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| Table S1 Basic information of included researchers |
| Group | n | Gender | Age | *P* -value\* |
| M | F | Min | Max | Average |
| ESCC | 72 | 61 | 11 | 36 | 85 | 64.3 | 0.034 |
| HC | 20 | 14 | 6 | 35 | 78 | 58.4 | 　  |
| Notes: M:male,F:female; ESCC: esophageal squamous cell carcinoma; HC: healthy controls,\*: t-test for independent samples |