The REMARK checklist

Item to be reported		Reported on Page Number/Line Number	Reported on Section/Paragraph
INTRODUCTION			
1	State the marker examined, the study objectives, and any pre-specified hypotheses.	Page5 Line74-82	Introduction Paragraph3
MATERIALS AND METHODS			
Patients			
2	Describe the characteristics (e.g., disease stage or co-morbidities) of the study patients, including their source and inclusion and exclusion criteria.	Page5 Line 84-92	Method Paragraph1
3	Describe treatments received and how chosen (e.g., randomized or rule-based).	Page5 Line 84-92	Method Paragraph1
Specimen characteristics			
4	Describe type of biological material used (including control samples) and methods of preservation and storage.	NA(we don't preserve this	NA(we don't preserve this
Assay methods			
5	Specify the assay method used and provide (or reference) a detailed protocol, including specific reagents or kits used, quality control procedures, reproducibility assessments, quantitation methods, and scoring and reporting protocols. Specify whether and how assays were performed blinded to the study endpoint.	Page9 Line161-179	Method Paragraph8
Study design			
6	State the method of case selection, including whether prospective or retrospective and whether stratification or matching (e.g., by stage of disease or age) was used. Specify the time period from which cases were taken, the end of the follow-up period, and the median follow-up time.	NA(We used GEO data and divided it into tumor group and control group only)	NA(We used GEO data and divided it into tumor group and control group only)
7	Precisely define all clinical endpoints examined.	NA(The existing GEO	NA(The existing GEO
8	List all candidate variables initially examined or considered for inclusion in models.	NA(The existing GEO	NA(The existing GEO
9	Give rationale for sample size; if the study was designed to detect a specified effect size, give the target power and effect size.	NA(The existing GEO	NA(The existing GEO
Statistical analysis methods			
10	Specify all statistical methods, including details of any variable selection procedures and other model-building issues, how model assumptions were verified, and how missing data were handled.	Page 10 Line 181-184	Statistical analysis Paragraph1
11	Clarify how marker values were handled in the analyses; if relevant, describe methods used for cutpoint determination.	Page6 Line 99-104/Page6	Method Paragraph 2-5

RESULTS			
Data			
12	Describe the flow of patients through the study, including the number of patients included in each stage of the analysis (a diagram may be helpful) and reasons for dropout. Specifically, both overall and for each subgroup extensively examined report the numbers of patients and the number of events.	NA(The existing GEO data we use does not involve the collection of patient data)	NA(The existing GEO data we use does not involve the collection of patient data)
13	Report distributions of basic demographic characteristics (at least age and sex), standard (disease-specific) prognostic variables, and tumor marker, including numbers of missing values.	NA(The existing GEO data we use does not	NA(The existing GEO data we use does not
Analysis and presentation			
14	Show the relation of the marker to standard prognostic variables.	NA(The marker we	NA(The marker we
15	Present univariable analyses showing the relation between the marker and outcome, with the estimated effect (e.g., hazard ratio and survival probability). Preferably provide similar analyses for all other variables being analyzed. For the effect of a tumor marker on a time-to-event outcome, a Kaplan-Meier plot is recommended.	NA(No prognostic data are available)	NA(No prognostic data are available)
16	For key multivariable analyses, report estimated effects (e.g., hazard ratio) with confidence intervals for the marker and, at least for the final model, all other variables in the model.	NA(GEO data did not provide clinically relevant	NA(GEO data did not provide clinically relevant
17	Among reported results, provide estimated effects with confidence intervals from an analysis in which the marker and standard prognostic variables are included, regardless of their statistical significance.	NA(GEO data did not provide clinically relevant	NA(GEO data did not provide clinically relevant
18	If done, report results of further investigations, such as checking assumptions, sensitivity analyses, and internal validation.	Page14 Line275-288	Results paragraph4-5
DISCUSSION			
19	Interpret the results in the context of the pre-specified hypotheses and other relevant studies; include a discussion of limitations of the study.	Page14-Page18	DiscussionParagraph1-3
20	Discuss implications for future research and clinical value.	Page18Line 373-377	DiscussionParagraph3

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