

Supplementary Table 1. Baseline Study Population Characteristics

	Controls (n=153)	Patients with HCC (n=217)	<i>p</i> value
Age, yr	52.9±13.9	53.7±9.0	ns
Male gender	98 (64.0)	150 (69.1)	ns
Liver cirrhosis	67 (43.8)	165 (76.4)	<0.001
HBsAg positive	91 (59.9)	182 (85.3)	<0.001
Alanine aminotransferase, IU/L	32.3±27.7	54.6±109.1	0.004

HCC, hepatocellular carcinoma; HBsAg, hepatitis B surface antigen; ns, not significant.
Variables are expressed as mean±SD or n (%).