2	291	28.6	177	32.2	84	32.3	22	26.2	24	34.3	465	26.9	399	29.6
TC	506	46.1	500	49.1	274	49.9	130	50.0	44	52.4	41	58.6	824	47.6	671	49.7
CC	275	25.0	178	17.5	98	17.9	46	17.7	18	21.4	5	7.1	391	22.6	229	17.0
rs2736100																
TT	265	24.1	394	38.7	164	29.9	93	35.8	18	21.4	21	30.0	447	25.8	508	37.7
TG	592	53.9	481	47.2	271	49.4	123	47.3	46	54.8	42	60.0	909	52.5	646	47.9
GG	240	21.9	144	14.1	114	20.8	44	16.9	20	23.8	7	10.0	374	21.6	195	14.5

^a Based on the median age of controls in all studies

Genetic data

The three FLCCA studies with HAP data were genotyped using Illumina 660 W arrays at either the NCI Core Genotyping Facility (CGF) (GELAC, SWHS) or Beijing Gene Square (GS) Inc. (SLCS) (Lan et al. 2012). The scanned intensity data from GS were collected and the genotypes were clustered and called at CGF using Illumina Genome Studio v2011.1 based on the GenTrain2 calling algorithm.

Stringent quality control measures were used when building the final analytic GWAS dataset (Lan et al. 2012).

Gene–environment interaction analyses

The analyses for interaction of genotype and HAP exposure were conducted using a Wald test under the Empirical Bayes estimation framework (Mukherjee and Chatterjee 2008). The Empirical Bayes estimator is a shrinkage

Table 2 Five GWAS-identified SNPs that confer risk of never-smoking lung cancer and gene–household air pollution interaction analyses by exposure type

SNP	Chromosome	Gene	All lung cancer cases (<i>n</i> = 1,731)	
			Solid fuel interaction <i>p</i> value*	Coal interaction <i>p</i> value*
rs7086803	10	VTI1A	0.49	0.90
rs9387478	6	GOPC	0.05	0.35
rs2395185	6	<i>HLA Class II</i>	0.08	0.02
rs4488809 ^a	3	<i>TP63</i>	0.07	0.04
rs2736100	5	TERT, hTERT	0.90	0.82

Bold highlights indicate $p \leq 0.05$

* Adjusted for age and study

^a rs4488809 (rs4600802)

estimator which corresponds to a weighted average of the standard simple logistic regression estimator and the retrospective likelihood estimator (Chatterjee and Carroll 2005) under the assumption of gene–environment independence. This method has additional power relative to standard prospective logistic regression analysis of case–control data and provides superior control of type I error compared with retrospective methods including the case-only approach which are valid under the assumption of gene–environment independence. Our models included the main effects of the SNP and environmental exposure and their interaction term, as well as covariates for age (categorical) and study. To explore potential confounding by environmental tobacco smoke (ETS), we further adjusted our gene–HAP models by ETS (ever, never). We first restricted the analyses to our five a priori SNPs that achieved genome-wide significance level (i.e., $p \leq 10^{-8}$) in the GWAS: rs7086803, rs9387478,

