

**Supplementary Table 1 Baseline characteristics of all study participants, n (%)**

Characteristics	Patients (n = 117)
Age (year), mean ± SD	58.79 ± 10.48
Age, < 65/≥ 65, years	79 (67.5)/38 (32.5)
Gender, male/female	106 (90.6)/11 (9.4)
Etiology, HBV/HCV/non-viral	106 (90.6)/2 (1.7)/9 (7.7)
ECOG-PS, 0/1	112 (95.7)/5 (4.3)
Child-Pugh class, A/B	97 (82.9)/20 (17.1)
Pre-treatment AFP, < 400/≥ 400, ng/mL	60 (51.3)/57 (48.7)
BCLC staging system, A/B/C	1 (0.9)/31 (26.5)/85 (72.6)
Vascular invasion, present/absent	82 (70.1)/35 (29.9)
Maximum tumor diameter (cm), mean ± SD	8.46 ± 3.57
Number of tumors, 1/2/3/≥ 4	33 (28.2)/17 (14.5)/15 (12.8)/52 (44.4)

SD: Standard deviation; HBV: Hepatitis B virus; HCV: Hepatitis C virus;  
ECOG-PS: Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group Performance Status;  
Child-Pugh: Child-Pugh score; AFP: Alpha-fetoprotein; BCLC: Barcelona Clinic Liver Cancer.

**Supplementary Table 2 Postoperative complications varied between patients undergoing different surgical procedures**

Type of surgical resection	Liver failure	Abdominal fluid	Biliary leakage	Abdominal infection	Abdominal bleeding	Pleural effusion
Right hemihepatectomy	No	Yes	No	No	No	No
Lumpectomy left hemi liver + microwave ablation.	left No	No	No	No	No	No
Partial hepatectomy + microwave ablation	No	No	No	No	No	No
Right hemihepatic lobectomy + caudate	No	No	No	No	No	Yes
Left hepatic trilobate + portal vein dissection for thrombus extraction	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes
Partial hepatectomy	No	No	No	No	No	No
Partial hepatectomy	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes
Partial hepatectomy	No	Yes	No	No	No	Yes

Partial	No	No	No	No	No	No
hepatectomy	+					
microwave ablation						
Partial	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	No
hepatectomy						
Right	Yes	No	No	No	No	No
hemihepatectomy						
Partial	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No
hepatectomy						
Partial	No	No	No	No	No	Yes
hepatectomy						
Right	No	No	No	No	No	No
hemihepatectomy						
Right	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Yes
hemihepatectomy						
Lumpectomy	right	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
hemiliver						Yes
Right	No	Yes	No	No	No	Yes
hemihepatectomy						
Right	No	No	No	No	No	No
hemihepatectomy						
Right	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes
hemihepatectomy						
Right	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	No
hemihepatectomy +						
inferior vena cava						
thrombectomy						

Right hemi-liver + microwave curing	Yes	No	No	No	Yes
Hepatic segment IV and V resection	No	Yes	No	No	Yes
Right hemihepatectomy + portal vein thrombus removal	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Left hemihepatectomy	No	No	No	No	Yes
Hepatic VII resection	No	No	No	No	No
Right hemi-liver + hilar lymph node dissection	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes
Partial hepatectomy	No	No	No	No	No
Partial hepatectomy	No	No	No	No	Yes