

CRITICAL REVIEW FORM FOR DIAGNOSTIC TESTS

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Guide	Comments
<i>I. Are the results of the study valid?</i>	
<u>Primary Guides:</u> 1. Was there an independent "blind" comparison with a reference standard?	
2. Did the patient sample include an appropriate spectrum of patients to whom the test will be applied in clinical practice?	
<u>Secondary Guides:</u>	
3. Did the result of the test being evaluated influence the decision to perform the reference standard?	
4. Were the methods of the test described in sufficient detail to permit replication? Was reproducibility of the test result assessed?	
<i>II. What are the results?</i>	
1. Are likelihood ratios for the test results presented or data necessary for their calculation provided? What are they?	
2. How precise was the treatment effect (confidence intervals)?	
<i>III. Will the results help me in caring for my patients?</i>	
1. Will the reproducibility of the test result and its interpretation be satisfactory in my setting?	
2. Are the results applicable to my patients?	
3. Will the results change my management?	
4. Will patients be better off as a result of the test?	

References:

1. JAMA 1994; 271: 389-391
2. JAMA 1994; 271: 703-707