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1. What did this study explore?

This is a retrospective cohort study on our centre's experience in the surgical management of hepato-pancreatic RCC metastases.

2. How did the authors perform all experiments?

No experiments were performed. Data from the pre- and post-operative period were collected from the hospital's electronic records and histopathological database.

Follow-up data were obtained based on the most recent oncology clinic or electronic medical entry.

3. How did the authors process all experimental data?

The data were investigated with descriptive statistical analysis. Survival analysis was performed using the Kaplan-Meier estimation (software package SPSS for Windows version 13.0; SPSS Inc., Chicago, IL, USA).

4. How did the authors deal with the pre-study hypothesis?

Not applicable

5. What are the novel findings of this study?

Our study shows that despite the high incidence of recurrence, long term survival can be achieved with resection of hepatic and pancreatic RCC metastases in selected cases and should be considered as a management option in patients with oligometastatic disease.

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