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JOURNAL EDITOR-IN-CHIEF (ASSOCIATE EDITOR) COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

No advance over the TNM staging, authors should reanalyse the time dependent outcome model and add TNM stage and serum bilirubin (and all other significant predictors of survival, eg age?) and show an independent association in that model (modifeid cox regression analysis).

Answer: Thank you very much for the comment of journal editor-in-chief. The modified Cox regression analysis has been reanalyzed and added in the revised manuscript (Page 14, Line 5-8). Thank you very much again.