

**Tumor burden with AFP improves survival prediction for
TACE-treated patients with HCC: An international
observational study**

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Methods

Detailed primary investigators and number of eligible patients were summarized in **Table S1**, and **Fig. 1** showed the flow chart of this study.

Training dataset. This dataset comprised 1604 eligible cases after screening 3819 patients with HCC undergoing conventional TACE (cTACE) from 24 Chinese academic centres between January 2010 and May 2016. In contrast with the previous study, we used entire cohort to derive the model, not randomized splitting into training and validation cohort. The data of the training cohort have been published in Journal of Hepatology [1].

Internal validation dataset. A total of 3496 consecutive patients who underwent cTACE from another five centres (between January 2010 and December 2017, n=2386) and drug-eluting beads TACE (DEB-TACE) from seven centres (between January 2016 and June 2019, n=1110) were retrospectively screened. Parameters, including baseline demographics, tumor characteristics, laboratory testing and TACE procedures, were collected by two independent investigators using a previously reported method [1]. Finally, a total of 803 patients were enrolled to analysis. These data have never been published previously.

External validation dataset. Finally, as shown in Fig S1-C, European dataset consisted of 1,130 eligible and anonymous cases at 6 centers in two countries, the French cohort of 362 patients was consisted of three datasets from Marseille (252 patients), Nancy (72 patients), and Nice (38 patients); and the Germany cohort of 768 patients was consisted of three datasets from Mainz (113 patients), Hannover (242 patients) and Freiburg (413 patients). The Asian dataset was obtained from three centers with 840 eligible and anonymous cases (442 and 187 patients from SNUH and Yonsei, Korea; 211 patients from Songkla, Thailand). These datasets with the same parameters were collected by the primary investigators and their colleagues at each center, including age, sex, aetiology, previous treatment (yes/no), ECOG score, tumor characteristics (ts and tn), liver function (Child–Pugh score and albumin-bilirubin [ALBI] score), and laboratory tests (including AFP value; the international normalized ratio [INR]; levels of alanine aminotransferase [ALT], aspartate aminotransferase [AST], albumin, total bilirubin, creatinine; white blood cell count (WBC), platelet count (PLT) level), and TACE procedures (DEB-TACE or cTACE, superselective or not, and total sessions of TACE). The French cohort of 362 patients from Marseille (252), Nancy (72), and Nice (38) have been published in the following journal: World journal of hepatology (World J Hepatol 2020 August 27; 12(8): 0-0)[2]; World Journal of Clinical Cases (World J Clin Cases 2021 June 26; 9(18): 4559-4572)[3]; European Journal of Gastroenterology and Hepatology (Eur J Gastroenterol Hepatol. 2019 Nov;31(11):1414-1423)[4]. Part

of Thailand cohort was published in Clinical Translational Gastroenterology (Clin Transl Gastroenterol. 2021 Feb 18;12(2): e00310) [5]. Part of Germany cohort was published in Frontiers in Oncology (Front Oncol. 2022 Feb 23;12:850454.)[6].

Statistical analysis

Multiple imputation by chained equations (MICE) was used to impute missing outcome data after adjustment for all measured variables potentially associated with missing data. Our intention was to include all factors that could be associated with missingness. Pattern and percent of missing value were depicted in **Fig. S1**.

Table S2-S3 summarized correlation coefficient between these indicator variables with missing values, and correlation coefficient between variables with missing values and other observable variables, respectively. The correlation coefficient is not particularly large, indicating that the data is less likely to be pattern of Missing Completed at Random (MCAR) and more likely to be pattern of Missing at Random, which suggests a multiple imputation is needed. Then, we produced 5 datasets (C1-C5, Table S4) with imputed missing values and non-missing values consistent with the observed data using the MICE processes. Each of the 5 datasets were used to analyze the primary outcome. The estimated coefficients and standard errors from the 5 models were combined into a final estimated coefficient and standard error using robust methods. We used R to implement the multiple imputation with packages of “VIM”, “survival”, “ggplot2”, “survminer”, and “mice”.

Table S1: Summarization of participated centers, primary investigator and number of eligible patients at each center.

| Datasets | Participated centers | City | Country | Primary investigator | No. |
|----------------------|---|-----------|---------|----------------------|-----|
| Training (N=1604) | Xijing Hospital | Xi'an | China | Han GH | 211 |
| | First Affiliated Hospital of Fujian Medical University | Fuzhou | China | Lin ZY | 36 |
| | Hunan Provincial People's Hospital | Changsha | China | Zhang YJ | 25 |
| | The Affiliated Cancer Hospital of Zhengzhou University | Zhengzhou | China | Li HL | 90 |
| | The First Affiliated Hospital of Nanjing Medical University | Nanjing | China | Shi HB | 29 |
| | The Affiliated Cancer Hospital of Nanjing Medical University | Nanjing | China | Yin GW | 117 |
| | The First Affiliated Hospital of Lanzhou University | Lanzhou | China | Wang WH | 14 |
| | The Second Affiliated Hospital of Nanchang University | Nanchang | China | Wu JB | 48 |
| | Nanjing General Hospital of the Nanjing Military Command | Nanjing | China | Xu J | 18 |
| | The Affiliated Hospital of Nantong University | Nantong | China | Zhao H | 69 |
| | The Affiliated Hospital of Qingdao University | Qingdao | China | Li ZX | 39 |
| | The 910 Hospital of the Chinese People's Liberation Army Joint Logistic Support Force | Quanzhou | China | Xu T | 35 |
| | Shandong Province Hospital Affiliated to Shandong University | Jinan | China | Zhang CQ | 47 |
| | Shandong Tumor Hospital | Jinan | China | Song JL | 31 |
| | The First Affiliated Hospital of Soochow University | Suzhou | China | Zhu XL | 49 |
| | Tangdu Hospital, Fourth Military Medical University | Xi'an | China | Gong WD | 41 |
| | The Affiliated Tumor Hospital of Xinjiang Medical University | Urumqi | China | Yang SF | 21 |
| | Southwest Hospital, Third Military Medical University | Chongqing | China | Zhang H | 164 |
| | Xinqiao Hospital, Third Military Medical University | Chongqing | China | Li J | 67 |
| | The Third Affiliated Hospital of Kunming University | Kunming | China | Huang M | 164 |
| | Yantai Yuhuangding Hospital | Yantai | China | Zheng YB | 20 |

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|--|--|-----------|----------|------------|-----|
| | The First Affiliated Hospital of Zhejiang University | Hangzhou | China | Nie CH | 197 |
| | Zhejiang Cancer Hospital | Hangzhou | China | Shao GL | 29 |
| | The First Affiliated Hospital of Sun Yat-sen University | Guangzhou | China | Li JP | 43 |
| Internal validation (N=633, cTACE) | West China Hospital | Chengdu | China | Zeng Y | 278 |
| | Hubei Cancer Hospital | Wuhan | China | Yin T | 33 |
| | The Affiliated Tumor Hospital of Xinjiang Medical University | Urumqi | China | Ren WX | 26 |
| | General Hospital of Ningxia Medical University | Yinchuan | China | Ding XC | 144 |
| | The First Affiliated Hospital of Wenzhou Medical University | Wenzhou | China | Hu WH | 152 |
| Internal validation (N=170, DEB-TACE) | Peking University Cancer Hospital | Beijing | China | Zhu X | 13 |
| | The Affiliated Hospital of Qingdao University | Qingdao | China | Li ZX | 11 |
| | Southwest Hospital, Third Military Medical University | Chongqing | China | Zhang H | 31 |
| | The Third Affiliated Hospital of Kunming University | Kunming | China | Huang M | 4 |
| | The First Affiliated Hospital of Zhejiang University | Hangzhou | China | Nie CH | 91 |
| | The First Affiliated Hospital of Sun Yat-sen University | Guangzhou | China | Li JP | 12 |
| | The Second Affiliated Hospital of Nanchang University | Nanchang | China | Wu JB | 8 |
| European validation (N=1130) | Hôpital Saint-Joseph | Marseille | France | Adhoute | 252 |
| | Centre Hospitalo-Universitaire de Nancy | Nancy | France | Bronowicki | 72 |
| | Hôpital Universitaire de l'Archet Nice | Nice | France | Anty | 38 |
| | University Medical Center of the Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz | Mainz | Germany | Kloeckner | 113 |
| | Hannover Medical School | Hannover | Germany | Vogel | 242 |
| | University Medical Center Freiburg | Freiburg | Germany | Bettinger | 413 |
| Asian validation (N=840) | Seoul National University Hospital | Seoul | Korea | Chung JW | 442 |
| | Yonsei University College of Medicine | Seoul | Korea | Kim SU | 187 |
| | Faculty of Medicine, Prince of Songkla University | Songkhla | Thailand | Sripongpun | 211 |

Table S2: Correlation coefficients (r) between these indicator variables with missing values.

| Variables | AFP | WBC | PLT | INR | BUN | Cr |
|-----------|-----|------|------|-------|-------|--------|
| AFP | 1 | 0.24 | 0.24 | -0.01 | -0.03 | -0.02 |
| WBC | | 1 | 0.98 | -0.01 | 0.24 | 0.33 |
| PLT | | | 1 | -0.01 | 0.28 | 0.39 |
| INR | | | | 1 | -0.01 | -0.004 |
| BUN | | | | | 1 | 0.67 |
| Cr | | | | | | 1 |

Abbreviations: AFP, alpha-fetoprotein; BUN, blood urea nitrogen; Cr, creatinine; INR, international normalized ratio; PLT, platelet; WBC, white blood cell.

Table S3. Correlation coefficient (r) between variables with missing values and other observable variables.

| Variables | AFP | WBC | PLT | INR | BUN | Cr |
|------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| AFP | NA | 0.031 | 0.028 | -0.007 | -0.003 | -0.006 |
| WBC | 0.037 | NA | 0.058 | -0.005 | -0.008 | 0.078 |
| PLT | 0.023 | NA | NA | -0.001 | -0.022 | 0.023 |
| INR | 0.013 | 0.000 | -0.002 | NA | 0.033 | 0.032 |
| BUN | -0.020 | 0.099 | 0.099 | 0.030 | NA | 0.005 |
| Cr | -0.048 | -0.038 | -0.038 | 0.018 | -0.003 | NA |
| ALT | 0.029 | 0.007 | 0.006 | -0.018 | 0.087 | 0.048 |
| AST | 0.000 | 0.009 | 0.006 | 0.01 | 0.062 | 0.037 |
| ALB | -0.035 | -0.048 | -0.043 | 0.03 | -0.072 | -0.056 |
| TBIL | 0.038 | 0.021 | 0.025 | 0.047 | 0.015 | 0.059 |
| Gender | -0.016 | -0.018 | -0.001 | -0.014 | -0.010 | 0.005 |
| Age | 0.012 | -0.030 | -0.035 | 0.032 | 0.015 | -0.014 |
| Aetiology | -0.003 | -0.025 | -0.027 | -0.015 | 0.008 | 0.001 |
| Tumor size | -0.008 | 0.038 | 0.044 | -0.004 | -0.007 | 0.018 |
| Tumor number | 0.026 | -0.012 | -0.014 | 0 | 0.030 | 0.017 |
| ECOG | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA |
| Child-Pugh score | 0.044 | 0.010 | 0.006 | -0.018 | 0.002 | 0.047 |

Abbreviations: AFP, alpha-fetoprotein; ALB, albumin; ALT, alanine aminotransferase; AST, aspartate aminotransferase; BUN, blood urea nitrogen; cm, centimeter; Cr, creatinine; INR, international normalized ratio; NA, not available; PLT, platelet; TBIL, total bilirubin; WBC, white blood cell.

Table S4. Predictors for OS by Cox multivariable regression in each imputed cohort and pooled all cohorts. (SE, standard error; AFP, alpha-fetoprotein).

| | Tumor size, per 1cm increase | | | Tumor number, refer to single | | | Log ₁₀ AFP, per 1 increase | | |
|--------|------------------------------|--------|---------|-------------------------------|--------|---------|---------------------------------------|--------|---------|
| | beta coefficient | SE | p value | beta coefficient | SE | p value | beta coefficient | SE | p value |
| C1 | 0.103 | 0.0093 | <0.001 | 0.097 | 0.0172 | <0.001 | 0.150 | 0.0280 | <0.001 |
| C2 | 0.102 | 0.0093 | <0.001 | 0.096 | 0.0173 | <0.001 | 0.152 | 0.0279 | <0.001 |
| C3 | 0.102 | 0.0093 | <0.001 | 0.098 | 0.0173 | <0.001 | 0.148 | 0.0279 | <0.001 |
| C4 | 0.101 | 0.0093 | <0.001 | 0.097 | 0.0173 | <0.001 | 0.148 | 0.0279 | <0.001 |
| C5 | 0.101 | 0.0093 | <0.001 | 0.096 | 0.0172 | <0.001 | 0.151 | 0.0278 | <0.001 |
| Pooled | 0.102 | 0.0093 | <0.001 | 0.096 | 0.0173 | <0.001 | 0.150 | 0.0279 | <0.001 |

*Age, gender, aetiology, ALT, AST, ALBI score, BUN, Cr, and INR were not identified as prognostic factors of overall survival in C1-C5 and pooled cohort.

Table S5. Baseline demographics and clinical characteristics in Chinese DEB-TACE cohort.

| Variables | DEB-TACE (n=170) |
|--------------------------------|------------------|
| Sex | |
| male | 149 (87.6%) |
| female | 21 (12.4%) |
| Age, years | 62 (53-69) |
| Aetiology | |
| HBV | 159 (93.5%) |
| Others | 11 (6.5%) |
| The largest tumor diameter, cm | 4.6 (3.0-7.1) |
| ≤ 3 cm | 44 (25.9%) |
| $>3, \leq 7$ cm | 83 (48.8%) |
| $>7, \leq 10$ cm | 24 (14.1%) |
| >10 cm | 19 (11.2%) |
| Tumor number | |
| 1 | 86 (50.6%) |
| 2 | 47 (27.6%) |
| ≥ 3 | 37 (21.8%) |
| Current BCLC staging | |
| A | 107 (62.9%) |
| B | 63 (37.1%) |
| Child-Pugh score | |
| 5 | 141 (82.9%) |
| 6 | 26 (15.3%) |
| 7 | 3 (1.8%) |

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| ALBI grade | |
| 1 | 106 (62.4%) |
| 2 | 64 (37.6%) |
| AFP, ng/ml | 30.8 (5.4-296.5) |
| ALT, U/L | 30.5 (20-49) |
| AST, U/L | 37 (26-54) |
| ALB, g/L | 41.3 (37.7-43.9) |
| TBIL, $\mu\text{mol/L}$ | 14.4 (10.9-20.8) |
| INR | 1.1 (1.0-1.1) |
| WBC, $\times 10^9/\text{L}$ | 5.3 (4.0-6.5) |
| PLT, $\times 10^9/\text{L}$ | 127 (88-185) |
| Cr $\mu\text{mol/L}$ | 74 (66-82) |
| Sessions of TACE | 2 (2–3) |
| Follow-up time, months | 30.6 (23.1-38.1) |

Abbreviations: AFP, alpha-fetoprotein; ALB, albumin; ALBI, albumin-bilirubin; ALT, alanine aminotransferase; AST, aspartate aminotransferase; cm, centimeter; Cr, creatinine; cTACE, conventional transarterial chemoembolization; DEB-TACE, drug-eluting beads transarterial chemoembolization; HBV, hepatic B virus; HCV, hepatic C virus; INR, international normalized ratio; PLT, platelet; TACE, transarterial chemoembolization; TBIL, total bilirubin; WBC, white blood cell.

