

Does Shamblin's classification predict postoperative morbidity in carotid body tumors? A proposal to modify Shamblin's classification

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Table 1 unfortunately contained errors. The correct version is given below.

Table 1 Proposed modification of Shamblin's classification

Shamblin	Size	Surrounding or infiltration to the carotid vessels	Excision
I	< 4 cm	No	Without difficulty
II	> 4 cm	Partially	Difficult
IIIa	> 4 cm	Intimately	Difficult
IIIb = I, II or III infiltration to any carotid vessel	Any size		Requires vascular repair, sacrifice or vessel replacement, but transmural invasion must be confirmed clinically and/or histologically

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