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术前天冬氨酸转氨酶与血小板比值指数预测原发性肝癌肝切除术后肝衰竭的价值

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[摘要] 目的 探讨术前天冬氨酸转氨酶与血小板比值指数(APRI)预测原发性肝癌患者发生肝切除术后肝衰竭(PHLF)的价值。方法 回顾性分析2013年9月至2016年12月在广西医科大学附属肿瘤医院接受首次肝切除术治疗的原发性肝癌患者资料,采用logistic回归分析和受试者工作特征(ROC)曲线评估Child-Pugh评分、终末期肝病预后模型(MELD)评分、白蛋白-胆红素(ALBI)评分及APRI预测PHLF的能力。结果 纳入本研究的1108例原发性肝癌肝切除术患者中,共有217例(19.58%)发生PHLF。Logistic回归分析显示,Child-Pugh评分、MELD评分、ALBI评分及APRI是PHLF的预测因素(P 均<0.05);ROC曲线分析显示,术前APRI[曲线下面积(AUC)为0.745,95%置信区间(CI):0.709~0.781, P <0.001]预测PHLF的能力明显优于Child-Pugh评分(AUC为0.561,95%CI:0.516~0.605, P =0.005)、MELD评分(AUC为0.650,95%CI:0.610~0.691, P <0.001)和ALBI评分(AUC为0.662,95%CI:0.621~0.703, P <0.001)。根据约登指数得到术前APRI的最佳截断值为0.55,此时APRI预测PHLF的灵敏度和特异度分别为71.9%和68.5%,APRI>0.55的患者PHLF的总体发病率及PHLF A、B、C各等级的发病率均高于APRI≤0.55的患者(P 均<0.05)。结论 术前APRI预测原发性肝癌患者发生PHLF的能力优于Child-Pugh评分、MELD评分及ALBI评分,对于原发性肝癌的临床治疗决策具有一定的指导意义。

[关键词] 肝肿瘤;肝切除术后肝衰竭;天冬氨酸转氨酶与血小板比值指数;Child-Pugh评分;终末期肝病预后模型评分;白蛋白-胆红素评分

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Clinical value of preoperative aspartate aminotransferase-to-platelet ratio index in predicting liver failure after hepatectomy for primary liver cancer

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[Abstract] Objective To explore the predictive value of preoperative aspartate aminotransferase-to-platelet ratio index(APRI) for post-hepatectomy liver failure (PHLF) after hepatectomy in the patients with primary liver cancer (PLC). Methods A retrospective study was conducted on the data from the PLC patients who underwent first hepatectomy in Tumor Hospital Affiliated to Guangxi Medical University between Sep. 2013 and Dec. 2016. The logistic regression model and receiver operating characteristic (ROC) curve were performed to determine the predicting values of APRI, Child-Pugh score, model for end-stage liver disease (MELD) score and albumin-bilirubin (ALBI) score for PHLF. Results A total of 1108 PLC patients were included in this study, and PHLF occurred in 217 (19.58%) patients. The logistic regression analysis showed that Child-Pugh score, MELD score, ALBI score and

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APRI were predicting factors for PHLF (all $P < 0.05$). The ROC curve analysis showed that preoperative APRI (area under curve [AUC]: 0.745, 95% confidence interval [CI] 0.709-0.781, $P < 0.001$) was significantly better for predicting PHLF compared with Child-Pugh score (AUC 0.561, 95% CI 0.516-0.605, $P = 0.005$), MELD score (AUC 0.650, 95% CI 0.610-0.691, $P < 0.001$) and ALBI score (AUC 0.662, 95% CI 0.621-0.703, $P < 0.001$). Based on Youden index, the best cut-off value of preoperative APRI was 0.55 for predicting PHLF in PLC patients, with a sensitivity of 71.9% and a specificity of 68.5%, and the patients with $\text{APRI} > 0.55$ had significantly higher overall incidence of PHLF, and higher incidence of PHLF A, B and C compared with ones with $\text{APRI} \leq 0.55$ (all $P < 0.05$). **Conclusion** Preoperative APRI is more accurate for predicting PHLF after hepatectomy in PLC patients versus the Child-Pugh, MELD and ALBI scores, providing guiding significance for clinical treatment of PLC.