Table S6. Comparison of the performance and discrimination among current available prognostic metrics in different subgroups of gender and age.

| Prognostic metrics | Male | | | | Female | | | | Age≤60 years | | | | Age>60 years | | | |
|---------------------------|---------|-------|---------|---------|---------|-------|---------|---------|--------------|-------|---------|---------|--------------|-------|---------|---------|
| | C-index | SD | AIC | BIC | C-index | SD | AIC | BIC | C-index | SD | AIC | BIC | C-index | SD | AIC | BIC |
| 6-and-12 model 2.0 | 0.673 | 0.011 | 8965.11 | 8978.76 | 0.675 | 0.027 | 1010.05 | 1018.20 | 0.672 | 0.013 | 5939.51 | 5952.09 | 0.673 | 0.015 | 3597.17 | 3608.49 |
| 6-and-12 model | 0.666 | 0.010 | 8984.12 | 8993.22 | 0.649 | 0.026 | 1020.09 | 1025.53 | 0.661 | 0.013 | 5964.45 | 5972.84 | 0.668 | 0.015 | 3601.71 | 3609.26 |
| Up to seven criteria | 0.613 | 0.009 | 9039.55 | 9044.10 | 0.605 | 0.024 | 1031.01 | 1033.73 | 0.612 | 0.011 | 5999.38 | 6003.57 | 0.61 | 0.013 | 3634.03 | 3637.80 |
| Four and seven criteria | 0.616 | 0.010 | 9045.40 | 9049.95 | 0.579 | 0.026 | 1036.11 | 1038.83 | 0.605 | 0.012 | 6014.46 | 6018.65 | 0.619 | 0.014 | 3627.99 | 3631.76 |
| Seven and eleven criteria | 0.646 | 0.010 | 8997.04 | 9001.59 | 0.634 | 0.026 | 1022.64 | 1025.36 | 0.639 | 0.012 | 5979.62 | 5983.81 | 0.652 | 0.015 | 3598.68 | 3602.46 |
| BCLC subclassification | 0.586 | 0.088 | 9067.83 | 9072.38 | 0.592 | 0.023 | 1029.30 | 1032.01 | 0.599 | 0.01 | 6002.03 | 6006.23 | 0.567 | 0.013 | 3659.14 | 3662.92 |
| HAP score | 0.607 | 0.011 | 9074.50 | 9079.05 | 0.587 | 0.029 | 1037.57 | 1040.29 | 0.599 | 0.013 | 6025.34 | 6029.53 | 0.615 | 0.016 | 3646.61 | 3650.39 |
| mHAP III score | 0.656 | 0.011 | 9014.25 | 9018.80 | 0.640 | 0.027 | 1020.20 | 1022.92 | 0.661 | 0.013 | 5966.33 | 5970.52 | 0.64 | 0.016 | 3632.80 | 3636.58 |
| mHAP II score | 0.617 | 0.011 | 9056.38 | 9060.93 | 0.601 | 0.03 | 1033.62 | 1036.34 | 0.615 | 0.013 | 6008.0 | 6012.19 | 0.614 | 0.016 | 3643.96 | 3647.53 |
| mHAP score | 0.615 | 0.011 | 9062.24 | 9066.79 | 0.613 | 0.027 | 1029.63 | 1032.35 | 0.612 | 0.013 | 5979.62 | 5983.81 | 0.62 | 0.016 | 3641.45 | 3645.24 |
| ALBI score | 0.532 | 0.012 | 9134.41 | 9138.06 | 0.530 | 0.029 | 1041.25 | 1043.97 | 0.510 | 0.014 | 6060.15 | 6064.35 | 0.564 | 0.017 | 3673.15 | 3676.94 |

Abbreviations: AIC, Akaike Information Criterion; ALBI, albumin-bilirubin; BIC, Bayesian Information Criterion; BCLC, Barcelona

Clinic Liver Cancer; C-index, concordance index; HAP, Hepatoma arterial-embolization prognostic; SD, standard deviation;

Table S7. Comparison of the performance and discrimination among current available prognostic metrics in different subgroups of ALBI grade and aetiology.

| Prognostic metrics | ALBI grade 1 | | | | ALBI grade 2 | | | | HBV | | | | Other aetiology | | | |
|---------------------------|--------------|-------|---------|---------|--------------|-------|---------|---------|---------|-------|---------|---------|-----------------|-------|---------|---------|
| | C-index | SD | AIC | BIC | C-index | SD | AIC | BIC | C-index | SD | AIC | BIC | C-index | SD | AIC | BIC |
| 6-and-12 model 2.0 | 0.676 | 0.015 | 4460.37 | 4472.18 | 0.674 | 0.013 | 4846.94 | 4859.04 | 0.669 | 0.011 | 8834.25 | 8847.82 | 0.694 | 0.024 | 1117.41 | 1125.75 |
| 6-and-12 model | 0.656 | 0.015 | 4485.71 | 4493.58 | 0.672 | 0.013 | 4852.87 | 4860.94 | 0.658 | 0.011 | 8860.21 | 8869.29 | 0.692 | 0.023 | 1118.93 | 1128.49 |
| Up to seven criteria | 0.609 | 0.012 | 4510.96 | 4514.90 | 0.614 | 0.012 | 4894.0 | 4898.03 | 0.611 | 0.009 | 8910.85 | 8915.39 | 0.616 | 0.019 | 1134.97 | 1137.75 |
| Four and seven criteria | 0.616 | 0.013 | 4508.70 | 4512.64 | 0.605 | 0.013 | 4910.32 | 4914.36 | 0.603 | 0.010 | 8931.07 | 8935.61 | 0.654 | 0.02 | 1122.79 | 1129.57 |
| Seven and eleven criteria | 0.635 | 0.014 | 4496.31 | 4500.25 | 0.654 | 0.013 | 4855.08 | 4859.11 | 0.64 | 0.01 | 8873.87 | 8878.41 | 0.671 | 0.022 | 1119.20 | 1121.97 |
| BCLC subclassification | 0.580 | 0.011 | 4520.76 | 4524.68 | 0.589 | 0.011 | 4916.83 | 4920.86 | 0.588 | 0.008 | 8929.30 | 8933.84 | 0.578 | 0.019 | 1143.07 | 1145.85 |
| HAP score | 0.617 | 0.015 | 4515.66 | 4519.60 | 0.585 | 0.014 | 4937.9 | 4941.94 | 0.606 | 0.011 | 8942.74 | 8947.28 | 0.600 | 0.027 | 1143.90 | 1146.68 |
| mHAP III score | 0.660 | 0.015 | 4492.53 | 4496.47 | 0.671 | 0.013 | 4949.95 | 4853.99 | 0.648 | 0.011 | 8887.16 | 8891.70 | 0.683 | 0.024 | 1124.52 | 1127.30 |
| mHAP II score | 0.623 | 0.015 | 4510.48 | 4514.42 | 0.60 | 0.014 | 4921.58 | 4925.61 | 0.617 | 0.011 | 8922.03 | 8926.57 | 0.602 | 0.026 | 1142.06 | 1144.84 |
| mHAP score | 0.633 | 0.015 | 4500.13 | 4504.07 | 0.592 | 0.014 | 4930.04 | 4934.07 | 0.617 | 0.011 | 8922.83 | 8927.36 | 0.603 | 0.026 | 1143.50 | 1146.28 |
| ALBI score | 0.489 | 0.016 | 4555.00 | 4558.94 | 0.496 | 0.015 | 4958.10 | 4962.14 | 0.536 | 0.012 | 8996.49 | 9001.03 | 0.502 | 0.029 | 1153.66 | 1156.44 |

Abbreviations: AIC, Akaike Information Criterion; ALBI, albumin-bilirubin; BIC, Bayesian Information Criterion; BCLC, Barcelona

Clinic Liver Cancer; C-index, concordance index; HAP, Hepatoma arterial-embolization prognostic; HBV, Hepatic B virus; SD, standard deviation;

Table S8. Comparison of the performance and discrimination among current available prognostic metrics in Chinese DEB-TACE cohort.

| Prognostic metrics | C-index | SD | AIC | BIC |
|---------------------------|---------|-------|-------|-------|
| 6-and-12 model 2.0 | 0.639 | 0.033 | 664.1 | 666.4 |
| 6-and-12 model | 0.607 | 0.037 | 669.6 | 674.1 |
| Up to seven criteria | 0.584 | 0.031 | 670.2 | 672.4 |
| Four and seven criteria | 0.606 | 0.029 | 667.3 | 669.6 |
| Seven and eleven criteria | 0.592 | 0.033 | 670.4 | 672.7 |
| BCLC subclassification | 0.583 | 0.031 | 659.8 | 662.1 |
| HAP score | 0.585 | 0.034 | 671.0 | 673.3 |
| mHAP III score | 0.632 | 0.033 | 664.4 | 666.6 |
| mHAP II score | 0.592 | 0.033 | 669.1 | 671.4 |
| mHAP score | 0.591 | 0.031 | 669.8 | 672.1 |
| ALBI score | 0.507 | 0.037 | 678.2 | 680.5 |

Abbreviations: AIC, Akaike Information Criterion; ALBI, albumin-bilirubin; BIC, Bayesian Information Criterion; BCLC, Barcelona Clinic Liver Cancer; C-index, concordance index; HAP, Hepatoma arterial-embolization prognostic; HBV, Hepatic B virus; SD, standard deviation;

Table S9. Comparison of NRI and IDI between 6-and-12 model 2.0 and other current available prognostic metrics (standard model) at 1-year and 3-year timepoint in internal validation cohort.

| | 1-year survival timepoint | | | | 3-year survival timepoint | | | |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------|-------------------|---------|---------------------------|---------|-------------------|---------|
| | NRI (95% CI) | p value | IDI (95% CI) | p value | NRI (95% CI) | p value | IDI (95% CI) | p value |
| 6-and-12 model | 18.3% (7.10%-27.1%) | 0.002 | 0.7% (-0.1%-1.7%) | 0.092 | 11.5% (4.0%-18.5%) | 0.004 | 1.3% (0.2%-2.7%) | 0.004 |
| Up to seven criteria | 30.0% (16.1%-39.6%) | <0.001 | 4.0% (2.1%-6.6%) | <0.001 | 15.5% (4.9%-24.5%) | 0.012 | 4.5% (2.0%-7.0%) | 0.002 |
| Four and seven criteria | 22.5% (10.1%-35.3%) | 0.002 | 3.4% (1.5%-5.7%) | <0.001 | 10.9% (-0.1%-21.1%) | 0.052 | 3.4% (0.8%-5.7%) | 0.022 |
| Seven and eleven criteria | 20.5% (9.80%-32.2%) | 0.002 | 2.5% (1.0%-4.6%) | 0.002 | 16.6% (6.3%-25.3%) | 0.004 | 3.4% (1.3%-5.5%) | 0.002 |
| BCLC subclassification | 23.5% (6.70%-32.8%) | 0.012 | 2.6% (1.2%-3.9%) | <0.001 | 15.8% (4.2%-28.4%) | 0.002 | 2.9% (0.8%-5.2%) | 0.016 |
| HAP score | 13.1% (0.30%-25.2%) | 0.044 | 2.9% (1.0%-5.5%) | <0.001 | 8.7% (-1.3%-20.0%) | 0.098 | 4.5% (1.6%-7.5%) | 0.002 |
| mHAP III score | 22.0% (10.4%-36.0%) | <0.001 | 1.9% (0.5%-4.2%) | 0.004 | 16.5% (5.9%-24.8%) | 0.008 | 1.6% (0.3%-3.6%) | 0.02 |
| mHAP II score | 14.6% (-0.1%-29.3%) | 0.056 | 2.5% (0.3%-5.1%) | 0.026 | 6.9% (-6.2%-18.1%) | 0.304 | 3.0% (0.0%-6%) | 0.05 |
| mHAP score | 9.30% (-2.0%-21%) | 0.100 | 2.1% (0.2%-4.6%) | 0.026 | 10.2% (0.0%-19%) | 0.044 | 3.7% (1%-6.3%) | 0.002 |
| ALBI score | 28.7% (13.6%-36.3%) | <0.001 | 5.3% (3.0%-8.4%) | <0.001 | 26.9% (15.2%-33.8%) | <0.001 | 8.7% (5.5%-12.2%) | <0.001 |

Abbreviations: ALBI, albumin-bilirubin; BCLC, Barcelona Clinic Liver Cancer; CI, confidence interval; HAP, Hepatoma arterial-embolization prognostic; IDI, integrated discrimination improvement; NRI, net reclassification improvement.

