



Hépatocarcinome: Place de la chirurgie

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Hépatocarcinome

- Sur foie sain
- Sur foie cirrhotique

Les cirrhoses asiatiques ne sont pas les mêmes que les nôtres...



Liver transplantation for unresectable hepatocellular carcinoma in normal livers

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Conclusions: This is the largest reported series of patients transplanted for NC-HCC. Selection of patients without macrovascular invasion or lymph node involvement, or patients ≥ 12 months after previous liver resection, can result in 5-year survival rates of 59%. In contrast to HCC in cirrhosis, tumor size is not a predictor of post-transplant survival in NC-HCC.

HCC & chirurgie

- Destruction (éthanol et RFA)
- Résection: quel patient? quel type de résection?
- Transplantation hépatique après résection
- Transplantation hépatique
 - Milan
 - Extented criteria

Research Article





Partial hepatectomy vs. transcatheter arterial chemoembolization for resectable multiple hepatocellular carcinoma beyond Milan criteria: A RCT

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Résection? Quel type de résection

- Open / laparoscopique
- Anatomique / non-anatomique

Anatomic versus nonanatomic resection in cirrhotic patients with early hepatocellular carcinoma

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Background. Whether anatomic resection (AR) for hepatocellular carcinoma (HCC) can really confer a survival advantage over non-AR (NAR), especially for cirrhotic patients, remains unclear.

Methods. Prospectively collected data of 543 cirrhotic patients in Child–Pugh class A submitted to AR (n = 228) versus NAR (n = 315) for early HCC in an Eastern (n = 269) and a Western (n = 274) surgical unit, were reviewed. To control for confounding variable distributions, a 1-to-1 propensity score match was applied to compare AR and NAR outcomes (n = 298).

Results. The 5-year recurrence-free and overall survivals of the 543 patients were 32.3% and 60.0%, respectively, without differences between the 2 centers (P = .635 and .479, respectively). AR conferred better overall and recurrence-free survival than NAR (P = .009 and .041, respectively), but NAR patients suffered from significantly worse hepatic dysfunction. After 1-to-1 match, AR (n = 149) and NAR (n = 149) patients had similar covariate distributions. In this matched sample, AR still conferred better recurrence-free survival over NAR (P = .044) but the beneficial effect of AR was limited to the reduction of early recurrence (<2 years) of poorly differentiated tumors and of tumors with microvascular invasion (P < .05), resulting in better overall survival (P = .018).

Conclusion. In cirrhotic patients, AR for early HCC can lead to a lower early recurrence rate in tumors with unfavorable tumor features, whereas NAR will not worsen the recurrence rate in well/moderately differentiated tumors or in the absence of microvascular invasion. (Surgery 2014;155:512-21.)

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Fig 1. Overall (upper plot) and recurrence-free (lower plot) survivals of the matched cohort of 298 cirrhotic patients. Recurrence-free survival changes its slope from year 2 after surgery onward, dividing early from late recurrences. Linear interpolation for early recurrence: Constant = 0.977; b1 = -0.016; $r^2 = 0.984$. For late recurrence: constant = 0.801; b1 = -0.008; $r^2 = 0.988$.



FEATURE

Resection or Transplantation for Early Hepatocellular Carcinoma in a Cirrhotic Liver

Does Size Define the Best Oncological Strategy?

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	Total	1 yr	2 yrs	3 yrs	4 yrs	5 yrs	6 yrs	7 yrs	8 yrs	9 yrs	10 yrs
RESECTION	97	78	61	48	37	27	17	15	11	9	6
TRANSPLANTATION	101	88	85	79	74	66	63	50	44	39	34



	Total	1 yr	2 yrs	3 yrs	4 yrs	5 yrs	6 yrs	7 yrs	8 yrs	9 yrs	10 yrs
RESECTION	96	57	43	26	17	10	6	5	4	3	2
TRANSPLANTATION	101	87	82	76	71	63	61	49	43	38	34

FIGURE 1. A, OS for solitary HCC-cirr (\leq 5 cm), resection versus transplantation. B, RFS for solitary HCC-cirr (\leq 5 cm), resection versus transplantation.

Salvage Versus Primary Liver Transplantation for Early Hepatocellular Carcinoma: Do Both Strategies Yield Similar Outcomes?

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Summary Background Data: In compensated cirrhotics with early hepatocellular carcinoma (HCC-cirr), upfront liver resection (LR) and salvage liver transplantation (SLT) in case of recurrence may have outcomes comparable to primary LT (PLT).

