

**Table S1** The clinical data of the 5 independent cohorts

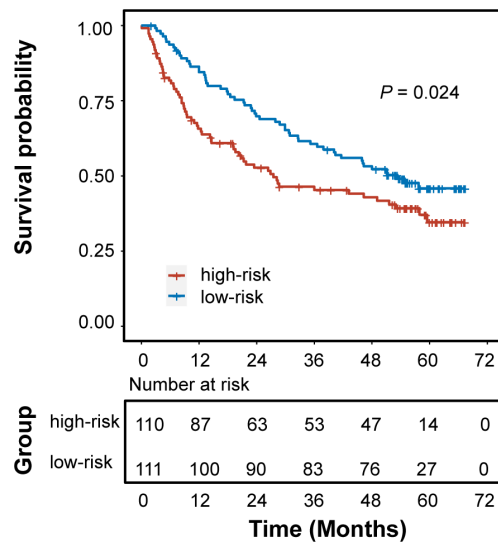
Characteristic	TCGA-LIHC	GSE14520	GSE87630	GSE89377	GSE121248
Platform	Illumina HiSeq2000	GPL571 GPL3921	GPL6947	GPL6947	GPL570
Samples	427	488	94	53	107
Normal	50	241	30	13	37
Tumor	377	247	64	40	70
Survival status					
Death	128	96	NA	NA	NA
Survival	249	146	NA	NA	NA
Age, years					107
≤65	235	216	NA	NA	65
>65	141	26	NA	NA	42
Gender					107
Female	122	31	NA	NA	15
Male	255	211	NA	NA	92
TNM stage					
I	180	96	NA	NA	NA
II	89	78	NA	NA	NA
III	76	51	NA	NA	NA
IV	8	0	NA	NA	NA
T classification					
T1	182	NA	NA	NA	NA
T2	91	NA	NA	NA	NA
T3	63	NA	NA	NA	NA
T4	17	NA	NA	NA	NA
N classification					
N0	349	NA	NA	NA	NA
N1	4	NA	NA	NA	NA
M classification					
M0	349	NA	NA	NA	NA
M1	4	NA	NA	NA	NA

