

An Exploratory *in silico* Screening of Potentially Deleterious Single Nucleotide Polymorphisms in the Human *CDH1* Gene

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ABSTRACT

The *Cadherin-1* (*CDH1*) gene encodes E-cadherin, a calcium-dependent adhesion protein essential for maintaining epithelial integrity. Genetic variations within *CDH1* are associated with several epithelial cancers, including hereditary diffuse gastric cancer and lobular breast carcinoma. This study aimed to identify and characterize potentially deleterious single nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs) in *CDH1* using a computational approach. Nonsynonymous SNPs were retrieved from public databases and analyzed using SIFT, PolyPhen-2, CADD, and Mutation Taster to predict their pathogenic potential. Variants consistently classified as damaging were subjected to further physicochemical and structural evaluation. ProtParam was employed to determine molecular weight, isoelectric point, aliphatic index, instability index, and hydropathicity. Inter Pro Scan analysis identified conserved cadherin domains and functional motifs affected by the variants. Structural validation was performed using Ramachandran plot analysis to assess conformational deviations between wild-type and mutant models. The integrated predictions revealed that specific SNPs could disrupt domain stability and calcium-binding efficiency, leading to loss of adhesion and increased disease susceptibility. Overall, this *in-silico* study provides insight into the structural and functional consequences of *CDH1* polymorphisms, forming a foundation for future experimental validation and precision medicine applications targeting *CDH1*-associated disorders.

Keywords: CDH1 gene, SNP analysis, Functional Characterization, Structural Studies

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INTRODUCTION

Biological Role of CDH1 and E-cadherin

The *Cadherin-1* (*CDH1*) gene encodes E-cadherin, a calcium-dependent transmembrane glycoprotein that plays a central role in epithelial cell–cell adhesion. E-cadherin is a core component of adherens junctions, where it maintains epithelial polarity, structural integrity, and coordinated intercellular communication [1]. Through its cytoplasmic interactions with catenins, E-cadherin anchors the actin cytoskeleton to the plasma membrane, thereby preserving tissue architecture and preventing inappropriate cellular dissemination [2].

Structurally, E-cadherin comprises five extracellular cadherin repeats (EC1–EC5) responsible for calcium-dependent homophilic interactions, a single transmembrane domain, and a highly conserved cytoplasmic domain that mediates binding to α -, β -, and p120-catenins. This highly ordered structure is

essential for maintaining epithelial homeostasis, and perturbations within any of these domains may compromise adhesive function and cellular cohesion [3].

CDH1 as a Tumor Suppressor in Epithelial Malignancies

The *CDH1* gene is located on chromosome 16q22.1 and functions as a tumor suppressor gene. Germline and somatic alterations in *CDH1* are strongly associated with multiple epithelial cancers, most notably Hereditary Diffuse Gastric Cancer (HDGC) and invasive lobular breast carcinoma [4]. Loss or functional impairment of E-cadherin disrupts adherens junctions, leading to reduced cell–cell adhesion and increased cellular motility.

A hallmark consequence of CDH1 dysfunction is the induction of epithelial-to-mesenchymal transition (EMT), a biological

process characterized by loss of epithelial markers, acquisition of mesenchymal traits, and enhanced invasive potential. EMT contributes significantly to tumor progression, metastasis, and therapeutic resistance, underscoring the importance of preserving E-cadherin function in epithelial tissues[5].

Single Nucleotide Polymorphisms and Functional Consequences

Single Nucleotide Polymorphisms (SNPs) represent the most abundant form of genetic variation in the human genome. While many SNPs are functionally neutral, a subset can profoundly affect gene regulation and protein function. Among these, nonsynonymous SNPs (nsSNPs) result in amino acid substitutions that may alter protein stability, folding, or functional interactions[6].

Such substitutions can disrupt conserved residues, modify physicochemical properties, or induce conformational changes that compromise protein integrity. In the context of tumor suppressor genes such as *CDH1*, deleterious nsSNPs may impair E-cadherin-mediated adhesion, thereby predisposing individuals to cancer development and progression. Consequently, systematic identification and characterization of potentially harmful nsSNPs are critical for understanding disease susceptibility and molecular pathogenesis [7].

Next-Generation Sequencing and Variant Interpretation

The advent of Next-Generation Sequencing (NGS) technologies has transformed genomic research by enabling rapid, high-throughput, and cost-effective detection of genetic variants. Applications including Whole Genome Sequencing (WGS), Whole Exome Sequencing (WES), Whole Transcriptome Sequencing (WTS), and epigenomic analyses have greatly expanded the landscape of variant discovery[8].

