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Web Appendix

Appendix 1. PRISMA 2009 Checklist

| Section/topic | # | Checklist item | Reported on page # |
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| TITLE | | | |
| Title | 1 | Identify the report as a systematic review, meta-analysis, or both. | 1 |
| ABSTRACT | | | |
| Structured summary | 2 | Provide a structured summary including, as applicable: background; objectives; data sources; study eligibility criteria, participants, and interventions; study appraisal and synthesis methods; results; limitations; conclusions and implications of key findings; systematic review registration number. | abstract |
| INTRODUCTION | | | |
| Rationale | 3 | Describe the rationale for the review in the context of what is already known. | 3 |
| Objectives | 4 | Provide an explicit statement of questions being addressed with reference to participants, interventions, comparisons, outcomes, and study design (PICOS). | 3 |
| METHODS | | | |
| Protocol and registration | 5 | Indicate if a review protocol exists, if and where it can be accessed (e.g., Web address), and, if available, provide registration information including registration number. | n/a |
| Eligibility criteria | 6 | Specify study characteristics (e.g., PICOS, length of follow-up) and report characteristics (e.g., years considered, language, publication status) used as criteria for eligibility, giving rationale. | 4 |
| Information sources | 7 | Describe all information sources (e.g., databases with dates of coverage, contact with study authors to identify additional studies) in the search and date last searched. | 3-4 |
| Search | 8 | Present full electronic search strategy for at least one database, including any limits used, such that it could be repeated. | Appendix 2 |
| Study selection | 9 | State the process for selecting studies (i.e., screening, eligibility, included in systematic review, and, if applicable, included in the meta-analysis). | 3-4 |
| Data collection process | 10 | Describe method of data extraction from reports (e.g., piloted forms, independently, in duplicate) and any processes for obtaining and confirming data from investigators. | 5 |
| Data items | 11 | List and define all variables for which data were sought (e.g., PICOS, funding sources) and any assumptions and simplifications made. | 3-5 |
| Risk of bias in individual studies | 12 | Describe methods used for assessing risk of bias of individual studies (including specification of whether this was done at the study or outcome level), and how this information is to be used in any data synthesis. | 4-5 |
| Summary measures | 13 | State the principal summary measures (e.g., risk ratio, difference in means). | 4-5 |
| Synthesis of results | 14 | Describe the methods of handling data and combining results of studies, if done, including measures of consistency (e.g., I^2) for each meta-analysis. | 5 |
| Risk of bias across studies | 15 | Specify any assessment of risk of bias that may affect the cumulative evidence (e.g., publication bias, selective reporting within studies). | n/a |
| Additional analyses | 16 | Describe methods of additional analyses (e.g., sensitivity or subgroup analyses, meta-regression), if done, indicating which were pre-specified. | n/a |



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| RESULTS | | | |
|-------------------------------|----|--|----------------------------|
| Study selection | 17 | Give numbers of studies screened, assessed for eligibility, and included in the review, with reasons for exclusions at each stage, ideally with a flow diagram. | 4-5, Figure 1 |
| Study characteristics | 18 | For each study, present characteristics for which data were extracted (e.g., study size, PICOS, follow-up period) and provide the citations. | Table 1 |
| Section/topic | # | Checklist item | Reported on page # |
| Risk of bias within studies | 19 | Present data on risk of bias of each study and, if available, any outcome level assessment (see item 12). | Appendix 4-5 |
| Results of individual studies | 20 | For all outcomes considered (benefits or harms), present, for each study: (a) simple summary data for each intervention group (b) effect estimates and confidence intervals, ideally with a forest plot. | Figure 2a-b |
| Synthesis of results | 21 | Present the main results of the review. If meta-analyses are done, include for each, confidence intervals and measures of consistency. | Figure 2a-b |
| Risk of bias across studies | 22 | Present results of any assessment of risk of bias across studies (see Item 15). | n/a |
| Additional analysis | 23 | Give results of additional analyses, if done (e.g., sensitivity or subgroup analyses, meta-regression [see Item 16]). | n/a |
| DISCUSSION | | | |
| Summary of evidence | 24 | Summarize the main findings including the strength of evidence for each main outcome; consider their relevance to key groups (e.g., healthcare providers, users, and policy makers). | 21-22 |
| Limitations | 25 | Discuss limitations at study and outcome level (e.g., risk of bias), and at review-level (e.g., incomplete retrieval of identified research, reporting bias). | 22-23 |
| Conclusions | 26 | Provide a general interpretation of the results in the context of other evidence, and implications for future research. | 23-24 |
| FUNDING | | | |
| Funding | 27 | Describe sources of funding for the systematic review and other support (e.g., supply of data); role of funders for the systematic review. | Funding disclosure section |

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Appendix 2. Search strategy

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1. Pubmed search strategy

Filters: Publication date from 1995/01/01 to 2016/04/30

#1 "HIV Infections"[MeSH] OR "HIV"[MeSH] OR "hiv"[tw] OR "hiv-1"[tw] OR "hiv-2"[tw] OR "hiv1"[tw] OR "hiv2"[tw] OR hiv infect*[tw] OR "human immunodeficiency virus"[tw] OR "human immunodeficiency virus"[tw] OR "human immuno-deficiency virus"[tw] OR "human immune-deficiency virus"[tw] OR ((human immun*) AND ("deficiency virus"[tw])) OR "acquired immunodeficiency syndrome"[tw] OR "acquired immunodeficiency syndrome"[tw] OR "acquired immuno-deficiency syndrome"[tw] OR "acquired immune-deficiency syndrome"[tw] OR ((acquired immun*) AND ("deficiency syndrome"[tw])) OR "Sexually Transmitted Diseases, Viral"[MeSH:NoExp]

#2 "hiv self-testing"[All Fields] OR "hiv self-test" [All Fields] OR "hivst" [All Fields] OR home test*[tiab] OR rapid test*[tiab] OR home self test*[tiab] OR home-based self test*[tiab] OR "self test"[tiab] OR self testing [tiab] OR "home test" [tiab] OR home testing [tiab]

#3 "Animals"[Mesh] NOT ("Animals"[Mesh] AND "Humans"[Mesh])

#4 (#2 AND #1) NOT #3

2. EMBASE

#1 'human immunodeficiency virus infection'/exp OR 'human immunodeficiency virus'/exp OR hiv:ti OR hiv:ab OR 'hiv-1':ti OR 'hiv-1':ab OR 'hiv-2':ti OR 'hiv-2':ab OR 'human immunodeficiency virus':ti OR 'human immuno deficiency':ab OR 'human immuno-deficiency virus':ti OR 'human immuno-deficiency virus':ab OR 'human immunodeficiency virus':ti OR 'human immune deficiency virus':ab OR 'human immune-deficiency virus':ti OR 'human immune-deficiency virus':ab OR 'acquired immune-deficiency syndrome':ti OR 'acquired immune-deficiency syndrome':ab OR 'acquired immunodeficiency syndrome':ti OR 'acquired immunodeficiency syndrome':ab OR 'acquired immunodeficiency syndrome':ti OR 'acquired immuno-deficiency syndrome':ti OR 'acquired immuno-deficiency syndrome':ab AND [humans]/lim

AND

#2 'self evaluation'/exp OR ('hivst' OR 'hiv self-testing' OR 'hiv self-test' OR 'hiv home testing' OR 'hiv home test' OR 'hiv rapid test' OR 'hiv rapid testing' OR 'home self test' OR 'home self testing' OR 'home-based self test' OR 'home-based self testing'):ab,ti,de,ca AND (1995:py OR 1996:py OR 1997:py OR 1998:py OR 1999:py OR 2000:py OR 2001:py OR 2002:py OR 2003:py OR 2004:py OR 2005:py OR 2006:py OR 2007:py OR 2008:py OR 2009:py OR 2010:py OR 2011:py OR 2012:py OR 2013:py OR 2014:py OR 2015:py OR 2016:py) AND [humans]/lim

3. Popline

("HIV" OR "human immunodeficiency virus infection") AND

("HIV self testing" OR "hiv home testing" OR "hiv home test" OR "hiv rapid test" OR "hiv rapid testing" OR "HIVST")

Appendix 3. RDTs used for HIV self-testing and reference standard testing strategy among included studies (n=25)

| Author and year of publication | RDT used for HIV self-testing | Reference test procedure | Description of the reference standard (algorithms) | Confirmatory testing strategy aligned with WHO | % requested assistance | Description of the support provided |
|--|--|---|---|--|------------------------|--|
| Directly assisted | | | | | | |
| MacGowan 2014 (oral-fluid arm) ¹ | OraQuick Advance HIV 1/2 (Orasure Technologies, Bethlehem, PA, USA) | HCW verified participant-interpreted result | OraQuick Advance HIV 1/2 (Orasure Technologies, Bethlehem, PA, USA) | No | n/a | Participants used the instructions included in the package, which included a study telephone number and they had the option to watch a video on how to perform the test. A timer and testing materials were provided. By calling the study telephone, a HCW would approach and act as if they were answering the question by telephone, except for one person who asked for assistance when pricking his finger. Written and demonstrated instructions, pre and post-test counseling, and facilitated HIV care assessment were provided. Participants were asked to demonstrate understanding using a cotton bud and vial of water in place of the kit. Instructions-for-use were modified and included pictures. Participants could opt to test with or without assistance. |
| MacGowan 2014 (blood-based arm) ¹ | Sure Check HIV 1/2 (Chembio Diagnostic Systems, Medford, NY, USA)* | | Sure Check HIV 1/2 (Chembio Diagnostic Systems, Medford, NY, USA) | | 4.7% (1/21) | |
| Choko 2015 ² | OraQuick Advance HIV 1/2 (Orasure Technologies, Bethlehem, PA, USA) | Retesting by a HCW | Determine HIV 1/2, Alere and Uni-Gold Recombigen HIV, Trinity Biotech, CD4 count measurement | Yes | n/a | A HCW demonstrated briefly and discuss the self-testing process before testing, participants performed and interpret the results guided by illustrated instructions. Participants could request additional assistance if needed. Pre and post-counseling and written referral into HIV care services were provided. |
| Choko 2011 ³ | OraQuick Advance HIV 1/2 (Orasure Technologies, Bethlehem, PA, USA)* | Retesting by a HCW | Determine Abbot Laboratories and Unigold Trinity Biotech, with a third test SD Bioline HIV 1/2 Standard Diagnostics, Inc., together with repeat of all three in case of any discordance | Yes | 9.2% (26/283) | Participants received a brief demonstration on how to use the test, then received the instructions for use, performed the test, but not interpreted the results. Participants could ask for assistance if needed. |
| Majam 2016 ⁴ | n/a* | Participants interpreted contrived pictures | n/a | n/a | n/a | Participants received pre-test counseling and were asked to perform HIVST following instructions-for-use included in the kit. Participants could ask for assistance if needed. |
| Marley 2014 ⁵ | Aware HIV-1/2 OMT (Calypte Biotech Co, Ltd, Petchaboon, Thailand)* | Retesting by a HCW | HCW read same test. Participants were confirmed with ELISA combined with Western-Blot | Yes | 17.5% (40/229) | A HCW demonstrated how to perform the test according to manufacturer's package instructions. Participants received pre and post-testing counseling, and were linked to HIV-care at their preferred clinic, after HIV diagnostic was confirmed. |
| Martínez-Perez 2016 ⁶ | OraQuick Advance HIV 1/2 (Orasure Technologies, Bethlehem, PA, USA)* | Retesting by a HCW | Determine Abbot Laboratories, Unigold Trinity Biotech, and if indeterminate result referred for further testing | Yes | n/a | Printed instructions were available. Each participant received pre and post-counseling for confirmatory HIV testing. Participants had the option to receive assistance in accordance to the hotline procedure established in the French protocol. |
| Prazuck 2016 ⁷ | Autotest VIH finger stick-whole blood HIV test, (AAZ-LMB, Cedex France)* | Participants interpreted contrived pictures | n/a | n/a | 21.2% (56/264) | |