Objective: An intention-to-treat (ITT) analysis comparing PLT and SLT strategies.

Methods: Of 130 HCC-cirr patients who underwent upfront LR (group LR), 90 (69%) recurred, 31 could undergo SLT (group SLT). During the same period, 366 patients were listed for LT (group LLT); 26 dropped-out (7.1%), 340 finally underwent PLT (group PLT). We compared survival between groups LR and LLT, LR and PLT, and PLT and SLT.

Results: Feasibility of SLT strategy was 34% (31/90). In an ITT analysis, group LLT had better 5-yr/10-yr overall survival (OS) compared with group LR (68%/58% vs. 58%/35%; P = 0.008). Similarly, 5-yr/10-yr OS and disease-free survival (DFS) were better in group PLT versus group LR (OS 73%/63% vs. 58%/35%, P = 0.0007; DFS 69%/61% vs. 27%/21%, P < 0.0001). Upfront resection and microvascular tumor invasion were poor prognostic factors for both OS and DFS, presence of satellite tumor nodules additionally predicted worse DFS. Group SLT had similar postoperative and long-term outcomes compared with group PLT (starting from time of LT) (OS 54%/54% vs. 73%/63%, P = 0.35; DFS 48%/48% vs. 69%/61%, P = 0.18, respectively).

Conclusions: In initially transplantable HCC-cirr patients, ITT survival was better in group PLT compared with group LR. SLT was feasible in only a third of patients who recurred after LR. Post SLT, short and long-term outcomes were comparable with PLT. Better patient selection for the "resection first" approach and early detection of recurrence may improve outcomes of the SLT strategy.



FIGURE 2. Overall survival resection \pm salvage LT [group LR] (n = 130) versus patients listed for PLT (including drop-outs) [group LLT] (n = 366). Res, resection.

Liver Resection as a Bridge to Transplantation for Hepatocellular Carcinoma on Cirrhosis

A Reasonable Strategy?

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Summary Background Data: LT is the optimal treatment of HCC with cirrhosis. Owing to organ shortage, liver resection is considered as a reasonable first-line treatment of patients with small HCC and good liver function, with secondary LT as a perspective in case of recurrence. The viability of such strategy, positively explored in theoretical models, is not documented in clinical practice.

Methods: Among 358 consecutive patients with HCC on cirrhosis treated by liver resection (n = 163; 98 of whom were transplantable) or transplantation (n = 195), the feasibility and outcome of secondary transplantation was evaluated in a 2-step fashion. First, secondary LT for tumor recurrence after resection (n = 17) was compared with primary LT (n = 195), to assess the risk and the outcome of secondary LT in patients who effectively succeeded to be treated by this approach. Second, primary resection in transplantable patients (n = 98) was compared with that of primary LT (n = 195) on an intention-to-treat basis, to assess the outcome of each treatment strategy and to determine the proportion of resected patients likely to be switched for secondary LT. Transplantability of resected patients was retrospectively determined according to selection criteria of LT for HCC.

Results: Operative mortality (≤ 2 months) of secondary LT was significantly higher than that of primary LT (28.6% versus 2.1%; P = 0.0008) as was intraoperative bleeding (mean transfused blood units, 20.7 versus 10.5; P = 0.0001). Tumor recurrence occurred

more frequently after secondary than after primary LT (54% versus 18%; P = 0.001). Posttransplant 5-year overall survival was 41% versus 61% (P = 0.03), and disease-free survival was 29% versus 58% (P = 0.003) for secondary and primary LT, respectively.

Of 98 patients treated by resection while initially eligible for transplantation, only 20 (20%) were secondarily transplanted, 17 of whom (17%) for tumor recurrence and 3 (3%) for hepatic decompensation. Transplantability of tumoral recurrence was 25% (17 of 69 recurrences). Compared with primarily transplanted patients, transplantable resected patients had a decreased 5-year overall survival (50% versus 61%; P = 0.05) and disease-free survival (18% versus 58%; P < 0.0001), despite the use of secondary LT.

On a multivariate analysis including 271 patients eligible for transplantation and treated by either liver resection or primary LT, liver resection alone (P < 0.0001; risk ratio [RR] = 3.27) or liver resection with secondary LT (P < 0.05; RR= 1.87) emerged as negative independent factors of disease-free survival as compared with primary LT. A number of nodules > 3 (P = 0.002; RR= 2.02) and a maximum tumor size exceeding 30 mm (P < 0.0001; RR=1.93) were also predictive of lower disease-free survival.