However, the interpretation of vast numbers of variants generated through NGS remains a major challenge. Computational approaches play a pivotal role in prioritizing variants with potential functional and clinical relevance[9]. In silico analyses provide an efficient strategy to bridge NGS data with biological interpretation, facilitating the identification of candidate variants for further experimental validation and clinical investigation [10].

In Silico Prediction of Deleterious CDH1 Variants

To evaluate the functional significance of nsSNPs in the *CDH1* gene, multiple in silico prediction tools are employed, each based on distinct yet complementary principles. SIFT (Sorting Intolerant From Tolerant) predicts the impact of amino acid substitutions based on evolutionary conservation, with deleterious variants typically occurring at highly conserved positions. PolyPhen-2 (Polymorphism Phenotyping v2) assesses the structural and functional impact of substitutions by integrating sequence conservation, protein structural features, and functional annotations[11].

CADD (Combined Annotation Dependent Depletion) provides a comprehensive deleteriousness score by integrating multiple genomic annotations into a machine-learning framework, enabling prioritization of variants likely to have pathogenic consequences. Mutation Taster further evaluates disease-

causing potential by incorporating information on evolutionary conservation, splice-site alterations, protein features, and known disease associations. The combined use of these tools enhances prediction accuracy and reduces false-positive interpretations[12].

Structural and Functional Characterization Using Bioinformatics Tools

Beyond pathogenicity prediction, structural and physicochemical analyses are essential for understanding the molecular consequences of SNPs. In this study, ProtParam was utilized to assess key physicochemical properties of the E-cadherin protein, including molecular weight, theoretical isoelectric point, instability index, aliphatic index, and hydrophobicity. InterProScan was employed to identify conserved domains, functional motifs, and biologically relevant regions affected by SNPs [13].

Furthermore, Ramachandran plot analysis was performed to evaluate stereochemical quality and conformational deviations between wild-type and mutant protein structures. These integrated analyses provide insight into how specific amino acid substitutions may influence protein folding, stability, and functional integrity[14].

Significance of the Study

The present study aims to perform a comprehensive in silico screening and characterization of potentially deleterious SNPs in the human *CDH1* gene. By integrating sequence-based prediction, structural evaluation, and functional annotation, this work seeks to elucidate the molecular mechanisms by which *CDH1* variants may compromise E-cadherin function.

The findings of this study may contribute to improved understanding of *CDH1*-associated cancer susceptibility and support the development of molecular diagnostics, risk assessment strategies, and precision medicine approaches. Additionally, this study highlights the significance of computational genomics as an indispensable component of post-NGS variant interpretation.

METHODOLOGY

Retrieval of CDH1 Gene and SNP Data

The *CDH1* (Cadherin-1) gene sequence, both nucleotide and protein, was retrieved from the National Center for Biotechnology Information (NCBI) database (Gene ID: 999). To identify genetic variants, Single Nucleotide Polymorphism (SNP) data were obtained from the dbSNP database and cross-validated using the Ensembl Genome Browser (GRCh38 assembly) [15]. Information such as reference SNP IDs (rsIDs), chromosomal positions, nucleotide variations, and resulting amino acid substitutions were recorded. Only nonsynonymous SNPs (nsSNPs) variants that lead to amino acid changes in the E-cadherin protein were selected for further analysis, as these are more likely to influence protein structure and biological function.

Functional Impact Prediction

After SNP identification, multiple computational prediction tools were employed to assess the possible effects of amino acid substitutions on E-cadherin function. The workflow included four key algorithms SIFT, PolyPhen-2, CADD, and Mutation Taster each offering a distinct analytical perspective based on evolutionary conservation, physicochemical changes, and molecular annotations. Variants consistently predicted as deleterious by multiple tools were prioritized for further structural and physicochemical characterization[16].

SIFT

The SIFT (Sorting Intolerant From Tolerant) algorithm predicts whether an amino acid substitution affects protein function by analyzing sequence homology and evolutionary conservation across multiple species[17]. It assumes that amino acids conserved through evolution are essential for maintaining structural and functional integrity. The tool requires the FASTA sequence of the *CDH1* protein and variant positions as input, producing a score between 0.0 and 1.0. Variants with tolerance index values less than or equal to 0.05 are predicted to be deleterious, indicating that substitutions at highly conserved sites such as calcium-binding residues or cadherin domain interfaces are likely to disrupt E-cadherin function.

