Title: Estimates of sensitivity and specificity can be biased when reporting the results of the second test in a screening trial conducted in series

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Dear Editorial Staff:

Thank you for the opportunity to check the manuscript, “Estimates of observed sensitivity and specificity can be biased when reporting the results of the second test in a screening trial conducted in series” (MS: 2082906916285763), before publication. We found and corrected two typos.

1) In the Results section of the abstract, the second sentence of the first paragraph originally read:

In both the single test design and series designs…

The sentence now reads:

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2) In the Discussion section, the fourth sentence of the fifth paragraph originally read:

While the trial conducted by Lehman et al. [5] results may have been affected…

The sentence now reads:

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On the previous version of the manuscript, the editorial staff added page numbers to reference nine and cropped white space from the figures. We made the same changes to reference nine in the new version of the manuscript. We did not upload any new figures.
Thank you for your time. If any further information is needed, please feel free to contact me at the email address provided below.

Sincerely,

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