

supplementary Table S1. Baseline characteristics of 8 patients who have not been include

| Factor | Number or Median (Range) |
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| Age (years) | 69(52-75) |
| ECOG PS 0/1/2 | 4/3/1 |
| Sex | 7/1 |
| Male/Female | |
| Etiology | 1/2/5 |
| HBV/HCV/non-B, non-C | |
| Stage II/III/IVA/IVB | 3/1/1/3 |
| Tumor size (mm) | 40 (26-100) |
| Total bilirubin (mg/dL) | 0.81 (0.44-3.08) |
| AST (U/L) | 38 (18-119) |
| ALT (U/L) | 35 (14-52) |
| LDH (U/L) | 212 (161-1188) |
| γ-GTP (U/L) | 125 (33-302) |
| ALP (U/L) | 386 (160-1148) |
| Albumin (g/dL) | 3.61 (2.22-4.29) |
| BUN (mg/dL) | 15.7 (8.8-27.8) |
| Creatinine (mg/dL) | 0.72 (0.48-1.22) |
| CRP (mg/dL) | 1.08 (0.04-11.51) |
| Sodium (mEq/L) | 140 (133-143) |
| Potassium (mEq/L) | 4.1 (3.9-5.1) |
| Chloride (mEq/L) | 105 (99-109) |
| Hb (g/dL) | 13.4 (6.3-15.9) |
| White blood cell (/µL) | 5750 (3700-1290) |
| Neutrophils (/µL) | 3394.4 (1776-11184.3) |
| NLR | 2.25 (1.4-10.6) |
| CEA (ng/mL) | 3.1 (2.1-109.3) |
| CA 19-9 (U/mL) | 183.7 (10.4-87208.9) |

Abbreviations: ALP; alkaline phosphatase, ALT; alanine aminotransferase, AST; aspartate aminotransferase, BUN; blood urea nitrogen, CRP; C reactive protein, HBV; hepatitis B virus, HCV; hepatitis C virus, LDH; lactate dehydrogenase, Hb; hemoglobin, NLR; neutrophil-to-lymphocyte ratio, WBC; white blood cell, γ-GTP; gamma-glutamyl transpeptidase