[Key words] liver neoplasms; post-hepatectomy liver failure; aspartate aminotransferase to platelet ratio index; Child-Pugh score; model for end-stage liver disease score; albumin-bilirubin score

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原发性肝癌 (primary liver cancer, 以下简称肝癌) 是全球发病率排名第 6 位的常见恶性肿瘤及第二大癌症相关死因^[1]。目前, 肝切除术是治疗肝癌首选且最有效的手段^[2]。但是大多数肝癌患者存在慢性肝疾病, 容易导致肝癌患者发生肝切除术后肝衰竭 (post-hepatectomy liver failure, PHLF), 这是肝切除术后围手术期死亡的主要原因, 降低了肝切除术的安全性^[3-4]。因此, 术前如何准确地预测肝癌患者的肝功能至关重要。

目前, Child-Pugh 评分是临床应用最广泛的术前评估肝功能储备的方法^[2], 为评估患者肝脏疾病的严重程度及肝功能是否适应手术治疗奠定了基础, 但其存在明显的自身缺陷^[5], 最主要的是该评分在评估肝性脑病或腹水时具有较大的随意性和主观性^[6], 限制了其预测肝癌患者肝切除术后发生 PHLF 的准确性。为了弥补 Child-Pugh 评分的不足, Malinchoc 等^[7]提出了终末期肝病预后模型 (model for end-stage liver disease, MELD), 该模型已经成功应用于经颈静脉肝内门体分流术治疗的患者的短期病情预测、肝硬化患者行肝移植时供肝的分配和行手术治疗时的预后分析^[8]。但 MELD 评分是针对终末期肝硬化患者设计的, 此时患者大都失去了手术机会, 且用于识别肝癌患者围手术期并发症及死亡率的风险仍存在不确定性^[7]。近年来, Johnson 等^[9]提出了白蛋白-胆红素 (albumin-bilirubin, ALBI) 评分, 在循证基础上提供了一个简单、客观的评估肝癌患者肝功能的模型, 消除了肝性脑病和腹水对于肝功能评估的随意性和主观性。Kuo 等^[10]和 Hiraoka 等^[11]的研究均表明 ALBI 评分预测肝癌患者长期生存时间的准确性明显高于 Child-Pugh 或 MELD 评分。我们前

期研究证实 ALBI 评分预测肝癌患者肝切除术后发生 PHLF 的准确性优于 Child-Pugh 评分^[12], 但是 ALBI 评分不宜作为梗阻性黄疸患者评估肝功能的评判指标, 而且不能有效地评估肝硬化对肝功能造成的损害。

因此, 术前如何准确地预测伴有肝硬化的肝癌患者肝切除术后发生 PHLF 的风险仍然是一个难题。Wai 等^[13]提出了一个简单、客观、无创的预测肝纤维化和肝硬化的指标, 即天冬氨酸转氨酶与血小板的比值指数 (aspartate aminotransferase to platelet ratio index, APRI), 并证实 APRI 评估肝纤维化和肝硬化的准确性与肝穿刺活组织检查一致。Shen 等^[14]及 Cheng 等^[15]的研究进一步证实术前 APRI 与肝切除术后并发症的发生率呈正相关, 可作为评估肝癌患者肝切除术后 PHLF 风险增加的指标。但目前对于术前 APRI 是否可以真实反映肝癌患者的肝功能尚未达成共识, 仍需进一步研究。本研究将 APRI 与 Child-Pugh 评分、MELD 评分及 ALBI 评分进行比较, 探讨术前 APRI 预测肝癌患者肝切除术后发生 PHLF 风险的价值。

1 资料和方法

1.1 一般资料 回顾性分析 2013 年 9 月至 2016 年 12 月在广西医科大学附属肿瘤医院接受首次肝切除术的 1 108 例肝癌患者的临床病理资料, 所有患者术后病理均证实为肝癌 (肝细胞癌 1 044 例, 胆管细胞癌及混合性癌 64 例), 并伴有不同程度的肝硬化。排除肝脏转移瘤患者, 术前接受放射治疗、化学治疗或介入治疗的患者, 以及接受复发手术及因全身性疾病不能耐受手术的患者。

