Figure 3  Summary of quality assessment of included studies

- Was the spectrum of patients representative of the patients who will receive the test in practice?
- Were selection criteria clearly described?
- Is the reference standard likely to correctly classify the target condition?
- Time between tests
- All verified with reference test
- Did patients receive the same reference standard regardless of the index test result?
- Was the reference standard independent of the index test (i.e., the index test did not form part of the reference standard)?
- Description of execution of index test
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- Interpret index test independently
- Interpret reference test independently
- Were the same clinical data available when test results were interpreted as would be available when the test is used in practice?
- Withdrawals explained
- Were all intermediate/interpretable test results reported?