Development and validation of methods for assessing the quality of diagnostic accuracy studies


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Authors' objectives
This project aims to develop a quality assessment tool which will be used in systematic reviews to assess the quality of primary studies of diagnostic accuracy.

Authors' conclusions
This project produced an evidence-based quality assessment tool to be used in systematic reviews of diagnostic accuracy studies. Through the various stages of the project the current lack of such a tool and the need for a systematically developed validated tool were demonstrated. Further work to validate the tool continues beyond the scope of this project. The further development of the tool by the addition of design- and topic-specific criteria is proposed.

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