

Table S1. Spearman correlations between OPN levels and AFP, CRP or liver function markers among HCC Cases and among Controls.

| | Spearman correlation with OPN, ng/ml | | | |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------|-------------------|---------|
| | Controls (n=194) | | HCC cases (n=100) | |
| | R | p-value | R | p-value |
| AFP, ng/ml | -0.02 | 0.829 | 0.24 | 0.022 |
| CRP, mg/l | 0.12 | 0.107 | 0.38 | <0.001 |
| ALT, U/l | -0.21 | 0.004 | -0.02 | 0.818 |
| AST, U/l | -0.13 | 0.074 | 0.21 | 0.039 |
| GGT, U/l | -0.06 | 0.371 | 0.25 | 0.014 |
| ALP, U/l | 0.06 | 0.418 | 0.36 | <0.001 |
| Albumin, g/l | -0.37 | <.0001 | -0.48 | <0.001 |
| Total bilirubin, µmol/l | -0.02 | 0.810 | 0.12 | 0.237 |

Spearman correlation coefficients were adjusted for age at recruitment and sex.

Table S2. Odds ratios (OR) and 95% confidence intervals [95% CI] of hepatocellular carcinoma per 10% increase in circulating OPN levels (ng/ml)^a in the EPIC nested case-control study.

| Model | Nº HCC cases | OPN mean (SD), median (ng/ml) | OR [95% CI] ^b |
|----------------------------------|--------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| All data | 100 | 66.5 (61.7), 56.0 | 1.30 [1.14-1.48] |
| Additionally adjusted for | | | |
| AFP, ng/ml | 100 | - | 1.19 [1.05-1.35] |
| BARD score | 100 | - | 1.30 [1.14-1.48] |
| AST/ALT ratio | 100 | - | 1.29 [1.14-1.48] |
| ALT, U/l | 100 | - | 1.25 [1.08-1.43] |
| AST, U/l | 100 | - | 1.19 [1.02-1.38] |
| GGT, U/l | 100 | - | 1.25 [1.07-1.46] |
| ALP, U/l | 100 | - | 1.18 [1.02-1.37] |
| Albumin, g/l | 100 | - | 1.21 [1.06-1.38] |
| Total bilirubin, µmol/l | 100 | - | 1.26 [1.11-1.44] |
| HBV/HCV status | 100 | - | 1.26 [1.11-1.43] |
| Stratified analyses | | | |
| By sex | | | |
| Men | 70 | 70.0 (71.9), 57.2 | 1.44 [1.19-1.74] |
| Women | 30 | 58.3 (23.9), 54.4 | 1.07 [0.87-1.32] |
| By years of follow-up | | | |
| < 2 y | 21 | 144.8 (199.6), 69.9 | 2.51 [1.06-5.95] |
| 2-6 y | 40 | 70.8 (32.8), 59.5 | 1.45 [1.13-1.85] |

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| > 6 y | 39 | 58.1 (23.5), 54.0 | 1.05 [0.89-1.24] |
| By viral hepatitis status | | | |
| HBV/HCV positive | 27 | 64.1 (20.8), 59.4 | 2.45 [1.24-4.83] |
| HBV/HCV negative | 70 | 67.1 (66.2), 55.2 | 1.19 [1.05-1.34] |
| Sensitivity analyses | | | |
| AFP < 20 ng/ml | 87 | 64.1 (55.0), 55.2 | 1.24 [1.10-1.41] |
| AFP < 10 ng/ml | 75 | 63.7 (56.5), 54.5 | 1.23 [1.09-1.41] |
| Non-diabetic | 80 | 68.2 (66.5), 56.4 | 1.40 [1.18-1.66] |

^a OPN levels correspond to a 10% increment after log transformation.

^b ORs and 95%CIs estimated by conditional logistic regression conditioned on the matching factors and adjusted for body mass index (kg/m², continuous), smoking status (never, former, current, unknown), baseline alcohol intake (g/d, continuous), and lifetime alcohol intake pattern (never drinkers, former drinkers, drinkers only at recruitment, lifetime drinkers, unknown).

Table S3: Random repeated assignment of cases and their matched controls to classifier calibration (80% of subjects) and classifier validation (remainder 20% of subjects) components.

| | Classifier calibration AUC [95%CI] | Classifier validation AUC [95% CI] |
|-----------------------|---|---|
| SAMPLE SET 1 | | |
| OPN | 0.71 [0.64-0.79] | 0.67 [0.52-0.81] |
| AFP | 0.77 [0.70-0.83] | 0.74 [0.60-0.89] |
| OPN+AFP | 0.79 [0.73-0.86] | 0.73 [0.59-0.86] |
| OPN+liver enzymes | 0.86 [0.80-0.92] | 0.85 [0.73-0.97] |
| OPN+AFP+liver enzymes | 0.87 [0.81-0.93] | 0.84 [0.73-0.96] |
| SAMPLE SET 2 | | |
| OPN | 0.69 [0.62-0.76] | 0.76 [0.61-0.90] |
| AFP | 0.78 [0.71-0.84] | 0.71 [0.56-0.85] |
| OPN+AFP | 0.79 [0.72-0.85] | 0.78 [0.64-0.93] |
| OPN+liver enzymes | 0.86 [0.80-0.92] | 0.82 [0.70-0.94] |
| OPN+AFP+liver enzymes | 0.87 [0.81-0.92] | 0.78 [0.64-0.91] |
| SAMPLE SET 3 | | |
| OPN | 0.72 [0.65-0.79] | 0.64 [0.48-0.80] |
| AFP | 0.75 [0.68-0.82] | 0.82 [0.72-0.93] |
| OPN+AFP | 0.78 [0.71-0.85] | 0.83 [0.72-0.93] |
| OPN+liver enzymes | 0.87 [0.81-0.92] | 0.93 [0.86-1.00] |
| OPN+AFP+liver enzymes | 0.87 [0.82-0.92] | 0.93 [0.85-1.00] |
| SAMPLE SET 4 | | |
| OPN | 0.70 [0.63-0.78] | 0.69 [0.52-0.86] |
| AFP | 0.75 [0.69-0.82] | 0.79 [0.65-0.92] |
| OPN+AFP | 0.78 [0.72-0.85] | 0.79 [0.66-0.92] |
| OPN+liver enzymes | 0.85 [0.79-0.91] | 0.90 [0.80-1.00] |
| OPN+AFP+liver enzymes | 0.86 [0.80-0.91] | 0.91 [0.82-1.00] |
| SAMPLE SET 5 | | |
| OPN | 0.70 [0.62-0.77] | 0.74 [0.61-0.87] |
| AFP | 0.77 [0.70-0.83] | 0.76 [0.62-0.89] |
| OPN+AFP | 0.78 [0.71-0.84] | 0.83 [0.73-0.94] |
| OPN+liver enzymes | 0.86 [0.80-0.92] | 0.85 [0.75-0.96] |
| OPN+AFP+liver enzymes | 0.86 [0.80-0.92] | 0.88 [0.78-0.97] |
| Average | | |
| OPN | 0.71 | 0.70 |
| AFP | 0.76 | 0.76 |
| OPN+AFP | 0.78 | 0.79 |
| OPN+liver enzymes | 0.86 | 0.87 |

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