

Increased expression of Fibrinogen-Like Protein 2 is associated with poor prognosis in patients with clear cell renal cell carcinoma

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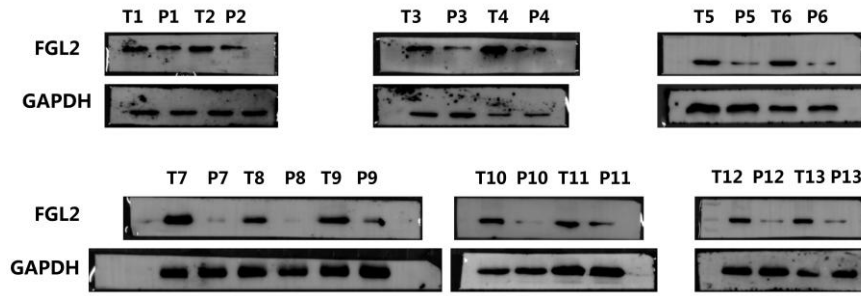


Figure S1. FGL2 overexpression in ccRCC specimens. The protein expression levels of FGL2 in fresh tumoural tissues and peritumoural tissues were evaluated by Western blotting assay. GAPDH was used as a loading control. P = Peritumour; T = Tumour.

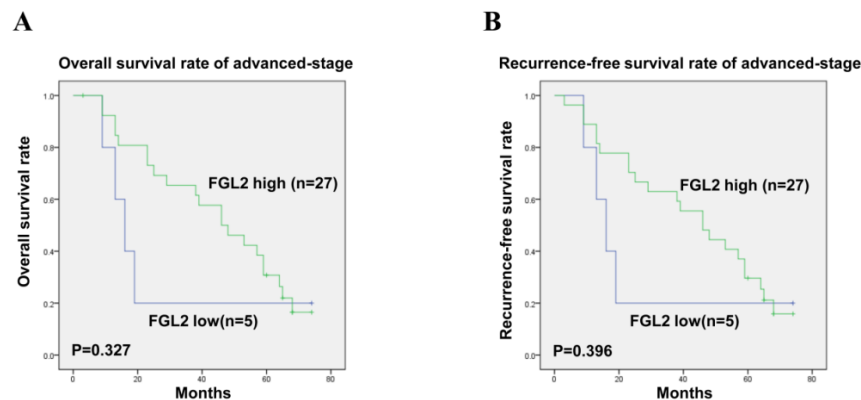


Figure S2. Analysis of overall survival (OS) and recurrence-free survival (RFS) of patients with advanced-stage ccRCC. (A) OS and (B) RFS of patients with advanced-stage ccRCC (TNM III+IV), according to FGL2 expression by the Kaplan-Meier survival curve and log-rank test.

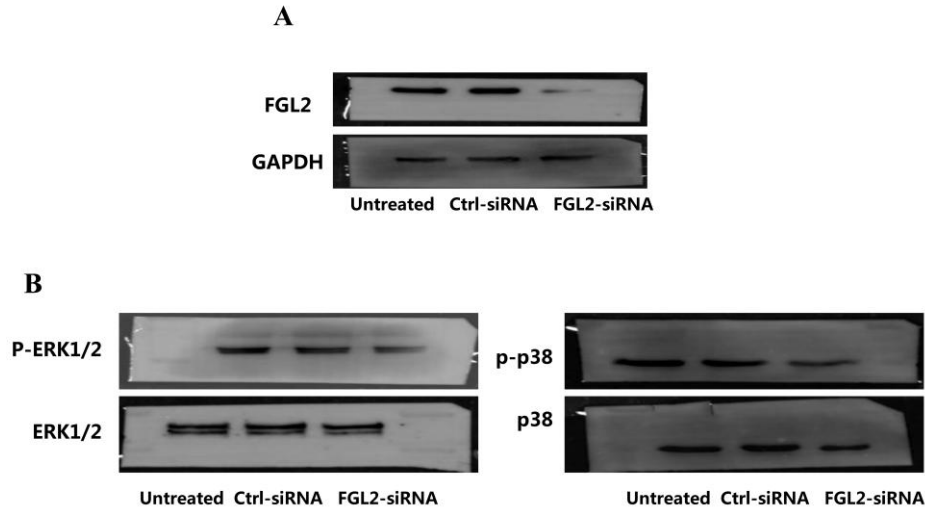


Figure S3. The biological role of FGL2 in 786-O cells. (A) The levels of FGL2 protein in 786-O cells were detected by Western blotting analysis and (B) representative Western blotting of phosphorylated and total ERK1/2 and p38 MAPK protein in cultured 786-O cells.

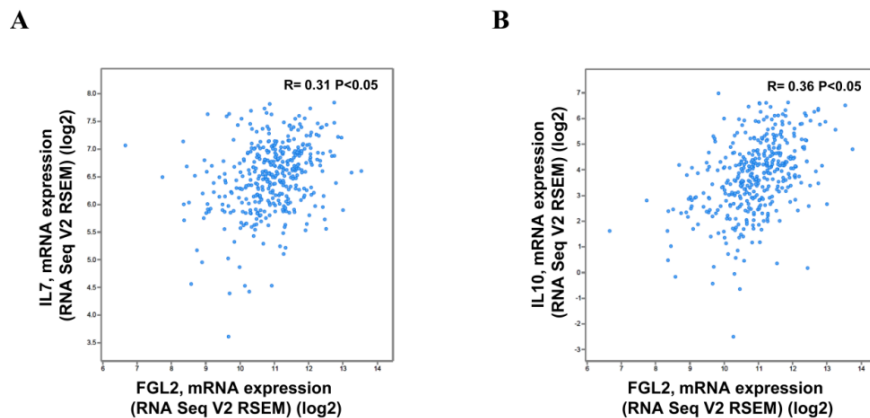


Figure S4. Correlation analysis of mRNA expression between FGL2 and tumour-promoting factors in patients with ccRCC. (A,B) Correlation between gene expression of the IL-17, IL-10 and FGL2 were analyzed by Pearson test. mRNA expression data of these genes from the TCGA database (2013). R = Pearson correlation coefficient. $P < 0.05$ was regarded as statistically significant.

NO.	Gender	Age	Operation date	NO.	Gender	Age	Operation date
1	Female	54	2017/06/08	21	Female	30	2016/09/12
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4	Male	42	2017/05/15	24	Male	37	2016/09/23
5	Male	50	2017/05/23	25	Male	42	2016/09/29
6	Female	66	2017/04/10	26	Male	51	2016/08/09
7	Female	52	2017/04/11	27	Male	44	2016/08/12
8	Male	53	2017/04/25	28	Female	45	2016/08/18
9	Male	52	2017/04/26	29	Female	56	2016/08/22
10	Female	55	2017/03/06	30	Male	42	2016/08/23
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18	Female	56	2017/02/24	38	Female	61	2016/06/15
19	Female	47	2017/02/24	39	Female	51	2016/06/15
20	Male	77	2016/09/05				

Supplementary Table S1. Basic information of patients with ccRCC.