| Author and year of publication | RDT used for HIV self-testing | Reference test procedure | Description of the reference standard (algorithms) | Confirmatory testing strategy aligned with WHO | % requested assistance | Description of the support provided |
|--|---|---|--|--|------------------------|--|
| Sarkar 2016 ⁸ | OraQuick Advance HIV 1/2 (Orasure Technologies, Bethlehem, PA, USA)* | Retesting by a HCW | SD Bioline, CombAIDS and Pareekshak Triline | Yes | 8-26.3%* | Participants received pre and post-test counseling and linkage to care, a HCW explained the self-testing procedure using a simplified version with pictorial representation, and no demonstration was given. Participants could ask for assistance if needed. |
| Pant Pai 2013 ⁹ | OraQuick Advance HIV 1/2 (Orasure Technologies, Bethlehem, PA, USA)* | Retesting by a HCW | ELISA with p24 Antigen tests (Architect HIV Ag/Ab Combo, Abbott Laboratories, Wiesbaden, Germany) and Western Blot for positives | Yes | n/a | Participants received pre and post-test counseling and information on HIV care. Participants could choose between an internet HIVST application with instructions in video or pictures or a paper-based application, with assistance sought over the phone or face-to-face if desired. In the initial version of the application, interpreting faint positive lines as positives was not included in the instructions. |
| Pant Pai 2014 ¹⁰ | OraQuick Advance HIV 1/2 (Orasure Technologies, Bethlehem, PA, USA)*† | Retesting by a HCW before self-testing | Parallel ELISA with p24 Antigen tests (Architect HIV Ag/Ab Combo, Abbott Laboratories, Wiesbaden, Germany) and Western Blot for positives | Yes | n/a | In a first visit participants received instructions to use the self-test, in the second visit they were provided a kit containing a timer and pictorial reference guide that outlined all steps for self-testing; test instructions were also available as video. Participants received pre and post-test counseling and they could ask for assistance if needed. |
| Asiimwe 2014 (observed arm) ¹¹ | | | Determine Abbot Laboratories, STAT-PAK Chembio Diagnostic Systems Inc. and Unigold Trinity Biotech as tiebreaker. For quality control all positives and 10% of negative samples were retested with Western Blot and HIV p24 ELISA. | | 41.5% (51/123) | All participants received pre and post-test counseling and a brief demonstration of how to use HIVST, printed instructions were available, and instructions were briefly re-read in the local language (Runyankore). The HCW was available for assistance if needed (including asking a timer). |
| Asiimwe 2014 (unobserved arm) ¹¹ | OraQuick Advance HIV 1/2 (Orasure Technologies, Bethlehem, PA, USA) | Retesting by a HCW | | No | 23.6% (29/123) | |
| Both approaches | | | | | | |
| de la Fuente(2012) directly assisted arm ¹² | Determine HIV 1/2 Ag/Ab Combo (Alere Medical, Matsudo-shi, Japan)**‡ | Participants interpreted contrived pictures | n/a | n/a | n/a | A HCW demonstrated briefly the self-testing process before testing, and observed and guided the whole process, without intervening. Participants received pre and post-test counseling, written and pictorial instructions to perform the test. |
| de la Fuente (2012) unassisted arm ¹² | | | | | n/a | Participants received pre and post-test counseling, written and pictorial instructions to perform the test and were instructed to read them carefully. The HCW did not provide any explanation or assistance. |

| Author and year of publication | RDT used for HIV self-testing | Reference test procedure | Description of the reference standard (algorithms) | Confirmatory testing strategy aligned with WHO | Description of the support provided |
|---|---|---|---|--|---|
| Unassisted | | | | | |
| Lee 2007 ¹³ | Determine HIV 1/2 Abbott Laboratories, Abbott Park, IL)** | Retesting and verifying participant interpreted result by a HCW | Determine HIV 1/2 Abbott Laboratories, Abbott Park, IL) | No | Participants received pre and post-test counseling by a HCW, instructions-for-use were a 14-step pictorial sheet and a 4-step pictorial for result interpretation in English and Mandarin. |
| Chavez 2016 (oral-fluid arm) ¹⁴ | OraQuick Advance HIV 1/2 (Orasure Technologies, Bethlehem, PA, USA) | Dried blood spot collection kit | Western blot, Avio HIV 1 Micro Elisa and GS HIV combo Ag/Ab EIA | Yes | Participants used the instructions included in the package, including a telephone support. Participants had the option to watch an online video on how to perform the test. |
| Chavez 2016 (blood-based arm) ¹⁴ | Sure Check HIV 1/2 (Chembio Diagnostic Systems, Medford, NY, USA)* | | | | |
| Dong 2014 ¹⁵ | iCARE OneStep HIV 1/2 (JAL Innovation, Singapore)** | Retesting by a HCW | iCARE OneStep HIV 1/2 and ELISA | Yes | Participants received illustrated instructions, supported by a telephone hotline. [§] |
| Gaydos 2011 ¹⁶ | OraQuick Advance HIV 1/2 (Orasure Technologies, Bethlehem, PA, USA) or Uni-gold Recombigen HIV-1/2 (Trinity Biotech, Wicklow, Ireland)* | Retesting by a HCW before self-testing | OraQuick Advance HIV 1/2 (Orasure Technologies, Bethlehem, PA, USA) or Uni-gold Recombigen HIV-1/2 (Trinity Biotech, Wicklow, Ireland) and Western blot | Yes | Participants performed the test and interpret the results without assistance. Participants were given large plasticized instruction templates. |
| Gaydos 2013 ¹⁷ | OraQuick Advance HIV 1/2 (Orasure Technologies, Bethlehem, PA, USA)* | Retesting by a HCW | OraQuick Advance HIV 1/2 (Orasure Technologies, Bethlehem, PA, USA) and Western Blot | Yes | Participants were provided with a mobile touch-screen tabled with 3 screen overview of the self-testing process and a large plasticized card with simple step-by-step directions and diagrams. |
| Gras 2014 ¹⁸ | INSTI HIV-1/HIV-2 Antibody Test, (bioLytical, Richmond, BC Canada)** | Known PLHIV | n/a | n/a | Participants performed HIVST following the instructions-for-use (a detailed notice) without assistance. |
| Kurth 2016 ¹⁹ | OraQuick Advance HIV 1/2 (Orasure Technologies, Bethlehem, PA, USA)* | Retesting by a HCW | Parallel testing with OraQuick Advance HIV 1/2 (Orasure Technologies, Bethlehem, PA, USA), Alere Determine HIV 1/2, Alere Medical Co. and then Vironostika HIV Uni-Form II Ag/Ab bioMérieux | Yes | Participants performed HIVST in a private space using pictorial instructions both in English and Kiswahili adapted from the manufacturer, without assistance from HCW. Participants received post-test counseling and referral and linkage to care. |
| Li 2016 ²⁰ | Aware HIV-1/2 OMT (Calypte Biotech Co, Ltd, Petchaboon, Thailand)* | Retesting by a HCW | Confirmed in CDC laboratory [†] | Yes | Participants performed HIVST without any guidance or help from the HCW. |
| Nour 2012 ²¹ | OraQuick Advance HIV 1/2 (Orasure Technologies, Bethlehem, PA, USA)* | Retesting by a HCW | OraQuick Advance HIV 1/2 (Orasure Technologies, Bethlehem, PA, USA) | No | Participants were given large plasticized instruction templates as visual aid and were asked to perform and interpret the test without any assistance from the HCW. |

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| Spielberg 2003 (oral-fluid arm) ²² | OraQuick Advance HIV 1/2 (Orasure Technologies, Bethlehem, PA, USA)* | Known PLHIV | n/a | n/a | Participants were provided with kits and instructions and asked to perform HIVST without training or assistance from the HCW. |
| Spielberg 2003 (blood-based arm) ²² | n/a | | | | |
| Mavedzenge 2015 ²³ | OraQuick Advance HIV 1/2 (Orasure Technologies, Bethlehem, PA, USA)* | Retesting by a HCW | SD Bioline as first test. If positive confirmed with Determine, with Chembio as the tiebreaker. Confirmatory testing was done using rapid HIV testing according to national algorithm. | No | Participants were given the instructional materials and left alone to complete their self-test. Participants had access to pictorial instructions, instructional video and a helpline for self-testing support and referral. |
| Ng 2012 ²⁴ | OraQuick Advance HIV 1/2 (Orasure Technologies, Bethlehem, PA, USA)* | Retesting by a HCW | OraQuick Advance HIV 1/2 (Orasure Technologies, Bethlehem, PA, USA), EIA and Western blot | Yes | Participants performed HIVST guided by 11-step pictorial instructions designed by the study team, without assistance from the HCW. Non PLHIV participants received pre and post-test counseling. |
| FDA phase 2b 2012 (observed arm) ²⁵ | | Retesting by a HCW | OraQuick Advance HIV 1/2 (Orasure Technologies, Bethlehem, PA, USA) and Western blot | Yes | Participants received English and Spanish written and pictorial instructions to perform the test, and a booklet with pre-test and post-test information; they could access a toll free number for support. Pre and post-test counseling was provided. |
| FDA phase 3 2012 (unobserved arm) ²⁵ | OraQuick Advance HIV 1/2 (Orasure Technologies, Bethlehem, PA, USA)* | Retesting by a HCW | Serum EIA and Western blot | Yes | Participants received English and Spanish written and pictorial instructions to perform the test, and a booklet with pre-test and post-test information; they could access a toll free number for support. Participants chose where to self-test. Pre and post-test counseling was provided. |

* Before national authorities approval; † 21.8% (44/202) received assistance preparing the test kit, 26.3% (94/202) received assistance taking the sample and doing the test, of which 15% (30/202) received assistance swabbing their gums; and 8% (16/202) received assistance reading the result; ‡ especially adapted for the study; § 35.2% (82/233) called the helpline and received assistance during self-testing; ¶ no information on the specific assays utilized
RDT: rapid diagnostic test, HCW: health-care worker, n/a: non available, HIVST: HIV self-testing

Appendix 4. Tabular presentation for QUADAS-2 results of included studies (n=25)

| | RISK OF BIAS | | | | APPLICABILITY CONCERNS | | |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|------------|--------------------|-----------------|------------------------|------------|--------------------|
| | PATIENT SELECTION | INDEX TEST | REFERENCE STANDARD | FLOW AND TIMING | PATIENT SELECTION | INDEX TEST | REFERENCE STANDARD |
| Asimwe 2014 ¹¹ | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● |
| Chavez 2016 ¹⁴ | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● |
| Choko 2011 ³ | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● |
| Choko 2015 ² | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● |
| de la Fuente 2012 ²² | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● |
| Dong 2014 ¹⁵ | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● |
| Gaydos 2011 ¹⁶ | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● |
| Gaydos 2013 ¹⁷ | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● |
| Gras 2014 ¹⁸ | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● |
| Kurth 2016 ¹⁹ | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● |
| Lee 2007 ¹³ | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● |
| Li 2016 ²⁰ | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● |
| MacGowan 2014 ¹ | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● |
| Majam ⁴ | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● |
| Marley 2014 ⁵ | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● |
| Mavedzenge 2015 ²³ | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● |
| Ng 2012 ²⁴ | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● |
| Nour 2012 ²¹ | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● |
| Pant Pai 2014 ¹⁰ | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● |
| Pant Pai 2013 ⁹ | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● |
| Martinez-Perez 2016 ⁶ | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● |
| FDA phase 2b 2012 ²⁵ | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● |
| FDA phase 3 2012 ²⁵ | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● |
| Prazuck 2016 ⁷ | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● |
| Sarkar 2016 ⁸ | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● |
| Spielberg 2003 ² | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● |

Appendix 5. STARD checklist for included studies (n=25)

| Section & Topic | No | Item | Page |
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| Asimwe 2014¹¹ | | | |
| TITLE OR ABSTRACT | 1 | Identification as a study of diagnostic accuracy using at least one measure of accuracy (such as sensitivity, specificity, predictive values, or AUC) | 1 |
| ABSTRACT | 2 | Structured summary of study design, methods, results, and conclusions (for specific guidance, see) | 1 |
| INTRODUCTION | 3 | Scientific and clinical background, including the intended use and clinical role of the index test | 1 |
| | 4 | Study objectives and hypotheses | 2 |
| METHODS Study design Participants | 5 | Whether data collection was planned before the index test and reference standard were performed (prospective study) or after (retrospective study) | 2,3 |
| | 6 | Eligibility criteria | 2 |
| | 7 | On what basis potentially eligible participants were identified (such as symptoms, results from previous tests, inclusion in registry) | 2 |
| | 8 | Where and when potentially eligible participants were identified (setting, location and dates) | 2 |
| Test methods | 9 | Whether participants formed a consecutive, random or convenience series | 2 |
| | 10a | Index test, in sufficient detail to allow replication | 2,3 |
| | STARD for Abstracts | | |
| | 10b | Reference standard, in sufficient detail to allow replication | 2 |
| | 11 | Rationale for choosing the reference standard (if alternatives exist) | 2 |
| | 12a | Definition of and rationale for test positivity cut-offs or result categories of the index test, distinguishing pre-specified from exploratory | 3,4 |
| | 12b | Definition of and rationale for test positivity cut-offs or result categories of the reference standard, distinguishing pre-specified from exploratory | 3,4 |
| | 13a | Whether clinical information and reference standard results were available to the performers/readers of the index test | 3 |
| | 13b | Whether clinical information and index test results were available to the assessors of the reference standard | 3 |
| | Analysis | 14 | Methods for estimating or comparing measures of diagnostic accuracy |
| 15 | | How indeterminate index test or reference standard results were handled | n/a |
| 16 | | How missing data on the index test and reference standard were handled | n/a |
| 17 | | Any analyses of variability in diagnostic accuracy, distinguishing pre-specified from exploratory | n/a |
| 18 | | Intended sample size and how it was determined | n/a |
| RESULTS Participants | 19 | Flow of participants, using a diagram | 3 |
| | 20 | Baseline demographic and clinical characteristics of participants | n/a |
| | 21a | Distribution of severity of disease in those with the target condition | n/a |
| | 21b | Distribution of alternative diagnoses in those without the target condition | n/a |
| Test results | 22 | Time interval and any clinical interventions between index test and reference standard | n/a |
| | 23 | Cross tabulation of the index test results (or their distribution) by the results of the reference standard | 5 |
| | 24 | Estimates of diagnostic accuracy and their precision (such as 95% confidence intervals) | 5 |
| DISCUSSION | 25 | Any adverse events from performing the index test or the reference standard | n/a |
| | 26 | Study limitations, including sources of potential bias, statistical uncertainty, and generalizability | 7,8 |
| | 27 | Implications for practice, including the intended use and clinical role of the index test | 7,8 |
| OTHER INFORMATION | 28 | Registration number and name of registry | n/a |
| | 29 | Where the full study protocol can be accessed | n/a |
| | 30 | Sources of funding and other support; role of funders | 8 |