Polyphen

The PolyPhen-2 (Polymorphism Phenotyping v2) tool evaluates the probable impact of amino acid substitutions on protein structure and activity using a combination of sequence-based features, structural parameters, and evolutionary data. It predicts how a mutation may alter the hydrophobicity, secondary structure, and accessible surface area of a protein residue [18]. The input includes the protein sequence or UniProt accession number along with the specific amino acid substitution, and the output categorizes mutations as *benign*, *possibly damaging*, or *probably damaging*, with probability scores ranging from 0.0 to 1.0. Mutations with scores above 0.85 were considered “probably damaging,” indicating a high likelihood of destabilizing the E-cadherin structure or impairing its calcium-dependent adhesion properties.

CADD

The CADD (Combined Annotation Dependent Depletion) algorithm integrates over sixty genomic annotations, including conservation metrics and functional genomic features, into a single quantitative score that reflects the deleteriousness of genetic variants. By combining information from multiple annotation layers, CADD assigns a Phred-scaled score to each variant, where higher values correspond to greater predicted pathogenicity[19]. The input variant data, typically in Variant Call Format (VCF), includes chromosomal position and allelic information. Variants with CADD scores above 20 are considered to fall within the top 1% of the most deleterious variants in the human genome. Such variants were prioritized in this study as potentially pathogenic mutations of *CDH1* warranting further structural and functional evaluation.

Mutation Taster

Mutation Taster predicts the disease-causing potential of sequence variants by combining evolutionary conservation data, predicted splice-site changes, regulatory alterations, and effects on protein domains[20]. Using the genomic coordinates, reference sequence, and altered allele as input, the algorithm classifies variants as either *disease-causing* or *polymorphism*, providing an associated confidence value for each prediction. Variants identified as “disease-causing” were interpreted as having the potential to impair *CDH1* gene expression or disrupt E-cadherin protein function, which could consequently contribute to reduced cell adhesion and increased cancer susceptibility.

Physicochemical Characterization

To assess the effects of SNPs on E-cadherin’s biochemical properties, both wild-type and mutant sequences were analyzed using the ProtParam tool available on the ExPASy server. Parameters such as molecular weight, theoretical isoelectric point (pI), aliphatic index, instability index, and grand average of hydropathicity (GRAVY) were calculated. Variations in these indices provide insights into changes in protein solubility, stability, and hydrophobicity induced by mutations, which may alter proper folding and function[21].

Functional Domain and Motif Analysis

InterProScan was employed to identify conserved domains and motifs within the *CDH1* protein sequence. This integrated tool combines multiple databases, including Pfam, SMART, PROSITE, and SUPERFAMILY, to detect structural and functional features [22]. Domain annotation allowed the mapping of mutations to specific regions such as cadherin repeats, calcium-binding motifs, and transmembrane segments. Mutations localized within these critical regions were hypothesized to disrupt E-cadherin’s adhesive function and intercellular signaling roles.

Structural Modeling and Validation

Homology-based modeling was carried out to generate the three-dimensional structures mutant E-cadherin proteins using template-based prediction tools [23]. The Ramachandran plot was constructed using the PROCHECK server to evaluate the stereochemical quality of the models. The proportion of residues within favored, allowed, and disallowed regions was compared to assess conformational deviations introduced by SNPs[24]. Mutant models showing increased residues in disallowed regions were considered structurally destabilized[25].

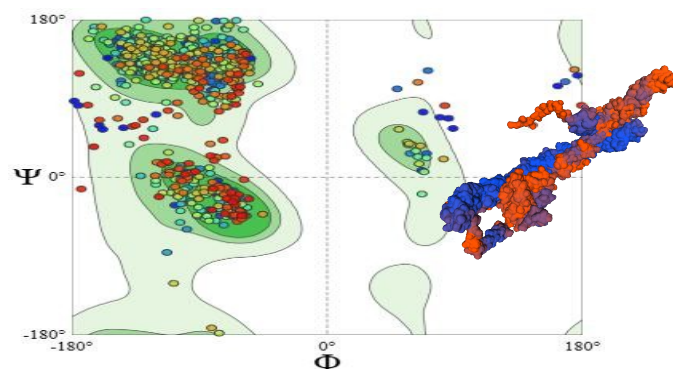


Figure 1: 3D Model of mutated protein and its structural characteristics analysis with Ramachandra plot

Data Integration and Interpretation

Finally, results from functional predictions, physicochemical analyses, and structural modeling were integrated to identify the most impactful SNPs within *CDHI*. Variants predicted as damaging by multiple algorithms, positioned within conserved domains, and exhibiting altered physicochemical and structural characteristics were considered potentially pathogenic. These findings form a basis for further experimental validation and potential use of *CDHI* variants as biomarkers for gastric and breast cancer predisposition[26].

