## New Zealand Researchers Identify Drug Breakthrough in Genetic Cancer Treatment



WELLINGTON, March 20 (Xinhua) -- Deadly stomach and breast cancers that are genetically inherited could be treated or even prevented with existing drugs identified by New Zealand cancer researchers.

Cancer genetics researchers at Otago University said Friday their research showed that the key genetic mutation underlying familial stomach and lobular breast cancers also opened them to attack through drug therapies targeting cellular mechanisms.

Currently the lack of treatments meant surgical removal was often used as a preventive measure in people identified as carrying the mutated gene that causes the cancers.



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