



## PEER-REVIEW REPORT

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<b>Scientific quality</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Very good <input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: Good <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Grade E: Do not publish
<b>Novelty of this manuscript</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Good <input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: No novelty
<b>Creativity or innovation of this manuscript</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Good <input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: No creativity or innovation



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Scientific significance of the conclusion in this manuscript	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Good <input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: No scientific significance
Language quality	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Priority publishing <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Minor language polishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: A great deal of language polishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Rejection
Conclusion	<input type="checkbox"/> Accept (High priority) <input type="checkbox"/> Accept (General priority) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minor revision <input type="checkbox"/> Major revision <input type="checkbox"/> Rejection
Re-review	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Peer-reviewer statements	Peer-Review: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anonymous <input type="checkbox"/> Onymous
	Conflicts-of-Interest: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

## SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This is a very interesting paper utilizing AI to evaluate the risk of recurrence in the case of HCC. Could the authors please respond to the following questions/comments: 1) Is there an inherent bias since the fact that these were all cases going to surgery first meant more limited disease? 2) Have the authors compared or are they planning to compare/validate their model with other existing ones?



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<b>Re-review</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>Peer-reviewer statements</b>	Peer-Review: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anonymous <input type="checkbox"/> Onymous
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**SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

Despite being a novel piece of work, it presents certain challenges that may hinder the reader's ability to fully understand its main point. These challenges stem from both technical jargon and limitations in the English language. Below are some examples of these obstacles: My Comments and Suggestions to Authors: 1- In my view, the abstract is overly cumbersome and difficult to extract the main point. It would be helpful to include more detailed keywords to enhance clarity. 2- Please proofread the manuscript carefully, paying particular attention to grammatical errors, and improve the formatting of the text, figures, and tables as needed. 3- The contributions made in this manuscript may not be adequate for publication in this journal. Therefore, I strongly recommend that the authors clearly define and elaborate on their contributions. 4- The proposed method and experiments are not clearly illustrated. 5- The Results and Discussion section of the paper appears inadequate and requires more attention, with a need for better explanation and elaboration.. 6-The conclusions in this manuscript are primitive. Write your conclusions. 7- Please explain the proposed method in more details, what is the novelty of the proposed method compared to the state of the art?



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Additional References: The following articles could be useful: • A diagnostic testing for people with appendicitis using machine learning techniques. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11042-022-11939-8> • Artificial Intelligence Solutions for Health 4.0: Overcoming Challenges and Surveying Applications. <https://doi.org/10.58496/MJAIH/2023/003>



## RE-REVIEW REPORT OF REVISED MANUSCRIPT

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<b>Conclusion</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accept (High priority) <input type="checkbox"/> Accept (General priority) <input type="checkbox"/> Minor revision <input type="checkbox"/> Major revision <input type="checkbox"/> Rejection
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Conflicts-of-Interest: [ ] Yes [Y] No

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In. the revised manuscript, the authors have addressed all my concerns, as a result, the reviewer would like to recommend this manuscript publish as is.