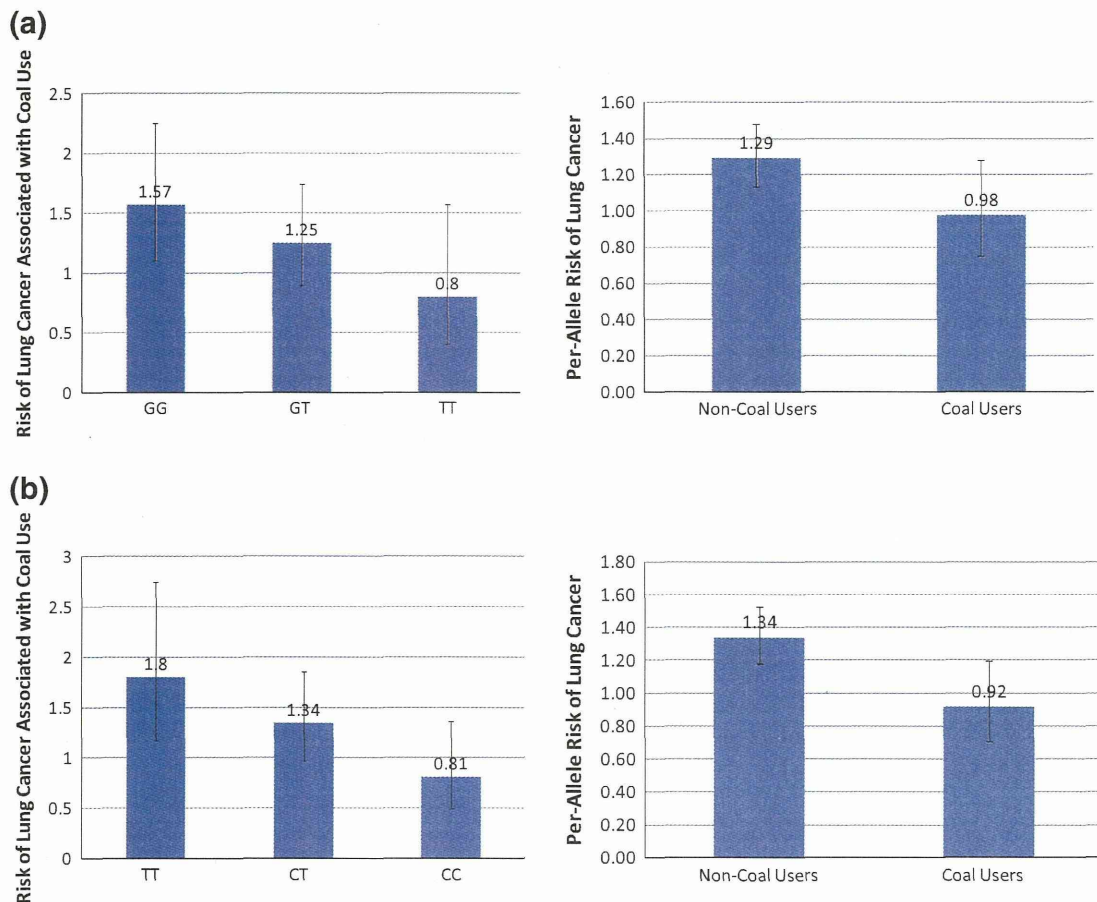


Fig. 1 Risk of lung cancer (odds ratio and 95 % confidence interval) associated with household coal use exposures stratified by the **a** rs2395185 and **b** rs4488809 (rs4600802) genotypes

rs2395185, rs4488809 (rs4600802) and rs2736100. Subsequent exploratory analyses were conducted using the full GWAS dataset.

Results

Genotype and HAP data from three studies in FLCCA, including a study conducted in Taiwan and two in mainland China, were pooled for a total of 1,731 never-smoking female lung cancer cases and 1,349 never-smoking female controls (Table 1). In all studies, we observed a 20 % increased risk of lung cancer associated with solid fuel use (OR 1.2; 95 % CI 1.0–1.4) and a 30 % increased risk of lung cancer associated with coal use (OR 1.3; 95 % CI 1.0–1.6). The risk of lung cancer associated with the five a priori SNPs in this analytic subset is summarized in Supplemental Table 1.

The gene–environment interactions between the five a priori SNPs that achieved genome-wide significance level (i.e., $p \leq 10^{-8}$) in our GWAS and our two metrics of HAP exposure are summarized in Table 2. For all lung cancers, 1 of the 5 SNPs was associated with a solid fuel use interaction ($p \leq 0.05$) (Table 2). Two of the 5 SNPs were associated with an interaction between coal use and lung cancer risk (rs2395185, $p = 0.02$; rs4488809 (rs4600802), $p = 0.04$). Further adjusting our gene–HAP models by ETS yielded similar results (Supplemental Table 2). The number of SNPs found to have statistically significant multiplicative interactions with coal use significantly exceeded the expected number of SNPs showing interaction [$p = 0.023$ for difference (2 of 5 SNPs vs 0.25 of 5 SNPs)]. The risk of lung cancer associated with coal exposure was found to vary with the respective rs2395185 and rs4488809 (rs4600802) alleles (Fig. 1). Dose–response relationships were observed between the lung cancer risk associated with coal use when stratifying by allele of these two SNPs. For both SNPs, the effect of the gene was strongest in those not exposed to coal (rs2395185: $OR_{\text{per-allele}} = 1.29$; 95 % CI 1.13–1.48; rs4488809 (rs4600802) $OR_{\text{per-allele}} = 1.34$; 95 % CI 1.18–1.53) (Fig. 1). Analyses using the full GWAS dataset did not yield any GWAS level significant interactions (i.e., $p \leq 10^{-8}$) with solid fuel or coal use (Supplemental Figure 1).

The gene–HAP results are presented in Supplemental Table 3 when restricted to only cases with lung adenocarcinoma and controls. Notably, genetic variation on chromosomes 6 (rs2395185) was associated with a coal interaction among adenocarcinomas ($p = 0.002$) (Supplemental Table 3). There was no evidence for interactions ($p > 0.05$) with rs7086803 and rs2736100 for all lung cancers or when restricting to adenocarcinomas.

