



RATING SCALE ARTICLE ON PROGNOSIS

Use the following rating scale to answer the questions below:

<u>Rating Scale:</u>	N/A	Not applicable
	0	No
	1	Unclear/ Possibly
	2	Yes

	Rating
Are the results of this prognostic article valid?	
Was the sample of patients 'representative'? <i>Was the source of the study population well described?</i> <i>Was the sample of patients recruited representative of the population of interest?</i>	
Were the patients sufficiently homogeneous with respect to prognostic risk? <i>Was the stage / severity of disease well defined?</i> <i>Were patients at a uniform point in this stage?</i>	
Was follow-up sufficiently long and complete? <i>Were too many patients lost to follow up? How might this bias the results?</i>	
Were objective and unbiased outcome criteria used? <i>Was the monitoring intense and frequent?</i> <i>Were the individuals determining the outcomes blinded to prognostic factors?</i> <i>Was there validation in an independent group of patients?</i>	
If subgroups with different prognoses were identified, was the analysis adjusted for these important prognostic factors?	
What were the results?	
How likely are the outcomes over time? Rate of prognostic event over time e.g. % survival, median survival, survival curve	
How precise are the estimates of likelihood? 95% confidence intervals	
How can I apply the results to patient care?	
Were the study patients, and their management, similar to those in my practice? <i>e.g. age, sex, disease stage</i>	
Can I apply these results to the management of patients in my practice?	
Total	

Comments: