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| **Table S1 Intraoperative and postoperative parameters of HCC patients**  |
| Characteristics | laparoscopy (n= 243) | laparotomy (n = 252) | P-value |
| **Surgical variables** |  |  |  |
| Operation time (min) | 160 [115;230] | 180 [135;226] | 0.038  |
| Pringle’s maneuver | 73 (30.0%) | 44 (17.5%) | 0.001  |
| Blood loss (ml) | 200 [100;375] | 300 [200;500] | <0.001 |
| Transfusion | 21 (8.64%) | 51 (20.2%) | <0.001 |
| **Complications** |  |  |  |
| Hepatic failure  | 0 (0.00%) | 2 (0.79%) | 0.499  |
| Bile leakage | 9 (3.70%) | 5 (1.98%) | 0.377  |
| Hydrothorax | 5 (2.06%) | 18 (7.14%) | 0.013  |
| Ascites | 5 (2.06%) | 26 (10.3%) | <0.001 |
| **Outcomes** |  |  |  |
| recurrence | 61 (25.1%) | 109 (43.3%) | <0.001 |
| death  | 41 (16.9%) | 97 (38.5%) | <0.001 |