**Table S2** The primer sequences of eight prognostic genes and  $\beta$ -actin

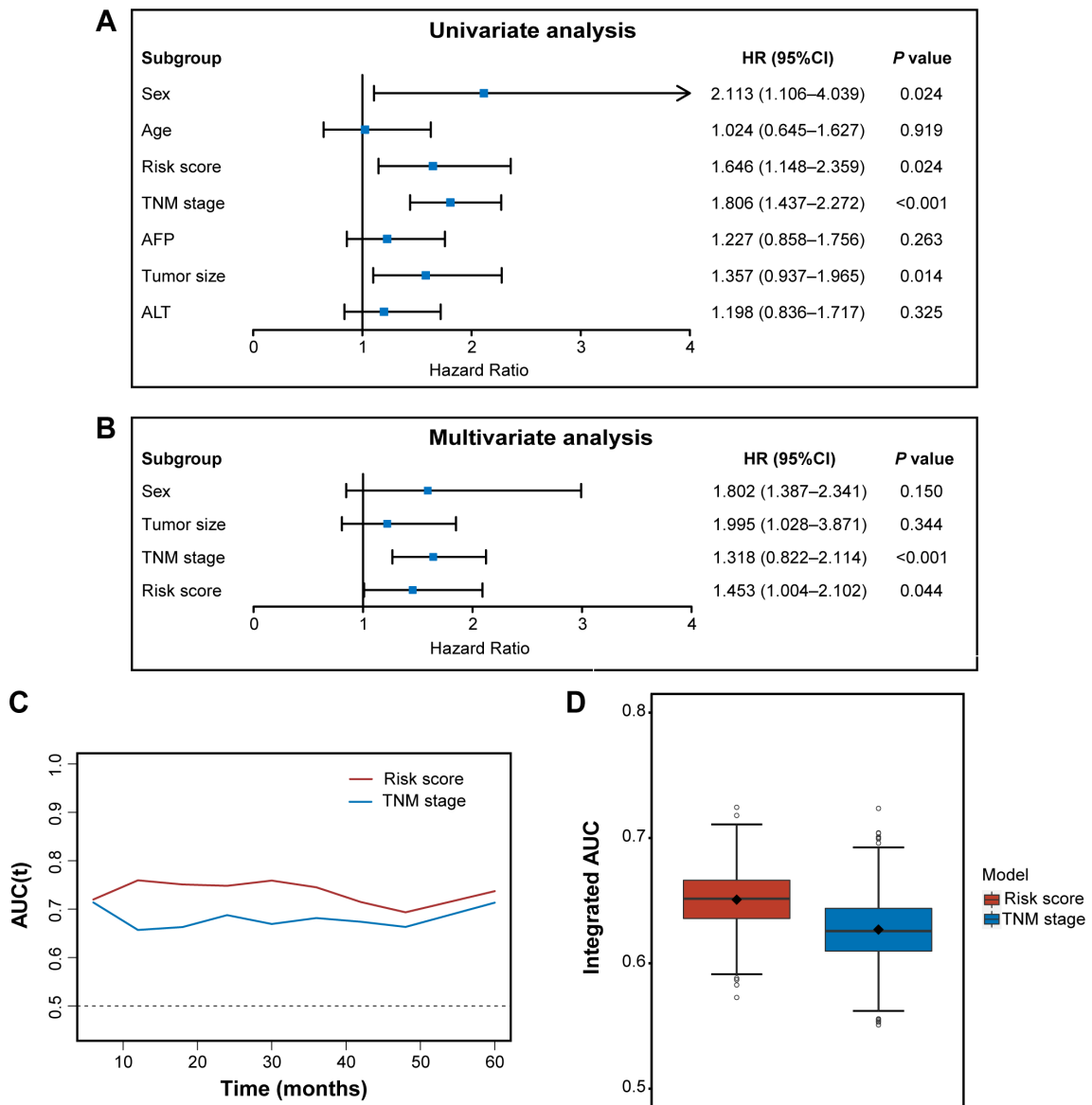
Primer	Forward sequence	Reverse sequence
<i>CDC20</i>	CGGAAGACCTGCCGTTACATTC	CAGAGCTTGCACTCCACAGGTA
<i>PTTG1</i>	GCTTTGGGAAGTGTCAACAGAGC	CTGGATAGGCATCATCTGAGGC
<i>TOP2A</i>	GTGGCAAGGATTCTGCTAGTCC	ACCATTCAAGGCTCAACACGCTG
<i>CXCL2</i>	GGCAGAAAGCTTGTCTCAACCC	CTCCTTCAGGAACAGCCACCAA
<i>CXCL14</i>	AGATCCGCTACAGCGACGTGAA	GCAGTGCTCCTGACCTCGGTA
<i>CYP2C9</i>	CAGAGACGACAAGCACAACCCT	ATGTGGCTCCTGTCTTGCATGC
<i>GHR</i>	GCAGCTATCCTTAGCAGAGCAC	AAGTCTCTCGCTCAGGTGAACG
<i>MT1F</i>	GACTGATGCCAGGACAACCT	AGGAATGTAGCAAATGGGTCA
<i><math>\beta</math>-actin</i>	CACCAACTGGGACGACAT	ACAGCCTGGATAGCAACG

