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# Postoperative complications after liver-first Approach RENACI project

## Complicaciones postoperatorias tras cirugía inversa hepática. Proyecto RENACI



Colorectal cancer (CRC) is the second most common neoplasm worldwide. 15%–20% of cases present synchronous liver metastases (SLM).<sup>1</sup> Resection of CRC and SLM offers a real possibility for a cure but is only feasible in a minority of patients.<sup>2</sup> In the past, 2 strategies were used for with SLM of CRC: 1) the traditional approach of CRC surgery followed by SLM surgery; and 2) simultaneous CRC and SLM surgery.<sup>2</sup>

In 2006, Mentha et al. proposed a new therapeutic algorithm for patients with asymptomatic CRC and SLM that were initially either unresectable or difficult to resect.<sup>3</sup> This strategy, called primary liver surgery, reverse strategy, or liver-first Approach (LFA), consists of initial administration of chemotherapy, followed by resection of SLM, chemo/radiotherapy, and then removal of the primary tumor.<sup>3–5</sup> The

**Table 1 – Comparison between patients with minor and major complications.**

	Total	No complications	Minor complications < III	Major complications ≥ IIIa	P Value
Number of patients	149	112 (75.2)	20 (13.4)	17 (11.4)	
Median age (IQR)	61 (52–68)	61 (52–68)	64 (57–73)	58 (48–68)	.336
Sex, n (%)					
Male	96 (64.4)	71 (63.4)	13 (65)	12 (70.6)	.845
Female	53 (35.6)	41 (36.6)	7 (35)	5 (29.4)	
Median weight in kg (IQR)	73 (64–82)	75 (65–84)	69 (62–76)	76 (68–80)	.962
Median height in cm (IQR)	166 (160–173)	166 (162–173)	166 (159–176)	168 (160–173)	.912
ASA					
I	9 (5.0)	7 (6.3)	0	2 (6)	.576
II	76 (51)	55 (49.1)	12 (60)	5 (52.9)	
III	64 (43)	50 (44.6)	8 (40)	6 (35.3)	
Tumor location					
Right/transverse colon	10 (6.7)	7 (6.3)	1 (5)	2 (11.8)	.550
Left colon	16 (10.7)	11 (9.8)	4 (20)	1 (5.9)	
Sigma	51 (34.2)	36 (32.1)	7 (35)	8 (47.1)	
Rectum	72 (48.3)	58 (51.8)	8 (40)	6 (35.3)	
CRC surgery prior to LFA					
None	130 (87.2)	97 (86.6)	18 (90)	15 (88.2)	.560
Colostomy	9 (6)	8 (7.1)	0	1 (5.9)	
Other	10 (6.7)	7 (6.3)	2 (10)	1 (5.9)	
Median N of liver metastases (IQR)	3 (2–6)	3 (1–6)	5 (2–6)	6 (3–8)	.038
Median size of largest metastasis in mm (IQR)	30 (19–59)	28 (18–54)	35 (24–75)	35 (20–65)	.252
Number of affected segments					
1	28 (18.8)	25 (22.5)	1 (5)	2 (11.8)	.013
2	31 (20.8)	24 (21.6)	5 (25)	2 (11.8)	
3	18 (12.1)	17 (15.3)	1 (5)	0	
≥4	71 (47.7)	45 (40.5)	13 (65)	13 (76.5)	
Number of chemotherapy cycles	6 (4–8)	6 (4–8)	5 (4–10)	8 (6–12)	.013
Surgical procedure					
Minor hepatectomy	89 (59.7)	81 (72.3)	3 (15)	5 (29.4)	<.001
Major hepatectomy	60 (40.3)	31 (27.7)	17 (85)	12 (70.6)	
Approach					
Open	96 (64.4)	66 (58.9)	16 (80)	14 (82.4)	.040
Laparoscopic	53 (35.6)	46 (41.1)	4 (20)	3 (17.6)	
Portal vein embolization	19 (12.8)	6 (5.4)	2 (10)	11 (64.7)	<.001
Surgery in 2 stages	19 (12.8)	10 (9.1)	3 (15)	6 (35.3)	.028
Median operative time (min) (IQR)	240 (186–312)	230 (180–300)	286 (231–345)	269 (220–340)	.009
Median intraoperative bleeding (mL) (IQR)	200 (100–400)	200 (100–350)	325 (180–500)	500 (150–800)	.014
Pringle time (min)	30 (12–56.5)	30 (13–58)	30 (8–47)	30 (23–50)	.655
Perioperative transfusion, n (%)	27 (18.1)	16 (14.3)	4 (20)	7 (41.2)	.047
Stay (days) median (IQR)	6 (4–9)	5 (4–7)	10 (7–12)	15 (11–22)	<.001
Readmission, n (%)	16 (10.7)	6 (5.4)	3 (15)	7 (41.2)	.001

IQR: interquartile range; CRC: colorectal cancer; PLS: primary liver surgery.

complete treatment includes 2 major surgeries plus chemotherapy/radiotherapy and has high morbidity, with major Complications (MC) rates of 15%–20%.<sup>3–6</sup>

The literature comparing the 3 mentioned techniques has found no differences in MC, mortality, or 5-year survival rates.<sup>5</sup> However, LFA seems to be a better option for patients with a high burden of liver disease, providing excellent short-term results and longer survival.<sup>4,7–9</sup>

The most common method to determine quality of care is by using the Clavien-Dindo classification and/or Comprehensive Complication Index (CCI®) to measure MC.<sup>10</sup> Few studies have focused on postoperative complications after LFA and they are usually retrospective. We present the complication rate and associated factors observed in patients from the Spanish National Registry of Reverse Surgery (RENACI, Registro Nacional de Cirugía Inversa).

