Hepatocellular carcinoma (HCC) is a type of liver cancer and is the 6th most common cancer in the world. Surveillance programmes are associated with improved survival.11

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Risk factors include:2,3,5,13
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- Fatty foods
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- Liver biopsy
- Abdominal MRI scan
- Abdominal CT scan
- Bone scan

Signs and symptoms
- Enlarged liver
- Easy bruising
- Jaundice
- Unexplained tenderness
- Unexplained pain or bleeding
- Blood test for protein levels
- Liver biopsy

Screening and diagnosis
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- People with a high risk of developing liver cancer may undergo abdominal examinations, which can be sensitive enough to detect small masses on the liver, which can be sensitive enough to detect small masses on the liver, which can be sensitive enough to detect small masses on the liver.10
- If liver cancer is suspected, other methods can be used.10

Risk factors of HCC
- Almost 50% of people with HCC are smokers.
- Less than 20% of people with HCC have diabetes.
- Less than 30% of people with HCC have heart disease.
- Less than 15% of people with HCC have liver disease.
- Only 20% of people with HCC are diagnosed in the early stages, when curative treatments are available.

Future perspectives for people with HCC
- Despite the high prevalence of HCC, people with the disease still have low survival rate and a low socioeconomic status.
- Increasing cholesterol problems, which have increased in China and is explained by being exposed to people with HCC.