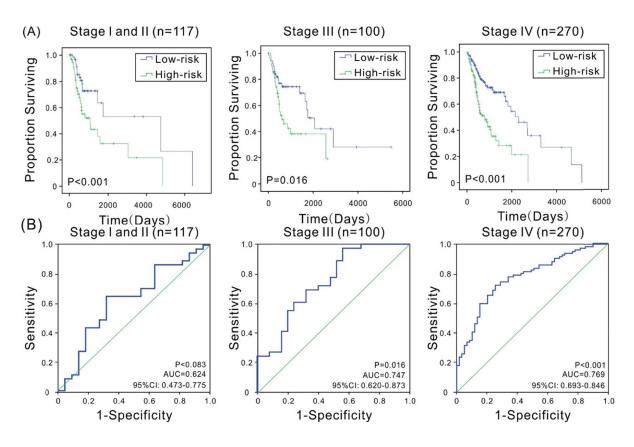
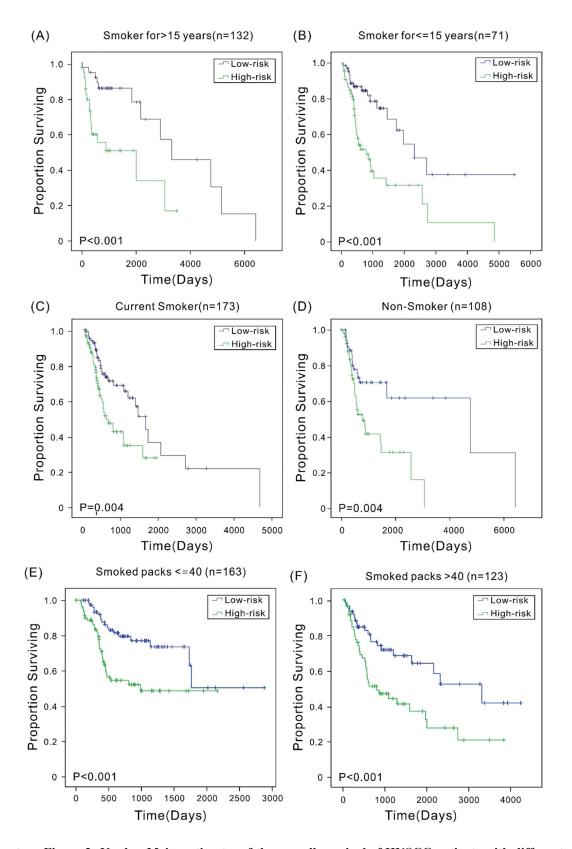
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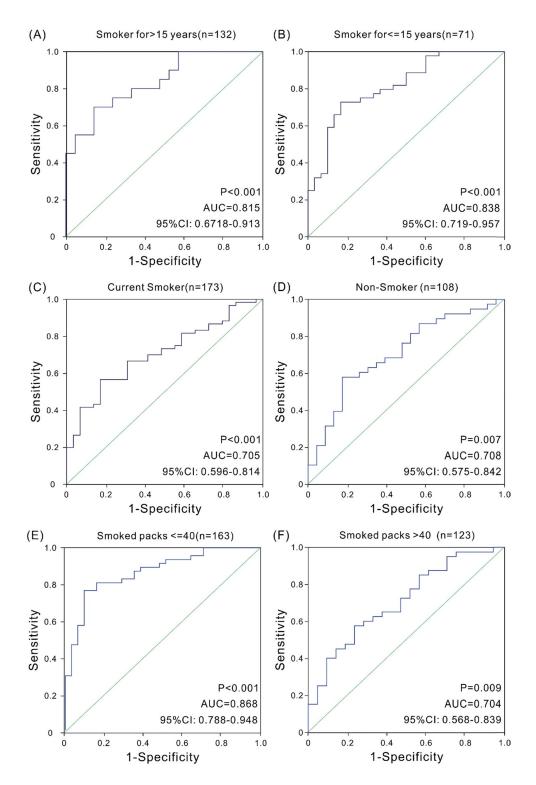
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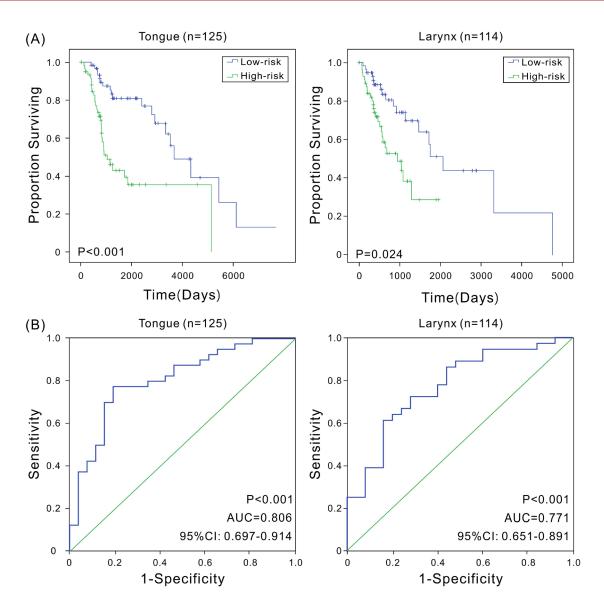
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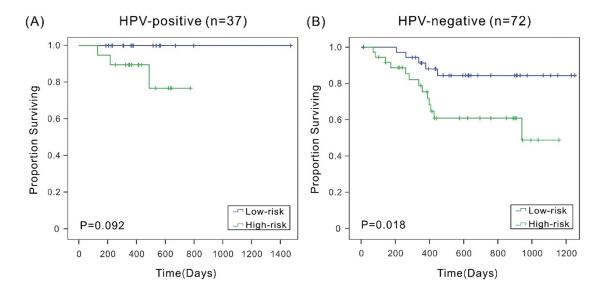
Supplementary Figure 2: Kaplan-Meier estimates of the overall survival of HNSCC patients with different smoking history.



