

		Tumor size (cm)		
	Frequency	mean	SD	p -value
IL6-Normal	199	7.29	4.24	0.528
IL6-High	17	6.77	3.11	
IL8-Normal	185	7.34	4.18	0.391
IL8-High	31	6.67	4.03	
STC1-Normal	131	7.841	4.32	<b>0.008</b>
STC1-High	85	6.359	3.75	
STC1/IL6 -Normal	207	7.313	4.21	0.245
STC1/IL6 -High	9	5.667	2.11	
STC1/IL8 -Normal	202	7.4	4.2	<b>0.025</b>
STC1/IL8 -High	14	5.1	3.2	

\* Incomplete patient information

**S1 Table. Clinicopathological data on tumor size among HCC samples with different expression levels of STC1, IL6 and IL8.  $p < 0.05$  was considered as significant.**