Discussion

Lung cancer is the most common cancer in the world, with about 25 % of cases (53 % of those in women, 15 % of those in men) attributable to factors other than tobacco use (Parkin et al. 2005; Sun et al. 2007). Lung cancer in never smokers has unique genetic and etiologic risk factors when compared to lung cancer cases attributed to smoking tobacco (Subramanian and Govindan 2007; Lee et al. 2011). Women throughout Asia tend not to smoke, making them an ideal study population for elucidating the risk factors of never-smoking lung cancer. Smoke from domestic fuel (i.e., coal, wood, biomass) used for cooking and heating has been associated with lung cancer (Mumford et al. 1987; Hosgood et al. 2008; Lan et al. 2002, 2008; Hernandez-Garduno et al. 2004), particularly among Asian females using coal (Hosgood et al. 2010, 2011).

Consistent with the literature, we observed a 20 % increased risk of lung cancer associated with solid fuel use and a 30 % increased risk of lung cancer associated with coal use (Hosgood et al. 2010, 2011). Solid fuel combustion for heating and cooking increases the levels in the home of known carcinogens such as polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) (Huang et al. 2011; Zhang and Smith 2003; Gustafson et al. 2007, 2008). Genetic variation that influences the metabolism of HAP constituents may identify susceptible populations. Initial explorations into genetic susceptibility to lung cancer attributed to HAP evaluated the interactions between (PAH-rich) smoky coal use and genetic variation in genes involved in metabolism and detoxification pathways of PAHs, such as glutathione S-transferase M1 (*GSTM1*). In Xuanwei, China where subjects experience some of the highest HAP exposures in the world, the *GSTM1* null genotype was associated with lung cancer risk, which was more pronounced among subjects with high levels of coal use relative to those with low coal use (Lan et al. 2000). Beyond the early *GSTM1* observations, for which there is some evidence of replication in additional populations with HAP exposures (Hosgood et al. 2007), genetic variation in *AKR1C3*, *OGG1*, and cell cycle genes have been suggested to play a role in lung cancer attributed to HAP (Lan et al. 2004; Hosgood et al. 2008). Here, we report additional gene–HAP interactions based on SNPs that were identified by GWAS.

We found that genetic variation in *HLA Class II* and *TP63* may be involved in gene–HAP interactions that are associated with lung cancer risk. Interestingly, we observed a per-allele dose–response relationship between the lung cancer risk associated when stratifying by allele of these two SNPs. These relationships suggest that the major allele is associated with higher risk of lung cancer in our populations. Further, we observed that the effect of the genotype was strongest in those not exposed to coal,

suggesting that these SNPs may play a greater role in the disease etiology of unexposed populations. Additional laboratory studies are needed to further determine the functionality of these SNPs and why the presence of the risk allele could lead to a protection from the adverse effects of HAP.

The roles played in human cell cycle and inflammation pathways by the proteins encoded by these three genes provided biological plausibility for our observed interactions; however, the evidence must be weighed in concert with the strengths and limitations of our study. For example, p53, the product of the *TP63* gene, is involved in the p53 pathway. p53 is critical to proper cell cycle regulation, and functions as a tumor suppressor in numerous cancers (Hernandez-Boussard et al. 1999). In addition, *TP63* genomic gains have been identified as potential indicators of pre-invasive lung lesions and early lung cancer diagnosis (Massion et al. 2009). Proteins coded by *HLA Class II* are both involved in the inflammation response. *HLA Class II* is involved in the regulation of lymphocytes necessary for B cell inflammatory responses. *HLA Class II* has both been shown to be involved in rheumatoid arthritis, a chronic inflammatory disease (van Gaalen et al. 2004). Interestingly, as a first line of defense against inhalation exposures, such as HAP, the respiratory tract releases cytokines (e.g., TNF- α , IL-1 β) in response to site-specific inflammation (Moldoveanu et al. 2009). Therefore, our results suggest that HAP-induced lung cancer may be attributed to genetic variation in the cell cycle and inflammatory pathways. Although we are the first to report these specific gene–HAP interactions, previous studies have suggested interactions between additional cell cycle and inflammation genes and household coal use. Specifically, genetic variation in *PLA2G6*, *GSK3B*, *AKT1*, *EGF*, *TP53*, *PTEN*, *IL1B*, *IL8RA*, and, *IL12A* was associated with lung cancer risk in a rural Chinese population with substantial coal smoke exposures (Hosgood et al. 2008; Lee et al. 2007).

Our study is the largest study to date to evaluate gene–HAP interactions, and observed three novel gene–HAP interactions between exposures attributed to solid fuel use and genetic variation in *HLA Class II* and *TP63*. A major strength of our analysis is the use of never-smoking Asian female lung cancer cases and controls. Never smokers are the ideal population to evaluate environmental risk factors associated with lung cancer, since it minimizes the influence from tobacco smoking, the leading cause of lung cancer. Further, females in Asia experience some of the highest exposures from solid fuel burning. Further research is needed, however, to identify additional populations for confirmatory replication studies and to identify the underlying mechanism(s) of how in-home coal exposures interact with *HLA Class II* and *TP63*.

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