Evidence of a New Narrow Resonance Decaying to $\chi_{c1}\gamma$ in $B \to \chi_{c1}\gamma K$

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We report measurements of $B \to \chi_{c1} \gamma K$ and $\chi_{c2} \gamma K$ decays using $772 \times 10^6 \ B\bar{B}$ events collected at the Y(4S) resonance with the Belle detector at the KEKB asymmetric-energy e^+e^- collider. Evidence of a new resonance in the $\chi_{c1} \gamma$ final state is found with a statistical significance of 3.8σ . This state has a mass of $3823.1 \pm 1.8 (\text{stat}) \pm 0.7 (\text{syst}) \ \text{MeV/}c^2$, a value that is consistent with theoretical expectations for the previously unseen $1^3 D_2 \ c\bar{c}$ meson. We find no other narrow resonance and set upper limits on the branching fractions of the $X(3872) \to \chi_{c1} \gamma$ and $\chi_{c2} \gamma$ decays.

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During the last decade, a number of new charmonium $(c\bar{c})$ -like states were observed, many of which are candidates for exotic states [1]. The first of these, the X(3872), has been observed by six different experiments in the same final state [2–7]. A recent update from the Belle [8] and LHCb [6] Collaborations results in a world average mass at $3871.68 \pm 0.17 \text{ MeV}/c^2$ [9] and a stringent upper bound

on its width ($\Gamma < 1.2$ MeV) [8]. The proximity of its mass to the $D^{*0}\bar{D}^0$ threshold makes it a good candidate for a $D\bar{D}^*$ molecule [10]. Other alternative models have been proposed, such as a tetraquark [11] or a $c\bar{c}g$ hybrid meson [12].

Radiative decays can illuminate clearly the nature of hadrons. For example, the observation of $X(3872) \rightarrow J/\psi \gamma$

confirmed the *C*-even parity assignment for the X(3872) [13,14]. The $X(3872) \rightarrow \chi_{c1} \gamma$ and $\chi_{c2} \gamma$ decays are forbidden by *C*-parity conservation in electromagnetic processes. However, if the X(3872) is a tetraquark or a molecular state, it may have a *C*-odd partner, which could decay into $\chi_{c1} \gamma$ and $\chi_{c2} \gamma$ final states [15,16].

In the charmonium family, the observation of a D-wave $c\bar{c}$ meson and its decay modes would test phenomenological models [17,18]. The as-yet undiscovered $1^3D_2c\bar{c}$ (ψ_2) and $1^3D_3c\bar{c}(\psi_3)$ states are expected to have significant branching fractions to $\chi_{c1}\gamma$ and $\chi_{c2}\gamma$, respectively [19,20]. D-wave $c\bar{c}$ states and their properties were predicted long ago but remain unconfirmed [19,20]. The E705 experiment reported an indication of a 1^3D_2 state in $\pi^\pm N \to J/\psi \pi^+ \pi^- +$ anything, with a mass of 3836 \pm 13 MeV/ c^2 [21]; however, the statistical significance of this result was below the threshold for evidence.

In this Letter, we report measurements of $B \to \chi_{c1} \gamma K$ and $B \to \chi_{c2} \gamma K$ decays, where the χ_{c1} and χ_{c2} decay to $J/\psi \gamma$ [22]. These results are obtained from a data sample of 772 × 10⁶ $B\bar{B}$ events collected with the Belle detector [23] at the KEKB asymmetric-energy e^+e^- collider operating at the Y(4S) resonance [24].

The J/ψ meson is reconstructed via its decays to $\ell^+\ell^ (\ell = e \text{ or } \mu)$. To reduce the radiative tail in the e^+e^- mode, the four-momenta of all photons within 50 mrad with respect to the original direction of the e^+ or e^- tracks are included in the invariant mass calculation, hereinafter denoted as $M_{e^+e^-(\gamma)}$. The reconstructed invariant mass of the J/ψ candidates is required to satisfy 2.95 GeV/ c^2 < $M_{e^+e^-(\gamma)} < 3.13 \text{ GeV}/c^2$ or $3.03 \text{ GeV}/c^2 < M_{\mu^+\mu^-} <$ 3.13 GeV/ c^2 . For the selected J/ψ candidates, a vertexconstrained fit is applied and then a mass-constrained fit is performed in order to improve the momentum resolution. The χ_{c1} and χ_{c2} candidates are reconstructed by combining J/ψ candidates with a photon having energy (E_{γ}) larger than 200 MeV in the laboratory frame. Photons are reconstructed from energy depositions in the electromagnetic calorimeter, which do not match any extrapolated charged track. To reduce the background from $\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$, we use a likelihood function that distinguishes an isolated photon from π^0 decays using the photon pair invariant mass, photon laboratory energy, and polar angle [25]. We reject both γ 's in the pair if the π^0 likelihood probability is larger than 0.7. The reconstructed invariant mass of the χ_{c1} (χ_{c2}) is required to satisfy 3.467 GeV/ $c^2 < M_{J/\psi\gamma} <$ 3.535 GeV/ c^2 (3.535 GeV/ $c^2 < M_{J/\psi\gamma} < 3.611$ GeV/ c^2). A mass-constrained fit is applied to the selected χ_{c1} and χ_{c2} candidates.