**Table S3** Top 20 genes ranked by the degree method

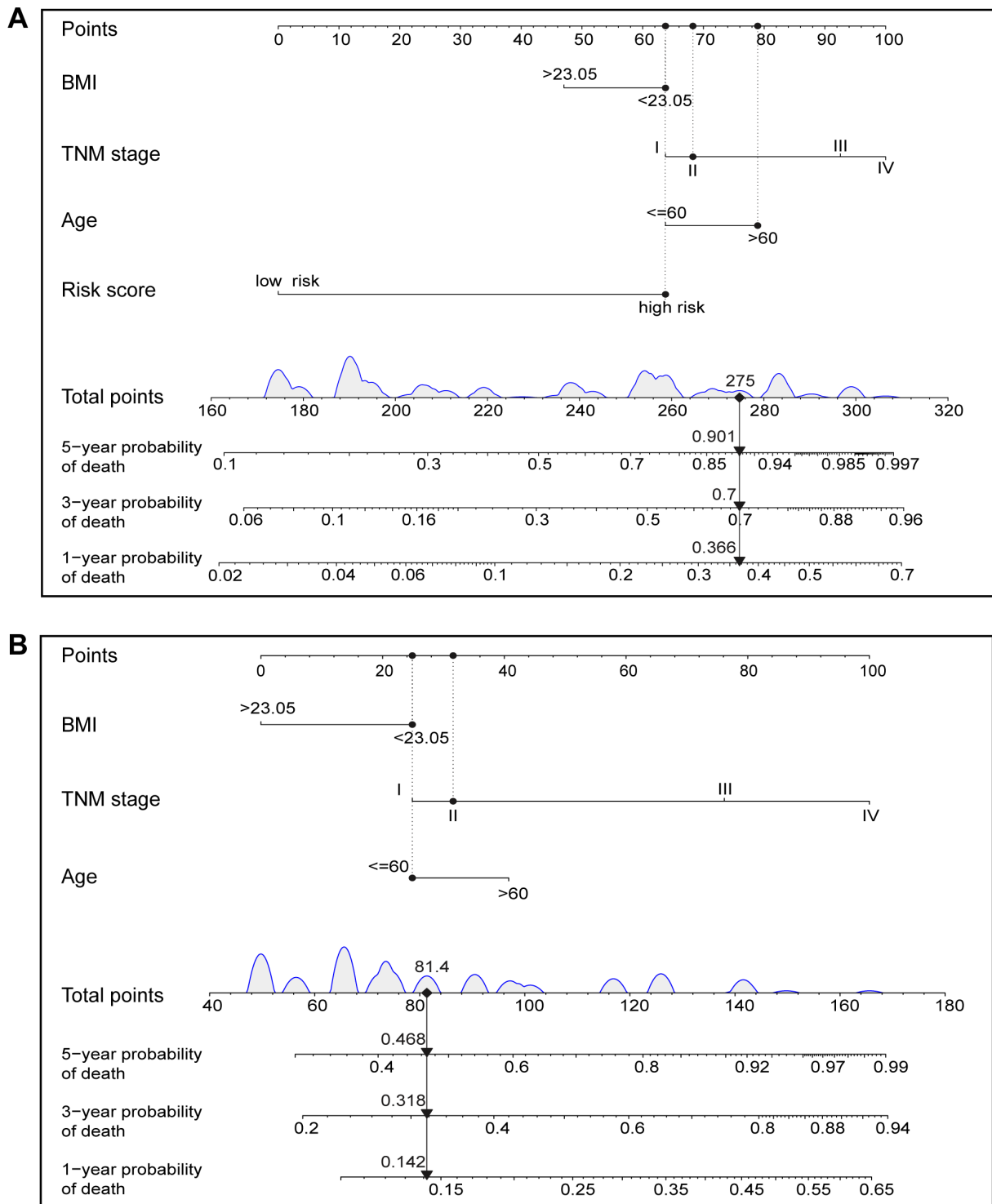
Rank	Gene	Score	Rank	Gene	Score
1	<i>PTTG1</i>	6	10	<i>IGFALS</i>	2
1	<i>CDC20</i>	6	10	<i>STAB2</i>	2
1	<i>CCNB2</i>	6	10	<i>CXCL2</i>	2
1	<i>NUSAP1</i>	6	10	<i>CXCL12</i>	2
1	<i>TOP2A</i>	6	10	<i>CYP1A2</i>	2
1	<i>PRC1</i>	6	10	<i>CYP2C9</i>	2
1	<i>ASPM</i>	6	10	<i>MT1G</i>	2
8	<i>FOS</i>	3	10	<i>MT1H</i>	2
8	<i>CYP2E1</i>	3	19	<i>CXCL14</i>	1
10	<i>MT1F</i>	2	19	<i>GHR</i>	1



