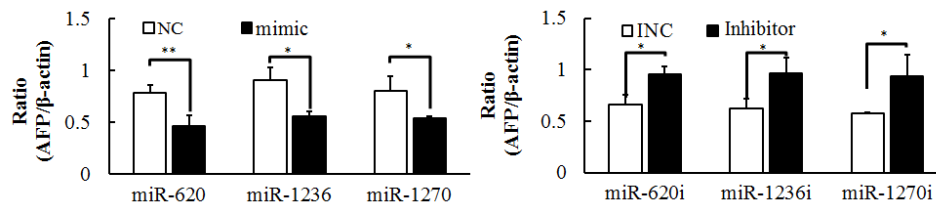
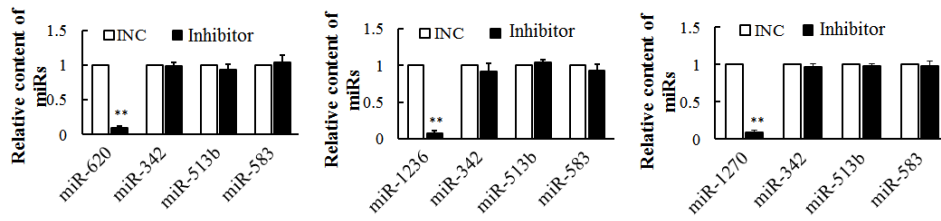


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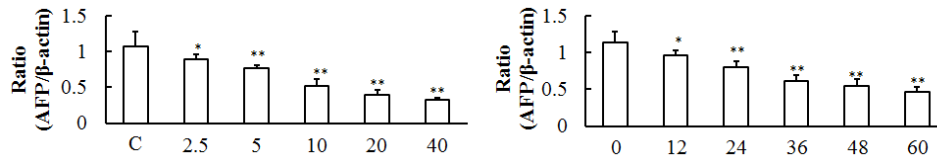


Supplementary Figure S1: Gray scale analysis of the expression of AFP in miR-620, miR-1236, miR-1270 transfected cells. These experiments were repeated at least three times. Data represents mean \pm SD of three samples. * $P < 0.05$ and ** $P < 0.01$ as compared with controls.

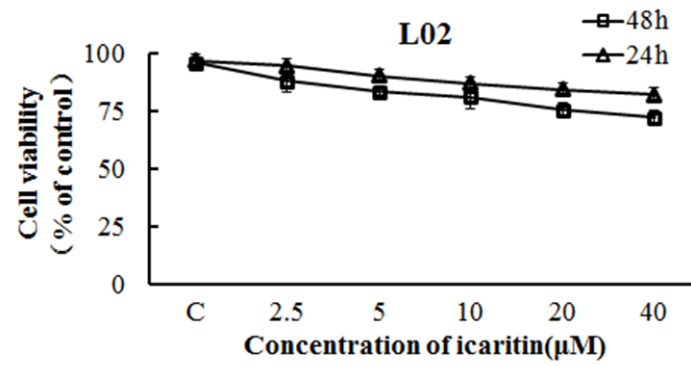


Supplementary Figure S2: Determination of the specificity of the inhibitors of miR-620, miR-1236 and miR-1270.

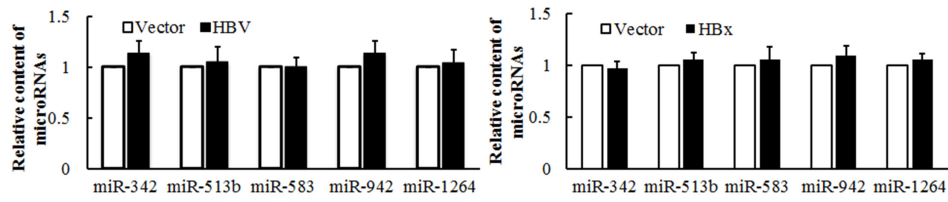
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Supplementary Figure S3: Gray scale analysis of effects of icaritin on the expression of AFP. These experiments were repeated at least three times. Data represents mean ± SD of three samples. * $P < 0.05$ and ** $P < 0.01$ as compared with controls.



Supplementary Figure S4: Effects of icaritin on the growth of L02 normal human hepatocytes. These experiments were repeated at least three times. Data represents mean \pm SD of three samples. * $P < 0.05$ and ** $P < 0.01$ as compared with controls.



Supplementary Figure S5: Effects of HBV and HBx on the expression of miR-342, miR-513b, miR-583, miR-942 and miR-1264. These experiments were repeated at least three times. Data represents mean \pm SD of three samples. * $P < 0.05$ and ** $P < 0.01$ as compared with controls.

Supplementary Table S1: Sequences of oligonucleotides used for RT-qPCR and plasmid constructs assays

| | | Oligonucleotides sequences | Product size(bp) |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|--|------------------|
| Primers for RT-qPCR | | | |
| AFP | Sense | 5'- CCAACAGGAGGCCATGCTT -3' | 61 |
| | Antisense | 5'- GAATGCAGGAGGGACATATGTTT -3' | |
| β-actin | Sense | 5'- CCAACCGCGAGAAGATGA -3' | 97 |
| | Antisense | 5'- CCAGAGGCGTACAGGGATAG -3' | |
| U6 | Sense | 5'- GCTTCGGCAGCACATATACTAAAAT -3' | |
| Primers for plasmid constructs | | | |
| HBx | Sense | 5'- CCCAAGCTTATGGCTGCTCGGGTGTGCT -3' | |
| | Antisense | 5'- GCTCTAGAGCCAGCTTGGAGGCTTGAACAG -3' | |
| AFP-3'UTR | Sense | 5'- CGGCTAGCATTACTTCAGGGGAAG -3' | |
| | Antisense | 5'- CGGAATTCGAAAAGGAAACATTTGG -3' | |
| AFP-3'UTR-MU | Sense | 5'- GGCTAGCATTACTTCAGTTTCGTCGAAGAC -3' | |
| | Antisense | 5'- GGAATTCGAAACATTCCCGAGCGTTTTAT -3' | |
| AFP-3'UTR-MU1 | Sense | 5'- GGCTAGCATTACTTCAGTTTCGTCGAAGAC -3' | |
| | Antisense | 5'- CGGAATTCGAAAAGGAAACATTTGG -3' | |
| AFP-3'UTR-MU2 | Sense | 5'- CGGAATTCGAAAAGGAAACATTTGG -3' | |
| | Antisense | 5'- GGAATTCGAAACATTCCCGAGCGTTTTAT -3' | |