Table S10. Comparison of NRI and IDI between 6-and-12 model 2.0 and other current available prognostic metrics (standard model) at 1-year and 3-year timepoint in European validation cohort.

| | 1-year survival timepoint | | | | 3-year survival timepoint | | | |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------|---------------------|---------|---------------------------|---------|---------------------|---------|
| | NRI (95% CI) | p value | IDI (95% CI) | p value | NRI (95% CI) | p value | IDI (95% CI) | p value |
| 6-and-12 model | 23.1% (15.1% - 32.0%) | <0.001 | 1.6% (0.7% - 2.5%) | <0.001 | 17.9% (9.9% - 24.1%) | <0.001 | 1.6% (0.5% - 2.6%) | <0.001 |
| Up to seven criteria | 20.7% (8.80% - 31.0%) | <0.001 | 3.5% (2.0% - 5.5%) | <0.001 | 18% (6.4% - 23.8%) | <0.001 | 3.0% (1.1% - 4.5%) | <0.001 |
| Four and seven criteria | 21.2% (11.7% - 27.8%) | <0.001 | 3.8% (2.0% - 5.7%) | <0.001 | 14.9% (7.1% - 23.7%) | <0.001 | 3.5% (1.45 - 5.5%) | 0.004 |
| Seven and eleven criteria | 21.2% (9.5% - 31%) | <0.001 | 2.9% (1.4% - 4.4%) | <0.001 | 15.6% (5.1% - 23.2%) | 0.004 | 2.3% (0.8% - 3.7%) | <0.001 |
| BCLC subclassification | 21.4% (9.6% - 31.3%) | <0.001 | 3.3% (1.5% - 5.5%) | <0.001 | 18.5% (7.4% - 25.3%) | 0.004 | 2.9% (1.1% - 4.7%) | 0.004 |
| HAP score | 2.4% (-9.6% - 12.7%) | 0.758 | 1.5% (-0.6% - 3.7%) | 0.172 | -1.5% (-12.7% - 8.9%) | 0.802 | 0.9% (-1.9% - 3.1%) | 0.527 |
| mHAP III score | 16.7% (3.2% - 28.3%) | 0.012 | 1.3% (0.1% - 2.5%) | 0.044 | 6.3% (-8.4% - 15.2%) | 0.427 | 0.7% (-0.6% - 2.0%) | 0.315 |
| mHAP II score | 9.3% (-3.9% - 20.5%) | 0.168 | 2.3% (0.3% - 4.6%) | 0.028 | 1.4% (-11.7% - 8.4%) | 0.958 | 0.4% (-2.6% - 2.8%) | 0.798 |
| mHAP score | 5.1% (-7.6% - 16%) | 0.431 | 1.6% (-0.4% - 3.5%) | 0.120 | 6.7% (-5.6% - 15.1%) | 0.319 | 0.2% (-0.2% - 4.0%) | 0.064 |
| ALBI score | 17% (6.5% - 26.2%) | <0.001 | 3.3% (1.5% - 5.5%) | <0.001 | 7.1% (0.3% - 18.1%) | 0.06 | 3.7% (0.8%-6.2%) | 0.028 |

Abbreviations: ALBI, albumin-bilirubin; BCLC, Barcelona Clinic Liver Cancer; CI, confidence interval; HAP, Hepatoma arterial-embolization prognostic; IDI, integrated discrimination improvement; NRI, net reclassification improvement.

Table S11. Comparison of NRI and IDI between 6-and-12 model 2.0 and other current available prognostic metrics (standard model) at 1-year and 3-year timepoint in Asian validation cohort.

| | 1-year survival timepoint | | | | 3-year survival timepoint | | | |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------|---------------------|---------|---------------------------|---------|---------------------|---------|
| | NRI (95% CI) | p value | IDI (95% CI) | p value | NRI (95% CI) | p value | IDI (95% CI) | p value |
| 6-and-12 model | 19.3% (0.61% - 29.0%) | <0.001 | 1.3% (-2.0% - 2.7%) | 0.088 | 17.1% (8.8% - 24.5%) | <0.001 | 2.2% (0.7% - 4.1%) | 0.004 |
| Up to seven criteria | 22.9% (9.9% - 34.9%) | <0.001 | 4.8% (1.7% - 8.4%) | <0.001 | 18.5% (4.3% - 26.8%) | 0.020 | 4.8% (1.9% - 7.7%) | 0.008 |
| Four and seven criteria | 24.7% (9.5% - 35.3%) | 0.004 | 4.6% (1.7% - 8.7%) | 0.004 | 17.7% (4.9% - 26.6%) | 0.004 | 4.1% (0.8% - 7.7%) | 0.024 |
| Seven and eleven criteria | 30.2% (17.4% - 40.5%) | <0.001 | 3.6% (1.2% - 6.4%) | 0.008 | 28.4% (19.8% - 35.1%) | <0.001 | 6.4% (4.2% - 9.1%) | <0.001 |
| BCLC subclassification | 20.9% (3.3% - 32.8%) | 0.02 | 3.1% (-0.7% - 10%) | 0.100 | 18.2% (2.7% - 26.8%) | 0.016 | 3.1% (-0.4% - 6.8%) | 0.072 |
| HAP score | 12.6% (-3.8% - 27.2%) | 0.136 | 4.2% (0.8% - 8%) | 0.016 | 10.2% (-2.0% - 23%) | 0.100 | 5.9% (2% - 9.4%) | <0.001 |
| mHAP III score | 24.4% (8.3% - 35.4%) | 0.020 | 2.8% (0.8% - 6%) | 0.008 | 13.4% (2.2% - 21.6%) | 0.032 | 2.4% (0.05% - 4.7%) | 0.012 |
| mHAP II score | 11.3% (-3.4% - 24.5%) | 0.144 | 4.5% (0.8% - 8.4%) | 0.008 | 6.8% (-4.1% - 19.0%) | 0.208 | 5% (1% - 8.1%) | 0.012 |
| mHAP score | 7.7% (-10.0% - 24.6%) | 0.383 | 2.3% (-0.8% - 5.9%) | 0.128 | 5.7% (-6.3% - 19.3%) | 0.319 | 3.1% (-0.3% - 6.6%) | 0.068 |
| ALBI score | 16.9% (2.5% - 31.4%) | 0.02 | 6.2% (2.0% - 11.1%) | 0.004 | 16.2% (3% -26.8%) | 0.020 | 7.8% (3.3% - 12.6%) | <0.001 |

Abbreviations: ALBI, albumin-bilirubin; BCLC, Barcelona Clinic Liver Cancer; CI, confidence interval; HAP, Hepatoma arterial-embolization prognostic; IDI, integrated discrimination improvement; NRI, net reclassification improvement.

Table S12. Comparison of NRI and IDI between 6-and-12 model 2.0 and other current available prognostic metrics (standard model) at 1-year and 3-year timepoint in patients with age> 60years.

| | 1-year survival timepoint | | | | 3-year survival timepoint | | | |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------|---------------------|---------|---------------------------|---------|----------------------|---------|
| | NRI (95% CI) | p value | IDI (95% CI) | p value | NRI (95% CI) | p value | IDI (95% CI) | p value |
| 6-and-12 model | 8.7% (0.2% - 20.9%) | 0.048 | 0.9% (0.1% - 2.7%) | 0.028 | 5.5% (-3.6% - 15.6%) | 0.236 | -0.5% (-0.2% - 2.1%) | 0.251 |
| Up to seven criteria | 9.3% (-11.4% - 24%) | 0.439 | 3.5% (0.2% - 7.4%) | 0.024 | 10.4% (-7.9% - 27.0%) | 0.323 | 4.2% (0.0% - 8.1%) | 0.048 |
| Four and seven criteria | 8.1% (-7.5% - 27.4%) | 0.303 | 2.9% (0.2% - 6.5%) | 0.028 | 14.9% (-5.7% - 30.3%) | 0.132 | 3.6% (0.5% - 7.5%) | 0.046 |
| Seven and eleven criteria | -2.2% (-17.4% - 18.6%) | 0.886 | 0.4% (-1.8% - 3.5%) | 0.651 | -10.9% (-24.1% - 9.1%) | 0.315 | -0.9% (-4.2% - 2.3%) | 0.659 |
| BCLC subclassification | 27.9% (17.7% - 42.9%) | 0.004 | 6.2% (3.5% - 10.3%) | <0.001 | 21.2% (7.1% - 33.2%) | 0.004 | 8.4% (4.3% - 12.5%) | 0.004 |
| HAP score | 15.9% (0.5% - 31.9%) | 0.046 | 3.6% (0.6% - 7.8%) | 0.012 | 19.1% (3.7% - 31.9%) | 0.008 | 6.8% (2.0% - 10.9%) | 0.004 |
| mHAP III score | 20.9% (10.2% - 33.3%) | <0.001 | 3.1% (1.0% - 6.4%) | <0.001 | 22.6% (12% - 32.8%) | <0.001 | 5% (2.6% - 7.8%) | <0.001 |
| mHAP II score | 22.2% (5.4% - 34.3%) | 0.008 | 3.6% (0.4% - 7.3%) | 0.032 | 15.4% (4.2% - 29.7%) | 0.016 | 6.3% (1.9% - 10.7%) | 0.004 |
| mHAP score | 19.9% (2.6% - 33.8%) | 0.024 | 3.3% (0.5% - 7.0%) | 0.024 | 15% (-2.5% - 29.1%) | 0.096 | 5.6% (1.4% - 9.8%) | 0.008 |
| ALBI score | 32.8% (19.5% - 44.2%) | 0.004 | 6.9% (3.7% - 11.3%) | 0.004 | 21.3% (6.5% - 31.9%) | 0.004 | 9.3% (4.9% - 14.2%) | 0.004 |

Abbreviations: ALBI, albumin-bilirubin; BCLC, Barcelona Clinic Liver Cancer; CI, confidence interval; HAP, Hepatoma arterial-embolization prognostic; IDI, integrated discrimination improvement; NRI, net reclassification improvement.

Table S13. Comparison of NRI and IDI between 6-and-12 model 2.0 and other current available prognostic metrics (standard model) at 1-year and 3-year timepoint in patients with age≤ 60years.

| | 1-year survival timepoint | | | | 3-year survival timepoint | | | |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------|---------------------|---------|---------------------------|---------|----------------------|---------|
| | NRI (95% CI) | p value | IDI (95% CI) | p value | NRI (95% CI) | p value | IDI (95% CI) | p value |
| 6-and-12 model | 24.9% (5.8% - 37.7%) | 0.012 | 4.1% (0.7% - 8.7%) | 0.008 | 11.6% (4.1% - 33.7%) | 0.012 | 4.1% (0.8% - 10.0%) | 0.008 |
| Up to seven criteria | 29.5% (5.9% - 47.4%) | 0.012 | 7.3% (2.5% - 14.3%) | <0.001 | 17.6% (3.1% - 41.3%) | 0.016 | 8.4% (3.4% - 15.3%) | <0.001 |
| Four and seven criteria | 35.1% (16.6% - 51.0%) | <0.001 | 9.7% (4.7% - 16.8%) | <0.001 | 20.1% (0.2% - 46.9%) | 0.046 | 9.6% (3.4% - 18.1%) | 0.008 |
| Seven and eleven criteria | 24.8% (0.8% - 41.8%) | 0.046 | 4.3% (0.5% - 10.1%) | 0.048 | 17.6% (-4.4% - 35.6%) | 0.144 | 4.6% (0.0% - 11.6%) | 0.050 |
| BCLC subclassification | 25.1% (1.4% - 45.7%) | 0.032 | 7.5% (1.4% - 14.5%) | 0.012 | 4.2% (-10.7% - 32.8%) | 0.383 | 7.6% (0.1% - 16.0%) | 0.024 |
| HAP score | 34.1% (14.0% - 49.4%) | 0.004 | 9.4% (3.9% - 17.2%) | <0.001 | 28.5% (0.2% - 42.6%) | 0.048 | 10.4% (3.4% - 18.1%) | 0.008 |
| mHAP III score | 29.8% (9.0% - 49.0%) | 0.004 | 5.1% (2.2% - 10.3%) | <0.001 | 27.9% (0.4% - 43.2%) | 0.048 | 5.1% (1.7% - 10.6%) | 0.004 |
| mHAP II score | 27.1% (7.6% - 46.2%) | 0.024 | 7.9% (2.1% - 15.3%) | 0.020 | 27.1% (7.6% - 46.2%) | 0.024 | 7.9% (2.1% - 15.3%) | 0.020 |
| mHAP score | 22.3% (1.4% - 41.0%) | 0.048 | 6.5% (0.3% - 13.7%) | 0.036 | 17.4% (-6.3% - 38.3%) | 0.116 | 6.3% (0.5% - 13.7%) | 0.048 |
| ALBI score | 33.9% (15.7% - 50.4%) | <0.001 | 11.1% (5% - 19.3%) | <0.001 | 29.1% (0.6% - 47.2%) | 0.044 | 12.2% (3.9% - 21.1%) | <0.001 |

Abbreviations: ALBI, albumin-bilirubin; BCLC, Barcelona Clinic Liver Cancer; CI, confidence interval; HAP, Hepatoma arterial-embolization prognostic; IDI, integrated discrimination improvement; NRI, net reclassification improvement.

Table S14. Comparison of NRI and IDI between 6-and-12 model 2.0 and other current available prognostic metrics (standard model) at 1-year and 3-year timepoint in male patients.

| | 1-year survival timepoint | | | | 3-year survival timepoint | | | |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------|---------------------|---------|---------------------------|---------|----------------------|---------|
| | NRI (95% CI) | p value | IDI (95% CI) | p value | NRI (95% CI) | p value | IDI (95% CI) | p value |
| 6-and-12 model | 13.6% (2.8% - 24.5%) | 0.004 | 1.4% (0.4%-2.4%) | 0.012 | 9.3% (0.1% - 18.4%) | 0.044 | 1.1% (-0.2% - 2.3%) | 0.092 |
| Up to seven criteria | 18.1% (4.5% - 25.3%) | 0.004 | 4.3% (2.1% - 6.4%) | <0.001 | 13.5% (2.9% - 22.2%) | 0.016 | 3.9% (1.2% - 6.4%) | 0.008 |
| Four and seven criteria | 16.8% (3.7% - 28.3%) | 0.016 | 3.9% (1.8% - 5.9%) | <0.001 | 17.7% (6.7% - 27.4%) | <0.001 | 4.5% (1.9% - 7.0%) | <0.001 |
| Seven and eleven criteria | 11.4% (1.2% - 21.1%) | 0.046 | 2.3% (0.6% - 4.0%) | 0.004 | 3.9% (0.6% - 15.1%) | 0.047 | 1.2% (0.1% -3.1%) | 0.024 |
| BCLC subclassification | 28.4% (18% - 36.1%) | <0.001 | 5.9% (3.8% - 8.4%) | <0.001 | 16.3% (6.8% - 24.1%) | <0.001 | 5.4% (2.8% - 8.3%) | <0.001 |
| HAP score | 25.2% (14.7% - 34.0%) | <0.001 | 5.6% (3.5% - 7.9%) | <0.001 | 23.8% (16.7% - 30.7%) | <0.001 | 7.7% (4.8% - 10.2%) | <0.001 |
| mHAP III score | 23.6% (13.1% - 34.0%) | <0.001 | 2.2% (0.6% - 3.6%) | 0.012 | 16.6% (6.4% - 24.5%) | <0.001 | 3.4% (1.5% - 50%) | <0.001 |
| mHAP II score | 26.2% (14.3% - 33.9%) | <0.001 | 5.0% (2.9% - 7.3%) | <0.001 | 24.0% (14.6% - 29.7%) | <0.001 | 6.7% (3.8% - 9.1%) | <0.001 |
| mHAP score | 21.2% (13.5% - 32.4%) | <0.001 | 4.5% (2.5% - 6.5%) | <0.001 | 21.2% (10.8% - 29.2%) | <0.001 | 1.2% (0.1% - 3.1%) | 0.024 |
| ALBI score | 38.0% (28.6% - 44.4%) | <0.001 | 8.1% (5.5% - 10.7%) | <0.001 | 25.7% (18.5% - 32.5%) | <0.001 | 10.2% (6.6% - 13.1%) | <0.001 |

Abbreviations: ALBI, albumin-bilirubin; BCLC, Barcelona Clinic Liver Cancer; CI, confidence interval; HAP, Hepatoma arterial-embolization prognostic; IDI, integrated discrimination improvement; NRI, net reclassification improvement.

