

## Letter to the Editor

# Important Roles of Angptl4 in Cancer

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The two studies with large population and robust clinical data identified many variants of ANGPTL4 and their association with lower risk of coronary artery disease [1,2]. ANGPTL4 protein has many functions like lipid and glucose metabolism, angiogenesis, tumorigenesis, kidney diseases, energy homeostasis, wound healing and cell differentiation [3]. The N terminal end of the protein is coiled - coiled region involved in the lipid metabolism [3]. The C terminal end of the protein fibrinogen-like domain involved in vascular permeability, and regulates ROS (reactive oxygen species) level to promote tumorigenesis [3]. In both studies there are inactivating mutations at the fibrinogen-like domain of ANGPTL4, implying possible decreased risk for cancer. Even though the ANGPTL4 is not a initiator of cancer, it has very important role in tumor grade [4], cancer invasion [3], cancer metastasis [3], poor survival [4] and as diagnostic marker [5]. In both large studies there is opportunity to better characterize the role of ANGPTL4 and its variants in cancer.

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