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1.1 Review question

What is the diagnostic accuracy of near-patient, rapid tests to distinguish between bacterial and viral infection in suspected acute respiratory infection?

1.1.1 Introduction

Respiratory infections are a common cause of illness in adults. They can be caused by viruses (such as a cold), or bacteria. Infections are often self-limiting and resolve without the need for treatment. However, people with more severe symptoms or those at risk of developing serious disease may require treatment. The treatment required depends on the nature of the infection. At present, healthcare professionals use their clinical expertise to identify those who are more severely unwell and/or at risk of deteriorating, and to determine whether they have a respiratory infection caused by a virus or bacteria. However, this is not always easy to establish. Consequently, many people are given antibiotics (to treat a possible bacterial infection), even if the actual cause of their illness is a virus.

Recently, tests have become available which may help to indicate quickly whether a respiratory infection is caused by a virus or bacteria. These tests are known as “rapid point of care” tests because the samples do not need to be sent to specialist laboratories and can be carried out in a GP surgery or in an emergency department. If these tests are very effective, they may be a useful addition to current care. They may be able to identify people who require antibiotics and distinguish them from people who do not require treatment (or require alternative treatment).

1.1.2 Summary of the protocol

Table 1: PICOS inclusion criteria

Population	People aged 16 years or over with suspected acute respiratory infection, including (but not limited to) the following symptoms: • Cough or shortness of breath • Sore throat • Rhinitis
Index tests	• Symptoms and signs of acute respiratory infection; either individual symptoms/signs, or in combination (as part of a clinical decision tool) • “Host-response” (or “biomarker”) point of care tests (POCTs), including:

	○ CRP ○ Procalcitonin ○ CRP and MxA (FebriDx) ○ TRAIL, IP-10 and CRP (ImmunoXpert/MeMed BV) ○ White cell differential count • Multiplex or single POCTs (with a turnaround time of <45 minutes) for (or including) the following specific organisms: ○ Influenza (A and B) ○ Respiratory syncytial virus (RSV)
Comparator/Reference standard	Any reference standard
Outcomes	Diagnostic accuracy measures • Sensitivity • Specificity • Area under the curve (AUC)
Study type	Diagnostic test accuracy studies

For the full protocol see Appendix A.

1.1.3 Methods and process

This evidence review was developed using the methods and process described in Developing NICE guidelines: the manual. Methods specific to this review question are described in the review protocol in Appendix A.

The principal approach used was an overview of systematic reviews. For this overview, we used a two-stage process to select relevant evidence. Initially, we identified all systematic reviews that addressed a question within the scope of the evidence review. From these, we then selected the most relevant systematic review for each index test, considering the search date and comprehensiveness, and the similarity in scope to this review question.

After completing this overview of reviews, we identified two gaps in the available evidence. No systematic reviews addressed the diagnostic accuracy of white cell differential count to distinguish between bacterial or viral infection. In addition, no systematic reviews considered the diagnostic accuracy of multiplex PCR specific to point of care testing in an emergency/ambulatory/primary care setting. We therefore conducted additional searches for primary diagnostic accuracy studies in these areas.

We assessed the risk of bias in the selected systematic reviews using the ROBIS tool and in the primary studies using QUADAS 2. We extracted meta-analysis results from the systematic reviews. Where possible, bivariate random effects meta-analyses were conducted of the primary studies using the 'metandi' function in STATA. If fewer than four studies were available for any analysis then a univariate meta-analysis was conducted.

If data were not suitable for meta-analysis then we present a narrative synthesis of the available results.

We sought data pertaining to the following subgroups of interest in this overview: setting of study, age of patients, presence of chronic co-morbidity, people who are pregnant/post-partum and different reference standards.

We performed GRADE assessments on all syntheses, both those extracted from systematic reviews and those we undertook ourselves on primary studies.

Declarations of interest were recorded according to NICE's conflicts of interest policy.

1.1.3.1 Search methods

Systematic literature searches were undertaken to identify published clinical evidence relevant to the review question. Databases were searched using subject headings, free-text terms and where appropriate, study design filters. Two main sets of searches were conducted, the first to identify systematic reviews of diagnostic test accuracy studies and the second to identify primary studies, where there were gaps in the available evidence. The searches for systematic reviews were conducted in the following databases: Medline, Embase, Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews (CDSR), NIHR Journals Library and Epistemonikos. The searches for primary studies were conducted in Medline and Embase. A pragmatic search of the International Trials Registers (ClinicalTrials.gov and the WHO International Clinical Trials Registry Platform (ICTRP)) was also conducted but did not yield any relevant results.

No date restrictions were placed on the searches.

The searches were iterative, with the initial search structured around broad, top-level terms for the index tests (rapid point-of-care tests or clinical prediction rules) combined with terms for the target condition or causative agents of respiratory tract infections. Later searches included the addition of relevant host-response biomarkers or named tests (devices), as the retrieval of relevant research evidence evolved.

Details of the search strategies (reviews and primary studies) can be found in Appendix B of the evidence report. Searching for grey literature or unpublished literature was not undertaken.

1.1.4 Diagnostic evidence

1.1.4.1 Included systematic reviews

The systematic search carried out to identify potentially relevant systematic reviews found 4450 references (see Appendix B for the literature search strategy).

These 4450 references were screened at title and abstract level against the review protocol, with 4287 excluded at this level. All references were screened separately by two reviewers. Discrepancies were resolved by discussion.

The full texts of 163 review articles were retrieved for closer inspection. 23 of these studies met the criteria specified in the review protocol (Appendix A). For a summary of the 23 reviews see Appendix C, Relevant systematic reviews.

The full texts of these 23 systematic reviews were assessed, considering their currency (search date), similarity in scope to the review question, and comprehensiveness (the number of included studies of relevance to this question). For each index test we selected the most comprehensive review as the primary source of data to answer the review question. Six relevant systematic reviews were identified as being most aligned with the scope of this overview. Details of these reviews are reported in Appendix D, Evidence table 1: Included systematic reviews.

In relation to our planned subgroups, we identified some data presented according to the setting of the study (primary care, emergency care or outpatient settings), and a small amount of data relating to people with a chronic co-morbidity (chronic obstructive pulmonary disease). However, we did not identify any additional information on the subgroups of interest in this review.

The clinical evidence study selection is presented as a PRISMA diagram in Appendix C.

See section 1.1.14 References – included studies for the full references of the included studies.

1.1.4.2 Included primary studies

White cell differential count

A systematic search carried out to identify potentially relevant primary studies on white cell differential count found 455 references (see Appendix B for the literature search strategy).

These 455 references were screened at title and abstract level against the review protocol, with 407 excluded at this level. All references were screened separately by two reviewers. Discrepancies were resolved by discussion.

The full texts of 48 studies were retrieved for closer inspection. 4 of these studies met the criteria specified in the review protocol (Appendix A). For a summary of these 4 studies see Evidence table 2: White cell differential count, primary studies.

See section 1.1.14 References – included studies for the full references of the included studies.

Multiplex PCR tests

A systematic search carried out to identify potentially relevant primary studies on multiplex PCR tests found 587 references (see appendix B for the literature search strategy).

These 587 references were screened at title and abstract level against the review protocol, with 457 excluded at this level. All references were screened separately by two reviewers. Discrepancies were resolved by discussion.

The full texts of 130 studies were retrieved for closer inspection. 12 of these studies met the criteria specified in the review protocol (appendix A). For a summary of these 12 studies see

Evidence table 3: Multiplex tests, primary studies.

1.1.4.3 Excluded studies

Details of all reviews and primary studies excluded at full text, along with the main reason for exclusion are given in appendix J.

1.1.5 Summary of studies included in the diagnostic evidence

Table 2 Summary of systematic reviews included in the diagnostic evidence

Study details	Population	Index test(s)	Reference standard(s)	Target condition(s)	Risk of bias (ROBIS)
Carlton 2021	Adults and children presenting with symptoms of acute respiratory tract infection.	• TRAIL, IP-10 and CRP (ImmunoXpert) • CRP and MxA (FebriDx) • CRP and neopterin	Any reference standard, including consensus of an expert panel, clinical algorithms and microbiology.	• Bacterial respiratory tract infection • Viral respiratory tract infection	Low risk of bias
Gentilotti 2022	Adults and children with symptoms of acute respiratory infection, presenting to primary/emergency care settings.	• Individual symptoms and signs • CRP • Procalcitonin • Various POC tests for influenza	Any reference standard, including chest X-ray, microbiological assessment, expert opinion.	• Bacterial pneumonia • Influenza	Low risk of bias
Minnaard 2017	Adults with suspected lower respiratory tract infection, presenting to primary/emergency care settings.	Clinical prediction models incorporating combinations of symptoms and signs plus CRP measurement	Chest X-ray	• Pneumonia	Low risk of bias
Onwuchekwa 2023	Adults and children. No information on clinical presentation.	Any tests for RSV	RT PCR	• RSV	Low risk of bias
Pazmany 2021	Adults with COPD, presenting with an acute exacerbation to primary care/emergency department or in hospital.	Presence of purulent sputum	Microbiological culture	• Bacterial exacerbation of COPD	Low risk of bias
Schierenberg 2017	Adults with an acute or worsened cough or lower respiratory tract infection,	Combinations of symptoms and signs (clinical prediction models)	Chest X-ray, CT or MRI	• Pneumonia	Low risk of bias

Study details	Population	Index test(s)	Reference standard(s)	Target condition(s)	Risk of bias (ROBIS)
	present to primary or emergency care.				

COPD chronic obstructive pulmonary disease; CRP C reactive protein; CT computed tomography; IP-10 interferon-γ-induced protein-10; MRI magnetic resonance imaging; MxA myxovirus resistance protein A; POC point of care; RSV respiratory syncytial virus; RT PCR real time polymerase chain reaction; TRAIL TNF-related apoptosis-induced ligand

Table 3 Summary of primary studies included in the diagnostic evidence for white cell differential count

Study details	Population	Index test(s)	Reference standard(s)	Target condition(s)	Risk of bias (QUADAS 2)
Castro-Guardiola 2000	Adults (n = 284) with suspected pneumonia in an emergency department	• White blood cell count	Chest X-ray, plus clinical symptoms and signs	• Pneumonia	*Risk of bias:* Patient selection: low risk Index test: low risk Reference standard: high risk Flow and timing: low risk *Applicability:* Patient selection: low concern Index tests: high concern Reference standard: low concern
Gulich 1999	Adults (n = 179) with sore throat, presenting to primary care	• White blood cell count	Microbiological culture	• Bacterial pharyngitis	*Risk of bias:* Patient selection: low risk Index test: low risk Reference standard: low risk

Study details	Population	Index test(s)	Reference standard(s)	Target condition(s)	Risk of bias (QUADAS 2)
					Flow and timing: low risk *Applicability:* Patient selection: low concern Index tests: high concern Reference standard: low concern
Holm 2007	Adults (n = 364) with symptoms of a lower respiratory tract infection, presenting to primary care	• White blood cell count	Chest X-ray	• Pneumonia	*Risk of bias:* Patient selection: high risk Index test: high risk Reference standard: low risk Flow and timing: high risk *Applicability:* Patient selection: low concern Index tests: high concern Reference standard: low concern
Liu 2013	Adults (n = 500) with a diagnosis of community acquired pneumonia in an outpatient clinic	• White blood cell count	Microbiological culture and PCR	• Bacterial pneumonia	*Risk of bias:* Patient selection: unclear risk Index test: unclear risk Reference standard: low risk Flow and timing: low risk *Applicability:* Patient selection: low concern Index tests: high concern

Study details	Population	Index test(s)	Reference standard(s)	Target condition(s)	Risk of bias (QUADAS 2)
					Reference standard: low concern

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2 **Table 4 Summary of primary studies included in the diagnostic evidence for multiplex PCR tests**

Study details	Population	Index test(s)	Reference standard(s)	Target condition(s)	Risk of bias
Boku 2013	Adults with acute respiratory infection or fever and contact with influence in a hospital outpatient setting	• Verigene system RV+	Viral culture plus laboratory PCR	• Flu A/B	*Risk of bias:* Patient selection: unclear risk Index test: low risk Reference standard: unclear risk Flow and timing: low risk *Applicability:* Patient selection: low concern Index tests: low concern Reference standard: low concern
Escarate 2022	Adults aged ≥65 years with symptoms of respiratory illness in a care home setting	• Xpert Xpress Flu/RSV	Laboratory PCR	• Flu A • Flu B • RSV	*Risk of bias:* Patient selection: unclear risk Index test: low risk Reference standard: low risk Flow and timing: high risk *Applicability:*

Study details	Population	Index test(s)	Reference standard(s)	Target condition(s)	Risk of bias
					Patient selection: high concern Index tests: low concern Reference standard: low concern
Farfour 2022	Adults with suspected viral respiratory infection in an emergency department	• Idylla SARS CoV/Flu/RSV	Laboratory PCR	• Flu A • RSV	*Risk of bias:* Patient selection: low risk Index test: unclear risk Reference standard: low risk Flow and timing: high risk *Applicability:* Patient selection: low concern Index tests: low concern Reference standard: low concern
Hansen 2018	Adults (80%) and children (20%) with at least one sign of influenza in an emergency department setting	• Cobas Liat Influenza A/B	Laboratory PCR	• Flu A/B	*Risk of bias:* Patient selection: high risk Index test: low risk Reference standard: low risk Flow and timing: low risk *Applicability:* Patient selection: low concern Index tests: low concern Reference standard: low concern

Study details	Population	Index test(s)	Reference standard(s)	Target condition(s)	Risk of bias
Maignan 2016	Adults with fever and at least one sign of a respiratory infection in an emergency department setting	• Cobas Liat Influenza A/B	Laboratory PCR	• Flu A • Flu B • Flu A/B	*Risk of bias:* Patient selection: low risk Index test: low risk Reference standard: low risk Flow and timing: low risk *Applicability:* Patient selection: low concern Index tests: low concern Reference standard: low concern
Morris 2021	Adults (and children – subgroup data for adults were used) with symptoms of acute respiratory infection, presenting to the emergency department	• Xpert Xpress Flu/RSV	Laboratory PCR	• Flu A • RSV	*Risk of bias:* Patient selection: high risk Index test: low risk Reference standard: low risk Flow and timing: low risk *Applicability:* Patient selection: low concern Index tests: low concern Reference standard: low concern
Peretz 2020	Adults with suspected influenza in an emergency department	• Xpert Xpress Flu A/B • Simplex Flu A/B and RSV	Rapid antigen test	• Flu A/B	*Risk of bias:* Patient selection: unclear risk Index test: unclear risk Reference standard: high risk

Study details	Population	Index test(s)	Reference standard(s)	Target condition(s)	Risk of bias
					Flow and timing: low risk *Applicability:* Patient selection: low concern Index tests: high concern Reference standard: low concern
Tanei 2014	Adults with symptoms of acute respiratory infection and a fever ≥37°C	• Verigene RV+	Rapid antigen test	• Flu A/B	*Risk of bias:* Patient selection: low risk Index test: unclear risk Reference standard: high risk Flow and timing: low risk *Applicability:* Patient selection: low concern Index tests: high concern Reference standard: low concern
Valentin 2019	Adults with acute, febrile respiratory tract infection with at least one risk factor for complications of influenza.	• Xpert Xpress Flu/RSV • Cobas Liat Flu A/B	Laboratory based PCR	• Flu A • Flu B • Flu A/B	*Risk of bias:* Patient selection: low risk Index test: low risk Reference standard: low risk Flow and timing: high risk *Applicability:* Patient selection: low concern Index tests: high concern

Study details	Population	Index test(s)	Reference standard(s)	Target condition(s)	Risk of bias
					Reference standard: low concern
Yin 2022	Adults (77%) and children (23%) with symptoms of acute respiratory infection in an emergency department.	• Cobas Liat Flu A/B	Rapid antigen test plus culture plus Cobas Liat test	• Flu A • Flu B • RSV	*Risk of bias:* Patient selection: unclear risk Index test: low risk Reference standard: high risk Flow and timing: low risk *Applicability:* Patient selection: low concern Index tests: high concern Reference standard: low concern
Youngs 2019	Adults with suspected influenza in an emergency department	• Cobas Liat Flu A/B	Laboratory PCR and alternative rapid multiplex test	• Flu A • Flu B • Flu A/B	*Risk of bias:* Patient selection: low risk Index test: low risk Reference standard: high risk Flow and timing: high risk *Applicability:* Patient selection: low concern Index tests: low concern Reference standard: low concern
Zuurbier 2022	Adults with symptoms of acute respiratory tract infection at home or	• Xpert Xpress Flu/RSV	Laboratory PCR	• RSV	*Risk of bias:* Patient selection: low risk Index test: low risk

Study details	Population	Index test(s)	Reference standard(s)	Target condition(s)	Risk of bias
	in a primary care setting				Reference standard: low risk Flow and timing: high risk *Applicability:* Patient selection: high concern Index tests: low concern Reference standard: low concern

See appendix D for full evidence tables.

1.1.6 Summary of the diagnostic evidence

Summary GRADE tables are reported here for different index tests assessed as part of this review.

Note that, for some outcomes, imprecision was not able to be assessed as the source systematic review did not present any information on heterogeneity. This may result in spuriously high GRADE ratings (as the certainty of the evidence has not been reduced due to this GRADE domain). In addition, for some outcomes we were only able to assess risk of bias across the body of evidence used in the review – not for the specific studies included in an individual meta-analysis. Therefore, all GRADE ratings based on evidence from published systematic reviews are subject to some limitations, and should be interpreted with caution. Finally, for assessment of imprecision, we have used arbitrary thresholds of ≥90% representing high sensitivity/specificity, and ≥75% representing adequate sensitivity/specificity. The certainty of the evidence was reduced by one level if the confidence intervals crossed one of these thresholds, and by two levels if the confidence intervals crossed both thresholds.

Symptoms and signs for the diagnosis of bacterial pneumonia

Index test	Source of data	No. of included studies (participants)	Outcome	Result (95% CI)	Certainty of the body of evidence	Interpretation of effect
Individual symptoms and signs						
Cough	Gentilotti 2022	13 (8423)	Sensitivity	89.1% (66.4 to 97.1)	VERY LOW[1]	Cough may have adequate sensitivity, but the evidence was uncertain. Many people with bacterial pneumonia may have a cough.
			Specificity	13.4% (2.5 to 48.4)	MODERATE[2]	Cough probably has poor specificity. Among people with suspected acute respiratory infection, it is likely that many people who do not have bacterial pneumonia will also have a cough.
Sputum production	Gentilotti 2022	7 (6392)	Sensitivity	63.9% (40.5 to 82.1)	LOW[3]	Sputum production may have inadequate sensitivity. Many people with bacterial pneumonia may not have productive sputum.
			Specificity	45.3% (25.9 to 66.3)	MODERATE[2]	Sputum production probably has poor specificity. Among people with suspected acute respiratory infection, it is likely that many people who do not have bacterial pneumonia will still have productive sputum.
Discoloured sputum	Gentilotti 2022	9 (3014)	Sensitivity	54.0% (39.8 to 67.7)	MODERATE[2]	Discoloured sputum probably has inadequate sensitivity. It is likely that many people with bacterial pneumonia will not have discoloured sputum.

			Specificity	53.0% (39.0 to 66.5)	MODERATE[2]	Discoloured sputum probably has poor specificity. Among people with suspected acute respiratory infection, it is likely that many people who do not have bacterial pneumonia will have discoloured sputum.
Purulent sputum (to detect bacterial exacerbations in people with COPD)	Pazmany 2021	3 (259)	Sensitivity	71% (42 to 90)	VERY LOW[4]	Purulent sputum may have inadequate sensitivity to detect bacterial exacerbations of COPD, but the evidence was uncertain. Many people with bacterial exacerbations of COPD may not have purulent sputum.
			Specificity	51% (30 to 73)	MODERATE[5]	Purulent sputum probably has poor specificity to detect bacterial exacerbations of COPD. Among people with suspected acute respiratory infection, it is likely that many people who do not have bacterial exacerbations of COPD will still have productive sputum.
Chest pain	Gentilotti 2022	15 (8161)	Sensitivity	33.9% (21.5 to 49.0)	MODERATE[2]	Chest pain probably has inadequate sensitivity. It is likely that many people with bacterial pneumonia will not have chest pain.
			Specificity	73.0% (61.7 to 81.9)	LOW[3]	Chest pain may have inadequate specificity. Among people with suspected acute respiratory infection, many people who do not have bacterial pneumonia may still have chest pain.
Dyspnoea	Gentilotti 2022	14 (6215)	Sensitivity	62.6% (53.3 to 71.1)	MODERATE[2]	Dyspnoea probably has inadequate sensitivity. It is likely that many people with bacterial pneumonia will not have dyspnoea.
			Specificity	45.5% (32.1 to 59.5)	MODERATE[2]	Dyspnoea probably has inadequate specificity. Among people with suspected acute respiratory infection, it is likely that many people who do not have bacterial pneumonia will still have dyspnoea.

Sore throat	Gentilotti 2022	5 (1096)	Sensitivity	32.6% (20.2 to 48.0)	MODERATE[2]	Sore throat probably has inadequate sensitivity. It is likely that many people with bacterial pneumonia will not have a sore throat.
			Specificity	45.1% (33.1 to 57.6)	MODERATE[2]	Sore throat probably has inadequate specificity. Among people with suspected acute respiratory infection, it is likely that many people who do not have bacterial pneumonia will still have a sore throat.
Runny nose	Gentilotti 2022	7 (4630)	Sensitivity	45.3% (37.3 to 53.4)	MODERATE[2]	Runny nose probably has inadequate sensitivity. It is likely that many people with bacterial pneumonia will not have a runny nose.
			Specificity	41.8% (28.1 to 56.8)	MODERATE[2]	Runny nose probably has inadequate specificity. Among people with suspected acute respiratory infection, it is likely that many people who do not have bacterial pneumonia will still have a runny nose.
Myalgia	Gentilotti 2022	6 (1430)	Sensitivity	41.6% (19.0 to 68.5)	MODERATE[2]	Myalgia probably has inadequate sensitivity. It is likely that many people with bacterial pneumonia will not have myalgia.
			Specificity	61.2% (40.7 to 78.4)	LOW[3]	Myalgia may have inadequate specificity. Among people with suspected acute respiratory infection, many people who do not have bacterial pneumonia may still have myalgia.
Chill	Gentilotti 2022	8 (1933)	Sensitivity	45.7% (31.5 to 60.8)	MODERATE[2]	Chills probably have inadequate sensitivity. It is likely that many people with bacterial pneumonia will not have a chill.
			Specificity	60.2% (48.5 to 70.8)	MODERATE[2]	Chills probably have inadequate specificity. Among people with suspected acute respiratory infection, it is likely that

						many people who do not have bacterial pneumonia will still have chills.
Diarrhoea	Gentilotti 2022	5 (4268)	Sensitivity	10.8% (6.3 to 17.7)	MODERATE[2]	Diarrhoea probably has inadequate sensitivity. It is likely that most people with bacterial pneumonia will not have diarrhoea.
			Specificity	89.5% (75.4 to 95.9)	LOW[3]	Diarrhoea may have adequate specificity. Among people with suspected acute respiratory infection, many people who do not have bacterial pneumonia may not have diarrhoea.
Impaired consciousness	Gentilotti 2022	4 (3208)	Sensitivity	11.7% (9.3 to 14.5)	MODERATE[2]	Impaired consciousness probably has inadequate sensitivity. It is likely that many people with bacterial pneumonia will not have impaired consciousness.
			Specificity	92.9% (90.5 to 94.7)	MODERATE[2]	Impaired consciousness probably has high specificity. Among people with suspected acute respiratory infection, it is likely that most people who do not have bacterial pneumonia will not have impaired consciousness.
$Sp0_2$	Gentilotti 2022	6 (2821)	Sensitivity	22.8% (12.4 to 38.2)	MODERATE[2]	Low oxygen saturations probably have inadequate sensitivity. It is likely that many people with bacterial pneumonia will not have low oxygen saturations.
			Specificity	86.6% (80.7 to 90.9)	LOW[3]	Low oxygen saturations may have adequate specificity. Among people with suspected acute respiratory infection, many people who do not have bacterial pneumonia may not have low oxygen saturations.
Fever >37.8^{0}C	Gentilotti 2022	17 (11219)	Sensitivity	42.0% (26.7 to 58.9)	MODERATE[2]	Fever probably has inadequate sensitivity. It is likely that many people with bacterial pneumonia will not have a fever.

			Specificity	80.4% (59.8 to 91.9)	VERY LOW[1]	Fever may have adequate specificity, but the evidence was uncertain. Among people with suspected acute respiratory infection, many people who do not have bacterial pneumonia may also not have a fever.
Systolic BP	Gentilotti 2022	4 (3262)	Sensitivity	9.6% (2.8 to 28.3)	MODERATE[2]	Low systolic blood pressure probably has inadequate sensitivity. It is likely that most people with bacterial pneumonia will not have a low systolic blood pressure.
			Specificity	95.0% (80.7 to 98.8)	LOW[3]	Low systolic blood pressure may have high specificity. Among people with suspected acute respiratory infection, most people who do not have bacterial pneumonia may not have a low systolic blood pressure.
Tachycardia	Gentilotti 2022	11 (9474)	Sensitivity	27.2% (15.1 to 43.9)	MODERATE[2]	Tachycardia probably has inadequate sensitivity. It is likely that many people with bacterial pneumonia will not have tachycardia.
			Specificity	84.2% (71.5 to 91.9)	VERY LOW[1]	Tachycardia may have adequate specificity, but the evidence was uncertain. Among people with suspected acute respiratory infection, many people who do not have bacterial pneumonia may not have tachycardia.
Tachypnoea	Gentilotti 2022	12 (10351)	Sensitivity	27.9% (13.1 to 49.8)	MODERATE[2]	Tachypnoea probably has inadequate sensitivity. It is likely that many people with bacterial pneumonia will not have tachypnoea.
			Specificity	80.2% (58.2 to 92.2)	VERY LOW[1]	Tachypnoea may have adequate specificity, but the evidence was uncertain. Among people with suspected acute respiratory infection, many people who do not have bacterial pneumonia may not have tachypnoea.

Reduced breath sounds	Gentilotti 2022	4 (459)	Sensitivity	24.7% (8.3 to 54.4)	MODERATE[2]	Reduced breath sounds probably have inadequate sensitivity. It is likely that many people with bacterial pneumonia will not have reduced breath sounds.
			Specificity	89.0% (75.0 to 95.6)	LOW[3]	Reduced breath sounds may have adequate specificity. Among people with suspected acute respiratory infection, many people who do not have bacterial pneumonia may not have reduced breath sounds.
Wheezing	Gentilotti 2022	6 (2403)	Sensitivity	17.3% (9.6 to 29.2)	MODERATE[2]	Wheezing probably has inadequate sensitivity. It is likely that many people with bacterial pneumonia will not have wheeze.
			Specificity	86.4% (70.5 to 94.4)	VERY LOW[1]	Wheezing may have adequate specificity, but the evidence was uncertain. Among people with suspected acute respiratory infection, many people who do not have bacterial pneumonia may not have wheeze.
Crackles	Gentilotti 2022	10 (6175)	Sensitivity	40.3% (23.6 to 59.7)	MODERATE[2]	Presence of crackles on auscultation probably have inadequate sensitivity. It is likely that many people with bacterial pneumonia will not have crackles.
			Specificity	83.1% (58.5 to 94.5)	VERY LOW[1]	Presence of crackles on auscultation may have adequate specificity, but the evidence was uncertain. Among people with suspected acute respiratory infection, many people who do not have bacterial pneumonia may not have crackles.
Combinations of symptoms and signs						
Presence/absence of specific symptoms and signs	Schierenberg 2017	6 (not reported)	Area under the curve	Ranged from 53% to 79% depending on model used	VERY LOW[6]	Combinations of signs and symptoms may not have adequate diagnostic accuracy to identify bacterial

						pneumonia, although this will vary according to the model used.
Combinations of symptoms and signs plus CRP measurement						
Predicted risk threshold 2.5%	Minnaard 2017	8 (5308)	Sensitivity	97% (95 to 98)	MODERATE[7]	At a predicted risk threshold of 2.5%, clinical prediction models incorporating CRP probably have adequate sensitivity. It is likely that most people with bacterial pneumonia will have a predicted risk of >2.5%. .
			Specificity	36% (34 to 37)	MODERATE[7]	At a predicted risk threshold of 2.5%, clinical prediction models incorporating CRP probably have inadequate specificity. Among people with suspected acute respiratory infection, it is likely that many people who do not have bacterial pneumonia will also have a predicted risk >2.5%.
Predicted risk threshold 20%	Minnaard 2017	8 (5308)	Sensitivity	70% (66 to 73)	MODERATE[7]	At a predicted risk threshold of 20%, clinical prediction models incorporating CRP probably have inadequate sensitivity. It is likely that many people with bacterial pneumonia will have a predicted risk <20%.
			Specificity	90% (89 to 91)	LOW[8]	At a predicted risk threshold of 20%, clinical prediction models incorporating CRP may have high specificity. Among people with suspected acute respiratory infection, most people who do not have bacterial pneumonia may have a predicted risk <20%.