Table S15. Comparison of NRI and IDI between 6-and-12 model 2.0 and other current available prognostic metrics (standard model) at 1-year and 3-year timepoint in female patients.

| | 1-year survival timepoint | | | | 3-year survival timepoint | | | |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------|---------------------|---------|---------------------------|---------|----------------------|---------|
| | NRI (95% CI) | p value | IDI (95% CI) | p value | NRI (95% CI) | p value | IDI (95% CI) | p value |
| 6-and-12 model | 20.3% (0.6% - 46.1%) | 0.048 | 3.9% (0.6% - 7%) | 0.012 | 12.6% (4.7% - 31.8%) | 0.002 | 3.9% (0.2% - 7.5%) | 0.032 |
| Up to seven criteria | 27.3% (3.5% - 47.2%) | 0.012 | 7.1% (2.3% - 12.9%) | <0.001 | 21.4% (4.6% - 42.6%) | 0.020 | 8.2% (2.9% - 13.4%) | <0.001 |
| Four and seven criteria | 33.3% (17.5% - 50.7%) | <0.001 | 9.5% (4.3% - 15.7%) | <0.001 | 32.9% (5.7% - 47.8%) | 0.020 | 9.4% (3.1% - 15.7%) | <0.001 |
| Seven and eleven criteria | 24.6% (1.9% - 45.4%) | 0.036 | 4.2% (-0.4% - 8.6%) | 0.080 | 21.7% (-3.7% - 39.1%) | 0.100 | 4.4% (-0.1% - 8.7%) | 0.068 |
| BCLC subclassification | 24.7% (1.5% - 48.0%) | 0.036 | 7.4% (1.1% - 14.0%) | 0.012 | 15.7% (-9.5% - 35.4%) | 0.271 | 7.5% (0.3% - 14.1%) | 0.044 |
| HAP score | 32.5% (11.6% - 47.2%) | 0.004 | 9.2% (3.5% - 16.3%) | <0.001 | 31.7% (1.4% - 45.3%) | 0.036 | 10.2% (2.2% - 17.6%) | 0.012 |
| mHAP III score | 25.1% (-1.5% - 46.2%) | 0.076 | 5.0% (1.1% - 9.7%) | 0.008 | 26.5% (1.1% - 40.2%) | 0.032 | 4.9% (0.1% - 9.8%) | 0.046 |
| mHAP II score | 20.1% (5.8% - 41.1%) | 0.016 | 7.7% (1.3% - 14.9%) | 0.020 | 17.1% (3.4% - 39.7%) | 0.014 | 8.5% (0.5% - 16.0%) | 0.032 |
| mHAP score | 20.4% (3.9% - 38.9%) | 0.048 | 6.4% (0.5% - 12.5%) | 0.012 | 19.9% (6.0% - 36.1%) | 0.012 | 6.1% (2.4% - 13.3%) | 0.028 |
| ALBI score | 32.3% (16.1% - 50.3%) | <0.001 | 11% (4.8% - 18.3%) | <0.001 | 32.3% (2.1% - 47.9%) | 0.005 | 12% (2.9% - 20.6%) | <0.001 |

Abbreviations: ALBI, albumin-bilirubin; BCLC, Barcelona Clinic Liver Cancer; CI, confidence interval; HAP, Hepatoma arterial-embolization prognostic; IDI, integrated discrimination improvement; NRI, net reclassification improvement.

Table S16. Comparison of NRI and IDI between 6-and-12 model 2.0 and other current available prognostic metrics (standard model) at 1-year and 3-year timepoint in patients with ALBI grade 1.

| | 1-year survival timepoint | | | | 3-year survival timepoint | | | |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------|---------------------|---------|---------------------------|---------|---------------------|---------|
| | NRI (95% CI) | p value | IDI (95% CI) | p value | NRI (95% CI) | p value | IDI (95% CI) | p value |
| 6-and-12 model | 18.3% (6.7% - 31.4%) | <0.001 | 2.3% (1.1% - 4.0%) | <0.001 | 14.2% (3.2% - 23.6%) | <0.001 | 2.2% (0.6% - 3.7%) | 0.008 |
| Up to seven criteria | 21.9% (2.0% - 31.3%) | 0.040 | 4.9% (1.8% - 8.2%) | <0.001 | 15.2% (0.4% - 26.0%) | 0.048 | 4.4% (1.4% - 8.0%) | 0.012 |
| Four and seven criteria | 19.2% (2.7% - 32.7%) | 0.024 | 4.3% (1.4% - 7.7%) | <0.001 | 15.7% (2.0% - 27.5%) | 0.032 | 4.1% (0.9% - 7.5%) | 0.008 |
| Seven and eleven criteria | 20.2% (5.4% - 30.9%) | 0.020 | 3.3% (0.9% - 6.1%) | 0.008 | 11.4% (-2.1% - 23.2%) | 0.092 | 2.8% (0.2% - 5.5%) | 0.036 |
| BCLC subclassification | 25.8% (10.3% - 37.1%) | <0.001 | 6.1% (2.8% - 9.8%) | <0.001 | 18.7% (4.0% - 28.4%) | 0.004 | 5.8% (2.2% - 9.3%) | 0.004 |
| HAP score | 16.6% (0.5% - 33.4%) | 0.048 | 3.9% (1.0% - 7.3%) | 0.008 | 24.0% (8.5% - 34.7%) | <0.001 | 6.8% (3.5% - 10.2%) | <0.001 |
| mHAP III score | 31.5% (20.5% - 41.8%) | <0.001 | 3.2% (1.3% - 5.7%) | 0.004 | 23.4% (14.2% - 32.2%) | <0.001 | 3.6% (1.7% - 5.8%) | <0.001 |
| mHAP II score | 16.8% (3.8% - 28.9%) | 0.024 | 3.8% (1.0% - 7.0%) | 0.012 | 23.4% (14.2% - 32.2%) | <0.001 | 6.0% (2.7% - 9.5%) | <0.001 |
| mHAP score | 16.3% (0.5% - 29.2%) | 0.048 | 3.1% (0.3% - 5.9%) | 0.016 | 17.5% (2.0% - 30.3%) | 0.024 | 4.3% (1.3% - 7.3%) | 0.008 |
| ALBI score | 38.3% (27.5% - 47.0%) | <0.001 | 8.1% (4.4% - 12.1%) | <0.001 | 24.4% (15.6% - 33.7%) | <0.001 | 9.7% (5.5% - 13.9%) | <0.001 |

Abbreviations: ALBI, albumin-bilirubin; BCLC, Barcelona Clinic Liver Cancer; CI, confidence interval; HAP, Hepatoma arterial-embolization prognostic; IDI, integrated discrimination improvement; NRI, net reclassification improvement.

Table S17. Comparison of NRI and IDI between 6-and-12 model 2.0 and other current available prognostic metrics (standard model) at 1-year and 3-year timepoint in patients with ALBI grade 2.

| | 1-year survival timepoint | | | | 3-year survival timepoint | | | |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------|---------------------|---------|---------------------------|---------|----------------------|---------|
| | NRI (95% CI) | p value | IDI (95% CI) | p value | NRI (95% CI) | p value | IDI (95% CI) | p value |
| 6-and-12 model | 13.1% (-0.1% - 25.9%) | 0.052 | 1.0% (-0.5% - 2.6%) | 0.156 | 4.1% (-6.7% - 17.8%) | 0.431 | 0.5% (-1.3% - 2.3%) | 0.635 |
| Up to seven criteria | 16.3% (2.3% - 29.8%) | 0.024 | 4.3% (1.8% - 7.2%) | <0.001 | 14.8% (0.0% - 25.9%) | 0.050 | 4.3% (0.6% - 7.3%) | 0.012 |
| Four and seven criteria | 26.6% (8.4% - 36.2%) | 0.004 | 5.0% (2.3% - 29.8%) | 0.024 | 23.6% (7.3% - 32.8%) | <0.001 | 6.1% (2.5% - 9.3%) | <0.001 |
| Seven and eleven criteria | 5.6% (-6.5% - 18.6%) | 0.311 | 1.3% (-0.6% - 3.7%) | 0.168 | 2.3% (-10% - 13.9%) | 0.731 | 0.0% (-2.7% - 2.3%) | 1.034 |
| BCLC subclassification | 29.1% (16.6% - 40.5%) | <0.001 | 6.3% (3.5% - 9.6%) | <0.001 | 14.0% (1.4% - 24.3%) | 0.028 | 5.8% (2.0% - 9.0%) | 0.004 |
| HAP score | 35.4% (22.4% - 43.0%) | <0.001 | 6.8% (4.2% - 10.1%) | <0.001 | 25.6% (17.3% - 34.3%) | <0.001 | 9.1% (5.7% - 12.6%) | <0.001 |
| mHAP III score | 10.8% (-1.7% - 26.3%) | 0.124 | 0.1% (-1.7% - 2.0%) | 0.850 | 10.2% (-1.0% - 23.1%) | 0.080 | 0.9% (-0.6% - 2.7%) | 0.259 |
| mHAP II score | 27.4% (14.0% - 37.9%) | <0.001 | 5.7% (3.1% - 9.0%) | <0.001 | 22.2% (9.3% - 30.3%) | <0.001 | 7.0% (3.5% - 10.4%) | <0.001 |
| mHAP score | 27.9% (16.7% - 39.5%) | <0.001 | 6.0% (3.4% - 8.8%) | <0.001 | 25.0% (11.3% - 34.2%) | <0.001 | 8.1% (4.9% - 11.2%) | <0.001 |
| ALBI score | 37.9% (29.0% - 46.2%) | <0.001 | 8.8% (5.7% - 12.6%) | <0.001 | 28.9% (20.7% - 38.5%) | <0.001 | 11.5% (7.3% - 15.7%) | <0.001 |

Abbreviations: ALBI, albumin-bilirubin; BCLC, Barcelona Clinic Liver Cancer; CI, confidence interval; HAP, Hepatoma arterial-embolization prognostic; IDI, integrated discrimination improvement; NRI, net reclassification improvement.

Table S18. Comparison of NRI and IDI between 6-and-12 model 2.0 and other current available prognostic metrics (standard model) at 1-year and 3-year timepoint in patients with HBV.

| | 1-year survival timepoint | | | | 3-year survival timepoint | | | |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------|---------------------|---------|---------------------------|---------|---------------------|---------|
| | NRI (95% CI) | p value | IDI (95% CI) | p value | NRI (95% CI) | p value | IDI (95% CI) | p value |
| 6-and-12 model | 16.7% (4.7% - 27.7%) | 0.004 | 1.6% (0.5% - 2.6%) | 0.004 | 13.2% (4.4% - 23.1%) | 0.004 | 1.6% (0.3% - 2.9%) | 0.004 |
| Up to seven criteria | 17.7% (6.3% - 26.9%) | 0.004 | 4.4% (2.3% - 6.9%) | <0.001 | 14.5% (1.7% - 22.6%) | 0.016 | 4.2% (1.3% - 6.6%) | 0.008 |
| Four and seven criteria | 23.8% (11.1% - 33.1%) | <0.001 | 4.7% (2.7% - 7.5%) | <0.001 | 23.2% (12.1% - 31.1%) | <0.001 | 5.6% (3.1% - 8.1%) | <0.001 |
| Seven and eleven criteria | 16.3% (3.9% - 23.4%) | 0.024 | 2.6% (0.9% - 4.4%) | 0.004 | 7.0% (-5.0% - 17.6%) | 0.359 | 1.7% (-0.3% - 3.5%) | 0.124 |
| BCLC subclassification | 26.0% (14.8% - 34.1%) | <0.001 | 5.7% (3.2% - 8.4%) | <0.001 | 14.0% (3.3% - 23.5%) | 0.004 | 5.2% (1.9% - 7.8%) | <0.001 |
| HAP score | 24.7% (13.3% - 31.3%) | <0.001 | 5.0% (2.7% - 7.3%) | <0.001 | 24.5% (13.1% - 32.9%) | <0.001 | 6.8% (4.0% - 9.3%) | <0.001 |
| mHAP III score | 23.0% (13.4% - 34.0%) | <0.001 | 2.3% (0.9% - 3.8%) | 0.004 | 18.0% (8.5% - 25.9%) | <0.001 | 3.7% (2.2% - 5.4%) | <0.001 |
| mHAP II score | 21.8% (7.5% - 31.5%) | <0.001 | 4.2% (2.1% - 6.8%) | <0.001 | 19.0% (9.2% - 27.0%) | <0.001 | 5.2% (2.4% - 8.0%) | <0.001 |
| mHAP score | 16.8% (8.5% - 28.8%) | <0.001 | 4.1% (2.1% - 6.4%) | 0.004 | 18.2% (5.3% - 27.6%) | 0.008 | 5.1% (2.3% - 7.7%) | 0.004 |
| ALBI score | 34.7% (26.3% - 41.5%) | <0.001 | 8.0% (5.4% - 10.9%) | <0.001 | 26.4% (20.7% - 33.9%) | <0.001 | 9.8% (6.5% - 13.1%) | <0.001 |

Abbreviations: ALBI, albumin-bilirubin; BCLC, Barcelona Clinic Liver Cancer; CI, confidence interval; HAP, Hepatoma arterial-embolization prognostic; IDI, integrated discrimination improvement; NRI, net reclassification improvement.

