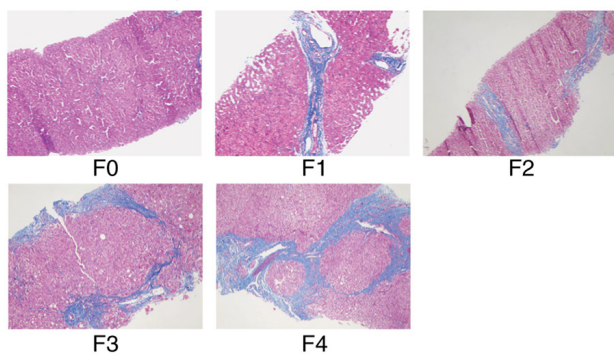


Figure S1. (A) Masson and (B) H&E staining of the right liver lobe of patients with grade F0, F1, F2, F3 or F4 liver fibrosis. Magnification, x100. H&E, hematoxylin and eosin.

A Masson staining



B H&E staining

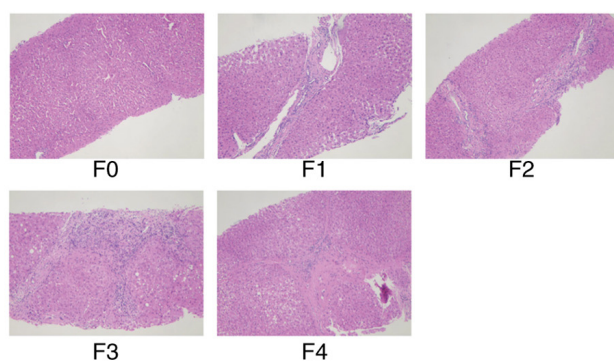


Figure S2. Co-localization of MALAT1 and miR-181a-5p was assessed using a fluorescence *in situ* hybridization assay. MALAT1 (red fluorescence), miR-181a-5p (green fluorescence), cell nucleus (blue fluorescence) and the merged image of the 3 fluorescence channels are shown. MALAT1, metastasis associated lung adenocarcinoma transcript 1; miR, microRNA.

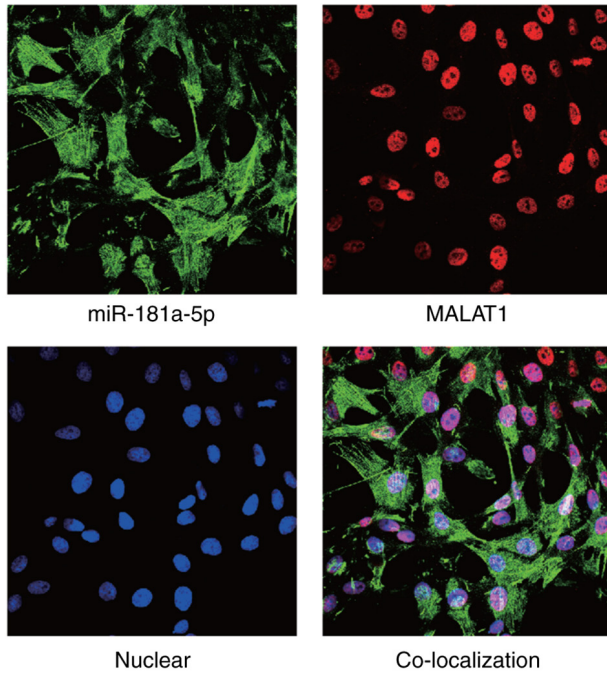


Table SI. Primer sequences used in PCR.

Gene	Forward 5'-3'	Reverse 5'-3'
MALAT1	CAGGTCGTGTATCTCCGCCA	TCATACTACCAGTCTCACAC
GAPDH	ACCAGGTATCTTGTTG	TAACCATGTCAGCGTGGT
MicroRNA-181a-5p	ACACTCCAGCTGGGAACATTCAACGCTGTCGG	TGGTGTCGTGGAGTCG
U6	AGGCCAATGGCAATGTAAAG	TCAGATTXIGCCAGGGAACC
MALAT1, metastasis associated lung adenocarcinoma transcript 1.		