

Letter to the Editor

Correspondence re: Junya Toguchida *et al.*, Assignment of Common Allele Loss in Osteosarcoma to Subregion 17p13. *Cancer Res.*, 49: 6247–6251, 1989.

In a recent *Cancer Research* paper, Toguchida *et al.* (1) describe allele loss in the region of 17p between D17S1 and D17S30 in human osteosarcoma. In the Discussion section of this article, the authors mention that there are at least three other types of tumor that show a high frequency of allele loss on chromosome 17: small cell lung carcinoma, colorectal carcinoma, and breast cancer. Adrenocortical carcinoma is also characterized by allele loss at D17S30 (2). In the study reported in Ref. 2, all six patients whose normal tissue was heterozygous at the D17S30 locus showed a loss of one allele in the tumor.

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