| Section & Topic | No | Item | Page | |
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| | | Lee 2007¹³ | | |
| TITLE OR ABSTRACT | 1 | Identification as a study of diagnostic accuracy using at least one measure of accuracy (such as sensitivity, specificity, predictive values, or AUC) | n/a | |
| ABSTRACT | 2 | Structured summary of study design, methods, results, and conclusions (for specific guidance, see) | 1 | |
| INTRODUCTION | 3 | Scientific and clinical background, including the intended use and clinical role of the index test | 1 | |
| | 4 | Study objectives and hypotheses | 1 | |
| METHODS | 5 | Whether data collection was planned before the index test and reference standard were performed (prospective study) or after (retrospective study) | 1,2 | |
| Study design | 6 | Eligibility criteria | 1 | |
| | 7 | On what basis potentially eligible participants were identified (such as symptoms, results from previous tests, inclusion in registry) | 1 | |
| | 8 | Where and when potentially eligible participants were identified (setting, location and dates) | n/a | |
| Participants | 9 | Whether participants formed a consecutive, random or convenience series | 1 | |
| | 10a | Index test, in sufficient detail to allow replication | 2 | |
| Test methods | STARD for Abstracts | | | |
| | 10b | Reference standard, in sufficient detail to allow replication | n/a | |
| | 11 | Rationale for choosing the reference standard (if alternatives exist) | n/a | |
| | 12a | Definition of and rationale for test positivity cut-offs or result categories of the index test, distinguishing pre-specified from exploratory | n/a | |
| | 12b | Definition of and rationale for test positivity cut-offs or result categories of the reference standard, distinguishing pre-specified from exploratory | n/a | |
| | 13a | Whether clinical information and reference standard results were available to the performers/readers of the index test | 2 | |
| | 13b | Whether clinical information and index test results were available to the assessors of the reference standard | 2 | |
| | Analysis | 14 | Methods for estimating or comparing measures of diagnostic accuracy | 2 |
| | | 15 | How indeterminate index test or reference standard results were handled | n/a |
| | | 16 | How missing data on the index test and reference standard were handled | n/a |
| | 17 | Any analyses of variability in diagnostic accuracy, distinguishing pre-specified from exploratory | n/a | |
| | 18 | Intended sample size and how it was determined | 2 | |
| RESULTS | 19 | Flow of participants, using a diagram | n/a | |
| Participants | 20 | Baseline demographic and clinical characteristics of participants | 3 | |
| | 21a | Distribution of severity of disease in those with the target condition | 3 | |
| | 21b | Distribution of alternative diagnoses in those without the target condition | n/a | |
| Test results | 22 | Time interval and any clinical interventions between index test and reference standard | n/a | |
| | 23 | Cross tabulation of the index test results (or their distribution) by the results of the reference standard | 4 | |
| | 24 | Estimates of diagnostic accuracy and their precision (such as 95% confidence intervals) | 4 | |
| | 25 | Any adverse events from performing the index test or the reference standard | n/a | |
| DISCUSSION | 26 | Study limitations, including sources of potential bias, statistical uncertainty, and generalizability | 4,5 | |
| | 27 | Implications for practice, including the intended use and clinical role of the index test | 5 | |
| OTHER INFORMATION | 28 | Registration number and name of registry | n/a | |
| | 29 | Where the full study protocol can be accessed | n/a | |
| | 30 | Sources of funding and other support; role of funders | 1 | |

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| | | Marley 2014⁵ | |
| TITLE OR ABSTRACT | 1 | Identification as a study of diagnostic accuracy using at least one measure of accuracy (such as sensitivity, specificity, predictive values, or AUC) | n/a |
| ABSTRACT | 2 | Structured summary of study design, methods, results, and conclusions (for specific guidance, see) | 1 |
| INTRODUCTION | 3 | Scientific and clinical background, including the intended use and clinical role of the index test | 1,2 |
| | 4 | Study objectives and hypotheses | 2 |
| METHODS | 5 | Whether data collection was planned before the index test and reference standard were performed (prospective study) or after (retrospective study) | 2 |
| Study design | | | |
| Participants | 6 | Eligibility criteria | 2 |
| | 7 | On what basis potentially eligible participants were identified (such as symptoms, results from previous tests, inclusion in registry) | 2 |
| | 8 | Where and when potentially eligible participants were identified (setting, location and dates) | 2 |
| | 9 | Whether participants formed a consecutive, random or convenience series | 2 |
| Test methods | 10a | Index test, in sufficient detail to allow replication | n/a |
| | 10b | Reference standard, in sufficient detail to allow replication | n/a |
| | 11 | Rationale for choosing the reference standard (if alternatives exist) | n/a |
| | 12a | Definition of and rationale for test positivity cut-offs or result categories of the index test, distinguishing pre-specified from exploratory | n/a |
| | 12b | Definition of and rationale for test positivity cut-offs or result categories of the reference standard, distinguishing pre-specified from exploratory | n/a |
| | 13a | Whether clinical information and reference standard results were available to the performers/readers of the index test | n/a |
| | 13b | Whether clinical information and index test results were available to the assessors of the reference standard | n/a |
| Analysis | 14 | Methods for estimating or comparing measures of diagnostic accuracy | n/a |
| | 15 | How indeterminate index test or reference standard results were handled | n/a |
| | 16 | How missing data on the index test and reference standard were handled | n/a |
| | 17 | Any analyses of variability in diagnostic accuracy, distinguishing pre-specified from exploratory | n/a |
| | 18 | Intended sample size and how it was determined | n/a |
| RESULTS | 19 | Flow of participants, using a diagram | n/a |
| | 20 | Baseline demographic and clinical characteristics of participants | n/a |
| | 21a | Distribution of severity of disease in those with the target condition | n/a |
| | 21b | Distribution of alternative diagnoses in those without the target condition | n/a |
| Test results | 22 | Time interval and any clinical interventions between index test and reference standard | n/a |
| | 23 | Cross tabulation of the index test results (or their distribution) by the results of the reference standard | 4 |
| | 24 | Estimates of diagnostic accuracy and their precision (such as 95% confidence intervals) | n/a |
| | 25 | Any adverse events from performing the index test or the reference standard | n/a |
| DISCUSSION | 26 | Study limitations, including sources of potential bias, statistical uncertainty, and generalizability | 5 |
| | 27 | Implications for practice, including the intended use and clinical role of the index test | 4 |
| OTHER INFORMATION | 28 | Registration number and name of registry | n/a |
| | 29 | Where the full study protocol can be accessed | n/a |
| | 30 | Sources of funding and other support; role of funders | 6 |

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| | | Ng 2012²⁴ | |
| TITLE OR ABSTRACT | 1 | Identification as a study of diagnostic accuracy using at least one measure of accuracy (such as sensitivity, specificity, predictive values, or AUC) | 1 |
| ABSTRACT | 2 | Structured summary of study design, methods, results, and conclusions (for specific guidance, see) | 1 |
| INTRODUCTION | 3 | Scientific and clinical background, including the intended use and clinical role of the index test | 1,2 |
| | 4 | Study objectives and hypotheses | 1 |
| METHODS | 5 | Whether data collection was planned before the index test and reference standard were performed (prospective study) or after (retrospective study) | 2 |
| Study design | 6 | Eligibility criteria | 2 |
| | 7 | On what basis potentially eligible participants were identified (such as symptoms, results from previous tests, inclusion in registry) | 2 |
| | 8 | Where and when potentially eligible participants were identified (setting, location and dates) | 2 |
| | 9 | Whether participants formed a consecutive, random or convenience series | 2 |
| Participants | 10a | Index test, in sufficient detail to allow replication | 2 |
| | 10b | Reference standard, in sufficient detail to allow replication | 2 |
| | 11 | Rationale for choosing the reference standard (if alternatives exist) | n/a |
| | 12a | Definition of and rationale for test positivity cut-offs or result categories of the index test, distinguishing pre-specified from exploratory | n/a |
| | 12b | Definition of and rationale for test positivity cut-offs or result categories of the reference standard, distinguishing pre-specified from exploratory | n/a |
| | 13a | Whether clinical information and reference standard results were available to the performers/readers of the index test | 2,3 |
| | 13b | Whether clinical information and index test results were available to the assessors of the reference standard | 2,3 |
| Test methods | 14 | Methods for estimating or comparing measures of diagnostic accuracy | 3 |
| | 15 | How indeterminate index test or reference standard results were handled | 3 |
| | 16 | How missing data on the index test and reference standard were handled | 3 |
| | 17 | Any analyses of variability in diagnostic accuracy, distinguishing pre-specified from exploratory | n/a |
| | 18 | Intended sample size and how it was determined | n/a |
| RESULTS | 19 | Flow of participants, using a diagram | n/a |
| | 20 | Baseline demographic and clinical characteristics of participants | 4 |
| | 21a | Distribution of severity of disease in those with the target condition | n/a |
| | 21b | Distribution of alternative diagnoses in those without the target condition | n/a |
| Participants | 22 | Time interval and any clinical interventions between index test and reference standard | n/a |
| | 23 | Cross tabulation of the index test results (or their distribution) by the results of the reference standard | 4 |
| | 24 | Estimates of diagnostic accuracy and their precision (such as 95% confidence intervals) | n/a |
| | 25 | Any adverse events from performing the index test or the reference standard | n/a |
| DISCUSSION | 26 | Study limitations, including sources of potential bias, statistical uncertainty, and generalizability | 7 |
| | 27 | Implications for practice, including the intended use and clinical role of the index test | 6 |
| OTHER INFORMATION | 28 | Registration number and name of registry | n/a |
| | 29 | Where the full study protocol can be accessed | n/a |
| | 30 | Sources of funding and other support; role of funders | 1 |

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| | | de la Fuente 2012¹² | |
| TITLE OR ABSTRACT | 1 | Identification as a study of diagnostic accuracy using at least one measure of accuracy (such as sensitivity, specificity, predictive values, or AUC) | n/a |
| ABSTRACT | 2 | Structured summary of study design, methods, results, and conclusions (for specific guidance, see) | 1 |
| INTRODUCTION | 3 | Scientific and clinical background, including the intended use and clinical role of the index test | 1,2 |
| | 4 | Study objectives and hypotheses | 2 |
| METHODS | 5 | Whether data collection was planned before the index test and reference standard were performed (prospective study) or after (retrospective study) | 2 |
| Study design | 6 | Eligibility criteria | 2 |
| | 7 | On what basis potentially eligible participants were identified (such as symptoms, results from previous tests, inclusion in registry) | n/a |
| | 8 | Where and when potentially eligible participants were identified (setting, location and dates) | 2 |
| Participants | 9 | Whether participants formed a consecutive, random or convenience series | 2 |
| | 10a | Index test, in sufficient detail to allow replication | 2,3 |
| | STARD for Abstracts | | |
| Test methods | 10b | Reference standard, in sufficient detail to allow replication | 2,3 |
| | 11 | Rationale for choosing the reference standard (if alternatives exist) | |
| | 12a | Definition of and rationale for test positivity cut-offs or result categories of the index test, distinguishing pre-specified from exploratory | n/a |
| | 12b | Definition of and rationale for test positivity cut-offs or result categories of the reference standard, distinguishing pre-specified from exploratory | n/a |
| | 13a | Whether clinical information and reference standard results were available to the performers/readers of the index test | 2 |
| | 13b | Whether clinical information and index test results were available to the assessors of the reference standard | 2 |
| Analysis | 14 | Methods for estimating or comparing measures of diagnostic accuracy | 3 |
| | 15 | How indeterminate index test or reference standard results were handled | 3 |
| | 16 | How missing data on the index test and reference standard were handled | n/a |
| | 17 | Any analyses of variability in diagnostic accuracy, distinguishing pre-specified from exploratory | n/a |
| | 18 | Intended sample size and how it was determined | n/a |
| RESULTS | 19 | Flow of participants, using a diagram | 4 |
| Participants | 20 | Baseline demographic and clinical characteristics of participants | 5 |
| | 21a | Distribution of severity of disease in those with the target condition | n/a |
| | 21b | Distribution of alternative diagnoses in those without the target condition | n/a |
| Test results | 22 | Time interval and any clinical interventions between index test and reference standard | n/a |
| | 23 | Cross tabulation of the index test results (or their distribution) by the results of the reference standard | 7 |
| | 24 | Estimates of diagnostic accuracy and their precision (such as 95% confidence intervals) | n/a |
| | 25 | Any adverse events from performing the index test or the reference standard | 3 |
| DISCUSSION | 26 | Study limitations, including sources of potential bias, statistical uncertainty, and generalizability | |
| | 27 | Implications for practice, including the intended use and clinical role of the index test | 9 |
| OTHER INFORMATION | 28 | Registration number and name of registry | n/a |
| | 29 | Where the full study protocol can be accessed | n/a |
| | 30 | Sources of funding and other support; role of funders | 1 |

