Supplementary Table 4. Node-splitting analysis of inconsistency between direct and indirect effects in a closed loop network (PEI-PAI-RFA) in terms of overall survival and local progression-free survival

Nodes	Direct effect	Indirect effect	Overall (network)	*P*-value
Overall survival				
PAI, PEI	−0.45 (−1.2 to 0.31)	0.44 (−0.56 to 1.5)	−0.18 (−0.73 to 0.57)	0.146
PAI, RFA	−0.06 (−1.0 to 0.87)	−0.97 (−1.9 to −0.16)	−0.62 (−1.2 to 0.09)	0.141
PEI, RFA	−0.51 (−0.97 to −0.16)	0.38 (−0.85 to 1.5)	−0.44 (−0.88 to −0.08)	0.134
Local progression-free survival				
PAI, PEI	0.047 (−1.5 to 1.7)	0.15 (−1.7 to 2.2)	0.07 (−0.88 to 1.1)	0.916
PAI, RFA	−0.87 (−2.6 to 0.82)	−1.0 (−3.0 to 0.86)	−0.94 (−2.0 to 0.06)	0.891
PEI, RFA	−1.1 (−2.1 to −0.11)	−0.92 (−3.2 to 1.4)	−1.0 (−1.8 to −0.31)	0.880

RFA, radiofrequency ablation; PEI, percutaneous ethanol injection; PAI, percutaneous acetic acid injections.