

## Literature search strategy

**Pubmed:** n=724

((((((((((("predict"[All Fields] OR "predictabilities"[All Fields]) OR  
"predictability"[All Fields]) OR "predictable"[All Fields]) OR "predictably"[All Fields])  
OR "predicted"[All Fields]) OR "predicting"[All Fields]) OR "prediction"[All Fields]) OR  
"predictions"[All Fields]) OR "predictive"[All Fields]) OR "predictively"[All Fields]) OR  
"predictiveness"[All Fields]) OR "predictives"[All Fields]) OR "predictivities"[All Fields])  
OR "predictivity"[All Fields]) OR "predicts"[All Fields]) OR ((("prognosis"[MeSH Terms]  
OR "prognosis"[All Fields]) OR "prognoses"[All Fields])) OR (((("epidemiologies"[All  
Fields] OR "epidemiology"[MeSH Subheading]) OR "epidemiology"[All Fields]) OR  
"epidemiology"[MeSH Terms]) OR "epidemiology s"[All Fields])) OR ((("risk  
factors"[MeSH Terms] OR ("risk"[All Fields] AND "factors"[All Fields])) OR "risk  
factors"[All Fields])) AND (((("paediatrics"[All Fields] OR "pediatrics"[MeSH Terms])  
OR "pediatrics"[All Fields]) OR "paediatric"[All Fields]) OR "pediatric"[All Fields]) AND  
(((("liver failure, acute"[MeSH Terms] OR ((("liver"[All Fields] AND "failure"[All Fields])  
AND "acute"[All Fields])) OR "acute liver failure"[All Fields]) OR ((("acute"[All Fields]  
AND "liver"[All Fields]) AND "failure"[All Fields])))

**Embase and Medline:** n=555

('prediction'/exp OR prediction OR 'prognosis'/exp OR prognosis OR 'epidemiology'/exp  
OR epidemiology OR 'risk factors'/exp OR 'risk factors' OR ((('risk'/exp OR risk) AND  
factors)) AND ('pediatric acute liver failure'/exp OR 'pediatric acute liver failure' OR  
('pediatric'/exp OR pediatric) AND acute AND ('liver'/exp OR liver) AND ('failure'/exp  
OR failure))) AND ([infant]/lim OR [child]/lim OR [preschool]/lim OR [school]/lim OR  
[adolescent]/lim) AND [humans]/lim AND [english]/lim NOT ([review]/lim OR  
[conference abstract]/lim OR [conference paper]/lim OR [letter]/lim OR [note]/lim OR  
[editorial]/lim OR [short survey]/lim OR [erratum]/lim OR 'case report'/de) NOT  
[animals]/lim

**Cochrane:** n=186

((prediction) OR (prognosis) OR (epidemiology) OR (risk factors) ) AND (pediatric acute  
liver failure)) in All Text

## Used (adapted) QUIPS list for scoring methodological quality of prognosis studies

| Criteria  | Score |     |   |
|---|-------|-----|---|
|   | +     | +/- | - |
| 1. Study participation  |       |     |   |
| •Target population  | 3     | 1.5 | 0 |
| •Sampling frame   | 3     | 1.5 | 0 |
| •Inclusion criteria   | 3     | 1.5 | 0 |
| •Baseline study population  | 3     | 1.5 | 0 |
| •Adequate study participation   | 3     | 1.5 | 0 |
| 2. Study attrition  |       |     |   |
| •Proportion of the population available for analysis                  | 5     | 2.5 | 0 |
| •Outcome and prognostic factor information on those lost to follow up | 5     | 2.5 | 0 |
| •Reasons and potential impact of subjects lost to follow up           | 5     | 2.5 | 0 |
| 3. Measurement of prognostic factors                                  |       |     |   |
| •Definition of prognostic factor                                      | 5     | 2.5 | 0 |
| •Valid and reliable measurement of prognostic factor                  | 5     | 2.5 | 0 |
| •Method and setting of prognostic factor measurement                  | 5     | 2.5 | 0 |
| 4. Measurement of outcomes  |       |     |   |
| •Definition of outcome  | 5     | 2.5 | 0 |
| •Valid and reliable measurement of outcome                            | 5     | 2.5 | 0 |
| •Method and setting of outcome measurement                            | 5     | 2.5 | 0 |
| 5. Statistical analysis and presentation                              |       |     |   |
| •Presentation of analytical strategy                                  | 5     | 2.5 | 0 |
| •Model development strategy   | 5     | 2.5 | 0 |
| •Reporting of results   | 5     | 2.5 | 0 |