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| Gras 2014¹⁸ | | | |
| TITLE OR ABSTRACT | 1 | Identification as a study of diagnostic accuracy using at least one measure of accuracy (such as sensitivity, specificity, predictive values, or AUC) | n/a |
| ABSTRACT | 2 | Structured summary of study design, methods, results, and conclusions (for specific guidance, see) | 1 |
| INTRODUCTION | 3 | Scientific and clinical background, including the intended use and clinical role of the index test | 1 |
| | 4 | Study objectives and hypotheses | 1 |
| METHODS | 5 | Whether data collection was planned before the index test and reference standard were performed (prospective study) or after (retrospective study) | 1 |
| Study design | 6 | Eligibility criteria | 1 |
| | 7 | On what basis potentially eligible participants were identified (such as symptoms, results from previous tests, inclusion in registry) | 1 |
| | 8 | Where and when potentially eligible participants were identified (setting, location and dates) | n/a |
| Participants | 9 | Whether participants formed a consecutive, random or convenience series | 1 |
| | 10a | Index test, in sufficient detail to allow replication | n/a |
| Test methods | STARD for Abstracts | | |
| | 10b | Reference standard, in sufficient detail to allow replication | n/a |
| | 11 | Rationale for choosing the reference standard (if alternatives exist) | n/a |
| | 12a | Definition of and rationale for test positivity cut-offs or result categories of the index test, distinguishing pre-specified from exploratory | n/a |
| | 12b | Definition of and rationale for test positivity cut-offs or result categories of the reference standard, distinguishing pre-specified from exploratory | n/a |
| | 13a | Whether clinical information and reference standard results were available to the performers/readers of the index test | n/a |
| | 13b | Whether clinical information and index test results were available to the assessors of the reference standard | n/a |
| Analysis | 14 | Methods for estimating or comparing measures of diagnostic accuracy | n/a |
| | 15 | How indeterminate index test or reference standard results were handled | n/a |
| | 16 | How missing data on the index test and reference standard were handled | n/a |
| | 17 | Any analyses of variability in diagnostic accuracy, distinguishing pre-specified from exploratory | n/a |
| | 18 | Intended sample size and how it was determined | n/a |
| | 19 | Flow of participants, using a diagram | n/a |
| RESULTS | 20 | Baseline demographic and clinical characteristics of participants | 1 |
| Participants | 21a | Distribution of severity of disease in those with the target condition | n/a |
| | 21b | Distribution of alternative diagnoses in those without the target condition | n/a |
| Test results | 22 | Time interval and any clinical interventions between index test and reference standard | n/a |
| | 23 | Cross tabulation of the index test results (or their distribution) by the results of the reference standard | n/a |
| | 24 | Estimates of diagnostic accuracy and their precision (such as 95% confidence intervals) | n/a |
| | 25 | Any adverse events from performing the index test or the reference standard | n/a |
| DISCUSSION | 26 | Study limitations, including sources of potential bias, statistical uncertainty, and generalizability | n/a |
| | 27 | Implications for practice, including the intended use and clinical role of the index test | n/a |
| OTHER INFORMATION | 28 | Registration number and name of registry | n/a |
| | 29 | Where the full study protocol can be accessed | n/a |
| | 30 | Sources of funding and other support; role of funders | n/a |

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| Kurth 2016¹⁹ | | | | |
| TITLE OR ABSTRACT | 1 | Identification as a study of diagnostic accuracy using at least one measure of accuracy (such as sensitivity, specificity, predictive values, or AUC) | 1 | |
| ABSTRACT | 2 | Structured summary of study design, methods, results, and conclusions (for specific guidance, see) | 1 | |
| INTRODUCTION | 3 | Scientific and clinical background, including the intended use and clinical role of the index test | 1,2 | |
| | 4 | Study objectives and hypotheses | 2 | |
| METHODS | 5 | Whether data collection was planned before the index test and reference standard were performed (prospective study) or after (retrospective study) | 2 | |
| Study design | Participants | 6 | Eligibility criteria | 2 |
| | | 7 | On what basis potentially eligible participants were identified (such as symptoms, results from previous tests, inclusion in registry) | 2 |
| | | 8 | Where and when potentially eligible participants were identified (setting, location and dates) | 2 |
| | | 9 | Whether participants formed a consecutive, random or convenience series | 2 |
| Test methods | STARD for Abstracts | 10a | Index test, in sufficient detail to allow replication | 2,3 |
| | | 10b | Reference standard, in sufficient detail to allow replication | 2,3 |
| | | 11 | Rationale for choosing the reference standard (if alternatives exist) | 3 |
| | | 12a | Definition of and rationale for test positivity cut-offs or result categories of the index test, distinguishing pre-specified from exploratory | n/a |
| | | 12b | Definition of and rationale for test positivity cut-offs or result categories of the reference standard, distinguishing pre-specified from exploratory | 3 |
| | | 13a | Whether clinical information and reference standard results were available to the performers/readers of the index test | n/a |
| | | 13b | Whether clinical information and index test results were available to the assessors of the reference standard | n/a |
| Analysis | 14 | Methods for estimating or comparing measures of diagnostic accuracy | 3 | |
| | 15 | How indeterminate index test or reference standard results were handled | 3 | |
| | 16 | How missing data on the index test and reference standard were handled | 3 | |
| | 17 | Any analyses of variability in diagnostic accuracy, distinguishing pre-specified from exploratory | n/a | |
| | 18 | Intended sample size and how it was determined | 3 | |
| RESULTS | 19 | Flow of participants, using a diagram | 4 | |
| Participants | 20 | Baseline demographic and clinical characteristics of participants | 5 | |
| | 21a | Distribution of severity of disease in those with the target condition | n/a | |
| | 21b | Distribution of alternative diagnoses in those without the target condition | n/a | |
| | 22 | Time interval and any clinical interventions between index test and reference standard | n/a | |
| Test results | 23 | Cross tabulation of the index test results (or their distribution) by the results of the reference standard | 7 | |
| | 24 | Estimates of diagnostic accuracy and their precision (such as 95% confidence intervals) | 4,5 | |
| | 25 | Any adverse events from performing the index test or the reference standard | n/a | |
| DISCUSSION | 26 | Study limitations, including sources of potential bias, statistical uncertainty, and generalizability | 8 | |
| | 27 | Implications for practice, including the intended use and clinical role of the index test | 9 | |
| OTHER INFORMATION | 28 | Registration number and name of registry | n/a | |
| | 29 | Where the full study protocol can be accessed | n/a | |
| | 30 | Sources of funding and other support; role of funders | 9 | |

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| Pant Pai 2014¹⁰ | | | | |
| TITLE OR ABSTRACT | 1 | Identification as a study of diagnostic accuracy using at least one measure of accuracy (such as sensitivity, specificity, predictive values, or AUC) | n/a | |
| ABSTRACT | 2 | Structured summary of study design, methods, results, and conclusions (for specific guidance, see) | 1 | |
| INTRODUCTION | 3 | Scientific and clinical background, including the intended use and clinical role of the index test | 1,2 | |
| | 4 | Study objectives and hypotheses | 2 | |
| METHODS | 5 | Whether data collection was planned before the index test and reference standard were performed (prospective study) or after (retrospective study) | 2 | |
| Study design | Participants | 6 | Eligibility criteria | 2 |
| | | 7 | On what basis potentially eligible participants were identified (such as symptoms, results from previous tests, inclusion in registry) | 2 |
| | | 8 | Where and when potentially eligible participants were identified (setting, location and dates) | 2 |
| | | 9 | Whether participants formed a consecutive, random or convenience series | 2 |
| Test methods | STARD for Abstracts | 10a | Index test, in sufficient detail to allow replication | 3 |
| | | 10b | Reference standard, in sufficient detail to allow replication | 2 |
| | | 11 | Rationale for choosing the reference standard (if alternatives exist) | n/a |
| | | 12a | Definition of and rationale for test positivity cut-offs or result categories of the index test, distinguishing pre-specified from exploratory | n/a |
| | | 12b | Definition of and rationale for test positivity cut-offs or result categories of the reference standard, distinguishing pre-specified from exploratory | n/a |
| | | 13a | Whether clinical information and reference standard results were available to the performers/readers of the index test | 2,3 |
| | | 13b | Whether clinical information and index test results were available to the assessors of the reference standard | 2,3 |
| Analysis | 14 | Methods for estimating or comparing measures of diagnostic accuracy | 3 | |
| | 15 | How indeterminate index test or reference standard results were handled | 3 | |
| | 16 | How missing data on the index test and reference standard were handled | 3 | |
| | 17 | Any analyses of variability in diagnostic accuracy, distinguishing pre-specified from exploratory | n/a | |
| | 18 | Intended sample size and how it was determined | n/a | |
| RESULTS | 19 | Flow of participants, using a diagram | 3 | |
| Participants | 20 | Baseline demographic and clinical characteristics of participants | 4 | |
| | 21a | Distribution of severity of disease in those with the target condition | n/a | |
| | 21b | Distribution of alternative diagnoses in those without the target condition | n/a | |
| | 22 | Time interval and any clinical interventions between index test and reference standard | n/a | |
| Test results | 23 | Cross tabulation of the index test results (or their distribution) by the results of the reference standard | n/a | |
| | 24 | Estimates of diagnostic accuracy and their precision (such as 95% confidence intervals) | n/a | |
| | 25 | Any adverse events from performing the index test or the reference standard | n/a | |
| DISCUSSION | 26 | Study limitations, including sources of potential bias, statistical uncertainty, and generalizability | 6 | |
| | 27 | Implications for practice, including the intended use and clinical role of the index test | 6,7 | |
| OTHER INFORMATION | 28 | Registration number and name of registry | n/a | |
| | 29 | Where the full study protocol can be accessed | n/a | |
| | 30 | Sources of funding and other support; role of funders | 7 | |

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| Gaydos 2011¹⁶ | | | | |
| TITLE OR ABSTRACT | 1 | Identification as a study of diagnostic accuracy using at least one measure of accuracy (such as sensitivity, specificity, predictive values, or AUC) | n/a | |
| ABSTRACT | 2 | Structured summary of study design, methods, results, and conclusions (for specific guidance, see) | 1 | |
| INTRODUCTION | 3 | Scientific and clinical background, including the intended use and clinical role of the index test | n/a | |
| | 4 | Study objectives and hypotheses | 2 | |
| METHODS Study design Participants | 5 | Whether data collection was planned before the index test and reference standard were performed (prospective study) or after (retrospective study) | 2 | |
| | 6 | Eligibility criteria | 2 | |
| | 7 | On what basis potentially eligible participants were identified (such as symptoms, results from previous tests, inclusion in registry) | 2 | |
| | 8 | Where and when potentially eligible participants were identified (setting, location and dates) | 2 | |
| | 9 | Whether participants formed a consecutive, random or convenience series | 2 | |
| Test methods | 10a | Index test, in sufficient detail to allow replication | 2,3 | |
| | STARD for Abstracts | | | |
| | 10b | Reference standard, in sufficient detail to allow replication | n/a | |
| | 11 | Rationale for choosing the reference standard (if alternatives exist) | n/a | |
| | 12a | Definition of and rationale for test positivity cut-offs or result categories of the index test, distinguishing pre-specified from exploratory | n/a | |
| | 12b | Definition of and rationale for test positivity cut-offs or result categories of the reference standard, distinguishing pre-specified from exploratory | n/a | |
| | 13a | Whether clinical information and reference standard results were available to the performers/readers of the index test | 2,3 | |
| | 13b | Whether clinical information and index test results were available to the assessors of the reference standard | 3 | |
| | Analysis | 14 | Methods for estimating or comparing measures of diagnostic accuracy | 3 |
| | | 15 | How indeterminate index test or reference standard results were handled | n/a |
| | 16 | How missing data on the index test and reference standard were handled | n/a | |
| | 17 | Any analyses of variability in diagnostic accuracy, distinguishing pre-specified from exploratory | n/a | |
| | 18 | Intended sample size and how it was determined | n/a | |
| RESULTS Participants | 19 | Flow of participants, using a diagram | n/a | |
| | 20 | Baseline demographic and clinical characteristics of participants | 8 | |
| | 21a | Distribution of severity of disease in those with the target condition | n/a | |
| | 21b | Distribution of alternative diagnoses in those without the target condition | n/a | |
| Test results | 22 | Time interval and any clinical interventions between index test and reference standard | 3 | |
| | 23 | Cross tabulation of the index test results (or their distribution) by the results of the reference standard | n/a | |
| | 24 | Estimates of diagnostic accuracy and their precision (such as 95% confidence intervals) | n/a | |
| | 25 | Any adverse events from performing the index test or the reference standard | n/a | |
| DISCUSSION | 26 | Study limitations, including sources of potential bias, statistical uncertainty, and generalizability | 4 | |
| | 27 | Implications for practice, including the intended use and clinical role of the index test | 5 | |
| OTHER INFORMATION | 28 | Registration number and name of registry | n/a | |
| | 29 | Where the full study protocol can be accessed | n/a | |
| | 30 | Sources of funding and other support; role of funders | 5 | |

