APPENDICES

Appendix 1

Appraisal table for diagnostic studies.

REFERENCE STANDARD	Test(s) blinded to CTPA
PATIENTS	Consecutive recruiting
	Details of recruitment process
	Number of centres
	Prevalence of PE
INCLUDED PATIENTS	Inclusion criteria
	Inpatient/outpatient mix
	Co-morbidity
	Record of all previous diagnostic tests
EXCLUDED PATIENTS	Exclusion criteria
	Demographics of those excluded
CTPA	Interpreted blind to reference standard
	Description of technique and CT model
	Description of diagnostic criteria for PE
	Interpreted by at least two radiologists

CTPA: computer tomography pulmonary angiogram, CT: computer tomography, PE: pulmonary embolism.

Appendix 2

Appraisal table for follow-up studies

FOLLOW-UP	Outcomes are both PE and DVT
	Uniform approach, all patients underwent the same assessment following the CTPA
	Details of all additional tests given
	Involves personal contact with the patient
	Lasted a minimum of three months
	Deaths assessed by a panel of experts
PATIENTS	Consecutive recruiting
	Details of recruitment process
	Number of centres
	Prevalence of PE
INCLUDED PATIENTS	Inclusion criteria
	Inpatient/outpatient mix
	Co-morbidity
	Record of all previous diagnostic tests
EXCLUDED PATIENTS	Exclusion criteria
	Demographics of those excluded
CTPA	Description of technique and CT model
	Description of diagnostic criteria for PE

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