Reviewer’s report

Title: Liver stiffness measurement predicts the difficulty of Kasai procedure in Biliary Atresia: a single center retrospective analysis of 199 patients

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This is an interesting study, well written an clearly describing the authors ideas.

The paper has some novelty value. The problem studied is relevant for the pediatric surgical specialists.

The ideas presented are of some value for the few pediatric surgeons performing the Kasais operative intervention.

The statistical evaluation is relevant and the list of references is adequate. The method used for the research is correct. The use of controls is not necessary. The conclusion is supported by the data presented in the manuscript.

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