



Supplementary Figure 2. Relationship between (A) serum myostatin and follistatin levels, (B) serum myostatin and IL-6 levels, (C) serum follistatin and IL-6 levels in the patients with HCC. The serum IL-6 levels showed a negative correlation with the myostatin ($\rho=-0.288$, $P<0.0001$) and a positive correlation with the follistatin level ($\rho=0.422$, $P<0.0001$). The serum myostatin level was negatively correlated with the follistatin level ($\rho=-0.218$, $P=0.0007$). IL-6, interleukin-6; HCC, hepatocellular carcinoma.