Table S19. Comparison of NRI and IDI between 6-and-12 model 2.0 and other current available prognostic metrics (standard model) at 1-year and 3-year timepoint in Chinese DEB-TACE cohort.

| | 1-year survival timepoint | | | | 3-year survival timepoint | | | |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------|--------------------|---------|---------------------------|---------|--------------------|---------|
| | NRI (95% CI) | p value | IDI (95% CI) | p value | NRI (95% CI) | p value | IDI (95% CI) | p value |
| 6-and-12 model | 9.90% (-19.1%-37.4%) | 0.527 | 0.0% (-2.2%-1.4%) | 0.951 | 13.7% (-8.50%-37.4%) | 0.242 | 2.5% (-0.6%-6.1%) | 0.148 |
| Up to seven criteria | 31.5% (-12.5%-48.8%) | 0.206 | 1.2% (-0.3%-4.5%) | 0.126 | 6.4% (-23.8%-31.4%) | 0.703 | 3.5% (-3.1%-9.9%) | 0.298 |
| Four and seven criteria | 1.5% (-31.8%-34.9%) | 0.683 | 0.1% (-2.8%-2.6%) | 0.929 | -0.8% (-28.6%-29.5%) | 0.987 | 1.7% (-5.4%-8.1%) | 0.613 |
| Seven and eleven criteria | 9.9% (-22%-38.5%) | 0.625 | 0.6% (-1.3%-3%) | 0.523 | 12% (-16.8%-38.6%) | 0.322 | 4.1% (-0.7%-9.5%) | 0.098 |
| BCLC subclassification | 29.3% (-12.4%-50%) | 0.18 | 1.3% (-0.3%-4.4%) | 0.098 | 3.5% (-24.7%-28.6%) | 0.755 | 2.8% (-3.8%-8.9%) | 0.354 |
| HAP score | -1.3% (-26.7%-35.7%) | 1.137 | 1.1% (-1.4%-4.8%) | 0.408 | 6.5% (-25.5%-33.4%) | 0.713 | 3.1% (-4.2%-11.2%) | 0.478 |
| mHAP III score | 5.9% (-29.2%-33.2%) | 0.799 | 0.5% (-1.3%-2.7%) | 0.505 | 5.1% (-24.3%-38.2%) | 0.821 | 0.3% (-3.9%-4.7%) | 0.901 |
| mHAP II score | 17.5% (-19.5%-44%) | 0.354 | 1.8% (-0.2%-0.54%) | 0.078 | -5.8% (-30.4%-34%) | 0.877 | 1.4% (-6.4%-9.5%) | 0.727 |
| mHAP score | 29.3% (-12%-46.8%) | 0.200 | 1.5% (-0.1%-5%) | 0.076 | 4.8% (-19.9%-33.2%) | 0.659 | 2.8% (-4.4%-9.9%) | 0.440 |
| ALBI score | 20.2% (-10.6%-42.7%) | 0.244 | 1.7% (-0.7%-5.8%) | 0.210 | 28.5% (-10.4%-49.3%) | 0.140 | 7.8% (-0.8%-16.9%) | 0.09 |

Abbreviations: ALBI, albumin-bilirubin; BCLC, Barcelona Clinic Liver Cancer; CI, confidence interval; HAP, Hepatoma arterial-embolization prognostic; IDI, integrated discrimination improvement; NRI, net reclassification improvement.

Table S20. Subgroup analyses of OS according to the current risk stratification and its' hazard ratio by COX multivariable analysis.

| Subgroups | Low-risk strata | Intermediate-risk strata | High-risk strata | p value | HR, 95% CI | p value | Adjusted variables |
|------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|---------|------------------|---------|--------------------------|
| Age≤60 years | 45.0 (40.2-49.8) months | 30.9 (25.5-36.3) months | 15.1 (11.9-18.3) months | <0.001 | 1.78 (1.58-2.01) | <0.001 | WBC, AST |
| Age>60 years | 46.8 (37.8-55.8) months | 28.6 (23.4-33.9) months | 16.1 (14.5-17.7) months | <0.001 | 2.02 (1.73-2.36) | <0.001 | ALT, AST, ALB, TBIL |
| Male | 45.0 (37.3-52.3) months | 30.1 (26.0-34.2) months | 15.8 (13.7-17.9) months | <0.001 | 1.91 (1.72-2.12) | <0.001 | WBC, PLT, ALT, AST, TBIL |
| Female | 46.3 (40.4-52.2) months | 29.4 (17.2-41.6) months | 13.6 (9.30-17.9) months | <0.001 | 1.92 (1.49-2.47) | <0.001 | None |
| ALBI grade 1 | 48.9 (40.7-57.1) months | 30.9 (25.0-36.8) months | 17.5 (12.9-22.1) months | <0.001 | 1.84 (1.61-2.11) | <0.001 | Age, WBC, Cr |
| ALBI grade 2 | 42.6 (36.4-48.8) months | 28.4 (23.2-33.6) months | 14.8 (13.0-16.6) months | <0.001 | 1.90 (1.65-2.18) | <0.001 | PLT, AST |
| HBV | 44.4 (39.8-49.0) months | 30.8 (27.1-34.5) months | 15.5 (13.4-17.6) months | <0.001 | 1.83 (1.66-2.03) | <0.001 | WBC, AST, ALB |
| Other etiologies | 56.0 (NE-NE) months | 26.6 (19.5-33.7) months | 14.9 (9.40-20.4) months | <0.001 | 2.02 (1.59-2.57) | <0.001 | TBIL |

Abbreviations: ALBI, albumin-bilirubin; CI, confidence interval; HBV, hepatic B virus; HR, hazard ratio; NE, not estimated.

Table S21. Subgroup analyses of overall survival according to the current risk stratification in patients with BCLC-A and BCLC-B HCC among these four cohorts.

| Datasets | BCLC stage | Low-risk strata | Intermediate-risk strata | High-risk strata | p value |
|---------------------|------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|---------|
| Training | A | 44.3 (40.0-50.1) months | 31.2 (28.2-38.2) months | 17.3 (13.2-24.8) months | <0.001 |
| | B | 48.0 (39.6 - NR) months | 21.6 (18.2-25.4) months | 13.8 (12.2-16.0) months | <0.001 |
| Internal validation | A | 51.1 (43.2-57.5) months | 32.0 (27.7-37.4) months | 17.6 (9.90-33.3) months | <0.001 |
| | B | 38.3 (35.5-59.6) months | 30.4 (28.9-34.4) months | 21.0 (17.2-25.5) months | <0.001 |
| European validation | A | 34.5 (31.5-37.6) months | 23.3 (18.2-32.9) months | 14.8 (12.4-32.7) months | <0.001 |
| | B | 26.1 (24.2-30.8) months | 19.2 (17.2-22.3) months | 13.6 (10.2-17.8) months | <0.001 |
| Asian validation | A | 96.3 (81.7-108) months | 33.9 (21.7 - NR) months | 19.5 (7.87 - NR) months | <0.001 |
| | B | 55.4 (47.3-91.5) months | 34.7 (27.0-43.7) months | 20.7 (13.6-26.7) months | <0.001 |

Abbreviations: BCLC, Barcelona Clinic Liver Cancer; NR, not reached.

Table S22. Summarization of the pivotal randomized controlled trials related to TACE.

| Publication (year) | Trial | Country | Treatment | Primary endpoint | Outcomes | P |
|--------------------------|------------------|----------------------|---|------------------|------------------|-------|
| Okusaka et al[7]. 2009 | NA | Japan | TAI (n = 82) cTACE (n = 79) | OS | 22.3 21.2 | 0.383 |
| Kudo et al[8]. 2011 | POST-TACE | Japan, Korea | cTACE (responders) plus sorafenib (n = 229) cTACE plus placebo (n = 229) | TTP | 5.4 3.7 | 0.252 |
| Yu et al[9]. 2014 | NA | China | TEA (n = 49) cTACE (n = 49) | OS | 24.3 20.1 | 0.513 |
| Golfieri et al[10]. 2014 | PRECISION ITALIA | Italy | DEB- TACE (n = 89) cTACE (n = 88) | OS (2 years) | 56.80% 55.40% | 0.949 |
| Kudo et al[11]. 2014 | BRISK- TA | Global | cTACE or DEB- TACE plus brivanib (n = 249) cTACE plus placebo (n = 253) | OS | 26.4 26.1 | 0.53 |
| Lencioni et al[12]. 2016 | SPACE | Global | DEB- TACE plus sorafenib (n = 154) DEB- TACE plus placebo (n = 153) | TTP | 5.6 5.5 | 0.072 |
| Meyer et al[13]. 2017 | TACE-2 | UK | DEB- TACE plus sorafenib (n = 157) DEB- TACE plus placebo (n = 156) | PFS | 7.8 7.7 | 0.85 |
| Kudo et al[14]. 2018 | ORIENTAL | Japan, Korea, Taiwan | cTACE plus orantinib (n = 445) cTACE plus placebo (n = 444) | OS | 31.1 32.3 | 0.435 |
| Ikeda et al[15]. 2018 | NA | Japan | cTACE with miriplatin (n = 129) cTACE with epirubicin (n = 128) | OS | 36.5 37.1 | 0.946 |
| Kudo et al[16]. 2022 | TACTICS | Japan | cTACE plus sorafenib (n = 80) cTACE (n = 76) | OS | 36.2 30.8 | 0.40 |

Abbreviations: cTACE, conventional transarterial chemoembolization; DEB-TACE, drug-eluting beads transarterial chemoembolization; OS, overall survival; PFS, progression-free survival; TAI, transarterial infusion; TEA, transarterial ethanol ablation; TTP, time to progression;

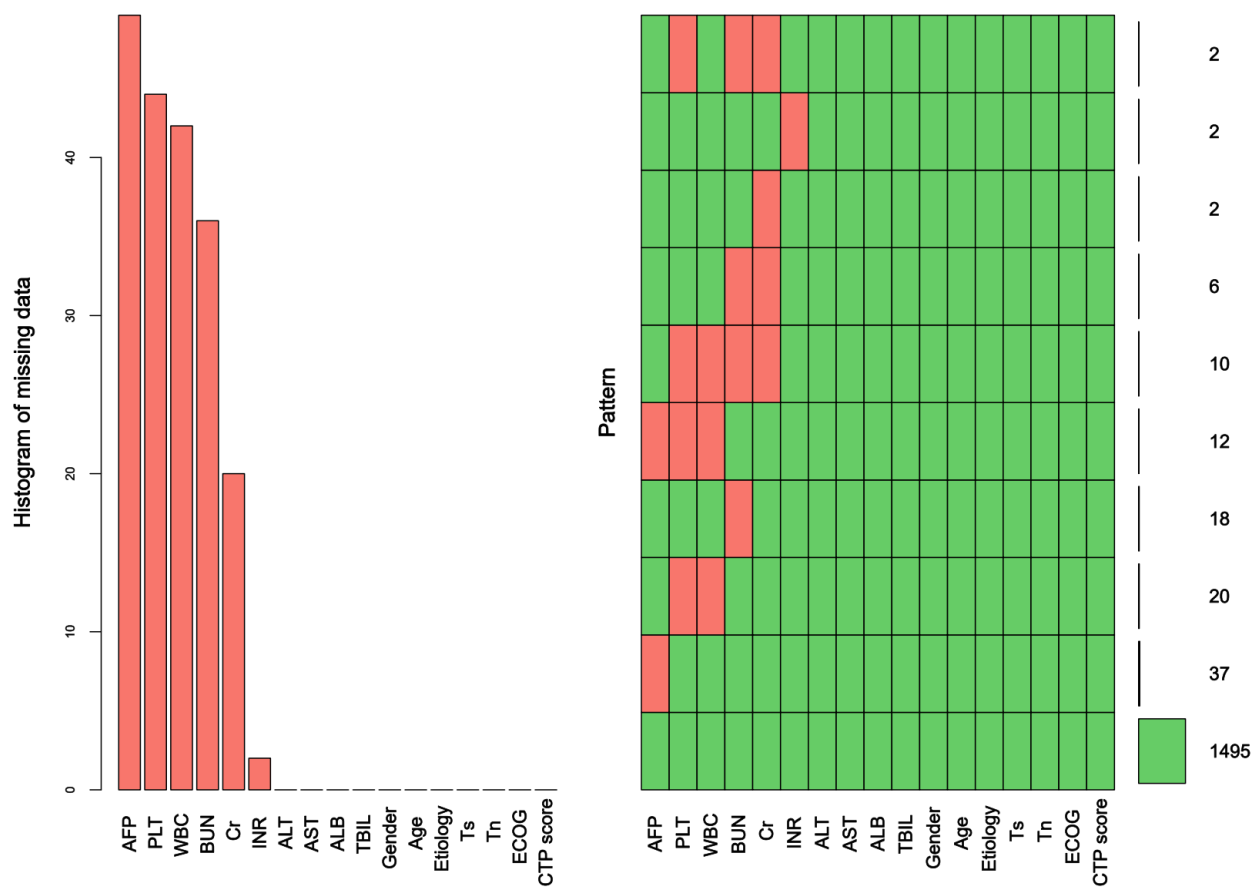


Fig. S1. Patterns of missing value in the training cohort.

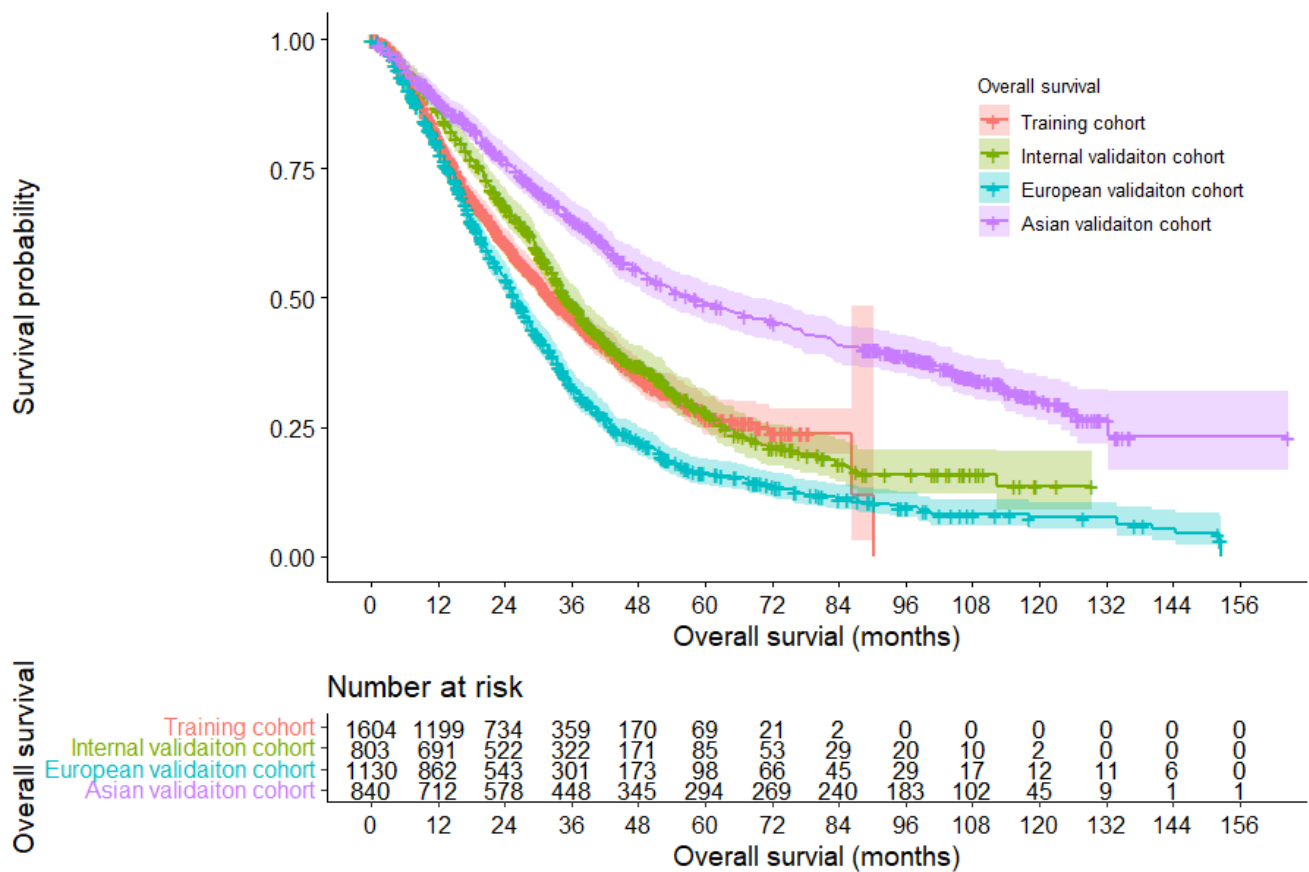


Fig. S2. Overall survival analysis by Kaplan-Meier method in training, internal, European and Asian validation cohorts. (median overall survival time was 32.9 (95% CI, 30.4–35.4) in the training cohort, 35.1 (95% CI, 32.9–37.3) in the internal validation cohort, 24.9 (95% CI, 22.0–27.9) in the European validation cohort, and 57.9 (95% CI, 48.7–67.1) months in the Asian validation cohort, $p < 0.001$ for overall comparison by log-rank test)