RESULTS

Variant Effect Predictor

The Variant Effect Predictor (VEP) provided a comprehensive annotation of the SNPs identified within the *CDHI* gene, including their genomic coordinates, nucleotide substitutions, and predicted molecular consequences. Among the total variants screened, a subset was classified as missense mutations, which are most likely to alter protein structure and function [27]. The categorization of SNPs revealed several variants located within coding exons, with potential effects on amino acid sequence and domain integrity. Figure 2 shows the results VEP sheet, which consist of list of SNP found in the *CDHI* gene. These results established the foundation for downstream functional predictions using multiple computational tools.

#Upload	Location	Allele	Consequence	IMPACT	SYMBOL	Gene	Feature_t	Feature	BIOTYPE	EXON	INTRON	HGVSc	HGVSp	cDNA_pos	CDI
1	rs1555509	16:687713	start_lost	HIGH	CDH1	999	Transcript	NM_0043 protein_cc		42370	-	NM_0043NP_00435	125		
2	rs1555509	16:687713	start_lost	HIGH	CDH1	999	Transcript	NM_0043 protein_cc		42370	-	NM_0043NP_00435	125		
3	rs1555509	16:687713	start_lost	HIGH	CDH1	999	Transcript	NM_0043 protein_cc		42370	-	NM_0043NP_00435	125		
4	rs1555509	16:687713	start_lost	HIGH	CDH1	999	Transcript	NM_0043 protein_cc		42370	-	NM_0043NP_00435	125		
5	rs1555509	16:687713	start_lost	HIGH	CDH1	999	Transcript	NM_0043 protein_cc		42370	-	NM_0043NP_00435	126		
6	rs1555509	16:687713	start_lost	HIGH	CDH1	999	Transcript	NM_0043 protein_cc		42370	-	NM_0043NP_00435	126		
7	rs1555509	16:687713	start_lost	HIGH	CDH1	999	Transcript	NM_0043 protein_cc		42370	-	NM_0043NP_00435	126		
8	rs1788546	16:687713	start_lost	HIGH	CDH1	999	Transcript	NM_0043 protein_cc		42370	-	NM_0043NP_00435	127		
9	rs1788546	16:687713	start_lost	HIGH	CDH1	999	Transcript	NM_0043 protein_cc		42370	-	NM_0043NP_00435	127		
10	rs1788546	16:687713	start_lost	HIGH	CDH1	999	Transcript	NM_0043 protein_cc		42370	-	NM_0043NP_00435	127		
11	rs7862012	16:687713	missense	MODERAT	CDH1	999	Transcript	NM_0043 protein_cc		42370	-	NM_0043NP_00435	128		
12	rs7862012	16:687713	missense	MODERAT	CDH1	999	Transcript	NM_0043 protein_cc		42370	-	NM_0043NP_00435	128		
13	rs7862012	16:687713	missense	MODERAT	CDH1	999	Transcript	NM_0043 protein_cc		42370	-	NM_0043NP_00435	128		
14	rs1788546	16:687713	missense	MODERAT	CDH1	999	Transcript	NM_0043 protein_cc		42370	-	NM_0043NP_00435	129		
15	rs1788546	16:687713	missense	MODERAT	CDH1	999	Transcript	NM_0043 protein_cc		42370	-	NM_0043NP_00435	129		
16	rs1064793	16:687713	missense	MODERAT	CDH1	999	Transcript	NM_0043 protein_cc		42370	-	NM_0043NP_00435	131		
17	rs1064793	16:687713	missense	MODERAT	CDH1	999	Transcript	NM_0043 protein_cc		42370	-	NM_0043NP_00435	131		
18	rs1064793	16:687713	missense	MODERAT	CDH1	999	Transcript	NM_0043 protein_cc		42370	-	NM_0043NP_00435	131		
19	rs5877824	16:687713	missense	MODERAT	CDH1	999	Transcript	NM_0043 protein_cc		42370	-	NM_0043NP_00435	132		
20	rs5877824	16:687713	missense	MODERAT	CDH1	999	Transcript	NM_0043 protein_cc		42370	-	NM_0043NP_00435	132		
21	rs5877824	16:687713	missense	MODERAT	CDH1	999	Transcript	NM_0043 protein_cc		42370	-	NM_0043NP_00435	132		
22	rs1962423	16:687713	stop_gain	HIGH	CDH1	999	Transcript	NM_0043 protein_cc		42370	-	NM_0043NP_00435	135		
23	rs1962423	16:687713	missense	MODERAT	CDH1	999	Transcript	NM_0043 protein_cc		42370	-	NM_0043NP_00435	135		

