中文題目:白蛋白-膽色素評分的變化可預測治療性切除後慢性 B 型肝炎患者(BCLC 0/ A 期) 肝細胞癌的預後

英文題目: The change of ALBI grade predicts the outcomes of chronic hepatitis B patients with BCLC stage 0/A hepatocellular carcinoma after curative resection

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# **Background**

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The albumin-bilirubin (ALBI) grade, a measure of liver function based on albumin and bilirubin, has been validated as a significant predictor for patients with hepatocellular carcinoma (HCC). However, there is little information regarding the postoperative ALBI grade changes in HCC following liver resection.

# **Aims**

The purpose of this study was to evaluate the effect of postoperative ALBI grade changes in predicting the outcomes in patients with hepatitis B virus-related (HBV-related) HCC with in Barcelona Clinic Liver Cancer (BCLC) stage 0 and A after curative hepatectomy.

# Methods

This retrospective study enrolled 2137 HCC patients, who received HCC resection between January 2001 and April 2016 at Kaohsiung Chang Gung Memorial Hospital. ALBI score used for grading ( $\leq$  -2.60 = grade 1, greater than -2.60 to  $\leq$  -1.39 = grade 2, greater than -1.39 = grade 3) as well as clinical features were retrospectively investigated. The impact of the change of ALBI grade (the 1<sup>st</sup> year ALBI grade after operation minus preoperative ALBI grade) on overall survival (OS) and recurrence-free survival (RFS) was evaluated. The mean follow-up time was 65 months.

# **Results**

A total of 534 patients with BCLC stage 0/A HCC received curative hepatectomy were enrolled in this study, at a mean age of 53.5 years old. In multivariate analysis, DM (p = 0.011), AFP (p < 0.001), low platelet count (p = 0.008), liver cirrhosis (p < 0.001), the first year of ALBI grade after resection (p < 0.001) were an independent predictors for RFS. In survival prediction, old age (p = 0.006), DM (p = 0.002), AFP (p = 0.027), the first year of ALBI grade after resection (p < 0.001) were an independent risk factor for poor OS. In addition, patients had deteriorated ALBI grade 1 year after operation had an adverse outcome in RFS (p = 0.044).

### **Conclusion**

The first operative year ALBI grade predicts the outcomes in patients with BCLC stage 0/A-HCC after curative hepatectomy. The deteriorated change of ALBI grade implicates higher rate the tumor recurrence.