

## Supplementary Materials

**Supplementary Table 1. Search strategy in PubMed**

Search	Query	Results
#3	#1 AND #2	1,062
#2	"Digestive System Surgical Procedures"[Mesh] OR "Bariatric Surgery"[Mesh] OR "Laparotomy"[Mesh] OR "Roux-en-Y"[Tiab] OR "Cholecystostom*"[Tiab] OR "Choledochostom*"[Tiab] OR "Gastroenterostom*"[Tiab] OR "Jejunioileal Bypass*"[Tiab] OR "Pancreaticojejunosom*"[Tiab] OR "Peritoneovenous Shunt"[Tiab] OR "Portoenterostom*"[Tiab] OR "Gastric Bypass*"[Tiab] OR "Appendectom*"[Tiab] OR "Cholecystectom*"[Tiab] OR "Sphincterotom*"[Tiab] OR "Colectom*"[Tiab] OR "Cecostom*"[Tiab] OR "Colostom*"[Tiab] OR "Duodenostom*"[Tiab] OR "Ileostom*"[Tiab] OR "Jejunostom*"[Tiab] OR "Esophagectom*"[Tiab] OR "Hemorrhoidectom*"[Tiab] OR "Hepatectom*"[Tiab] OR "Liver Transplant*"[Tiab] OR "Pancreas Transplant*"[Tiab] OR "Pancreatectom*"[Tiab] OR "Pancreaticoduodenectom*"[Tiab] OR "Proctectom*"[Tiab] OR "gastrectom*"[tiab] OR "Gastrostom*"[tiab] OR "Esophagoplast*"[tiab] OR "Esophagostom*"[tiab] OR "Hepatectom*"[tiab]	489,138
#1	"Machine Learning"[Mesh] OR "Machine Learning"[Tiab] OR "machine intelligen*"[tiab] OR "machine vision*"[tiab] OR "machine learning"[tiab] OR "transfer learning"[tiab] OR "deep learning"[tiab] OR "neural network*"[tiab] OR "support vector machine*"[tiab] OR "automatic segmentation*"[tiab] OR "Long short term memory"[tiab] OR "LSTM"[tiab] OR "supervised learning"[tiab] OR "unsupervised learning"[tiab] OR "reinforcement learning*"[tiab] OR "hierarchical learning*" [tiab] OR "Image Interpretation*"[tiab] OR "Prediction model*"[tiab] OR "image recognition"[tiab] OR "perceptron"[tiab]	154,754

**Supplementary Table 2. Search strategy in Embase.com**

Search	Query	Results
#5	#3 NOT #4	1227
#4	#3 AND ('chapter'/it OR 'conference abstract'/it OR 'conference paper'/it OR 'conference review'/it OR 'editorial'/it OR 'erratum'/it OR 'letter'/it OR 'note'/it OR 'short survey'/it OR 'tombstone'/it)	857
#3	#1 AND #2	2084
#2	'gastrointestinal surgery'/exp OR 'laparotomy'/exp OR 'biliary tract surgery'/exp OR ('Roux-en-Y' OR 'Cholecystostom*' OR 'Choledochostom*' OR 'Gastroenterostom*' OR 'Jejunioileal Bypass*' OR 'Pancreaticojejunosom*' OR 'Peritoneovenous Shunt' OR 'Portoenterostom*' OR 'Gastric Bypass*' OR 'Appendectom*' OR 'Cholecystectom*' OR 'Sphincterotom*' OR 'Colectom*' OR 'Cecostom*' OR 'Colostom*' OR 'Duodenostom*' OR 'Ileostom*' OR 'Jejunostom*' OR 'Esophagectom*' OR 'Hemorrhoidectom*' OR 'Hepatectom*' OR 'Liver Transplant*' OR 'Pancreas Transplant*' OR 'Pancreatectom*' OR 'Pancreaticoduodenectom*' OR 'Proctectom*' OR 'gastrectom*' OR 'Gastrostom*' OR 'Esophagoplast*' OR 'Esophagostom*' OR 'Hepatectom*'):ti,ab,kw	720,511
#1	'machine learning'/exp OR ('Machine Learning' OR 'machine intelligen*' OR 'machine vision*' OR 'machine learning' OR 'transfer learning' OR 'deep learning' OR 'neural network*' OR 'support vector machine*' OR 'automatic segmentation*' OR 'Long short term memory' OR 'LSTM' OR 'supervised learning' OR 'unsupervised learning' OR 'reinforcement learning*' OR 'hierarchical learning*' OR 'Image Interpretation*' OR 'Prediction model*' OR 'image recognition' OR 'perceptron'):ti,ab,kw	335,846