Figure 2: Variants of CDH1 gene and their annotations

Functional Impact Prediction

SIFT

SIFT analysis revealed that several SNPs had scores below the threshold of 0.05, indicating that they are likely to be deleterious. These low-scoring variants suggest substitutions at highly conserved residues, where amino acid changes are not tolerated evolutionarily[26]. Figure 3 illustrates the SIFT prediction on the SNP, which classified the effect of SNP. Such deleterious mutations are expected to disrupt E-cadherin's ability to maintain intercellular adhesion by affecting folding or calcium-binding regions within the cadherin repeats [28]. Therefore, the SIFT analysis highlights critical residues essential for structural stability and functional integrity of E-cadherin, implicating them in disease predisposition[29].

SIFT results (dbSNP)

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SNP	ORGANISM/BUILD	CHR	COORDINATE	REF ALLELE	ALT ALLELE	AMINO ACID CHANGE	GENE NAME	GENE ID	TRANSCRIPT ID
rs370614162	Homo sapiens	GRCh37.4	16:68771362	T	A	L15Q	CDH1	ENSG00000039068	ENST000002617609
rs370614162	Homo sapiens	GRCh37.4	16:68771362	T	A	L15Q	CDH1	ENSG00000039068	ENST00000423392
rs121064872	Homo sapiens	GRCh37.4	16:68772210	G	A	W20*	CDH1	ENSG00000039068	ENST000002617609
rs121064872	Homo sapiens	GRCh37.4	16:68772210	G	A	W20*	CDH1	ENSG00000039068	ENST00000423392
rs121064876	Homo sapiens	GRCh37.4	16:68772221	G	T	E34*	CDH1	ENSG00000039068	ENST000002617609
rs121064876	Homo sapiens	GRCh37.4	16:68772221	G	T	E34*	CDH1	ENSG00000039068	ENST00000423392
rs139866091	Homo sapiens	GRCh37.4	16:68772329	C	A	P30T	CDH1	ENSG00000039068	ENST000002617609
rs139866091	Homo sapiens	GRCh37.4	16:68772329	C	A	P30T	CDH1	ENSG00000039068	ENST00000423392
rs374569321	Homo sapiens	GRCh37.4	16:68772305	C	T	L52L	CDH1	ENSG00000039068	ENST000002617609
rs374569321	Homo sapiens	GRCh37.4	16:68772305	C	T	L52L	CDH1	ENSG00000039068	ENST00000423392
rs35606263	Homo sapiens	GRCh37.4	16:68835623	G	A	D72N	CDH1	ENSG00000039068	ENST000002617609
rs35606263	Homo sapiens	GRCh37.4	16:68835623	G	A	D72N	CDH1	ENSG00000039068	ENST00000423392
rs368492232	Homo sapiens	GRCh37.4	16:68825713	G	A	A102T	CDH1	ENSG00000039068	ENST000002617609
rs368492232	Homo sapiens	GRCh37.4	16:68825713	G	A	A102T	CDH1	ENSG00000039068	ENST00000423392

Figure 3: Functional classification of CDH1 gene using SIFT

Polyphen

PolyPhen-2 (Polymorphism Phenotyping v2) assesses the potential structural and functional effects of missense mutations using physical and comparative evolutionary parameters. The analyzed *CDHI* variants were classified into three categories: benign, possibly damaging, and probably damaging[30]. A significant number of variants were predicted as “probably damaging”, reflecting a high likelihood of altering the protein's stability and interaction capacity. PolyPhen-2 integrates multiple features such as solvent accessibility, hydrophobicity, and secondary structure disruption. Variants predicted as damaging are likely to interfere with E-cadherin's extracellular domain folding, potentially reducing its calcium-dependent adhesive function [26]. These findings complement the SIFT results, reinforcing the evidence that specific substitutions severely compromise protein conformation and stability.

CADD

CADD (Combined Annotation Dependent Depletion) integrates various genomic features into a single metric to evaluate the deleteriousness of single nucleotide variants[31]. The Phred-scaled CADD scores obtained for *CDHI* SNPs ranged across a spectrum, with several variants scoring above 20, indicating a strong probability of pathogenicity[19]. High CADD scores correlate with functional disruptions that could impact the protein's biochemical behavior and cellular localization. Among these, the variant located at position 2638 (G→A) showed one of the highest Phred scores, signifying its major potential to impair E-cadherin function. These high-impact variants are strongly associated with pathogenic outcomes such as hereditary diffuse gastric cancer (HDGC). Thus, CADD effectively prioritizes SNPs for further validation and provides a quantifiable measure of their biological importance[32].

