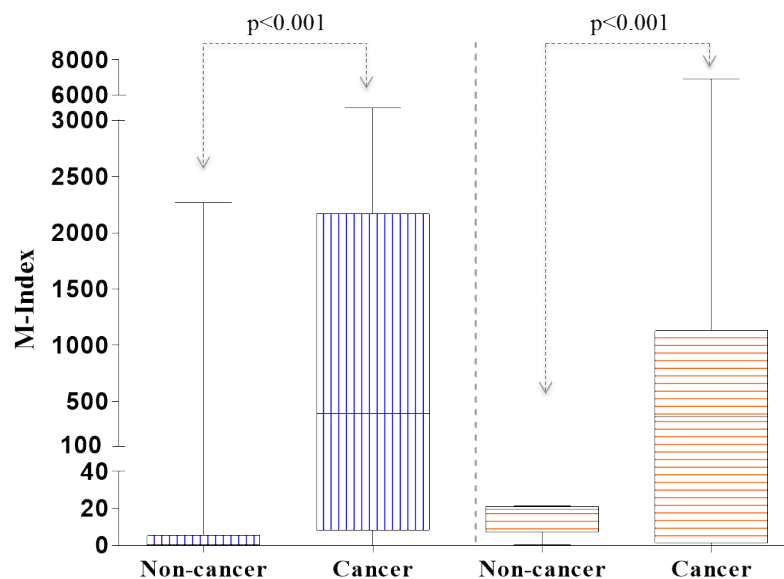


Supplement Figure S1. The methylation level of *PAX1^m* and *ZNF582^m* in different location in the training set. Buccal tumors had significantly higher *ZNF582^m* methylation levels than tumors in non-buccal areas (median M-index: 2932 and 1644, respectively, $p=0.045$). Similar methylation trends were observed in *PAX1^m*: buccal tumors had higher *PAX1^m* methylation levels than those tumors in non-buccal areas (median M-index: 2059 and 1199, respectively, $p=0.09$). No significant differences in the methylation of both *ZNF582^m* and *PAX1^m* were observed in either buccal or non-buccal areas in NCMT.



Gene ^m	Methylation-level		Cancer Detection			
	Non-cancer (n=19)	Cancer (n=44)	Sensitivity	Specificity	Odds ratio (95%CI)	P
<i>ZNF582^m</i>	0.36 ± 519.90	391.47 ± 1595.20	72.73%	89.47%	22.67 (4.54~113.21)	<0.001*
<i>PAX1^m</i>	19.78 ± 7.57	363.23 ± 1575.77	68.18%	78.95%	8.04 (2.25~28.68)	<0.001*

Supplement Figure S2. Difference M-index level between non-cancer & cancer group for *ZNF582* & *PAX1* in the validation set on tissue specimen. The methylation level of *ZNF582^m* and *PAX1^m* in cancer groups were significantly higher (391.47 ± 1595 vs. $20/363.23 \pm 1575.77$) than those in non-cancer groups (0.36 ± 519 vs. $90/19.78 \pm 7.57$). The sensitivity, specificity and odds ratio were calculated for the detection of cancer in the lower table. *ZNF582^m* showed a moderate sensitivity (72.73%) and high specificity (89.47%) and odds ratio (22.67), while *PAX1^m* had lower sensitivity (68.18%), specificity (78.95%) and odds ratio (8.04).

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