**Supplementary Table 3. Search strategy in Clarivate Analytics/Web of Science Core Collection**

Search	Query	Results
#4	#1 AND #2  Refined by: [excluding] DOCUMENT TYPES: ( LETTER OR MEETING ABSTRACT OR EDITORIAL MATERIAL OR CORRECTION )	<b>667</b>
#3	#1 AND #2	<b>747</b>
#2	TS=("Roux-en-Y" OR "Cholecystostom*" OR "Choledochostom*" OR "Gastroenterostom*" OR "Jejunioileal Bypass*" OR "Pancreaticojejunostom*" OR "Peritoneovenous Shunt" OR "Portoenterostom*" OR "Gastric Bypass*" OR "Appendectom*" OR "Cholecystectom*" OR "Sphincterotom*" OR "Colectom*" OR "Cecostom*" OR "Colostom*" OR "Duodenostom*" OR "Ileostom*" OR "Jejunostom*" OR "Esophagectom*" OR "Hemorrhoidectom*" OR "Hepatectom*" OR "Liver Transplant*" OR "Pancreas Transplant*" OR "Pancreatectom*" OR "Pancreaticoduodenectom*" OR "Proctectom*" OR "gastrectom*" OR "Gastrostom*" OR "Esophagoplast*" OR "Esophagostom*" OR "Hepatectom*")	<b>294,577</b>
#1	TS=("Machine Learning" OR "machine intelligen*" OR "machine vision*" OR "machine learning" OR "transfer learning" OR "deep learning" OR "neural network*" OR "support vector machine*" OR "automatic segmentation*" OR "Long short term memory" OR "LSTM" OR "supervised learning" OR "unsupervised learning" OR "reinforcement learning*" OR "hierarchical learning*" OR "Image Interpretation*" OR "Prediction model*" OR "image recognition" OR "perceptron")	<b>477,557</b>

**Supplementary Table 4. Search strategy in Wiley/Cochrane Library**

Search	Query	Results
#3	#1 AND #2	7
#2	("Roux en Y" OR "Cholecystostom*" OR "Choledochostom*" OR "Gastroenterostom*" OR "Jejunioileal Bypass*" OR "Pancreaticojejunosom*" OR "Peritoneovenous Shunt" OR "Portoenterostom*" OR "Gastric Bypass*" OR "Appendectom*" OR "Cholecystectom*" OR "Sphincterotom*" OR "Colectom*" OR "Cecostom*" OR "Colostom*" OR "Duodenostom*" OR "Ileostom*" OR "Jejunostom*" OR "Esophagectom*" OR "Hemorrhoidectom*" OR "Hepatectom*" OR "Liver Transplant*" OR "Pancreas Transplant*" OR "Pancreatectom*" OR "Pancreaticoduodenectom*" OR "Proctectom*" OR "gastrectom*" OR "Gastrostom*" OR "Esophagoplast*" OR "Esophagostom*" OR "Hepatectom*"):ti,ab,kw	4,113
#1	("Machine Learning" OR "machine intelligen*" OR "machine vision*" OR "machine learning" OR "transfer learning" OR "deep learning" OR "neural network*" OR "support vector machine*" OR "automatic segmentation*" OR "Long short term memory" OR "LSTM" OR "supervised learning" OR "unsupervised learning" OR "reinforcement learning*" OR "hierarchical learning*" OR "Image Interpretation*" OR "Prediction model*" OR "image recognition" OR "perceptron"):ti,ab,kw	4,733

