

Supplementary Table 1. Search strategy

Search strategy	Database		
	Medline	Embase	KoreaMed
Publication date	1995.1.1–2020.7.31	1995.1.1–2020.7.31	1995.1.1–2020.7.31
Strategy	#1 AND #2 AND #3 AND #4	#1 AND #2 AND #3 AND #4	#1 AND #2 AND #3 AND #4 AND #5
#1	"carcinoma, hepatocellular"[MeSH Terms] OR ("carcinoma"[All Fields] AND "hepatocellular"[All Fields]) OR "hepatocellular carcinoma"[All Fields] OR ("hepatocellular"[All Fields] AND "carcinoma"[All Fields])	('liver cell carcinoma'/exp OR 'liver cell carcinoma')	hepatocellular[ALL]
#2	"liver cirrhosis"[MeSH Terms] OR ("liver"[All Fields] AND "cirrhosis"[All Fields]) OR "liver cirrhosis"[All Fields] OR "cirrhosis"[All Fields] OR "fibrosis"[MeSH Terms] OR "fibrosis"[All Fields]	('liver cirrhosis'/exp OR 'liver cirrhosis')	carcinoma[ALL]
#3	"hepatectomy"[MeSH Terms] OR "hepatectomy"[All Fields] OR "hepatectomies"[All Fields]	('liver resection'/exp OR 'liver resection')	cirrhosis[ALL]
#4	"resect"[All Fields] OR "resectability"[All Fields] OR "resectable"[All Fields] OR "resectates"[All Fields] OR "resected"[All Fields] OR "resecting"[All Fields] OR "resection"[All Fields] OR "resectional"[All Fields] OR "resectioned"[All Fields] OR "resectioning"[All Fields] OR "resections"[All Fields] OR "resective"[All Fields] OR "resects"[All Fields]	([article]/lim OR [article in press]/lim)	hepatectomy[ALL]
#5			resection[ALL]
Identified records	1,414 studies were identified	1,565 studies were identified	39 studies were identified