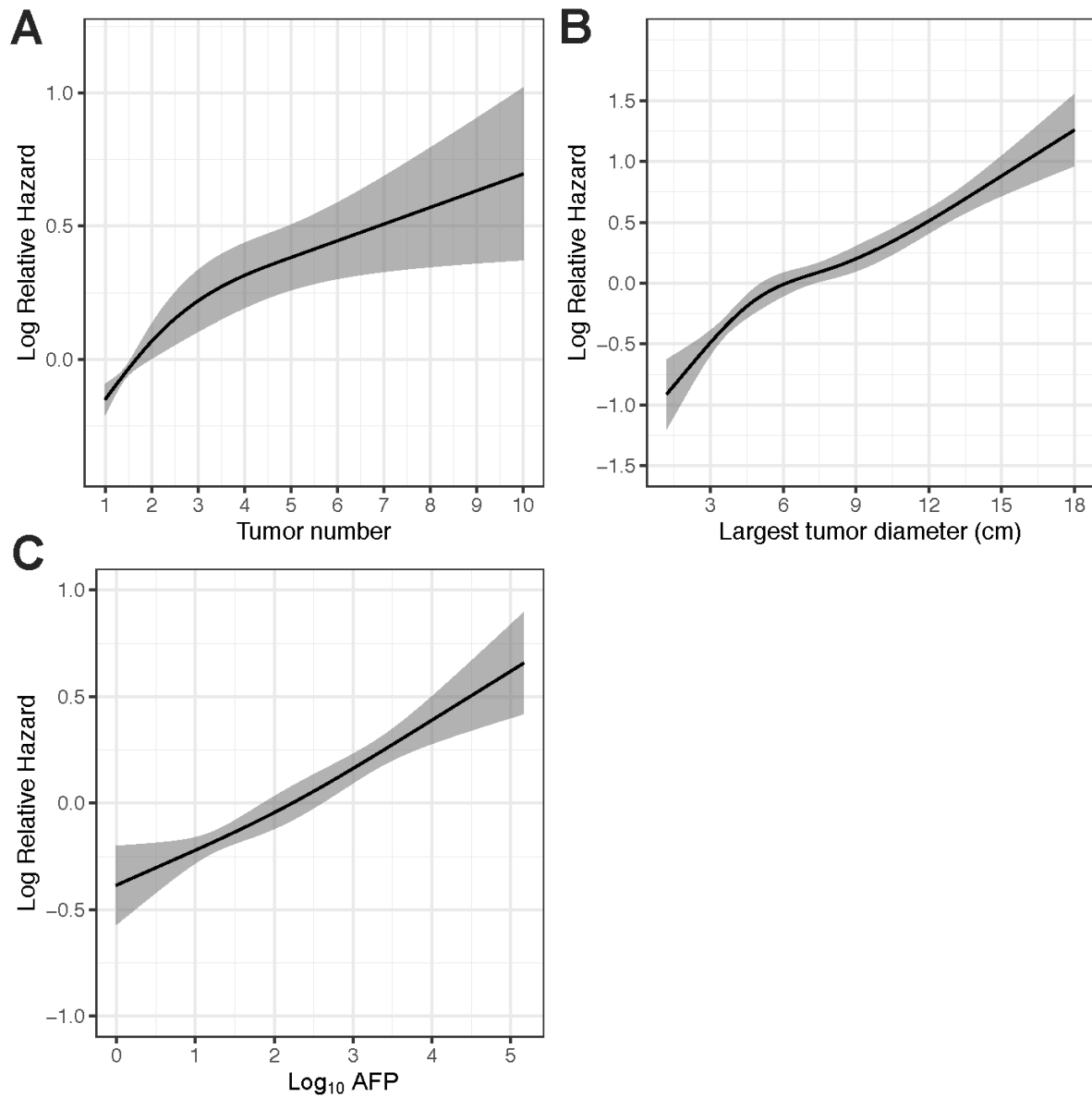


Fig S3. Relation between tumor number, largest tumor diameter, log₁₀AFP and relative hazard. (A, Restricted cubic spline of tumor number in training cohort (non-linear $p = 0.05$); B, Restricted cubic spline of largest tumor diameter in training cohort (non-linear $p = 0.11$); C, Restricted cubic spline of log₁₀AFP in training cohort (non-linear $p = 0.40$).

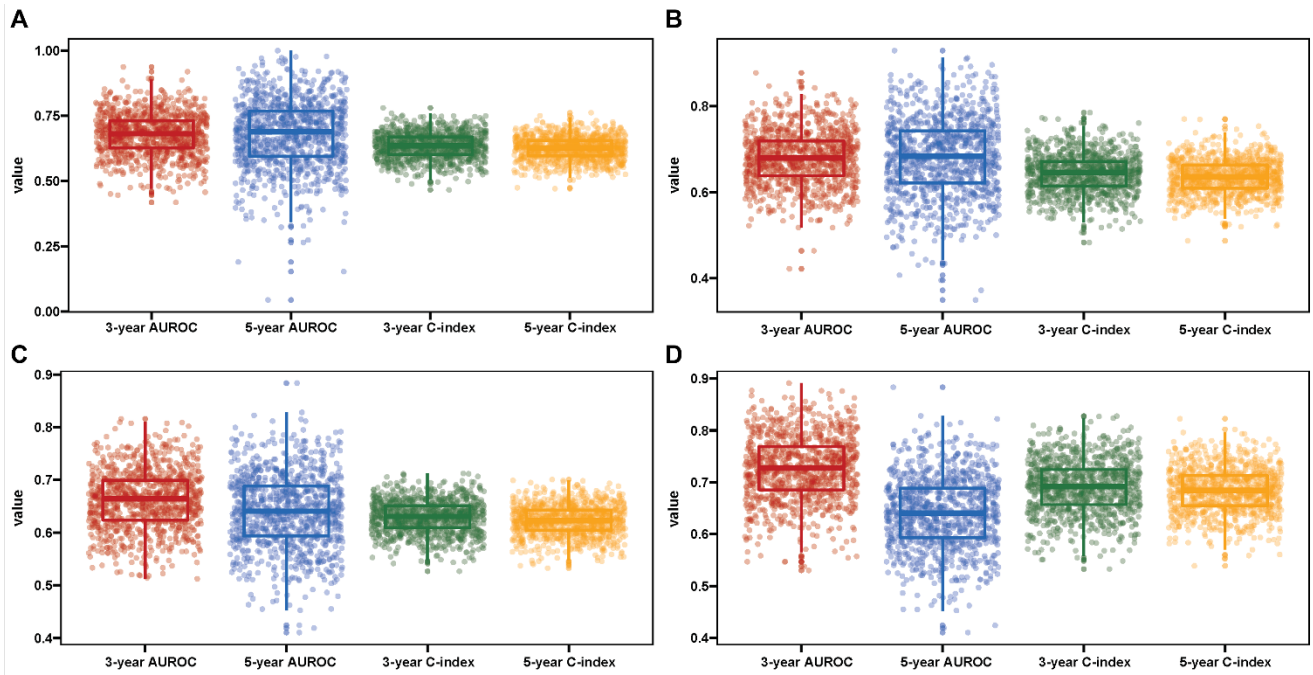


Fig. S4. Discrimination analyses of 6-and-12 model 2.0 using the concordance index (C-index) and the area under the receiver operating characteristics curve (AUROC) with a 10-fold-100-times cross validation approach in ideal TACE candidates. (Each scatter represents each cross-validation result, bars represent interquartile range and bold lines inside the box plot median levels. **A**, training cohort; **B**, internal validation cohort; **C**, European validation cohort; **D**, Asian validation cohort)

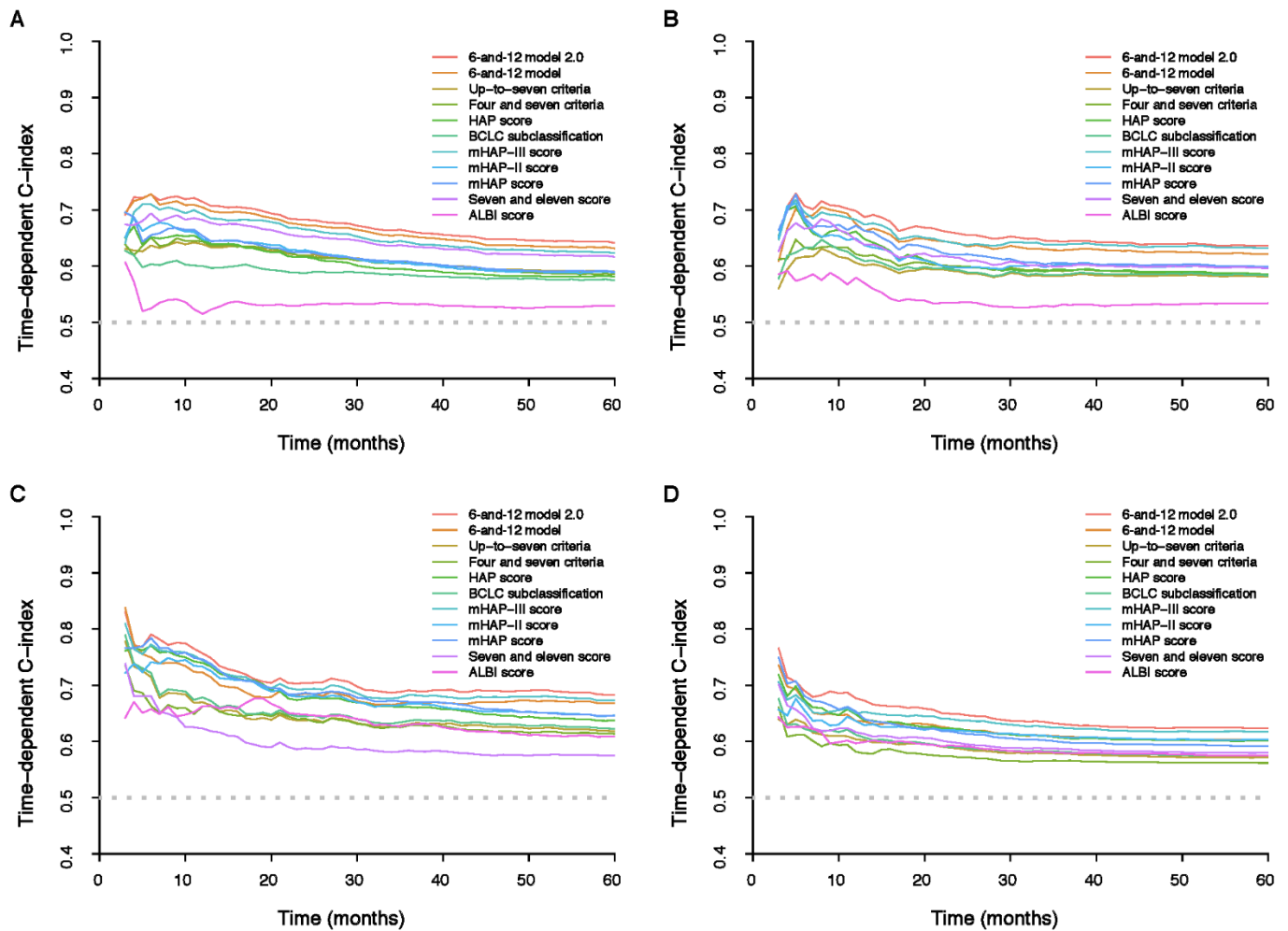


Fig. S5. Time-dependent C-index values of 6-and-12 model 2.0 and other available models. (A) training cohort; **(B)** internal validation cohort; **(C)** Asian validation cohort; **(D)** European validation cohort. Abbreviations: ALBI, albumin-bilirubin; BCLC, Barcelona Clinic Liver Cancer; C-index, concordance index; HAP, hepatoma arterial-embolization prognostication.