Charged kaons are identified by combining information from the central drift chamber, time-of-flight scintillation counters, and the aerogel Cherenkov counter systems. The kaon identification efficiency is 89% while the probability of misidentifying a pion as a kaon is 10%. K_S^0 mesons are reconstructed by combining two oppositely charged pions

with the invariant mass $M_{\pi^+\pi^-}$ lying between 482 and 514 MeV/ c^2 . The selected candidates are required to satisfy the quality criteria described in Ref. [26].

To reconstruct B candidates, each χ_{cJ} [27] is combined with a kaon candidate and a photon having $E_{\gamma} > 100$ MeV (and not used in the reconstruction of χ_{cJ}). If the invariant mass of any photon pair that includes this photon is found to be consistent with a π^0 (i.e., 117 MeV/ $c^2 < M_{\gamma\gamma} < 153$ MeV/ c^2), this photon is rejected. Among the events containing at least one χ_{cJ} candidate, 9.0% have multiple χ_{cJ} candidates. In such cases, the γ forming the χ_{cJ} candidate with mass closest to the χ_{c1} or χ_{c2} masses [9] is not used as the additional photon. This treatment suppresses reflections from the χ_{cJ} daughter photons.

The *B* candidate is identified by two kinematic variables: the beam-constrained mass $(M_{\rm bc} \equiv \sqrt{E_{\rm beam}^{*2} - p_B^{*2}})$ and the energy difference ($\Delta E \equiv E_B^* - E_{\text{beam}}^*$). Here, E_{beam}^* is the run-dependent beam energy, and E_B^* and p_B^* are the reconstructed energy and momentum, respectively, of the B candidates in the center-of-mass frame. Candidates within a ΔE window of [-28, 30] MeV and with $M_{\rm bc} > 5.23 \text{ GeV}/c^2$ are selected. Of these, 9.8% (6.4%) have multiple candidates in the $B^{\pm} \rightarrow \chi_{c1} \gamma K^{\pm}$ $(B^{\pm} \to \chi_{c2} \gamma K^{\pm})$ mode; we select the B candidate with ΔE closest to zero. In order to improve the resolution in $M_{\gamma_{\sigma},\gamma}$, we scale the energy of the γ so that ΔE is equal to zero. This corrects for incomplete energy measurement in the electromagnetic calorimeter. To suppress continuum background, events having a ratio R_2 of the second to zeroth Fox-Wolfram moments [28] above 0.5 are rejected.

The $M_{\chi_{c1}\gamma}$ and M_{bc} projections for the $B^\pm \to \chi_{c1}\gamma K^\pm$ signal candidates are shown in Fig. 1, where a $\psi' \to \chi_{c1}\gamma$ signal is evident. In addition, there is a significant narrow peak at 3823 MeV/ c^2 , denoted hereinafter as X(3823). No signal of $X(3872) \to \chi_{c1}\gamma$ is seen. We extract the signal yield from a two-dimensional unbinned extended maximum likelihood (2D UML) fit to the variables $M_{\chi_{cJ}\gamma}$ and M_{bc} .

