Quality Items

- Withdraws from study explained: Yes 5, No 7, Unclear 7
- Uninterpretable test results reported: Yes 6, No 6, Unclear 7
- Reference standard results interpreted without the knowledge of the index test: Yes 19, No 15
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- Execution of reference standard described sufficiently to permit replication: Yes 4, No 15
- Execution of index test described sufficiently to permit replication: Yes 9, No 10
- Time period between index test and reference standard < 4: Yes 10, No 3, Unclear 6
- Stage of disease reported: Yes 16, No 3
- Clinical demographics reported: Yes 1, No 18
- Whole or random sample verification: Yes 13, No 6
- Prospective data collection: Yes 13, No 6
- Consecutive or random recruitment: Yes 9, No 10

Legend: Yes, No, Unclear, Not applicable