



Abstract PWE-139 Figure 1

Analysis of the HCC risk stratification scores demonstrates the HAP Score predicted post-TACE survival ( $p = 0.002$ ), but the Child Pugh ( $p = 0.192$ ) and BCLC scores ( $p = 0.210$ ) did not. There was a 3 fold increase in median survival in patients in the HAP A group when compared to those in the HAP D group (36.6 vs. 12.3 months).

**Conclusion** We report patient survival following TACE for treatment of HCC which compares favourably with published studies.<sup>1</sup> The HAP score for TACE appears promising in our population and superior to existing scores.

#### REFERENCE

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#### PWE-140 DEVELOPMENT AND VALIDATION OF THE NEWCASTLE PATIENT REPORTED ASCITES MEASURE

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**Introduction** Ascites is the most common complication of cirrhosis, but tools to assess its impact on Health Related Quality of Life (HRQoL) are limited. The Newcastle Patient Reported Ascites Measure (N-PRAM) was developed to measure the multi-dimensional impact of ascites on HRQoL.

**Methods** Structured interviews were carried out with patients with ascites and hepatologists and a long-list of twenty items was produced. These items were assessed for appropriateness and clarity by a further ten patients and the resulting tool was reduced to nine items. Initial validation was carried out on 25 patients with ascites from a multicentre UK study of quality of life in cirrhosis.

**Results** The 9 items tested the following areas: abdominal pain, abdominal discomfort, abdominal bloating, shortness of breath, movement, ill-fitting clothes, self-image, early satiety and ankle swelling.

Construct validity: inter-item correlations were good ( $r > 0.6$ ) except for the ankle swelling item. Internal consistency, tested using Cronbach's alpha coefficient ( $\alpha$ ), was 0.955 and improved to 0.958 after removing the ankle swelling item.

Concurrent validity: The correlation between the CLDQ--Abdominal Symptoms scale and each N-PRAM item score ( $r$  range -0.653 to -0.358) was low to moderate.

**Conclusion** The 8 item Newcastle Patient Reported Ascites Measure is an effective HRQoL measure which has been validated in English. It provides a more detailed assessment of HRQoL in ascites than other available tools, such as CLDQ, and would therefore be a suitable outcome measure for use in future studies of ascites management.

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#### PWE-141 A POSITIVE COMPLEMENT DEPENDENT CYTOTOXIC (CDC) CROSSMATCH DOES NOT IMPACT ON PATIENT SURVIVAL OR INCREASE THE RISK OF ACUTE CELLULAR REJECTION, OR BILIARY STRICTURES AFTER LIVER TRANSPLANTATION

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**Introduction** The impact of donor specific antibodies on outcomes after liver transplantation remains controversial. We aimed to evaluate the impact of a positive lymphocyte complement dependent cytotoxic (CDC) crossmatch on patient survival and the incidence of complications following liver transplantation (LT).

**Methods** We analysed the outcomes for all patients undergoing LT in our centre over a 6 year period (January 2007–December 2012). All patients transplanted at our centre receive a retrospective CDC crossmatch. We examined the indication for transplantation, patient survival, complications (acute cellular rejection, biliary strictures, chronic ductopaenic rejection) and whether the complications correlated to the presence of a positive crossmatch pre- and post-treatment with dithiothreitol (DTT) for IgM/IgG or IgG antibodies.

**Results** There were 194 liver transplants performed in this period (60% male). A crossmatch was available for 186 patients. The median age of the recipients was 55 years (range 19–71 years). The primary indications for LT were alcoholic liver disease 31%, autoimmune liver disease 18%, hepatocellular carcinoma 11%, viral hepatitis 9%, vascular 7.5%, paracetamol toxicity 7.5%, NAFLD 5% and other 11%. There were 12 deaths (6.5%) in the time period studied. 76 patients had a positive crossmatch and of these 13 were IgG positive (i.e., positive post-DTT treatment). Patient survival did not correlate with the presence of an IgM or IgG positive crossmatch (Fisher's exact test,  $p = 1.000$  for both).

Acute cellular rejection (ACR) requiring augmentation of immunosuppression occurred in 38 patients (20%). Neither a positive IgM crossmatch (Chi-square test,  $p = 0.094$ ) or a positive IgG crossmatch (Fisher's exact test,  $p = 1.000$ ) correlated with the incidence of ACR. Clinically significant biliary strictures occurred in 14 patients (7.5%). The presence of a positive crossmatch did not correlate with the incidence of strictures (Chi square test,  $p = 0.124$  for IgM antibodies and Fisher's exact test,  $p = 1.000$  for IgG antibodies). Only 1 patient developed chronic ductopaenic rejection in our cohort.

**Conclusion** The presence of antibodies to donor lymphocytes (detectable by the CDC crossmatch) does not affect patient