



Supplementary Figure 4. Time to progression stratified by tumor stage. Time to HCC progression after TACE in patients with (A) HCC mUICC stage I and II and (B) HCC mUICC stage III and IV. Patients with higher exo miR-720 levels exhibited significantly earlier tumor progression after TACE in those with HCC stage I and II ($p = 0.0496$), with a similar trend observed in those with HCC stage III and IV ($p = 0.0944$). Tumor stage was determined using the mUICC staging system [2]. HCC, hepatocellular carcinoma; TACE, transarterial chemoembolization; mUICC, modified Union for International Cancer Control; exo miR-720, exosomal miRNA-720.