

### Checklist for assessment of methodological quality drawn from the QUADAS instrument

	<b>Item</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Unclear</b>
<b>1</b>	Was the spectrum of patients representative of the patients who will be investigated in practice?			
<b>2</b>	Were selection criteria clearly described?			
<b>3</b>	Is an acceptable diagnostic instrument used to classify the reference condition?			
<b>4</b>	Is an acceptable diagnostic instrument used to classify the target condition?			
<b>5</b>	Is the time period between diagnosis of reference condition and target condition short enough to be reasonably sure that the target condition did not change between the two tests?			
<b>6</b>	Was the target condition classified in the whole sample?			
<b>7</b>	Did patients receive the same diagnostic instrument to classify the target condition, regardless of the reference condition?			
<b>8</b>	Was the diagnostic instrument to classify the reference condition independent of the diagnostic instrument for the target condition?			
<b>9</b>	Was the diagnostic instrument to classify the target condition described in sufficient detail to permit replication?			
<b>10</b>	Was the diagnostic instrument to classify the reference condition described in sufficient detail to permit replication?			
<b>11</b>	Was the target condition interpreted without knowledge of the reference condition?			
<b>12</b>	Was the reference condition interpreted without knowledge of the target condition?			
<b>13</b>	Were the same clinical data available when conditions were diagnosed as would be available in practice?			
<b>14</b>	Were uninterpretable/ intermediate results reported?			
<b>15</b>	Were withdrawals from the study explained?			