

Appendix S2: summary of included model development studies

Study	Data Source and Study Population Size	Model Outcome	Candidate Variables	Method of Predictor Selection	Included Predictor Variables	Missing Data	Modeling Method	Model Performance and Validation	Presentation
Brennan <i>et al.</i> 2004 ²²	Single institution database (n=555)	1,2,3 year survival	n=14	Cox multivariate analysis; p-value but non significant variables included	age, sex, portal vein inclusion, splenectomy, margin, location, differentiation, posterior margin, nodes positive, nodes negative, back pain, T stage, weight loss, maximum pathological axis (n=14)	Predicted using regression models	Multivariate Cox proportional hazards regression	Calibration plot: good fit Discrimination: c-statistic 0.64 External Evaluation: absent; internal validation by bootstrap method	Nomogram
Kanda <i>et al.</i> 2014 ²³	Single institution database (n=324)	Death within 12 months of surgery	n=19	Pre-selection by Univariate analysis then Cox multivariate analysis. P-value < 0.1	CEA, CA19-9 (n=2)	Complete case analysis	Multivariate Cox proportional hazards regression	Calibration: absent Discrimination: AUC 0.702 External Evaluation: absent	Index
Miura <i>et al.</i> 2014 ²⁴	Single institution database (n=50)	1,3,5 year survival	n=50	Pre-selection by Univariate analysis then Cox multivariate analysis. P-value < 0.05	Platelet count, CRP, CA19-9 (n=3)	Complete case analysis	Multivariate Cox proportional hazards regression	Calibration: none Discrimination: none External Evaluation: absent	Score
Shen <i>et al.</i> 2018 ¹⁸	Multi-centre databases (n=239)	6,12,18 month survival	n=17	Pre-selection by Univariate analysis then Cox multivariate analysis. P-value < 0.05	age, length of tumour contact, peripancreatic venous abnormality, lymph node staging (n=4)		Multivariate Cox proportional hazards regression	Calibration plot: good fit Discrimination: c-statistic 0.824 External Evaluation: performed	Nomogram
Xu <i>et al.</i> 2017 ²⁵	Single institution database (n=265)	1,3,5 year survival	n=14	Pre-selection by Univariate analysis then Cox multivariate analysis. P-value < 0.05	Tumour grade, pathological stage, neural invasion, vascular invasion, Neutrophil Lymphocyte Ratio, Platelet to Lymphocyte Ratio, Albumin Globulin Ratio (n=7)		Multivariate Cox proportional hazards regression	Calibration: calibration curve Discrimination: 1yr: c-index 0.86, AUC: 0.938. 3yr: c-index 0.837, AUC 0.844, 5yr: c-index: 0.809, AUC 0.884 External Evaluation: absent	Nomogram
Walczak & Velanovich 2017 ²⁶	Single institution database (n=219)	7 month survival post surgery	n=7	Single hidden layer back propagation trained ANN.	age, sex, stage, survival time, quality of life, adjuvant therapy, resection details (n=7)	Complete case analysis	Artificial Neural Network	Calibration: absent Discrimination: AUC: 0.6576, sensitivity 91.30%, specificity 38.27% External Validation: absent; internal validation by random split method	Calculator
Hsu <i>et al.</i> 2012 ²⁷	Single institution database (n=740)	Death at 9 and 12 months	n=15	Pre-selection by Univariate analysis then Cox multivariate analysis. P-value < 0.05	age, tumour size, comorbidities, tumour grade (n=4)	Complete case analysis	Multivariate Cox proportional hazards regression	Calibration: none Discrimination: none External Validation: absent; internal validation with p-value < 0.05	Score
Botsis <i>et al.</i> 2009 ²⁸	Single institution database (n=218)	Survival time	n=26	Pre-selection by Univariate analysis then Cox multivariate analysis. P-value < 0.05	Age, differentiation, tumour size, Alk Phos, Albumin, Ca19-9 (n=6)	MICE presuming data missing at random	Multivariate Cox proportional hazards regression	Calibration: absent Discrimination: c-statistic 0.73 External Validation: absent; internal validation by bootstrap method	Score
Liu <i>et al.</i> 2018 ²⁹	Multi-centre	Survival time	n=10	Pre-selection by	American Joint Commission on		Multivariate Cox	Calibration: absent	Score

	databases (n=1223)			Univariate analysis then Cox multivariate analysis. P-value <0.05	Cancer stage, tumour grade, post-operative Ca19-9 (n=3)		proportional hazards regression	Discrimination: c-statistic 0.70, AIC: 2406.37 External Validation: absent; internal validation by random split method	
Balzano <i>et al.</i> 2017 ¹⁸	Single institution database (n=296)	1 year mortality	n=56	Pre-selection by Univariate analysis then Cox multivariate analysis. P-value <0.2 for univariate analysis and <0.1 for multivariate analysis	American Society of Anaesthesiologists' score, Geriatric Nutritional Risk Index, abdominal/back pain, non metastatic liver disease or insulin resistance (n=4)		Multivariate Cox proportional hazards regression	Calibration: Hosmer-Lemeshow 0.403. Discrimination: R ² 53.5%, AUC: 88.7%. External Validation performed	Score
Smith & Mezhir 2014 ²⁰	National Registry Database (n=6400)	6 months, 1,3,5 year survival	n=12	Backward stepdown selection process	Survival: age, gender, marital status, race, grade, histology, T&M, size, radiation, Lymph Node Ratio (n=11). Lymph node ratio: grade T&M stage, size (n=4)	Complete case analysis	Bayesian Model	Calibration curve: goodness-of-fit statistic 0.4847 Discrimination: c-statistic: 0.65 External Validation: absent; internal validation by random split method	Calculator
Pu <i>et al.</i> 2017 ³¹	Single institution database (n=220)	1,2,3 year survival	n=20	Pre-selection by Univariate analysis then Cox multivariate analysis. P-value <0.05	Differentiation, American Joint Commission on Cancer stage, Alkaline Phosphate to Albumin Ratio (n=3)	Complete case analysis	Multivariate Cox proportional hazards regression	Calibration curve: optimal consistency Discrimination: training: 0.673 validation: 0.693 External validation: absent; internal validation by random split method	Nomogram
Dasari <i>et al.</i> 2015 ²⁰	Single institution database (n=567)	1,3 year survival	n=13	Pre-selection by Univariate analysis then Cox multivariate analysis. P-value <0.05	Tumour site, T stage, Lymph Node Ratio (n=3)	Complete case analysis	Multivariate Cox proportional hazards regression	Calibration: none Discrimination: AUC 1yr & 3yr: 0.66 & 0.74 External Validation performed	Index
Pu <i>et al.</i> 2018 ²¹	National Registry Database (n=3458)	1,3,5 year survival	n=12	Pre-selection by Univariate analysis then Cox multivariate analysis. P-value <0.05	Age, grade, T stage (n=3)	Complete case analysis	Multivariate Cox proportional hazards regression	Calibration curve: optimal fit Discrimination: c-statistic 0.63 External and internal validation performed using bootstrap method	Nomogram
Katz <i>et al.</i> 2012 ²²	National Registry Database (n=5736)	3 year survival	n=7	Pre-selection by Univariate analysis then Cox multivariate analysis. P-value <0.05	Age, gender, race, site, grade, stage, radiotherapy (n=7)	Complete case analysis	Multivariate Cox proportional hazards regression	Calibration curve: results not reported Discrimination: absent External Validation: absent	Calculator