**Supplementary Table 5. General characteristics of liver surgery studies**

Authors	Year	Country	Patients	Age (mean)	Study design	Pathology	Surgical procedures	Type of machine learning	External validation	ML purpose	Study outcomes	Predictive performance (ACC/AUC)
Mai <i>et al.</i> <sup>[22]</sup>	2021	China	903	-	Retrospective Cohort	HCC	Hepatectomy	Neural Networks	No	Predict early recurrence of HCC	AUC	-/0.74
Chong <i>et al.</i> <sup>[23]</sup>	2021	China	323	55	Retrospective Cohort	HCC	Hepatectomy	Radiomics	No	Predict early recurrence of HCC	AUC	-/0.84
Ning <i>et al.</i> <sup>[24]</sup>	2020	China	325	53	Retrospective Cohort	HCC	Hepatectomy	Radiomics	No	Predict early recurrence of HCC	AUC	-/0.74
Shan <i>et al.</i> <sup>[25]</sup>	2019	China	146	54	Retrospective Cohort	HCC	Hepatectomy	Radiomics	No	Predict early recurrence of HCC	AUC	-/0.79
Wang <i>et al.</i> <sup>[26]</sup>	2020	China	167	-	Retrospective Cohort	HCC	Hepatectomy	Radiomics	No	Predict early recurrence of HCC	ACC; AUC	0.79/0.83
Ji <i>et al.</i> <sup>[27]</sup>	2019	China	470	-	Retrospective	HCC	Hepatectomy	Radiomics	Yes	Predict recurrence	C-Index	NA

					Cohort					of HCC		
Qin <i>et al.</i> <sup>[28]</sup>	2021	China	274	58	Retrospective Cohort	PHC	Hemihpatectomy	Radiomics	Yes	Predict early recurrence in PHC	ACC; AUC	0.76/0.86
Schoenberg <i>et al.</i> <sup>[29]</sup>	2020	Germany	181	66	Prospective Cohort	HCC	Hepatectomy	Random Forest	No	Predict disease-free survival after hepatectomy	AUC	-/0.77
Chiu <i>et al.</i> <sup>[30]</sup>	2013	Taiwan	434	58	Retrospective Cohort	HCC	Hepatectomy	Neural Networks	No	Predict survival after hepatectomy	ACC; AUC	0.99/0.98
Qiao <i>et al.</i> <sup>[31]</sup>	2014	China	725	51	Prospective Cohort	HCC	Hepatectomy	Neural Networks	Yes	Predict postoperative overall survival	AUC	-/0.83
Spelt <i>et al.</i> <sup>[32]</sup>	2013	Sweden	241	66	Retrospective Cohort	CRLM	Hepatectomy	Neural Networks	No	Predict postoperative survival	C-index	NA
Ho <i>et al.</i> <sup>[33]</sup>	2012	Taiwan	482	58	Retrospective Cohort	HCC	Hepatectomy	Multiple Machine Learning	No	Predict postoperative disease-free survival	AUC	NA
Dong <i>et al.</i> <sup>[34]</sup>	2020	China	322	58	Retrospective	HCC	Hepatectomy	Radiomics	No	Predict microvascu	AUC	0.73/0.81

					Cohort					lar invasion		
Feng <i>et al.</i> <sup>[35]</sup>	2019	China	160	55	Retrospective Cohort	HCC	Hepatectomy	Radiomics	No	Predict microvascular invasion	AUC	-/0.83
Song <i>et al.</i> <sup>[36]</sup>	2021	China	601	57	Retrospective Cohort	HCC	Hepatectomy	Multiple Machine Learning	No	Predict microvascular invasion	ACC; AUC	NA
Zhou <i>et al.</i> <sup>[37]</sup>	2021	China	114	53	Retrospective Cohort	HCC	Hepatectomy	Multiple Machine Learning	No	Predict microvascular invasion	ACC; AUC	NA
Mao <i>et al.</i> <sup>[38]</sup>	2021	China	114	59	Retrospective Cohort	HCC; ICC; Metastatic Liver Cancer	Hepatectomy	Multiple Machine Learning	No	Differentiate between primary and metastatic liver cancer	ACC; AUC	NA
Yao <i>et al.</i> <sup>[39]</sup>	2020	China	110	57	Retrospective Cohort	ECC	Hepatectomy	Multiple Machine Learning	No	Predict differentiation and lymph node metastasis in ECC	ACC; AUC	NA
Sahara <i>et al.</i> <sup>[40]</sup>	2021	USA	63507	63	Retrospective Cohort	Not Specified	Hepatectomy & Pancreatectomy	Decision Tree	No	Predict mortality after hepatopancreatic surgery	AUC	-/0.81
Hamamoto <i>et al.</i> <sup>[41]</sup>	1995	Japan	11	62	Retrospective Cohort	HCC	Hepatectomy	Neural Networks	No	Predict discharge or hepatic	ACC	0.96/-