1.2 手术方法及术后随访 根据患者的一般状

况、临床症状、肿瘤直径、肿瘤数目、肝脏储备功能及残余肝体积决定手术方式及切除范围。切除范围 ≥ 3 个肝段定义为大范围肝切除, ≤ 2 个肝段定义为小范围肝切除^[16]。具体手术方式包括肿瘤剜除、肝段切除、肝叶切除、半肝切除以及扩大半肝切除等^[17]。出院后, 患者于术后1个月开始随访, 每3个月1次, 第2年每3~6个月1次, 随访指标包括血常规、肝功能、凝血功能、血清甲胎蛋白(α -fetoprotein, AFP)水平、腹部增强计算机断层扫描(computed tomography, CT)或磁共振成像(magnetic resonance imaging, MRI)等。根据患者一般状况、临床症状、肝脏储备功能、肿瘤侵犯程度等情况给予复发患者行肝切除术、经皮乙醇注射、射频消融、肝动脉化学栓塞或索拉非尼等治疗^[18]。

1.3 观察指标与评估方法 Child-Pugh评分包括血清胆红素、白蛋白、凝血酶原时间、腹水、肝性脑病5项指标, 分别按照不同的程度进行评分, 每项1~3分, 分为3级: 5~6分为A级, 7~9分为B级, 10~12分为C级^[2]; MELD评分根据文献[7]的公式计算, 结果取整数^[7]; ALBI评分计算公式为: $0.66 \times \lg(\text{总胆红素, } \mu\text{mol/L}) - 0.085 \times (\text{白蛋白, g/L})^{[9]}$; APRI计算公式为: $[(\text{天冬氨酸转氨酶/正常值上限}) / (\text{血小板计数, } \times 10^9/\text{L})] \times 100^{[13]}$ 。分别于术后第1、3、5、7天常规检测血常规、肝功能等指标, 动态监测肝癌患者肝切除术后2周内相关并发症, 并根据一般情况、临床症状及肝功能指标等来评估肝功能恢复情况。临床意义显著的门静脉高压(clinically significant portal hypertension, CSPH)通过内镜诊断伴有食管胃底静脉曲张或超声、CT等影像学检查证实有脾肿大(直径超过12 cm)与血常规检测血小板计数低于 $100 \times 10^9/\text{L}$ 来确定^[19]。PHLF根据2011年国际肝脏外科学会(International Study Group of Liver Surgery, ISGLS)提出的标准定义进行判断, 具体如下: 在排除胆道梗阻的前提下, 与术前的数值相比, 若术后5 d或之后国际标准化比值升高同时伴有血清总胆红素水平升高, 即可视为PHLF; A级PHLF患者无需特殊治疗, B级PHLF患者需非侵入性治疗, C级PHLF患者需要侵入性治疗^[20]。

1.4 统计学处理 采用SPSS 23.0软件(美国

IBM公司)进行统计学分析。正态分布的连续资料以 $\bar{x} \pm s$ 表示, 组间比较采用t检验; 非正态分布的连续资料以中位数(下四分位数, 上四分位数)表示, 组间比较采用Mann-Whitney U检验; 分类资料以频数表示, 组间比较采用 χ^2 检验。将单因素分析有统计学意义($P < 0.05$)的变量纳入多变量logistic回归模型, 确定PHLF的独立预测因子。用受试者工作特征(receiver operating characteristic, ROC)曲线确定曲线下面积(area under curve, AUC), 分别评估Child-Pugh评分、MELD评分、ALBI评分及APRI预测PHLF的能力, 根据约登指数选择最佳截断值并计算其灵敏度和特异度。检验水准(α)为0.05。

2 结 果

2.1 PHLF的发病率 纳入的1108例患者中, 年龄 ≥ 60 岁有233例(21.0%), 年龄 < 60 岁有875例(79.0%); 男性939例(84.7%), 女性169例(15.3%); 乙型肝炎病毒(hepatitis B virus, HBV)阳性954例(86.1%), 肝硬化438例(39.5%)。共有217例(19.6%)发生PHLF, 其中A级PHLF有101例(9.1%), B级PHLF有109例(9.8%), C级PHLF有7例(0.6%)。纳入患者的基线资料见表1。

