

## **Supplementary data**

**Table S1.** Information and dilution ratio of antibodies

	<b>Catalog no.</b>	<b>Vendor</b>	<b>Dilution ratio</b>
<b>Primary antibodies</b>			
rabbit monoclonal anti-human CD90 IgG antibody	ab92574	abcam, Cambridge, MA	1:100
mouse monoclonal anti-human CD24 IgG antibody	ab76514	abcam, Cambridge, MA	1:100
mouse monoclonal anti-human CD31 IgG antibody	ab9498	abcam, Cambridge, MA	1:25
mouse monoclonal anti-human CD45 IgG antibody	ab8216	abcam, Cambridge, MA	1:1000
mouse monoclonal anti-human CD133 IgG antibody	MAB4399	Milipore, Temecula, CA	1:100
<b>HRP-conjugated secondary antibodies</b>			
goat polyclonal anti-rabbit IgG H&L antibody	ab6721	abcam, Cambridge, MA	1:200
goat polyclonal anti-mouse IgG H&L antibody	ab6789	abcam, Cambridge, MA	1:200
<b>Fluorochrome-conjugated secondary antibodies</b>			
DyLight <sup>®</sup> 488 goat anti-rabbit IgG antibody and DyLight <sup>®</sup> 549 horse anti-mouse IgG antibody	DI-1488	Vector laboratories, Burlingame, CA	1:200
	DI-2549	Vector laboratories, Burlingame, CA	1:200

Abbreviation: HRP, horseradish peroxidase

**Table S2A.** Mean (S.E.), median, and least square mean of percentage of CD90+ cancer cells/hepatocytes

	<b>Mean (S.E.)</b>	<b>Median (Range)</b>	<b>Least square mean*(S.E.)</b>
<b>Normal liver</b>	0.16 (0.06) %	0 (0-0.55) %	0.64 (1.05) %
<b>Cirrhosis</b>	0.50 (0.16) %	0.26 (0-3.07) %	0.48 (0.77) %
<b>Early-stage HCC</b>	5.01 (0.39) %	4.39 (0-14.92) %	4.96 (0.43) %
<b>Late-stage HCC</b>	6.68 (0.48) %	6.63 (0-17.91) %	6.64 (0.39) %

\* adjusted for age and gender

**Table S2B.** Mean  $\pm$  S.E., median, and least square mean of level of CD90 expression on tumor region (OD/area,  $\times 10^{-3} / \mu\text{m}^2$ )

	<b>Mean (S.E.)</b>	<b>Median (Range)</b>	<b>Least square mean*(S.E.)</b>
<b>Normal liver</b>	2.5 (0.8)	1.0 (0-11.9)	9.3 (11.1)
<b>Cirrhosis</b>	23.1 (6.1)	9.9 (0.1-97.1)	22.0 (8.1)
<b>Early-stage HCC</b>	40.7 (4.1)	32.2 (2.1-147.7)	40.2 (4.6)
<b>Late-stage HCC</b>	52.1 (4.8)	38.3 (4.8 -245.8)	51.6 (4.1)

\* adjusted for age and gender

**Table S2C.** Mean  $\pm$  S.E., median, and least square mean of level of CD90 expression on stromal region (OD/area,  $\times 10^{-3} / \mu\text{m}^2$ )

