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We examined variations in the use of breast cancer cell lines and 43 ER α positive (ER α^+) breast cancer tissue samples by quantifying promoter-specific mRNA of *ERa* with real-time PCR analysis using primers and probes specially designed for this study. Moreover, we correlated the results of quantified the promoterspecific mRNA with mRNA of total *ERa* and related them to clinicopathological factors statistically. We also examined multiregression analyses for promoter-specific mRNAs of *ERa*.

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