Supplementary Figure 3: ROC analysis of sensitivity and specificity using the six-mRNA signature in predicting the overall survival of HNSCC patients with different smoking history.



Supplementary Figure 4: Kaplan-Meier estimates of the overall survival of patients with different tumor tissue site (Tongue and Larynx). (A) Kaplan-Meier estimates of the overall survival of patients; (B) ROC curves show the sensitivity and specificity of the six-mRNA signature in predicting the patient overall survival.



Supplementary Figure 5: Kaplan-Meier survival curves show correlation between the six-mRNA signature and overall survival in HPV-positive HNSCC patients (**A**) and HPV-negative HNSCC patients (**B**).

| Supplementary Table 1: Sample list and information of HNSCC patients from TCGA database | | | | |
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| Supplementary Table 2: Univariate Cox regression analysis with a significance level of 0.001 reveals a significant relation between mRNA expression and survival time, and the t test with differential expression between patients with longer OS and those with shorter OS time | | | | |
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Supplementary Table 3: Kaplan-Meier and ROC analyses of the three-lncRNA signature and 10 known biomarkers

| Biomarker | AUC | <i>P</i> -value | 95% CI of AUC | P-value ^a |
|--------------------|-------|-----------------|---------------|----------------------|
| Six-mRNA signature | 0.745 | < 0.001 | 0.65-0.84 | < 0.001 |
| TP53 | 0.552 | 0.369 | 0.44-0.66 | 0.329 |
| PTK2 | 0.513 | 0.816 | 0.40-0.62 | 0.251 |
| SEC62 | 0.596 | 0.096 | 0.49-0.71 | 0.235 |
| MALAT1 | 0.520 | 0.730 | 0.41-0.63 | 0.245 |
| HOTAIR | 0.568 | 0.240 | 0.46-0.68 | 0.71 |
| LCE5A | 0.541 | 0.481 | 0.43-0.65 | 0.011 |
| EIF4E | 0.557 | 0.321 | 0.44-0.67 | 0.241 |
| SOX4 | 0.550 | 0.386 | 0.44-0.66 | 0.164 |
| MDM2 | 0.538 | 0.905 | 0.40-0.62 | 0.164 |
| ANO1 | 0.538 | 0.513 | 0.43-0.65 | 0.205 |

a. log-rank test.