Reviewer’s report

Title: Updating Standards for Reporting Diagnostic Accuracy: the Development of STARD 2015

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Reviewer: Gary Collins

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I have no constructive criticism to make on this article. The paper is a beautifully written descriptive account on how the STARD group updated the reporting guideline, with an aim to help other reporting guideline groups when they are contemplating updating their guidance. The supplementary material are described in great detail and give a transparent account of the entire process.

Figure 1 is useful as this outlines the key steps of their process with dates indicating how long the various processes took.

I do wonder why only examples of 'adequate' reporting are sought for the E&E, and not 'good' examples.

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