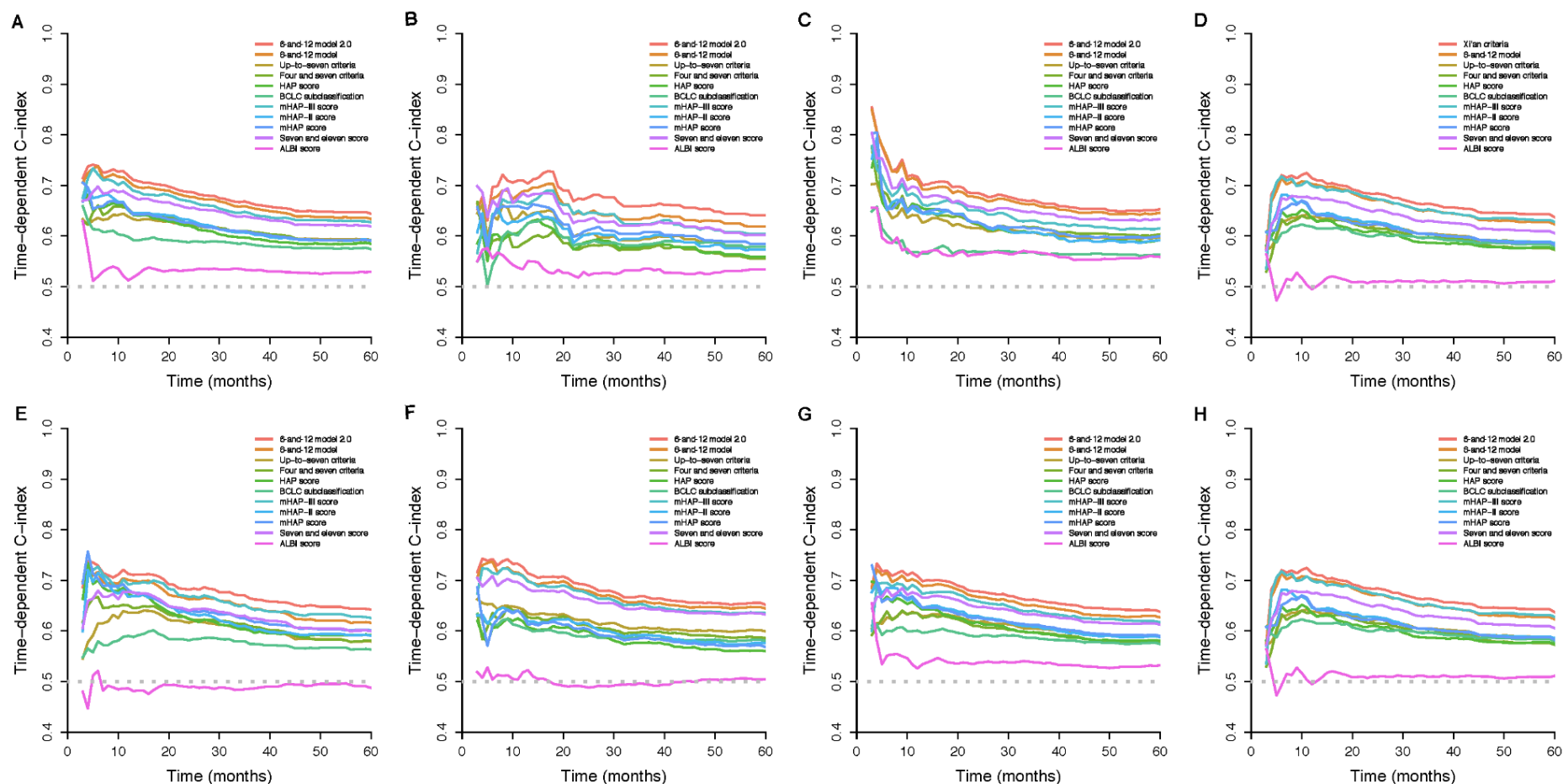


Fig S6. Time-dependent C-index values of 6-and-12 model 2.0 and other available models in different subgroups. (A) male; (B) female; (C) Age > 60 years; (D) Age ≤ 60 years; (E) ALBI grade 1; (F) ALBI grade 2; (G) HBV; (H) Other aetiology. Abbreviations: ALBI, albumin-bilirubin; BCLC, Barcelona Clinic Liver Cancer; C-index, concordance index; HAP, hepatoma arterial-embolization

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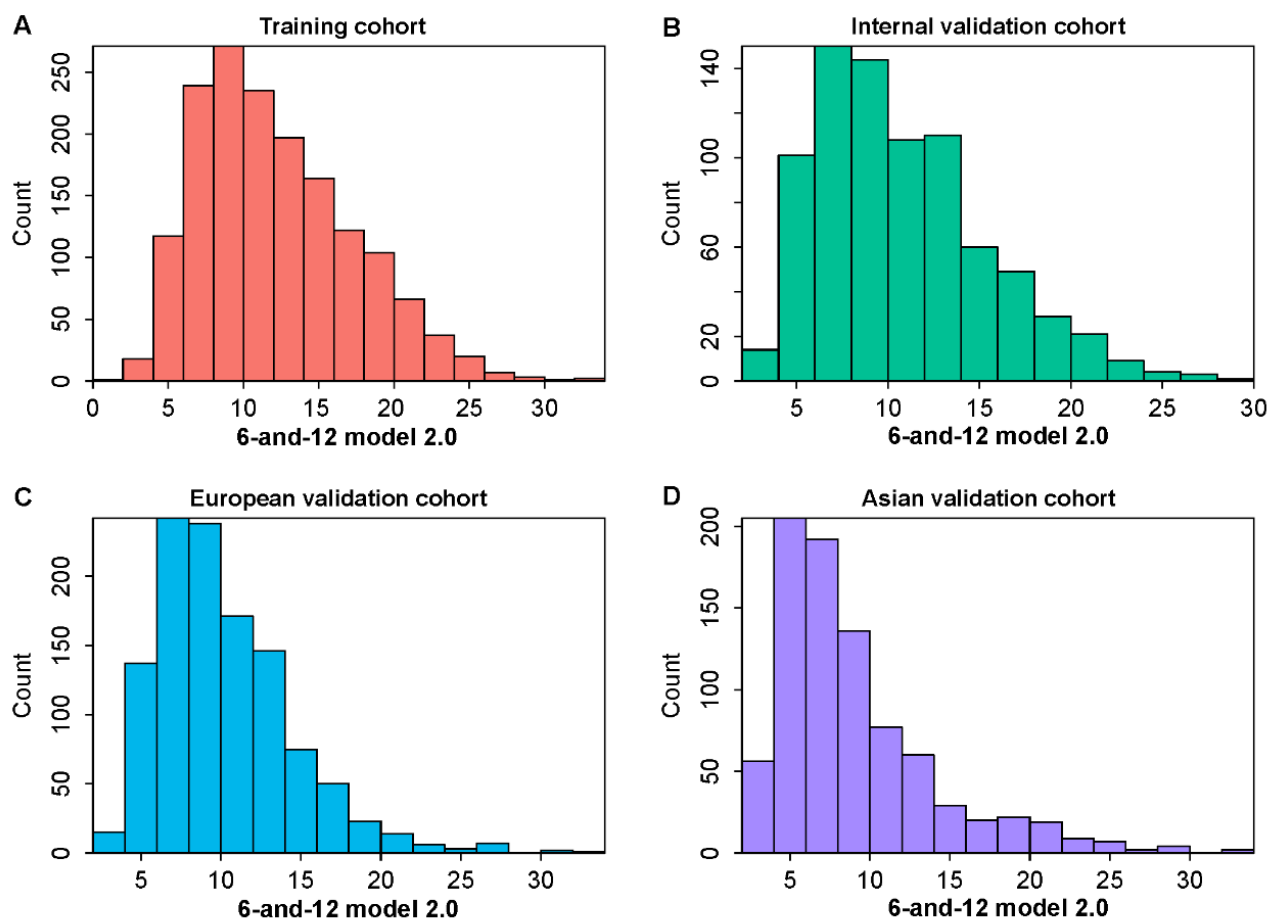


Fig. S7. Overall distribution of cases according to 6-and-12 model 2.0 in training cohort (A), internal validation cohort (B), European validation cohort (C), and Asian validation cohort (D).

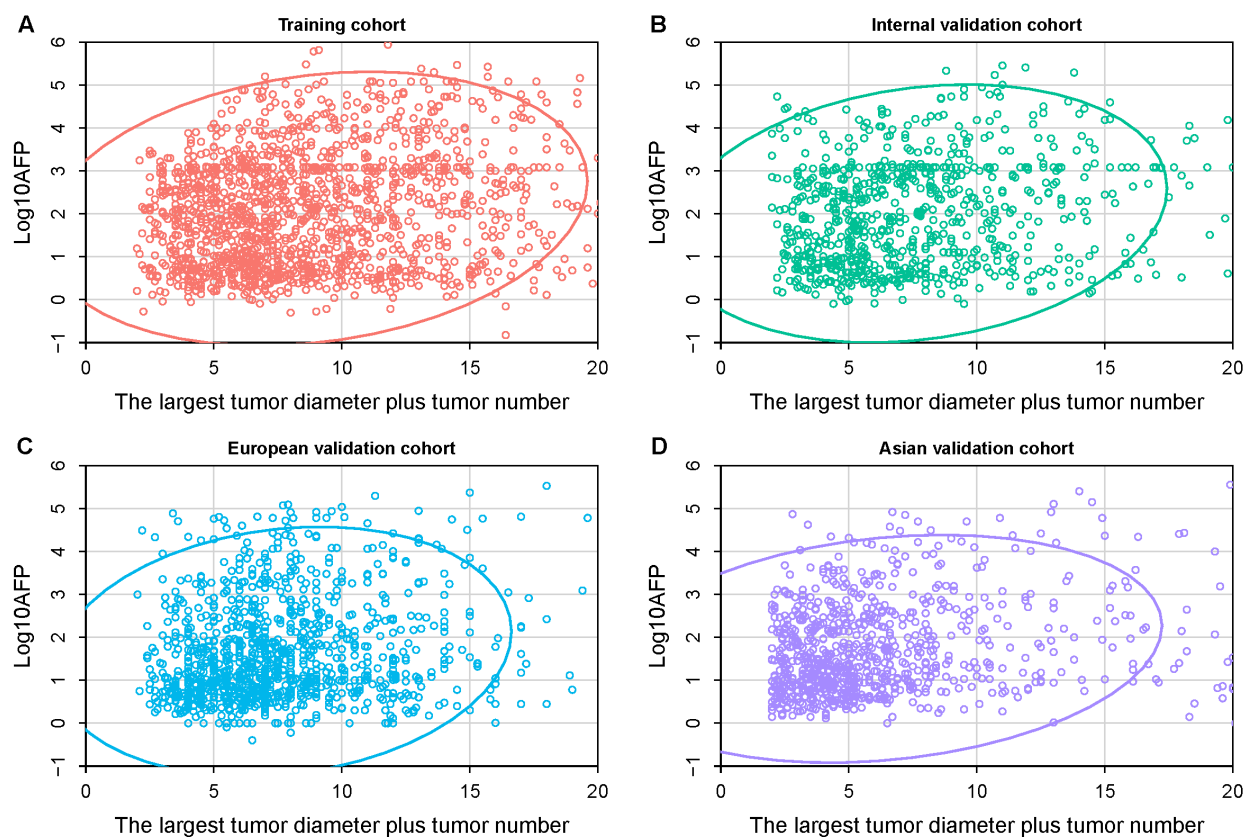


Fig S8. Overall distribution of cases according to baseline $\log_{10}\text{AFP}$ and tumor burden in training cohort (A), internal validation cohort (B), European validation cohort (C), and Asian validation cohort (D).

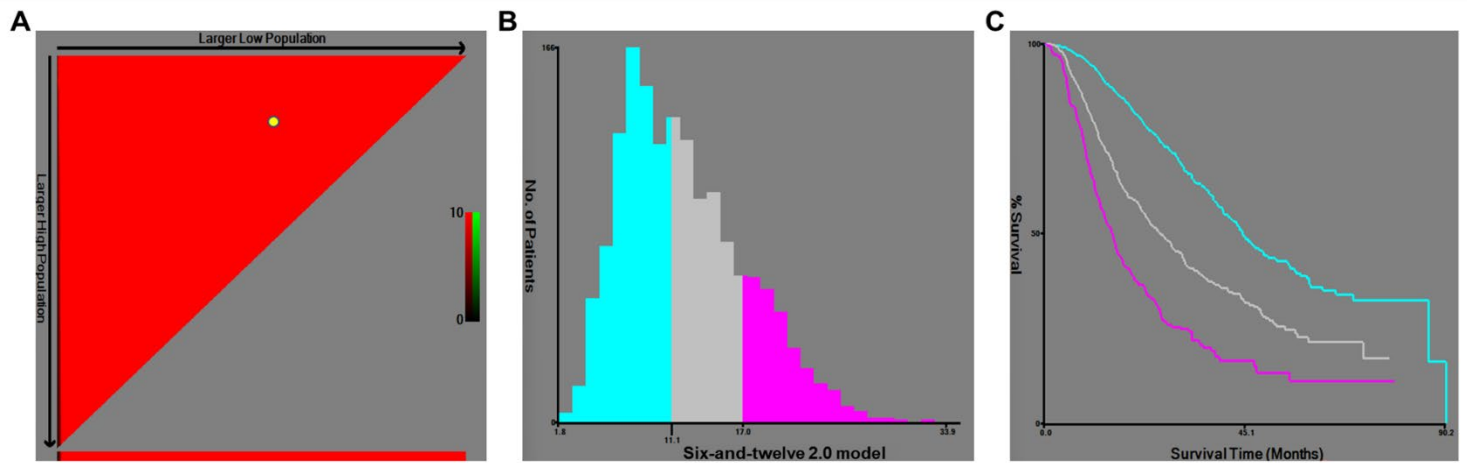


Fig. S9. Determination of the cut-offs of 6-and-12 model 2.0 by X-tile software.

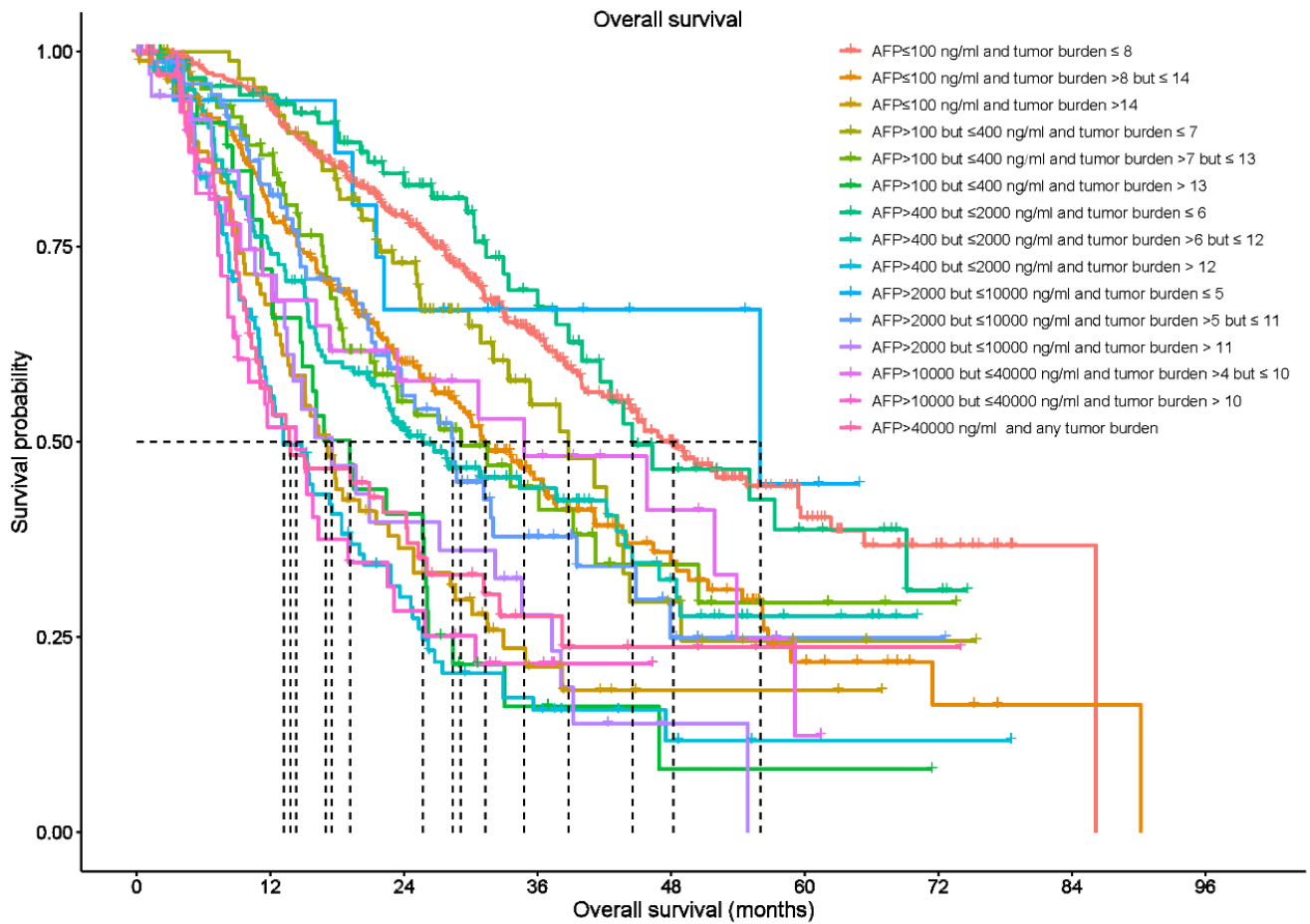


Fig. S10. Overall survival by Kaplan-Meier curve according to the risk stratification in different level of AFP value in training cohort.