2.2 PHLF的相关因素分析 单因素分析结果见表1。将单因素分析中有统计学意义($P < 0.05$)的指标纳入多变量logistic回归模型。为避免共线性, 多因素分析采用不同的logistic回归模型对Child-Pugh评分、MELD评分、ALBI评分及APRI进行分析, 结果见表2。由表2可见, 男性、HBV DNA、肝硬化、肿瘤直径、肿瘤数目、术中出血、切除范围、Child-Pugh评分、MELD评分、ALBI评分及APRI等因素均与PHLF密切相关(P 均 < 0.05)。其中Child-Pugh评分的比值比为1.599 [95%置信区间(confidence interval, CI): 1.223~2.091, $P=0.001$], MELD评分的比值比为1.084 (95% CI: 1.035~1.136, $P=0.001$), ALBI评分的比值比为2.259 (95% CI: 1.385~3.683, $P=0.001$), APRI的比值比为1.932 (95% CI: 1.475~2.532, $P < 0.001$), 提示Child-Pugh评分、MELD评分、ALBI评分及APRI均可作为PHLF的独立预测指标。

表1 1108例原发性肝癌患者的基线资料及PHLF预测因子的单因素分析

Tab 1 Baseline data of 1108 patients with primary liver carcinoma and univariable analysis to identify predictors of PHLF

Variable	Total N=1108	Without PHLF N=891	With PHLF N=217	P value
Age (≥60 years/<60 years) n	233/875	183/708	50/167	0.417
Gender (male/female) n	939/169	740/151	199/18	0.001
HBsAg (positive/negative) n	954/154	757/134	197/20	0.026
HBV DNA (≥5×10 ² U·mL ⁻¹ /<5×10 ² U·mL ⁻¹) n	694/414	529/362	165/52	<0.001
PLT count (L ⁻¹ ×10 ⁹), M (Q _L , Q _U)	212.08 (164.79, 273.91)	218.68 (174.00, 277.94)	174.87 (131.58, 245.51)	<0.001
TBil c _B (μmol·L ⁻¹), M (Q _L , Q _U)	11.5 (8.5, 15.7)	10.9 (8.1, 14.5)	15.4 (11.8, 19.6)	<0.001
PA ρ _B (mg·L ⁻¹), M (Q _L , Q _U)	180.0 (131.5, 232.0)	187.0 (139.0, 238.0)	146.5 (114.0, 204.5)	<0.001
ALB ρ _B (g·L ⁻¹), ̄±s	40.28±4.64	40.50±4.64	39.38±4.51	<0.001
ALT z _B (U·L ⁻¹), M (Q _L , Q _U)	37.0 (28.0, 56.0)	31.0 (21.0, 44.0)	43.0 (28.0, 60.5)	<0.001
AST z _B (U·L ⁻¹), M (Q _L , Q _U)	33.0 (22.0, 48.0)	35.0 (27.0, 51.0)	51.5 (35.0, 72.0)	<0.001
Cr c _B (μmol·L ⁻¹), M (Q _L , Q _U)	78.0 (68.0, 88.0)	78.0 (68.0, 88.0)	77.0 (68.0, 87.0)	0.195
PT t/s, M (Q _L , Q _U)	12.8 (12.1, 13.7)	12.7 (12.0, 13.5)	13.4 (12.6, 14.4)	<0.001
INR M (Q _L , Q _U)	1.04 (0.96, 1.12)	1.03 (0.95, 1.11)	1.09 (1.01, 1.20)	<0.001
AFP (≥400 ng·mL ⁻¹ /<<400 ng·mL ⁻¹) n	476/632	370/521	106/111	0.051
Cirrhosis (yes/no) n	438/670	569/322	116/101	<0.001
CSPH (yes/no) n	90/1 018	60/831	30/187	0.001
Ascites (yes/no) n	105/1 003	75/816	30/187	0.015
Hepatic encephalopathy (yes/no) n	0/1 108	0/891	0/217	
Child-Pugh score M (Q _L , Q _U)	5 (5, 5)	5 (5, 5)	5 (5, 6)	<0.001
Child-Pugh grade (A/B/C) n	1 074/34/0	871/20/0	203/14/0	0.001
MELD score M (Q _L , Q _U)	4 (2, 6)	4 (2, 6)	6 (4, 7)	<0.001
ALBI score M (Q _L , Q _U)	-2.76 (-2.97, -2.45)	-2.80 (-3.01, -2.51)	-2.56 (-2.86, -2.22)	<0.001
APRI M (Q _L , Q _U)	0.46 (0.31, 0.75)	0.42 (0.30, 0.64)	0.80 (0.49, 1.18)	<0.001
Tumor size d/cm, M (Q _L , Q _U)	6.5 (4.0, 10.0)	6.0 (4.0, 10.0)	7.5 (5.0, 11.3)	<0.001
Tumor number (≥3/<3) n	107/1 001	71/820	36/181	<0.001
Operation time t/min, M (Q _L , Q _U)	200 (160, 240)	195 (160, 240)	210 (170, 250)	0.064
Blood loss (≥400 mL/<400 mL) n	439/669	323/568	116/101	<0.001
Extent of resection (major/minor) n	416/692	302/589	114/103	0.006

