

**Polymorphisms in *MICA*, but not in *DEPDC5*, *HCP5* or *PNPLA3*, are associated
with chronic hepatitis C-related hepatocellular carcinoma**

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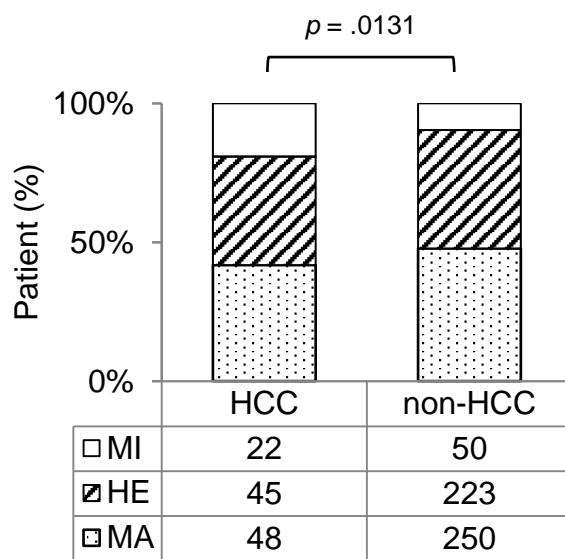
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Supplementary Table S1. Clinical characteristics of patients in the validation cohort

Parameter	HCC (n = 115)	Non-HCC (n = 523)	p-value
Age (years)	70 ± 8	60 ± 13	<0.0001
Sex (female/male)	42/73	288/235	0.0004
HCV viral load (log copies/mL)	6.0 ± 0.8	6.0 ± 1.0	0.5151
CH/LC	47/62	479/44	<0.0001
AST (IU/L)	73 ± 49	56 ± 56	<0.0001
ALT (IU/L)	58 ± 36	58 ± 59	0.0192
Platelets ($\times 10^4/\mu\text{L}$)	11.5 ± 5.0	17.9 ± 7.1	<0.0001
Albumin (g/dL)	4.2 ± 6.9	4.2 ± 3.1	<0.0001
PT%	84 ± 15	95 ± 18	<0.0001
AFP (ng/mL)	2770 ± 14985	25 ± 284	<0.0001
PIVKA-II (mAU/mL)	3062 ± 21595	595 ± 7445	<0.0001
<i>IL28B</i> rs8099917 (TT/TG/GG)	82/31/1	360/143/8	0.5770
<i>ITPA</i> rs1127354 (CC/CA/AA)	59/31/3	315/105/4	0.1139

Supplementary Table S2. Characteristics of patients available for sMICA level

Parameter	All patients (n = 36)	HCC (n = 18)	Non-HCC (n = 18)
Age (years)	61 ± 11	63 ± 9	59 ± 13
Gender (female/male)	15/21	2/16	13/5
CH/LC	18/18	9/9	9/9
HCV RNA (log copies/mL)	5.9 ± 1.4	6.2 ± 1.4	5.7 ± 1.4
AST (IU/L)	64.1 ± 63.3	74.4 ± 70.7	53.9 ± 53.0
ALT (IU/L)	58.2 ± 48.5	64.7 ± 34.3	51.6 ± 58.7
Plt ($\times 10^4/\mu\text{L}$)	13.1 ± 5.4	12.0 ± 4.0	14.3 ± 6.3
Alb (g/dL)	4.1 ± 0.5	4.0 ± 0.5	4.2 ± 0.5
PT%	95.8 ± 21.8	93.3 ± 20.7	99.0 ± 22.9
AFP (ng/mL)	50.1 ± 101.4	80.9 ± 128.4	15.4 ± 32.5
PIVKA-II (mAU/mL)	1060.2 ± 4622.0	1864.8 ± 6041.4	25.8 ± 21.2
<i>MICA</i> genotype (MA/HE/MI)	12/12/12	6/6/6	6/6/6



Supplementary Figure S1. Genotypes of *MICA* in CHC patients with or without HCC in the validation cohort. The vertical axis shows the percentage of each genotype, and the data table shows the number of samples tested in each group.