

## Supplementary material

**Table S1** Comparison of clinicopathological profiles between hepatocellular carcinoma patients with high PCSK9 levels and those with low PCSK9 levels

Variables	PCSK9 level		OR	95% CI	P Value			
	High (n = 152)							
	Number of patients	Number of patients						
Age (years)			1.002	0.555~1.808	0.996			
≤ 54	65	36						
> 54	87	47						
Gender			1.212	0.524~2.802	0.654			
Female	19	13						
Male	133	70						
Hepatitis B history			0.944	0.390~2.284	0.899			
Present	130	74						
Absent	22	9						
HbeAg			0.906	0.490~1.673	0.751			
Positive	44	28						
Negative	108	55						
Liver cirrhosis			0.454	0.244~0.843	0.012			
Present	84	61						
Absent	68	22						
BCLC stage			1.318	0.734~2.367	0.355			
A	90	42						
B/C/D	62	41						
Tumor encapsulation			1.184	0.627~2.236	0.602			
None	85	45						
Complete	67	38						
Microvascular invasion			0.719	0.386~1.340	0.299			
Positive	59	38						
Negative	93	45						
Tumor differentiation			1.100	0.595~2.036	0.761			
I/II	96	50						
III/IV	56	33						
AFP level			1.350	0.677~2.692	0.394			
< 400 ng/mL	115	54						
≥ 400 ng/mL	37	29						
CA199 level			1.169	0.525~2.606	0.702			
< 37 U/mL	133	69						
≥ 37 U/mL	19	14						