



Supplementary Figure 1. The Serum levels of myostatin, follistatin, and IL-6 in the patients with hepatocellular carcinoma (n=238) and healthy controls (n=50). The serum levels of (A) myostatin ($P<0.001$), (B) follistatin ($P<0.001$), and (C) IL-6 ($P<0.05$) in HCC patients were all significantly higher than in healthy controls. HCC, hepatocellular carcinoma; IL-6, interleukin-6.