

Table III

Relationships between clinical characteristics and nucleus TERT expression in patients with hepatocellular carcinoma undergoing surgery.

Variable	Nucleus TERT (-) (n = 127)	Nucleus TERT (+) (n = 8)	<i>P</i> -value
Age, years	70 (65-75)	70 (66-72)	0.733
Gender			0.358
Male	96	7	
Female	31	1	
HBs antigen positive			0.490
Yes	37	2	
No	90	6	
HCV antibody positive			0.207
Yes	38	1	
No	89	7	
Child-Pugh class			0.573
A	106	7	
B	20	1	
Not available	1	0	
Liver cirrhosis			0.354
Yes	46	4	
No	79	3	
Not available	2	1	
Poor tumor differentiation			0.453
Yes	20	2	
No	106	6	
Not available	1	0	
AFP, ng/mL	7 (3-74)	3 (2-18)	0.103
PIVKA-II, mAU/mL	71 (23-444)	41 (22-80)	0.187
Size of largest tumor nodule, cm	3.1 (2.1-5.9)	2.9 (1.9-4.2)	0.363
Tumor Number			0.287
≥ 2	33	1	
1	94	7	
Portal vein invasion			0.595
Yes	33	1	

No	94	7	0.549
TNM Stage			
I	58	5	
II	33	3	
III	35	1	0.251
DNA-PKcs			
Positive	50	3	
Negative	25	1	
Not available	52	4	

Chi-square test, Fisher's exact test, and Mann-Whitney *U* test, median (IQR).

AFP; alpha-fetoprotein, PIVKA-II; protein induced by Vitamin K antagonist II,

HBV; hepatitis B, HCV; hepatitis C virus,

TNM; tumor-node-metastasis

DNA-PKcs; DNA-dependent protein kinase catalytic subunit