**Table S2 The methylation status of the candidate significant CpG sites in the combined datasets of TCGA/GEO ESCC samples along with the PBMC and PBL datasets from healthy samples**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Gene** | **Chr** | **Pos** | **McaMa** | **McoMb** | **Pvaluec** | **FDRd** | **Mean.PBLe** | **Mean.PBMCf** |
| EOMES-cg22383888 | 3 | 27764816 | 0.53 | 0.22 | 7.00E-09 | 3.10E-07 | 0.15 | 0.12 |
| EOMES-cg02694810 | 3 | 27764660 | 0.35 | 0.16 | 2.80E-05 | 2.30E-04 | 0.09 | 0.09 |
| EOMES-cg06014401 | 3 | 27765232 | 0.44 | 0.19 | 2.10E-09 | 1.80E-07 | 0.08 | 0.05 |
| WT1-cg05940984 | 11 | 32448678 | 0.36 | 0.16 | 8.00E-05 | 5.50E-04 | 0.06 | 0.07 |
| WT1-cg25094569 | 11 | 32448769 | 0.34 | 0.21 | 2.30E-03 | 9.40E-03 | 0.13 | 0.12 |
| WT1-cg22511262 | 11 | 32455192 | 0.31 | 0.18 | 6.90E-04 | 3.40E-03 | 0.15 | 0.12 |
| WT1-cg16092786 | 11 | 32455735 | 0.37 | 0.23 | 7.00E-05 | 4.80E-04 | 0.13 | 0.11 |
| RUNX1-cg05000748 | 21 | 36399146 | 0.42 | 0.23 | 8.10E-07 | 1.40E-05 | 0.03 | 0.02 |
| RUNX1-cg04228935 | 21 | 36399258 | 0.46 | 0.19 | 2.70E-09 | 2.00E-07 | 0.05 | 0.02 |
| SALL1-cg04550052 | 16 | 51184355 | 0.46 | 0.22 | 6.70E-06 | 7.10E-05 | 0.14 | 0.14 |
| SALL1-cg04698114 | 16 | 51184379 | 0.47 | 0.22 | 2.30E-05 | 1.90E-04 | 0.06 | 0.06 |
| SALL1-cg08526074 | 16 | 51184562 | 0.27 | 0.12 | 1.70E-02 | 5.00E-02 | 0.04 | 0.04 |
| SALL1-cg02864757 | 16 | 51184583 | 0.26 | 0.16 | 2.20E-03 | 9.20E-03 | 0.12 | 0.10 |
| SALL1-cg09016242 | 16 | 51185110 | 0.36 | 0.21 | 3.00E-02 | 8.00E-02 | 0.14 | 0.12 |
| SALL1-cg00310215 | 16 | 51185346 | 0.29 | 0.19 | 8.10E-02 | 1.70E-01 | 0.13 | 0.15 |
| SALL1-cg06724588 | 16 | 51185459 | 0.27 | 0.18 | 7.70E-02 | 1.60E-01 | 0.11 | 0.14 |
| ADHFE1-cg01588438 | 8 | 67344553 | 0.29 | 0.19 | 6.90E-02 | 1.50E-01 | 0.11 | 0.08 |
| ADHFE1-cg09383816 | 8 | 67344556 | 0.25 | 0.15 | 4.50E-02 | 1.10E-01 | 0.10 | 0.06 |
| ADHFE1-cg20295442 | 8 | 67344665 | 0.26 | 0.15 | 9.00E-02 | 1.80E-01 | 0.06 | 0.05 |
| ADHFE1-cg20912169 | 8 | 67344720 | 0.26 | 0.14 | 1.20E-01 | 2.20E-01 | 0.05 | 0.03 |
| ADHFE1-cg01988129 | 8 | 67344936 | 0.33 | 0.21 | 8.00E-03 | 2.60E-02 | 0.14 | 0.12 |
| ADHFE1-cg25046651 | 8 | 67345006 | 0.29 | 0.18 | 4.30E-03 | 1.50E-02 | 0.14 | 0.11 |
| TFPI2-cg12973591 | 7 | 93519473 | 0.33 | 0.15 | 2.00E-02 | 5.70E-02 | 0.07 | 0.06 |
| TFPI2-cg22799321 | 7 | 93519621 | 0.32 | 0.18 | 3.70E-02 | 9.30E-02 | 0.12 | 0.09 |
| TFPI2-cg20230721 | 7 | 93519855 | 0.30 | 0.14 | 2.00E-01 | 3.40E-01 | 0.05 | 0.04 |
| TFPI2-cg23141855 | 7 | 93519892 | 0.25 | 0.17 | 5.60E-01 | 7.00E-01 | 0.13 | 0.10 |

