

**Supplementary Table S2** The relationship between CKLF expression and clinicopathological characteristics in HCC patients

Characteristics	No. of patients	CKLF Expression		<i>p</i> -value
		Low n=15	High n=26	
Age (years)				0.309
<60	15	7	8	
≥60	26	8	18	
Gender				0.475
Male	30	10	20	
Female	11	5	6	
HBsAg				0.664
Negative	12	5	7	
Positive	29	10	19	
Child-Pugh classification				0.3
A	23	10	13	
B	18	5	13	
AFP				0.548
≤ 400ng/ml	26	9	18	
> 400ng/ml	15	6	8	
Liver cirrhosis				0.475
Absent	11	5	6	
Present	30	10	20	
Tumor number				0.485
Single	28	9	19	
Multiple	13	6	7	
TNM stage				<b>0.024</b>
I/II	28	7	21	
III/IV	13	8	5	

Bold values are statistically significant,  $p < 0.05$ . HCC, hepatocellular carcinoma.