Mutation Taster

Mutation Taster integrates evolutionary conservation, splice-site alterations, and protein feature changes to predict whether a variant is disease-causing or benign. The analysis revealed that multiple *CDHI* SNPs were predicted to be “disease-causing”, correlating with the predictions from SIFT, PolyPhen, and CADD[33]. These variants likely disrupt essential domains involved in calcium binding and intercellular junction formation. Additionally, Mutation Taster suggested that some SNPs could affect regulatory elements or splicing regions, potentially reducing *CDHI* expression levels. This loss of function aligns with the known molecular mechanism underlying epithelial-mesenchymal transition (EMT) and tumor

Figure 4: Wild type Nucleotide sequence of CDH1 gene

Table 1: Pathogenic Variants of CDH1 gene

RS ID	NM ID	NP ID	SIFT	POLYPHEN	CADD	utation Tester
rs35606263	NM_004360.5:C.214G>A	NP_004351.1:P.ASP72ASN	Tolerated	Probably Damaging	Deleterious	Benign
rs35606263	NM_004360.5:C.214G>C	NP_004351.1:P.ASP72HIS	Tolerated	Probably Damaging	Deleterious	Benign
rs35606263	NM_004360.5:C.214G>T	NP_004351.1:P.ASP72TYR	Tolerated	Probably Damaging	Deleterious	Benign
rs34466743	NM_004360.5:C.1178T>A	NP_004351.1:P.ILE393ASN	Deleterious	Probably Damaging	Deleterious	Benign
rs36087757	NM_004360.5:C.1417G>A	NP_004351.1:P.VAL473ILE	Tolerated	Possibly Damaging	Deleterious	Benign
rs36087757	NM_004360.5:C.1417G>C	NP_004351.1:P.VAL473LEU	Tolerated	Possibly Damaging	Deleterious	Benign
rs35520415	NM_004360.5:C.1433T>C	NP_004351.1:P.LEU478PRO	Tolerated	Possibly Damaging	Deleterious	Benign
rs35187787	NM_004360.5:C.1774G>A	NP_004351.1:P.ALA592THR	Deleterious	Benign	Deleterious	Benign
rs35187787	NM_004360.5:C.1774G>T	NP_004351.1:P.ALA592SER	Deleterious	Benign	Deleterious	Benign
rs33935154	NM_004360.5:C.1849G>A	NP_004351.1:P.ALA617THR	Tolerated	Benign	Deleterious	Benign
rs33935154	NM_004360.5:C.1849G>C	NP_004351.1:P.ALA617PRO	Tolerated	Benign	Deleterious	Benign
rs33935154	NM_004360.5:C.1849G>T	NP_004351.1:P.ALA617SER	Tolerated	Benign	Deleterious	Benign
rs2276331	NM_004360.5:C.1888C>G	NP_004351.1:P.LEU630VAL	Deleterious	Probably Damaging	Deleterious	Benign
rs2276331	NM_004360.5:C.1888C>T	NP_004351.1:P.LEU630%3D	Deleterious	Probably Damaging	Benign	Benign
rs2276331	NM_004360.5:C.1888C>G	NP_004351.1:P.LEU630VAL	Deleterious	Probably Damaging	Deleterious	Benign
rs2276331	NM_004360.5:C.1888C>T	NP_004351.1:P.LEU630%3D	Deleterious	Probably Damaging	Benign	Benign
rs34507583	NM_004360.5:C.2638G>A	NP_004351.1:P.GLU880LYS	Deleterious	Possibly Damaging	Deleterious	Deleterious
rs34507583	NM_004360.5:C.2638G>C	NP_004351.1:P.GLU880GLN	Deleterious	Possibly Damaging	Deleterious	Benign

>NP_004351.1 Wild type cadherin-1 [Homo sapiens]

MGPWSRSL SALLLLQVSSWLCQEPEPCHPGFDAESYTF
TVPRRHLERGRVLGRVNFEDCTGRQRTAYFSLDTRFKVG

TDGVITVKRPLRFHNPQIHFLVYAWDSTYRKFKSTKVTLNT
 VGHHRPPPHQASVSGIQAELLTFPNSSPGLRRQKRDWVI
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 TPPVGVFIIERETGWLKVTEPLDRERIATYTLFSHAVSSNG
 NAVEDPMEILITVTDQNDNKPEFTQEVFKGSVMEGALPG
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 LILLLLLLFLRRRAVVKEPLLPPEDDTRDNVYYYDEEGG
 GEEDQDFDLSQLHRGLDARPEVTRNDVAPTLMSVPRYLP
 RPANPDEIGNFIDENLKAADTDPTAPPYDSSLVFDYEGSG
 SEAASLSSLNSSESDDKDQDYDYLNWGNRFKKLADMYG
 GGEDD