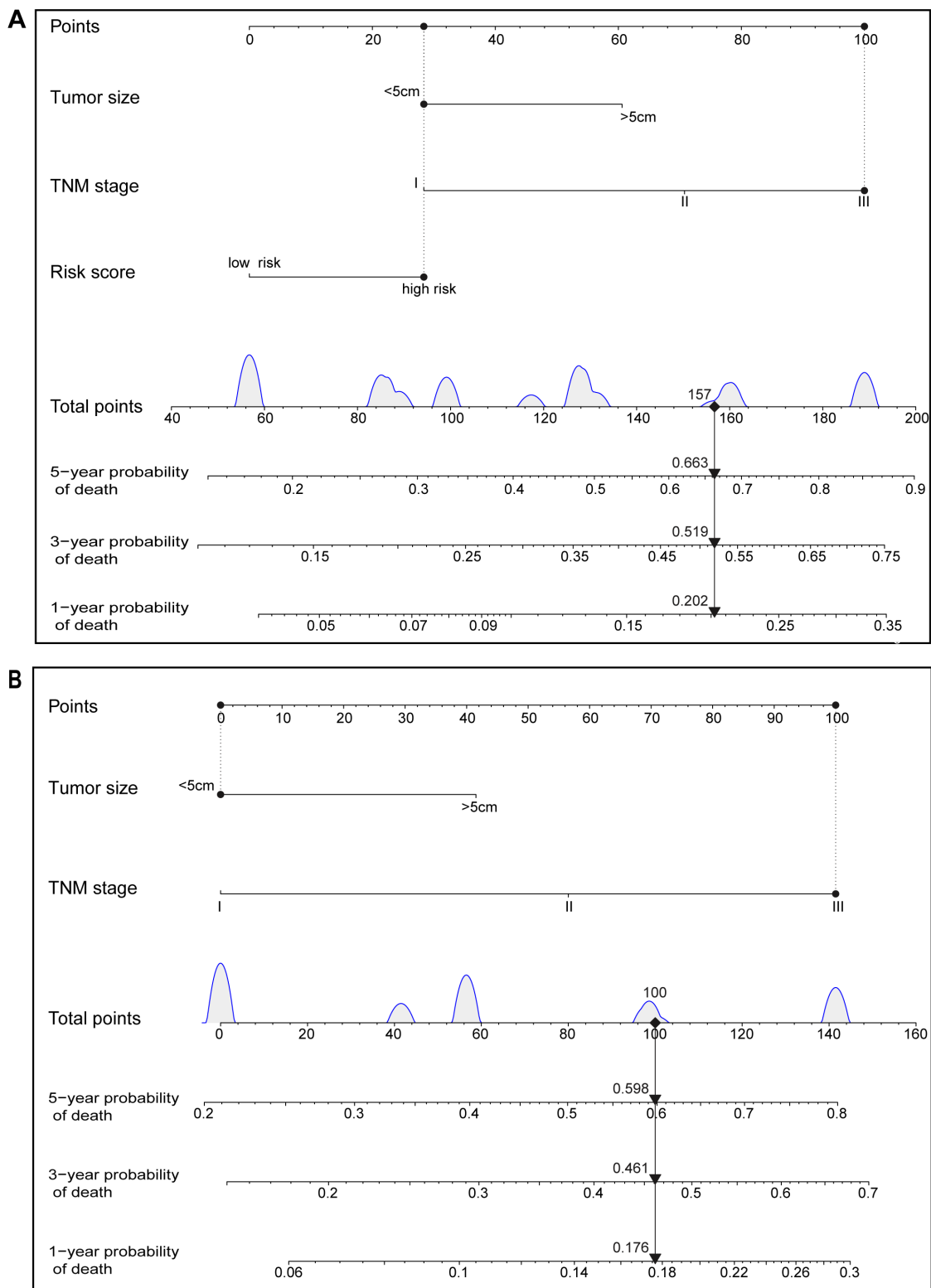
**Figure S1** Kaplan-Meier analysis shows that HCC patients with high risk scores have poorer DFS in the GSE14520 validation set.



