

Table SI. Baseline characteristics of patients with hepatocellular carcinoma (n=20).

Characteristics	Value
Sex, male/female	18/2
Mean age \pm SD, years	53 \pm 12
Cirrhosis, n (%)	10 (50)
Child-Pugh classification, A/B/C	20/0/0
AFP, positive/negative ^a	13/7
BCLC stage, A/B/C	6/13/1

Clinical and laboratory parameters of patients by disease severity as evaluated by the Child-Pugh score. ^aAFP positive, ≥ 200 ng/ml; AFP negative, < 200 ng/ml. AFP, α -fetoprotein; BCLC, Barcelona-Clinic Liver Cancer.