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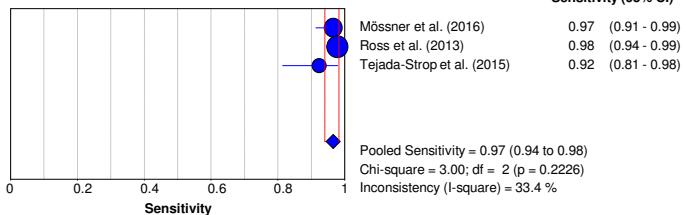
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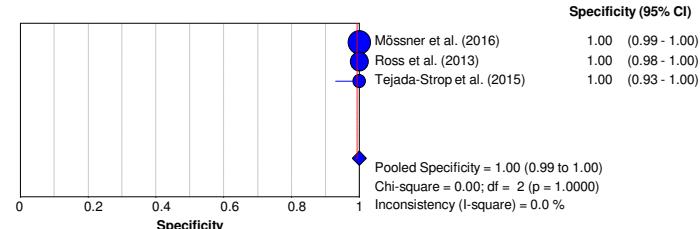
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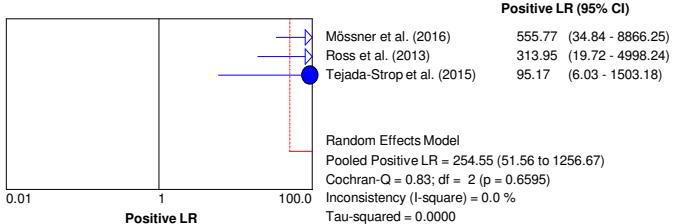
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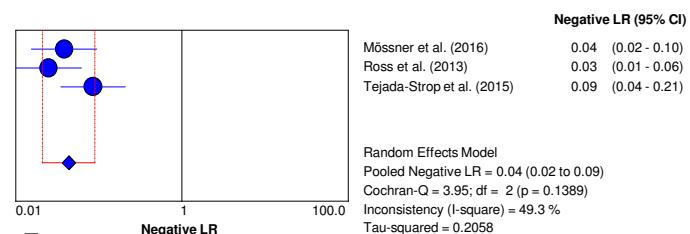
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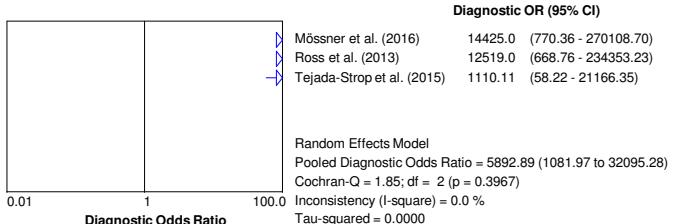
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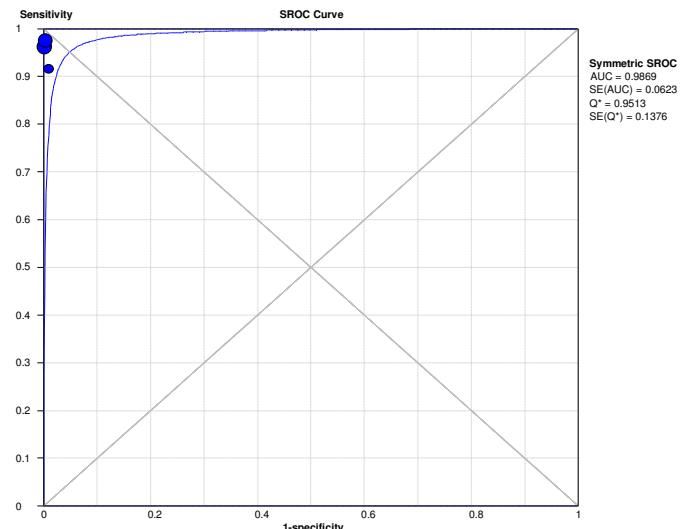
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**Supplemental File 7.** Forest plots of sensitivity (A). specificity (B). positive LR (C). negative LR (D). diagnostic odds ratio (E). and SROC plot (F) for chemiluminescence assays (CLA).