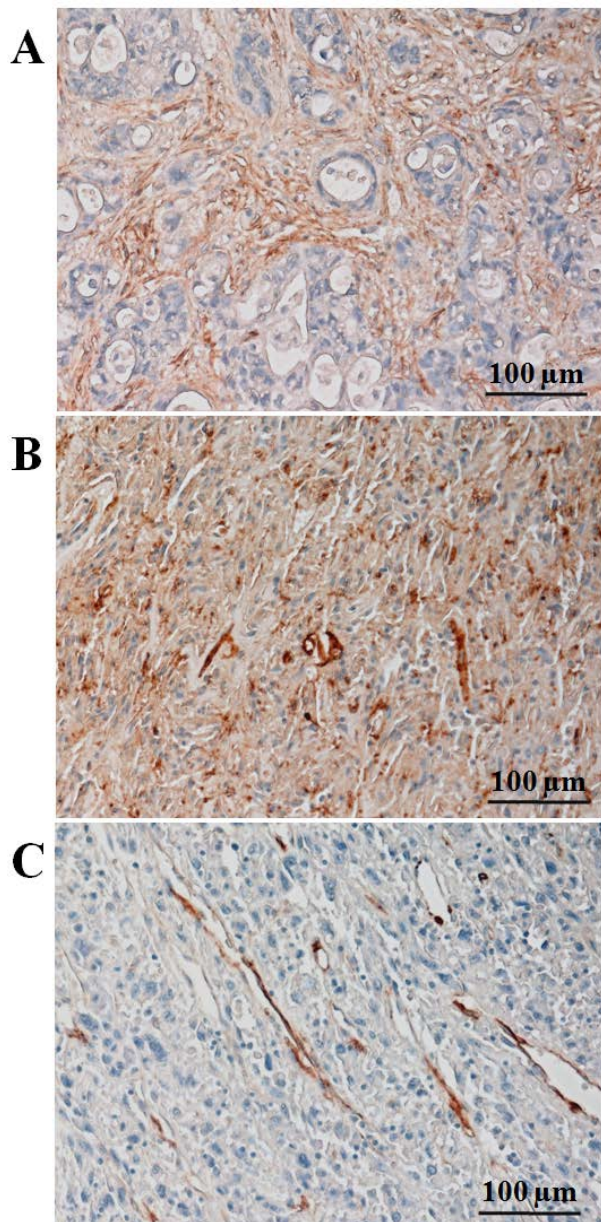
	<b>Mean (S.E.)</b>	<b>Median (Range)</b>	<b>Least square mean*(S.E.)</b>
<b>Normal liver</b>	37.9 (19.2)	3.4 (0.2-167.9)	33.0 (64.4)
<b>Cirrhosis</b>	165.4 (33.9)	143.8 (13.8-633.3)	164.7 (39.0)
<b>Early-stage HCC</b>	226.3 (27.1)	187.3 (2.7-736.0)	227.3 (25.1)
<b>Late-stage HCC</b>	193.9 (21.6)	146.1 (0.5-835.3)	194.1 (21.5)

\* adjusted for age and gender

**Table S2D.** Mean  $\pm$  S.E., median, and least square mean of level of overall CD90 expression (OD/area,  $\times 10^{-3} / \mu\text{m}^2$ )

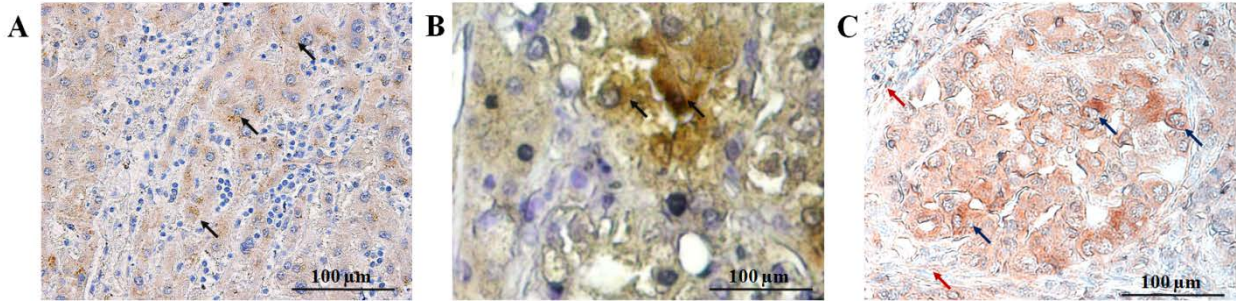
	<b>Mean (S.E.)</b>	<b>Median (Range)</b>	<b>Least square mean*(S.E.)</b>
<b>Normal liver</b>	5.6 (2.1)	1.1 (0-24.0)	14.1(18.1)
<b>Cirrhosis</b>	59.4 (11.4)	43.1 (1.0-178.8)	58.1 (12.9)
<b>Early-stage HCC</b>	63.6 (7.5)	41.1 (2.1-331.9)	62.9 (7.3)
<b>Late-stage HCC</b>	73.9 (6.9)	55.3 (6.5-306.9)	73.4 (6.6)

\* adjusted for age and gender



**Figure S1. CD90 expression in non-HCC liver tumors**

- (A) Intrahepatic cholangiocarcinoma. No CD90+ neoplastic cell was observed.
- (B) Hepatic malignant fibrohistiocytoma. Weak expression of CD90 was seen in most of neoplastic cells while few of them showed strong expression.
- (C) Hepatic angiosarcoma. CD90 was expressed intensely in perivascular area.



**Figure S2. Expression of CD24 and CD133 in hepatocellular carcinoma**

(A) CD24 expression was found in cytoplasm of neoplastic cells in various levels. Arrows indicated CD24+ cells.

(B) Cytoplasmic expression of CD44 was observed in neoplastic cells in various levels. Arrows indicated CD24+ cells.

(C) Various intensity of CD133 cytoplasmic expression was observed in neoplastic cells. However, some stromal cells also expressed CD133. Red arrows indicated CD133+ stromal cells. CD133+ neoplastic cells were indicated by blue arrows.