The resolution in $M_{\chi_{cJ}\gamma}$ (M_{bc}) is parametrized by a sum of two Gaussians (Gaussian and logarithmic Gaussian [29]). Monte Carlo (MC) studies show that the resolutions in both $M_{\chi_{cJ}\gamma}$ and M_{bc} for a narrow resonance in the mass range 3.8 GeV/ $c^2 < M_{\chi_{cJ}\gamma} < 4.0$ GeV/ c^2 are in good agreement with those for ψ' . The parameters of the resolution functions are determined from the MC simulation that is calibrated using the $B^\pm \to \psi'(\to \chi_{c1}\gamma)K^\pm$ signal. We take into account the ψ' natural width [9] by convolving the Breit-Wigner function and the resolution function; for the $\chi(3823)$ and $\chi(3872)$, zero natural widths are assumed. The two-dimensional probability density function (PDF) is a product of the one-dimensional distributions

For $B^{\pm} \to \psi'(\to \chi_{c1} \gamma) K^{\pm}$ decays, the mean and width of the core Gaussian are floated and the remaining

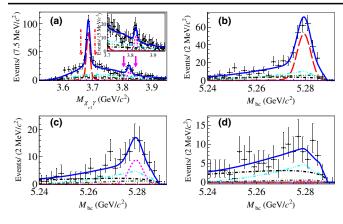


FIG. 1 (color online). 2D UML fit projection for $B^{\pm} \rightarrow (\chi_{c1}\gamma)K^{\pm}$ decays: (a) $M_{\chi_{c1}\gamma}$ distribution for $M_{bc} > 5.27~{\rm GeV}/c^2$, (b) M_{bc} distribution for 3.660 GeV/ $c^2 < M_{\chi_{c1}\gamma} < 3.708~{\rm GeV}/c^2$ [ψ' region, shown by the dot-dashed red arrows in (a)], (c) M_{bc} distribution for 3.805 GeV/ $c^2 < M_{\chi_{c1}\gamma} < 3.845~{\rm GeV}/c^2$ [X(3823) region, shown by the solid magenta arrows in (a)], and (d) M_{bc} distribution for 3.84 GeV/ $c^2 < M_{\chi_{c1}\gamma} < 3.89~{\rm GeV}/c^2$ [X(3872) region]. The curves used in the fits are described in Ref. [40].

parameters are fixed according to MC simulations. To fit the $B^\pm \to X(3823)(\to \chi_{c1}\gamma)K^\pm$ signal, we float the mean of the core Gaussian but constrain the detector resolution by using the ψ' signal results after taking into account the difference estimated from the signal MC study. For M_{bc} , the parameters are fixed to those found for the ψ' , in accordance with expectations based on the MC simulation. For X(3872), we fix the mass difference and the mass resolution change with respect to ψ' using the information from Particle Data Group (PDG) [9] and MC studies. To fit $B^0 \to \psi'(\to \chi_{c1}\gamma)K^0$, $B^0 \to X(3823)(\to \chi_{c1}\gamma)K^0$, $B \to \psi'(\to \chi_{c2}\gamma)K$, $B \to X(3823)(\to \chi_{c2}\gamma)K$, and $B \to X(3872)(\to \chi_{cJ}\gamma)K$, we fix all the parameters obtained from the signal MC study after correcting the PDF shapes by applying MC-data calibration factors.

To study background with a real J/ψ , we use large MC simulated $B \rightarrow J/\psi X$ samples corresponding to 100 times the integrated luminosity of the data. The non- J/ψ (non- χ_{cJ}) background is studied using $M_{\ell\ell}$ ($M_{J/\psi\gamma}$) sidebands in data. In $B \rightarrow (\chi_{cJ}\gamma)K$, the background with a broad peaking structure is mostly due to the $B \to \psi'(\not\to$ $\chi_{cJ}\gamma)K$, $B \to \chi_{cJ}K^*$, $B \to J/\psi K^*$, and $B \to \psi' K^*$ decay modes. $B \to \psi'(\not\to \chi_{cJ}\gamma)K$ produces peaks in both distributions $(M_{\chi_{cl}\gamma})$ and M_{bc} , while the other backgrounds are flat in $M_{\chi_{cJ}\gamma}$ but peaked in M_{bc} . We determine the PDFs from the large MC sample. The fractions of the PDF components are floated in the fit, except for $B \to \psi'(\not\to \chi_{cJ}\gamma)K$, whose fraction is controlled by fixing its ratio to the $B \to \psi'(\to \chi_{cJ}\gamma)K$ signal yield. combinatorial background, a threshold function $(M_{\chi_{cJ}\gamma})^2 \times \exp[a(M_{\chi_{cJ}\gamma} - M_{th}) + b(M_{\chi_{cJ}\gamma} - M_{th})^2 + c(M_{\chi_{cJ}\gamma} - M_{th})^3]$, where $M_{th} = 3.543 \text{ GeV}/c^2$