1 1 Downgraded by three levels due to a serious risk of bias and very serious imprecision. Note that inconsistency was not able to be assessed for this outcome.

2 2 Downgraded by one level for a serious risk of bias. Note that inconsistency was not able to be assessed for this outcome.

3 3 Downgraded by two levels due to a serious risk of bias and serious imprecision. Note that inconsistency was not able to be assessed for this outcome.

4 4 Downgraded by three levels for a serious risk of bias and very serious imprecision.

5 Downgraded by one level for a serious risk of bias.

6 Downgraded by one level for serious inconsistency, one level for serious imprecision and one level for publication bias, as authors were unable to access data from at least four publications for inclusion in their IPD meta-analysis.

7 Downgraded by one level for publication bias, as authors were unable to access data from at least four publications for inclusion in their IPD meta-analysis.

8 Downgraded by one level for publication bias (as authors were unable to access data from at least four publications for inclusion in their IPD meta-analysis) and downgraded by one level for serious imprecision.

Host biomarkers to detect bacterial or viral respiratory tract infection

Index test	Source of data	No. of included studies (participants)	Outcome	Result (95% CI)	Certainty of the body of evidence	Interpretation of effect
CRP						
CRP >10mg/L	Gentilotti 2022	4 (944)	Sensitivity	92% (56 to 99)	VERY LOW[1]	CRP (>10mg/L) may have high sensitivity, but the evidence was uncertain. Most people with bacterial pneumonia may have a CRP level >10mg/L.
			Specificity	43% (22 to 66)	MODERATE[2]	CRP (>10mg/L) probably has inadequate specificity. Among people with suspected acute respiratory infection, it is likely that many people who do not have bacterial pneumonia will have a CRP level >10mg/L.

CRP >20mg/L	Gentilotti 2022	5 (3531)	Sensitivity	83% (64 to 93)	VERY LOW[1]	CRP (>20mg/L) may have adequate sensitivity, but the evidence was uncertain. Many people with bacterial pneumonia may have a CRP level >20mg/L.
			Specificity	55% (37 to 73)	MODERATE[2]	CRP (>20mg/L) probably has inadequate specificity. Among people with suspected acute respiratory infection, it is likely that many people who do not have bacterial pneumonia will have a CRP level >20mg/L.
CRP >20mg/L (primary care only, adults and children)	Gentilotti 2022	4 (3362)	Sensitivity	78% (57 to 90)	VERY LOW[3]	CRP (>20mg/L) may have adequate sensitivity in a primary care setting, but the evidence was uncertain. Many people with bacterial pneumonia may have a CRP level >20mg/L.
			Specificity	58% (36 to 78)	VERY LOW[4]	CRP (>20mg/L) probably has inadequate specificity in a primary care setting. Among people with suspected acute respiratory infection, many people who do not have bacterial pneumonia may have a CRP level >20mg/L. .
CRP >50mg/L	Gentilotti 2022	5 (4219)	Sensitivity	77% (51 to 91)	VERY LOW[1]	CRP (>50mg/L) may have adequate sensitivity, but the evidence was uncertain. Many people with bacterial pneumonia may have a CRP level >50mg/L
			Specificity	74% (51 to 88)	LOW[5]	CRP (>50mg/L) may have inadequate specificity. Among people with suspected acute respiratory infection, many people who do not have bacterial pneumonia may have a CRP level >50mg/L.
CRP >100mg/L	Gentilotti 2022	6 (4418)	Sensitivity	52% (31 to 72)	MODERATE[2]	CRP (>100mg/L) probably has inadequate sensitivity. It is likely that many people with bacterial pneumonia will not have a CRP level >100mg/L
			Specificity	91% (79 to 97)	LOW[5]	CRP (>100mg/L) may have high specificity. Among people with suspected acute respiratory infection, most people

						who do not have bacterial pneumonia may have a CRP level ≤100mg/L.
Procalcitonin						
Procalcitonin >0.1 mcg/mL	Gentilotti 2022	4 (1092)	Sensitivity	74% (38 to 93)	VERY LOW[1]	Procalcitonin (>0.1mcg/mL) may have inadequate sensitivity, but the evidence was very uncertain. Many people with bacterial pneumonia may not have a procalcitonin level >0.1mcg/mL.
			Specificity	74% (36 to 94)	VERY LOW[1]	Procalcitonin (>0.1mcg/mL) may have inadequate specificity, but the evidence was very uncertain. Among people with suspected acute respiratory infection, many people who do not have bacterial pneumonia may have a procalcitonin level >0.1mcg/mL.
Procalcitonin >0.25 mcg/mL	Gentilotti 2022	5 (4019)	Sensitivity	44% (14 to 79)	LOW[5]	Procalcitonin (>0.25mcg/mL) may have inadequate sensitivity. Many people with bacterial pneumonia may not have a procalcitonin level >0.25mcg/mL.
			Specificity	89% (50 to 98)	VERY LOW[1]	Procalcitonin (>0.25mcg/mL) may have adequate specificity. Among people with suspected acute respiratory infection, most people who do not have bacterial pneumonia may have a procalcitonin level ≤0.25mcg/mL.
Procalcitonin >0.50 mcg/mL (adults and children)	Gentilotti 2022	4 (1195)	Sensitivity	44% (19 to 33)	LOW[6]	Procalcitonin (>0.50mcg/mL) may have inadequate sensitivity. Many people with bacterial pneumonia may not have a procalcitonin level >0.50mcg/mL.
			Specificity	93% (43 to 100)	VERY LOW[3]	Procalcitonin (>0.50mcg/mL) may have high specificity, but the evidence was uncertain. Among people with suspected acute respiratory infection, most people who do not have bacterial pneumonia may have a procalcitonin level ≤0.50mcg/mL.

TRAIL, IP-10 and CRP (ImmunoXpert)						
TRAIL, IP-10 and CRP to diagnose bacterial infection (adults and children)	Carlton 2021	4 (1291)	Sensitivity	85% (75 to 91)	VERY LOW[7]	ImmunoXpert may have adequate sensitivity, but the evidence was uncertain. Most people with bacterial pneumonia may have a positive (bacterial) result.
			Specificity	86% (73 to 93)	VERY LOW[8]	ImmunoXpert may have adequate specificity, but the evidence was uncertain. Among people with suspected acute respiratory infection, many people who do not have bacterial pneumonia may have a negative (bacterial) result.
TRAIL, IP-10 and CRP to diagnose viral infection (adults and children)	Carlton 2021	3 (989)	Sensitivity	90% (79 to 96)	VERY LOW[9]	ImmunoXpert may have high sensitivity, but the evidence was uncertain. Most people with viral infection may have a positive (viral) result.
			Specificity	92% (83 to 96)	VERY LOW[7]	ImmunoXpert may have high specificity, but the evidence was uncertain. Among people with suspected acute respiratory infection, many people who do not have a viral infection may have a negative (viral) result.
CRP and MxA (FebriDx)						
CRP and MxA to diagnose bacterial infection (adults and children)	Carlton 2021	4 (598)	Sensitivity	84% (75 to 90)	LOW[10]	FebriDx may have adequate sensitivity. Many people with bacterial pneumonia may have a positive (bacterial) result.
			Specificity	93% (90 to 95)	MODERATE[11]	FebriDx probably has high specificity. Among people with suspected acute respiratory infection, it is likely that most people who do not have bacterial pneumonia will have a negative (bacterial) result.
CRP and MxA to diagnose viral infection	Carlton 2021	4 (583)	Sensitivity	87% (72 to 95)	VERY LOW[12]	FebriDx may have adequate sensitivity, but the evidence was uncertain. Many people with viral infection may have a positive (viral) result.

(adults and children)			Specificity	82% (66 to 86)	LOW[10]	FebriDx may have adequate specificity. Among people with suspected acute respiratory infection, many people who do not have a viral infection may have a negative (viral) result.
White cell differential count						
White cell count to diagnose pneumonia	Castro-Guardiola 2000, Holm 2007, Liu 2013	3 (1148)	2 studies reported sensitivity estimates ranging from 10.1 to 71.1%, and specificity estimates ranging from 31.3 to 94.6%, depending on the threshold used. 1 study reported an area under the curve of 0.65.		VERY LOW[13]	The evidence regarding the diagnostic accuracy of white cell counts to diagnose bacterial respiratory infection was very uncertain.
White cell count to diagnose bacterial pharyngitis	Gulich 1999	1 (179)	Area under the curve	0.68 (no confidence intervals)	LOW[14]	White cell count may have inadequate diagnostic accuracy to diagnose bacterial pharyngitis.
Other host biomarkers						
CRP and neopterin to diagnose bacterial infection	Carlton 2021	1 (198)	Sensitivity	80% (71 to 86)	VERY LOW[15]	CRP and neopterin may have adequate sensitivity, but the evidence was uncertain. Many people with bacterial pneumonia may have an elevated CRP/neopterin level.
			Specificity	82% (71 to 89)	VERY LOW[15]	CRP and neopterin may have adequate specificity, but the evidence was uncertain. Among people with suspected acute respiratory infection, many people who do not have bacterial pneumonia will not have an elevated CRP/neopterin level.

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12 Downgraded by one level for serious indirectness (as adults and children were included) and two levels for very serious imprecision.

13 Downgraded by one level for serious risk of bias, one level for indirectness (as all index tests were carried out in a laboratory setting, not actually at point of care), one level for inconsistency and by two levels for very serious imprecision (only a narrative synthesis was possible, and estimates from individual studies varied considerably).

14 Downgraded by one level for indirectness (as the index test was carried out in a laboratory setting, not actually at point of care) and by one level for serious imprecision (no confidence intervals were reported)

15 Downgraded by one level for serious risk of bias, one level for indirectness (as neopterin tests were carried out in a laboratory setting, not actually at point of care), and by one level for serious imprecision.

Single pathogen tests for influenza and RSV

Index test	Source of data	No. of included studies (participants)	Outcome	Result (95% CI)	Certainty of the body of evidence	Interpretation of effect
Single pathogen tests for influenza						
Immunochromatography	Gentilotti 2022	15 (2897)	Sensitivity	65% (47 to 79)	LOW[1]	Immunochromatography tests may have inadequate sensitivity. Many people with influenza may not have a positive test.
			Specificity	96% (92 to 98)	MODERATE[2]	Immunochromatography tests probably have high specificity. Among people with suspected acute respiratory infection, it is likely that most people without influenza will have a negative test.
Immunochromatography (adults and children, primary care only)	Gentilotti 2022	11 (3351)	Sensitivity	56% (36 to 74)	LOW[3]	Immunochromatography tests may have inadequate sensitivity in a primary care setting. Many people with influenza may not have a positive test.
			Specificity	95% (89 to 98)	VERY LOW[4]	Immunochromatography tests may have high specificity in a primary care setting, but the evidence was uncertain. Among people with suspected acute respiratory infection, most people without influenza may have a negative test.
Immunochromatography (adults and children, emergency department only)	Gentilotti 2022	25 (15021)	Sensitivity	71% (60 to 80)	LOW[5]	Immunochromatography tests may have inadequate sensitivity in an emergency department setting. Many people with influenza may not have a positive test.
			Specificity	98% (96 to 99)	MODERATE[6]	Immunochromatography tests probably have high specificity in an emergency department setting. Among

						people with suspected acute respiratory infection, it is likely that most people without influenza will have a negative test.
Immunochromatography (adults and children, outpatient department only)	Gentilotti 2022	17 (6110)	Sensitivity	66% (55 to 76)	LOW[5]	Immunochromatography tests may have inadequate sensitivity in an outpatient setting. Many people with influenza may not have a positive test.
			Specificity	97% (93 to 99)	MODERATE[6]	Immunochromatography tests probably have high specificity in an outpatient setting. Among people with suspected acute respiratory infection, it is likely that most people without influenza will have a negative test.
Direct immunofluorescence (adults and children)	Gentilotti 2022	19 (7635)	Sensitivity	78% (67 to 86)	VERY LOW[4]	Direct immunofluorescence may have adequate sensitivity, but the evidence was very uncertain. Many people with influenza may have a positive test.
			Specificity	95% (90 to 98)	LOW[3]	Direct immunofluorescence tests may have high specificity. Among people with suspected acute respiratory infection, most people without influenza may have a negative test.
Direct immunofluorescence (adults and children, emergency department only)	Gentilotti 2022	5 (1314)	Sensitivity	82% (72 to 89)	VERY LOW[4]	Direct immunofluorescence may have adequate sensitivity in an emergency department setting, but the evidence was very uncertain. Many people with influenza may have a positive test.
			Specificity	96% (93 to 97)	LOW[3]	Direct immunofluorescence tests may have high specificity in an emergency department setting. Among people with suspected acute respiratory infection, most people without influenza may have a negative test.
Optical immunoassay (adults and children)	Gentilotti 2022	9 (3910)	Sensitivity	68% (51 to 81)	VERY LOW[4]	Optical immunoassays may have inadequate sensitivity, but the evidence was very uncertain. Many people with influenza may not have a positive test.

			Specificity	88% (81 to 93)	VERY LOW[4]	Optical immunoassays may have adequate specificity, but the evidence was very uncertain. Among people with suspected acute respiratory infection, many people without influenza may have a negative test.
MariPOC test (adults and children)	Gentilotti 2022	5 (1231)	Sensitivity	78% (61 to 89)	VERY LOW[4]	MariPOC tests may have adequate sensitivity, but the evidence was very uncertain. Many people with influenza may have a positive test.
			Specificity	99% (97 to 99)	LOW[3]	MariPOC tests may have high specificity. Among people with suspected acute respiratory infection, most people without influenza may have a negative test.
Chemiluminescent neuraminidase assay (adults and children)	Gentilotti 2022	4 (787)	Sensitivity	81% (51 to 94)	VERY LOW[7]	Chemiluminescent neuraminidase assays may have adequate sensitivity, but the evidence was uncertain. Many people with influenza may have a positive test.
			Specificity	82% (65 to 91)	VERY LOW[7]	Chemiluminescent neuraminidase assays may have adequate specificity, but the evidence was uncertain. Among people with suspected acute respiratory infection, many people without influenza may have a negative test.
Nucleic acid amplification tests: standalone, single pathogen PCR (adults and children)	Gentilotti 2022	30 (25027)	Sensitivity	95.1% (89.3 to 97.8)	VERY LOW[4]	Single pathogen PCR tests may have high sensitivity, but the evidence was uncertain. Most people with influenza may have a positive test.
			Specificity	97.5% (95.5 to 98.7)	LOW[3]	Single pathogen PCR tests may have high specificity. Among people with suspected acute respiratory infection, most people without influenza may have a negative test.
Nucleic acid amplification tests: non-PCR based	Gentilotti 2022	23 (4863)	Sensitivity	92% (88 to 94)	VERY LOW[4]	Non-PCR based nucleic acid amplification tests may have high sensitivity, but the evidence was uncertain. Most people with influenza may have a positive test.

(adults and children)			Specificity	98% (95 to 99)	LOW[3]	Non-PCR based nucleic acid amplification tests may have high specificity. Among people with suspected acute respiratory infection, most people without influenza may have a negative test.
Nucleic acid amplification tests: non-PCR based (adults and children, emergency department only)	Gentilotti 2022	14 (3138)	Sensitivity	91% (87 to 94)	VERY LOW[4]	Non-PCR based nucleic acid amplification tests may have high sensitivity in an emergency department setting, but the evidence was uncertain. Most people with influenza may have a positive test.
			Specificity	98% (95 to 99)	LOW[3]	Non-PCR based nucleic acid amplification tests may have high specificity in an emergency department setting. Among people with suspected acute respiratory infection, most people without influenza may have a negative test.
Single pathogen tests for RSV						
Direct immunofluorescence	Onwuchekwa 2023	1 (49)	Sensitivity	56% (31 to 78)	VERY LOW[8]	Direct immunofluorescence may have inadequate sensitivity, but the evidence was uncertain. Many people who have RSV may not have a positive test.
			Specificity	100% (89 to 100)	VERY LOW[8]	Direct immunofluorescence may have high specificity, but the evidence was uncertain. Among people with suspected acute respiratory infection, most people without RSV may have a negative test.
Rapid antigen test	Onwuchekwa 2023	1 (281)	Sensitivity	18% (12 to 27)	LOW[9]	Rapid antigen tests may have inadequate sensitivity. Most people who have RSV may not have a positive test.
			Specificity	98% (86 to 100)	VERY LOW[10]	Rapid antigen tests may have high specificity, but the evidence was uncertain. Among people with suspected acute respiratory infection, most people without RSV may have a negative test.

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6 Downgraded by one level for serious indirectness.

7 Downgraded by one level for serious risk of bias, one level for indirectness (as adults and children were included), and two levels for very serious imprecision. Note that inconsistency was not able to be assessed for this outcome.

8 Downgraded by two levels for imprecision due to wide confidence intervals and very small sample size, and one level for indirectness (as unclear whether this test was suitable for use at point of care).

9 Downgraded by one level for risk of bias and one level for indirectness (as this study included some retrospective [frozen] samples, and may have included hospitalised participants).

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Multiplex PCR for diagnosis of influenza and RSV

Index tests	Source of data	No. of included studies (participants)	Outcome	Result (95% CI)	Certainty of the body of evidence	Interpretation of effect
RSV						

All multiplex PCR tests for RSV	Farfour 2022, Morris 2021, Yin 2022, Youngs 2019, Zuurbier 2022	5 studies (2273)	Sensitivity	84.9% (73.5 to 91.9)	VERY LOW[1]	Multiplex PCR tests may have adequate sensitivity, but the evidence was uncertain. Most people with RSV may have a positive test.
			Specificity	99.5% (99.1 to 99.7)	MODERATE[2]	Multiplex PCR tests probably have high specificity. Among people with suspected acute respiratory infection, it is likely that most people without RSV will have a negative test.
Cobas Liat tests for RSV	Yin 2022, Youngs 2019	2 studies (965)	Sensitivity	86.7% (59.5 to 96.6)	VERY LOW[1]	Cobas Liat tests may have adequate sensitivity, but the evidence was uncertain. Most people with RSV may have a positive test.
			Specificity	99.3% (98.5 to 99.6)	MODERATE[2]	Cobas Liat tests probably have high specificity. Among people with suspected acute respiratory infection, it is likely that most people without RSV will have a negative test.
Xpert Xpress tests for RSV	Morris 2021, Zuurbier 2022	2 studies (1109)	Sensitivity	84.5% (69.4 to 92.9)	VERY LOW[1]	Xpert Xpress tests may have adequate sensitivity, but the evidence was uncertain. Most people with RSV may have a positive test.
			Specificity	99.6% (99.0 to 99.9)	MODERATE[2]	Xpert Xpress tests probably have high specificity. Among people with suspected acute respiratory infection, it is likely that most people without RSV will have a negative test.
Influenza A						
All multiplex PCR tests for influenza A	Escarate 2022,	8 studies (2212)	Sensitivity	98.2% (90.7 to 99.7)	LOW[3]	Multiplex PCR tests may have high sensitivity. Most people with influenza A may have a positive test.

	Farfour 2022, Morris 2021, Maignan 2016, Valentin 2019 (two tests included), Yin 2022, Youngs 2019.		Specificity	98.6% (96.6 to 99.4)	LOW[3]	Multiplex PCR tests may have high specificity. Among people with suspected acute respiratory infection, most people without influenza A may have a negative test.
Cobas Liat tests for influenza A	Maignan 2016, Valentin 2019, Yin 2022, Youngs 2019.	4 studies (1259)	Sensitivity	99.8% (18.8 to 100)	VERY LOW[4]	Cobas Liat tests may have high sensitivity, but the evidence was uncertain. Most people with influenza A may have a positive test.
			Specificity	97.9 (94.0 to 99.3)	MODERATE[5]	Cobas Liat tests probably have high specificity. Among people with suspected acute respiratory infection, it is likely that most people without influenza A will have a negative test.
Xpert Xpress tests for influenza A	Escarate 2022, Morris 2021, Valentin 2019.	3 studies (754)	Sensitivity	97.0% (92.9 to 98.7)	MODERATE[2]	Xpert Xpress tests probably have adequate sensitivity. It is likely that most people with influenza A will have a positive test.
			Specificity	98.5% (96.2 to 99.4)	MODERATE[2]	Xpert Xpress tests probably have high specificity. Among people with suspected acute respiratory infection, it is likely that most people without influenza A will have a negative test.

Influenza B						
All multiplex PCR tests for influenza B	Escarate 2022, Maignan 2016, Valentin 2019 (two tests included), Yin 2022, Youngs 2019.	6 studies (1823)	Sensitivity	94.5% (88.6 to 97.5)	VERY LOW[6]	Multiplex PCR tests may have high sensitivity, but the evidence was uncertain. Most people with influenza B may have a positive test.
			Specificity	99.1 (98.1 to 99.6)	LOW[3]	Multiplex PCR tests may have high specificity. Among people with suspected acute respiratory infection, most people without influenza B may have a negative test.
Cobas Liat tests for influenza B	Maignan 2016, Valentin 2019, Yin 2022, Youngs 2019.	4 studies (1420)	Sensitivity	92.9% (84.3 to 96.9)	LOW[6]	Cobas Liat tests may have high sensitivity. Most people with influenza B may have a positive test.
			Specificity	99.0% (97.6 to 99.6)	MODERATE[5]	Cobas Liat tests probably have high specificity. Among people with suspected acute respiratory infection, it is likely that most people without influenza B will have a negative test.
Xpert Xpress tests for influenza B	Escarate 2022, Valentin 2019.	2 studies (403)	Sensitivity	96.4% (90.7 to 99.0)	MODERATE[2]	Xpert Xpress tests probably have high sensitivity. It is likely that most people with influenza B will have a positive test.
			Specificity	99.4% (97.4 to 99.8)	MODERATE[2]	Xpert Xpress tests probably have high specificity. Among people with suspected acute respiratory infection, it is likely that most people without influenza B will have a negative test.

Influenza A and/or B						
All multiplex PCR tests for influenza A/B	Boku 2013, Escarate 2022, Hansen 2018, Maignan 2016, Valentin 2019 (two tests included), Yin 2022, Youngs 2019.	8 studies (2162)	Sensitivity	97.4% (92.9 to 99.0)	LOW[3]	Multiplex PCR tests may have high sensitivity. Most people with influenza A/B may have a positive test.
			Specificity	97.0% (94.5 to 98.4)	LOW[3]	Multiplex PCR tests may have high specificity. Among people with suspected acute respiratory infection, most people without influenza A/B may have a negative test.
Cobas Liat tests for influenza A/B	Hansen 2018, Maignan 2016, Valentin 2019, Yin 2022, Youngs 2019.	5 studies (1712)	Sensitivity	97.1% (88.6 to 99.3)	LOW[6]	Cobas Liat tests may have high sensitivity. Most people with influenza A/B may have a positive test.
			Specificity	96.8% (93.2 to 98.5)	MODERATE[5]	Cobas Liat tests probably have high specificity. Among people with suspected acute respiratory infection, it is likely that most people without influenza A/B will have a negative test.
Xpert Xpress tests for influenza A/B	Escarate 2022,	2 studies (403)	Sensitivity	97.5% (93.6 to 99.1)	MODERATE[2]	Xpert Xpress tests probably have high sensitivity. It is likely that most people with influenza A/B will have a positive test.

	Valentin 2019		Specificity	97.5% (94.5 to 98.9)	MODERATE[2]	Xpert Xpress tests probably have high specificity. Among people with suspected acute respiratory infection, it is likely that most people without influenza A/B will have a negative test.

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See appendix F for full GRADE tables

We excluded two studies (Peretz 2020, Tanei 2014) from the meta-analyses of multiplex tests. Both of these studies assessed the diagnostic accuracy of a rapid antigen test, and used a rapid multiplex PCR test as the reference standard. In theory, these studies could be used to evaluate the sensitivity and specificity of rapid multiplex PCR against the rapid antigen test (which would be eligible according to our liberal inclusion of any reference standard). However, the rapid antigen tests were not considered to be a reference standard by the authors of the primary studies, and we did not consider it appropriate to estimate sensitivity and specificity of the multiplex tests against this test as a reference. We report the percentage positive agreement and percentage negative agreement for multiplex PCR and rapid antigen tests in the full evidence table, although urge caution in their interpretation.

1.1.7 Economic evidence

Economic evidence was not considered in this review. Cost effectiveness is assessed as part of the companion review questions in this guideline.

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Appendices

Appendix A – Review protocols

Review protocol for the diagnostic accuracy of near-patient, rapid tests to distinguish between bacterial and viral infection in suspected acute respiratory infection

	Diagnostic Accuracy
Participants	*Inclusion criteria:* • People aged 16 years or over with suspected acute respiratory infection, including (but not limited to) the following symptoms: o Cough or shortness of breath o Sore throat o Rhinitis *Exclusion criteria*: • Reviews that are exclusively in the following populations, or studies in which more than a quarter of the participants meet the following criteria: o People aged 16 years or over ▪ with known COVID-19. ▪ who are inpatients in hospital. ▪ who have a respiratory infection during end-of-life care. ▪ with aspiration pneumonia, bronchiectasis, cystic fibrosis (CF), or known immunosuppression. ▪ with symptoms of otitis media or sinusitis. o Children and young people under 16 years.
Index tests	*Inclusion criteria:* POCTs or symptoms and signs aiming to distinguish between viral and bacterial infection. We will include tests that: • Diagnose generic bacterial infection (i.e., any bacteria) • Diagnose generic viral infection (i.e., any virus) • Distinguish between a generic bacterial infection, a generic viral infection, and no infection We will also include tests that aim to identify the presence of the following specific pathogens: • Influenza (A+B)

<table>
<tr><td></td><td colspan="2">Diagnostic Accuracy</td></tr>
<tr><td></td><td colspan="2">• RSV

Exclusion criteria:
• POCTs for SARS-CoV-2 and group A streptococcus</td></tr>
<tr><td>Target</td><td colspan="2">Reference standard:
Any reference standard. We anticipate that this may include confirmation of bacterial infection or viral infection through laboratory testing, or defined via expert consensus, or a clinical algorithm.</td></tr>
<tr><td>Setting</td><td colspan="2">Inclusion criteria:
• Remote settings (via telephone, video call, online app, e-mail, or text message, e.g., NHS 111, 999 call centres or calls from GP practices)
• Face-to-face settings (e.g., the person’s home, a care home, primary care [including community pharmacy or acute respiratory infection hubs], NHS walk-in centres, emergency departments).

Exclusion criteria:
• Hospital inpatient settings</td></tr>
<tr><td>Studies</td><td>Systematic reviews of diagnostic accuracy studies. Systematic reviews will be identified by the use of all of the following:

○ clear and unambiguous eligibility criteria
○ comprehensive search (either stated as their aim or implied by use of 2 or more bibliographic databases)
○ details of included studies separately identifiable (for example with a table of characteristics, and references for all included studies)
○ the use of tools to assess the validity of primary studies (for example QUADAS-2).

We will seek to identify the most robust and up-to-date evidence for each test. Starting with the most recent published reviews, identified systematic reviews will be</td><td>If no good quality, applicable systematic reviews are identified, or where there are evidence gaps (for example missing index tests) in the systematic reviews, we will conduct searches for diagnostic test accuracy studies.
○ We will include one-gate designs (also known as diagnostic cross-sectional or diagnostic cohort studies).
○ Two gate designs (also known as diagnostic case-control studies) will be excluded.

Quantitative data on diagnostic test accuracy will be collected.</td></tr>
</table>

	Diagnostic Accuracy	
	assessed for their applicability, and those eligible will be quality assessed using published tools. Systematic reviews of good quality that closely match the review protocol will be extracted rather than extracting from the primary studies. Where multiple overlapping reviews are identified, we will include the most relevant review, considering the comprehensiveness of the search, date of publication and relevance to the current review question. Where a good quality review is found, earlier reviews with largely overlapping scope will not be assessed or extracted. Quantitative data on diagnostic test accuracy will be collected.	
Subgroup analyses	Where disaggregation is possible, we will repeat analyses according to the following subgroups: • setting of study (primary care, secondary care) • age of patient (65 years and under, 66 – 80 years, over 80 years) • presence of chronic co-morbidity (for example, COPD) • pregnancy and post-partum (up to 6 weeks) • different reference standards	
Other considerations	No date limitation will be applied. *Exclusions*: • studies not published in English • pre-prints • dissertations and theses • registry entries for ongoing clinical trials • editorials, letters, news items and commentaries • animal studies • conference abstracts and posters • derivation studies	

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Appendix B – Literature search strategies

1. Systematic reviews of diagnostic test accuracy studies

Database: Ovid MEDLINE(R) ALL <1946 to May 22, 2023> Final search strategy

1	[Respiratory Tract Infection (RTI)]
2	exp Respiratory Tract Infections/
3	exp Otorhinolaryngologic Diseases/
4	((airway* or bronchopulmonar* or broncho-pulmonar* or tracheobronch* or tracheo-bronch* or pulmonar* tract or pulmonary or respirat* tract or respiratory or (ear adj3 nose adj3 throat) or ENT or otorhinolaryng*) adj3 (infect* or coinfect* or inflamm*)).tw,kf.
5	((chest or lung? or lobar or pleura?) adj3 (absces* or infect* or coinfect* or inflamm*)).tw,kf.
6	(bronchit* or bronchiolit* or allergic bronchopulmon* or bronchopneumon* or common cold* or coryza or croup or empyem* or epipharyngit* or epiglottit* or epiglotit* or flu or influenza or laryngit* or laryngotracheobronchit* or laryngo tracheo bronchit* or laryngo tracheobronchit* or laryngotracheit* or nasopharyngit* or otitis media or parainfluenza or pharyngit* or pleurisy or pneumoni* or pleuropneumoni* or rhinit* or rhinopharyngit* or rhinosinusit* or severe acute respiratory syndrome or SARS or sinusit* or sore throat* or throat infection* or supraglottit* or supraglotit* or tonsillit* or tonsilit* or tracheit* or whooping cough or pertussis or pertusis).mp.
7	((acute* or exacerbat* or flare*) adj3 (asthma* or copd or coad or chronic obstructive pulmonary disease or chronic obstructive airway* disease or chronic obstructive lung disease)).mp.
8	((acute* or subacute* or exacerbat* or prolonged) adj3 cough*).mp.
9	(RTI or LRTI or URTI or ARTI or AURI or ALRI).tw,kf.
10	or/2-9
11	[RTI Viral Infection]
12	exp Respiratory System/ and (exp Viruses/ or exp Virus Diseases/)
13	exp Pneumonia, Viral/ or *Orthomyxoviridae Infections/ or Influenza, Human/
14	((airway* or respiratory or pulmonary or bronchopulmonar* or broncho-pulmonar* or tracheobronch* or tracheo-bronch* or (ear adj3 nose adj3 throat) or ENT or otorhinolaryng*) adj3 (nonbacter* or viral* or virus* or adenovir*)).tw,kf.
15	(rhinovir* or rhino* vir* or coryzavir* or coryza* vir* or influenzavir* or influenza* vir* or (H1N1 or H3N2) or parainfluenzavir* or parainfluenza* vir* or pneumovir* or pneumo* vir* or human metapneumovir* or human meta-pneumovir* or HMPV or respiratory syncytial vir*).mp. or RSV.tw,kf.
16	or/12-15
17	[RTI Bacterial Infection]
18	exp Respiratory System/ and (exp Bacteria/ or exp Bacterial Infections/)

19	Pneumonia, Bacterial/ or Chlamydial Pneumonia/ or Pneumonia, Mycoplasma/ or Pneumonia, Pneumococcal/ or Pneumonia, Staphylococcal/
20	((airway* or respiratory or pulmonary or bronchopulmonar* or broncho-pulmonar* or tracheobronch* or tracheo-bronch* or (ear adj3 nose adj3 throat) or ENT or otorhinolaryng*) adj3 (bacter* or bacilli* or bacili* or corynebac* or mycobac* or nonvir* or pathogen*)).tw,kf.
21	(strep* pneumon* or diplococ* pneumon* or pneumococ* or staph* pneumon* or chlamyd* pneumon* or myco* pneumon* or influenza bacil* or bacteri* influenza* or h?emophil* influenza*).mp.
22	((strep* adj3 (throat* or pharyn* or tonsil*)) or (strep* and (airway* or pulmonary or brochopulmonar* or brocho-pulmonar* or respiratory* or (ear adj3 nose adj3 throat) or ENT or Otorhinolaryng*))).mp.
23	(GABHS or ("group a" adj3 strep*)).tw,kf.
24	strep* pyogen*.mp.
25	or/18-24
26	[Rapid Tests]
27	Point-of-Care Systems/
28	(POCT or POCTs or (((point adj2 care) or poc) adj3 (analys* or antigen? or assay* or device? or immunoassay* or classif* or detect* or determin* or diagnos* or differenti* or identif* or method* or kit or kits or panel? or platform? or predict* or rapid or routine* or screen* or system* or technique* or test* or (cassette? or dipstick? or film* or stick or strip or fluorescent anti*))))).tw,kf.
29	(point adj2 care).ti,kf.
30	(((near adj2 patient) or nearpatient or rapid* or bedside? or bed-side? or extra-laboratory or extralaboratory) adj3 (analys* or antigen? or assay* or immunoassay* or classif* or detect* or determin* or diagnos* or differenti* or identif* or method* or kit or kits or panel? or predict* or screen* or system* or technique* or test* or fluorescent anti*)).tw,kf.
31	(((near adj2 patient) or nearpatient or bedside? or bed-side? or extra-laboratory or extralaboratory) adj3 rapid*).tw,kf.
32	Rapid Diagnostic Tests/
33	(rapid* adj3 (detect* or diagnos* or screen*)).tw,kf.
34	(time-to-result? or ((quick* or rapid* or short* or time*) adj3 (turnaround or turn-around))).tw,kf.
35	(antigen? adj3 (analys* or assay* or immunoassay* or classif* or detect* or determin* or diagnos* or differenti* or identif* or method* or kit or kits or panel? or predict* or rapid or routine* or screen* or system* or technique* or test*)).tw,kf.
36	(RADT or RADTs or RDT or RDTs).tw,kf.
37	(biomarker* or bio* marker* or ((biologic* or bacteri* or viral or virus or immuno* or inflammat* or molecular or protein or serum) adj marker*)).tw,kf.
38	((rapid adj3 (molecular or PCR or polymerase chain reaction)) or singleplex* or single-plex* or multiplex* or multi-plex*).mp.
39	lab-on-a-chip.tw,kf.
40	((lateral flow adj (assay* or immunoassay* or test*)) or LFA or LFIA).tw,kf.
41	(immunochromatograph* or immuno-chromatograph* or immuno-chromato-graph* or direct immunofluorescence or direct immuno-fluorescence or enzym*

	immunoassay* or enzym* immuno-assay* or fluorescence immunoassay* or fluorescence immuno-assay* or optical immunoassay* or optical immuno-assay*).mp. or (ICA or EIA or FIA or OIA).tw,kf.
42	((chemiluminescen* or chemi-luminescen*) adj (immunoassay* or immuno-assay* or assay*)).mp.
43	(((mobile or portable or handheld or hand-held) adj3 (analy#er? or device? or meters or metres)) and (blood? or plasma or saliva or sputum or spit or mucus or urine or urea or urinalys* or fluids or gas or gases)).mp.
44	or/27-43
45	(10 or 16 or 25) and 44
46	[Systematic Review Filter]
47	(systematic review or meta-analysis).pt.
48	systematic review/ or meta-analysis/ or network meta-analysis/
49	(meta-analys* or metaanalys* or meta-synth* or metasynth*).tw,kf.
50	(((systematic* or quantitativ* or methodologic*) adj5 (review* or overview*)) or (systematic* adj3 analys*)).tw,kf.
51	(systematic or structured or evidence or diagnostic or predicti* or trials or studies).ti. and ((review or overview or look or examination or update* or summary).ti. or review.pt.)
52	(quantitativ$ adj5 synthes*).tw,kf.
53	((research adj3 (integrati* or overview*)) or (integrative adj2 review*) or research integration).tw,kf.
54	scoping review?.ti,kf. or (review.ti,kf,pt. and (trials as topic or studies as topic).hw.)
55	((diagnostic or evidence) adj3 review*).tw,kf.
56	review.pt. and (medline or medlars or embase or pubmed or scisearch or psychinfo or psycinfo or psychlit or psyclit or cinahl or electronic database* or bibliographic database* or computeri#ed database* or online database* or pooling or pooled or mantel haenszel or peto or dersimonian or der simonian or fixed effect or ((hand adj2 search*) or (manual* adj2 search*))).tw,kf,hw.
57	exp technology assessment, biomedical/
58	(technology assessment* or HTA or HTAs or technology overview* or technology appraisal*).tw,kf.
59	(0266-4623 or 1469-493X or 1366-5278 or 1530-440X or 2046-4053).is.
60	or/47-59
61	[DTA Filter]
62	Diagnosis/
63	"Diagnostic Techniques and Procedures"/
64	Diagnostic Test Approval/
65	Diagnostic Tests, Routine/
66	Molecular Diagnostic Techniques/
67	exp Reagent Kits, Diagnostic/
68	(diagnos* adj3 (analys* or assay* or immunoassay* or classif* or differenti* or method* or kit or kits or panel? or predict* or screen* or system* or technique* or test*)).ab.
69	diagnos*.ti,kf,hw.

70	"sensitivity and specificity"/ or "predictive value of tests"/ or roc curve/ or signal-to-noise ratio/ or "limit of detection"/
71	false negative reactions/ or false positive reactions/
72	(sensitivity or specificity).tw,kf.
73	likelihood ratio.tw,kf.
74	(predict* adj4 val*).tw,kf. or predict*.ti.
75	((accura* or reliab* or valid*) and (point-of-care or POC or (rapid adj2 (analys* or assay* or immunoassay* or classif* or detect* or diagnos* or differenti* or predict* or technique* or test*)))).tw,kf.
76	((accura* or reliab* or valid*) and (bacteri* and (viral or virus*) and (analys* or assay* or immunoassay* or classif* or detect* or diagnos* or differenti* or predict* or technique* or test*))).tw,kf.
77	area under curve/
78	(observer adj variation*).tw,kf.
79	(roc adj curve*).tw,kf.
80	likelihood functions/
81	(false adj (positiv* or negativ*)).tw,kf.
82	QUADAS*.mp.
83	Diagnosis, Differential/
84	(codetect* or co-detect* or codiagnos* or co-diagnos*).tw,kf.
85	((discriminat* or differenti* or dual*) adj (detect* or diagnos*)).mp.
86	(bacteri* adj5 (viral or virus*) adj5 (analys* or assay* or immunoassay* or classif* or detect* or codetect* or determin* or diagnos* or codiagnos* or differenti* or discriminat* or distinguish* or identif* or method* or misdiagnos* or predict* or kit or kits or panel? or predict* or rapid or routine* or screen* or system* or technique* or test*)).tw,kf,hw.
87	or/62-86
88	45 and 60 and 87
89	[Other]
90	(bacteri* adj5 (viral or virus*) adj5 (detect* or diagnos* or differenti* or predict* or screen* or test*)).tw,kf.
91	(bacteri* and (viral or virus*) and (codetect* or co-detect* or codiagnos* or co-diagnos*)).tw,kf.
92	(10 or 16 or 25) and 60 and (90 or 91)
93	(((prescribing or prescription?) adj guideline?) or ((antibiotic? or antimicrobial) adj stewardship?)).mp.
94	((guide or guiding or predict* or ration* or reduc* or steward*) adj3 (antibiotic* or antivir* or anti-vir* or antimicrob* or anti-microb*)).tw,kf.
95	45 and 60 and (93 or 94)
96	88 or 92 or 95
97	remove duplicates from 96
98	[Symptoms & Signs]
99	Symptom Assessment/
100	Patient Acuity/
101	((sign? adj3 symptom*) or ((sign? or symptom*) adj2 (score* or scoring))).tw,kf.
102	((patient* or sign? or symptom* or illness* or disease* or disorder* or infection*) adj3 acuity).tw,kf.

103	exp Vital Signs/
104	(peak flow or oxygen saturation or sats).mp.
105	Clinical Decision Rules/
106	(clinic* predicti* or (clinic* adj5 (decision* or predicti*) adj5 (aid? or algorithm? or characteristic? or criteri* or evaluation? or index or indices or marker? or method* or model* or panel? or parameter? or rule or rules or score? or scoring or screen* or signs or symptoms or system? or technique? or test* or tool? or value? or variable*))).mp.
107	(clinical* adj (predicti* or predictor*)).tw,kf.
108	(rule in or ruled in or rule out or ruled out).tw,kf.
109	((predict* or prognos* or cluster*) adj3 (sign? or symptom*)).tw,kf.
110	((detect* or diagnos*) adj5 (sign? or symptom*)).tw,kf.
111	or/99-110
112	(10 or 16 or 25) and 111 and 60 and 87
113	[Host-response biomarkers]
114	Procalcitonin/
115	(procalcitonin or pro-calcitonin or calcitonin precursor polyprotein or calcitonin related polypeptide alpha or calcitonin-1).mp. or PCT.tw,kf.
116	C-Reactive Protein/
117	C-reactive protein.mp. or (CRP or HSCRP).tw,kf.
118	Myxovirus Resistance Proteins/
119	(myxovirus resistance protein* or mx-protein* or MxA or (interferon adj2 induc* protein) or IP-10).mp.
120	(myxovirus resistance protein* or mx-protein* or MxA or (interferon adj2 induc* protein)).mp.
121	(FebriDx* or Febri-Dx*).mp.
122	TNF-Related Apoptosis-Inducing Ligand/
123	((tumor necrosis factor or TNF) adj2 related apoptosis adj2 ligand).tw,kf.
124	TRAIL.tw,kf.
125	Chemokine CXCL10/
126	(ImmunoXpert* or Immuno-Xpert*).tw,kf.
127	(Interferon gamma inducible protein-10 or IFN-gamma-inducible protein-10 or IP-10 or IP10 or CXCL10 or CXCL-10).tw,kf.
128	(ImmunoXpert* or Immuno-Xpert* or MeMedBV* or MeMed-BV*).mp.
129	leukocyte count/ or lymphocyte count/ or cd4 lymphocyte count/ or cd4-cd8 ratio/
130	((WBC or white blood cell? or lymphocyte? or leukocyte? or CD4 or eosinophil? or neutrophil?) adj3 (count? or number? or ratio?)).tw,kf.
131	*leukocytes/ or exp *granulocytes/ or exp *leukocytes, mononuclear/
132	*interleukins/ or interleukin-5/ or interleukin-6/ or interleukin-10/
133	(il-5 or interleukin 5 or b-cell-growth-factor-ii or bcgf-ii or eosinophil differentiation factor or t-cell replacing factor).tw,kf.
134	(il-6 or interleukin-6 or b-cell differentiation factor or b-cell stimulatory factor-2 or bsf-2 or (differentiation-inducing protein adj1 myeloid) or hybridoma growth factor or plasmacytoma growth factor or hepatocyte stimulating factor or interferon beta-2 or ifn-beta-2 or mgi-2).tw,kf.
135	(il-10 or interleukin-10 or cytokine synthesis inhibitory factor or csif-10).tw,kf.

136	(interleukin*.tw,kf. or exp Interleukins/) and ((diagnos* or detect*).ti,kf,hw. or diagnosis.fs.)
137	or/114-136
138	(10 or 16 or 25) and 137 and 60 and 87
139	HEMATOLOGIC TESTS/
140	((h?em* or blood or plasma or serum) adj2 (test* or marker?)).tw,kf.
141	exp Cell Count/
142	((blood or RBC or red cell? or erythrocyt* or normocyt* or platelet* or thrombocyt*) adj3 (count* or distribution? or number* or paramet* or ratio?)).tw,kf.
143	Blood Sedimentation/
144	(((blood or RBC or red cell? or erythrocyt*) adj2 sedimentation) or ESR).tw,kf.
145	exp BLOOD GAS ANALYSIS/
146	blood gas*.tw,kf.
147	Oxygen/an, bl [Analysis, Blood]
148	Carbon Dioxide/an, bl [Analysis, Blood]
149	Sodium Bicarbonate/an, bl [Analysis, Blood]
150	(ABG or O2sat* or O2-sat* or O2CT or PaO2 or PaCO2 or HCO3 or (blood adj3 pH)).tw,kf.
151	(partial pressure and oxygen).hw.
152	(partial pressure adj3 (oxygen or O2)).tw,kf.
153	Sodium/bl [Blood]
154	((blood or plasma or serum) adj2 (sodium or Na)).tw,kf.
155	((blood or plasma or serum) adj2 marker?).tw,kf.
156	Fibrin Fibrinogen Degradation Products/
157	(fibrin* adj2 degradation).tw,kf.
158	fibrinogen.tw,kf. or *fibrinogen/ or Fibrinogen/an, bl, ur [Analysis, Blood, Urine]
159	(d-dimer? or ddimer?).tw,kf.
160	Urine/an [Analysis]
161	(((urin* or urea) adj2 (analys* or test* or marker?)) or UAT).tw,kf.
162	Nitrogen/ur [Urine]
163	((nitrogen or nitrate? or nitrite? or "N" or N2) adj3 (urea or urin*)).tw,kf.
164	Adrenomedullin/
165	(adrenomedullin or proadrenomedullin or ADM or proADM).tw,kf.
166	exp Aspartate Aminotransferases/
167	((aspartat* adj3 (aminotrans* or amino-trans* or apoaminotrans* or apo-aminotrans* or apo-amino-trans* or apoamino-trans* or transaminas* or trans-aminas*)) or ((glutam* aspart* or glutam* oxaloacet*) adj3 (transaminas* or trans-aminas*)) or sgot).tw,kf.
168	Alanine Transaminase/
169	((alanine adj3 (aminotrans* or amino-trans* or transamin* or trans-amin*)) or (glutam* adj3 pyruvic adj3 trans*) or sgpt).tw,kf.
170	((lipopolysac* or lipo-polysac* or lipo-poly-sac* or lipopoly-sac* or LPS) adj3 (bind* or bound*)).tw,kf.
171	Chitinases/ or Chitinase-3-like protein 1/

172	(kitinase-3-like-1 or chitinase-3-like-1 or chitinase-3-like-protein-1 or CHI3L1).tw,kf.
173	Antibodies, Bacterial/an, bl [Analysis, Blood]
174	Antibodies, Viral/an, bl [Analysis, Blood]
175	Blood Proteins/an
176	Immunoglobulins/an
177	("immunoglobulin M" or IgM or "immunoglobulin G" or IgG).tw,kf,hw.
178	*Serologic Tests/
179	(((point adj2 care) or poc or (near adj2 patient) or nearpatient or rapid* or bedside? or bed-side? or extra-laboratory or extralaboratory) adj3 (serolog* or antibody or antibodies or immunoglobulin* or immune globulin*)).tw,kf.
180	((serolog* or antibody or antibodies or immunoglobulin* or immune globulin*) and (analys* or assay* or immunoassay* or classif* or detect* or determin* or diagnos* or differenti* or identif* or method* or kit or kits or panel? or predict* or rapid or routine* or screen* or system* or technique* or test*)).ti,kf.
181	or/139-180
182	(10 or 16 or 25) and 181 and 60 and 87
183	97 or 112 or 138 or 182

Database: Ovid Embase <1974 to 2023 May 24>

1	Respiratory Tract Infection/ or exp Influenza/ or Laryngotracheobronchitis/ or Parainfluenza Virus Infection/ or Respiratory Syncytial Virus Infection/ or Viral Respiratory Tract Infection/ or Lower Respiratory Tract Infection/ or Chest Infection/ or Pertussis/ or Lung Infection/ or exp Infectious Pneumonia/ or Lung Abscess/ or exp Lung Mycosis/ or exp Viral Bronchiolitis/ or Upper Respiratory Tract Infection/ or exp Nose Infection/ or Oropharynx Candidiasis/ or Peritonsillar Abscess/ or Viral Upper Respiratory Tract Infection/
2	Ear Nose Throat Disease/di or Otorhinolaryngology/ or exp Ear Infection/ or exp Otitis/
3	((airway* or bronchopulmonar* or broncho-pulmonar* or tracheobronch* or tracheo-bronch* or pulmonar* tract or pulmonary or respirat* tract or respiratory or (ear adj3 nose adj3 throat) or ENT or otorhinolaryng*) adj3 (infect* or coinfect* or inflamm*)).tw,kf.
4	((chest or lung? or lobar or pleura?) adj3 (absces* or infect* or coinfect* or inflamm*)).tw,kf.
5	(bronchit* or bronchiolit* or allergic bronchopulmon* or bronchopneumon* or common cold* or coryza or croup or empyem* or epipharyngit* or epiglottit* or epiglotit* or flu or influenza or laryngit* or laryngotracheobronchit* or laryngo tracheo bronchit* or laryngo tracheobronchit* or laryngotracheit* or nasopharyngit* or otitis media or parainfluenza or pharyngit* or pleurisy or pneumoni* or pleuropneumoni* or rhinit* or rhinopharyngit* or rhinosinusit* or severe acute respiratory syndrome or SARS or sinusit* or sore throat* or throat infection* or supraglottit* or supraglotit* or tonsillit* or tonsilit* or tracheit* or whooping cough or pertussis or pertusis).mp.

6	((acute* or exacerbat* or flare*) adj3 (asthma* or copd or coad or chronic obstructive pulmonary disease or chronic obstructive airway* disease or chronic obstructive lung disease)).mp.
7	((acute* or subacute* or exacerbat* or prolonged) adj3 cough*).mp.
8	(RTI or LRTI or URTI or ARTI or AURI or ALRI).tw,kf.
9	or/1-8
10	exp Respiratory System/ and exp Virus Infection/
11	((airway* or respiratory or pulmonary or bronchopulmonar* or broncho-pulmonar* or tracheobronch* or tracheo-bronch* or (ear adj3 nose adj3 throat) or ENT or otorhinolaryng*) adj3 (nonbacter* or viral* or virus* or adenovir*)).tw,kf.
12	Rhinovirus/ or exp Human Rhinovirus/ or exp Rhinovirus Infection/
13	exp Influenza Virus/ or Orthomyxovirus Infection/
14	Respirovirus/ or Human Parainfluenza virus 1/ or Human Parainfluenza Virus 3/ or Respirovirus Infection/
15	exp Virus Pneumonia/
16	Pneumovirus/ or Pneumovirus Infection/ or exp Human Respiratory Syncytial Virus/ or Respiratory Syncytial Virus Infection/
17	Metapneumovirus/ or Metapneumovirus Infection/ or Human Metapneumovirus/ or Human Metapneumovirus Infection/
18	(rhinovir* or rhino* vir* or coryzavir* or coryza* vir* or influenzavir* or influenza* vir* or (H1N1 or H3N2) or parainfluenzavir* or parainfluenza* vir* or pneumovir* or pneumo* vir* or human metapneumovir* or human meta-pneumovir* or HMPV or respiratory syncytial vir*).mp. or RSV.tw,kf.
19	or/10-18
20	exp Respiratory System/ and (exp Bacterium/ or exp Bacterial Infection/)
21	((airway* or respiratory or pulmonary or bronchopulmonar* or broncho-pulmonar* or tracheobronch* or tracheo-bronch* or (ear adj3 nose adj3 throat) or ENT or otorhinolaryng*) adj3 (bacter* or bacilli* or bacili* or corynebac* or mycobac* or nonvir* or pathogen*)).tw,kf.
22	Bacterial Pneumonia/ or Chlamydial Pneumonia/ or Mycoplasma Pneumonia/ or Staphylococcal Pneumonia/ or exp Streptococcus Pneumonia/
23	(strep* pneumon* or diplococ* pneumon* or pneumococ* or staph* pneumon* or chlamyd* pneumon* or myco* pneumon* or influenza bacil* or bacteri* influenza* or h?emophil* influenza*).mp.
24	((strep* adj3 (throat* or pharyn* or tonsil*)) or (strep* and (airway* or pulmonary or brochopulmonar* or brocho-pulmonar* or respiratory* or (ear adj3 nose adj3 throat) or ENT or Otorhinolaryng*))).mp.
25	Streptococcus Infection/ or Streptococcus Group A/ or exp Group A Streptococcal Infection/ or Streptococcal Pharyngitis/
26	(GABHS or ("group a" adj3 strep*)).tw,kf.
27	strep* pyogen*.mp.
28	or/20-27
29	"systematic review"/ or meta analysis/ or network meta-analysis/
30	review.pt. and (evidence based adj (medicine or practice)).mp.

31	(systematic or structured or evidence or diagnostic or predicti* or trials or studies).ti. and ((review or overview or look or examination or update* or summary).ti. or review.pt.)
32	(0266-4623 or 1469-493X or 1366-5278 or 1530-440X or 2046-4053).is.
33	(systematic review? or evidence report* or technology assessment?).jw.
34	(meta-analys* or metaanalys* or meta-synth* or metasynth*).ti,ab,kf,hw.
35	(((systematic* or methodologic*) adj3 (analys* or review* or overview*)) or (quantitativ* adj3 (review* or synthes*))).tw,kf.
36	(diagnostic test accuracy study or validation study or cohort analysis or cross-sectional study or case control study).hw. and review.ti,kf,pt.
37	((integrative adj2 review*) or research integration).tw,kf. or scoping review?.ti,kf.
38	((diagnostic or evidence) adj3 review*).tw,kf.
39	review.pt. and (medline or medlars or embase or pubmed or scisearch or psychinfo or psycinfo or psychlit or psyclit or cinahl or electronic database* or bibliographic database* or computeri#ed database* or online database* or pooling or pooled or mantel haenszel or peto or dersimonian or der simonian or fixed effect or ((hand adj2 search*) or (manual* adj2 search*))).ti,ab,kf,hw.
40	biomedical technology assessment/
41	(technology assessment* or HTA or HTAs or technology overview* or technology appraisal*).tw,kf.
42	or/29-41
43	Gold Standard/
44	(reference standard? or gold standard?).tw,kf.
45	clinical diagnosis.mp.
46	Diagnostic Test Accuracy Study/
47	Diagnostic Accuracy /
48	(DTA or (diagnos* adj2 accura*)).tw,kf.
49	Validation Study/
50	"Sensitivity and Specificity"/
51	specificity.tw,kf.
52	Receiver Operating Characteristic/
53	Reliability/
54	Internal Validity/
55	Internal Consistency/
56	(validat* or validity).tw,kf.
57	likelihood ratio*.tw,kf.
58	Predictive Value/
59	(predict* adj4 val*).tw,kf. or predict*.ti.
60	((re-test or retest or test-retest) adj reliability).tw,kf.
61	Diagnostic Error/ or False Negative Result/ or False Positive Result/ or Missed Diagnosis/
62	(false adj (positiv* or negativ*)).tw,kf.
63	receiver operating characteristic*.tw,kf.
64	ROC.tw,kf.
65	Area Under the Curve/
66	Observer Variation/

67	(observer adj variation*).tw,kf.
68	((degree? or rate* or rating) adj3 agreement?).tw,kf.
69	Diagnosis/
70	diagnos*.ti,kf.
71	(diagnos* adj3 (analys* or assay* or immunoassay* or classif* or differenti* or method* or kit or kits or panel? or predict* or screen* or system* or technique* or test*)).ab.
72	Diagnostic Procedure/ or Diagnostic Test/ or Diagnostic Test Approval/ or exp Diagnostic Kit/ or Diagnosis Time/
73	Laboratory Diagnosis/
74	Molecular Diagnosis/
75	((accura* or reliab* or valid*) and (point-of-care or POC or (rapid adj2 (analys* or assay* or immunoassay* or classif* or detect* or diagnos* or differenti* or predict* or technique* or test*)))).tw,kf.
76	((accura* or reliab* or valid*) and (bacteri* and (viral or virus*) and (analys* or assay* or immunoassay* or classif* or detect* or diagnos* or differenti* or predict* or technique* or test*))).tw,kf.
77	"quality assessment of diagnostic accuracy studies"/
78	QUADAS*.mp.
79	Differential Diagnosis/
80	(codetect* or co-detect* or codiagnos* or co-diagnos*).tw,kf.
81	((discriminat* or differenti* or dual*) adj (detect* or diagnos*)).mp.
82	(bacteri* adj5 (viral or virus*) adj5 (analys* or assay* or immunoassay* or classif* or detect* or codetect* or determin* or diagnos* or codiagnos* or differenti* or discriminat* or distinguish* or identif* or method* or misdiagnos* or predict* or kit or kits or panel? or predict* or rapid or routine* or screen* or system* or technique* or test*)).tw,kf,hw.
83	or/43-82
84	42 and 83
85	Diagnostic Accuracy/ and Review/
86	84 or 85
87	(9 or 19 or 28) and 86
88	(COVID19 or COVID-19 or COVID2019 or COVID-2019 or 2019 nCoV or 2019nCoV or 2019-novel CoV or "SARS-CoV-2" or "SARS-CoV2" or SARSCoV2 or "SARSCoV-2" or 2019 nCoV or 2019nCoV or 2019-novel CoV or "SARS coronavirus 2" or "Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus-2").ti.
89	87 not 88
90	((neonat* or infant* or child* or p?ediatri*) not adult*).ti.
91	89 not 90
92	"Point of Care System"/
93	(POCT or POCTs or (((point adj2 care) or poc) adj3 (analys* or antigen? or assay* or device? or immunoassay* or classif* or detect* or determin* or diagnos* or differenti* or identif* or method* or kit or kits or panel? or platform? or predict* or rapid or routine* or screen* or system* or technique* or test* or (cassette? or dipstick? or film* or stick or strip or fluorescent anti*)))).tw,kf.
94	(point adj2 care).ti,kf.

95	(((near adj2 patient) or nearpatient or rapid* or bedside? or bed-side? or extra-laboratory or extralaboratory) adj3 (analys* or antigen? or assay* or immunoassay* or classif* or detect* or determin* or diagnos* or differenti* or identif* or method* or kit or kits or panel? or predict* or screen* or system* or technique* or test* or fluorescent anti*)).tw,kf.
96	(((near adj2 patient) or nearpatient or bedside? or bed-side? or extra-laboratory or extralaboratory) adj3 rapid*).tw,kf.
97	Rapid Test/ or Influenza A Rapid Test/ or Streptococcus Group A Rapid Test/
98	(rapid test* or (rapid* adj3 (detect* or diagnos* or screen*))).tw,kf.
99	(time-to-result? or ((quick* or rapid* or short* or time*) adj3 (turnaround or turn-around))).tw,kf.
100	(antigen? adj3 (analys* or assay* or immunoassay* or classif* or detect* or determin* or diagnos* or differenti* or identif* or method* or kit or kits or panel? or predict* or rapid or routine* or screen* or system* or technique* or test*)).tw,kf.
101	(RADT or RADTs or RDT or RDTs).tw,kf.
102	(biomarker or bio* marker* or ((biologic* or bacteri* or viral or virus or immuno* or inflammat* or molecular or protein or serum) adj marker*)).tw,kf.
103	Multiplex Analyzer/
104	exp Multiplex Polymerase Chain Reaction/
105	Singleplex Polymerase Chain Reaction/
106	((rapid adj3 (molecular or PCR or polymerase chain reaction)) or singleplex* or single-plex* or multiplex* or multi-plex*).mp.
107	lab-on-a-chip.tw,kf.
108	((lateral flow adj (assay* or immunoassay* or test*)) or LFA or LFIA).tw,kf.
109	(immunochromatograph* or immuno-chromatograph* or immuno-chromato-graph* or direct immunofluorescence or direct immuno-fluorescence or enzym* immunoassay* or enzym* immuno-assay* or fluorescence immunoassay* or fluorescence immuno-assay* or optical immunoassay* or optical immuno-assay*).mp. or (ICA or EIA or FIA or OIA).tw,kf.
110	((chemiluminescen* or chemi-luminescen*) adj (immunoassay* or immuno-assay* or assay*)).mp.
111	(((mobile or portable or handheld or hand-held) adj3 (analy#er? or device? or meters or metres)) and (blood? or plasma or saliva or sputum or spit or mucus or urine or urea or urinalys* or fluids or gas or gases)).mp.
112	or/92-111
113	91 and 112
114	(bacteri* adj5 (viral or virus*) adj5 (detect* or diagnos* or differenti* or predict* or screen* or test*)).tw,kf.
115	(bacteri* and (viral or virus*) and (codetect* or co-detect* or codiagnos* or co-diagnos*)).tw,kf.
116	(9 or 19 or 28) and 42 and (114 or 115)
117	116 not (88 or 90)
118	113 or 117
119	limit 118 to conference abstract status
120	118 not 119
121	Health Status Indicator/ or Patient Acuity/

122	Symptom Assessment/
123	Symptomatology/
124	*Symptom/
125	((sign? adj2 symptom*) and (score* or scoring)).tw,kf.
126	((patient* or sign? or symptom* or illness* or disease* or disorder* or infection*) adj3 acuity).tw,kf.
127	Vital Sign/
128	Decision Support System/ or Clinical Decision Rule/
129	(clinic* predicti* or (clinic* adj5 (decision* or predicti*) adj5 (aid? or algorithm? or characteristic? or criteri* or evaluation? or index or indices or marker? or method* or model* or panel? or parameter? or rule or rules or score? or scoring or screen* or signs or symptoms or system? or technique? or test* or tool? or value? or variable*))).tw,kf.
130	(clinical* adj (predicti* or predictor*)).tw,kf.
131	("rule in" or "ruled in" or "rule out" or "ruled out").tw,kf.
132	((predict* or prognos* or cluster*) adj3 (sign? or symptom*)).tw,kf.
133	((detect* or diagnos*) and (sign? or symptom*)).ti,kf.
134	or/121-133
135	91 and 134
136	limit 135 to conference abstract status
137	135 not 136
138	Procalcitonin Test Kit/
139	*Procalcitonin/ or Procalcitonin/ec [Endogenous Compound]
140	(procalcitonin or pro-calcitonin or calcitonin precursor polyprotein or calcitonin related polypeptide alpha or calcitonin-1 or PCT).tw,kf.
141	*C reactive protein/ or C reactive protein/ec [Endogenous Compound]
142	(c-reactive protein or CRP or HSCRP).tw,kf.
143	Myxovirus Resistance Protein/
144	(myxovirus resistance protein* or mx-protein* or MxA or (interferon adj2 induc* protein) or IP-10).tw,kf.
145	(FebriDx* or Febri-Dx*).af.
146	Tumor Necrosis Factor Related Apoptosis Inducing Ligand/
147	((tumor necrosis factor or TNF) adj2 related apoptosis adj2 ligand).tw,kf.
148	TRAIL.tw,kf.
149	C Reactive Protein/ and Endogenous Compound/
150	Procalcitonin/ and Endogenous Compound/
151	Gamma Interferon Inducible Protein 10/
152	(Interferon gamma inducible protein-10 or IFN-gamma-inducible protein-10 or IP-10 or IP10 or CXCL10 or CXCL-10).tw,kf.
153	(ImmunoXpert* or Immuno-Xpert* or MeMedBV* or MeMed-BV*).af.
154	or/138-153
155	91 and 154
156	limit 155 to conference abstract status
157	155 not 156
158	exp *Blood Cell Count/

159	((WBC or white blood cell? or white cell? or lymphocyte? or leukocyte? or monocyte? or CD4* or eosinophil? or neutrophil?) adj3 (count* or distribution? or number* or paramet* or ratio?)).tw,kf.
160	((whole blood or blood cell or RBC or red cell? or erythrocyt* or normocyt* or platelet* or thrombocyt*) adj3 (count* or distribution? or number* or paramet* or ratio?)).tw,kf.
161	((h?em* or blood or plasma or serum) adj2 (test* or marker?)).tw,kf.
162	*erythrocyte sedimentation rate/
163	(((blood or RBC or red cell? or erythrocyt*) adj2 sedimentation) or ESR).tw,kf.
164	or/158-163
165	91 and 164
166	limit 165 to conference abstract status
167	165 not 166
168	Blood Gas Analysis/
169	blood gas*.tw,kf.
170	Oxygen Saturation/
171	(ABG or O2sat* or O2-sat* or O2CT or PaO2 or PaCO2 or HCO3 or (blood adj3 pH)).tw,kf.
172	((oxygen adj2 (concentration or saturation)) or sats).tw,kf.
173	(partial pressure and oxygen).hw.
174	(partial pressure adj3 (oxygen or O2)).tw,kf.
175	or/168-174
176	91 and 175
177	((blood or plasma or serum) adj2 (sodium or Na)).tw,kf.
178	electrolyte blood level/ or sodium blood level/
179	(177 or 178) and 91
180	(il-5 or interleukin 5 or b-cell-growth-factor-ii or bcgf-ii or eosinophil differentiation factor or t-cell replacing factor or il-6 or interleukin-6 or b-cell differentiation factor or b-cell stimulatory factor-2 or bsf-2 or (differentiation-inducing protein adj1 myeloid) or hybridoma growth factor or plasmacytoma growth factor or hepatocyte stimulating factor or interferon beta-2 or ifn-beta-2 or mgi-2 or il-10 or interleukin-10 or cytokine synthesis inhibitory factor or csif-10).tw,kf.
181	180 and 91
182	fibrinogen/
183	fibrinogen.tw,kf.
184	fibrin degradation product/
185	(fibrin* adj2 degradation).tw,kf.
186	d dimer/
187	(d-dimer? or ddimer?).tw,kf.
188	or/182-187
189	91 and 188
190	(((urin* or urea) adj2 (analys* or test* or marker?)) or UAT).tw,kf.
191	((nitrogen or nitrate? or nitrite? or "N" or N2) adj3 (urea or urin*)).tw,kf.
192	urea nitrogen blood level/
193	urea/ec
194	or/190-193

195	194 and 91
196	Adrenomedullin/
197	(adrenomedullin or adrenomedullin or proadrenomedullin or proadrenomedullin or ADM or proADM).tw,kf.
198	(196 or 197) and 91
199	Enzyme Blood Level/
200	Aspartate Aminotransferase Blood Level/ or Aspartate Aminotransferase Level/
201	((aspartat* adj3 (aminotrans* or amino-trans* or apoaminotrans* or apo-aminotrans* or apo-amino-trans* or apoamino-trans* or transaminas* or trans-aminas*)) or ((glutam* aspart* or glutam* oxaloacet*) adj3 (transaminas* or trans-aminas*)) or sgot).tw,kf.
202	*Aspartate Aminotransferase/ or Aspartate Aminotransferase/ec [Endogenous Compound]
203	Alanine Aminotransferase Level/ or Alanine Aminotransferase Blood Level/
204	*Alanine Aminotransferase/ or Alanine Aminotransferase/ec [Endogenous Compound]
205	((alanine adj3 (aminotrans* or amino-trans* or transamin* or trans-amin*)) or (glutam* adj3 pyruvic adj3 trans*) or sgpt).tw,kf.
206	or/199-205
207	91 and 206
208	Lipopolysaccharide Binding Protein/ec [Endogenous Compound]
209	((lipopolysac* or lipo-polysac* or lipo-poly-sac* or lipopoly-sac* or LPS) adj3 (bind* or bound*)).tw,kf.
210	(208 or 209) and 91
211	Chitinase 3 Like Protein 1/
212	(kitinase-3-like-1 or chitinase-3-like-1 or chitinase-3-like-protein-1 or CHI3L1).tw,kf.
213	(211 or 212) and 91
214	(176 or 179 or 181 or 189 or 195 or 198 or 207 or 210 or 213)
215	limit 214 to conference abstract status
216	214 not 215
217	120 or 137 or 157 or 167 or 216

Database: Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews
https://www.cochranelibrary.com/cdsr/reviews
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Records screened in situ for potentially relevant reviews

S1	All-Text: * Limit CDSR to Review Type: <Diagnostic>
S2	All-Text: * Limit CDSR to Protocol Type: <Diagnostic>

Database: NIHR Journal Library
https://www.journalslibrary.nihr.ac.uk/advancedsearch/

Browsed online, using NHIR Library indexing categories to help identify relevant DTA reviews. A series of short iterative searches were also conducted. Records were screened in-situ (30 May 2023).

Browsing

S1	NIHR Programme: <Systematic Reviews> Limited by: (i) HRCS Health Category: <Respiratory> or (ii) HRCS Health Category: <Infection>
S2	NIHR Programme: <HTA> Limited by:(i) HRCS Health Category: <Respiratory> or (ii) HRCS Health Category: <Infection>
S3	Research Type: <Evidence Synthesis> Limited by: (i) HRCS Health Category: <Respiratory> or (ii) HRCS Health Category: <Infection>
S4	Research Type: NICE DAR (Diagnostic Assessment Report)

Searching

S1	diagnos* AND review
S2	diagnos* AND accuracy
S3	diagnos* AND test*
S4	rapid* AND test*
S5	“point of care”

Database: Epistemonikos
https://www.epistemonikos.org/en/advanced_search

S1a	(respiratory OR “ear nose and throat” OR ENT OR otorhinolaryng* OR RTI OR LRTI OR URTI OR ARTI OR AURI OR ALRI OR airway* OR bronchopulmonar* OR broncho-pulmonar* OR tracheobronch* OR tracheo-bronch* OR “pulmonary tract” OR ((chest OR lung OR lungs OR lobar OR pleura*) AND (absces* OR infect* OR coinfect* OR inflamm*)) OR bronchit* OR bronchiolit* OR bronchopneumon* OR “common cold” OR coryza OR croup OR empyem* OR epipharyngit* OR epiglottit* OR epiglotit* OR flu OR influenza OR laryngit* OR laryngotracheobronchit* OR (laryngo AND tracheo AND bronchit*) OR (laryngo AND tracheobronchit*) OR laryngotracheit* OR nasopharyngit* OR “otitis media” OR parainfluenza OR pharyngit* OR pleurisy OR pneumoni* OR pleuropneumoni* OR rhinit* OR rhinopharyngit* OR rhinosinusit* OR sinusit* OR “sore throat” OR (throat AND infection*) OR supraglottit* OR supraglotit* OR tonsillit* OR tonsilit* OR tracheit* OR “whooping cough” OR pertussis OR pertussis OR asthma* OR “COPD” OR “COAD” OR “chronic obstructive pulmonary disease” OR “chronic obstructive airway disease” OR “chronic obstructive airways disease” OR “chronic obstructive lung disease” OR ((acute or subacute* or exacerbat* or prolonged) AND cough*)) Limit-1: Publication Type: <Systematic Review> AND Type of Study:<Diagnostic Accuracy> OR Limit-2: Publication Type: <Systematic Review> AND Type of Study: <Prediction (Diagnostic)>

S1b	SARS OR "severe acute respiratory syndrome" Limit-1: Publication Type: <Systematic Review> AND Type of Study: <Diagnostic Accuracy> [All SARS-CoV2, records not downloaded] Limit-2: Publication Type: <Systematic Review> AND Type of Study: <Prediction (Diagnostic)>
S1c	(rhinovir* OR (rhino* AND vir*) OR coryzavir* OR (coryza* AND vir*) OR influenzavir* OR (influenza* AND vir*) OR (H1N1 OR H3N2) OR parainfluenzavir* OR (parainfluenza* AND vir*) OR pneumovir* OR (pneumo* AND vir*) OR metapneumovir* OR meta-pneumovir* OR HMPV OR RSV OR ("respiratory syncytial" AND vir*) OR (strep* AND pneumon*) OR (diplococ* AND pneumon*) OR pneumococ* OR (staph* AND pneumon*) OR (chlamyd* AND pneumon*) OR (myco* AND pneumon*) OR (influenza AND bacil*) OR (bacteri* AND influenza*) OR (hemophil* AND influenza*) OR (haemophil* AND influenza*) OR (strep* AND (throat* OR pharyn* OR tonsil* OR airway* OR pulmonary OR brochopulmonar* OR brocho-pulmonar* OR respiratory*)) OR GABHS or ("group a" AND strep*) OR (strep* AND pyogen*)) Limit-1: Publication Type: <Systematic Review> AND Type of Study: <Diagnostic Accuracy> OR Limit-2: Publication Type: <Systematic Review> AND Type of Study: <Prediction (Diagnostic)>
S2a	(("diagnostic accuracy" OR "diagnostic test accuracy" OR (diagnostic AND studies)) AND ((rapid* AND (detect* or method* or molecular or test*)) OR "near patient" OR "point of care" OR POCT* OR biomarker* OR panel OR panels) AND ("respiratory tract" or (respiratory AND infection*) OR "ear nose and throat" OR "ENT" OR otorhinolaryng* OR "RTI" OR "LRTI" OR "URTI" OR "ARTI" OR "AURI" OR "ALRI" OR airway* OR bronchopulmonar* OR broncho-pulmonar* OR tracheobronch* OR tracheo-bronch* OR "pulmonary tract" OR (pulmonary AND infection*) OR ((chest OR lung OR lungs OR lobar OR pleura*) AND (absces* OR infect* OR coinfect* OR inflamm*)) OR bronchit* OR bronchiolit* OR bronchopneumon* OR "common cold" OR coryza OR croup OR empyem* OR epipharyngit* OR epiglottit* OR epiglotit* OR flu OR influenza OR laryngit* OR laryngotracheobronchit* OR (laryngo AND tracheo AND bronchit*) OR (laryngo AND tracheobronchit*) OR laryngotracheit* OR nasopharyngit* OR "otitis media" OR parainfluenza OR pharyngit* OR pleurisy OR pneumoni* OR pleuropneumoni* OR rhinit* OR rhinopharyngit* OR rhinosinusit* OR sinusit* OR "sore throat" OR (throat AND infection*) OR supraglottit* OR supraglotit* OR tonsillit* OR tonsilit* OR tracheit* OR "whooping cough" OR pertussis OR pertussis OR asthma* OR "COPD" OR "COAD" OR "chronic obstructive pulmonary disease" OR "chronic obstructive airway disease" OR "chronic obstructive airways disease" OR "chronic obstructive lung disease" OR ((acute or subacute* or exacerbat* or prolonged) AND cough*))) Limit: Publication Type: <Systematic Review>
S2b	((diagnos* OR detect*) AND ("clinical decision rule" OR "clinical decision rules" OR "prediction model" OR "prediction models" OR "predictive model" OR "predictive models" OR "prediction rule" OR "prediction rules" OR "predictive rule" OR "predictive rules") AND ("respiratory tract" or (respiratory AND infection*) OR "ear nose and throat" OR "ENT" OR otorhinolaryng* OR "RTI" OR "LRTI" OR "URTI" OR "ARTI" OR "AURI" OR "ALRI" OR airway* OR

	bronchopulmonar* OR broncho-pulmonar* OR tracheobronch* OR tracheo-bronch* OR “pulmonary tract” OR (pulmonary AND infection*) OR ((chest OR lung OR lungs OR lobar OR pleura*) AND (absces* OR infect* OR coinfect* OR inflamm*)) OR bronchit* OR bronchiolit* OR bronchopneumon* OR “common cold” OR coryza OR croup OR empyem* OR epipharyngit* OR epiglottit* OR epiglotit* OR flu OR influenza OR laryngit* OR laryngotracheobronchit* OR (laryngo AND tracheo AND bronchit*) OR (laryngo AND tracheobronchit*) OR laryngotracheit* OR nasopharyngit* OR “otitis media” OR parainfluenza OR pharyngit* OR pleurisy OR pneumoni* OR pleuropneumoni* OR rhinit* OR rhinopharyngit* OR rhinosinusit* OR sinusit* OR “sore throat” OR (throat AND infection*) OR supraglottit* OR supraglotit* OR tonsillit* OR tonsilit* OR tracheit* OR “whooping cough” OR pertussis OR pertussis OR asthma* OR “COPD” OR “COAD” OR “chronic obstructive pulmonary disease” OR “chronic obstructive airway disease” OR “chronic obstructive airways disease” OR “chronic obstructive lung disease” OR ((acute or subacute* or exacerbat* or prolonged) AND cough*))) Limit: Publication Type: <Systematic Review>
S2c	((“diagnostic accuracy” OR “diagnostic test accuracy” OR (diagnostic AND studies)) AND ((rapid* AND (detect* or method* or molecular or test*)) OR “near patient” OR “point of care” OR POCT* OR biomarker* OR panel OR panels) AND (rhinovir* OR (rhino* AND vir*) OR coryzavir* OR (coryza* AND vir*) OR influenzavir* OR (influenza* AND vir*) OR (H1N1 OR H3N2) OR parainfluenzavir* OR (parainfluenza* AND vir*) OR pneumovir* OR (pneumo* AND vir*) OR metapneumovir* OR meta-pneumovir* OR HMPV OR RSV OR (“respiratory syncytial” AND vir*) OR (strep* AND pneumon*) OR (diplococ* AND pneumon*) OR pneumococ* OR (staph* AND pneumon*) OR (chlamyd* AND pneumon*) OR (myco* AND pneumon*) OR (influenza AND bacil*) OR (bacteri* AND influenza*) OR (hemophil* AND influenza*) OR (haemophil* AND influenza*) OR (strep* AND (throat* OR pharyn* OR tonsil* OR airway* OR pulmonary OR brochopulmonar* OR brocho-pulmonar* OR respiratory*)) OR GABHS or ("group a" AND strep*) OR (strep* AND pyogen*))) Limit: Publication Type: <Systematic Review>
S2d	((diagnos* OR detect*) AND (“clinical decision rule” OR “clinical decision rules” OR “prediction model” OR “prediction models” OR “predictive model” OR “predictive models” OR “prediction rule” OR “prediction rules” OR “predictive rule” OR “predictive rules”) AND (rhinovir* OR (rhino* AND vir*) OR coryzavir* OR (coryza* AND vir*) OR influenzavir* OR (influenza* AND vir*) OR (H1N1 OR H3N2) OR parainfluenzavir* OR (parainfluenza* AND vir*) OR pneumovir* OR (pneumo* AND vir*) OR metapneumovir* OR meta-pneumovir* OR HMPV OR RSV OR (“respiratory syncytial” AND vir*) OR (strep* AND pneumon*) OR (diplococ* AND pneumon*) OR pneumococ* OR (staph* AND pneumon*) OR (chlamyd* AND pneumon*) OR (myco* AND pneumon*) OR (influenza AND bacil*) OR (bacteri* AND influenza*) OR (hemophil* AND influenza*) OR (haemophil* AND influenza*) OR (strep* AND (throat* OR pharyn* OR tonsil* OR airway* OR pulmonary OR brochopulmonar* OR brocho-pulmonar* OR respiratory*)) OR GABHS or ("group a" AND strep*) OR (strep* AND pyogen*))) Limit: Publication Type: <Systematic Review>

2. Diagnostic test accuracy studies

White cell differential count

A precision maximising search was conducted due to the limited timeframe and inherent noise retrieved when searching for white blood cells and inflammatory infections

Database: Ovid MEDLINE(R) ALL <1946 to June 6, 2023>

1	Diagnosis/
2	"Diagnostic Techniques and Procedures"/
3	Diagnostic Test Approval/
4	Diagnostic Tests, Routine/
5	Molecular Diagnostic Techniques/
6	exp Reagent Kits, Diagnostic/
7	(diagnos* adj3 (analys* or assay* or immunoassay* or classif* or differenti* or method* or kit or kits or panel? or predict* or screen* or system* or technique* or test*)).ab.
8	diagnos*.ti,kf,hw.
9	(DTA or (diagnos* adj2 accura*)).tw,kf.
10	"sensitivity and specificity"/ or "predictive value of tests"/ or roc curve/ or signal-to-noise ratio/ or "limit of detection"/
11	(sensitivity or specificity).tw,kf.
12	likelihood ratio*.tw,kf.
13	(predict* adj4 val*).tw,kf. or predict*.ti.
14	((re-test or retest or test-retest) adj reliability).tw,kf.
15	((accura* or reliab* or valid*) and (point-of-care or POC or (rapid adj2 (analys* or assay* or immunoassay* or classif* or detect* or diagnos* or differenti* or predict* or technique* or test*)))).tw,kf.
16	((accura* or reliab* or valid*) and (bacteri* and (viral or virus*) and (analys* or assay* or immunoassay* or classif* or detect* or diagnos* or differenti* or predict* or technique* or test*))).tw,kf.
17	Validation Study/
18	(validat* or validity).tw,kf.
19	area under curve/
20	observer variation/
21	(observer adj variation*).tw,kf.
22	((degree? or rate* or rating) adj3 agreement?).tw,kf.
23	((detect* or diagnos*) and agreement?).tw,kf.
24	Receiver Operating Characteristic/
25	(receiver operating characteristic* or ROC).tw,kf.
26	likelihood functions/
27	diagnostic error/ or false negative result/ or false positive result/ or missed diagnosis/ or false negative reactions/ or false positive reactions/
28	(false adj (positiv* or negativ*)).tw,kf.
29	(QUADAS* or STARD).mp.

30	laboratory diagnosis/
31	(reference standard? or gold standard?).tw,kf.
32	Diagnosis, Differential/
33	(codetect* or co-detect* or codiagnos* or co-diagnos*).tw,kf.
34	((discriminat* or differenti* or dual*) adj (detect* or diagnos*)).mp.
35	(bacteri* adj5 (viral or virus*) adj5 (analys* or assay* or immunoassay* or classif* or detect* or codetect* or determin* or diagnos* or codiagnos* or differenti* or discriminat* or distinguish* or identif* or method* or misdiagnos* or predict* or kit or kits or panel? or predict* or rapid or routine* or screen* or system* or technique* or test*)).tw,kf,hw.
36	or/1-35
37	(((WBC or white blood cell? or white cell? or lymphocyte? or leukocyte? or monocyte? or CD4* or eosinophil? or neutrophil? or granulocyte?) adj3 (count* or distribution? or level? or number* or paramet* or ratio?)) or NLR).tw,kf.
38	(respiratory or (ear nose adj2 throat) or ENT or otorhinolaryng* or RTI or LRTI or URTI or ARTI or AURI or ALRI or airway* or bronchopulmonar* or broncho-pulmonar* or tracheobronch* or tracheo-bronch* or pulmonary tract or ((chest or lung or lungs or lobar or pleura*) and (absces* or infect* or coinfect* or inflamm*)) or bronchit* or bronchiolit* or bronchopneumon* or common cold or coryza or croup or empyem* or epipharyngit* or epiglottit* or epiglotit* or flu or influenza or laryngit* or laryngotracheobronchit* or (laryngo and tracheo and bronchit*) or (laryngo and tracheobronchit*) or laryngotracheit* or nasopharyngit* or otitis media or parainfluenza or pharyngit* or pleurisy or pneumoni* or pleuropneumoni* or rhinit* or rhinopharyngit* or rhinosinusit* or sinusit* or sore throat or (throat and infection*) or supraglottit* or supraglotit* or tonsillit* or tonsilit* or tracheit* or whooping cough or pertussis or pertussis or asthma* or COPD or COAD or chronic obstructive pulmonary disease or chronic obstructive airway disease or chronic obstructive airways disease or chronic obstructive lung disease or ((acute or subacute* or exacerbat* or prolonged) and cough*)).ti.
39	36 and 37 and 38
40	(differential diagnos* or codetect* or co-detect*).mp.
41	((bacter* or bacilli* or bacili* or corynebac* or mycobac* or nonvir*) and (nonbacter* or viral* or virus* or adenovir*)).mp.
42	40 or 41
43	39 and 42
44	(((WBC or white blood cell? or white cell? or lymphocyte? or leukocyte? or monocyte? or CD4* or eosinophil? or neutrophil? or granulocyte?) and (count* or distribution? or level? or number* or paramet* or ratio?)) or NLR).ti.
45	38 and 42 and 44
46	43 or 45
47	(COVID19 or COVID-19 or COVID2019 or COVID-2019 or 2019 nCoV or 2019nCoV or 2019-novel CoV or "SARS-CoV-2" or "SARS-CoV2" or SARSCoV2 or "SARSCoV-2" or 2019 nCoV or 2019nCoV or 2019-novel CoV or "SARS coronavirus 2" or "Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus-2").ti.
48	46 not 47
49	((neonat* or infant* or child* or p?ediatri*) not adult*).ti.

50	48 not 49

Database: Ovid Embase <1980 to 2023 Week 22>

1	Gold Standard/
2	(reference standard? or gold standard?).tw,kf.
3	clinical diagnosis.mp.
4	Diagnostic Test Accuracy Study /
5	Diagnostic Accuracy /
6	(DTA or (diagnos* adj2 accura*)).tw,kf.
7	Validation Study/
8	"Sensitivity and Specificity"/
9	specificity.tw,kf.
10	Receiver Operating Characteristic/
11	Reliability/
12	Internal Validity/
13	Internal Consistency/
14	(validat* or validity).tw,kf.
15	likelihood ratio*.tw,kf.
16	predictive value/
17	(predict* adj4 val*).tw,kf. or predict*.ti.
18	((re-test or retest or test-retest) adj reliability).tw,kf.
19	diagnostic error/ or false negative result/ or false positive result/ or missed diagnosis/
20	(false adj (positiv* or negativ*)).tw,kf.
21	receiver operating characteristic*.tw,kf.
22	ROC.tw,kf.
23	area under the curve/
24	observer variation/
25	(observer adj variation*).tw,kf.
26	((degree? or rate* or rating) adj3 agreement?).tw,kf.
27	Diagnosis/
28	diagnos*.ti,kf.
29	(diagnos* adj3 (analys* or assay* or immunoassay* or classif* or differenti* or method* or kit or kits or panel? or predict* or screen* or system* or technique* or test*)).ab.
30	diagnostic procedure/ or diagnostic test/ or diagnostic test approval/ or exp diagnostic kit/ or diagnosis time/
31	laboratory diagnosis/
32	molecular diagnosis/
33	((accura* or reliab* or valid*) and (point-of-care or POC or (rapid adj2 (analys* or assay* or immunoassay* or classif* or detect* or diagnos* or differenti* or predict* or technique* or test*)))).tw,kf.
34	((accura* or reliab* or valid*) and (bacteri* and (viral or virus*) and (analys* or assay* or immunoassay* or classif* or detect* or diagnos* or differenti* or predict* or technique* or test*))).tw,kf.

35	"quality assessment of diagnostic accuracy studies"/
36	QUADAS*.mp.
37	differential diagnosis/
38	(codetect* or co-detect* or codiagnos* or co-diagnos*).tw,kf.
39	((discriminat* or differenti* or dual*) adj (detect* or diagnos*)).mp.
40	(bacteri* adj5 (viral or virus*) adj5 (analys* or assay* or immunoassay* or classif* or detect* or codetect* or determin* or diagnos* or codiagnos* or differenti* or discriminat* or distinguish* or identif* or method* or misdiagnos* or predict* or kit or kits or panel? or predict* or rapid or routine* or screen* or system* or technique* or test*)).tw,kf,hw.
41	or/1-40
42	(((WBC or white blood cell? or white cell? or lymphocyte? or leukocyte? or monocyte? or CD4* or eosinophil? or neutrophil? or granulocyte?) adj3 (count* or distribution? or level? or number* or paramet* or ratio?)) or NLR).tw,kf.
43	(respiratory or (ear nose adj2 throat) or ENT or otorhinolaryng* or RTI or LRTI or URTI or ARTI or AURI or ALRI or airway* or bronchopulmonar* or broncho-pulmonar* or tracheobronch* or tracheo-bronch* or pulmonary tract or ((chest or lung or lungs or lobar or pleura*) and (absces* or infect* or coinfect* or inflamm*)) or bronchit* or bronchiolit* or bronchopneumon* or common cold or coryza or croup or empyem* or epipharyngit* or epiglottit* or epiglotit* or flu or influenza or laryngit* or laryngotracheobronchit* or (laryngo and tracheo and bronchit*) or (laryngo and tracheobronchit*) or laryngotracheit* or nasopharyngit* or otitis media or parainfluenza or pharyngit* or pleurisy or pneumoni* or pleuropneumoni* or rhinit* or rhinopharyngit* or rhinosinusit* or sinusit* or sore throat or (throat and infection*) or supraglottit* or supraglotit* or tonsillit* or tonsilit* or tracheit* or whooping cough or pertussis or pertussis or asthma* or COPD or COAD or chronic obstructive pulmonary disease or chronic obstructive airway disease or chronic obstructive airways disease or chronic obstructive lung disease or ((acute or subacute* or exacerbat* or prolonged) and cough*)).ti.
44	41 and 42 and 43
45	(differential diagnos* or codetect* or co-detect*).mp.
46	((bacter* or bacilli* or bacili* or corynebac* or mycobac* or nonvir*) and (nonbacter* or viral* or virus* or adenovir*)).mp.
47	45 or 46
48	44 and 47
49	(((WBC or white blood cell? or white cell? or lymphocyte? or leukocyte? or monocyte? or CD4* or eosinophil? or neutrophil? or granulocyte?) and (count* or distribution? or level? or number* or paramet* or ratio?)) or NLR).ti.
50	43 and 47 and 49
51	48 or 50
52	(COVID19 or COVID-19 or COVID2019 or COVID-2019 or 2019 nCoV or 2019nCoV or 2019-novel CoV or "SARS-CoV-2" or "SARS-CoV2" or SARSCoV2 or "SARSCoV-2" or 2019 nCoV or 2019nCoV or 2019-novel CoV or "SARS coronavirus 2" or "Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus-2").ti.
53	51 not 52
54	limit 53 to conference abstract status
55	53 not 54

56	((neonat* or infant* or child* or p?ediatri*) not adult*).ti.
57	55 not 56

Multiplex PCR

Database: Ovid MEDLINE(R) ALL <1946 to June 27, 2023> Final search strategy

1	[Target Conditions: RTI]
2	exp Respiratory Tract Infections/
3	exp Otorhinolaryngologic Diseases/
4	((airway* or bronchopulmonar* or broncho-pulmonar* or tracheobronch* or tracheo-bronch* or pulmonar* tract or pulmonary or respirat* tract or respiratory or (ear adj3 nose adj3 throat) or ENT or otorhinolaryng*) adj3 (infect* or coinfect* or inflamm*)).tw,kf.
5	((chest or lung? or lobar or pleura?) adj3 (absces* or infect* or coinfect* or inflamm*)).tw,kf.
6	(bronchit* or bronchiolit* or allergic bronchopulmon* or bronchopneumon* or common cold* or coryza or croup or empyem* or epipharyngit* or epiglottit* or epiglotit* or flu or influenza or laryngit* or laryngotracheobronchit* or laryngo tracheo bronchit* or laryngo tracheobronchit* or laryngotracheit* or nasopharyngit* or otitis media or parainfluenza or pharyngit* or pleurisy or pneumoni* or pleuropneumoni* or rhinit* or rhinopharyngit* or rhinosinusit* or severe acute respiratory syndrome or SARS or sinusit* or sore throat* or throat infection* or supraglottit* or supraglotit* or tonsillit* or tonsilit* or tracheit* or whooping cough or pertussis or pertusis).mp.
7	((acute* or exacerbat* or flare*) adj3 (asthma* or copd or coad or chronic obstructive pulmonary disease or chronic obstructive airway* disease or chronic obstructive lung disease)).mp.
8	((acute* or subacute* or exacerbat* or prolonged) adj3 cough*).mp.
9	(RTI or LRTI or URTI or ARTI or AURI or ALRI).tw,kf.
10	or/2-9
11	exp Respiratory System/ and (exp Viruses/ or exp Virus Diseases/)
12	exp pneumonia, viral/ or *orthomyxoviridae infections/ or influenza, human/
13	((airway* or respiratory or pulmonary or bronchopulmonar* or broncho-pulmonar* or tracheobronch* or tracheo-bronch* or (ear adj3 nose adj3 throat) or ENT or otorhinolaryng*) adj3 (nonbacter* or viral* or virus* or adenovir*)).tw,kf.
14	(rhinovir* or rhino* vir* or coryzavir* or coryza* vir* or influenzavir* or influenza* vir* or (H1N1 or H3N2) or parainfluenzavir* or parainfluenza* vir* or pneumovir* or pneumo* vir* or human metapneumovir* or human meta-pneumovir* or HMPV or respiratory syncytial vir*).mp. or RSV.tw,kf.
15	or/11-14
16	exp Respiratory System/ and (exp Bacteria/ or exp Bacterial Infections/)
17	pneumonia, bacterial/ or chlamydial pneumonia/ or pneumonia, mycoplasma/ or pneumonia, pneumococcal/ or pneumonia, staphylococcal/
18	((airway* or respiratory or pulmonary or bronchopulmonar* or broncho-pulmonar* or tracheobronch* or tracheo-bronch* or (ear adj3 nose adj3 throat) or ENT or otorhinolaryng*) adj3 (bacter* or bacilli* or bacili* or corynebac* or mycobac* or nonvir* or pathogen*)).tw,kf.

19	(strep* pneumon* or diplococ* pneumon* or pneumococ* or staph* pneumon* or chlamyd* pneumon* or myco* pneumon* or influenza bacil* or bacteri* influenza* or h?emophil* influenza*).mp.
20	((strep* adj3 (throat* or pharyn* or tonsil*)) or (strep* and (airway* or pulmonary or brochopulmonar* or brocho-pulmonar* or respiratory* or (ear adj3 nose adj3 throat) or ENT or Otorhinolaryng*))).mp.
21	(GABHS or ("group a" adj3 strep*)).tw,kf.
22	strep* pyogen*.mp.
23	or/16-22
24	10 or 15 or 23
25	[Index Tests: Rapid Multiplex Tests]
26	(multiplex* and "sample to answer").mp.
27	24 and 26
28	(maripoc* or mari-poc*).af.
29	(Rapid* and Diagnostic* and (MiniLab* or mini-lab*)).af.
30	(QIAstat* or QIA-stat* or (Qiagen* and (Resp* adj3 panel))).af.
31	(Biofire* Respiratory or Biofire* RP*).af.
32	(BioFire* adj (FilmArray* or Film-Array) adj (Respiratory Panel? or RP*)).af.
33	(Biofire* adj (FilmArray* or Film-Array*) adj Pneumo*).af.
34	(Biofire* adj (FilmArray* or Film-Array*)).ti.
35	(Biofire* and "sample to answer").mp.
36	(Biofire* adj5 (rapid or real time or RT-PCR or rRT-PCR)).mp.
37	(34 or 35 or 36) and 24
38	(Spotfire* or Spot-fire*).af.
39	24 and 38
40	(Cobas* adj5 ((lab* adj3 tube*) or liat*)).af.
41	24 and 40
42	(cobas* Influenza A* or cobas* Influenza B* or cobas* RSV or cobas* respiratory sync* virus).af.
43	((Cepheid* adj3 GeneXpert* adj3 Xpress*) or (Cepheid* adj3 Gene-Xpert* adj3 Xpress*)).af.
44	(Xpert* adj3 Xpress* adj3 (influenza or flu or respiratory sync* virus or RSV)).af.
45	(Cepheid* adj3 Xpert* adj3 (influenza or flu or respiratory sync* virus or RSV)).af.
46	(ePlex* RP* or (ePlex* adj3 resp* adj3 panel?)).af.
47	ePlex*.af.
48	24 and 47
49	((GenMark* or Gen-Mark*) and (RP* or (resp* adj3 panel?))).af.
50	(Simplexa* or Liaison* MDX*).af.
51	24 and 50
52	Aries*.mp. not (sheep or lamb or lambs or ram or rams or ewe or ewes or ovine or ovis aries).ti.
53	24 and 52
54	(Savanna* and (quidel* or molecular or multiplex* or rapid or real-time or RTPCR or RT-PCR or rRTPCR or rRT-PCR or test? or device? or panel? or PoCT or Point-of-Care or near-patient?)).mp.
55	24 and 54

56	((RVP4* or RVP-4*) and (Savanna* or Quidel* or molecular or multiplex* or rapid or real-time or RTPCR or RT-PCR or rRTPCR or rRT-PCR or test? or device? or panel? or PoCT or Point-of-Care or near-patient?)).mp.
57	(Respiratory Vir* Panel4* or Respiratory Vir* Panel-4*).af.
58	Verigen*.af.
59	24 and 58
60	Panther* Fusion*.af.
61	24 and 60
62	"Flu A/B/RSV*".af.
63	"AdV/hMPV/RV*".af.
64	"SARS-CoV-2/Flu A/B*".af.
65	"SARS-CoV-2/Flu A/B/RSV*".af.
66	(paraflu or parafluTM or parafluR).af.
67	27 or 28 or 29 or 30 or 31 or 32 or 33 or 37 or 39 or 41 or 42 or 43 or 44 or 45 or 46 or 48 or 49 or 51 or 53 or 55 or 56 or 57 or 59 or 61 or 62 or 63 or 64 or 65 or 66
68	((COVID19 or COVID-19 or COVID2019 or COVID-2019 or 2019 nCoV or 2019nCoV or 2019-novel CoV or "SARS-CoV-2" or "SARS-CoV2" or SARSCoV2 or "SARSCoV-2" or 2019 nCoV or 2019nCoV or 2019-novel CoV or "SARS coronavirus 2" or "Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus-2") not (rhinovir* or rhino* vir* or coryzavir* or coryza* vir* or influenzavir* or influenza* vir* or (H1N1 or H3N2) or parainfluenzavir* or parainfluenza* vir* or pneumovir* or pneumo* vir* or human metapneumovir* or human meta-pneumovir* or HMPV or respiratory sync* vir* or RSV)).ti.
69	67 not 68
70	(("SARS-CoV-2" or "SARS-CoV2" or SARSCoV2 or "SARSCoV-2" or "SARS coronavirus 2" or "Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus-2") adj3 Flu* adj3 RSV).af.
71	69 or 70
72	((neonat* or infant* or child* or p?ediatri*) not adult*).ti.
73	71 not 72

Database: Embase <1974 to 2023 June 27> Final search strategy

1	[Target Conditions:RTI]
2	respiratory tract infection/ or exp influenza/ or laryngotracheobronchitis/ or parainfluenza virus infection/ or respiratory syncytial virus infection/ or viral respiratory tract infection/ or lower respiratory tract infection/ or chest infection/ or pertussis/ or lung infection/ or exp infectious pneumonia/ or lung abscess/ or exp lung mycosis/ or exp viral bronchiolitis/ or upper respiratory tract infection/ or exp nose infection/ or oropharynx candidiasis/ or peritonsillar abscess/ or viral upper respiratory tract infection/
3	ear nose throat disease/di or otorhinolaryngology/ or exp ear infection/ or exp otitis/
4	((airway* or bronchopulmonar* or broncho-pulmonar* or tracheobronch* or tracheo-bronch* or pulmonar* tract or pulmonary or respirat* tract or respiratory

	or (ear adj3 nose adj3 throat) or ENT or otorhinolaryng*) adj3 (infect* or coinfect* or inflamm*)).tw,kf.
5	((chest or lung? or lobar or pleura?) adj3 (absces* or infect* or coinfect* or inflamm*)).tw,kf.
6	(bronchit* or bronchiolit* or allergic bronchopulmon* or bronchopneumon* or common cold* or coryza or croup or empyem* or epipharyngit* or epiglottit* or epiglotit* or flu or influenza or laryngit* or laryngotracheobronchit* or laryngo tracheo bronchit* or laryngo tracheobronchit* or laryngotracheit* or legionnair* disease or legionellos* or middle east respiratory syndrome or MERS or nasopharyngit* or otitis media or parainfluenza or pharyngit* or pleurisy or pneumoni* or pleuropneumoni* or rhinit* or rhinopharyngit* or rhinosinusit* or severe acute respiratory syndrome or SARS or sinusit* or sore throat* or throat infection* or supraglottit* or supraglotit* or tonsillit* or tonsilit* or tracheit* or whooping cough or pertussis or pertusis).mp.
7	((acute* or exacerbat* or flare*) adj3 (asthma* or copd or coad or chronic obstructive pulmonary disease or chronic obstructive airway* disease or chronic obstructive lung disease)).mp.
8	((acute* or subacute* or exacerbat* or prolonged) adj3 cough*).mp.
9	(RTI or LRTI or URTI or ARTI or AURI or ALRI).tw,kf.
10	or/2-9
11	exp respiratory system/ and exp virus infection/
12	((airway* or respiratory or pulmonary or bronchopulmonar* or broncho-pulmonar* or tracheobronch* or tracheo-bronch* or (ear adj3 nose adj3 throat) or ENT or otorhinolaryng*) adj3 (nonbacter* or viral* or virus* or adenovir*)).tw,kf.
13	rhinovirus/ or exp human rhinovirus/ or exp rhinovirus infection/
14	exp Influenza virus/ or orthomyxovirus infection/
15	respirovirus/ or human parainfluenza virus 1/ or human parainfluenza virus 3/ or respirovirus infection/
16	exp virus pneumonia/
17	pneumovirus/ or pneumovirus infection/ or exp human respiratory syncytial virus/ or respiratory syncytial virus infection/
18	metapneumovirus/ or metapneumovirus infection/ or human metapneumovirus/ or human metapneumovirus infection/
19	(rhinovir* or rhino* vir* or coryzavir* or coryza* vir* or influenzavir* or influenza* vir* or (H1N1 or H3N2) or parainfluenzavir* or parainfluenza* vir* or pneumovir* or pneumo* vir* or human metapneumovir* or human meta-pneumovir* or HMPV or respiratory sync* vir*).mp. or RSV.tw,kf.
20	or/11-19
21	exp respiratory system/ and (exp bacterium/ or exp bacterial Infection/)
22	((airway* or respiratory or pulmonary or bronchopulmonar* or broncho-pulmonar* or tracheobronch* or tracheo-bronch* or (ear adj3 nose adj3 throat) or ENT or otorhinolaryng*) adj3 (bacter* or bacilli* or bacili* or corynebac* or mycobac* or nonvir* or pathogen*)).tw,kf.
23	bacterial pneumonia/ or chlamydial pneumonia/ or mycoplasma pneumonia/ or staphylococcal pneumonia/ or exp streptococcus pneumonia/

24	(strep* pneumon* or diplococ* pneumon* or pneumococ* or staph* pneumon* or chlamyd* pneumon* or myco* pneumon* or influenza bacil* or bacteri* influenza* or h?emophil* influenza*).mp.
25	((strep* adj3 (throat* or pharyn* or tonsil*)) or (strep* and (airway* or pulmonary or brochopulmonar* or brocho-pulmonar* or respiratory* or (ear adj3 nose adj3 throat) or ENT or Otorhinolaryng*))).mp.
26	streptococcus infection/ or streptococcus group a/ or exp group a streptococcal infection/ or streptococcal pharyngitis/
27	(GABHS or ("group a" adj3 strep*)).tw,kf.
28	strep* pyogen*.mp.
29	or/21-28
30	10 or 20 or 29
31	[DTA Filter]
32	Gold Standard/
33	(reference standard? or gold standard?).tw,kf.
34	Diagnostic Test Accuracy Study/
35	Diagnostic Accuracy /
36	(DTA or (diagnos* adj2 accura*)).tw,kf.
37	Validation Study /
38	"Sensitivity and Specificity"/
39	(sensitivity or specificity).tw,kf.
40	Receiver Operating Characteristic/
41	Reliability/
42	Internal Validity/
43	Internal Consistency/
44	(validat* or validity).tw,kf.
45	likelihood ratio*.tw,kf.
46	predictive value/
47	(predict* adj4 val*).tw,kf. or predict*.ti.
48	((re-test or retest or test-retest) adj reliability).tw,kf.
49	diagnostic error/ or false negative result/ or false positive result/ or missed diagnosis/
50	(false adj (positiv* or negativ*)).tw,kf.
51	receiver operating characteristic*.tw,kf.
52	ROC.tw,kf.
53	area under the curve/
54	observer variation/
55	(observer adj variation*).tw,kf.
56	((degree? or rate* or rating) adj3 agreement?).tw,kf.
57	((detect* or diagnos*) and agreement?).tw,kf.
58	diagnostic.ti,kf.
59	(diagnos* adj3 (classif* or differenti* or predict* or rapid* or RT-PCR or rRT-PCR)).ab.
60	diagnostic test approval/ or diagnosis time/
61	laboratory diagnosis/
62	molecular diagnosis/

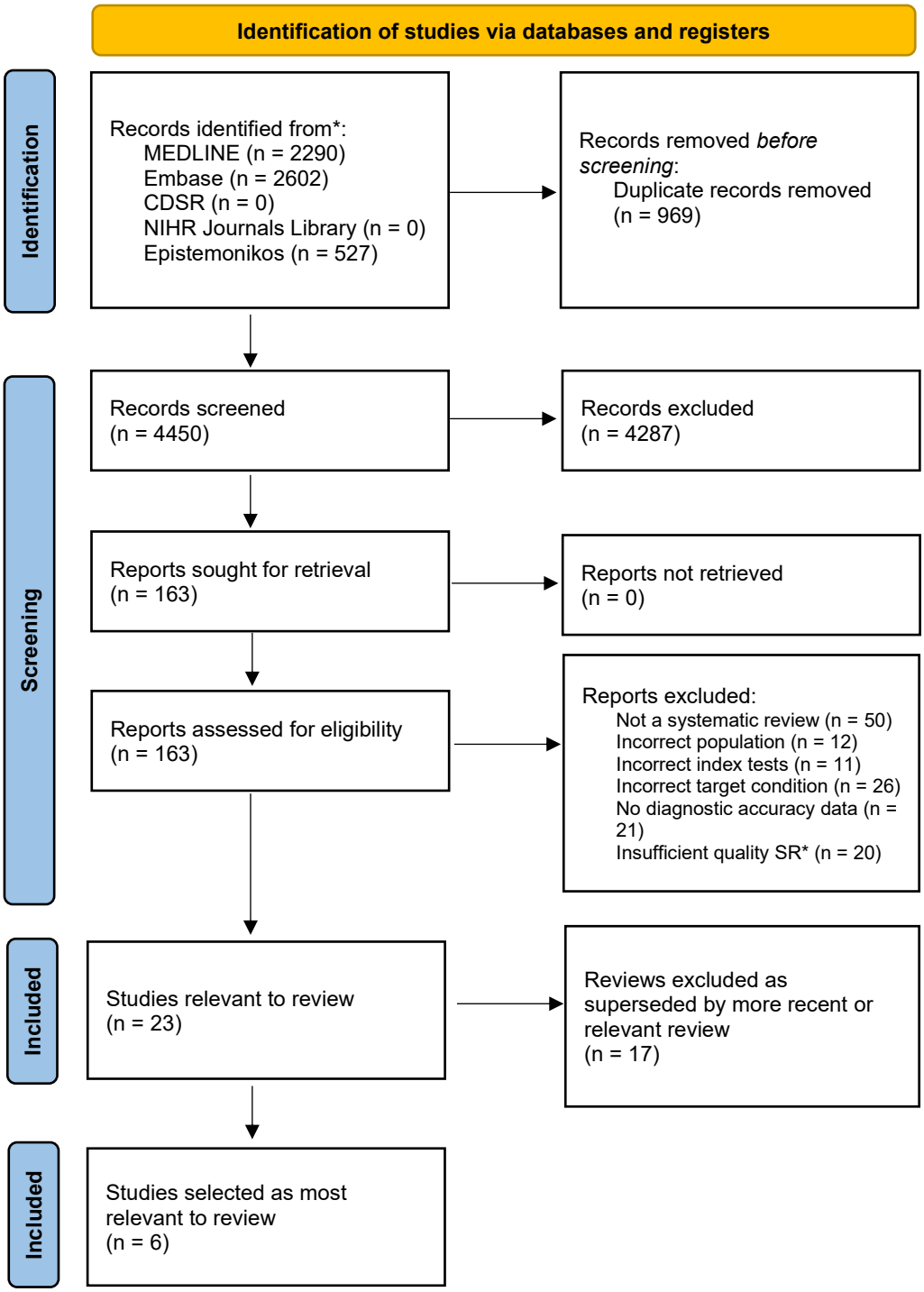
63	((accura* or reliab* or valid*) and (point-of-care or POC or (rapid adj2 (analys* or assay* or immunoassay* or classif* or detect* or diagnos* or differenti* or predict* or technique* or test*)))).tw,kf.
64	((accura* or reliab* or valid*) and (bacteri* and (viral or virus*) and (analys* or assay* or immunoassay* or classif* or detect* or diagnos* or differenti* or predict* or technique* or test*))).tw,kf.
65	"quality assessment of diagnostic accuracy studies"/
66	(QUADAS* or STARD).mp.
67	differential diagnosis/
68	(codetect* or co-detect* or codiagnos* or co-diagnos*).tw,kf.
69	((discriminat* or differenti* or dual*) adj (detect* or diagnos*)).mp.
70	(bacteri* adj5 (viral or virus*) adj5 (analys* or assay* or immunoassay* or classif* or detect* or codetect* or determin* or diagnos* or codiagnos* or differenti* or discriminat* or distinguish* or identif* or method* or misdiagnos* or predict* or kit or kits or panel? or predict* or rapid or routine* or screen* or system* or technique* or test*)).tw,kf,hw.
71	"sample to answer".mp.
72	or/32-71
73	[Index Tests: Rapid Multiplex PCR]
74	rapid test/dc
75	(multiplex* and "sample to answer").mp.
76	(74 or 75) and 30
77	(maripoc* or mari-poc*).mp,ct,dv,dc,dm,mv,my,tn.
78	(Rapid* and Diagnostic* and (MiniLab* or mini-lab*)).mp,ct,dv,dc,dm,mv,my,tn.
79	(QIAstat* or QIA-stat* or (Qiagen* and (Resp* adj3 panel))).mp,ct,dv,dc,dm,mv,my,tn.
80	Biofire* Respiratory.mp,ct,dv,dc,dm,mv,my,tn.
81	BioFire* RP*.mp,ct,dv,dc,dm,mv,my,tn.
82	(Biofire* and "sample to answer").mp,ct,dv,dc,dm,mv,my,tn.
83	(Biofire* adj5 (rapid or real time or RT-PCR or rRT-PCR)).mp,ct,dv,dc,dm,mv,my,tn.
84	or/77-83
85	(BioFire* adj (FilmArray* or Film-Array) adj (Respiratory Panel? or RP*)).mp,ct,dv,dc,dm,mv,my,tn.
86	(Biofire* adj (FilmArray* or Film-Array*) adj Pneumonia).mp,ct,dv,dc,dm,mv,my,tn.
87	(85 or 86) and 72
88	(Biofire* adj (FilmArray* or Film-Array*)).ti.
89	88 and 30 and 72
90	(Spotfire* or Spot-fire*).mp,ct,dv,dc,dm,mv,my,tn.
91	90 and (30 or 72)
92	(Cobas* adj5 ((lab* adj3 tube*) or liat*)).mp,ct,dv,dc,dm,mv,my,tn.
93	(cobas* Influenza A* or cobas* Influenza B* or cobas* RSV or cobas* respiratory sync* virus).mp,ct,dv,dc,dm,mv,my,tn.
94	(92 and 30 and 72) or 93
95	(Xpert* adj3 Xpress* adj3 (influenza or flu or respiratory sync* virus or RSV)).mp,ct,dv,dc,dm,mv,my,tn.

96	(Cepheid* adj3 Xpert* adj3 (influenza or flu or respiratory sync* virus or RSV)).mp,ct,dv,dc,dm,mv,my,tn.
97	((Cepheid* adj3 GeneXpert* adj3 Xpress*) or (Cepheid* adj3 Gene-Xpert* adj3 Xpress*)).mp,ct,dv,dc,dm,mv,my,tn.
98	((95 or 96) and 72) or 97
99	(ePlex* RP* or (ePlex* adj3 resp* adj3 panel?)).mp,ct,dv,dc,dm,mv,my,tn.
100	ePlex*.mp,ct,dv,dc,dm,mv,my,tn.
101	(100 and 72) or 99
102	((GenMark* or Gen-Mark*) and (RP* or (resp* adj3 panel?))).mp,ct,dv,dc,dm,mv,my,tn.
103	102 and 72
104	76 or 84 or 87 or 89 or 91 or 94 or 98 or 101 or 103
105	(Simplexa* or Liaison* MDX*).mp,ct,dv,dc,dm,mv,my,tn.
106	105 and 30 and 72
107	Aries*.mp,ct,dv,dc,dm,mv,my,tn.
108	(sheep or lamb or lambs or ram or rams or ewe or ewes or ovine or ovis aries).ti.
109	107 not 108
110	109 and 30 and 72
111	(Savanna* and (quidel* or molecular or multiplex* or rapid or real-time or RTPCR or RT-PCR or rRTPCR or rRT-PCR or test? or device? or panel? or PoCT or Point-of-Care or near-patient?)).mp,ct,dv,dc,dm,mv,my,tn.
112	((RVP4* or RVP-4*) and (Savanna* or Quidel* or molecular or multiplex* or rapid or real-time or RTPCR or RT-PCR or rRTPCR or rRT-PCR or test? or device? or panel? or PoCT or Point-of-Care or near-patient?)).mp,ct,dv,dc,dm,mv,my,tn.
113	(respiratory vir* Panel4* or respiratory vir* Panel-4*).mp,ct,dv,dc,dm,mv,my,tn.
114	(111 or 112 or 113) and 30
115	Verigen*.mp,ct,dv,dc,dm,mv,my,tn.
116	115 and 30 and 72
117	Panther* Fusion*.mp,ct,dv,dc,dm,mv,my,tn.
118	117 and 30 and 72
119	Paraflu*.mp,ct,dv,dc,dm,mv,my,tn.
120	119 and 72
121	"Flu A/B/RSV*".mp,ct,dv,dc,dm,mv,my,tn.
122	"AdV/hMPV/RV*".mp,ct,dv,dc,dm,mv,my,tn.
123	106 or 110 or 114 or 116 or 118 or 120 or 121 or 122
124	104 or 123
125	((COVID19 or COVID-19 or COVID2019 or COVID-2019 or 2019 nCoV or 2019nCoV or 2019-novel CoV or "SARS-CoV-2" or "SARS-CoV2" or SARSCoV2 or "SARSCoV-2" or 2019 nCoV or 2019nCoV or 2019-novel CoV or "SARS coronavirus 2" or "Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus-2") not (rhinovir* or rhino* vir* or coryzavir* or coryza* vir* or influenzavir* or influenza* vir* or (H1N1 or H3N2) or parainfluenzavir* or parainfluenza* vir* or pneumovir* or pneumo* vir* or human metapneumovir* or human meta-pneumovir* or HMPV or respiratory sync* vir* or RSV)).ti.
126	124 not 125

127	"SARS-CoV-2/Flu A/B*".mp,ct,dv,dc,dm,mv,my,tn.
128	"SARS-CoV-2/Flu A/B*".mp,ct,dv,dc,dm,mv,my,tn.
129	(("SARS-CoV-2" or "SARS-CoV2" or SARSCoV2 or "SARSCoV-2" or "SARS coronavirus 2" or "Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus-2") adj3 Flu* adj3 RSV).mp,ct,dv,dc,dm,mv,my,tn.
130	or/126-129
131	((neonat* or infant* or child* or p?ediatri*) not adult*).ti.
132	130 not 131
133	limit 132 to conference abstract status
134	132 not 133

Appendix C –Diagnostic evidence study selection

Identification of relevant systematic reviews



* systematic review that searched only one database, or did not provide an assessment of methodological quality for included studies

Relevant systematic reviews

Reference	Eligibility criteria	Databases searched	Tool used to assess the validity of primary studies	Search date	Total number of studies included in the review	Index test	Target condition	Number of studies included in most relevant analysis	Population	Clinical features	Setting	Notes
Bruning 2017	"…all available rapid tests for the detection of respiratory viruses in patients of all ages with RTIs." "Studies were considered for inclusion if they were written in English or Dutch and reported original data regarding the accuracy of a rapid	Medline and Embase	QUADAS-2	Jan 2016	179	Any rapid test	RSV	2	Adults and children	Not stated	Not stated	Both studies for RSV in mixed population. Excluded, as data superseded by more recent reviews (Gentilotti 2022 and Onwuchekwa 2023)
						Any rapid test	Influenza A and/or B	11	Adults	Not stated	Not stated	

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	test for ≥1 respiratory virus compared with PCR"											.
Carlton 2021	"Our review included diagnostic accuracy studies, reporting on point-of-care and rapid diagnostic tests consisting of more-than-one biomarker to identify bacterial or viral aetiology, in the general population presenting to	Medline, Embase, Web of Science	QUADAS-2	Feb 2021	20	Immuno-Xpert (TRAIL, IP-10 and CRP)	Bacterial or viral	4	Adults and children	Features of acute RTI	"the general population presenting to primary or secondary care…"	3 studies in adult/ mixed population. 3 in children/not reported. Included.
						FebriDx (CRP and MxA)	Bacterial or viral	4	Adults and children	Features of acute RTI	"the general population presenting	4 studies in adult/mixed population. 1 not reported.

Reference	Eligibility criteria	Databases searched	Tool used to assess the validity of primary studies	Search date	Total number of studies included in the review	Index test	Target condition	Number of studies included in most relevant analysis	Population	Clinical features	Setting	Notes
	primary or secondary care with acute RTI symptoms."										to primary or secondary care…"	Included.
						CRP and neopterin	Bacterial or viral	1	Adults	Features of acute RTI	"the general population presenting to primary or secondary care…"	Included.
Chartrand 2012	"Studies were included if they assessed the accuracy of an	PubMed, EMBASE, BIOSIS and	QUADAS	Dec 2011	159	Any rapid test	Influenza A and/or B	17	Adults	Not stated	Not stated	Superseded by more recent review

Reference	Eligibility criteria	Databases searched	Tool used to assess the validity of primary studies	Search date	Total number of studies included in the review	Index test	Target condition	Number of studies included in most relevant analysis	Population	Clinical features	Setting	Notes
	RIDT [rapid influenza diagnostic test] against 1 of the 2 accepted reference standards. […] Acceptable reference standards included viral culture or RT-PCR"	Web of Science										(Gentilotti 2022).
Chartrand 2015	"Studies were considered for inclusion if they assessed the diagnostic accuracy of a commercial	PubMed and Embase	QUADAS-2	Apr 2015	71	Any rapid test	RSV	4	Adults	People with suspected ARI	Any setting	Not specific to primary/emergency care settings. Superseded

Reference	Eligibility criteria	Databases searched	Tool used to assess the validity of primary studies	Search date	Total number of studies included in the review	Index test	Target condition	Number of studies included in most relevant analysis	Population	Clinical features	Setting	Notes
	rapid immunoassay for RSV in patients with suspected ARI."											by more recent review (Onwuchekwa 2023).
Engel 2012	"Studies using adult patients (>16 years of age) consulting their GP with a probable LRTI were included if CRP was measured in (a part) of those patients."	Medline, Embase and the Cochrane Library	QUADAS and the 'Cochrane Validity Score'	July 2010	10	CRP	Bacterial LRTI and pneumonia	Narrative synthesis of 5 relevant articles.	Adults (>16 years).	Suspected LRTI. People with URTI/ confirmed pneumonia were excluded.	Primary care	No summary data are reported. Superseded by Gentilotti 2022.

Reference	Eligibility criteria	Databases searched	Tool used to assess the validity of primary studies	Search date	Total number of studies included in the review	Index test	Target condition	Number of studies included in most relevant analysis	Population	Clinical features	Setting	Notes
Falk 2008	"Population - participants in each study were to be recruited from a community, primary care setting or ambulatory setting, for example emergency departments, and have symptoms suggestive of acute respiratory infection suggestive of LRTI"	PubMed, EMBASE, Google Scholar, the Cochrane database and the MEDION database.	QUADAS	July 2008	8	CRP	Pneumonia	5-6 depending on threshold used	Adults (over 14 years)	ARI	Community and emergency care	Superseded by Gentilotti 2022.
Gentilotti 2022	"All the DTA studies […] on patients of any age were	PubMed, Web of Science, the Cochrane	QUADAS-2	May 2021	421	Symptoms and signs	Bacterial pneumonia	Between 4 and 26 studies,	Adults	Suspected LRTI	Community/emergen	Included.

Reference	Eligibility criteria	Databases searched	Tool used to assess the validity of primary studies	Search date	Total number of studies included in the review	Index test	Target condition	Number of studies included in most relevant analysis	Population	Clinical features	Setting	Notes
	eligible for inclusion." Supplementary information: "A community-care setting was defined as the first point of contact with health services, including PC, LTCF, OC, and ER. POCT was defined as a test to support clinical decision making (signs and symptoms or imaging or host biomarkers or	Library, Embase and Open Gray						depending on symptoms/sign.			cy care settings	
						CRP	Pneumonia or bacterial pneumonia	4-6 (depending on threshold used)	Adults	Suspected LRTI	Community/emergency care settings	Included.
						Procalcitonin	Pneumonia or bacterial pneumonia	2-4 (depending on threshold used)	Adults	Suspected LRTI	Community/emergency care settings	Included.
						Immunochromatographic assay	Influenza A and/or B	15	Adults	Suspected LRTI	Community/emergen	Included.

Reference	Eligibility criteria	Databases searched	Tool used to assess the validity of primary studies	Search date	Total number of studies included in the review	Index test	Target condition	Number of studies included in most relevant analysis	Population	Clinical features	Setting	Notes
	pathogen-based tests), which is performed on any part of the patient's body or clinical samples, during or close to the time of consultation."										cy care settings	
						Direct immunofluorescence	Influenza A and/or B	19	Mixed adults and children	Suspected LRTI	Community/emergency care settings	Included.
						Optical immunoassay	Influenza A and/or B	9	Mixed adults and children	Suspected LRTI	Community/emergency care settings	Included.
						Chemiluminescent neuraminidase assay	Influenza A and/or B	4	Mixed adults and children	Suspected LRTI	Community/emergency care settings	Included.

Reference	Eligibility criteria	Databases searched	Tool used to assess the validity of primary studies	Search date	Total number of studies included in the review	Index test	Target condition	Number of studies included in most relevant analysis	Population	Clinical features	Setting	Notes
						PCR based NAAT	Influenza A and/or B	6	Adults	Suspected LRTI	Community/emergency care settings	Included.
						Non-PCR based NAAT	Influenza A and/or B	2	Mixed adults and children	Suspected LRTI	Community/emergency care settings	Included.
						Rapid antigen detection test	RSV	35	Mixed adults and children	Suspected LRTI	Community/emergency care settings	Included.
						PCR based NAAT	RSV	38	Mixed adults and children	Suspected LRTI	Community/emergen	Included.

Reference	Eligibility criteria	Databases searched	Tool used to assess the validity of primary studies	Search date	Total number of studies included in the review	Index test	Target condition	Number of studies included in most relevant analysis	Population	Clinical features	Setting	Notes
											cy care settings	
						Non-PCR based NAAT	RSV	5	Mixed adults and children	Suspected LRTI	Community/emergency care settings	Included.
Hill 2019	Adult outpatients with acute cough due to suspected pneumonia.	PubMed, Scopus, and the Cochrane Library	QUADAS and DART	Mar 2017	Not stated	CRP	Pneumonia	Narrative synthesis of 6 articles	Adults	Suspected pneumonia	Not stated	Superseded by Gentilotti 2022
						Procalcitonin	Pneumonia	Narrative synthesis of 6 articles	Adults	Suspected pneumonia	Not stated	Superseded by Gentilotti 2022

Reference	Eligibility criteria	Databases searched	Tool used to assess the validity of primary studies	Search date	Total number of studies included in the review	Index test	Target condition	Number of studies included in most relevant analysis	Population	Clinical features	Setting	Notes
						Symptoms and signs	Pneumonia	Narrative synthesis of 2 articles	Adults	Suspected pneumonia	Not stated	Superseded by Gentilotti 2022
Han 2020	Diagnostic test accuracy studies of lateral flow assays for influenza with at least 40 participants.	PubMed, Embase, Web of Science and the Cochrane Library	QUADAS-2	Nov 2019	13	Any lateral flow assay	Influenza A and/or B	13	Mixed adults and children	Not stated	Any	Superseded by Gentilotti 2022
Hoult 2022	"Cross-sectional, cohort and randomised controlled studies that describe associations	Embase and Medline	QUADAS-2	Mar 2018	39	CRP	Bacterial exacerbation of COPD	Narrative synthesis of 8 articles	Adults with COPD	Not stated.	Outpatient, hospitalised inpatients and ICU	Excluded as setting not sufficiently similar in scope to this review, and

Reference	Eligibility criteria	Databases searched	Tool used to assess the validity of primary studies	Search date	Total number of studies included in the review	Index test	Target condition	Number of studies included in most relevant analysis	Population	Clinical features	Setting	Notes
	between serum or sputum molecular or cellular biomarkers and evidence of bacterial infection in people with acute exacerbation of COPD were eligible for inclusion"											unable to extract relevant data.
						Procalcitonin	Bacterial exacerbation of COPD	Narrative synthesis of 5 articles	Adults with COPD	People with acute exacerbations of COPD.	Hospitalised inpatients and ICU	No studies relating to people attending primary/emergency care.
Htun 2019	"published studies that assessed clinical predictors of community-acquired pneumonia […].	PubMed, Embase, Cochrane Library	QUADAS-2	Mar 2018	13	Symptoms and signs	Pneumonia	Between 4 and 7 studies, depending on	Adults	Acute respiratory symptoms	Outpatient, primary or emergency care settings	Superseded by Gentilotti 2022

Reference	Eligibility criteria	Databases searched	Tool used to assess the validity of primary studies	Search date	Total number of studies included in the review	Index test	Target condition	Number of studies included in most relevant analysis	Population	Clinical features	Setting	Notes
	Studies were included if participants aged ≥18 years without serious illness (e.g. mechanical ventilation) and pre-existing immune suppression (HIV, malnutrition, and immunosuppressant medication)."							symptoms/sign.				
						CRP	Pneumonia	9	Adults	Acute respiratory symptoms	Outpatient, primary or emergency care settings	Superseded by Gentilotti 2022
						Procalcitonin	Pneumonia	4	Adults	Acute respiratory symptoms	Outpatient, primary or emergency care settings	Superseded by Gentilotti 2022

Reference	Eligibility criteria	Databases searched	Tool used to assess the validity of primary studies	Search date	Total number of studies included in the review	Index test	Target condition	Number of studies included in most relevant analysis	Population	Clinical features	Setting	Notes
Huang 2018	"Studies that evaluated the performance of FDA-approved mPCR systems for the detection of viral respiratory infection were included, as follow: (a) they assessed the accuracy of one or more the following systems: FilmArray, Nanosphere Verigene RV+ and Hologic Gen-Probe Prodesse assays	PubMed, Embase	QUADAS-2	Jul 2017	20	Multiplex PCR	Multiple single pathogens	22 (influenza A) 13 (influenza B) 13 (RSV) 8 (adenovirus) 8 (hMPV)	Adults and children	Mixture of sympto matic people and stored samples	Not stated.	Scope to narrow for inclusion. Review limited to 2 rapid multiplex tests (and one laboratory based multiplex test).

Reference	Eligibility criteria	Databases searched	Tool used to assess the validity of primary studies	Search date	Total number of studies included in the review	Index test	Target condition	Number of studies included in most relevant analysis	Population	Clinical features	Setting	Notes
	[…] against reference standards…											
Lee 2021	"studies that evaluated the performance of the Quidel Sofia rapid influenza FIA, compared to a reference standard […] studies that included patients with influenza-like illness…"	Medline, Embase and the Cochrane Central Register	QUADAS-2	July 2020	17	Quidel Sofia rapid influenza fluorescent immunoassay	Influenza A and B	2 (influenza A) 1 (influenza B)	Adults	People with influenza-like illness	Not stated	Scope too narrow. Superseded by Gentilotti 2022

Reference	Eligibility criteria	Databases searched	Tool used to assess the validity of primary studies	Search date	Total number of studies included in the review	Index test	Target condition	Number of studies included in most relevant analysis	Population	Clinical features	Setting	Notes
Merckx 2017	"…studies […] on the diagnostic accuracy of rapid influenza tests against an RT-PCR reference standard. Eligible participants were children and adults with clinically suspected influenza during periods of influenza activity."	PubMed, Embase, BIOSIS Previews, Scopus, Web of Science and the Cochrane Central Register	QUADAS-2	May 2017	162	Traditional RIDT	Influenza A and B	23 (influenza A) 5 (influenza B)	Adults	Clinically suspected influenza	Mixed primary, emergency and hospital settings.	Superseded by Gentilotti 2022
						DIA	Influenza A and B	8 (influenza A) 7 (influenza B)	Adults	Clinically suspected influenza	Mixed primary, emergency and hospital settings.	Superseded by Gentilotti 2022
						Rapid NAAT	Influenza A and B	4 (influenza A)	Adults	Clinically suspected	Mixed primary, emergency and	Superseded by Gentilotti 2022

Reference	Eligibility criteria	Databases searched	Tool used to assess the validity of primary studies	Search date	Total number of studies included in the review	Index test	Target condition	Number of studies included in most relevant analysis	Population	Clinical features	Setting	Notes
								4 (influenza B)		influenza	hospital settings.	
Minnaard 2017	"All studies on diagnostic accuracy of CRP for pneumonia (e.g., infiltrate on chest radiography as the reference standard) were eligible. Study participants had to be adults (≥ 18yr) suspected by their physician of having a lower respiratory tract infection presenting in a	Medline, Embase, the Cochrane Library	QUADAS-2	Not stated. Most recent included study published in 2013.	8	CRP and signs and symptoms	Pneumonia	8	Adults	Suspected LRTI	Primary and emergency care.	Included.

Reference	Eligibility criteria	Databases searched	Tool used to assess the validity of primary studies	Search date	Total number of studies included in the review	Index test	Target condition	Number of studies included in most relevant analysis	Population	Clinical features	Setting	Notes
	primary health care setting…"											
Nicholson 2014	"…publications on influenza POCT diagnostic accuracy studies between 1991 and 2011 (inclusive) that met the following five criteria:1. Articles written in English.2. Commercially available test kits.3. Testing done in human seasonal and pandemic influenza…"	Medline, BIOSIS and the Cochrane Library	QUADAS and STARD	May 2011	70	Any POCT for influenza	Influenza	43	Mixed adults and children	Not stated	Not stated	Superseded by Gentilotti 2022

Reference	Eligibility criteria	Databases searched	Tool used to assess the validity of primary studies	Search date	Total number of studies included in the review	Index test	Target condition	Number of studies included in most relevant analysis	Population	Clinical features	Setting	Notes
Onwuchekwa 2023	"primary studies were eligible if they reported on the diagnostic test performance or compared RSV detection rates using different specimens. We excluded […] studies in children, and in vitro studies."	Embase, Medline, Web of Science	QUADAS-2	Dec 2021	156	DFA	RSV	1	Adults	Acute exacerbation of asthma	Any setting	Included.
						RADT	RSV	1	Adults	LRTI and URTI	Any setting	Included.
						Multiplex PCR	RSV	1	Adults	LRTI and URTI	Any setting	Excluded, as new review of multiplex tests was conducted.
Pazmany 2021	": a) adult patients with bacterial and non-bacterial	Medline, Embase, CENTRAL,	QUADAS-2	Oct 2019	21	Symptoms and signs	Bacterial acute	3	Adults	Acute exacerb	Any setting	Includes predominantly primary

Reference	Eligibility criteria	Databases searched	Tool used to assess the validity of primary studies	Search date	Total number of studies included in the review	Index test	Target condition	Number of studies included in most relevant analysis	Population	Clinical features	Setting	Notes
	AECOPD; b) results of microbiology tests (as the reference standard) with samples taken from sputum, tracheal aspirates or blood; and c) at least one other on-admission diagnostic test performed from serum or sputum(index tests), were considered eligible"	Scopus and Web of Science				(sputum colour only)	exacerbation of COPD			ation of COPD		care setting. Included.
						CRP	Bacterial acute exacerbation of COPD	9	Adults	Acute exacerbation of COPD	Any setting	All relate to hospitalised participants. Not sufficiently close in scope to this review question (no data relating to outpatient/primary/emerg
						Procalcitonin	Bacterial acute exacerbation of COPD	8	Adults	Acute exacerbation of COPD	Any setting	
						Neutrophil/lymphocyte ratio	Bacterial acute exacerbation of COPD	1	Adults	Acute exacerbation of COPD	Any setting	

Reference	Eligibility criteria	Databases searched	Tool used to assess the validity of primary studies	Search date	Total number of studies included in the review	Index test	Target condition	Number of studies included in most relevant analysis	Population	Clinical features	Setting	Notes
						Eosinophil %	Bacterial acute exacerbation of COPD	1	Adults	Acute exacerbation of COPD	Any setting	ency settings)
Petrozzino 2010	"Articles reporting RFT and clinical diagnostic performance, and effects on decision-making and diagnostic outcomes" Adults and children with influenza-like illness.	PubMed/MEDLINE; the Cochrane Library; British Medical Journal Clinical Evidence; Surveillance, Epidemiology and End Results; the World Health	US Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) evidence-based guidelines for internal validity of diagnostic	2009	16	QuickVue rapid flu test	Influenza A and B	5	Adults (>/=15 years)	People presenting with influenza-like illness	Any setting	Superseded by Gentilotti 2022
						Symptoms and signs (clinical assessment)	Influenza A and B	11	Adults (>/=15 years)	People presenting with influenza-like illness	Any setting	Outside the scope of the protocol: clinical symptoms and signs for

Reference	Eligibility criteria	Databases searched	Tool used to assess the validity of primary studies	Search date	Total number of studies included in the review	Index test	Target condition	Number of studies included in most relevant analysis	Population	Clinical features	Setting	Notes
		Organization website, the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality website;	accuracy studies									a specific pathogen, rather than bacterial/viral infection.
Schierenberg 2016	"Models eligible for inclusion were logistic regression models including S&S [signs and symptoms] for predicting the probability of pneumonia in primary care	PubMed, Embase and the Cochrane Library	QUADAS-2	Aug 2012	8	Any clinical prediction rule for pneumonia (signs and symptoms)	Pneumonia	8	Adults	Acute or worsened cough or LRTI symptoms	Primary or emergency care	No summary estimates provided. Included.

Reference	Eligibility criteria	Databases searched	Tool used to assess the validity of primary studies	Search date	Total number of studies included in the review	Index test	Target condition	Number of studies included in most relevant analysis	Population	Clinical features	Setting	Notes
	patients with acute cough or suspected LRTI"											
Van der Meer 2005	"We aimed to include studies that compared C reactive protein with a chest radiograph […] or microbiological work-up […]. We excluded articles concerning immunocompromised patients, patients treated in intensive care units,	Medline and Embase	Lijmer criteria	Apr 2004	17	CRP	Pneumonia	5	Adults	ARI	Primary/emergency care	Superseded by Gentilotti 2022

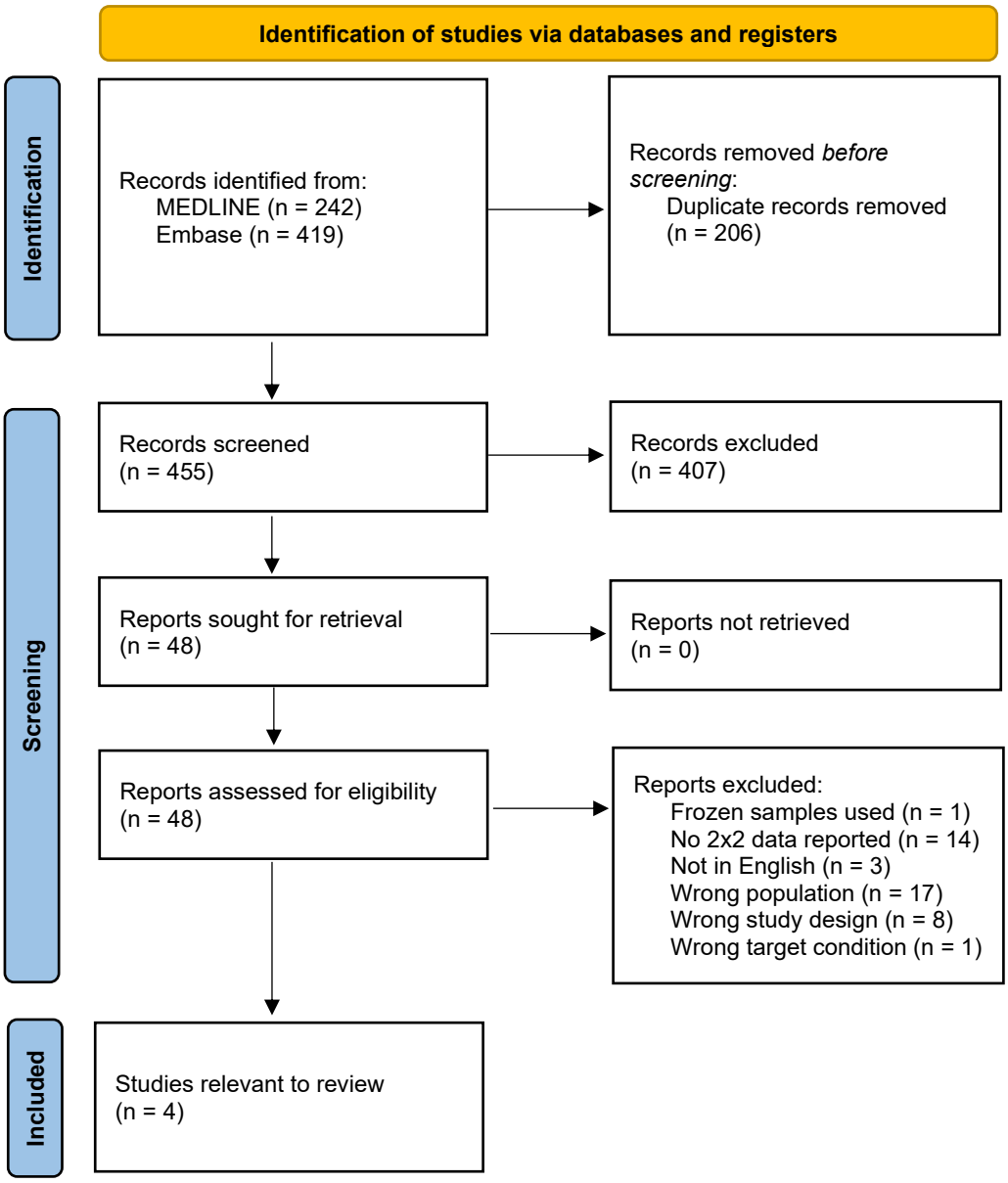
Reference	Eligibility criteria	Databases searched	Tool used to assess the validity of primary studies	Search date	Total number of studies included in the review	Index test	Target condition	Number of studies included in most relevant analysis	Population	Clinical features	Setting	Notes
	or patients with hospital acquired pneumonia"											
Vos 2019	Supplementary material: "We included peer-reviewed studies in English or Dutch providing original data on the diagnostic accuracy or clinical impact of a molecular rapid test for respiratory viruses, among which at least influenza virus	Medline, Embase, Cochrane Library	QUADAS-2	Aug 2017	56	Any molecular rapid test	Influenza A and/or B and/or RSV (pooled estimate)	7	Adults	Mixed (some studies with symptoms of ARI, some not reported)	Not stated	Superseded by Gentilotti 2022.