This is a prospective, descriptive, observational study of consecutive patients with CRC and SLM recruited at partici-

pating hospitals. The study period was from January 6, 2019 to August 8, 2020. The protocol was approved by the Ethics Committee and registered in Clinical Trials (NCT04683783). All patients gave written informed consent. The ethical principles of the Declaration of Helsinki and Good Clinical Practice were followed. The inclusion criteria were patients ≥ 18 years of age with ASA I-III who had undergone LFA.

The treatment strategy was: neoadjuvant chemotherapy followed by CT evaluation; when there was partial response or stabilization of the liver disease and R0 resection was feasible with sufficient liver volume, LFA was performed; this was followed by radiotherapy or chemotherapy/radiotherapy on the rectal tumors (depending on the stage), and lastly surgery on the primary tumor. In the colon, surgery after LFA was adapted to the location.

We determined preoperative, intraoperative, and postoperative variables as well as the characteristics of CRC and SLM. Complications were measured after 90 days in accordance

with the Clavien-Dindo classification,<sup>10</sup> and MC were defined as grade  $\geq$  IIIa. Failure to rescue was defined as deceased patients who presented MC divided by the total number of patients with MC.

Quantitative data were expressed as median and interquartile range (IQR), and qualitative data as frequencies or percentages. To study the inter-group differences, the non-parametric Kruskal-Wallis test was used in the case of quantitative variables, and the Pearson chi-squared test was applied for qualitative variables. When the value in any of the categories was less than 5, the Fisher test was used.

In total, 40 hospitals participated in the study, and 149 patients underwent surgery (Table 1). Median age was 61 years (IQR: 52–68); 64.4% were men; 94% were ASA II-III. Regarding location, 48.3% of the tumors were located in the rectum. Median number of SLM was 3 (IQR: 2–6); 47.7% of patients had more than 4 lesions. The size of the largest lesion was 30 mm (IQR: 19–59). In terms of surgical type, 60% of the surgeries performed were minor hepatectomies; 36% of the total LFA were performed using a minimally invasive approach, and 12.8% were two-stage procedures. Transfusion was necessary in 18.1% of patients. No complications were observed in 75.2% of patients, although 16.1% had minor complications and 8.7% MC. Median ICC was 22.6 (20.9–28.0). Specifically, liver complications were: hemorrhage in 17 patients (11.3%) (ISGLS: 15 A and 2 B), liver failure in 21 patients (14%) (ISGLS: 15 A, 5 B and 1 C), and biliary fistula in 13 (8.6%) (ISGLS: 5 A, 7 B and 1 C). Four patients (2.7%) underwent reoperation. The failure-to-rescue rate was 5.9%, mortality was 0.7%, and hospital stay was 6 days (IQR: 4–9). Colorectal surgery was performed after LFA in 89.3% of patients 2.14 months later [IQR: 1.35–3.02]. It was not possible to perform colorectal surgery in 16 (10.7%) patients for the following reasons: 9 due to complications after liver surgery, 6 due to progression of liver disease, and one due to postoperative death. Right/transverse colon tumors were operated on after a median of 85 days (IQR: 53–92), left colon after 65 days (40–76), sigmoid colon after 64 days (37–95), and rectum after 71 days (43–92). There were no significant differences among groups ( $P = .681$ , Kruskal-Wallis non-parametric test).

When we compared the groups with no complications vs minor complications vs MC, the following parameters were statistically significant: number of affected segments, number of metastases, number of CTx cycles (but not the use of antiangiogenics or the regimen used), type of hepatectomy (minor/major), approach, previous portal embolization, two-stage surgery, operative time, intraoperative bleeding and perioperative transfusion. The presence of complications led to an increase in length of hospital stay and readmissions.

There are multiple therapeutic options for the treatment of patients with CRC and SLM, and no differences in MC and postoperative mortality have been found between the 3 options.<sup>2,4,9</sup> Although mortality after hepatectomy has decreased considerably, morbidity remains high.<sup>11</sup> Risk factors that increase morbidity and mortality after liver surgery have been defined and classified into 2 large groups: patient-related factors and procedure-related factors.<sup>11</sup> Complications affect quality of life, increase costs, and have a negative impact on survival.<sup>9,11</sup>

Studies about LFA have focused on oncological results and/or verifying whether the whole treatment was completed. Also, although morbidity data have been included (total complications [31.1%–81.6%], MC [21.1%], and mortality of LFA [0.6%–2.3%]),<sup>2–9</sup> the factors associated with morbidity and mortality have not been studied.

The total number of complications in our series (25%) is lower than other publications, possibly due to an increase in minimally invasive approaches and fewer major hepatectomies. In our series, complicated patients had more affected segments and more metastases, required prior portal embolization, and were administered more CTx cycles. In terms of surgical factors, major hepatectomies, an open approach, two-stage surgery, longer operating times, greater intraoperative bleeding, and patients who required perioperative transfusion presented more complications. Although these factors could be considered logical, they had not been determined until now. While our sample size is small and causal associations cannot be established, we believe that patients who present these aforementioned factors require special care during the postoperative period.

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