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| | | Dong 2014⁴⁵ | | |
| TITLE OR ABSTRACT | 1 | Identification as a study of diagnostic accuracy using at least one measure of accuracy (such as sensitivity, specificity, predictive values, or AUC) | 1 | |
| ABSTRACT | 2 | Structured summary of study design, methods, results, and conclusions (for specific guidance, see) | 1 | |
| INTRODUCTION | 3 | Scientific and clinical background, including the intended use and clinical role of the index test | n/a | |
| | 4 | Study objectives and hypotheses | 1 | |
| METHODS | 5 | Whether data collection was planned before the index test and reference standard were performed (prospective study) or after (retrospective study) | n/a | |
| Study design | 6 | Eligibility criteria | n/a | |
| | 7 | On what basis potentially eligible participants were identified (such as symptoms, results from previous tests, inclusion in registry) | n/a | |
| | 8 | Where and when potentially eligible participants were identified (setting, location and dates) | n/a | |
| | 9 | Whether participants formed a consecutive, random or convenience series | 1 | |
| Test methods | 10a | Index test, in sufficient detail to allow replication | n/a | |
| | STARD for Abstracts | | | |
| | 10b | Reference standard, in sufficient detail to allow replication | n/a | |
| | 11 | Rationale for choosing the reference standard (if alternatives exist) | n/a | |
| | 12a | Definition of and rationale for test positivity cut-offs or result categories of the index test, distinguishing pre-specified from exploratory | n/a | |
| | 12b | Definition of and rationale for test positivity cut-offs or result categories of the reference standard, distinguishing pre-specified from exploratory | n/a | |
| | 13a | Whether clinical information and reference standard results were available to the performers/readers of the index test | n/a | |
| | 13b | Whether clinical information and index test results were available to the assessors of the reference standard | n/a | |
| | Analysis | 14 | Methods for estimating or comparing measures of diagnostic accuracy | n/a |
| | | 15 | How indeterminate index test or reference standard results were handled | n/a |
| 16 | | How missing data on the index test and reference standard were handled | n/a | |
| 17 | | Any analyses of variability in diagnostic accuracy, distinguishing pre-specified from exploratory | n/a | |
| 18 | | Intended sample size and how it was determined | n/a | |
| RESULTS | 19 | Flow of participants, using a diagram | n/a | |
| Participants | 20 | Baseline demographic and clinical characteristics of participants | 1 | |
| | 21a | Distribution of severity of disease in those with the target condition | n/a | |
| | 21b | Distribution of alternative diagnoses in those without the target condition | n/a | |
| | 22 | Time interval and any clinical interventions between index test and reference standard | n/a | |
| Test results | 23 | Cross tabulation of the index test results (or their distribution) by the results of the reference standard | n/a | |
| | 24 | Estimates of diagnostic accuracy and their precision (such as 95% confidence intervals) | 1 | |
| | 25 | Any adverse events from performing the index test or the reference standard | n/a | |
| DISCUSSION | 26 | Study limitations, including sources of potential bias, statistical uncertainty, and generalizability | n/a | |
| | 27 | Implications for practice, including the intended use and clinical role of the index test | n/a | |
| OTHER INFORMATION | 28 | Registration number and name of registry | n/a | |
| | 29 | Where the full study protocol can be accessed | n/a | |
| | 30 | Sources of funding and other support; role of funders | 1 | |

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| Choko 2015² | | | | |
| TITLE OR ABSTRACT | 1 | Identification as a study of diagnostic accuracy using at least one measure of accuracy (such as sensitivity, specificity, predictive values, or AUC) | 1 | |
| ABSTRACT | 2 | Structured summary of study design, methods, results, and conclusions (for specific guidance, see) | 1,2 | |
| INTRODUCTION | 3 | Scientific and clinical background, including the intended use and clinical role of the index test | 2 | |
| | 4 | Study objectives and hypotheses | 3 | |
| METHODS | 5 | Whether data collection was planned before the index test and reference standard were performed (prospective study) or after (retrospective study) | 3 | |
| Study design | Participants | 6 | Eligibility criteria | 3 |
| | | 7 | On what basis potentially eligible participants were identified (such as symptoms, results from previous tests, inclusion in registry) | 3 |
| | | 8 | Where and when potentially eligible participants were identified (setting, location and dates) | 3 |
| | | 9 | Whether participants formed a consecutive, random or convenience series | 3 |
| Test methods | STARD for Abstracts | 10a | Index test, in sufficient detail to allow replication | |
| | | 10b | Reference standard, in sufficient detail to allow replication | 3,4 |
| | | 11 | Rationale for choosing the reference standard (if alternatives exist) | n/a |
| | | 12a | Definition of and rationale for test positivity cut-offs or result categories of the index test, distinguishing pre-specified from exploratory | n/a |
| | | 12b | Definition of and rationale for test positivity cut-offs or result categories of the reference standard, distinguishing pre-specified from exploratory | n/a |
| | | 13a | Whether clinical information and reference standard results were available to the performers/readers of the index test | 4 |
| | | 13b | Whether clinical information and index test results were available to the assessors of the reference standard | 4,5 |
| Analysis | 14 | Methods for estimating or comparing measures of diagnostic accuracy | 5 | |
| | 15 | How indeterminate index test or reference standard results were handled | 5 | |
| | 16 | How missing data on the index test and reference standard were handled | 5 | |
| | 17 | Any analyses of variability in diagnostic accuracy, distinguishing pre-specified from exploratory | n/a | |
| | 18 | Intended sample size and how it was determined | n/a | |
| RESULTS | 19 | Flow of participants, using a diagram | 6,7 | |
| Participants | 20 | Baseline demographic and clinical characteristics of participants | 8 | |
| | 21a | Distribution of severity of disease in those with the target condition | n/a | |
| | 21b | Distribution of alternative diagnoses in those without the target condition | n/a | |
| | 22 | Time interval and any clinical interventions between index test and reference standard | n/a | |
| Test results | 23 | Cross tabulation of the index test results (or their distribution) by the results of the reference standard | 13 | |
| | 24 | Estimates of diagnostic accuracy and their precision (such as 95% confidence intervals) | 13 | |
| | 25 | Any adverse events from performing the index test or the reference standard | 13 | |
| DISCUSSION | 26 | Study limitations, including sources of potential bias, statistical uncertainty, and generalizability | 16 | |
| | 27 | Implications for practice, including the intended use and clinical role of the index test | n/a | |
| OTHER INFORMATION | 28 | Registration number and name of registry | n/a | |
| | 29 | Where the full study protocol can be accessed | 1 | |
| | 30 | Sources of funding and other support; role of funders | 1 | |

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| Mavedzenge 2015²³ | | | |
| TITLE OR ABSTRACT | 1 | Identification as a study of diagnostic accuracy using at least one measure of accuracy (such as sensitivity, specificity, predictive values, or AUC) | n/a |
| ABSTRACT | 2 | Structured summary of study design, methods, results, and conclusions (for specific guidance, see) | 1 |
| INTRODUCTION | 3 | Scientific and clinical background, including the intended use and clinical role of the index test | n/a |
| | 4 | Study objectives and hypotheses | 1 |
| METHODS | 5 | Whether data collection was planned before the index test and reference standard were performed (prospective study) or after (retrospective study) | 1 |
| Study design | 6 | Eligibility criteria | 1 |
| | 7 | On what basis potentially eligible participants were identified (such as symptoms, results from previous tests, inclusion in registry) | 1 |
| | 8 | Where and when potentially eligible participants were identified (setting, location and dates) | 1 |
| | 9 | Whether participants formed a consecutive, random or convenience series | n/a |
| Test methods | 10a | Index test, in sufficient detail to allow replication | n/a |
| | STARD for Abstracts | | |
| | 10b | Reference standard, in sufficient detail to allow replication | n/a |
| | 11 | Rationale for choosing the reference standard (if alternatives exist) | n/a |
| | 12a | Definition of and rationale for test positivity cut-offs or result categories of the index test, distinguishing pre-specified from exploratory | n/a |
| | 12b | Definition of and rationale for test positivity cut-offs or result categories of the reference standard, distinguishing pre-specified from exploratory | n/a |
| | 13a | Whether clinical information and reference standard results were available to the performers/readers of the index test | 1 |
| 13b | Whether clinical information and index test results were available to the assessors of the reference standard | 1 | |
| Analysis | 14 | Methods for estimating or comparing measures of diagnostic accuracy | n/a |
| | 15 | How indeterminate index test or reference standard results were handled | 1 |
| | 16 | How missing data on the index test and reference standard were handled | 1 |
| | 17 | Any analyses of variability in diagnostic accuracy, distinguishing pre-specified from exploratory | n/a |
| | 18 | Intended sample size and how it was determined | n/a |
| RESULTS | 19 | Flow of participants, using a diagram | n/a |
| Participants | 20 | Baseline demographic and clinical characteristics of participants | 1 |
| | 21a | Distribution of severity of disease in those with the target condition | n/a |
| | 21b | Distribution of alternative diagnoses in those without the target condition | n/a |
| | 22 | Time interval and any clinical interventions between index test and reference standard | n/a |
| Test results | 23 | Cross tabulation of the index test results (or their distribution) by the results of the reference standard | 1 |
| | 24 | Estimates of diagnostic accuracy and their precision (such as 95% confidence intervals) | 1 |
| | 25 | Any adverse events from performing the index test or the reference standard | n/a |
| DISCUSSION | 26 | Study limitations, including sources of potential bias, statistical uncertainty, and generalizability | n/a |
| | 27 | Implications for practice, including the intended use and clinical role of the index test | n/a |
| OTHER INFORMATION | 28 | Registration number and name of registry | n/a |
| | 29 | Where the full study protocol can be accessed | n/a |
| | 30 | Sources of funding and other support; role of funders | n/a |

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| | | Prazuck 2016⁷ | | |
| TITLE OR ABSTRACT | 1 | Identification as a study of diagnostic accuracy using at least one measure of accuracy (such as sensitivity, specificity, predictive values, or AUC) | n/a | |
| ABSTRACT | 2 | Structured summary of study design, methods, results, and conclusions (for specific guidance, see) | n/a | |
| INTRODUCTION | 3 | Scientific and clinical background, including the intended use and clinical role of the index test | 1,2 | |
| | 4 | Study objectives and hypotheses | 2 | |
| METHODS | 5 | Whether data collection was planned before the index test and reference standard were performed (prospective study) or after (retrospective study) | 3 | |
| Study design | Participants | 6 | Eligibility criteria | 4 |
| | | 7 | On what basis potentially eligible participants were identified (such as symptoms, results from previous tests, inclusion in registry) | 4 |
| | | 8 | Where and when potentially eligible participants were identified (setting, location and dates) | n/a |
| | | 9 | Whether participants formed a consecutive, random or convenience series | 4 |
| Test methods | STARD for Abstracts | 10a | Index test, in sufficient detail to allow replication | 4 |
| | | 10b | Reference standard, in sufficient detail to allow replication | n/a |
| | | 11 | Rationale for choosing the reference standard (if alternatives exist) | n/a |
| | | 12a | Definition of and rationale for test positivity cut-offs or result categories of the index test, distinguishing pre-specified from exploratory | 5 |
| | | 12b | Definition of and rationale for test positivity cut-offs or result categories of the reference standard, distinguishing pre-specified from exploratory | n/a |
| | | 13a | Whether clinical information and reference standard results were available to the performers/readers of the index test | 5 |
| | | 13b | Whether clinical information and index test results were available to the assessors of the reference standard | 5 |
| Analysis | 14 | Methods for estimating or comparing measures of diagnostic accuracy | n/a | |
| | 15 | How indeterminate index test or reference standard results were handled | n/a | |
| | 16 | How missing data on the index test and reference standard were handled | n/a | |
| | 17 | Any analyses of variability in diagnostic accuracy, distinguishing pre-specified from exploratory | n/a | |
| | 18 | Intended sample size and how it was determined | n/a | |
| RESULTS | 19 | Flow of participants, using a diagram | n/a | |
| Participants | 20 | Baseline demographic and clinical characteristics of participants | 19 | |
| | 21a | Distribution of severity of disease in those with the target condition | n/a | |
| | 21b | Distribution of alternative diagnoses in those without the target condition | n/a | |
| | 22 | Time interval and any clinical interventions between index test and reference standard | n/a | |
| Test results | 23 | Cross tabulation of the index test results (or their distribution) by the results of the reference standard | n/a | |
| | 24 | Estimates of diagnostic accuracy and their precision (such as 95% confidence intervals) | n/a | |
| | 25 | Any adverse events from performing the index test or the reference standard | n/a | |
| DISCUSSION | 26 | Study limitations, including sources of potential bias, statistical uncertainty, and generalizability | n/a | |
| | 27 | Implications for practice, including the intended use and clinical role of the index test | 11 | |
| OTHER INFORMATION | 28 | Registration number and name of registry | n/a | |
| | 29 | Where the full study protocol can be accessed | n/a | |
| | 30 | Sources of funding and other support; role of funders | n/a | |

