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Critique Responses Summary

SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Nothing in particular needs to be pointed out.

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The authors introduce a new survival prognostic model based on bile acid indices, which, compared to the currently used prognostic models, provides more reliable information on prognosis in hepatobiliary diseases. The manuscript is clearly written and provides a detailed description of the methods used, as well as an appropriate summary of the results obtained. In my opinion, the BAS prognostic model has potential for use in clinical practice. After minor language polishing this manuscript may be suitable for publication.

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- **Recommendation: Conditional acceptance.**

(2) Editorial office director:

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