**Table 1 Baseline data comparison between No CTC-test and CTC- test patients with HCC**

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| Variables | CTC-test (n=79) | No CTC-test(n=294) | ꭓ2 | *P*-value |
| Age，≥50 ys, n(%)  | 47(12.6) | 158(42.4) | 0.832 | 0.362 |
| Gender, male, n (%) | 74(19.8) | 266(71.3) | 0.788 | 0.375 |
| AFP＞400ug/L, n (%) | 20(5.4) | 94(25.2) | 1.300 | 0.254 |
| Cirrhosis, n (%) | 73(19.6) | 268(71.8) | 0.124 | 0.725 |
| TNM staging, n (%) |  |  | 0.836 | 0.658 |
| I | 10(2.7) | 30(8.0) |  |  |
| II | 23(6.2) | 77(20.6) |  |  |
| III-IV | 46(12.3) | 187(50.1) |  |  |

Abbreviations: AFP, alpha-fetoprotein; CTC, circulating tumor cells; HCC, hepatocellular carcinoma.