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| Nour 2012²¹ | | | | |
| TITLE OR ABSTRACT | 1 | Identification as a study of diagnostic accuracy using at least one measure of accuracy (such as sensitivity, specificity, predictive values, or AUC) | 1 | |
| ABSTRACT | 2 | Structured summary of study design, methods, results, and conclusions (for specific guidance, see) | 1 | |
| INTRODUCTION | 3 | Scientific and clinical background, including the intended use and clinical role of the index test | n/a | |
| | 4 | Study objectives and hypotheses | 2 | |
| METHODS | 5 | Whether data collection was planned before the index test and reference standard were performed (prospective study) or after (retrospective study) | 2 | |
| Study design | Participants | 6 | Eligibility criteria | 2 |
| | | 7 | On what basis potentially eligible participants were identified (such as symptoms, results from previous tests, inclusion in registry) | 2 |
| | | 8 | Where and when potentially eligible participants were identified (setting, location and dates) | 2 |
| | | 9 | Whether participants formed a consecutive, random or convenience series | 2 |
| Test methods | STARD for Abstracts | 10a | Index test, in sufficient detail to allow replication | 2 |
| | | 10b | Reference standard, in sufficient detail to allow replication | n/a |
| | | 11 | Rationale for choosing the reference standard (if alternatives exist) | n/a |
| | | 12a | Definition of and rationale for test positivity cut-offs or result categories of the index test, distinguishing pre-specified from exploratory | n/a |
| | | 12b | Definition of and rationale for test positivity cut-offs or result categories of the reference standard, distinguishing pre-specified from exploratory | n/a |
| | | 13a | Whether clinical information and reference standard results were available to the performers/readers of the index test | 2,3 |
| | | 13b | Whether clinical information and index test results were available to the assessors of the reference standard | 2,3 |
| Analysis | 14 | Methods for estimating or comparing measures of diagnostic accuracy | n/a | |
| | 15 | How indeterminate index test or reference standard results were handled | n/a | |
| | 16 | How missing data on the index test and reference standard were handled | n/a | |
| | 17 | Any analyses of variability in diagnostic accuracy, distinguishing pre-specified from exploratory | n/a | |
| | 18 | Intended sample size and how it was determined | n/a | |
| RESULTS | 19 | Flow of participants, using a diagram | n/a | |
| Participants | 20 | Baseline demographic and clinical characteristics of participants | 8 | |
| | 21a | Distribution of severity of disease in those with the target condition | n/a | |
| | 21b | Distribution of alternative diagnoses in those without the target condition | n/a | |
| | 22 | Time interval and any clinical interventions between index test and reference standard | n/a | |
| Test results | 23 | Cross tabulation of the index test results (or their distribution) by the results of the reference standard | n/a | |
| | 24 | Estimates of diagnostic accuracy and their precision (such as 95% confidence intervals) | n/a | |
| | 25 | Any adverse events from performing the index test or the reference standard | n/a | |
| DISCUSSION | 26 | Study limitations, including sources of potential bias, statistical uncertainty, and generalizability | 4 | |
| | 27 | Implications for practice, including the intended use and clinical role of the index test | n/a | |
| OTHER INFORMATION | 28 | Registration number and name of registry | n/a | |
| | 29 | Where the full study protocol can be accessed | n/a | |
| | 30 | Sources of funding and other support; role of funders | 4 | |

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| Pant Pai 2013⁹ | | | | |
| TITLE OR ABSTRACT | 1 | Identification as a study of diagnostic accuracy using at least one measure of accuracy (such as sensitivity, specificity, predictive values, or AUC) | n/a | |
| ABSTRACT | 2 | Structured summary of study design, methods, results, and conclusions (for specific guidance, see) | 1 | |
| INTRODUCTION | 3 | Scientific and clinical background, including the intended use and clinical role of the index test | 3 | |
| | 4 | Study objectives and hypotheses | 3 | |
| METHODS | 5 | Whether data collection was planned before the index test and reference standard were performed (prospective study) or after (retrospective study) | 3 | |
| Study design | Participants | 6 | Eligibility criteria | 3 |
| | | 7 | On what basis potentially eligible participants were identified (such as symptoms, results from previous tests, inclusion in registry) | 3 |
| | | 8 | Where and when potentially eligible participants were identified (setting, location and dates) | 3 |
| | | 9 | Whether participants formed a consecutive, random or convenience series | 3 |
| Test methods | STARD for Abstracts | 10a | Index test, in sufficient detail to allow replication | 3,4 |
| | | 10b | Reference standard, in sufficient detail to allow replication | 5 |
| | | 11 | Rationale for choosing the reference standard (if alternatives exist) | n/a |
| | | 12a | Definition of and rationale for test positivity cut-offs or result categories of the index test, distinguishing pre-specified from exploratory | 5 |
| | | 12b | Definition of and rationale for test positivity cut-offs or result categories of the reference standard, distinguishing pre-specified from exploratory | n/a |
| | | 13a | Whether clinical information and reference standard results were available to the performers/readers of the index test | 5 |
| | | 13b | Whether clinical information and index test results were available to the assessors of the reference standard | 5 |
| | | 14 | Methods for estimating or comparing measures of diagnostic accuracy | n/a |
| Analysis | 15 | How indeterminate index test or reference standard results were handled | n/a | |
| | 16 | How missing data on the index test and reference standard were handled | n/a | |
| | 17 | Any analyses of variability in diagnostic accuracy, distinguishing pre-specified from exploratory | n/a | |
| | 18 | Intended sample size and how it was determined | n/a | |
| RESULTS | 19 | Flow of participants, using a diagram | 4 | |
| Participants | 20 | Baseline demographic and clinical characteristics of participants | 5,6 | |
| | 21a | Distribution of severity of disease in those with the target condition | n/a | |
| | 21b | Distribution of alternative diagnoses in those without the target condition | n/a | |
| | 22 | Time interval and any clinical interventions between index test and reference standard | n/a | |
| Test results | 23 | Cross tabulation of the index test results (or their distribution) by the results of the reference standard | n/a | |
| | 24 | Estimates of diagnostic accuracy and their precision (such as 95% confidence intervals) | 5 | |
| | 25 | Any adverse events from performing the index test or the reference standard | n/a | |
| DISCUSSION | 26 | Study limitations, including sources of potential bias, statistical uncertainty, and generalizability | 8 | |
| | 27 | Implications for practice, including the intended use and clinical role of the index test | n/a | |
| OTHER INFORMATION | 28 | Registration number and name of registry | n/a | |
| | 29 | Where the full study protocol can be accessed | n/a | |
| | 30 | Sources of funding and other support; role of funders | 1 | |

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| Choko 2011³ | | | | |
| TITLE OR ABSTRACT | 1 | Identification as a study of diagnostic accuracy using at least one measure of accuracy (such as sensitivity, specificity, predictive values, or AUC) | 1 | |
| ABSTRACT | 2 | Structured summary of study design, methods, results, and conclusions (for specific guidance, see) | 1 | |
| INTRODUCTION | 3 | Scientific and clinical background, including the intended use and clinical role of the index test | 2 | |
| | 4 | Study objectives and hypotheses | 2 | |
| METHODS | 5 | Whether data collection was planned before the index test and reference standard were performed (prospective study) or after (retrospective study) | 2 | |
| Study design | Participants | 6 | Eligibility criteria | 2 |
| | | 7 | On what basis potentially eligible participants were identified (such as symptoms, results from previous tests, inclusion in registry) | 2 |
| | | 8 | Where and when potentially eligible participants were identified (setting, location and dates) | 2 |
| | | 9 | Whether participants formed a consecutive, random or convenience series | 2 |
| Test methods | STARD for Abstracts | 10a | Index test, in sufficient detail to allow replication | 2,3 |
| | | 10b | Reference standard, in sufficient detail to allow replication | |
| | | 11 | Rationale for choosing the reference standard (if alternatives exist) | n/a |
| | | 12a | Definition of and rationale for test positivity cut-offs or result categories of the index test, distinguishing pre-specified from exploratory | 4 |
| | | 12b | Definition of and rationale for test positivity cut-offs or result categories of the reference standard, distinguishing pre-specified from exploratory | n/a |
| | | 13a | Whether clinical information and reference standard results were available to the performers/readers of the index test | 4 |
| | | 13b | Whether clinical information and index test results were available to the assessors of the reference standard | 4 |
| Analysis | 14 | Methods for estimating or comparing measures of diagnostic accuracy | 4 | |
| | 15 | How indeterminate index test or reference standard results were handled | 4 | |
| | 16 | How missing data on the index test and reference standard were handled | 4 | |
| | 17 | Any analyses of variability in diagnostic accuracy, distinguishing pre-specified from exploratory | n/a | |
| | 18 | Intended sample size and how it was determined | 4 | |
| RESULTS | 19 | Flow of participants, using a diagram | 6 | |
| Participants | 20 | Baseline demographic and clinical characteristics of participants | 5 | |
| | 21a | Distribution of severity of disease in those with the target condition | n/a | |
| | 21b | Distribution of alternative diagnoses in those without the target condition | n/a | |
| | 22 | Time interval and any clinical interventions between index test and reference standard | n/a | |
| | 23 | Cross tabulation of the index test results (or their distribution) by the results of the reference standard | 6 | |
| Test results | 24 | Estimates of diagnostic accuracy and their precision (such as 95% confidence intervals) | 5 | |
| | 25 | Any adverse events from performing the index test or the reference standard | n/a | |
| DISCUSSION | 26 | Study limitations, including sources of potential bias, statistical uncertainty, and generalizability | 9 | |
| | 27 | Implications for practice, including the intended use and clinical role of the index test | 9 | |
| OTHER INFORMATION | 28 | Registration number and name of registry | n/a | |
| | 29 | Where the full study protocol can be accessed | n/a | |
| | 30 | Sources of funding and other support; role of funders | 1 | |

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| Martínez-Perez 2016⁶ | | | | |
| TITLE OR ABSTRACT | 1 | Identification as a study of diagnostic accuracy using at least one measure of accuracy (such as sensitivity, specificity, predictive values, or AUC) | 1 | |
| ABSTRACT | 2 | Structured summary of study design, methods, results, and conclusions (for specific guidance, see) | 1 | |
| INTRODUCTION | 3 | Scientific and clinical background, including the intended use and clinical role of the index test | n/a | |
| | 4 | Study objectives and hypotheses | 1 | |
| METHODS | 5 | Whether data collection was planned before the index test and reference standard were performed (prospective study) or after (retrospective study) | 1 | |
| Study design | Participants | 6 | Eligibility criteria | 1 |
| | | 7 | On what basis potentially eligible participants were identified (such as symptoms, results from previous tests, inclusion in registry) | 1 |
| | | 8 | Where and when potentially eligible participants were identified (setting, location and dates) | 1 |
| | | 9 | Whether participants formed a consecutive, random or convenience series | 1 |
| Test methods | STARD for Abstracts | 10a | Index test, in sufficient detail to allow replication | 1 |
| | | 10b | Reference standard, in sufficient detail to allow replication | 1 |
| | | 11 | Rationale for choosing the reference standard (if alternatives exist) | n/a |
| | | 12a | Definition of and rationale for test positivity cut-offs or result categories of the index test, distinguishing pre-specified from exploratory | n/a |
| | | 12b | Definition of and rationale for test positivity cut-offs or result categories of the reference standard, distinguishing pre-specified from exploratory | n/a |
| | | 13a | Whether clinical information and reference standard results were available to the performers/readers of the index test | 1 |
| | | 13b | Whether clinical information and index test results were available to the assessors of the reference standard | 1 |
| Analysis | 14 | Methods for estimating or comparing measures of diagnostic accuracy | 5 | |
| | 15 | How indeterminate index test or reference standard results were handled | 4 | |
| | 16 | How missing data on the index test and reference standard were handled | n/a | |
| | 17 | Any analyses of variability in diagnostic accuracy, distinguishing pre-specified from exploratory | n/a | |
| | 18 | Intended sample size and how it was determined | 4 | |
| RESULTS | 19 | Flow of participants, using a diagram | 17 | |
| Participants | 20 | Baseline demographic and clinical characteristics of participants | 5-6 | |
| | 21a | Distribution of severity of disease in those with the target condition | n/a | |
| | 21b | Distribution of alternative diagnoses in those without the target condition | n/a | |
| | 22 | Time interval and any clinical interventions between index test and reference standard | n/a | |
| Test results | 23 | Cross tabulation of the index test results (or their distribution) by the results of the reference standard | 14-15 | |
| | 24 | Estimates of diagnostic accuracy and their precision (such as 95% confidence intervals) | 6, 15 | |
| | 25 | Any adverse events from performing the index test or the reference standard | n/a | |
| DISCUSSION | 26 | Study limitations, including sources of potential bias, statistical uncertainty, and generalizability | 8-9 | |
| | 27 | Implications for practice, including the intended use and clinical role of the index test | 9 | |
| OTHER INFORMATION | 28 | Registration number and name of registry | n/a | |
| | 29 | Where the full study protocol can be accessed | n/a | |
| | 30 | Sources of funding and other support; role of funders | n/a | |

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| | | Sarkar 2016⁸ | | |
| TITLE OR ABSTRACT | 1 | Identification as a study of diagnostic accuracy using at least one measure of accuracy (such as sensitivity, specificity, predictive values, or AUC) | n/a | |
| ABSTRACT | 2 | Structured summary of study design, methods, results, and conclusions (for specific guidance, see) | 1 | |
| INTRODUCTION | 3 | Scientific and clinical background, including the intended use and clinical role of the index test | n/a | |
| | 4 | Study objectives and hypotheses | 1 | |
| METHODS | 5 | Whether data collection was planned before the index test and reference standard were performed (prospective study) or after (retrospective study) | 1 | |
| Study design | Participants | 6 | Eligibility criteria | 1 |
| | | 7 | On what basis potentially eligible participants were identified (such as symptoms, results from previous tests, inclusion in registry) | 1 |
| | | 8 | Where and when potentially eligible participants were identified (setting, location and dates) | n/a |
| | | 9 | Whether participants formed a consecutive, random or convenience series | 1 |
| Test methods | STARD for Abstracts | 10a | Index test, in sufficient detail to allow replication | n/a |
| | | 10b | Reference standard, in sufficient detail to allow replication | n/a |
| | | 11 | Rationale for choosing the reference standard (if alternatives exist) | n/a |
| | | 12a | Definition of and rationale for test positivity cut-offs or result categories of the index test, distinguishing pre-specified from exploratory | n/a |
| | | 12b | Definition of and rationale for test positivity cut-offs or result categories of the reference standard, distinguishing pre-specified from exploratory | n/a |
| | | 13a | Whether clinical information and reference standard results were available to the performers/readers of the index test | 1 |
| | | 13b | Whether clinical information and index test results were available to the assessors of the reference standard | 1 |
| Analysis | 14 | Methods for estimating or comparing measures of diagnostic accuracy | 1 | |
| | 15 | How indeterminate index test or reference standard results were handled | n/a | |
| | 16 | How missing data on the index test and reference standard were handled | n/a | |
| | 17 | Any analyses of variability in diagnostic accuracy, distinguishing pre-specified from exploratory | n/a | |
| | 18 | Intended sample size and how it was determined | n/a | |
| RESULTS | 19 | Flow of participants, using a diagram | 1 | |
| Participants | 20 | Baseline demographic and clinical characteristics of participants | n/a | |
| | 21a | Distribution of severity of disease in those with the target condition | n/a | |
| | 21b | Distribution of alternative diagnoses in those without the target condition | n/a | |
| | 22 | Time interval and any clinical interventions between index test and reference standard | n/a | |
| Test results | 23 | Cross tabulation of the index test results (or their distribution) by the results of the reference standard | 1 | |
| | 24 | Estimates of diagnostic accuracy and their precision (such as 95% confidence intervals) | 1 | |
| | 25 | Any adverse events from performing the index test or the reference standard | n/a | |
| DISCUSSION | 26 | Study limitations, including sources of potential bias, statistical uncertainty, and generalizability | n/a | |
| | 27 | Implications for practice, including the intended use and clinical role of the index test | n/a | |
| OTHER INFORMATION | 28 | Registration number and name of registry | n/a | |
| | 29 | Where the full study protocol can be accessed | n/a | |
| | 30 | Sources of funding and other support; role of funders | n/a | |

