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|  |  | **2** | Structured summary of study design, methods, results, and conclusions  (for specific guidance, see STARD for Abstracts) | 2 |
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|  |  | **3** | Scientific and clinical background, including the intended use and clinical role of the index test | 4 |
|  |  | **4** | Study objectives and hypotheses | 5 |
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|  | *Study design* | **5** | Whether data collection was planned before the index test and reference standard  were performed (prospective study) or after (retrospective study) | 6 |
|  | *Participants* | **6** | Eligibility criteria | 6 |
|  |  | **7** | On what basis potentially eligible participants were identified  (such as symptoms, results from previous tests, inclusion in registry) | 6; 7 |
|  |  | **8** | Where and when potentially eligible participants were identified (setting, location and dates) | 6 |
|  |  | **9** | Whether participants formed a consecutive, random or convenience series | 6,7 |
|  | *Test methods* | **10a** | Index test, in sufficient detail to allow replication | 8; 9; 10 |
|  |  | **10b** | Reference standard, in sufficient detail to allow replication | 8; 9; 10 |
|  |  | **11** | Rationale for choosing the reference standard (if alternatives exist) | 9;10 |
|  |  | **12a** | Definition of and rationale for test positivity cut-offs or result categories  of the index test, distinguishing pre-specified from exploratory | 9;10 |
|  |  | **12b** | Definition of and rationale for test positivity cut-offs or result categories  of the reference standard, distinguishing pre-specified from exploratory | 9;10 |
|  |  | **13a** | Whether clinical information and reference standard results were available  to the performers/readers of the index test | 9;10 |
|  |  | **13b** | Whether clinical information and index test results were available  to the assessors of the reference standard | 9;10 |
|  | *Analysis* | **14** | Methods for estimating or comparing measures of diagnostic accuracy | 9;10 |
|  |  | **15** | How indeterminate index test or reference standard results were handled | 9;10 |
|  |  | **16** | How missing data on the index test and reference standard were handled | 9 |
|  |  | **17** | Any analyses of variability in diagnostic accuracy, distinguishing pre-specified from exploratory | 9; 10 |
|  |  | **18** | Intended sample size and how it was determined |  |
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|  |  | **20** | Baseline demographic and clinical characteristics of participants | 6 |
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|  |  | **24** | Estimates of diagnostic accuracy and their precision (such as 95% confidence intervals) | 11; 12 |
|  |  | **25** | Any adverse events from performing the index test or the reference standard | - |
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