

Additional table 1: Diagnostic and treatment modality by period of initial diagnosis (1998-2016, n=4078)

Period of initial diagnosis		1998-2002		2003-2007		2008-2012		2013-2016		Total		p-value
		n=623		n=1009		n=1412		n=1034		n=4078		
		n	(%) ^a	n	(%) ^a	n	(%) ^a	n	(%) ^a	n	(%) ^a	
Treatment	Liver resection	106	(28.6)	189	(33.0)	252	(28.4)	216	(32.8)	763	(30.7)	<0.0001
	Liver transplantation	9	(2.4)	15	(2.6)	38	(4.3)	25	(3.8)	87	(3.5)	
	RFA	9	(2.4)	39	(6.8)	78	(8.8)	70	(10.6)	196	(7.9)	
	TACE	56	(15.1)	141	(24.6)	285	(32.1)	179	(27.2)	661	(26.6)	
	SIRT	7	(1.9)	9	(1.6)	38	(4.3)	48	(7.3)	102	(4.1)	
	Chemotherapy	69	(18.6)	79	(13.8)	86	(9.7)	18	(2.7)	252	(10.1)	
	Targeted therapy					54	(6.1)	35	(5.3)	89	(3.6)	
	others ^b	115	(31.0)	101	(17.6)	56	(6.3)	67	(10.2)	339	(13.6)	
	<i>not available</i>	252	(40.5)	436	(43.2)	525	(37.2)	376	(36.4)	1589	(39.0)	
Pathological diagnostics	none	228	(36.6)	299	(29.6)	539	(38.2)	432	(41.8)	1498	(36.7)	<0.0001
	liver biopsy	318	(51.0)	530	(52.5)	620	(43.9)	385	(37.2)	1853	(45.4)	
	surgical specimen	77	(12.4)	180	(17.8)	253	(17.9)	217	(21.0)	727	(17.8)	

RFA: Radiofrequency ablation TACE: Transarterial chemoembolisation SIRT: Selective internal radiation therapy (radioembolisation)

^a Missing values were excluded from calculations of frequency distribution, column percentage can differ slightly from 100% due to rounding.

^b e.g. palliative surgery, best supportive care