**Supplementary Table 2. Baseline characteristics of 105 patients with HCC**

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| **Characteristic** |  | **Value** | ***p*** |
| Age in years |  | 56.37 ± 13.31\* |  |
| Sex | Male | 83 (79) | >0.05 |
|  | Female | 22 (21) |  |
| Tumor size in cm | <5 | 33 (31) |  |
|  | ≥5 | 44 (42) | <0.05 |
|  | Absent | 28 (27) |  |
| HBsAg |  |  |  |
|  | No | 34 (32) | >0.05 |
|  | Yes | 71 (78) |  |
| Metastases | No | 41 (39) | <0.05 |
|  | Yes | 39 (37) |  |
|  | Absent | 25 (24) |  |
| Tumor | Single | 31 (30) | <0.05 |
|  | Multi | 74 (70) |  |
| BCLC Stage | A | 8 (8) | <0.05 |
|  | B | 22 (21) |  |
|  | C | 55 (52) |  |
|  | D | 20 (19) |  |

\*Reported as n (%), unless indicated otherwise. BCLC, Barcelona Liver Clinic liver cancer staging; HBsAg, hepatitis B surface antigen.