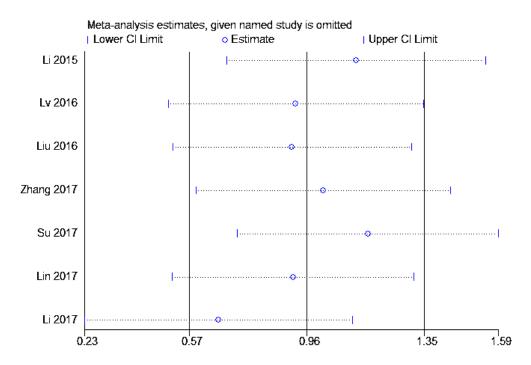
## Supplementary Material

Figure S1 Result of sensitivity analysis in TNM stage group



**Figure S2** Forest plot of the association between ZEB1-AS1 expression levels and TNM stage after excluding one study

	Experimental		Control		Odds Ratio			Odds Ratio		
Study or Subgroup	Events	Total	Events	Total	Weight	M-H, Random, 95% CI	Year	M-H, Random, 95% CI		
Li 2015	13	51	11	51	21.7%	1.24 [0.50, 3.11]	2015	<del></del>		
Liu 2016	8	25	1	25	6.0%	11.29 [1.29, 98.89]	2016			
Lv 2016	21	29	24	53	20.1%	3.17 [1.19, 8.43]	2016	<del></del>		
Li 2017	49	62	22	62	0.0%	6.85 [3.07, 15.30]	2017			
Lin 2017	15	37	2	18	9.9%	5.45 [1.09, 27.28]	2017	-		
Su 2017	54	70	33	44	22.7%	1.13 [0.47, 2.72]	2017	<del>-</del>		
Zhang 2017	25	38	14	28	19.6%	1.92 [0.71, 5.22]	2017	<del></del>		
Total (95% CI)		250		219	100.0%	2.11 [1.20, 3.71]		•		
Total events	136		85							
Heterogeneity: Tau <sup>2</sup> =	: 0.16; Chi <sup>2</sup>	= 7.53,	df = 5 (P		0.01 0.1 1 10 100					
Test for overall effect:	Z = 2.60 (F	o = 0.00	9)		Favours [experimental] Favours [control]					

Figure S3 Forest plot of ZEB1-AS1 expression and OR for gender

	Experimental		Control		Odds Ratio			Odds Ratio
Study or Subgroup	Events	Total	Events	Total	Weight	M-H, Fixed, 95% CI	Year	M-H, Fixed, 95% CI
Li 2015	38	51	35	51	13.5%	1.34 [0.56, 3.17]	2015	<del>- •</del>
Wang 2015	25	44	29	43	19.1%	0.64 [0.27, 1.52]	2015	<del></del>
Lv 2016	19	29	33	53	12.1%	1.15 [0.45, 2.97]	2016	<del></del>
Liu 2016	15	25	14	25	8.4%	1.18 [0.38, 3.63]	2016	<del>-  -</del>
Gong 2017	17	31	20	32	13.4%	0.73 [0.27, 1.99]	2017	<del></del>
Li 2017	42	62	32	62	15.6%	1.97 [0.95, 4.08]	2017	<del></del>
Zhang 2017	24	38	17	38	9.4%	2.12 [0.85, 5.30]	2017	<del>  •</del>
Lin 2017	26	37	14	18	8.4%	0.68 [0.18, 2.52]	2017	-
Total (95% CI)		317		322	100.0%	1.20 [0.87, 1.66]		<b>*</b>
Total events	206		194					
Heterogeneity: Chi²=	7.02, df = 1	7 (P = 0)	$.43); I^2 = I$		0.01 0.1 1 10 100			
Test for overall effect:	Z = 1.11 (F	P = 0.27	")					0.01 0.1 1 10 100  Favours [experimental] Favours [control]