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**Body:** Purpose: This study was conducted to examine: 1) whether the NAT2 genotypes are risk factors for Lung cancer, 2) to study possible association of tobacco smoking with NAT2 genotype of these patients. Materials and Methods: This case control study was undertaken over a period of 19 months and included 100 Lung cancer patients and 145 controls. The NAT2 genotypes were identified by PCR-RFLP method in peripheral blood DNA samples. Genotypes frequencies and the association of the genotypes among patients and controls group were assessed by  $\chi^2$  test and Binary Logistic regression. Results: The NAT2 fast acetylator genotype frequency of slow or fast acetylator genotypes was not significant in lung cancer patients alone (OR = 1.18, 95% CI: 0.69 - 2.03, p value = 0.583).in non-smoker (OR = 1.06, 95% CI: 0.43 - 2.64, p value = 0.899) and smoker (OR = 1.32, 95% CI: 0.59 - 2.93, p value = 0.494) when compared with controls. Conclusion: These data demonstrate that the NAT2 fast or slow acetylators genotype did not associated with the risk of developing lung cancer in North Indian population when compared with controls.