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Approach	Summary	Licensing status	Publication and contact information
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Methylation of *ataxia telangiectasia mutated* (*ATM*) as a marker for breast cancer risk	Measuring DNA methylation of *ATM* in peripheral blood samples could help predict breast cancer risk. In peripheral blood samples from patients and healthy subjects, high levels of methylation at two *ATM* loci were associated with a greater risk for developing bilateral breast cancer. Next steps include developing a molecular signature based on *ATM* methylation that could help predict disease risk. *SciBX* 5(11); doi:10.1038/scibx.2012.297 Published online March 15, 2012	Patent and licensing information available from UCL Business plc **Contact:** Carol Harty, UCL Business plc, London, U.K. phone: +44 (0) 20 7679 9000 e-mail: c.harty@uclb.com	Brennan, K. *et al. Cancer Res.*; published online Feb. 28, 2012; doi:10.1158/0008-5472.CAN-11-3157 **Contact:** James M. Flanagan, Imperial College London, London, U.K. e-mail: j.flanagan@imperial.ac.uk

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