Reference	Eligibility criteria	Databases searched	Tool used to assess the validity of primary studies	Search date	Total number of studies included in the review	Index test	Target condition	Number of studies included in most relevant analysis	Population	Clinical features	Setting	Notes
	and/or RSV, as compared to (non-rapid) molecular techniques. […] The domain included patients of all ages with suspected (viral) RTI presenting in a hospital setting."											
Wu 2013	"articles [that provided an] evaluation of procalcitonin alone or compared with other laboratory markers, such as	Medline, EMBASE and the Cochrane Library	QUADAS	Nov 2011	6	Procalcitonin	Bacterial pneumonia	6	Adults	All diagnosed with H1N1 'flu	Predominantly ICU or inpatient	2 studies in emergency department or outpatient.

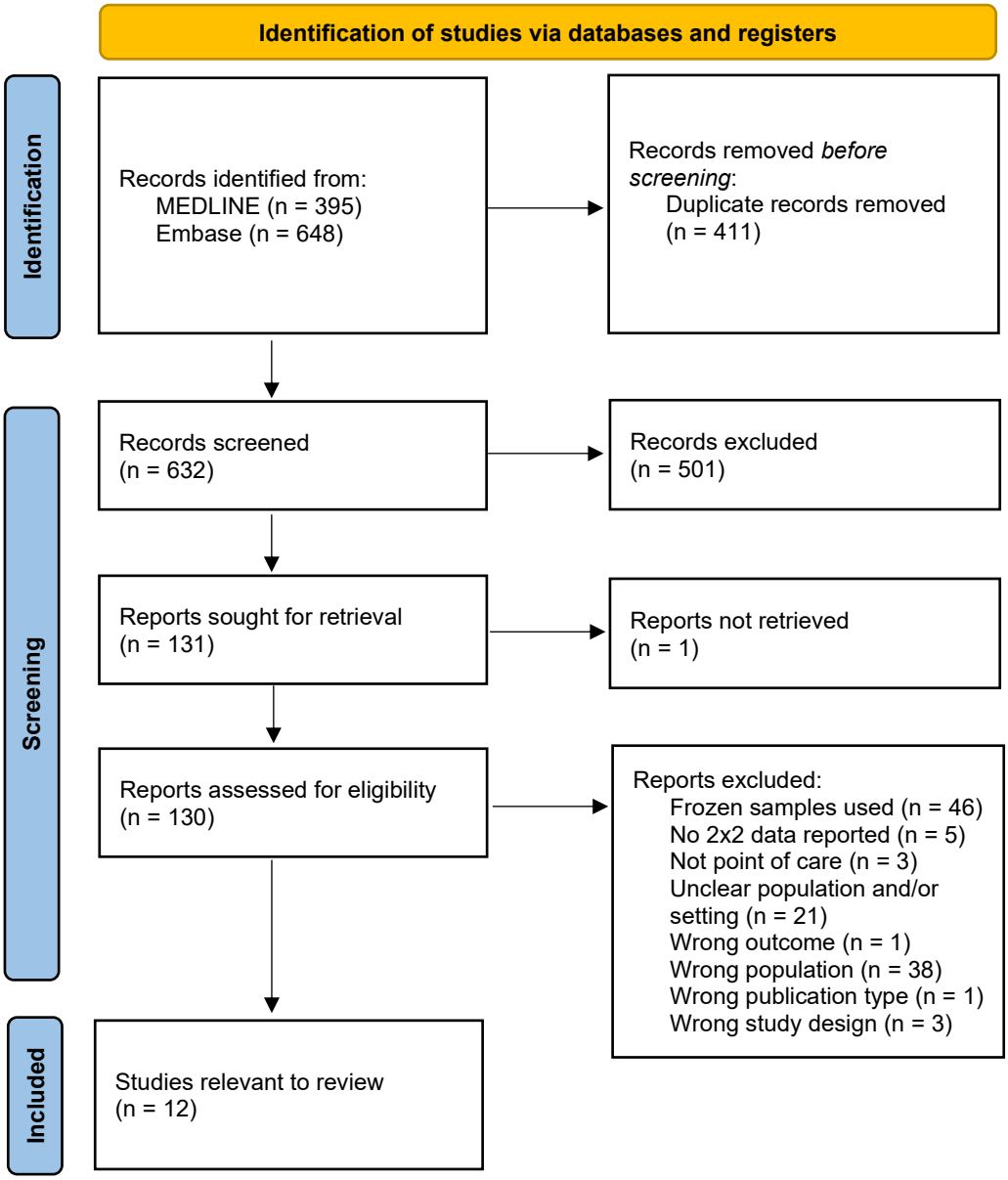
Reference	Eligibility criteria	Databases searched	Tool used to assess the validity of primary studies	Search date	Total number of studies included in the review	Index test	Target condition	Number of studies included in most relevant analysis	Population	Clinical features	Setting	Notes
	CRP, to diagnose bacterial pneumonia in patients with H1N1 influenza infection"											Superseded by Gentilotti 2022

ARI acute respiratory infection; CRP C-reactive protein; DART Documentation and Appraisal Review Tool; DFA direct fluorescence antibody; DIA digital immunoassay; hMPV human metapneumovirus; ICU intensive care unit; IP-10 interferon gamma induced protein 10; LRTI lower respiratory tract infection; NAAT nucleic acid amplification test; PCR polymerase chain reaction; POCT point of care test; QUADAS Quality Assessment of Diagnostic Accuracy Studies; RADT rapid antigen detection test; RFT rapid flu test; RIDT rapid influenza diagnostic test; RSV respiratory syncytial virus; TRAIL tumour necrosis factor-related apoptosis-inducing ligand; URTI upper respiratory tract infection

Identification of relevant primary studies for white blood cell count



Identification of relevant primary studies for multiplex tests



Appendix D –Diagnostic evidence

Evidence table 1: Included systematic reviews

Reference	Population	Clinical features	Setting	Target condition assessed	Index tests	Reference standard	Outcomes reported
Carlton 2021	This review included adults and children. Different analyses included different populations	People presenting with symptoms of acute respiratory tract infection.	Primary, emergency or secondary care.	Bacterial respiratory tract infection and viral respiratory tract infection	Combinations of biomarkers (at least 2 included).	Any reference standard. See details below for individual tests.	
	Adults and children	As above	Emergency department and inpatient	Bacterial and viral infection	TRAIL, IP-10 and CRP (ImmunoXpert)	Consensus of an expert panel	Sensitivity and specificity (and 95% confidence interval)
	Adults and children	As above	Emergency department and inpatient	Bacterial and viral infection	CRP and MxA (FebriDx)	Clinical algorithms and microbiology	

Reference	Population	Clinical features	Setting	Target condition assessed	Index tests	Reference standard	Outcomes reported
	Adults	As above	Emergency department and inpatient	Bacterial infection	CRP and neopterin	Clinical algorithm	
Gentilotti 2022	This review included adults and children. However, where possible we have extracted summary (subgroup) estimates which relate to adults only. See details provided for each index test.	Symptoms consistent with acute respiratory infection.	All included studies relating to primary/emergency care settings, including primary care, emergency department, outpatient clinics and long-term care facilities. Where possible we have extracted summary (subgroup) estimates to show the effect in these different settings. See details provided for each index test.	The target condition varied across the different index tests included. See details for each index test.	Symptoms and signs, host biomarkers (CRP and procalcitonin) and single pathogen tests for influenza. See individual tests listed below.	Any reference standard was permitted. See details below for individual tests.	

Reference	Population	Clinical features	Setting	Target condition assessed	Index tests	Reference standard	Outcomes reported
	Adults	Symptoms consistent with acute respiratory infection.	Mixed primary and emergency	Bacterial pneumonia	Symptoms and signs, including: • Cough • Sputum production • Discoloured sputum • Chest pain • Dyspnoea • Sore throat • Runny nose • Myalgia • Chill • Diarrhoea • Impaired consciousness • SpO_2 • Fever >37.8^{0}C • Tachycardia • Tachypnoea • Reduced breath sounds • Wheezing • Crackles	Any reference standard, including the use of some/all of the following: X-ray, bacterial or viral culture, PCR, rapid antigen tests, lung ultrasound, composite analyses, expert opinion, microbiological diagnosis (not clarified), rapid influenza tests.	Pooled sensitivity and specificity estimates (with 95% CI) for each symptom.
	Adults	Symptoms consistent with acute respiratory infection.	Mixed primary and emergency. Subgroup analysis for primary care only at one	Bacterial pneumonia	CRP	Any reference standard, including the use of some/all of the following: X-ray, bacterial or viral culture, PCR, rapid antigen tests, lung	Pooled sensitivity and specificity estimates (with 95% confidence interval) for

Reference	Population	Clinical features	Setting	Target condition assessed	Index tests	Reference standard	Outcomes reported
			measurement threshold (20mg/L)			ultrasound, composite analyses, expert opinion, microbiological diagnosis (not clarified), rapid influenza tests.	different thresholds of CRP.
	Adults for most analyses. Analysis at highest threshold (>0.50mcg/mL) includes adults and children, due to sparse data.	Symptoms consistent with acute respiratory infection.	Mixed primary and emergency.	Bacterial pneumonia	Procalcitonin	Any reference standard, including the use of some/all of the following: X-ray, bacterial or viral culture, PCR, rapid antigen tests, lung ultrasound, composite analyses, expert opinion, microbiological diagnosis (not clarified), rapid influenza tests.	Pooled sensitivity and specificity estimates (with 95% confidence interval) for different thresholds of procalcitonin.

Reference	Population	Clinical features	Setting	Target condition assessed	Index tests	Reference standard	Outcomes reported
	Adults for main analysis. Subgroup analyses according to setting includes adults and children.	Symptoms consistent with acute respiratory infection.	Mixed primary and emergency for main analysis. Also subgroup analyses for primary care, emergency department and outpatient clinic	Influenza	Immunochromatographic tests	Viral culture, PCR, antigen detection techniques and others	Pooled sensitivity and specificity estimates (with 95% confidence interval).
	Adults and children	Symptoms consistent with acute respiratory infection.	Mixed primary and emergency for main analysis. Also subgroup analysis for emergency department only.	Influenza	Direct immunofluorescence	Viral culture, PCR, antigen detection techniques and others	Pooled sensitivity and specificity estimates (with 95% confidence interval).
	Adults and children	Symptoms consistent with acute respiratory infection.	Mixed primary and emergency.	Influenza	Optical immunoassay	Viral culture, PCR, antigen detection techniques and others	Pooled sensitivity and specificity estimates (with 95% confidence interval).

Reference	Population	Clinical features	Setting	Target condition assessed	Index tests	Reference standard	Outcomes reported
	Adults and children	Symptoms consistent with acute respiratory infection.	Mixed primary and emergency.	Influenza	MariPOC	Viral culture, PCR, antigen detection techniques and others	Pooled sensitivity and specificity estimates (with 95% confidence interval).
	Adults and children	Symptoms consistent with acute respiratory infection.	Mixed primary and emergency.	Influenza	Chemiluminescent neuraminidase assay	Viral culture, PCR, antigen detection techniques and others	Pooled sensitivity and specificity estimates (with 95% confidence interval).
	Adults and children	Symptoms consistent with acute respiratory infection.	Mixed primary and emergency.	Influenza	Nucleic acid amplification tests: standalone, single pathogen PCR	Viral culture, PCR, antigen detection techniques and others	Pooled sensitivity and specificity estimates (with 95% confidence interval).
	Adults and children	Symptoms consistent with acute respiratory infection.	Mixed primary and emergency for main analysis.	Influenza	Nucleic acid amplification tests: non-PCR based methods	Viral culture, PCR, antigen detection techniques and others	Pooled sensitivity and specificity estimates (with

Reference	Population	Clinical features	Setting	Target condition assessed	Index tests	Reference standard	Outcomes reported
			Subgroup analysis for emergency department only.				95% confidence interval).
Minnaard 2017	Adults	Suspected lower respiratory tract infection.	Primary health care, ambulatory care or emergency department settings.	Pneumonia	Combination of symptoms and signs plus CRP measurement.	Chest X-ray	Sensitivity and specificity estimates (with 95% confidence interval). The clinical prediction model and CRP level results in a 'predicted risk' for each participant. Sensitivity and specificity are then reported according to the use of different thresholds

Reference	Population	Clinical features	Setting	Target condition assessed	Index tests	Reference standard	Outcomes reported
							of 'predicted risk' to identify people with pneumonia.
Onwuchekwa 2023	The review includes data on adults and children. We have extracted data which relate to adults only.	No information provided.	Primary care, emergency care and hospitalised participants.	RSV	Direct immunofluorescence and rapid antigen tests	RT PCR	Sensitivity and specificity estimates (with 95% confidence interval).
Pazmany 2021	Adults with COPD	Presenting with an acute exacerbation of COPD.	Primary care, emergency care and hospitalised participants.	Bacterial acute exacerbation of COPD.	Presence of purulent sputum.	Microbiological culture.	Sensitivity and specificity (and 95% confidence intervals).
Schierenberg 2017	Adults	Immunocompetent adults who self-referred with an acute or worsened cough or lower respiratory tract infection.	Primary care, ambulatory care or emergency departments	Pneumonia	Combinations of symptoms and signs (clinical prediction models)	Chest X-ray, CT or MRI	Area under the curve (and 95% confidence interval) for individual clinical prediction models.

ROBIS assessment for included systematic reviews

Review	Phase 2				Phase 3
	1. STUDY ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA	2. IDENTIFICATION AND SELECTION OF STUDIES	3. DATA COLLECTION AND STUDY APPRAISAL	4. SYNTHESIS AND FINDINGS	RISK OF BIAS IN THE REVIEW
Carlton 2021	☺	☺	☺	☺	☺
Gentilotti 2022	☺	☺	☺	☹	☺
Minnaard 2017	☺	☹	☺	☺	☺
Onwucheckwa 2023	☺	☺	☺	☺	☺
Pazmany 2021	☺	☺	☺	☺	☺
Schierenberg 2017	☺	☹	☺	☺	☺

☺Low Risk ☹High Risk ? Unclear Risk

Evidence table 2: White cell differential count, primary studies

Reference	Population	Clinical features	Setting	Target condition assessed	Index tests	Reference standard	Outcomes reported	Funding/Conflicts of interest
Castro-Guardiola 2000	Adults (n = 284) 62% male. Mean age 57.2 years (standard deviation [SD] 20).	People who have been assessed by a clinician as having suspected pneumonia.	Emergency department, Spain.	Pneumonia	White blood cell count.	Typical findings on a chest X-ray, plus at least two of the following features: • Respiratory symptoms • Fever >38^{0}C • White cell count >12 million/ml • Microbiological confirmation	Area under the curve 0.65.	Not reported
Gulich 1999	Adults (n = 179) 46.4% male. Mean age 34.3 years (SD 13.4).	People presenting with a sore throat.	Primary care, Germany.	Bacterial pharyngitis	White blood cell count.	Culture of group A or C beta-haemolytic streptococci, or *haemophilus influenzae*.	Area under the curve 0.68.	The study was supported by Bundesverband der Betriebskrankenkassen and by Nycomed GmbH, Munich

Holm 2007	Adults (n = 364) 47% male. Median age 50 years.	People with symptoms of a lower respiratory tract infection.	Primary care, Denmark.	Pneumonia	White cell count ≥10 million/ml	Chest X-ray	Sensitivity 46% and specificity 80% (no confidence intervals reported)	Financial support received from the various contributors, including: The Danish Lung Association, The Danish Medical Research Association, and the Institute of Clinical Research. The authors declare no conflicts of interest
Liu 2013	Adults (n = 500) 58% male. Mean age 42.7 years (range 18 to 94).	People with a diagnosis of community acquired pneumonia, based on findings from a chest X-ray and symptoms.	Outpatient, China.	Bacterial pneumonia	White cell count <4 million/ml, 4-10 million/ml or >10 million/ml	Microbiological culture and PCR	2x2 data, sufficient to calculate sensitivity and specificity to diagnose bacterial infection at different thresholds of	Supported by grants from Beijing Science and Technology Key Projects Foundation. The authors declare no conflicts of interest.

							white cell count. **<4 million/ml** Sensitivity 10.07 (95% CI 5.74 to 16.06) Specificity 94.59 (95% CI 91.68 to 96.71) **4-10 million/ml** Sensitivity 71.14 (95% CI 63.16 to 78.26) Specificity 31.34 (95% CI 26.52 to 36.48) **>10 million/ml**	

							Sensitivity 18.79 (95% CI 12.87 to 26) Specificity 74.07 (95% CI 69.16 to 78.58)	

QUADAS-2 assessment, white cell differential count

Study	RISK OF BIAS				APPLICABILITY CONCERNS		
	PATIENT SELECTION	INDEX TEST	REFERENCE STANDARD	FLOW AND TIMING	PATIENT SELECTION	INDEX TEST	REFERENCE STANDARD
Castro-Guardiola 2000	☺	☺	☹	☺	☺	☹	☺
Gulich 1999	☺	☺	☺	☺	☺	☹	☺
Holm 2007	☹	☹	☺	☹	☺	☹	☺
Lui 2013	?	?	☺	☺	☺	☹	☺

☺ Low Risk ☹ High Risk ? Unclear Risk

Evidence table 3: Multiplex tests, primary studies

Reference	Population	Clinical features	Setting	Target condition assessed	Index tests	Reference standard	Notes	Funding/Conflicts of interest
Boku 2013	Adults. Mean age 34.4 years (range 20-63) 53.1% male.	Symptoms of acute respiratory infection, or presence of fever and known contact with influenza.	Hospital outpatient setting, Japan.	Flu A/B	Verigene system RV+ on nasopharyngeal swabs.	Viral culture plus laboratory PCR.		Not reported
Escarate 2022	Adults. Aged ≥ 65 years. Sex not reported.	Tested due to an outbreak of a respiratory illness. Symptoms of acute respiratory infection.	Outpatient/primary care (long-term care facilities), Australia.	Flu A, Flu B and RSV	Xpert Xpress Flu/RSV on nasopharyngeal swabs or combined nose and throat swabs.	Primary reference standard: PCR from central laboratory. Secondary reference standard: included expert opinion assessment of	Note that data are not included in the meta-analysis, as the authors only report specificity (not sensitivity) and the bivariate model requires both parameters.	The authors declare no conflicts of interest

						discordant specimens.		
Farfour 2022	Adults. Age not reported. Sex not reported.	Suspected viral respiratory infection.	Emergency department, France.	Flu A, RSV	Idylla SARS CoV/Flu/RSV on nasopharyngeal swabs.	Laboratory based multiplex PCR.		No external funding received
Hansen 2018	Adults and children (children comprised 20% of total population). Age not reported. Sex not reported.	Presenting with at least one sign of influenza.	Emergency department, USA.	Flu A/B	Cobas Liat Influenza A/B assay on nasopharyngeal swabs.	Primary reference standard: PCR from central laboratory. Secondary reference standard: included analysis of discordant specimens with a second multiplex rapid test.		Partial funding for this study was provided by an unrestricted educational grant from Roche molecular to GTH and from the Minneapolis Medical Research

Maignan 2016	Adults. Median 70 years (interquartile range [IQR] 44 to 84). 51% male.	Presenting with fever and at least one sign of a respiratory tract infection.	Emergency department, France.	Flu A, Flu B, Flu A/B	Cobas Liat Influenza A/B assay on nasopharyngeal swabs.	Primary reference standard: PCR from central laboratory, with analysis of discordant results with Xpert Xpress Flu/RSV assay and results from the national influenza virus reference centre.		Partially funded by Roche Diagnostics. Roche Diagnostics had no access to the data and were not involved in the interpretation of the data or the writing of the manuscript.
Morris 2021	Adults and children included in the study. Data were extracted which relate to adults presenting only. Median 55 years (IQR 29 to 73).	Symptoms of acute respiratory infection.	Emergency department, respiratory admissions unit and bone marrow transplant unit were included in the study, UK. Extracted data relate to adults in an emergency	Flu A, RSV	Xpert Xpress Flu/RSV. Sample type unclear.	Primary reference standard: laboratory based PCR.		No funding required. The authors declare no conflicts of interest.

	44.7% male.		department setting only.					
Peretz 2020	Adults. Aged 18 to 97. 57% male.	People with suspected influenza.	Emergency department, Israel.	Flu A/B	Xpert Xpress Flu A/B and Simplexa Flu A/B and RSV on nasopharyngeal swabs.	Comparator: rapid antigen test.	Note that this study provides data on concordance between multiplex PCR and a rapid antigen test. However, as the rapid antigen test is not regarded as a reference standard by the authors, these data were not included in the analysis. **Comparison of Xpert Xpress Flu with Influ A+B K-SeT**	No funding required. The authors declare no conflicts of interest.

							rapid antigen test: Percentage positive agreement: 96.3% (87.3 to 99.6) Percentage negative agreement: 95.7% (90.2 to 98.6) **Comparison of Simplexa Flu A/B and RSV with Influ A+B K-SeT rapid antigen test:** Percentage positive agreement:	

							96.3% (87.3 to 99.6) Percentage negative agreement: 97.4% (92.5 to 99.5)	
Tanei 2014	Adults. Median 30.5 years, range 20-63. 42.7% male.	Symptoms of acute respiratory infection plus a fever of ≥37^{0}C	Outpatients in a hospital general medical department, Japan.	Flu A/B	Verigene RV+	Primary reference standard: rapid antigen test	Note that this study provides data on concordance between multiplex PCR and a rapid antigen test. However, as the rapid antigen test is not regarded as a reference standard by the authors, these data were not	This study was supported in part by a Grant-in-Aid from the MEXT (Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology) Strategic Research Foundation Project for Private Universities. The authors declare

							included in the analysis. **Comparison of Verigene RV+ with RapidTesta FLU II rapid antigen test:** Percentage positive agreement: 95.6% (84.9 to 99.5) Percentage negative agreement:56.8% (39.5 to 72.9)	no conflicts of interest
Valentin 2019	Adults. Age not reported.	Adult patients suffering from acute febrile respiratory tract infection with at least one risk factor	Emergency department, Austria.	Flu A, Flu B, Flu A/B	Xpert Xpress Flu/RSV and Cobas Liat Influenza A/B assay on nasopharyngeal swabs.	Primary reference standard: laboratory based PCR.		Reagents used for the tests were partly supplied by Roche and Cepheid. No other funding

	Sex not reported.	for complications of seasonal influenza						was received. The authors declare no conflicts of interest
Yin 2022	Adults and children (23% of participants were children). Age not reported. 58% male.	Symptoms of acute respiratory infection.	Emergency department, Belgium.	Flu A, Flu B, RSV	Cobas Liat Influenza A/B assay on nasopharyngeal swabs.	Primary reference standard: composite of rapid antigen tests plus culture. Samples were considered positive if they were positive on at least 2 of the three tests used (including the index test).		Roche diagnostics supplied instruments and reagents needed for this study. No personal grants or funding was received by the authors for this study. The authors declare no conflicts of interest
Youngs 2019	Adults. Age not reported.	Suspected influenza.	Emergency department, UK.	Flu A, Flu B, Flu A/B	Cobas Liat Influenza A/B assay on throat swabs.	Primary reference standard: composite of laboratory based		The authors declare no conflicts of interest

	Sex not reported.					PCR method and an alternative multiplex test (Xpert Xpress flu/RSV). Secondary reference standard: as above, but including expert opinion.		
Zuurbier 2022	Adults. 45.9% male. Median age 75 years (IQR 67-80)	Symptoms of acute respiratory tract infection.	Home setting/primary care, Belgium, Netherlands and UK.	RSV	Xpert Xpress Flu/RSV on nasopharyngeal swabs.	Primary reference standard: laboratory based PCR.		RESCEU has received funding from the Innovative Medicines Initiative 2 Joint Undertaking. Several authors declare they received personal fees from Roche,

								GSK, and other pharmaceutical companies, outside the submitted work. Additionally, University Medical Centre Utrecht received funding from various pharmaceutical companies.

