

**Supplemental Table 1.** Clinicopathological features of HCC Patients

Variables	Features	
	HCCB <sup>a</sup>	HCCP <sup>b</sup>
No. of patients	32	38
Male	25	29
Female	7	9
Age (Mean $\pm$ SD)	64.5 $\pm$ 12.2	62.4 $\pm$ 14.2
Etiology		
HBV	14	18
HCV	8	9
Ethanol	8	7
NA	2	4
Cirrhosis		
+	23	28
-	9	10
Tumor size		
> 5 cm	18	24
< 5 cm	14	14
Edmondson and Steiner grade		
II	8	6
III	15	18
IV	9	14
Alpha-fetoprotein secretion		
> 300 ng/ml of serum	20	26
< 300 ng/ml of serum	12	12
Survival after partial liver resection (months)		
Means $\pm$ SD	59.2 $\pm$ 15.5	23.6 $\pm$ 11.2

<sup>a</sup>HCCB, HCC with better outcome/longer survival (survival >3 years following partial liver resection)

<sup>b</sup>HCCP, HCC with poorer outcome/shorter survival (survival <3 years following partial liver resection)