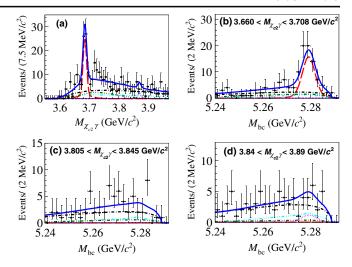


FIG. 2 (color online). 2D UML fit projection for $B^{\pm} \rightarrow (\chi_{c2}\gamma)K^{\pm}$ decays: (a) $M_{\chi_{c2}\gamma}$ distribution for $M_{bc} > 5.27 \text{ GeV}/c^2$, (b) M_{bc} distribution for the ψ' region, (c) M_{bc} distribution for the X(3823) region, and (d) M_{bc} distribution for the X(3872) region. The curves used in the fits are described in Ref. [40].

 $(3.585~{\rm GeV}/c^2)$ for $M_{\chi_{c1}\gamma}$ ($M_{\chi_{c2}\gamma}$), is used for $M_{\chi_{cJ}\gamma}$, and an ARGUS function [30] is used for $M_{\rm bc}$. The value of $M_{\rm th}$ is estimated from a MC study; its variation, which affects the signal yield in the fits, is incorporated in the systematic errors. The ΔE data sidebands are used to verify the background PDFs. The fractions for the signal and the background components are floated in the fit.

The results of the fits are presented in Figs. 1-3 and in Table I. The significance is estimated using the value of $-2\ln(\mathcal{L}_0/\mathcal{L}_{\text{max}})$, where \mathcal{L}_{max} (\mathcal{L}_0) denotes the likelihood value when the yield is allowed to vary (is set to zero). In the likelihood calculation, the χ^2 statistic uses the appropriate number of degrees of freedom [two in the case of $B^{\pm} \to X(3823)K^{\pm}$ and one for the other decay modes]. The systematic uncertainty, which is described below, is included in the significance calculation [31]. We find a significant ψ' signal in all considered channels. We also obtain evidence for the X(3823) in the channel $B^{\pm} \rightarrow$ $\chi_{c1} \gamma K^{\pm}$ with a statistical significance of 3.8 standard deviations (σ). The X(3872) signals are insignificant. We estimate the branching fractions according to the formula $\mathcal{B} = Y/(\epsilon \mathcal{B}_s N_{B\bar{B}})$; here, Y is the yield, ϵ is the reconstruction efficiency, \mathcal{B}_s is the secondary branching fraction taken from Ref. [9], and $N_{B\bar{B}}$ is the number of $B\bar{B}$ mesons in the data sample. Equal production of neutral and charged B meson pairs in the Y(4S) decay is assumed. Measured branching fractions for the ψ' are in agreement with the world average values for all the channels [9]. We set 90% confidence level (C.L.) upper limits (U.L.) on the insignificant channels using frequentist methods based on an ensemble of pseudoexperiments.

A correction for small differences in the signal detection efficiency between MC simulations and data has been

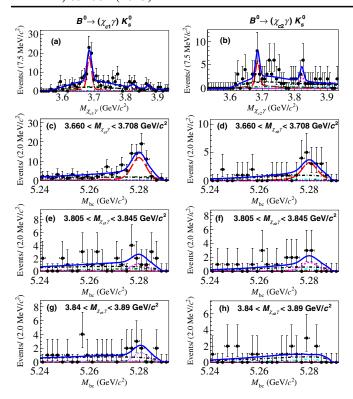


FIG. 3 (color online). 2D UML fit projection for $B^0 \rightarrow (\chi_{cJ}\gamma)K_S^0$ decays: (a) $M_{\chi_{cl}\gamma}$ distribution for $M_{bc} > 5.27~{\rm GeV}/c^2$; (b) $M_{\chi_{c2}\gamma}$ distribution for $M_{bc} > 5.27~{\rm GeV}/c^2$; (c), (d) M_{bc} distribution for the ψ' region; (e), (f) M_{bc} distribution for the X(3823) region; and (g), (h) M_{bc} distribution for the X(3872) region. The curves used in the fits are described in Ref. [40].