PHLF: Post-hepatectomy liver failure; HBsAg: Hepatitis B surface antigen; HBV: Hepatitis B virus; PLT: Platelet; TBil: Total bilirubin; PA: Prealbumin; ALB: Albumin; ALT: Alanine aminotransferase; AST: Aspartate aminotransferase; Cr: Creatinine; PT: Prothrombin time; INR: International normalized ratio; AFP: α-Fetoprotein; CSPH: Clinically significant portal hypertension; MELD: Model for end-stage liver disease; ALBI: Albumin-bilirubin; APRI: Aspartate aminotransferase to platelet ratio index; M (Q_L, Q_U): Median (lower quartile, upper quartile)

2.3 Child-Pugh评分、MELD评分、ALBI评分及APRI预测PHLF能力比较 采用ROC曲线确定AUC,评估Child-Pugh评分、MELD评分、ALBI评分及APRI预测PHLF的能力。结果(图1)显示,Child-Pugh评分的AUC为0.561(95%CI:0.516~0.605, P=0.005),MELD评分的AUC为0.650(95%CI: 0.610~0.691, P<0.001),ALBI评分的AUC为0.662(95%CI: 0.621~0.703, P<0.001),APRI的AUC为0.745(95%CI: 0.709~0.781, P<0.001),可见APRI预测PHLF的能力优于Child-Pugh评分、MELD评分及ALBI评分。

2.4 APRI与PHLF之间的关系 根据约登指数,APRI的最佳截断值为0.55,此时APRI预测PHLF的灵敏度与特异度分别为71.9%和68.5%。依据APRI的最佳截断值,将1108例患者分为高风险组(APRI>0.55, 437例)和低风险组(APRI≤0.55, 671例),结果显示,高风险组PHLF总体发病率及PHLF A、B、C各等级的发病率分别为35.7%(156/437)、15.3%(67/437)、18.8%(82/437)、1.6%(7/437),低风险组分别为9.1%(61/671)、5.1%(34/671)、4.0%(27/671)、0%(0/671),两组间差异均有统计学意义(P均<0.05, 图2)。