## Summary of etiology for meta-analyze

|                              |                     | <b>Indeterminat<br/>e</b> | <b>Metaboli<br/>c</b> | <b>Autoimmun<br/>e</b> | <b>Drug<br/>s</b> | <b>Infectiv<br/>e</b> |
|------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
|                              | N                   | 1                         | 3                     |                        | 10                | 31                    |
| SR                           | Sampl<br>e          | 52                        |                       |                        |                   |                       |
|                              | N                   | 13                        | 8                     |                        | 2                 | 11                    |
| <b>Alam 2017</b>             | Death               | Sampl<br>e                | 42                    |                        |                   |                       |
|                              | Poor<br>outcom<br>e | N<br>e                    | 15<br>57              | 11                     | 2                 | 19                    |
|                              | N                   | 6                         | 3                     | 1                      | 4                 | 14                    |
| SR                           | Sampl<br>e          | 37                        |                       |                        |                   |                       |
|                              | N                   | 11                        | 2                     | 0                      | 1                 | 6                     |
| <b>Ozçay 2016</b>            | Death               | Sampl<br>e                | 22                    |                        |                   |                       |
|                              | Poor<br>outcom<br>e | N<br>e                    | 24<br>54              | 8                      | 0                 | 2                     |
|                              | N                   | 8                         | 6                     | 4                      | 6                 | 0                     |
| SR                           | Sampl<br>e          | 25                        |                       |                        |                   |                       |
|                              | N                   | 3                         | 0                     | 1                      | 0                 | 0                     |
| <b>Di 2017</b>               | Death               | Sampl<br>e                | 4                     |                        |                   |                       |
|                              | Poor<br>outcom<br>e | N<br>e                    | 15<br>30              | 3                      | 6                 | 0                     |
|                              | N                   | 7                         | 3                     | 3                      | 5                 | 5                     |
| SR                           | Sampl<br>e          | 25                        |                       |                        |                   |                       |
|                              | N                   | 2                         | 4                     | 0                      | 1                 | 2                     |
| <b>Rajanayaga<br/>m 2013</b> | Death               | Sampl<br>e                | 12                    |                        |                   |                       |
|                              | Poor<br>outcom<br>e | N<br>e                    | 10<br>29              | 11                     | 0                 | 1                     |
|                              | N                   | 2                         |                       | 0                      |                   | 3                     |
| <b>Aydoğdu<br/>2003</b>      | SR                  | Sampl<br>e                | 6                     |                        |                   |                       |
|                              | Death               | N                         | 13                    | 1                      |                   | 9                     |

|                     |        |       |     |    |    |    |
|---------------------|--------|-------|-----|----|----|----|
|                     |        | Sampl |     |    |    |    |
|                     | e      | 21    |     |    |    |    |
|                     | N      | 11    |     |    |    |    |
|                     | SR     | Sampl |     |    |    |    |
|                     | e      | 59    |     |    |    |    |
|                     | N      | 25    |     |    |    |    |
| <b>Ciocca 2008</b>  | Death  | Sampl |     |    |    |    |
|                     | e      | 61    |     |    |    |    |
|                     | Poor   | N     | 57  |    |    |    |
|                     | outcom | Sampl |     |    |    |    |
|                     | e      | e     | 151 |    |    |    |
|                     |        | N     | 7   | 2  | 9  | 14 |
|                     | SR     | Sampl |     |    |    |    |
|                     | e      | 32    |     |    |    |    |
|                     |        | N     | 10  | 1  | 3  | 11 |
| <b>Lee 2005</b>     | Death  | Sampl |     |    |    |    |
|                     | e      | 25    |     |    |    |    |
|                     | Poor   | N     | 15  | 1  | 10 | 39 |
|                     | outcom | Sampl |     |    |    |    |
|                     | e      | e     | 65  |    |    |    |
|                     |        | N     | 73  | 16 | 12 | 52 |
|                     | SR     | Sampl |     |    |    |    |
|                     | e      | 186   |     |    |    |    |
|                     |        | N     | 18  | 8  | 3  | 6  |
| <b>Squires 2006</b> | Death  | Sampl |     |    |    |    |
|                     | e      | 49    |     |    |    |    |
|                     | poor   | N     | 96  | 20 | 10 | 13 |
|                     | outcom | Sampl |     |    |    |    |
|                     | e      | e     | 162 |    |    |    |
|                     |        | N     | 1   | 1  | 1  | 2  |
|                     | SR     | Sampl |     |    |    |    |
|                     | e      | 9     |     |    |    |    |
| <b>Nuñez-Ramo</b>   |        | N     | 2   | 0  | 0  | 0  |
| <b>s 2018</b>       | Death  | Sampl |     |    |    | 1  |
|                     | e      | 5     |     |    |    |    |
|                     | Poor   | N     | 4   | 1  | 2  | 0  |
|                     | outcom | Sampl |     |    |    | 1  |
|                     | e      | e     | 11  |    |    |    |

## Categories of prognostic factors

|                        |   |
|------------------------|---|
| <b>Bio-markers</b>     | ALT, AST, Ammonia, Albumin, Bilirubin, DB, PT, APTT, PH, INR, PTA, Factor V, Factor VII, Platelets, WBC, Lactate, Serum phosphorus, AFP, Creatinine, LDH, Total proteins, sIL2R $\alpha$ , Gc-globulin, PABA, ICG-PDR |
| <b>General markers</b> | Idiopathic etiology, J-E interval, Cerebral Edema, MODS, Gastrointestinal bleeding, HE, EEG   |
| <b>Scoring systems</b> | KCC, PELD-MELD, LIU, aLIU, PRISM, KCC, Nazer score, DBN, Peds-HAV model, JIHBDSG, ANN   |
| <b>Treatments</b>      | Plasma exchange, Mechanical Ventilator, Renal replacement, Vasopressor  |

**Figure. Funnel plot and forest plot of poor outcome**