>NP_004351.1 Mutated cadherin-1 [Homo sapiens]

MGPWSRSLALLLLLQVSSWLCQEPEPCHPGFDAESYTF
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 TDGVITVKRPLRFHNPQIHFLVYAWDSTYRKFKSTKVTLNT
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 KTAKGLDFEAKQQYILHVAVTNVVPFEVSLTTSTATVTVD
 VLDVNEAPIFVPEKRVEVSEDFGVGQEITSYTAQEPDTF
 MEQKITYRIWRDTANWLEINPDTGAISTRAELDREDFEH

VKNSTYTYALIIATDNGSPVATGTGTLILLSDVNDNAPIPEP
 RTIFFCERNPKPQVINIIDADLPPNTSPFTAELTHGASANW
 TIQYNDPTQESIILKPKMALEVGDYKINLKLMDNQNKDQ
 VTTLEVSVCDEGAAGVCRKAQPVEAGLQIPAILGILGGI
 LALLLILLLLLLFLRRRAVVKEPLLPPEDDTRDNVYYYDE
 EGGGEEDQDFDLSQLHRGLDARPEVTRNDVAPTLMSVP
 RYLPRPANPDEIGNFIDENLKAADTDPTAPPYDSSLVFDY
 EGSSEAASLSSLNSSESDDKDQDYDY
 LNEWGNRFKKLADMYGGGKDD

Figure 5: Amino acid sequence of Cadherin protein between wild type and mutated type

Number of amino acids: 882
 Theoretical pI: 4.60
 Molecular weight: 97442.13

Amino acid composition:

Ala (A)	59	6.7%
Arg (R)	39	4.4%
Asn (N)	51	5.8%
Asp (D)	68	7.7%
Cys (C)	8	0.9%
Gln (Q)	31	3.5%
Glu (E)	59	6.7%
Gly (G)	54	6.1%
His (H)	13	1.5%
Ile (I)	47	5.3%
Leu (L)	75	8.5%
Lys (K)	36	4.1%
Met (M)	10	1.1%
Phe (F)	33	3.7%
Pro (P)	64	7.3%
Ser (S)	48	5.4%
Thr (T)	80	9.1%
Trp (W)	10	1.1%
Tyr (Y)	26	2.9%
Val (V)	71	8.0%
Pyl (O)	0	0.0%
Sec (U)	0	0.0%
(B)	0	0.0%
(Z)	0	0.0%
(X)	0	0.0%

Total number of negatively charged residues (Asp + Glu): 127
 Total number of positively charged residues (Arg + Lys): 75

Figure 6: Physicochemical Properties of Mutated Protein using Prot Param tool

Atomic composition:

Carbon	C	4325
Hydrogen	H	6747
Nitrogen	N	1153
Oxygen	O	1373
Sulfur	S	18

Formula: C₄₃₂₅H₆₇₄₇N₁₁₅₃O₁₃₇₃S₁₈
Total number of atoms: 13616

Extinction coefficients:

Extinction coefficients are in units of $M^{-1} cm^{-1}$, at 280 nm measured in water.

Ext. coefficient 94240

Abs 0.1% (=1 g/l) 0.967, assuming all pairs of Cys residues form cystines

Ext. coefficient 93740

Abs 0.1% (=1 g/l) 0.962, assuming all Cys residues are reduced

Estimated half-life:

The N-terminal of the sequence considered is M (Met).

The estimated half-life is: 30 hours (mammalian reticulocytes, in vitro).

>20 hours (yeast, in vivo).

>10 hours (Escherichia coli, in vivo).

Instability index:

The instability index (II) is computed to be 35.01

This classifies the protein as stable.

Aliphatic index: 83.98

Grand average of hydropathicity (GRAVY): -0.360

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DISCUSSION

The present computational analysis systematically evaluated nonsynonymous SNPs within the CDH1 gene to understand their potential structural and functional implications on E-cadherin integrity[34]. Variant annotation revealed several missense substitutions located predominantly within coding exons, suggesting a high probability of direct effects on protein function. Functional prediction tools consistently indicated that multiple variants are deleterious, particularly those affecting conserved residues within extracellular cadherin repeat domains that mediate calcium-dependent cell adhesion[26]. Such substitutions are likely to disrupt calcium coordination, impair homophilic binding between epithelial cells, and ultimately weaken adherens junction stability. The concordance observed among SIFT, PolyPhen-2, CADD, and Mutation Taster strengthens confidence in the predicted pathogenicity and reduces the likelihood of false-positive interpretations, highlighting the reliability of integrative in-silico approaches.