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| | | FDA phase 2b 2012 observed arm²⁵ | | |
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| ABSTRACT | 2 | Structured summary of study design, methods, results, and conclusions (for specific guidance, see) | n/a | |
| INTRODUCTION | 3 | Scientific and clinical background, including the intended use and clinical role of the index test | 3-5 | |
| | 4 | Study objectives and hypotheses | 14-15 | |
| METHODS | 5 | Whether data collection was planned before the index test and reference standard were performed (prospective study) or after (retrospective study) | 16 | |
| Study design | Participants | 6 | Eligibility criteria | 16 |
| | | 7 | On what basis potentially eligible participants were identified (such as symptoms, results from previous tests, inclusion in registry) | 16 |
| | | 8 | Where and when potentially eligible participants were identified (setting, location and dates) | n/a |
| | | 9 | Whether participants formed a consecutive, random or convenience series | 18 |
| Test methods | STARD for Abstracts | 10a | Index test, in sufficient detail to allow replication | 16-17 |
| | | 10b | Reference standard, in sufficient detail to allow replication | 19-20 |
| | | 11 | Rationale for choosing the reference standard (if alternatives exist) | 19 |
| | | 12a | Definition of and rationale for test positivity cut-offs or result categories of the index test, distinguishing pre-specified from exploratory | 22 |
| | | 12b | Definition of and rationale for test positivity cut-offs or result categories of the reference standard, distinguishing pre-specified from exploratory | 19 |
| | | 13a | Whether clinical information and reference standard results were available to the performers/readers of the index test | 19-20 |
| | | 13b | Whether clinical information and index test results were available to the assessors of the reference standard | 19-20 |
| Analysis | 14 | Methods for estimating or comparing measures of diagnostic accuracy | 20 | |
| | 15 | How indeterminate index test or reference standard results were handled | 22 | |
| | 16 | How missing data on the index test and reference standard were handled | 22 | |
| | 17 | Any analyses of variability in diagnostic accuracy, distinguishing pre-specified from exploratory | n/a | |
| | 18 | Intended sample size and how it was determined | n/a | |
| | 19 | Flow of participants, using a diagram | n/a | |
| RESULTS | 19 | Flow of participants, using a diagram | n/a | |
| Participants | 20 | Baseline demographic and clinical characteristics of participants | 21 | |
| | 21a | Distribution of severity of disease in those with the target condition | n/a | |
| | 21b | Distribution of alternative diagnoses in those without the target condition | n/a | |
| | 22 | Time interval and any clinical interventions between index test and reference standard | n/a | |
| | 23 | Cross tabulation of the index test results (or their distribution) by the results of the reference standard | 23 | |
| Test results | 24 | Estimates of diagnostic accuracy and their precision (such as 95% confidence intervals) | 22-23 | |
| | 25 | Any adverse events from performing the index test or the reference standard | n/a | |
| DISCUSSION | 26 | Study limitations, including sources of potential bias, statistical uncertainty, and generalizability | 25 | |
| | 27 | Implications for practice, including the intended use and clinical role of the index test | 25 | |
| OTHER INFORMATION | 28 | Registration number and name of registry | 1 | |
| | 29 | Where the full study protocol can be accessed | n/a | |
| | 30 | Sources of funding and other support; role of funders | n/a | |

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| | | FDA phase 3 2012 unobserved arm²⁵ | | |
| TITLE OR ABSTRACT | 1 | Identification as a study of diagnostic accuracy using at least one measure of accuracy (such as sensitivity, specificity, predictive values, or AUC) | n/a | |
| ABSTRACT | 2 | Structured summary of study design, methods, results, and conclusions (for specific guidance, see) | n/a | |
| INTRODUCTION | 3 | Scientific and clinical background, including the intended use and clinical role of the index test | 3-5 | |
| | 4 | Study objectives and hypotheses | 15 | |
| METHODS | 5 | Whether data collection was planned before the index test and reference standard were performed (prospective study) or after (retrospective study) | 15 | |
| Study design | Participants | 6 | Eligibility criteria | 25-26 |
| | | 7 | On what basis potentially eligible participants were identified (such as symptoms, results from previous tests, inclusion in registry) | 26 |
| | | 8 | Where and when potentially eligible participants were identified (setting, location and dates) | n/a |
| | | 9 | Whether participants formed a consecutive, random or convenience series | 26 |
| Test methods | STARD for Abstracts | 10a | Index test, in sufficient detail to allow replication | 26 |
| | | 10b | Reference standard, in sufficient detail to allow replication | 32 |
| | | 11 | Rationale for choosing the reference standard (if alternatives exist) | n/a |
| | | 12a | Definition of and rationale for test positivity cut-offs or result categories of the index test, distinguishing pre-specified from exploratory | n/a |
| | | 12b | Definition of and rationale for test positivity cut-offs or result categories of the reference standard, distinguishing pre-specified from exploratory | 33 |
| | | 13a | Whether clinical information and reference standard results were available to the performers/readers of the index test | n/a |
| | | 13b | Whether clinical information and index test results were available to the assessors of the reference standard | n/a |
| | | Analysis | 14 | Methods for estimating or comparing measures of diagnostic accuracy |
| 15 | How indeterminate index test or reference standard results were handled | | 26 | |
| 16 | How missing data on the index test and reference standard were handled | | 31-32 | |
| 17 | Any analyses of variability in diagnostic accuracy, distinguishing pre-specified from exploratory | | n/a | |
| 18 | Intended sample size and how it was determined | | n/a | |
| RESULTS | 19 | Flow of participants, using a diagram | 31 | |
| Participants | 20 | Baseline demographic and clinical characteristics of participants | 28 | |
| | 21a | Distribution of severity of disease in those with the target condition | n/a | |
| | 21b | Distribution of alternative diagnoses in those without the target condition | n/a | |
| | 22 | Time interval and any clinical interventions between index test and reference standard | n/a | |
| Test results | 23 | Cross tabulation of the index test results (or their distribution) by the results of the reference standard | 35 | |
| | 24 | Estimates of diagnostic accuracy and their precision (such as 95% confidence intervals) | 36 | |
| | 25 | Any adverse events from performing the index test or the reference standard | 37-38 | |
| DISCUSSION | 26 | Study limitations, including sources of potential bias, statistical uncertainty, and generalizability | n/a | |
| | 27 | Implications for practice, including the intended use and clinical role of the index test | 41 | |
| OTHER INFORMATION | 28 | Registration number and name of registry | 1 | |
| | 29 | Where the full study protocol can be accessed | n/a | |
| | 30 | Sources of funding and other support; role of funders | n/a | |

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| | | Majam⁴ | | |
| TITLE OR ABSTRACT | 1 | Identification as a study of diagnostic accuracy using at least one measure of accuracy (such as sensitivity, specificity, predictive values, or AUC) | n/a | |
| ABSTRACT | 2 | Structured summary of study design, methods, results, and conclusions (for specific guidance, see) | 1 | |
| INTRODUCTION | 3 | Scientific and clinical background, including the intended use and clinical role of the index test | n/a | |
| | 4 | Study objectives and hypotheses | | |
| METHODS | 5 | Whether data collection was planned before the index test and reference standard were performed (prospective study) or after (retrospective study) | 1 | |
| Study design | Participants | 6 | Eligibility criteria | 1 |
| | | 7 | On what basis potentially eligible participants were identified (such as symptoms, results from previous tests, inclusion in registry) | 1 |
| | 8 | Where and when potentially eligible participants were identified (setting, location and dates) | n/a | |
| | 9 | Whether participants formed a consecutive, random or convenience series | 1 | |
| Test methods | 10a STARD for Abstracts | 10a | Index test, in sufficient detail to allow replication | |
| | | 10b | Reference standard, in sufficient detail to allow replication | n/a |
| | | 11 | Rationale for choosing the reference standard (if alternatives exist) | n/a |
| | | 12a | Definition of and rationale for test positivity cut-offs or result categories of the index test, distinguishing pre-specified from exploratory | n/a |
| | | 12b | Definition of and rationale for test positivity cut-offs or result categories of the reference standard, distinguishing pre-specified from exploratory | n/a |
| | | 13a | Whether clinical information and reference standard results were available to the performers/readers of the index test | n/a |
| | | 13b | Whether clinical information and index test results were available to the assessors of the reference standard | n/a |
| Analysis | 14 | Methods for estimating or comparing measures of diagnostic accuracy | n/a | |
| | 15 | How indeterminate index test or reference standard results were handled | n/a | |
| | 16 | How missing data on the index test and reference standard were handled | n/a | |
| | 17 | Any analyses of variability in diagnostic accuracy, distinguishing pre-specified from exploratory | n/a | |
| | 18 | Intended sample size and how it was determined | n/a | |
| RESULTS | 19 | Flow of participants, using a diagram | n/a | |
| Participants | 20 | Baseline demographic and clinical characteristics of participants | 1-2 | |
| | 21a | Distribution of severity of disease in those with the target condition | n/a | |
| | 21b | Distribution of alternative diagnoses in those without the target condition | n/a | |
| | 22 | Time interval and any clinical interventions between index test and reference standard | n/a | |
| Test results | 23 | Cross tabulation of the index test results (or their distribution) by the results of the reference standard | n/a | |
| | 24 | Estimates of diagnostic accuracy and their precision (such as 95% confidence intervals) | n/a | |
| | 25 | Any adverse events from performing the index test or the reference standard | n/a | |
| DISCUSSION | 26 | Study limitations, including sources of potential bias, statistical uncertainty, and generalizability | n/a | |
| | 27 | Implications for practice, including the intended use and clinical role of the index test | n/a | |
| OTHER INFORMATION | 28 | Registration number and name of registry | n/a | |
| | 29 | Where the full study protocol can be accessed | n/a | |
| | 30 | Sources of funding and other support; role of funders | n/a | |

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| Gaydos 2013¹⁷ | | | |
| TITLE OR ABSTRACT | 1 | Identification as a study of diagnostic accuracy using at least one measure of accuracy (such as sensitivity, specificity, predictive values, or AUC) | n/a |
| ABSTRACT | 2 | Structured summary of study design, methods, results, and conclusions (for specific guidance, see) | 1 |
| INTRODUCTION | 3 | Scientific and clinical background, including the intended use and clinical role of the index test | n/a |
| | 4 | Study objectives and hypotheses | 2 |
| METHODS | 5 | Whether data collection was planned before the index test and reference standard were performed (prospective study) or after (retrospective study) | 2 |
| Study design | 6 | Eligibility criteria | 2-3 |
| | 7 | On what basis potentially eligible participants were identified (such as symptoms, results from previous tests, inclusion in registry) | 2-3 |
| | 8 | Where and when potentially eligible participants were identified (setting, location and dates) | 2-3 |
| | 9 | Whether participants formed a consecutive, random or convenience series | 3 |
| Participants | 10a | Index test, in sufficient detail to allow replication | 3 |
| | 10b | Reference standard, in sufficient detail to allow replication | 3 |
| Test methods | 11 | Rationale for choosing the reference standard (if alternatives exist) | n/a |
| | 12a | Definition of and rationale for test positivity cut-offs or result categories of the index test, distinguishing pre-specified from exploratory | n/a |
| | 12b | Definition of and rationale for test positivity cut-offs or result categories of the reference standard, distinguishing pre-specified from exploratory | n/a |
| | 13a | Whether clinical information and reference standard results were available to the performers/readers of the index test | 3 |
| | 13b | Whether clinical information and index test results were available to the assessors of the reference standard | 3 |
| Analysis | 14 | Methods for estimating or comparing measures of diagnostic accuracy | n/a |
| | 15 | How indeterminate index test or reference standard results were handled | n/a |
| | 16 | How missing data on the index test and reference standard were handled | n/a |
| | 17 | Any analyses of variability in diagnostic accuracy, distinguishing pre-specified from exploratory | n/a |
| | 18 | Intended sample size and how it was determined | n/a |
| RESULTS | 19 | Flow of participants, using a diagram | n/a |
| Participants | 20 | Baseline demographic and clinical characteristics of participants | n/a |
| | 21a | Distribution of severity of disease in those with the target condition | n/a |
| | 21b | Distribution of alternative diagnoses in those without the target condition | n/a |
| Test results | 22 | Time interval and any clinical interventions between index test and reference standard | 3 |
| | 23 | Cross tabulation of the index test results (or their distribution) by the results of the reference standard | n/a |
| | 24 | Estimates of diagnostic accuracy and their precision (such as 95% confidence intervals) | n/a |
| | 25 | Any adverse events from performing the index test or the reference standard | n/a |
| DISCUSSION | 26 | Study limitations, including sources of potential bias, statistical uncertainty, and generalizability | 5 |
| | 27 | Implications for practice, including the intended use and clinical role of the index test | n/a |
| OTHER INFORMATION | 28 | Registration number and name of registry | n/a |
| | 29 | Where the full study protocol can be accessed | n/a |
| | 30 | Sources of funding and other support; role of funders | 5 |

