

### **Is There a Role for Surgery in BCLC B Hepatocellular Carcinoma?**

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#### **Abstract**

Intermediate stage hepatocarcinoma, classified b Barcelona Clinic Liver Cancer (BCLC) comprises a large number of patients, with diverse characteristics, being defined by multiple tumours, preserved liver function and good performance status. The recommended treatment for this stage is transarterial chemoembolization (TACE), but there are a few studies that discuss the role of surgery in this stage. We report a case of a 59-year-old woman diagnosed with BCLC B hepatocarcinoma (two tumours of 34 and 25 mm, in liver segments 5 and 6) who was successfully treated with surgical resection. This patient had additional risk factors like morbid obesity, clinically significant portal hypertension, and thrombocytopenia. Despite these characteristics, the evolution was favourable. In conclusion, we believe that surgery has an important role in the treatment of well-selected BCLC B patients and a good preoperative assessment of the patient can minimize the perioperative risk.

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