



RATING SCALE ARTICLE ON PROGNOSIS

Use the following rating scale to answer the questions below:

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

| | Rating |
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| 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: