Reviewer’s report

Title: Targeted Test Evaluation: A Framework for Designing Diagnostic Accuracy Studies with Clear Study Hypotheses

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This manuscript discusses the importance of formulating hypotheses for diagnostic test accuracy research, and offers guidance to research how to define minimally acceptable criteria for test performance and for estimating minimal sample size.

The manuscript is very clearly and thoughtfully written, and in my opinion, does not need revision.

I would only like to recommend the others to change the term 'medical tests' into 'diagnostic tests', as this better reflects the types and broad range of tests their guidance applies to.

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