McaMa represent the mean methylation percentage of the ESCC samples in the TCGA/GEO combined dataset, and the McoMb represent the mean methylation percentage of the control samples in the combined dataset. The Pvaluec is calculated through the Wilcoxon rank-sum test. FDRd represents the p-values after multiple test correction with FDR. Mean.PBLe represent the mean methylation percentage of the PBL of normal samples. Mean.PBMCf represents the methylation data of the PBMC of the healthy normal samples. PBL and PBMC datasets were obtained from the public dataset from the GEO database.

**Table S3 The designed primers of the five genomic regions for targeted bisulfite sequencing**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Primer Name** | **Sequence** |
| ADHFE1\_F | GTTTTGAGTTYGATTGGTTTGAGG |
| ADHFE1\_R | CTACRCRTTACAATTACCTCAACAAATAC |
| EOMES\_F | AGTTGTGTTGGYGTGAGTATGAAG |
| EOMES\_R | TTCAAAACACACCTTCCTCTTATCRAAAACA |
| SALL1\_F | GTAAGAAGATGGGGATTGGTGT |
| SALL1\_R | CTTCCCTAACCCCCCTAAAA |
| TFPI2\_F | GAGGTTTGTTTAATATTTGAGAAAATTTAGG |
| TFPI2\_R | AACAACRCCAACAATTTCTACACCTAA |
| LINE-1\_F | AGTAGGGYGAGGTATTGTTTTATTTG |
| LINE-1\_R | CAAACTACTATACTAACAATCAACRAAATTCC |

**Table S4 Characteristics of the ESCC patients included in this study**

| **Characteristics** | **Patient Distribution** |
| --- | --- |
| **N = 94** |
| **Age** | 64 (IQR = 57 to 70) |
| **Sex** |  |
| Male | 69 |
| Female | 25 |
| **Smokeda** |  |
| Yes | 58 |
| No | 36 |
| **Alcohol useb** |  |
| Yes | 34 |
| No | 58 |
| n.ad | 2 |
| **T stagec** |  |
| T2 | 14 |
| T3 | 72 |
| T4 | 5 |
| n.a | 3 |
| **N stagec** |  |
| N0 | 44 |
| N1 | 38 |
| N2 | 7 |
| N3 | 3 |
| n.a | 2 |
| **M stagec** |  |
| M0 | 90 |
| M1 | 1 |
| n.a | 3 |

ESCC, esophageal squamous cell carcinoma; aYes represent the former and current smokers. bYes represent individuals who presently consume or formerly consumed alcoholic beverages. cTNM Stages were assessed by the seventh edition of the TNM classification criteria. The n.ad represents the number of samples with missing values.

**Table S5 The methylation status of the 4 genomic regions in the Young/Old subgroups**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Subgroup** | **Gene** | **Genomic** | **No.** | **McaMd** | **McoMd** | **Pvaluee** | **Sensf** | **Specf** | **AUCf** |
| **Regionb** | **CpGsitesc** |
| Younga  (N =45) | ADHFE1 | chr8:67344610-67344805 | 24 | 0.24 | 0.15 | 7.51×10-3 | 0.41 | 0.94 | 0.68 |
| EOMES | chr3:27764697-27764940 | 8 | 0.37 | 0.24 | 2.70×10-4 | 0.51 | 0.97 | 0.75 |
| SALL1 | chr16:51184268-51184468 | 18 | 0.35 | 0.17 | 1.00×10-4 | 0.51 | 0.94 | 0.77 |
| TFPI2 | chr7:93519367-93519503 | 13 | 0.24 | 0.13 | 6.79×10-3 | 0.54 | 0.94 | 0.69 |
|  | Combined | - | - | - | - | - | **0.74** | **0.80** | **0.82** |
| Olda  (N = 49) | ADHFE1 | chr8:67344610-67344805 | 24 | 0.23 | 0.15 | 6.54×10-2 | 0.26 | 0.95 | 0.61 |
| EOMES | chr3:27764697-27764940 | 8 | 0.38 | 0.23 | 6.00×10-7 | 0.81 | 0.70 | 0.80 |
| SALL1 | chr16:51184268-51184468 | 18 | 0.39 | 0.20 | 3.02×10-4 | 0.49 | 0.93 | 0.72 |
| TFPI2 | chr7:93519367-93519503 | 13 | 0.32 | 0.14 | 8.87×10-5 | 0.43 | 1.00 | 0.74 |
|  | Combined | - | - | - | - | - | **0.68** | **0.88** | **0.80** |