										dysfunction of HCC patients		
Zhu <i>et al.</i> <sup>[42]</sup>	2021	China	180	56	Retrospective Cohort	CRLM	Hepatectomy	Neural Networks	Yes	Predict chemo response of CRLM	ACC; AUC	0.89/0.83
Chen <i>et al.</i> <sup>[43]</sup>	2021	China	144	52	Retrospective Cohort	HCC	Hepatectomy	Radiomics	Yes	Predict postoperative liver failure	ACC; AUC	0.73/0.80
Zhu <i>et al.</i> <sup>[44]</sup>	2020	China	101	55	Retrospective Cohort	HCC	Hepatectomy	Radiomics	No	Predict postoperative liver failure	ACC; AUC	0.80/0.89
Mai <i>et al.</i> <sup>[45]</sup>	2020	China	353	48	Retrospective Cohort	HCC	Hemihepatectomy	Neural Networks	No	Predict postoperative liver failure	AUC	-/0.88
Mai <i>et al.</i> <sup>[46]</sup>	2020	China	1152	49	Retrospective Cohort	HCC	Hepatectomy	Neural Networks	No	Predict postoperative liver cirrhosis	AUC	-/0.77
Kato <i>et al.</i> <sup>[47]</sup>	2007	Japan	60	-	Retrospective Cohort	HCC; ICC	Hepatectomy	Radiomics	No	Predict postoperative liver fibrosis	AUC	-/0.72
Zhang <i>et al.</i> <sup>[48]</sup>	2021	China	88	50	Retrospective Cohort	HCC	Hepatectomy	Multiple Machine Learning	No	Predict postoperative liver	ACC; AUC	NA



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Merath <i>et al.</i> <sup>[49]</sup>	2020	USA	15657	66	Retrospective Cohort	Not Specified	Hepatectomy & Pancreatectomy & Colectomy	Decision Tree	No	Predict postoperative complications	C-index	NA
Lei <i>et al.</i> <sup>[50]</sup>	2020	China	1173	56	Retrospective Cohort	Not Specified	Hepatectomy	Multiple Machine Learning	No	Predict postoperative acute kidney insufficiency	ACC; AUC	NA
Tsilimigras <i>et al.</i> <sup>[51]</sup>	2020	USA	976	67	Retrospective Cohort	HCC	Hepatectomy	Decision Tree	No	Determine predictors for HCC survival	-	-
Tsilimigras <i>et al.</i> <sup>[52]</sup>	2020	USA	1146	60	Retrospective Cohort	ICC	Hepatectomy	Decision Tree	No	Determine predictors for ICC survival	-	-
Moro <i>et al.</i> <sup>[53]</sup>	2020	USA	1123	61	Retrospective Cohort	CRLM	Hepatectomy	Decision Tree	No	Determine prognostic factors for KRAS CRLM	-	-
Tsilimigras <i>et al.</i> <sup>[54]</sup>	2020	USA	826	58	Retrospective Cohort	ICC	Hepatectomy	Decision Tree	No	Predict clusters of prognosis for ICC patients	-	-

Bagante <i>et al.</i> <sup>[55]</sup>	2019	USA	1116	-	Retrospective Cohort	ICC	Hepatectomy	Decision Tree	No	Predict clusters of prognosis for ICC patients	-	-
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ACC: Accuracy; AUC: area under the curve; NA: not applicable.

**Supplementary Table 6. General characteristics of biliary surgery studies**

Authors	Year	Country	Patients	Age (mean)	Study design	Pathology	Surgical procedures	Type of Machine Learning	External validation	ML purpose	Study outcomes	Predictive performance (ACC/AUC)
Gholipour <i>et al.</i> <sup>[56]</sup>	2009	Iran	893	49	Retrospective Cohort	Acute Cholecystitis	Laparoscopic & Open Cholecystectomy	Neural Networks	No	Predict conversion to open cholecystectomy	NA	NA
Eldar <i>et al.</i> <sup>[57]</sup>	2002	Israel	225	54	Retrospective Cohort	Acute Cholecystitis	Laparoscopic & Open Cholecystectomy	Neural Networks	No	Determine predictors for conversion to open cholecystectomy	ACC	0.89/-
Bouarfa <i>et al.</i> <sup>[58]</sup>	2011	Germany	337	-	Retrospective	Not Specified	Laparoscopic	SVM	No	Predict intraoperati	ACC	0.83/-