表2 多变量 logistic 回归分析识别 PHLF 预测因子

Tab 2 Multivariable logistic analysis identifying predictors of PHLF

Variable	Model 1 (Child-Pugh score)		Model 2 (MELD score)		Model 3 (ALBI score)		Model 4 (APRI)	
	OR (95% CI)	P value	OR (95% CI)	P value	OR (95% CI)	P value	OR (95% CI)	P value
Male	0.311 (0.172, 0.565)	<0.001	0.359 (0.194, 0.666)	0.001	0.331 (0.181, 0.608)	<0.001	0.327 (0.174, 0.613)	<0.001
Positive HBsAg	0.787 (0.426, 1.453)	0.444	0.685 (0.368, 1.274)	0.232	0.724 (0.389, 1.345)	0.307	0.847 (0.451, 1.587)	0.603
HBV DNA	1.535 (1.059, 2.224)	0.024	1.545 (1.016, 2.349)	0.042	1.561 (1.027, 2.374)	0.037	1.590 (1.040, 2.430)	0.032
PLT count	0.991 (0.989, 0.994)	<0.001	0.991 (0.989, 0.994)	<0.001	0.992 (0.989, 0.994)	<0.001		
TBil							1.059 (1.034, 1.085)	<0.001
PA	0.995 (0.992, 0.998)	<0.001	0.995 (0.992, 0.997)	<0.001	0.997 (0.994, 1.000)	0.047	0.997 (0.994, 0.999)	0.017
ALB			0.993 (0.950, 0.995)	0.764			0.990 (0.949, 1.034)	0.658
ALT	1.001 (0.996, 1.006)	0.567	1.001 (0.996, 1.006)	0.695	1.002 (0.997, 1.007)	0.544	0.998 (0.993, 1.003)	0.514
AST	1.008 (1.004, 1.012)	<0.001	1.008 (1.004, 1.012)	<0.001	1.007 (1.004, 1.011)	<0.001		
PT			1.257 (1.086, 1.454)	0.002	1.295 (1.126, 1.489)	<0.001	1.303 (1.132, 1.500)	<0.001
INR					1.459 (0.047, 25.525)	0.830	2.576 (0.097, 68.350)	0.572
Child-Pugh score	1.599 (1.223, 2.091)	0.001						
MELD score			1.084 (1.035, 1.136)	0.001				
ALBI score					2.259 (1.385, 3.683)	0.001		
APRI							1.932 (1.475, 2.532)	<0.001
Cirrhosis	1.579 (1.109, 2.247)	0.011	1.539 (1.078, 2.198)	0.018	1.574 (1.103, 2.246)	0.012	1.543 (1.093, 2.180)	0.014
CSPH	1.106 (0.625, 1.956)	0.730	1.067 (0.598, 1.901)	0.827	1.021 (0.570, 1.829)	0.994	0.939 (0.510, 1.730)	0.839
Ascites			0.978 (0.579, 1.651)	0.993	0.984 (0.582, 1.664)	0.951	1.016 (0.598, 1.727)	0.952
Tumor size	1.053 (1.004, 1.012)	<0.001	1.052 (1.003, 1.103)	0.037	1.076 (1.027, 1.127)	0.002	1.055 (1.016, 1.095)	0.005
Tumor number	1.846 (1.136, 3.002)	0.013	1.904 (1.163, 3.118)	0.010	1.877 (1.150, 3.063)	0.012	1.819 (1.114, 2.971)	0.017
Blood loss	1.507 (1.065, 2.133)	0.021	1.457 (1.023, 2.074)	0.037	1.470 (1.035, 2.088)	0.031	1.616 (1.146, 2.278)	0.006
Major resection	1.777 (1.217, 2.596)	0.003	1.899 (1.282, 2.786)	0.001	1.820 (1.240, 2.672)	0.002	1.860 (1.299, 2.660)	0.001

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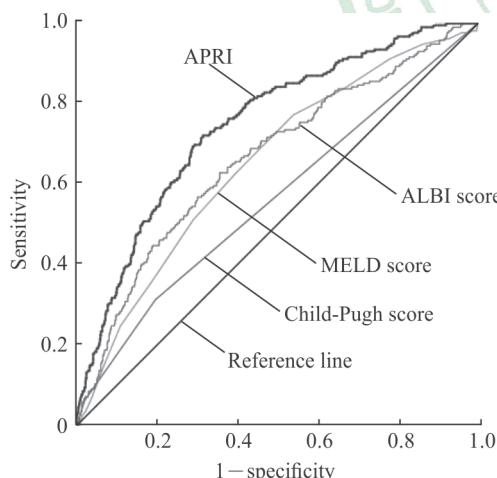


图1 术前 Child-Pugh 评分、MELD 评分、ALBI 评分及 APRI 预测 PHLF 的 ROC 曲线

Fig 1 ROC curves for preoperative Child-Pugh score, MELD score, ALBI score and APRI in predicting PHLF
The AUC of Child-Pugh score was 0.561, AUC of MELD score was 0.650, AUC of ALBI score was 0.662, and AUC of APRI was 0.745. MELD: Model for end-stage liver disease; ALBI: Albumin-bilirubin; APRI: Aspartate aminotransferase to platelet ratio index; PHLF: Post-hepatectomy liver failure; ROC: Receiver operating characteristic; AUC: Area under curve