applied for the lepton and kaon identification requirements. Uncertainties in these corrections are included in the systematic error. The $e^+e^- \rightarrow e^+e^-\ell^+\ell^-$ ($\ell=e$ or μ) and $D^{*+} \rightarrow D^0(K^-\pi^+)\pi^+$ samples are used to estimate the lepton identification correction and the kaon (pion) identification correction, respectively. To estimate the correction and residual systematic uncertainty for K_S^0 reconstruction, $D^{*+} \to D^0 (\to K_S^0 \pi^+ \pi^-) \pi^+$ samples are used. The errors on the PDF shapes are obtained by varying all fixed parameters by $\pm 1\sigma$ and taking the change in the yield as the systematic uncertainty. The uncertainties due to the secondary branching fractions are also taken into account. The uncertainties of the tracking efficiency and $N_{B\bar{B}}$ are estimated to be 0.35% per track and 1.4%, respectively. The uncertainty on the photon identification is estimated to be 2.0%/photon. The systematic uncertainty associated with the difference of the π^0 veto between data and MC simulation is estimated to be 1.2% from a study of the $B^{\pm} \to \chi_{c1}(\to J/\psi \gamma) K^{\pm}$ sample.

To improve the mass determination of the X(3823), a simultaneous fit to $B^{\pm} \to (\chi_{c1}\gamma)K^{\pm}$ and $B^0 \to (\chi_{c1}\gamma)K^0_S$ is performed, assuming that $\mathcal{B}(B^{\pm} \to X(3823)K^{\pm})/\mathcal{B}(B^0 \to X(3823)K^0) = \mathcal{B}(B^{\pm} \to \psi'K^{\pm})/\mathcal{B}(B^0 \to \psi'K^0)$. The ψ' peak position and $M_{\chi_{c1}\gamma}$ resolution are common for

both charged and neutral B candidates. From this fit (shown in Fig. 4), we estimate the significance for X(3823) to be 4.0σ (including systematic uncertainties). We determine the mass of the signal peak relative to the well-measured ψ' mass:

$$M_{X(3823)} = M_{X(3823)}^{\text{meas}} - M_{\psi'}^{\text{meas}} + M_{\psi'}^{\text{PDG}}$$

= $3823.1 \pm 1.8 \pm 0.7 \text{ MeV}.$

Here, the first uncertainty is statistical and the second is systematic. Because of the mass-constrained fit to the χ_{c1} candidate, the systematic uncertainty of $M_{X(3823)}$ is dominated by the additional photon's energy scale. This photon energy scale uncertainty is estimated by the difference between the $\chi_{c1} \rightarrow J/\psi \gamma$ candidates' mass without any constraint and the χ_{c1} nominal mass [9], which results in 0.7 MeV as the $M_{X(3823)}$ systematic error. In order to estimate the width, we float this parameter and find no sensitivity with the available statistics: the width is 1.7 \pm 5.5 MeV. Using pseudoexperiments generated with different width hypotheses for the X(3823), the U.L. at 90% C.L. on its width is estimated to be 24 MeV.

The mass of the X(3823) is near potential model expectations for the centroid of the 1^3D_J states: the Cornell [17] and the Buchmüller-Tye [18] potentials give $3810 \text{ MeV}/c^2$. Other models predict the mass of ψ_2 (the $1^3D_2c\bar{c}$ state, having $J^{PC}=2^{--}$) to be $3815-3840 \text{ MeV}/c^2$ [32–35]. The X(3823) mass agrees

TABLE I. Summary of the results. Signal yield (Y) from the fit, significance (S) with systematics included, corrected efficiency (ϵ) , and measured \mathcal{B} . For \mathcal{B} , the first (second) error is statistical (systematic). In the neutral \mathcal{B} decay, the efficiency below includes the $K_S^0 \to \pi^+\pi^-$ branching fraction but does not include the factor of two for $K^0 \to K_S^0$ or K_L^0 .

