S3 Table. Univariate analysis based on the contribution of hypovascular nodule prognosis

Variables	Univariate analysis		*P*
	Hazard ratio	95% CI	
Gender, male			
Absent	Reference		
Present	1.286	0.802–2.062	0.296
Age, > 67 years			
Absent	Reference		
Present	1.444	0.964–2.163	0.075
HBs-Ag positive			
Absent	Reference		
Present (treated by NA)	1.187	0.547–2.576	0.665
Present	0.180	0.024–1.337	0.094
HCV-Ab positive			
Absent	Reference		
Present	1.637	0.908–2.952	0.101
Child–Pugh B			
Absent	Reference		
Present	1.770	1.091–2.873	0.021
Multiple or > 20-mm hypervascular HCC			
Absent	Reference		
Present	1.392	0.924–2.098	0.114
AFP, > 100 ng/mL			
Absent	Reference		
Present	1.006	0.600–1.685	0.983
Initial local therapy, PEI			
RFA	Reference		
PEI	1.246	0.830–1.872	0.288
Hypovasulcar nodules			
Absent	Reference		
Present	2.072	1.364–3.148	0.001

Abbreviations: HBs-Ag, hepatitis B surface antigen; NA, nucleos(t)ide analogue; HCV-Ab, hepatitis C virus antibody; HCC, hepatocellular carcinoma; AFP, alpha-fetoprotein; RFA, radiofrequency ablation; PEI, percutaneous ethanol injection