

**Table S7.** Characteristics of early primary HCC patients.

Characteristics	HCC Patients
Case, <i>n</i>	51
Age (years), Mean $\pm$ SD	60.78 $\pm$ 9.11
Male, <i>n</i> (%)	47 (92.16)
Tumor size (cm)	
$\geq$ 3 cm, <i>n</i> (%)	30 (58.82)
< 3 cm, <i>n</i> (%)	21 (41.18)
< 2 cm, <i>n</i> (%)	11 (21.57)
< 1 cm, <i>n</i> (%)	2 (3.92)
Tumor Location in Couinaud's Segment	
I, <i>n</i> (%)	3 (5.88)
II, <i>n</i> (%)	4 (7.84)
III, <i>n</i> (%)	2 (3.92)
IV, <i>n</i> (%)	5 (9.80)
V, <i>n</i> (%)	8 (15.69)
VI, <i>n</i> (%)	8 (15.69)
VII, <i>n</i> (%)	13 (25.50)
VIII, <i>n</i> (%)	4 (7.84)
II and IV, <i>n</i> (%)	1 (1.96)
VI and VII, <i>n</i> (%)	2 (3.92)
VII and VIII, <i>n</i> (%)	1 (1.96)
Differentiation Degree	
Well, <i>n</i> (%)	5 (9.80)
Moderate, <i>n</i> (%)	25 (49.02)
Poor, <i>n</i> (%)	21 (41.18)
Child-Push Class	
A, <i>n</i> (%)	47 (92.16)
B, <i>n</i> (%)	4 (7.84)
Cirrhosis, <i>n</i> (%)	35 (68.63)
BCLC Stage	
Stage 0, <i>n</i> (%)	5 (9.80)
Stage A, <i>n</i> (%)	46 (90.20)
HBsAg Positive, <i>n</i> (%)	51 (100)
HCV-Ab Positive, <i>n</i> (%)	0 (0)
HEV-IgM Positive, <i>n</i> (%)	0 (0)
BMI (kg/m <sup>2</sup> ), Median (IQR)	24.1 (23.7 to 24.8)
ALT (U/L), Median (IQR)	24.0 (19.0 to 35.0)
AST (U/L), Median (IQR)	26.0 (21.0 to 33.0)
TBIL ( $\mu$ mol/L), Median (IQR)	15.2 (11.0 to 21.7)
ALB (g/L), Median (IQR)	42.8 (41.0 to 45.0)
PT (sec), Median (IQR)	11.5 (11.0 to 11.9)
CREA ( $\mu$ mol/L), Median (IQR)	69.0 (59.0 to 80.0)
AFP (ng/mL), Median (IQR)	4.74 (3.02 to 28.27)

AFP > 7 ng/mL, <i>n</i> (%)	19 (37.25)
AFP > 20 ng/mL, <i>n</i> (%)	15 (29.41)
AFP > 200 ng/mL, <i>n</i> (%)	7 (13.73)
AFP > 400 ng/mL, <i>n</i> (%)	6 (11.76)

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*Abbreviations:* SD, standard deviation; IQR, interquartile range.