

Figure 3. The database confirms CXCL12 as prognostic of overall survival in patients with ovarian cancer. Forest plot of the expression of the chemokine CXCL12 as a univariate predictor of overall survival, using all 14 data sets with applicable expression and survival information. HR indicates the factor by which overall risk of death increases with a one standard deviation increase in CXCL12 expression. A summary HR significantly larger than 1 indicates that patients with high CXCL12 levels had poor outcome and confirms in several lines of code the previously reported association between CXCL12 abundance and patient survival (9). Consideration of important clinicopathological features such as stage, grade, histology and residual disease (optimal surgical debulking) is also straightforward; examples are provided in the package vignette.