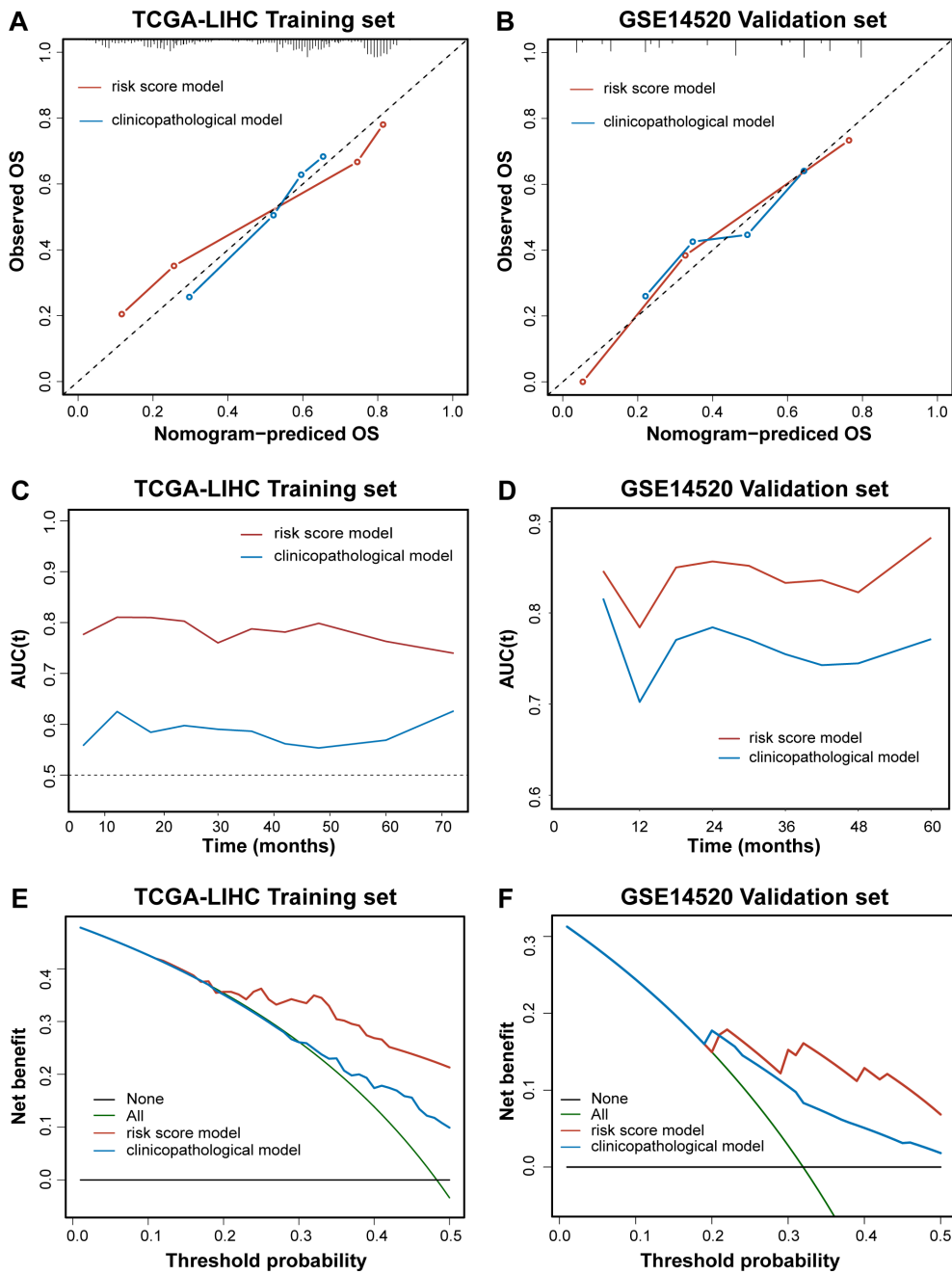
**Figure S2** (A,B) Univariate and multivariate Cox regression analysis for DFS in the GSE14520 validation set. (C) Time-dependent AUC for DFS shows that risk score has better predictive accuracy than TNM stage in the GSE14520 validation set. (D) The iAUC indicates integrated area under the ROC curve, which shows that risk score has better predictive performance than TNM stage. DFS, disease-free survival; AUC, area under the curve; iAUC, integrated value of time-dependent AUC.



