

Table SI. Primers used in quantitative RT-PCR.

Primer	Primer sequence (5'→3')
β-actin (285 bps)	F: AGCGAGCATCCCCAAAGTT R: GGGCACGAAGGCTCATCATT
TEA Domain Transcription Factor 2 (138 bps)	F: GCCTCCGAGAGCTATATGATCG R: TCACTCCGTAGAAGCCACCA

Table SII. Clinicopathologic information of patients with hepatocellular carcinoma enrolled in clinical data analysis.

Characteristics	Total (%)
Patients	79 (100.0)
Sex	
Female	15 (19.0)
Male	64 (81.0)
Age, years	
≤60	45 (57.0)
>60	34 (43.0)
TNM stage (8th AJCC staging system)	
I	28 (35.4)
II	48 (60.8)
III	3 (3.8)
IV	0 (0)
Histological grade (Edmondson-Steiner grade)	
1	0 (0)
2	13 (16.5)
3	30 (38.0)
4	31 (39.2)
NA	5 (6.3)
Vital status	
Alive	62 (78.5)
Dead	17 (21.5)
Child-Pugh classification	
A	59 (74.7)
B	6 (7.6)
C	0 (0)
NA	14 (17.7)
Thrombocytopenia (<150x10 ⁹ /l)	
Yes	40 (50.6)
No	39 (49.4)
Albumin level, g/dl	
>3.5	20 (25.3)
≤3.5	59 (74.7)
AFP, ng/ml	
≤20	35 (44.3)
>20	31 (39.2)
NA	13 (16.5)
History of hepatocellular carcinoma risk	
Hepatitis B	47 (59.5)
Hepatitis C	6 (7.6)
Alcohol consumption	9 (11.4)
NA	17 (21.5)

TNM, Tumor-Node-Metastasis; AJCC, American Joint Committee on Cancer; AFP, alpha-fetoprotein; NA, not applicable.