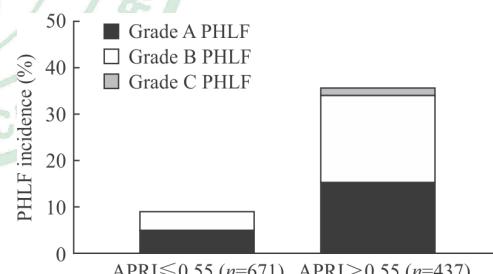


图2 术前 APRI 与 PHLF 之间的关系
Fig 2 Correlation between preoperative APRI and PHLF
APRI: Aspartate aminotransferase-to-platelet ratio index;
PHLF: Post-hepatectomy liver failure

3 讨 论

肝切除术是目前治疗肝癌的首选而且最有效的方法^[2]。PHLF 是肝癌患者肝切除术后围手术期死亡的主要原因, 降低了肝切除术的安全性^[3]。大多数肝癌患者存在慢性肝疾病, 如乙型肝炎、丙型肝炎、酒精性肝病、非酒精性脂肪肝等, 研究证实约 80%~90% 的肝癌患者存在着不同程度的肝硬化^[7], 是限制肝脏再生能力而导致 PHLF 最重要的因素之一。伴有肝硬化的肝癌患者行肝切除术后极

易发生顽固性腹水、门静脉高压、肝性脑病、肝衰竭等并发症, 这与肝细胞生长因子水平降低、转录因子受损和DNA合成减少导致的再生肝脏体积减少相关^[21], 进而很大程度上增加了PHLF的风险。因此, 术前对伴有肝硬化的肝癌患者的肝功能进行准确的评估十分重要。

肝穿刺活组织检查是确诊肝纤维化或肝硬化及其严重程度的金标准^[22], 但是肝穿刺属于有创操作, 且存在取材不准, 术中、术后出血及术后疼痛等风险。术前采用准确、客观、无创的评估方法来预测伴有肝硬化的肝癌患者术后发生PHLF的风险至关重要。Wai等^[13]于2003年提出APRI这一指标, 并证实APRI评估肝纤维化和肝硬化的准确性与肝穿刺活组织检查一致。研究认为APRI可作为诊断肝纤维化和肝硬化的一个简单、客观、无创的替代肝穿刺活组织检查的指标^[23]。在肝纤维化及肝硬化进程中, 天冬氨酸转氨酶与血小板存在着相反的变化趋势, 线粒体的损伤会导致天冬氨酸转氨酶释放增加及清除减少, 出现血清天冬氨酸转氨酶显著上升^[24]; 同时肝硬化和门静脉高压恶化导致脾功能亢进, 使血小板破坏增多, 血小板明显下降。因此, 随着肝纤维化严重程度的进展APRI有增大的趋势。近年来APRI被用于术前预测PHLF, Ichikawa等^[25]的研究表明当APRI>10时肝癌患者存在较高的PHLF风险; Shen等^[14]及Cheng等^[15]的研究进一步证实术前APRI与术后并发症的发生率呈正相关, 可作为评估肝癌患者PHLF风险的指标。

本研究通过单因素分析和多变量logistic回归分析表明, 术前APRI可作为肝癌患者肝切除术后发生PHLF的独立预测指标; 通过ROC曲线分析发现, 术前APRI预测PHLF的能力明显优于Child-Pugh评分、MELD评分及ALBI评分; 此外, 根据约登指数得到术前APRI的最佳截断值为0.55, 此时APRI预测PHLF的灵敏度和特异度分别为71.9%和68.5%; 根据最佳截断值将患者分为高风险组(APRI>0.55)和低风险组(APRI≤0.55), 高风险组PHLF总体发病率及PHLF A、B、C不同分级的发病率均高于低风险组(P 均<0.05)。

本研究也存在局限性。首先, 本研究入选的研究对象大部分为HBV相关的肝癌患者, 需要进

一步拓展在其他慢性肝病背景病因人群中的研究; 其次, 本研究采用的是回顾性研究, 只是初步发现术前APRI可作为客观、快速的预测PHLF的指标, 仍需扩大样本量及采用前瞻性研究, 以进一步证实术前APRI对PHLF的预测价值。

综上所述, 本研究显示术前APRI预测肝癌患者肝切除术后PHLF的效能优于Child-Pugh评分、MELD评分及ALBI评分。作为一个简便、无创、可靠的指标, 术前APRI对于预测肝癌患者肝切除术后发生PHLF及提高手术安全性和肝癌患者预后有积极的意义。

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