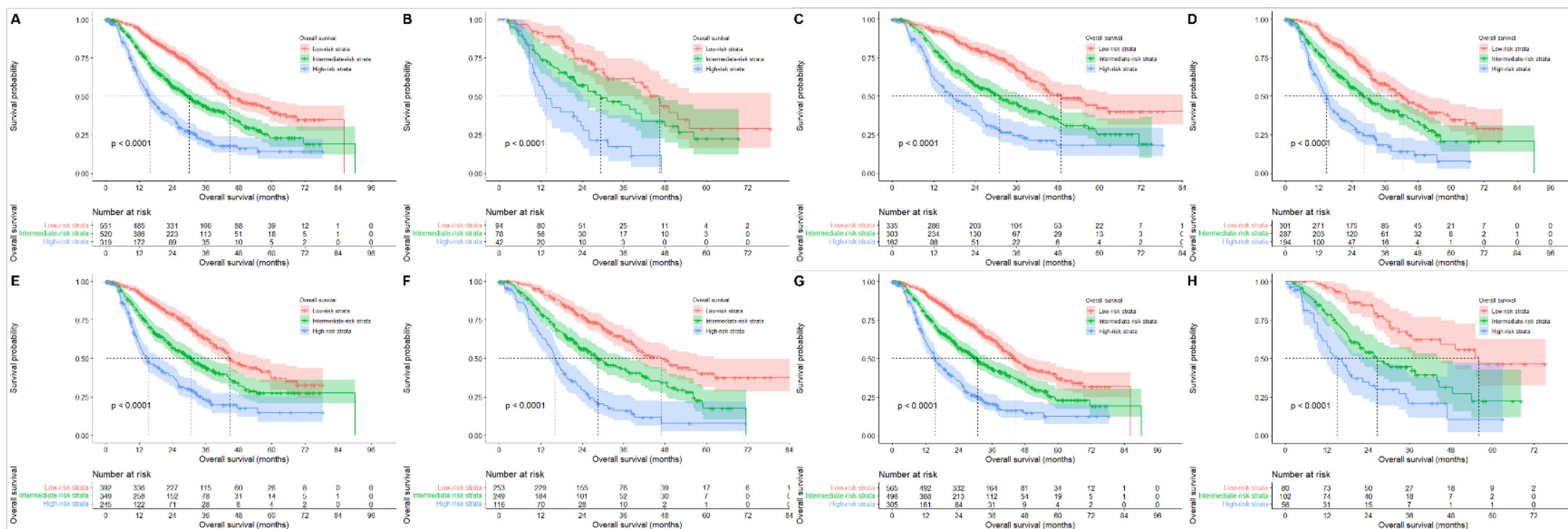


Fig. S11. Survival analyses by Kaplan-Meier method according to the risk stratification of 6-and-12 model 2.0 in different subgroups. (A, male; B, female; C, ALBI grade 1; D, ALBI grade 2; E, age ≤ 60 years; F, age > 60 years; G, HBV; H, other aetiologies, all p < 0.001 by log-rank test).

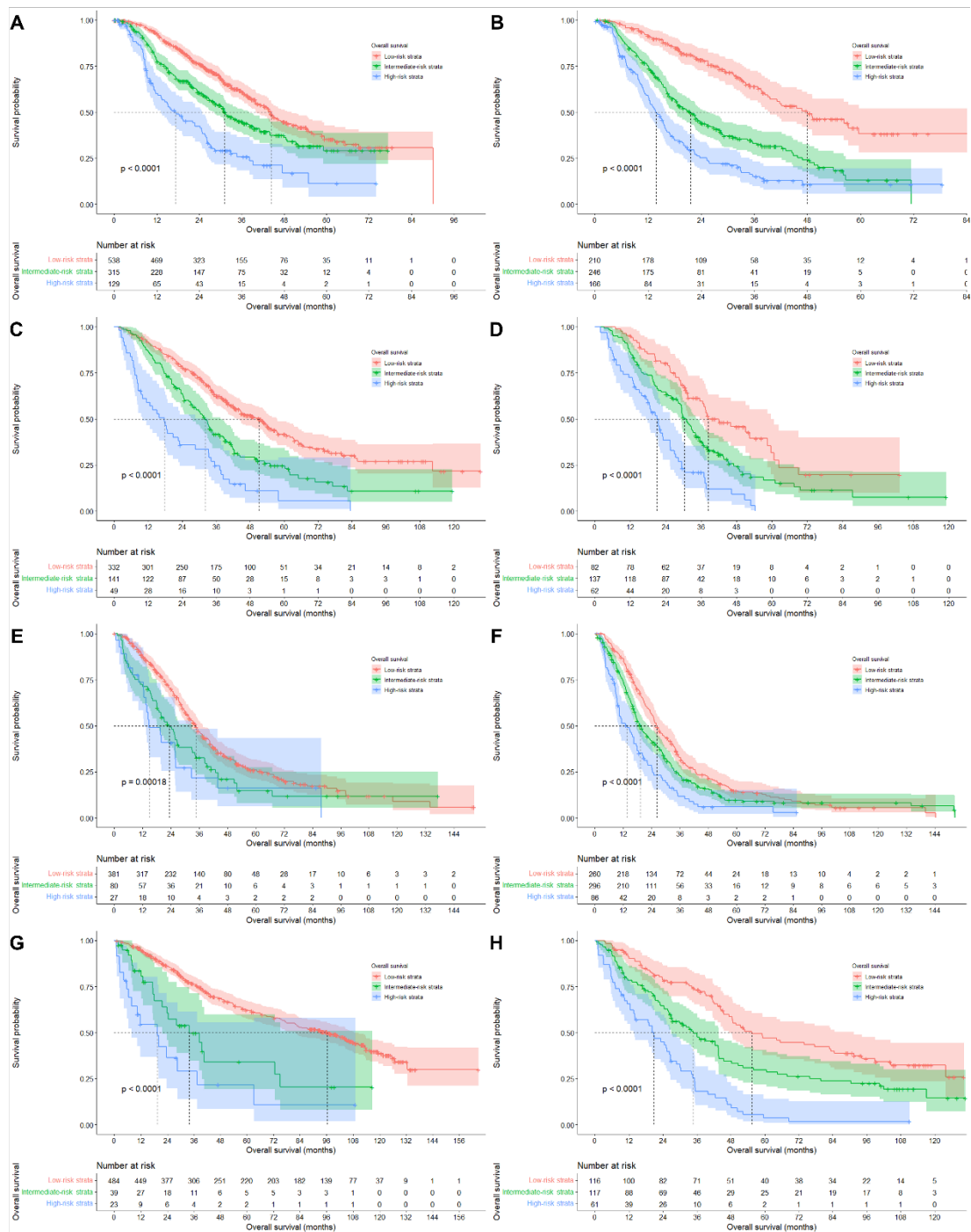


Fig. S12. Survival analyses by Kaplan-Meier method according to the risk stratification of 6-and-12 model 2.0 in BCLC-A and BCLC-B HCC among these four cohorts. (A, BCLC-A in training cohort; B, BCLC-B in training cohort; C, BCLC-A in internal validation cohort; D, BCLC-B in internal validation cohort; E, BCLC-A in European validation cohort; F, BCLC-B in European validation

cohort; **G**, BCLC-A in Asian validation cohort; **H**, BCLC-B in Asian validation cohort, all $p < 0.001$ by log-rank test).

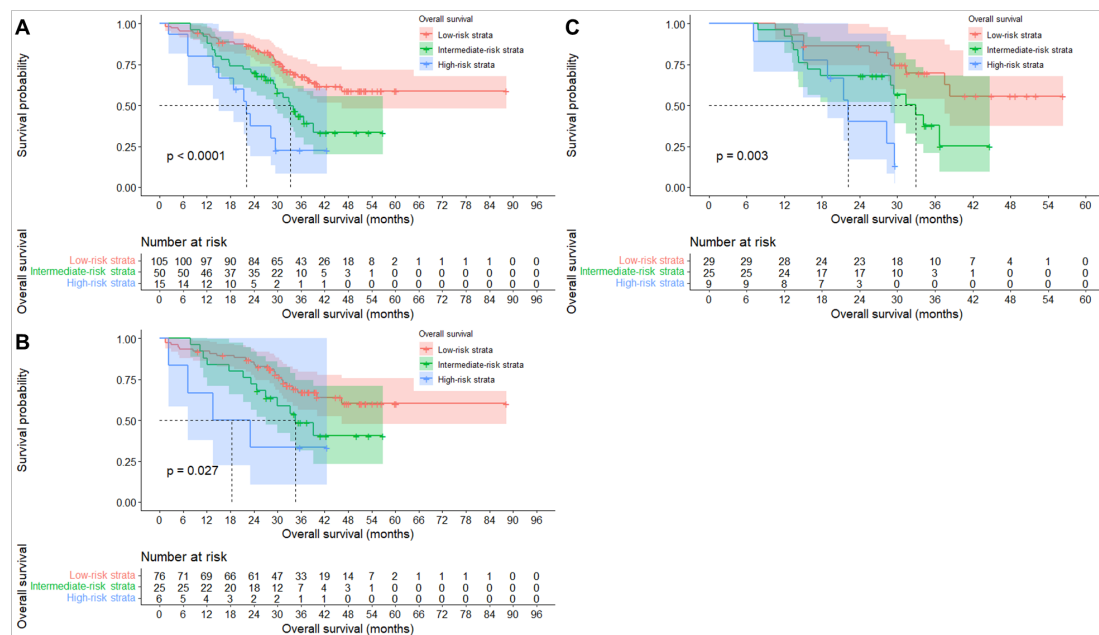


Fig.S13. Survival analyses by Kaplan-Meier method according to the risk stratification of 6-and-12 model 2.0 in Chinese DEB-TACE cohort. (A, whole cohort, $p < 0.001$ by log-rank test; B, BCLC stage A, $p = 0.027$ by log-rank test; C, BCLC stage B, $p = 0.003$ by log-rank test).

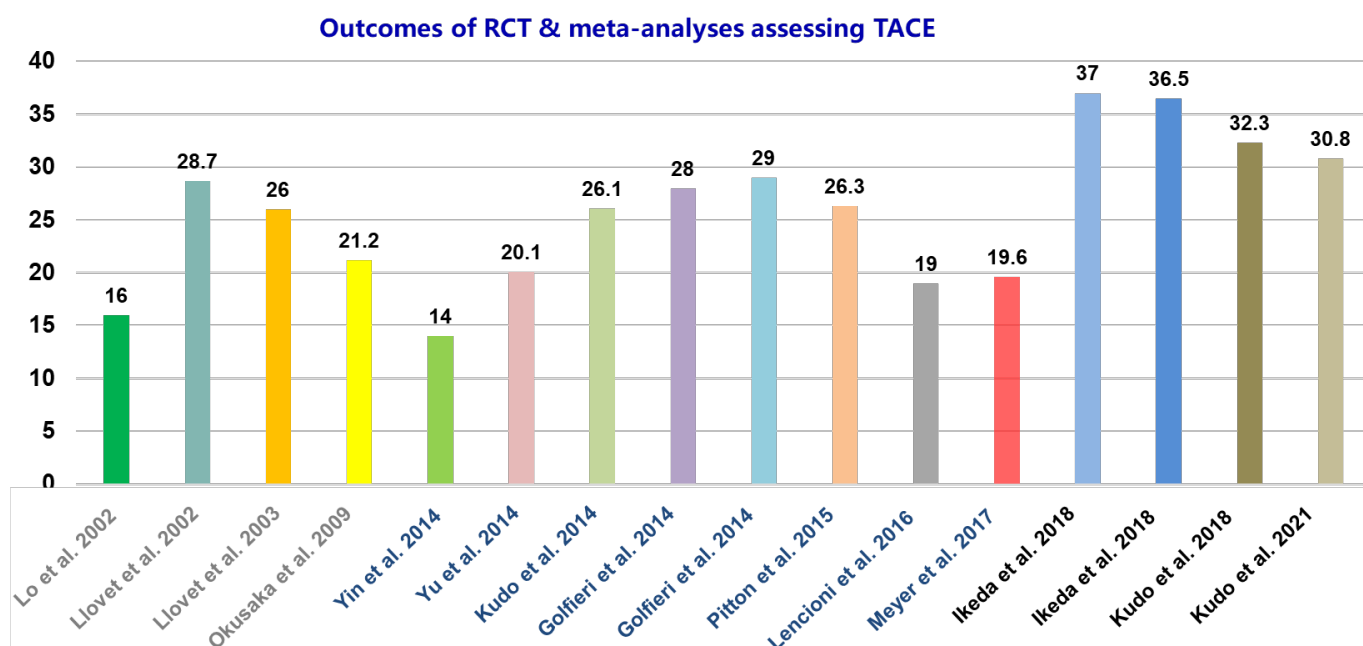


Fig. S14. The main outcomes of OS of TACE in pivotal randomized controlled trials and meta-analysis

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