Decay	Yield (Y)	$\mathcal{S}(\sigma)$	$\epsilon(\%)$	Branching fraction
$\frac{B^{\pm} \to \psi'(\to \chi_{cJ} \gamma) K^{\pm}}{B^{\pm}}$				$\mathcal{B}(10^{-4})$
χ_{c1}	193.2 ± 19.2	14.8	8.6	$7.7 \pm 0.8 \pm 0.9$
χ_{c2}	59.1 ± 8.4	7.8	6.0	$6.3 \pm 0.9 \pm 0.6$
$B^0 \to \psi'(\to \chi_{cJ}\gamma)K^0$				
χ_{c1}	50.3 ± 7.3	7.2	5.1	$6.8 \pm 1.0 \pm 0.7$
χ_{c2}	12.9 ± 4.4	2.9	3.5	$4.7 \pm 1.6 \pm 0.8$
$B^{\pm} \rightarrow X(3823)(\rightarrow \chi_{cJ}\gamma)K^{\pm}$				$\mathcal{B}(10^{-6})$
χ_{c1}	33.2 ± 9.7	3.8	10.9	$9.7 \pm 2.8 \pm 1.1$
χ_{c2}	0.3 ± 3.9	0.1	8.8	< 3.6
$B^0 \to X(3823)(\to \chi_{cJ}\gamma)K^0$				
χ_{c1}	3.9 ± 3.4	1.2	6.0	< 9.9
χ_{c2}	5.3 ± 2.9	2.4	5.0	<22.8
$B^{\pm} \rightarrow X(3872)(\rightarrow \chi_{cJ}\gamma)K^{\pm}$				
χ_{c1}	-0.9 ± 5.1		11.1	< 1.9
χ_{c2}	4.7 ± 4.4	1.3	9.3	< 6.7
$B^0 \to X(3872)(\to \chi_{cJ}\gamma)K^0$				
χ_{c1}	4.6 ± 3.0	1.6	6.2	< 9.6
χ_{c2}	2.3 ± 2.2	1.1	5.2	<12.2

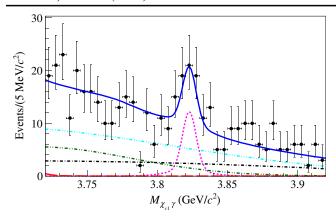


FIG. 4 (color online). 2D UML fit projection of the $M_{\chi_{c1}\gamma}$ distribution for the simultaneous fit of $B^{\pm} \rightarrow (\chi_{c1}\gamma)K^{\pm}$ and $B^0 \rightarrow (\chi_{c1}\gamma)K^0_S$ decays for $M_{bc} > 5.27 \text{ GeV}/c^2$. The curves used in the fits are described in Ref. [40].

quite well with these models. In addition, since no peak has been seen around X(3823) in the $D\bar{D}$ final state [36], one expects that ψ_2 does not decay to $D\bar{D}$ [34]. The ratio $R_B = (\mathcal{B}[X(3823) \rightarrow \chi_{c2}\gamma]/\mathcal{B}[X(3823) \rightarrow \chi_{c1}\gamma]) < 0.41$ (at 90% C.L.) is consistent with the expectation $(R_B \sim 0.2)$ for ψ_2 [33,37,38]. The limited statistics preclude an angular analysis to determine the J^{PC} of the X(3823). The product of branching fractions for the X(3823) is approximately 2 orders of magnitude lower than for the ψ' , as shown in Table I; it is consistent with the interpretation of the X(3823) as $\psi_2(1^3D_2)$, whose production rate is suppressed by the factorization [39] in the two-body B meson decays.

In summary, we obtain the first evidence of a narrow state X(3823) that decays to $\chi_{c1}\gamma$ with a mass of $3823.1 \pm 1.8(\text{stat}) \pm 0.7(\text{syst}) \text{ MeV}/c^2$ and a significance of 3.8σ , including systematic uncertainties. We measure the branching fraction product $\mathcal{B}[B^{\pm} \rightarrow$ $X(3823)K^{\pm}]\mathcal{B}[X(3823) \rightarrow \chi_{c1}\gamma] = (9.7 \pm 2.8 \pm 1.1) \times 10^{-6}.$ evidence is found for $X(3823) \rightarrow \chi_{c2} \gamma$, and we set an U.L. on its branching fraction product ${\mathcal B}$ as well as the ratio $R_B \equiv (\mathcal{B}[X(3823) \to \chi_{c2}\gamma]/$ $\mathcal{B}[X(3823) \rightarrow \chi_{c1}\gamma]) < 0.41$ at 90% C.L. The properties of the X(3823) are consistent with those expected for the $\psi_2(1^3D_2c\bar{c})$ state. We also determine an U.L. on the product of branching fractions $\mathcal{B}[B^{\pm}]$ $X(3872)K^{\pm}$] $\mathcal{B}[X(3872)\rightarrow\chi_{c1}\gamma]$ <1.9×10⁻⁶ at 90% C.L.; this is less than one quarter of the corresponding value in $X(3872) \rightarrow J/\psi \pi^+ \pi^-$ [9]. Our results show that the production of the X(3872)'s C-odd partner in two-body B decays and its decay to $\chi_{cI}\gamma$ are considerably suppressed.

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