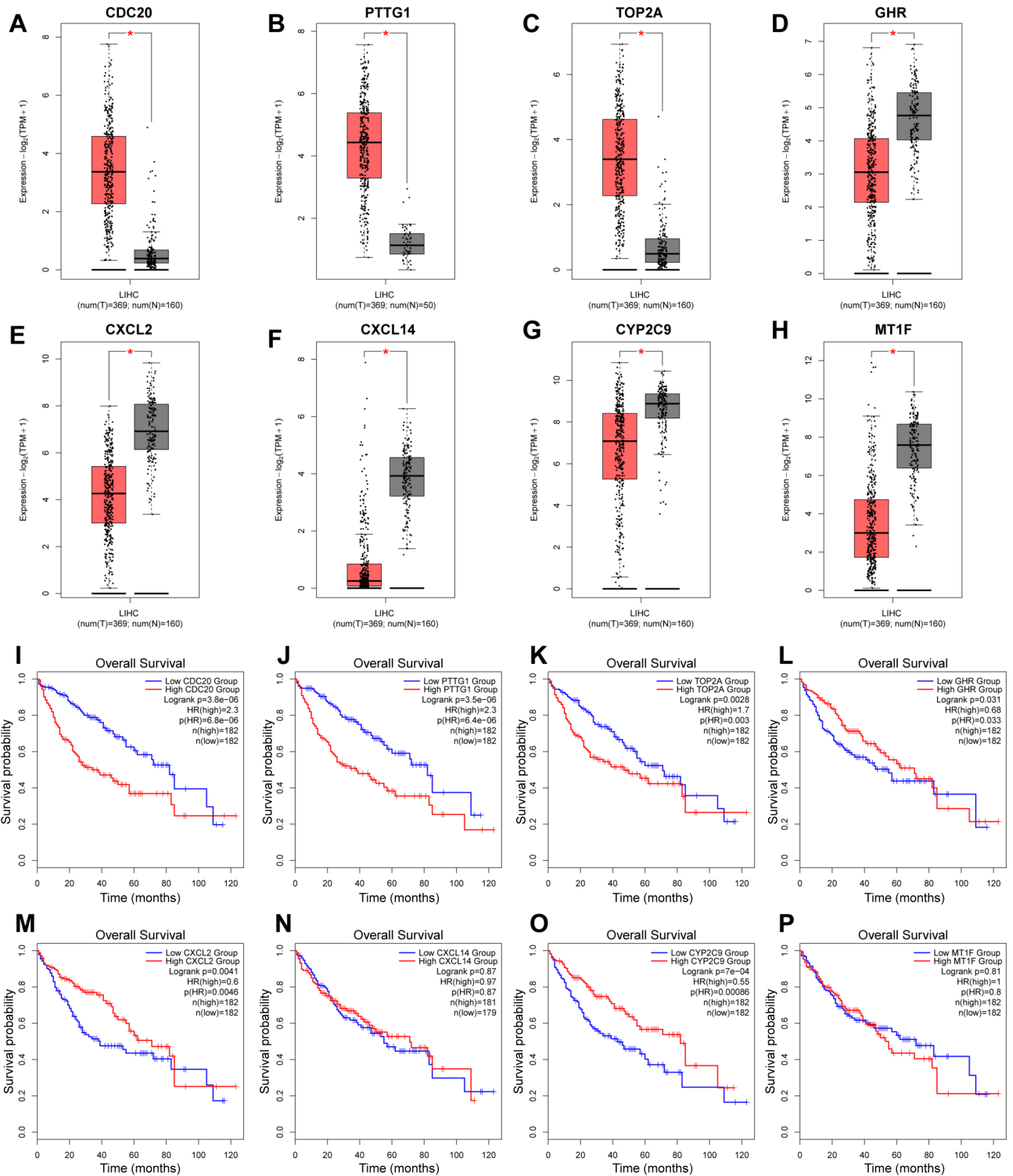
**Figure S3** (A) The nomogram to forecast the 1-, 3-, and 5-year death likelihood of HCC patients in the TCGA-LIHC training set. The nomogram model is constructed based on BMI, TNM stage, age, and risk score of the 8 risk genes. (B) The nomogram without risk score in the TCGA-LIHC training set.



**Figure S4** (A) The nomogram to forecast the death likelihood of HCC patients at 1, 3, and 5 years in the GSE14520 validation set. The nomogram model is constructed based on TNM stage, tumor size, and risk score of the 8 risk genes. (B) The nomogram without risk score constructed in the GSE14520 validation set.