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| Spielberg 2003²² | | | |
| TITLE OR ABSTRACT | 1 | Identification as a study of diagnostic accuracy using at least one measure of accuracy (such as sensitivity, specificity, predictive values, or AUC) | n/a |
| ABSTRACT | 2 | Structured summary of study design, methods, results, and conclusions (for specific guidance, see) | 1 |
| INTRODUCTION | 3 | Scientific and clinical background, including the intended use and clinical role of the index test | n/a |
| | 4 | Study objectives and hypotheses | 1 |
| METHODS | 5 | Whether data collection was planned before the index test and reference standard were performed (prospective study) or after (retrospective study) | 1 |
| Study design | 6 | Eligibility criteria | n/a |
| Participants | 7 | On what basis potentially eligible participants were identified (such as symptoms, results from previous tests, inclusion in registry) | n/a |
| | 8 | Where and when potentially eligible participants were identified (setting, location and dates) | n/a |
| | 9 | Whether participants formed a consecutive, random or convenience series | 1 |
| Test methods | 10a | Index test, in sufficient detail to allow replication | n/a |
| | 10b | Reference standard, in sufficient detail to allow replication | n/a |
| | 11 | Rationale for choosing the reference standard (if alternatives exist) | n/a |
| | 12a | Definition of and rationale for test positivity cut-offs or result categories of the index test, distinguishing pre-specified from exploratory | n/a |
| | 12b | Definition of and rationale for test positivity cut-offs or result categories of the reference standard, distinguishing pre-specified from exploratory | n/a |
| | 13a | Whether clinical information and reference standard results were available to the performers/readers of the index test | 1 |
| | 13b | Whether clinical information and index test results were available to the assessors of the reference standard | 1 |
| Analysis | 14 | Methods for estimating or comparing measures of diagnostic accuracy | n/a |
| | 15 | How indeterminate index test or reference standard results were handled | n/a |
| | 16 | How missing data on the index test and reference standard were handled | n/a |
| | 17 | Any analyses of variability in diagnostic accuracy, distinguishing pre-specified from exploratory | n/a |
| | 18 | Intended sample size and how it was determined | n/a |
| RESULTS | 19 | Flow of participants, using a diagram | n/a |
| Participants | 20 | Baseline demographic and clinical characteristics of participants | n/a |
| | 21a | Distribution of severity of disease in those with the target condition | n/a |
| | 21b | Distribution of alternative diagnoses in those without the target condition | n/a |
| | 22 | Time interval and any clinical interventions between index test and reference standard | n/a |
| Test results | 23 | Cross tabulation of the index test results (or their distribution) by the results of the reference standard | n/a |
| | 24 | Estimates of diagnostic accuracy and their precision (such as 95% confidence intervals) | n/a |
| | 25 | Any adverse events from performing the index test or the reference standard | n/a |
| DISCUSSION | 26 | Study limitations, including sources of potential bias, statistical uncertainty, and generalizability | n/a |
| | 27 | Implications for practice, including the intended use and clinical role of the index test | n/a |
| OTHER INFORMATION | 28 | Registration number and name of registry | n/a |
| | 29 | Where the full study protocol can be accessed | n/a |
| | 30 | Sources of funding and other support; role of funders | n/a |

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| Chavez 2016⁴⁴ | | | |
| TITLE OR ABSTRACT | 1 | Identification as a study of diagnostic accuracy using at least one measure of accuracy (such as sensitivity, specificity, predictive values, or AUC) | 1 |
| ABSTRACT | 2 | Structured summary of study design, methods, results, and conclusions (for specific guidance, see) | 2-5 |
| INTRODUCTION | 3 | Scientific and clinical background, including the intended use and clinical role of the index test | n/a |
| | 4 | Study objectives and hypotheses | 4 |
| METHODS Study design Participants | 5 | Whether data collection was planned before the index test and reference standard were performed (prospective study) or after (retrospective study) | 3 |
| | 6 | Eligibility criteria | 8 |
| | 7 | On what basis potentially eligible participants were identified (such as symptoms, results from previous tests, inclusion in registry) | n/a |
| | 8 | Where and when potentially eligible participants were identified (setting, location and dates) | 2 |
| | 9 | Whether participants formed a consecutive, random or convenience series | 2 |
| Test methods | 10a | Index test, in sufficient detail to allow replication | 10-12 |
| | 10b | Reference standard, in sufficient detail to allow replication | 10-12 |
| | 11 | Rationale for choosing the reference standard (if alternatives exist) | n/a |
| | 12a | Definition of and rationale for test positivity cut-offs or result categories of the index test, distinguishing pre-specified from exploratory | n/a |
| | 12b | Definition of and rationale for test positivity cut-offs or result categories of the reference standard, distinguishing pre-specified from exploratory | n/a |
| | 13a | Whether clinical information and reference standard results were available to the performers/readers of the index test | n/a |
| | 13b | Whether clinical information and index test results were available to the assessors of the reference standard | n/a |
| | 14 | Methods for estimating or comparing measures of diagnostic accuracy | n/a |
| Analysis | 15 | How indeterminate index test or reference standard results were handled | n/a |
| | 16 | How missing data on the index test and reference standard were handled | n/a |
| | 17 | Any analyses of variability in diagnostic accuracy, distinguishing pre-specified from exploratory | n/a |
| | 18 | Intended sample size and how it was determined | n/a |
| RESULTS Participants | 19 | Flow of participants, using a diagram | n/a |
| | 20 | Baseline demographic and clinical characteristics of participants | 15 |
| | 21a | Distribution of severity of disease in those with the target condition | n/a |
| | 21b | Distribution of alternative diagnoses in those without the target condition | n/a |
| | 22 | Time interval and any clinical interventions between index test and reference standard | n/a |
| Test results | 23 | Cross tabulation of the index test results (or their distribution) by the results of the reference standard | 25-26 |
| | 24 | Estimates of diagnostic accuracy and their precision (such as 95% confidence intervals) | 24 |
| DISCUSSION | 25 | Any adverse events from performing the index test or the reference standard | n/a |
| | 26 | Study limitations, including sources of potential bias, statistical uncertainty, and generalizability | 31 |
| OTHER INFORMATION | 27 | Implications for practice, including the intended use and clinical role of the index test | n/a |
| | 28 | Registration number and name of registry | n/a |
| | 29 | Where the full study protocol can be accessed | n/a |
| | 30 | Sources of funding and other support; role of funders | n/a |

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| MacGowan 2014¹ | | | |
| TITLE OR ABSTRACT | 1 | Identification as a study of diagnostic accuracy using at least one measure of accuracy (such as sensitivity, specificity, predictive values, or AUC) | n/a |
| ABSTRACT | 2 | Structured summary of study design, methods, results, and conclusions (for specific guidance, see) | 1 |
| INTRODUCTION | 3 | Scientific and clinical background, including the intended use and clinical role of the index test | 1 |
| | 4 | Study objectives and hypotheses | 1 |
| METHODS | 5 | Whether data collection was planned before the index test and reference standard were performed (prospective study) or after (retrospective study) | 1 |
| Study design | 6 | Eligibility criteria | n/a |
| Participants | 7 | On what basis potentially eligible participants were identified (such as symptoms, results from previous tests, inclusion in registry) | n/a |
| | 8 | Where and when potentially eligible participants were identified (setting, location and dates) | 1 |
| | 9 | Whether participants formed a consecutive, random or convenience series | 1 |
| Test methods | 10a | Index test, in sufficient detail to allow replication | 1 |
| | STARD for Abstracts | | |
| | 10b | Reference standard, in sufficient detail to allow replication | 1 |
| | 11 | Rationale for choosing the reference standard (if alternatives exist) | n/a |
| | 12a | Definition of and rationale for test positivity cut-offs or result categories of the index test, distinguishing pre-specified from exploratory | n/a |
| | 12b | Definition of and rationale for test positivity cut-offs or result categories of the reference standard, distinguishing pre-specified from exploratory | n/a |
| | 13a | Whether clinical information and reference standard results were available to the performers/readers of the index test | 1 |
| | 13b | Whether clinical information and index test results were available to the assessors of the reference standard | 1 |
| Analysis | 14 | Methods for estimating or comparing measures of diagnostic accuracy | n/a |
| | 15 | How indeterminate index test or reference standard results were handled | n/a |
| | 16 | How missing data on the index test and reference standard were handled | 1 |
| | 17 | Any analyses of variability in diagnostic accuracy, distinguishing pre-specified from exploratory | n/a |
| | 18 | Intended sample size and how it was determined | n/a |
| RESULTS | 19 | Flow of participants, using a diagram | n/a |
| Participants | 20 | Baseline demographic and clinical characteristics of participants | 1 |
| | 21a | Distribution of severity of disease in those with the target condition | n/a |
| | 21b | Distribution of alternative diagnoses in those without the target condition | n/a |
| | 22 | Time interval and any clinical interventions between index test and reference standard | n/a |
| Test results | 23 | Cross tabulation of the index test results (or their distribution) by the results of the reference standard | 1 |
| | 24 | Estimates of diagnostic accuracy and their precision (such as 95% confidence intervals) | n/a |
| | 25 | Any adverse events from performing the index test or the reference standard | n/a |
| DISCUSSION | 26 | Study limitations, including sources of potential bias, statistical uncertainty, and generalizability | 1 |
| | 27 | Implications for practice, including the intended use and clinical role of the index test | n/a |
| OTHER INFORMATION | 28 | Registration number and name of registry | n/a |
| | 29 | Where the full study protocol can be accessed | n/a |
| | 30 | Sources of funding and other support; role of funders | 1 |

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| Li 2016²⁰ | | | |
| TITLE OR ABSTRACT | 1 | Identification as a study of diagnostic accuracy using at least one measure of accuracy (such as sensitivity, specificity, predictive values, or AUC) | 1 |
| ABSTRACT | 2 | Structured summary of study design, methods, results, and conclusions (for specific guidance, see) | 1 |
| INTRODUCTION | 3 | Scientific and clinical background, including the intended use and clinical role of the index test | 1 |
| | 4 | Study objectives and hypotheses | 1 |
| METHODS | 5 | Whether data collection was planned before the index test and reference standard were performed (prospective study) or after (retrospective study) | 1 |
| Study design | 6 | Eligibility criteria | 1 |
| | 7 | On what basis potentially eligible participants were identified (such as symptoms, results from previous tests, inclusion in registry) | n/a |
| | 8 | Where and when potentially eligible participants were identified (setting, location and dates) | 1,2 |
| Participants | 9 | Whether participants formed a consecutive, random or convenience series | 2 |
| | 10a | Index test, in sufficient detail to allow replication | 2 |
| Test methods | STARD for Abstracts | | |
| | 10b | Reference standard, in sufficient detail to allow replication | 2 |
| | 11 | Rationale for choosing the reference standard (if alternatives exist) | n/a |
| | 12a | Definition of and rationale for test positivity cut-offs or result categories of the index test, distinguishing pre-specified from exploratory | n/a |
| | 12b | Definition of and rationale for test positivity cut-offs or result categories of the reference standard, distinguishing pre-specified from exploratory | n/a |
| | 13a | Whether clinical information and reference standard results were available to the performers/readers of the index test | n/a |
| | 13b | Whether clinical information and index test results were available to the assessors of the reference standard | 2 |
| Analysis | 14 | Methods for estimating or comparing measures of diagnostic accuracy | n/a |
| | 15 | How indeterminate index test or reference standard results were handled | n/a |
| | 16 | How missing data on the index test and reference standard were handled | n/a |
| | 17 | Any analyses of variability in diagnostic accuracy, distinguishing pre-specified from exploratory | n/a |
| | 18 | Intended sample size and how it was determined | n/a |
| RESULTS | 19 | Flow of participants, using a diagram | n/a |
| | 20 | Baseline demographic and clinical characteristics of participants | 2 |
| Participants | 21a | Distribution of severity of disease in those with the target condition | n/a |
| | 21b | Distribution of alternative diagnoses in those without the target condition | n/a |
| | 22 | Time interval and any clinical interventions between index test and reference standard | n/a |
| Test results | 23 | Cross tabulation of the index test results (or their distribution) by the results of the reference standard | 3 |
| | 24 | Estimates of diagnostic accuracy and their precision (such as 95% confidence intervals) | 3 |
| | 25 | Any adverse events from performing the index test or the reference standard | n/a |
| DISCUSSION | 26 | Study limitations, including sources of potential bias, statistical uncertainty, and generalizability | 5 |
| | 27 | Implications for practice, including the intended use and clinical role of the index test | 5 |
| OTHER INFORMATION | 28 | Registration number and name of registry | n/a |
| | 29 | Where the full study protocol can be accessed | n/a |
| | 30 | Sources of funding and other support; role of funders | n/a |

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