

Table S10. Characteristics of early primary HCC patients and the noncancer group with normal serum AFP levels.

Characteristics	HCC Patients	The noncancer group	<i>p</i> -Value
Case	32	62	-
Age (years), Mean \pm SD	61.22 \pm 9.69	62.50 \pm 10.59	0.569
Male, <i>n</i> (%)	29 (90.63)	56 (90.32)	0.962
HBsAg Positive, <i>n</i> (%)	32 (100)	30 (48.39)	< 0.001
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 (23.35 to 24.93)	0.303
ALT (U/L), Median (IQR)	23.00 (14.25 to 31.50)	22.00 (17.75 to 34.00)	0.768
AST (U/L), Median (IQR)	26.00 (20.25 to 31.75)	23.00 (18.00 to 28.00)	0.063
TBIL (μ mol/L), Median (IQR)	14.80 (10.15 to 20.03)	13.55 (11.40 to 20.05)	0.968
ALB (g/L), Median (IQR)	42.80 (41.15 to 44.95)	44.60 (40.98 to 46.75)	0.171
CREA (μ mol/L), Median (IQR)	68.50 (59.25 to 79.50)	69.50 (65.00 to 78.50)	0.587
AFP (ng/mL), Median (IQR)	3.16 (2.26 to 4.53)	2.48 (1.71 to 3.54)	0.028
ANGPTL6 (pg/mL), Median (IQR)	582.10 (385.88 to 1309.13)	399.18 (181.34 to 497.48)	0.001

The noncancer group had a total of 30 CHB patients and 32 HCs.