aThe median ages of the patients were utilized as the criteria for dividing samples into the young and old groups. bGenomic region represents the genomic coverage of the reads with targeted bisulfite sequencing, and the genomic coordinates shown here were based on the hg19 version of the genome. cNo.CpGsites represents the number of the CpGsites in each region. dMcaM represents the mean methylation percentage of the cases in each region, which consists of several CpGsites, while McoM represents the mean methylation percentage of the controls in each region. eP value is calculated through the Wilcoxon rank-sum test following with FDR (false discovery rate) adjustment for multiple correction. fSens is short for sensitivty, while Spec is short for specificity, and the AUC is short for area under curve. The sensitivity, specificity as well as the AUC were both with a logistic regression prediction model without adjustment for gender, age and smoking status and alcohol status. The mean methylation percentage of each in each genomic region was considered as a variable.

**Table S6 The methylation status of the 4 genomic regions in the Male/Female subgroups**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Subgroup** | **Gene** | **Genomic** | **No.** | **McaMc** | **McoMc** | **Pvalued** | **Sense** | **Spece** | **AUCe** |
| **Regiona** | **CpGsitesb** |
| Male  (N =69) | ADHFE1 | chr8:67344610-67344805 | 24 | 0.24 | 0.16 | 4.54×10-3 | 0.56 | 0.69 | 0.65 |
| EOMES | chr3:27764697-27764940 | 8 | 0.37 | 0.24 | 2.40×10-6 | 0.65 | 0.76 | 0.76 |
| SALL1 | chr16:51184268-51184468 | 18 | 0.36 | 0.18 | 3.13×10-5 | 0.48 | 0.95 | 0.73 |
| TFPI2 | chr7:93519367-93519503 | 13 | 0.28 | 0.13 | 5.72×10-5 | 0.54 | 0.95 | 0.72 |
|  | Combined | - | - | - | - | - | **0.68** | **0.86** | **0.79** |
| Female  (N = 25) | ADHFE1 | chr8:67344610-67344805 | 24 | 0.24 | 0.13 | 1.88×10-1 | 0.30 | 1.00 | 0.62 |
| EOMES | chr3:27764697-27764940 | 8 | 0.41 | 0.23 | 1.20×10-3 | 0.65 | 0.95 | 0.83 |
| SALL1 | chr16:51184268-51184468 | 18 | 0.39 | 0.18 | 7.10×10-3 | 0.61 | 0.95 | 0.76 |
| TFPI2 | chr7:93519367-93519503 | 13 | 0.28 | 0.13 | 1.43×10-2 | 0.78 | 0.58 | 0.73 |
|  | Combined | - | - | - | - | - | **0.70** | **0.95** | **0.82** |

aGenomic region represents the genomic coverage of the reads with targeted bisulfite sequencing, and the genomic coordinates shown here were based on the hg19 version of the genome. bNo.CpGsites represents the number of the CpGsites in each region. cMcaM represents the mean methylation percentage of the cases in each region, which consists of several CpGsites, while McoM represents the mean methylation percentage of the controls in each region. dP value is calculated through the Wilcoxon rank-sum test following with FDR (false discovery rate) adjustment for multiple correction. eSens is short for sensitivty, while Spec is short for specificity, and the AUC is short for area under curve. The sensitivity, specificity as well as the AUC were both with a logistic regression prediction model without adjustment for gender, age and smoking status and alcohol status. The mean methylation percentage of each in each genomic region was considered as a variable.