Conclusions: LT after liver resection is associated with a higher operative mortality, an increased risk of recurrence, and a poorer outcome than primary LT. In addition, liver resection as a bridge to LT impairs the patient transplantability and the chance of long-term survival of cirrhotic patients with HCC. Primary LT should therefore remain the ideal choice of treatment of a cirrhotic patient with HCC, even when the tumor is resectable.

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Objective: To assess the viability of a strategy of primary resection with secondary liver transplantation (LT) for hepatocellular carcinoma (HCC) on cirrhosis





Liver transplantation for HCC: do size & number really matter??

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LIVER TRANSPLANTATION FOR THE TREATMENT OF SMALL HEPATOCELLULAR CARCINOMAS IN PATIENTS WITH CIRRHOSIS

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Figure 1. Overall Survival (Panel A) and Recurrence-free Survival (Panel B) after Liver Transplantation in 48 Patients with Small Hepatocellular Carcinomas and Cirrhosis.

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Survival (Panel A) and Recurrence-free Survival (Panel B) among 48 Patients with Cirrhosis.

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Milan out HCC criteria

- UCSF: 1 nodule ≤ 6.5 cm, ≤ 3 nodules (largest 4.5 cm & total ≤ ⊗ 8 cm
- up-to-7: \leq 7 nodules, largest \leq 7 cm
- Tokyo: 5-5 rule: ≤ 5 nodules, largest ≤ 5 cm
- Hangzou: total ≤ ⊗ 8 cm or > ⊗ 8 cm with AFP < 400ng/ml
- Asan (South Korea): $\leq 5 \text{ cm}, \leq 6 \text{ nodules}$
- Shangai: 1 nodule ≤ 9 cm, ≤ 3nodules (largest 5 cm & total ≤ 9 cm











AFP model

Variables	β coefficient	Hazard ratio	Points	
Largest diameter, cm				
≤3	0	1	0	
3–6	0.272	1.31	1	
>6	1.347	3.84	4	
Number of nodules				
1–3	0	1	0	
≥4	0.696	2.01	2	
AFP level, <i>ng/mL</i>				
≤100	0	1	0	
100-1000	0.668	1.95	2	
>1000	0.945	2.57	3	

Table 2. Simplified, User-Friendly Version of the AFP Model

Low risk: ≤ 2 High risk: > 2

NOTE. The score is calculated by adding the individual points for each obtained variable. A cut-off value of 2 separates between patients at high and low risk of recurrence. In this simplified version, a cut-off value of 2 selected exactly the same patients as the original Cox score cut-off value of 0.7.

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The "up-to-7 Criteria"



The "up-to-7" criteria could be a good starting point for prospective clinical trials on expansion of Milan Criteria

[Mazzaferro et al, Lancet Oncology 2009



Proving the existence of a good outcome group ("up-to-7") outside the Conventional Milan Criteria



Median follow-up: 53 months

Mazzaferro et al, Lancet Oncology 2009

Be-LIAC cohort



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Be-LIAC cohort





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EVIDENCE-BASED MEDICINE

Prognostic value of ¹⁸F-FDG PET/CT in liver transplantation for hepatocarcinoma

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Patients

- 52 LT for HCC during the study period
- 27 fulfilled the inclusion criteria
 - 13 Milan in (SE)
 - 14 Milan out (rescue allocation & DCD)
- Mean follow-up: 26 months
- Mean interval between PET & LT: 4 months

Original article

Donor age as a risk factor in donation after circulatory death liver transplantation in a controlled withdrawal protocol programme

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Liver transplantation for HCC: do size & number really matter?? YES!

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HCC

- Number of nodules & size is not the magic bullet
- MILAN criteria are too restrictive and should be enlarged
- Tumor biology & differentiation
 - AFP
 - Response to adjuvant therapy
 - PET scan ?
- Post transplant chemotherapy ?

Project

- Prospective multicentric national evaluation of the prognostic value of 18FDG PET/CT in liver transplantation for HCC
 - Primary investigator: ULg
 - 6 Belgian Centers: ULg, ULB, UCL, KUL, UZA, UZG



CLINICAL—LIVER

A Hepatocellular Carcinoma 5-Gene Score Associated With Survival of Patients After Liver Resection

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Role of Stromal Protein PRELP in The Hepatocellular Carcinoma







Intratumoral vs Peritumoral PRELP Expression in HCC



PRELP Overexpression in HCC Correlates With Good Outcome



Months

Anti-Tumor Effect of PRELP Overexpression in HCC

Experimental setup:







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Résection puis transplantation