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#### LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

Ago2 Argonaute protein 2

ALL Acute lymphoblastic leukemia
AML Acute myeloid leukemia
APL Acute pomyelocytic leukemia

Ara-C Cytosine arabinoside

AS Antisense

AT1R Angiotensin II type 1 receptor

ATRA All-trans-retinoic acid AUC Area under the curve

BANCR BRAF-activated non-protein coding RNA BLACAT1 Bladder cancer-associated transcript 1

CBC Complete blood picture CCA Cholangiocarcinoma

CCAT1 Colon cancer-associated transcript-1 CCATs Colon cancer associated transcripts

cDNA Complementary DNA

CEBPA CCAAT enhancer-binding protein-α ChIRP-Seq Chromatin Isolation by RNA purification

CI Confidence interval

CLIP Crosslinking immunoprecipitation
CLL Chronic lymphocytic leukemia
CML Chronic myeloid leukemia

CN-AML Cytogenetically normal acute myeloid leukemia

CNV Copy number variation CRC Colorectal cancers

CRISPRs Clustered regularly interspaced short palindromic repeats

dsRBD double-stranded RNA binding

EC Esophageal cancer

EGOT Eosinophil granule ontogeny transcript

EMPs Early myeloid progenitors FAB: French-American-British

FRET Fluorescence resonance energy transfer G2DHE GATA2 distal hematopoietic enhancer

GBC Gallbladder cancer:
GC Gastric cancer

GCF First-degree relatives of patients with gastric cancer

HCC Hepatocellular carcinoma

HGNC The HUGO Gene Nomenclature Committee

HK Housekeeper gene

HMGA2 High mobility group AT-hook 2

HS highly significant

HSCs Hematopoietic stem cells

IQR Interquartile range

IT Intronic

ITDs Internal tandem duplications *LINC* Long intergenic non-coding

LNA Locked nucleic acids
LncRNAs Long non-coding RNAs
LPS Lipo poly saccharide
LSC leukemic stem cell

M0 Minimally differentiated Acute Myeloblastic leukemia

M1 Myeloblastic leukemia
M2 Myelocytic leukemia
M3 Promyelocytic leukemia
M4 Myelomonocytic leukemia
M5: Acute monocytic leukemia
M6 Acute erythroid leukemia

M7 Acute megakaryoblastic leukemia

MBC metastatic breast cancer MGB Minor groove –binding

miRNAs Micro RNAs

MRD Minimal/measurable residual disease in AML

MTX Methotrexate

*NEAT1* Nuclear paraspeckle assembly transcript 1

NF-κB Nuclear factor-κB NPM1 Nucleophosmin 1

NSCLC Non-small cell lung carcinoma

NUD Nonulcer dyspepsia OS Overall survival

p-ALL pediatric Acute Lymphocytic Leukemia

PAZ Piwi/Argonaute/Zwilli domain PBS Phosphate-buffered saline PDCD4 programmed cell death 4

PLTs: Platelets

poly IC polyriboinosinic-polyribocytidylic acid

premiRNA Precursor miRNA
pri-miRNA primary miRNA
PSPs paraspeckle proteins

PTEN phosphatase and tensin homolog RFS Shorter relapse-free survival RISC RNA-induced silencing complex

RNaseP Ribonuclease P

ROC Curve Receiver operator characteristic curve

RTqPCR Real-time quantitative PCR

SCT Rtem cell transplant SnoRNA Small nucleolar RNA

SnoRNP Small nucleolar RNA protein SNP Single-nucleotide polymorphism

SPEM Spasmolytic polypeptide- expressing metaplasia STAT5 Signal transducer and activator of transcription 5

SZ Schizophrenia T2D Type 2 diabetes TC Tongue cancer

TKDs Tyrosine kinase domains TNF-α Tumor Necrosis Factor-α

TPM1 Tropomyosin1

WHO World Health Organization

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## **ABSTRACT**

Colon cancer-associated transcript-1 (CCAT1) is along noncoding RNA that maps to chromosome 8q24.21,it was first discovered to be upregulated in colorectal cancer. Recent studies have observed the CCAT1 overexpression in primary human solid cancers as in AML. Moreover, it repressed monocytic differentiation and promote cell growth of HL-60. The present study aims to investigate the correlation of CCAT1 expression with clinicpathological features and the clinical prognosis of the patients with AML. To find out the association between CCAT1 expression and expression of miRNA-155 as a targeting gene for CCAT and to improve our understanding of the roles and the clinic implications of CCAT1 in the development and progression of AML. This study obtained by measuring the expression of CCAT1 and miR-155a of 50 AML patients. The results of the present work showed that CCAT1 and miR-155a were increased by 3.0 and 5.6 folds respectively in AML compared to normal controls and also upregulation of both biomarkers was significantly associated with high risk AML. It could be concluded that CCAT1 and miR-155a can be considered as a diagnostic and prognostic biomarker in AML.

# **Key words**

Leukemia, Acute myeloid leukemia, Long Non Coding RNA and MicroRNA-155a

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