**Table S7 The methylation status of the 4 genomic regions in the Smokers/Non-smokers subgroups**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Subgroup** | **Gene** | **Genomic** | **No.** | **McaMd** | **McoMd** | **P valuee** | **Sensf** | **Specf** | **AUCf** |
| **Regionb** | **CpGsitesc** |
| Smokeda  (N =58) | ADHFE1 | chr8:67344610-67344805 | 24 | 0.23 | 0.16 | 1.61×10-2 | 0.60 | 0.64 | 0.64 |
| EOMES | chr3:27764697-27764940 | 8 | 0.38 | 0.23 | 7.80×10-6 | 0.68 | 0.79 | 0.78 |
| SALL1 | chr16:51184268-51184468 | 18 | 0.37 | 0.18 | 3.44×10-4 | 0.51 | 0.96 | 0.72 |
| TFPI2 | chr7:93519367-93519503 | 13 | 0.30 | 0.14 | 8.39×10-4 | 0.57 | 0.94 | 0.70 |
| Combined | - | - | - | - | - | **0.64** | **0.94** | **0.80** |
| Non-smokeda  (N = 36) | ADHFE1 | chr8:67344610-67344805 | 24 | 0.26 | 0.13 | 6.71×10-2 | 0.30 | 1.00 | 0.63 |
| EOMES | chr3:27764697-27764940 | 8 | 0.38 | 0.24 | 3.50×10-4 | 0.61 | 0.87 | 0.79 |
| SALL1 | chr16:51184268-51184468 | 18 | 0.36 | 0.18 | 7.30×10-4 | 0.55 | 0.87 | 0.75 |
| TFPI2 | chr7:93519367-93519503 | 13 | 0.25 | 0.13 | 7.30×10-4 | 0.85 | 0.57 | 0.75 |
| Combined | - | - | - | - | - | **0.70** | **0.80** | **0.81** |

aThe smoker subgroup included the former smokers as well as current smokers. bGenomic region represents the genomic coverage of the reads with targeted bisulfite sequencing, and the genomic coordinates shown here were based on the hg19 version of the genome. cNo.CpGsites represents the number of the CpGsites in each region. dMcaM represents the mean methylation percentage of the cases in each region, which consists of several CpGsites, while McoM represents the mean methylation percentage of the controls in each region. eP value is calculated through the Wilcoxon rank-sum test following with FDR (false discovery rate) adjustment for multiple correction. fSens is short for sensitivty, while Spec is short for specificity, and the AUC is short for area under curve. The sensitivity, specificity as well as the AUC were both with a logistic regression prediction model without adjustment for gender, age and smoking status and alcohol status. The mean methylation percentage of each in each genomic region was considered as a variable.

**Table S8 The methylation status of the 4 genomic regions in the Alcohol/ Non-alcohol subgroups**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Subgroup** | **Gene** | **Genomic** | **No.** | **McaMd** | **McoMd** | **P valuee** | **Sensf** | **Specf** | **AUCf** |
| **Regionb** | **CpGsitesc** |
| Alcohola  (N =34) | ADHFE1 | chr8:67344610-67344805 | 19 | 0.23 | 0.17 | 2.24×10-1 | 0.52 | 0.70 | 0.59 |
| EOMES | chr3:27764697-27764940 | 6 | 0.36 | 0.24 | 6.70×10-3 | 0.45 | 0.93 | 0.74 |
| SALL1 | chr16:51184268-51184468 | 17 | 0.35 | 0.20 | 2.75×10-2 | 0.45 | 0.96 | 0.68 |
| TFPI2 | chr7:93519367-93519503 | 19 | 0.30 | 0.14 | 1.30×10-2 | 0.55 | 0.93 | 0.71 |
| Combined | - | - | - | - | - | **0.74** | **0.78** | **0.77** |
| Non-alcohola  (N = 58) | ADHFE1 | chr8:67344610-67344805 | 19 | 0.24 | 0.13 | 1.70×10-3 | 0.30 | 1.00 | 0.68 |
| EOMES | chr3:27764697-27764940 | 6 | 0.38 | 0.22 | 2.10×10-7 | 0.66 | 0.88 | 0.81 |
| SALL1 | chr16:51184268-51184468 | 17 | 0.37 | 0.17 | 3.00×10-6 | 0.57 | 0.94 | 0.78 |
| TFPI2 | chr7:93519367-93519503 | 19 | 0.27 | 0.13 | 2.90×10-4 | 0.55 | 0.86 | 0.71 |
| Combined | - | - | - | - | - | **0.66** | **0.96** | **0.84** |

aThe Alcohol subgroup included the samples which had alcohol intake currently and formerly. bGenomic region represents the genomic coverage of the reads with targeted bisulfite sequencing, and the genomic coordinates shown here were based on the hg19 version of the genome. cNo.CpGsites represents the number of the CpGsites in each region. dMcaM represents the mean methylation percentage of the cases in each region, which consists of several CpGsites, while McoM represents the mean methylation percentage of the controls in each region. eP value is calculated through the Wilcoxon rank-sum test following with FDR (false discovery rate) adjustment for multiple correction. fSens is short for sensitivty, while Spec is short for specificity, and the AUC is short for area under curve. The sensitivity, specificity as well as the AUC were both with a logistic regression prediction model without adjustment for gender, age and smoking status and alcohol status. The mean methylation percentage of each in each genomic region was considered as a variable.