					Cohort		Cholecystec tomy			ve complexity		
Liew <i>et al.</i> <sup>[59]</sup>	2007	Taiwan	117	35	Retrospective Cohort	Acute Cholecystitis; Gallstones; Cholesterolosis; Cholesterol Polyp	Cholecystec tomy	Neural Networks	No	Predict gallstone disease diagnosis	ACC	0.97/-
Vukicevic <i>et al.</i> <sup>[60]</sup>	2016	Serbia	303	57	Retrospective Cohort	Acute Cholecystitis; Gallstones	Choledocho tomy	Multiple Machine Learning	No	Predict common bile duct stones	ACC; AUC	NA
Shi <i>et al.</i> <sup>[61]</sup>	2012	Taiwan	400	56	Prospective Cohort	Acute Cholecystitis; Gallstones	Laparoscopic Cholecystec tomy	Multiple Machine Learning	No	Predict postoperative quality of life	Mean absolute percentage error	NA

ACC: Accuracy; AUC: area under the curve; NA: not applicable.

**Supplementary Table 7. General characteristics of pancreatic surgery studies**

Authors	Year	Country	Patients	Age (mean)	Study design	Pathology	Surgical procedures	Type of Machine Learning	External validation	ML purpose	Study outcomes	Predictive performance (ACC/AUC)
Velez-Serrano <i>et al.</i> <sup>[62]</sup>	2017	Spain	4088	64	Retrospective Cohort	Pancreas Carcinoma	Pancreatectomy & Pancreaticoduodenectomy	Gradient Boosting	No	Predict postoperative mortality	AUC	-/0.92
Mofidi <i>et al.</i> <sup>[63]</sup>	2007	UK	664	56	Retrospective Cohort	Acute Pancreatitis	-	Neural Networks	Yes	Prediction of disease severity and mortality	ACC	0.95/-
Ansari <i>et al.</i> <sup>[64]</sup>	2013	Sweden	84	66	Retrospective Cohort	Pancreas Carcinoma	Pancreatectomy	Neural Networks	No	Predict postoperative survival	C-index	NA
Walczak <i>et al.</i> <sup>[65]</sup>	2017	USA	219	64	Prospective Cohort	Pancreas Carcinoma	Pancreatectomy	Neural Networks	No	Predict postoperative survival	ACC	0.71/-
Elarre <i>et al.</i> <sup>[66]</sup>	2019	Spain	40	63	Retrospective Cohort	Pancreas Carcinoma	Pancreatectomy	Multiple Machine Learning	Yes	Predict early recurrence	ACC; AUC	NA
Mu <i>et al.</i> <sup>[67]</sup>	2020	China	513	59	Retrospective Cohort	Postoperative Pancreatic Fistula	Pancreaticoduodenectomy	Neural Networks	Yes	Predict postoperative pancreatic	ACC; AUC	0.77/0.81

										fistulas		
Lin <i>et al.</i> <sup>[68]</sup>	2021	China	325	60	Retrospective Cohort	Postoperative Pancreatic Fistula	Pancreaticoduodenectomy	Radiomics	No	Predict postoperative pancreatic fistulas	ACC; AUC	0.75/0.85
Han <i>et al.</i> <sup>[69]</sup>	2020	Korea	1769	68	Retrospective Cohort	Postoperative Pancreatic Fistula	Pancreaticoduodenectomy	Multiple Machine Learning	No	Predict postoperative pancreatic fistulas	AUC	NA
Skawran <i>et al.</i> <sup>[70]</sup>	2021	Switzerland	62	69	Retrospective Cohort	Postoperative Pancreatic Fistula	Pancreaticoduodenectomy	Multiple Machine Learning	No	Predict postoperative pancreatic fistulas	AUC	NA
Cos <i>et al.</i> <sup>[71]</sup>	2021	USA	48	63	Prospective Cohort	Pancreas Carcinoma	Pancreatectomy & Pancreaticoduodenectomy	Multiple Machine Learning	No	Predict postoperative complications	AUC	NA
Kuwahara <i>et al.</i> <sup>[72]</sup>	2019	Japan	50	70	Retrospective Cohort	IPMN	Pancreatectomy	Neural Networks	No	Predict malignant IPMN	ACC; AUC	0.94/0.98
Attiyeh <i>et al.</i> <sup>[73]</sup>	2019	USA	103	67	Retrospective Cohort	IPMN	Pancreatectomy & Pancreaticoduodenectomy	Radiomics	No	Differentiate between dysplasia and carcinoma	ACC; AUC	0.80/0.79

ACC: Accuracy; AUC: area under the curve; NA: not applicable.