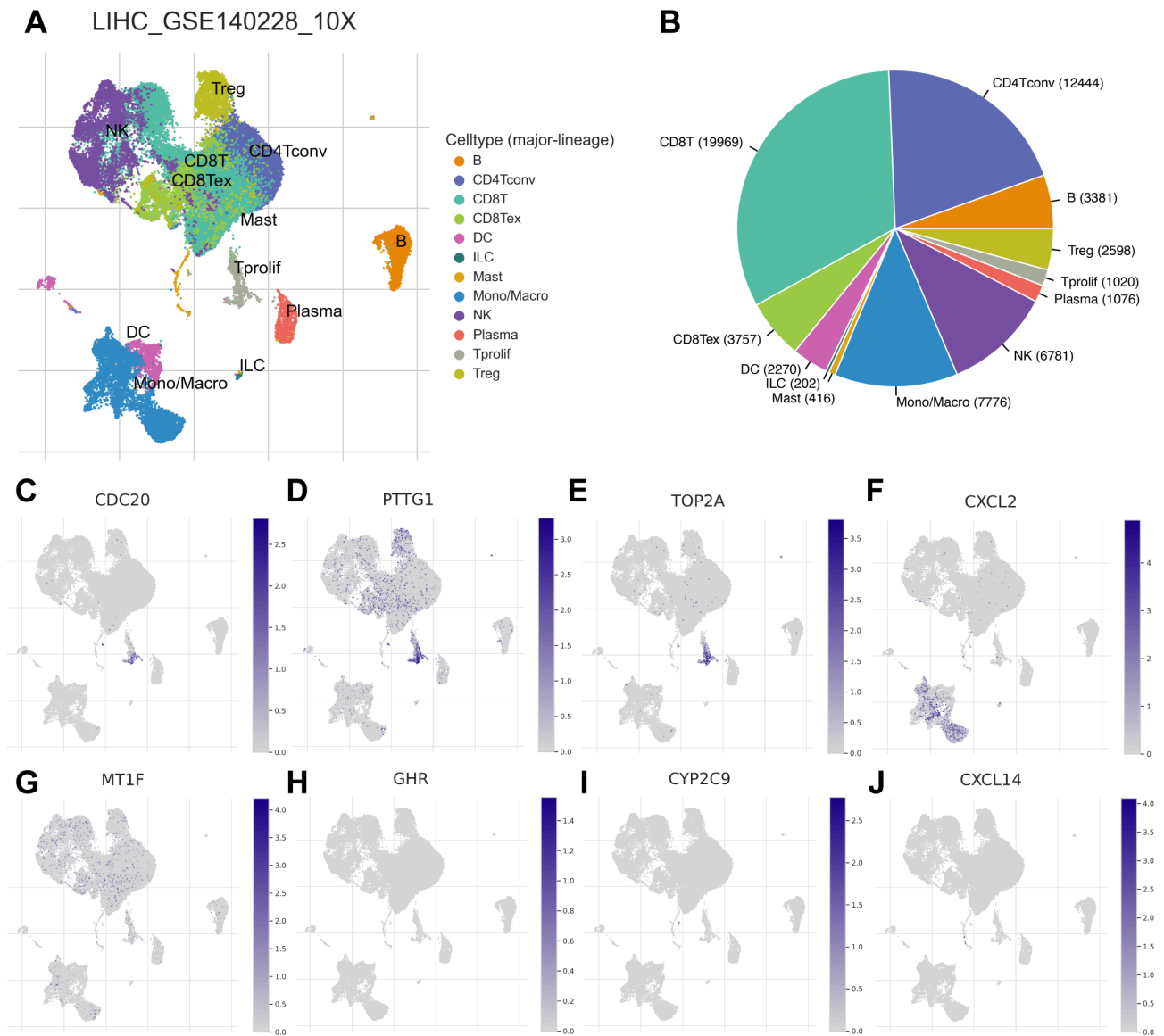


**Figure S5** (A,B) The nomogram calibration curves in the TCGA-LIHC dataset and GSE14520 validation set. (C,D) Time-dependent AUC of the risk score model and clinicopathological model in the training set and validation set. (E,F) DCA curves of the risk score model and clinicopathological model in the training set and validation set.



**Figure S6** (A-H) Comparisons of mRNA expression of each gene in HCC tissues versus adjacent normal tissues in TCGA-LIHC via GEPIA. (I-P) Validation of the prognostic role of each gene by Kaplan-Meier survival analysis via GEPIA. \*, P<0.05.





**Figure S7** (A) The landscape of different cell types in the LIHC\_GSE140228\_10X single-cell RNA sequencing dataset. (B) The cell types as well as their distribution in the LIHC\_GSE140228\_10X dataset. (C-J) The expression of *CDC20*, *PTTG1*, *TOP2A*, *CXCL2*, *MT1F*, *GHR*, *CYP2C9*, and *CXCL14* in different cell types.