Physicochemical characterization further demonstrated alterations in molecular weight, hydrophobicity, instability index, and theoretical isoelectric point between wild-type and mutant proteins[39]. Increased instability indices and shifts in hydrophobicity suggest reduced structural stability and possible misfolding, which may compromise membrane localization and protein–protein interactions. Domain analysis confirmed that several mutations fall within calcium-binding cadherin repeats and near transmembrane regions critical for maintaining epithelial cohesion. Structural deviations observed in modelled proteins, supported by Ramachandran plot validation, indicate conformational strain that could impair adhesive functionality and downstream signalling interactions with catenins. Disruption of E-cadherin–catenin complexes is a known trigger for epithelial–mesenchymal transition, a process strongly associated with tumor invasion and metastasis.

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Among the analysed variants, the G→A substitution at position 2638 emerged as particularly significant due to its consistently high deleteriousness scores across prediction platforms, suggesting strong clinical relevance[9]. Variants identified in this study may therefore serve as candidate biomarkers for susceptibility to hereditary diffuse gastric cancer and invasive lobular breast carcinoma, conditions frequently associated with CDH1 dysfunction. Moreover, the integration of functional prediction, structural modelling, and physicochemical assessment provides a comprehensive understanding of how single nucleotide alterations may translate into phenotypic consequences at the molecular level. While computational predictions provide valuable preliminary insights, experimental validation through biochemical assays, expression studies, and clinical correlation remains necessary to confirm pathogenicity[2]. Overall, this study underscores the importance of integrative bioinformatics analyses in prioritizing disease-associated variants and advancing precision medicine strategies targeting CDH1-related malignancies.

CONCLUSION

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This study comprehensively analyzed single nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs) within the CDH1 gene using multiple computational prediction tools, including SIFT, PolyPhen-2, CADD, and Mutation Taster, complemented by structural and functional characterization through Inter ProScan, Prot Param, and Ramachandran plot analysis. The integrated approach identified several potentially deleterious variants, with the G→A substitution at chromosome 16:2638 emerging as the most pathogenic. Functional prediction tools consistently indicated that this mutation could destabilize E-cadherin's structure, disrupt calcium-dependent adhesion, and impair epithelial integrity, thereby enhancing the risk of tumorigenesis, particularly hereditary diffuse gastric cancer (HDGC) [41]. The structural analyses further revealed alterations in physicochemical parameters such as molecular weight, isoelectric point, instability index, and GRAVY score, indicating decreased protein stability and altered hydrophobic interactions [42]. Domain analysis confirmed that these mutations lie within crucial cadherin repeat regions responsible for calcium binding, suggesting functional interference with β -catenin interaction and downstream Wnt signaling activation [43]. Collectively, these findings underscore the role of CDH1 variants in cancer pathogenesis and emphasize their potential utility as molecular biomarkers for early diagnosis and precision-based therapeutic interventions. The current study is based solely on in-silico analyses; experimental validation through molecular docking, expression studies, or functional assays is required to confirm the predicted pathogenic effects and clinical relevance.

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Supplementary Data

1. Variant Prediction Data

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2. SIFT score table

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3. Polyphen Prediction

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4. Functional Study of Mutated protein

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Abbreviation

CDH1	<i>Cadherin-1</i>
SNP	Single Nucleotide Polymorphism
SIFT	Sorting Intolerant from Tolerant
POLYP	Polymorphism Phenotyping v2
HEN2	
CADD	Combined Annotation Dependent Depletion
EC	E-cadherin
HDGC	Hereditary Diffuse Gastric Cancer
EMT	Epithelial - Mesenchymal Transition
NGS	Next-Generation Sequencing
WGS	Whole Genome Sequencing

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WES	Whole Exome Sequencing
WTS	Whole Transcriptome Sequencing
NCBI	National Center for Biotechnology Information
FASTA	Fast All
VCF	Variant Call Format
GRAVY	Grand Average of Hydropathy
PFAM	Protein families database
PRINTS	Protein Fingerprints database
PROSIT	Database of Protein Sites and patterns
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SMART	Simple Modular Architecture Research Tool
PANTHER	Protein Analysis Through Evolutionary Relationships
OMIM	Online Mendelian Inheritance in Man
ACMG	American College of Medical Genetics and Genomics