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Mr C was forced to undergo surgery that resulted in the removal of parts of his liver and lung. He had no history of a medical condition requiring surgery and did not give consent for the surgery. Therefore, this is a case of surgical assault resulting in theft of organ parts as well as pain and suffering. This case illustrates callous indifference to the human rights of prisoners of conscience in China. Not only was Mr C incarcerated and tortured, he was drugged and assaulted by surgeons, who removed parts of his organs without consent or medical need.

I do not know why the Chinese doctors removed parts of Mr C's liver and lungs. He did not have a disease or illness requiring this surgery. The portion of liver removed is consistent with securing liver tissue suitable for transplantation into a child but I have no means of knowing if this was the purpose.

What I do know is that Mr C was surgically assaulted as part of a wider pattern of persecution, incarceration and torture, and that these events happened to him because he is a practitioner of Falun Gong.