

Table S8. Characteristics of HCs and early primary HCC patients with normal serum AFP levels.

Characteristics	HCC Patients	HCs	<i>p</i> -Value
Case	32	32	-
Age (years), Mean \pm SD	61.22 \pm 9.69	65.75 \pm 9.67	0.066
Male, <i>n</i> (%)	29 (90.63)	30 (93.75)	0.641
HBsAg Positive, <i>n</i> (%)	32 (100)	0 (0)	-
HCV-Ab Positive, <i>n</i> (%)	0 (0)	0 (0)	-
HEV-IgM Positive, <i>n</i> (%)	0 (0)	0 (0)	-
BMI (kg/m ²), Median (IQR)	24.25 (23.73 to 25.28)	24.30 (23.80 to 25.05)	0.957
ALT (U/L), Median (IQR)	23.00 (14.25 to 31.50)	22.50 (18.00 to 33.00)	0.747
AST (U/L), Median (IQR)	26.00 (20.25 to 31.75)	23.00 (20.00 to 25.00)	0.053
TBIL (μ mol/L), Median (IQR)	14.80 (10.15 to 20.03)	13.35 (11.68 to 14.15)	0.383
ALB (g/L), Median (IQR)	42.80 (41.15 to 44.95)	46.00 (43.43 to 47.45)	0.001
CREA (μ mol/L), Median (IQR)	68.50 (59.25 to 79.50)	75.50 (67.25 to 81.50)	0.183
AFP (ng/mL), Median (IQR)	3.16 (2.26 to 4.53)	2.51 (1.67 to 3.45)	0.063
ANGPTL6 (pg/mL), Median (IQR)	582.10 (385.88 to 1309.13)	191.00 (99.80 to 519.50)	0.001