QUADAS-2 assessment, multiplex tests

Study	RISK OF BIAS				APPLICABILITY CONCERNS		
	PATIENT SELECTION	INDEX TEST	REFERENCE STANDARD	FLOW AND TIMING	PATIENT SELECTION	INDEX TEST	REFERENCE STANDARD
Boku 2013	?	☺	?	☺	☺	☺	☺
Escarte 2022	?	☺	☺	☹	☹	☺	☺
Farfour 2022	☺	?	☺	☹	☺	☺	☺
Hansen 2018	☹	☺	☺	☺	☺	☺	☺
Maignan 2016	☺	☺	☺	☺	☺	☺	☺
Morris 2021	☹	☺	☺	☺	☺	☺	☺
Peretz 2020	?	?	☹	☺	☺	☹	☺
Tanei 2014	☺	?	☹	☺	☺	☹	☺
Valentin 2019	☺	☺	☺	☹	☺	☹	☺
Yin 2022	?	☺	☹	☺	☺	☹	☺
Youngs 2019	☺	☺	☹	☹	☺	☺	☺
Zuurbier 2022	☺	☺	☺	☹	☹	☺	☺

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Appendix E – Meta-analyses

Figure 1: Sensitivity and specificity of multiplex tests for RSV

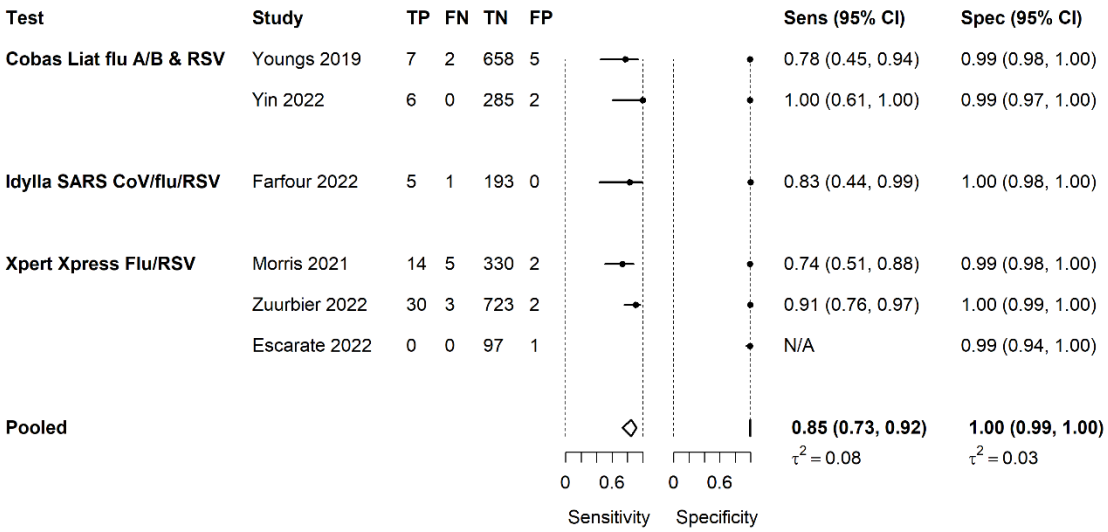
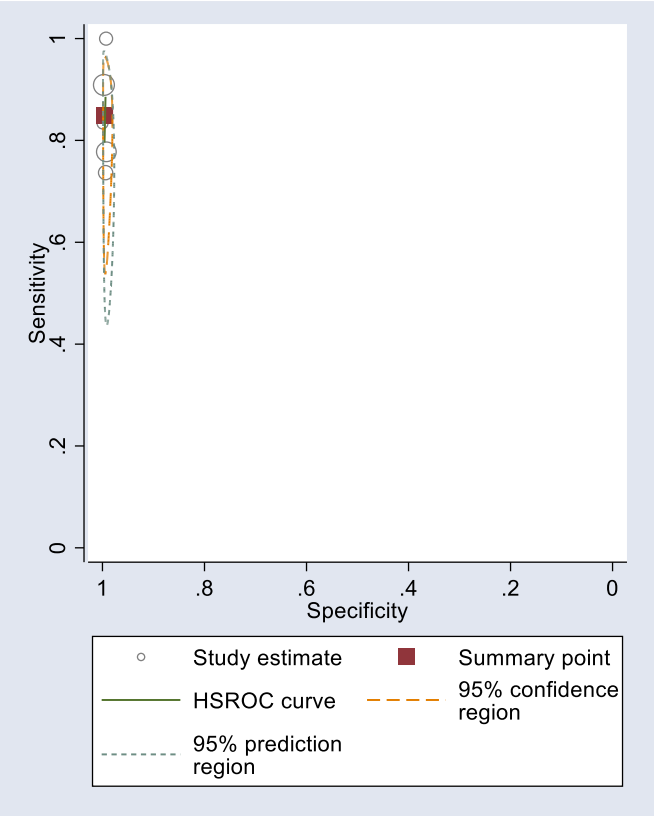


Figure 2: RSV data and overall meta-analysis results in ROC space



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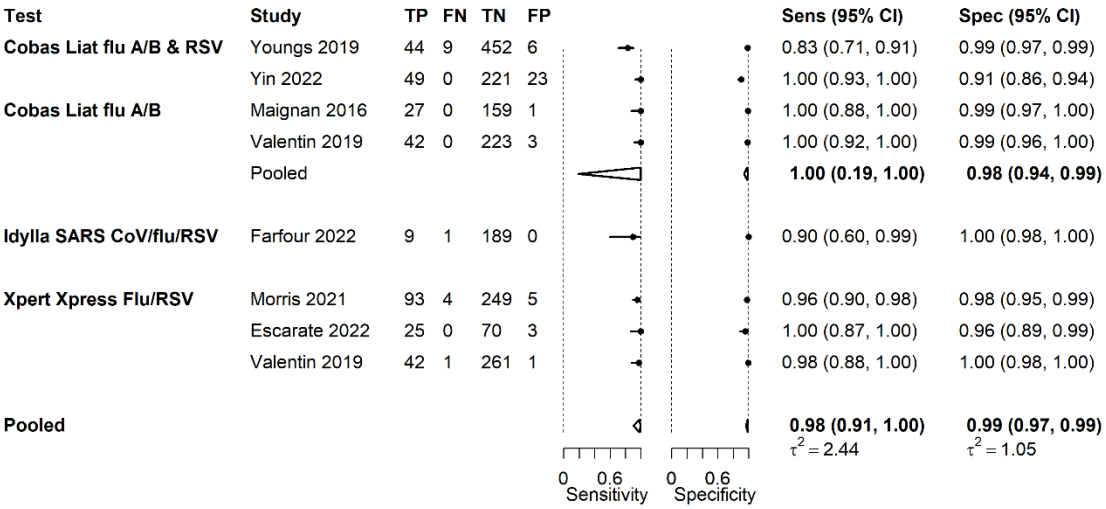

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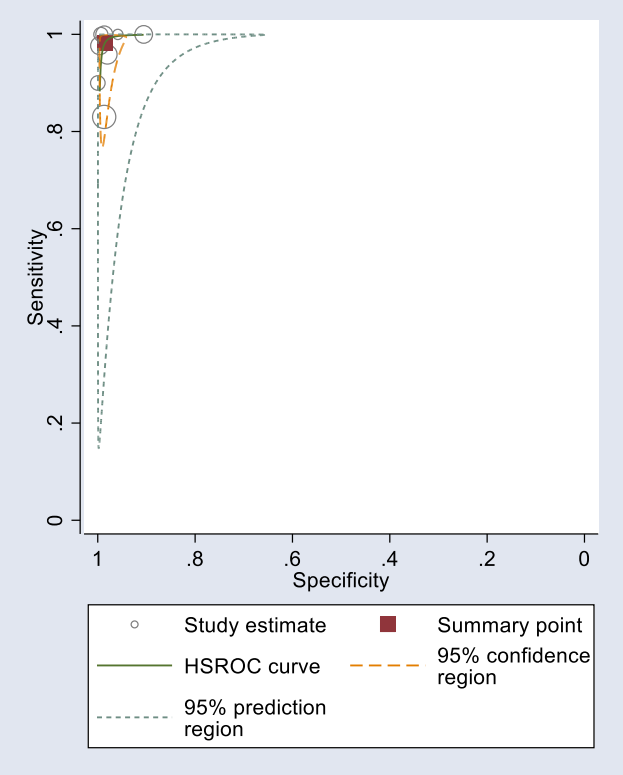

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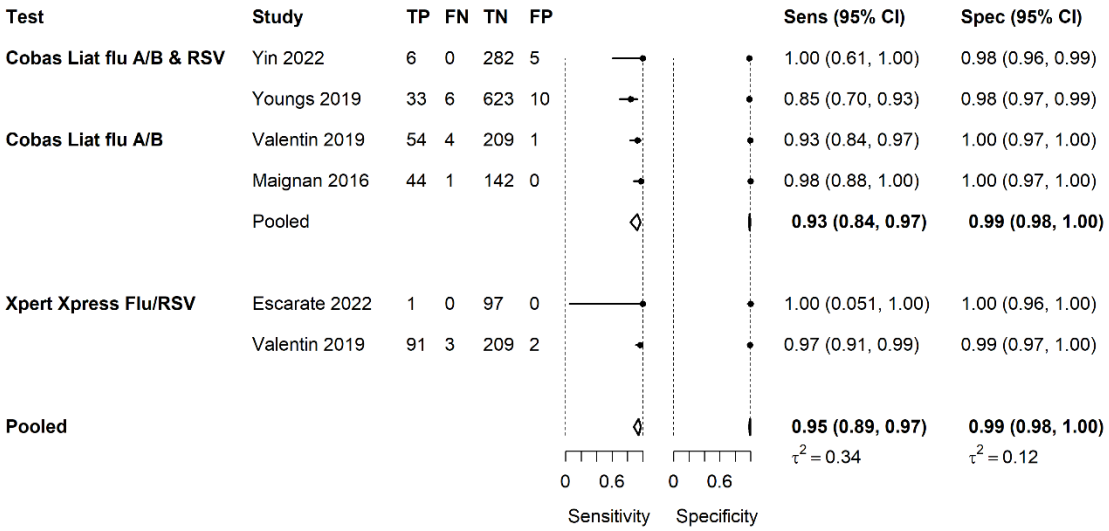

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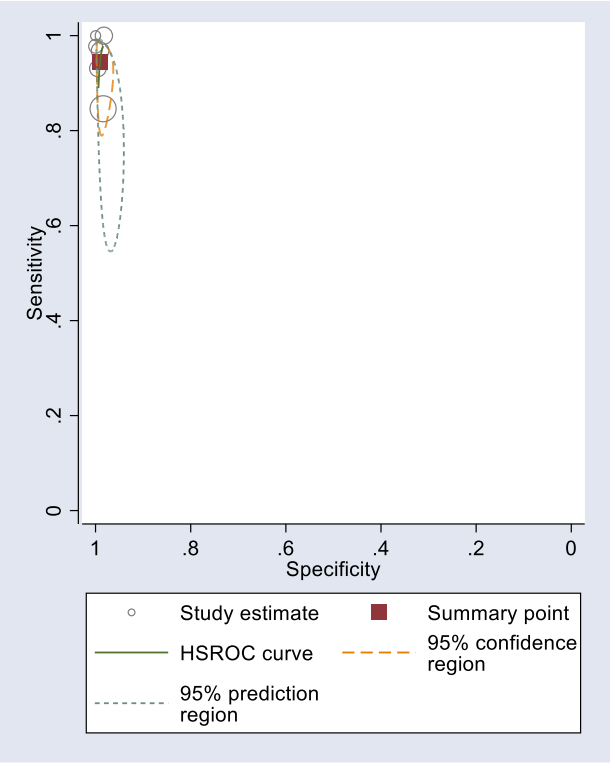


Figure 7: Sensitivity and specificity of multiplex tests for influenza A or B (combined)

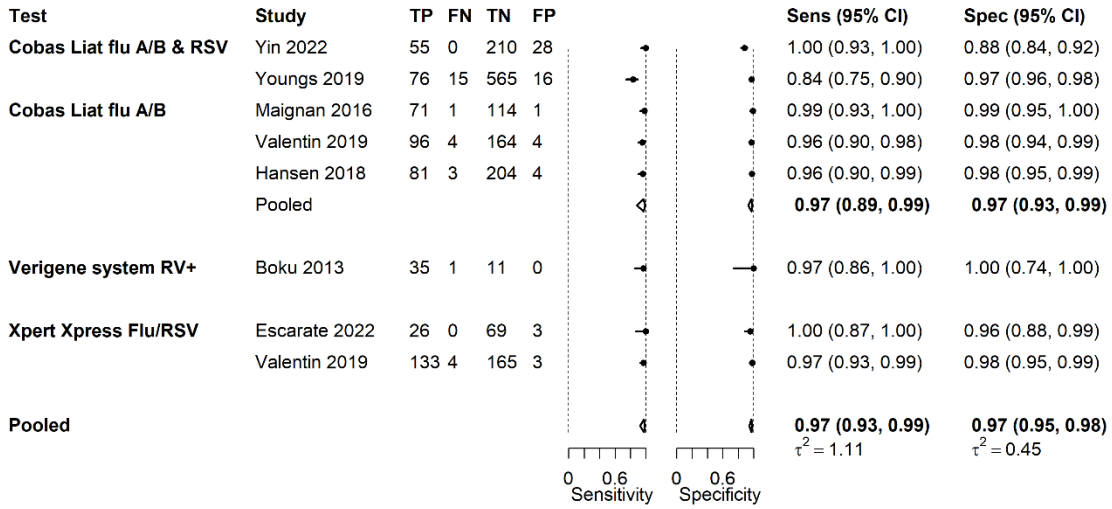
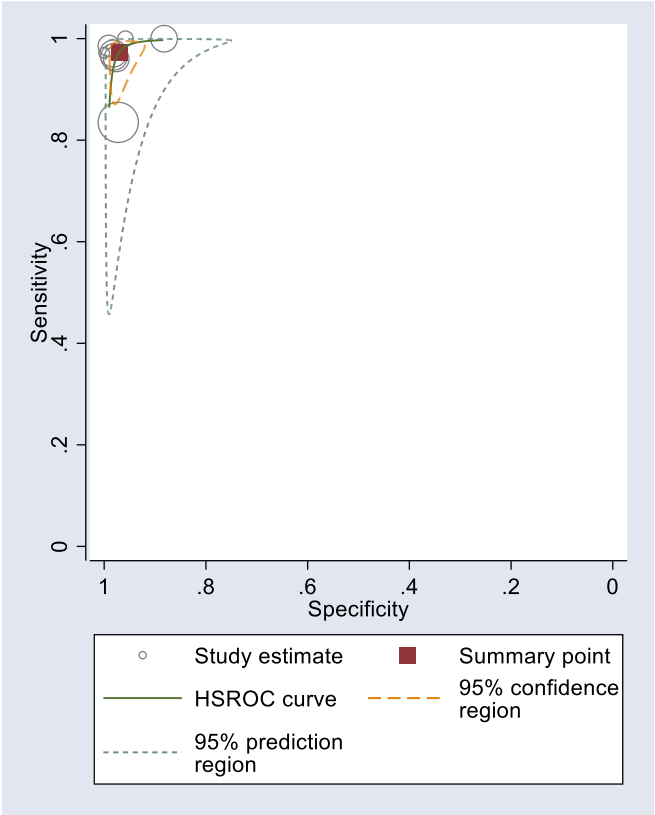


Figure 8: Influenza A and B data and meta-analysis results in ROC space



Appendix F – GRADE

Index test	Source of data	No. of included studies (participants)	Outcome	Result (95% CI)	Risk of bias	Indirectness	Inconsistency	Imprecision	Publication bias	Certainty of the body of evidence
Signs and symptoms										
Cough	Gentilotti 2022	13 (8423)	Sensitivity	89.1% (66.4 to 97.1)	Serious[a]	Not serious[b]	Unable to assess[c]	Very serious[d]	Undetected	VERY LOW
			Specificity	13.4% (2.5 to 48.4)	Serious[a]	Not serious[b]	Unable to assess[c]	Not serious	Undetected	MODERATE
Sputum production	Gentilotti 2022	7 (6392)	Sensitivity	63.9% (40.5 to 82.1)	Serious[a]	Not serious[b]	Unable to assess[c]	Serious[e]	Undetected	LOW
			Specificity	45.3% (25.9 to 66.3)	Serious[a]	Not serious[b]	Unable to assess[c]	Not serious	Undetected	MODERATE
Discoloured sputum	Gentilotti 2022	9 (3014)	Sensitivity	54.0% (39.8 to 67.7)	Serious[a]	Not serious[b]	Unable to assess[c]	Not serious	Undetected	MODERATE

Index test	Source of data	No. of included studies (participants)	Outcome	Result (95% CI)	Risk of bias	Indirectness	Inconsistency	Imprecision	Publication bias	Certainty of the body of evidence
			Specificity	53.0% (39.0 to 66.5)	Serious[a]	Not serious[b]	Unable to assess[c]	Not serious	Undetected	MODERATE
Purulent sputum (to detect bacterial exacerbations in people with COPD)	Pazmany 2021	3 (259)	Sensitivity	71% (42 to 90)	Serious[f]	No serious	Not serious	Very serious[d]	Undetected	VERY LOW
			Specificity	51% (30 to 73)	Serious[f]	No serious	Not serious	Not serious	Undetected	MODERATE
Chest pain	Gentilotti 2022	15 (8161)	Sensitivity	33.9% (21.5 to 49.0)	Serious[a]	Not serious[b]	Unable to assess[c]	Not serious	Undetected	MODERATE
			Specificity	73.0% (61.7 to 81.9)	Serious[a]	Not serious[b]	Unable to assess[c]	Serious[e]	Undetected	LOW
Dyspnoea	Gentilotti 2022	14 (6215)	Sensitivity	62.6% (53.3 to 71.1)	Serious[a]	Not serious[b]	Unable to assess[c]	Not serious	Undetected	MODERATE
			Specificity	45.5% (32.1 to 59.5)	Serious[a]	Not serious[b]	Unable to assess[c]	Not serious	Undetected	MODERATE

Index test	Source of data	No. of included studies (participants)	Outcome	Result (95% CI)	Risk of bias	Indirectness	Inconsistency	Imprecision	Publication bias	Certainty of the body of evidence
Sore throat	Gentilotti 2022	5 (1096)	Sensitivity	32.6% (20.2 to 48.0)	Serious[a]	Not serious[b]	Unable to assess[c]	Not serious	Undetected	MODERATE
			Specificity	45.1% (33.1 to 57.6)	Serious[a]	Not serious[b]	Unable to assess[c]	Not serious	Undetected	MODERATE
Runny nose	Gentilotti 2022	7 (4630)	Sensitivity	45.3% (37.3 to 53.4)	Serious[a]	Not serious[b]	Unable to assess[c]	Not serious	Undetected	MODERATE
			Specificity	41.8% (28.1 to 56.8)	Serious[a]	Not serious[b]	Unable to assess[c]	Not serious	Undetected	MODERATE
Myalgia	Gentilotti 2022	6 (1430)	Sensitivity	41.6% (19.0 to 68.5)	Serious[a]	Not serious[b]	Unable to assess[c]	Not serious	Undetected	MODERATE
			Specificity	61.2% (40.7 to 78.4)	Serious[a]	Not serious[b]	Unable to assess[c]	Serious[e]	Undetected	LOW

Index test	Source of data	No. of included studies (participants)	Outcome	Result (95% CI)	Risk of bias	Indirectness	Inconsistency	Imprecision	Publication bias	Certainty of the body of evidence
Chill	Gentilotti 2022	8 (1933)	Sensitivity	45.7% (31.5 to 60.8)	Serious[a]	Not serious[b]	Unable to assess[c]	Not serious	Undetected	MODERATE
			Specificity	60.2% (48.5 to 70.8)	Serious[a]	Not serious[b]	Unable to assess[c]	Not serious	Undetected	MODERATE
Diarrhoea	Gentilotti 2022	5 (4268)	Sensitivity	10.8% (6.3 to 17.7)	Serious[a]	Not serious[b]	Unable to assess[c]	Not serious	Undetected	MODERATE
			Specificity	89.5% (75.4 to 95.9)	Serious[a]	Not serious[b]	Unable to assess[c]	Serious[e]	Undetected	LOW
Impaired consciousness	Gentilotti 2022	4 (3208)	Sensitivity	11.7% (9.3 to 14.5)	Serious[a]	Not serious[b]	Unable to assess[c]	Not serious	Undetected	MODERATE
			Specificity	92.9% (90.5 to 94.7)	Serious[a]	Not serious[b]	Unable to assess[c]	Not serious	Undetected	MODERATE

Index test	Source of data	No. of included studies (participants)	Outcome	Result (95% CI)	Risk of bias	Indirectness	Inconsistency	Imprecision	Publication bias	Certainty of the body of evidence
$Sp0_2$	Gentilotti 2022	6 (2821)	Sensitivity	22.8% (12.4 to 38.2)	Serious[a]	Not serious[b]	Unable to assess[c]	Not serious	Undetected	MODERATE
			Specificity	86.6% (80.7 to 90.9)	Serious[a]	Not serious[b]	Unable to assess[c]	Serious[e]	Undetected	LOW
Fever >37.8^{0}C	Gentilotti 2022	17 (11219)	Sensitivity	42.0% (26.7 to 58.9)	Serious[a]	Not serious[b]	Unable to assess[c]	Not serious	Undetected	MODERATE
			Specificity	80.4% (59.8 to 91.9)	Serious[a]	Not serious[b]	Unable to assess[c]	Very serious[d]	Undetected	VERY LOW
Systolic BP	Gentilotti 2022	4 (3262)	Sensitivity	9.6% (2.8 to 28.3)	Serious[a]	Not serious[b]	Unable to assess[c]	Not serious	Undetected	MODERATE
			Specificity	95.0% (80.7 to 98.8)	Serious[a]	Not serious[b]	Unable to assess[c]	Serious[e]	Undetected	LOW

Index test	Source of data	No. of included studies (participants)	Outcome	Result (95% CI)	Risk of bias	Indirectness	Inconsistency	Imprecision	Publication bias	Certainty of the body of evidence
Tachycardia	Gentilotti 2022	11 (9474)	Sensitivity	27.2% (15.1 to 43.9)	Serious[a]	Not serious[b]	Unable to assess[c]	Not serious	Undetected	MODERATE
			Specificity	84.2% (71.5 to 91.9)	Serious[a]	Not serious[b]	Unable to assess[c]	Very serious[d]	Undetected	VERY LOW
Tachypnoea	Gentilotti 2022	12 (10351)	Sensitivity	27.9% (13.1 to 49.8)	Serious[a]	Not serious[b]	Unable to assess[c]	Not serious	Undetected	MODERATE
			Specificity	80.2% (58.2 to 92.2)	Serious[a]	Not serious[b]	Unable to assess[c]	Very serious[d]	Undetected	VERY LOW
Reduced breath sounds	Gentilotti 2022	4 (459)	Sensitivity	24.7% (8.3 to 54.4)	Serious[a]	Not serious[b]	Unable to assess[c]	Not serious	Undetected	MODERATE
			Specificity	89.0% (75.0 to 95.6)	Serious[a]	Not serious[b]	Unable to assess[c]	Serious[e]	Undetected	LOW

Index test	Source of data	No. of included studies (participants)	Outcome	Result (95% CI)	Risk of bias	Indirectness	Inconsistency	Imprecision	Publication bias	Certainty of the body of evidence
Wheezing	Gentilotti 2022	6 (2403)	Sensitivity	17.3% (9.6 to 29.2)	Serious[a]	Not serious[b]	Unable to assess[c]	Not serious	Undetected	MODERATE
			Specificity	86.4% (70.5 to 94.4)	Serious[a]	Not serious[b]	Unable to assess[c]	Very serious[d]	Undetected	VERY LOW
Crackles	Gentilotti 2022	10 (6175)	Sensitivity	40.3% (23.6 to 59.7)	Serious[a]	Not serious[b]	Unable to assess[c]	Not serious	Undetected	MODERATE
			Specificity	83.1% (58.5 to 94.5)	Serious[a]	Not serious[b]	Unable to assess[c]	Very serious[d]	Undetected	VERY LOW
Combinations of signs and symptoms										
Presence/absence of specific symptoms and signs	Schierenberg 2017	6 (not reported)	Area under the curve	Ranged from 53% to 79% depending on model used	Not serious	Not serious	Serious[g]	Serious [e]	Serious[h]	VERY LOW
Symptoms, signs and CRP										

Index test	Source of data	No. of included studies (participants)	Outcome	Result (95% CI)	Risk of bias	Indirectness	Inconsistency	Imprecision	Publication bias	Certainty of the body of evidence
Predicted risk threshold 2.5%	Minnaard 2017	8 (5308)	Sensitivity	97% (95 to 98)	Not serious	Not serious	Unable to assess[c]	Not serious	Serious[h]	MODERATE
			Specificity	36% (34 to 37)	Not serious	Not serious	Unable to assess[c]	Not serious	Serious[h]	MODERATE
Predicted risk threshold 20%	Minnaard 2017	8 (5308)	Sensitivity	70% (66 to 73)	Not serious	Not serious	Unable to assess[c]	Not serious	Serious[h]	MODERATE
			Specificity	90% (89 to 91)	Not serious	Not serious	Unable to assess[c]	Serious[e]	Serious[h]	LOW
CRP										
CRP >10mg/L	Gentilotti 2022	4 (944)	Sensitivity	92% (56 to 99)	Serious[i]	Not serious	Unable to assess[c]	Very Serious[d]	Undetected	VERY LOW
			Specificity	43% (22 to 66)	Serious[i]	Not serious	Unable to assess[c]	Not serious	Undetected	MODERATE

Index test	Source of data	No. of included studies (participants)	Outcome	Result (95% CI)	Risk of bias	Indirectness	Inconsistency	Imprecision	Publication bias	Certainty of the body of evidence
CRP >20mg/L	Gentilotti 2022	5 (3531)	Sensitivity	83% (64 to 93)	Serious[i]	Not serious	Unable to assess[c]	Very Serious[d]	Undetected	VERY LOW
			Specificity	55% (37 to 73)	Serious[i]	Not serious	Unable to assess[c]	Not serious	Undetected	MODERATE
CRP >20mg/L (primary care only, adults and children)	Gentilotti 2022	4 (3362)	Sensitivity	78% (57 to 90)	Serious[i]	Serious[j]	Unable to assess[c]	Very Serious[d]	Undetected	VERY LOW
			Specificity	58% (36 to 78)	Serious[i]	Serious[j]	Unable to assess[c]	Serious[e]	Undetected	VERY LOW
CRP >50mg/L	Gentilotti 2022	5 (4219)	Sensitivity	77% (51 to 91)	Serious[i]	Not serious	Unable to assess[c]	Very serious[d]	Undetected	VERY LOW
			Specificity	74% (51 to 88)	Serious[i]	Not serious	Unable to assess[c]	Serious[e]	Undetected	LOW

Index test	Source of data	No. of included studies (participants)	Outcome	Result (95% CI)	Risk of bias	Indirectness	Inconsistency	Imprecision	Publication bias	Certainty of the body of evidence
CRP >100mg/L	Gentilotti 2022	6 (4418)	Sensitivity	52% (31 to 72)	Serious[i]	Not serious	Unable to assess[c]	Not serious	Undetected	MODERATE
			Specificity	91% (79 to 97)	Serious[i]	Not serious	Unable to assess[c]	Serious[e]	Undetected	LOW
Procalcitonin										
Procalcitonin >0.1 mcg/mL	Gentilotti 2022	4 (1092)	Sensitivity	74% (38 to 93)	Serious[i]	Not serious	Unable to assess[c]	Very serious[d]	Undetected	VERY LOW
			Specificity	74% (36 to 94)	Serious[i]	Not serious	Unable to assess[c]	Very serious[d]	Undetected	VERY LOW
Procalcitonin >0.25 mcg/mL	Gentilotti 2022	5 (4019)	Sensitivity	44% (14 to 79)	Serious[i]	Not serious	Unable to assess[c]	Serious[e]	Undetected	LOW
			Specificity	89% (50 to 98)	Serious[i]	Not serious	Unable to assess[c]	Very serious[d]	Undetected	VERY LOW

Index test	Source of data	No. of included studies (participants)	Outcome	Result (95% CI)	Risk of bias	Indirectness	Inconsistency	Imprecision	Publication bias	Certainty of the body of evidence
Procalcitonin >0.50 mcg/mL (adults and children)	Gentilotti 2022	4 (1195)	Sensitivity	44% (19 to 33)	Serious[i]	Serious[j]	Unable to assess[c]	Not serious	Undetected	LOW
			Specificity	93% (43 to 100)	Serious[i]	Serious[j]	Unable to assess[c]	Very serious[d]	Undetected	VERY LOW
TRAIL, IP-10 and CRP (ImmunoXpert)										
TRAIL, IP-10 and CRP to diagnose bacterial infection (adults and children)	Carlton 2021	4 (1291)	Sensitivity	85% (75 to 91)	Serious[k]	Serious[l]	Not serious	Serious[e]	Undetected	VERY LOW
			Specificity	86% (73 to 93)	Serious[k]	Serious[l]	Not serious	Very serious[d]	Undetected	VERY LOW
TRAIL, IP-10 and CRP to diagnose viral infection (adults and children)	Carlton 2021	3 (989)	Sensitivity	90% (79 to 96)	Serious[k]	Serious[l]	Serious[g]	Serious[e]	Undetected	VERY LOW
			Specificity	92% (83 to 96)	Serious[k]	Serious[l]	Not serious	Serious[e]	Undetected	VERY LOW
CRP and MxA (FebriDx)										

Index test	Source of data	No. of included studies (participants)	Outcome	Result (95% CI)	Risk of bias	Indirectness	Inconsistency	Imprecision	Publication bias	Certainty of the body of evidence
CRP and MxA to diagnose bacterial infection (adults and children)	Carlton 2021	4 (598)	Sensitivity	84% (75 to 90)	No serious	Serious[l]	No serious	Serious[e]	Undetected	LOW
			Specificity	93% (90 to 95)	No serious	Serious[l]	No serious	Not serious	Undetected	MODERATE
CRP and MxA to diagnose viral infection (adults and children)	Carlton 2021	4 (583)	Sensitivity	87% (72 to 95)	No serious	Serious[l]	No serious	Very serious[d]	Undetected	VERY LOW
			Specificity	82% (66 to 86)	No serious	Serious[l]	No serious	Serious[e]	Undetected	LOW
White cell differential count										
White cell count to diagnose pneumonia	Castro-Guardiola 2000, Holm 2007, Liu 2013	3 (1148)	2 studies reported sensitivity estimates ranging from 10.1 to 71.1%, and specificity estimates ranging from 31.3 to 94.6%, depending on the threshold used. 1 study reported an area under the curve of 0.65.		Serious[k]	Serious[m]	Serious[g]	Very serious[n]	Undetected	VERY LOW

Index test	Source of data	No. of included studies (participants)	Outcome	Result (95% CI)	Risk of bias	Indirectness	Inconsistency	Imprecision	Publication bias	Certainty of the body of evidence
White cell count to diagnose bacterial pharyngitis	Gulich 1999	1 (179)	Area under the curve	0.68 (no confidence intervals)	No serious	Serious[m]	Not serious	Serious[o]	Undetected	LOW
Other host biomarkers										
CRP and neopterin to diagnose bacterial infection	Carlton 2021	1 (198)	Sensitivity	80% (71 to 86)	Serious[p]	Serious[q]	Not serious	Serious[e]	Undetected	VERY LOW
			Specificity	82% (71 to 89)	Serious[p]	Serious[q]	Not serious	Serious[e]	Undetected	VERY LOW
Single pathogen tests for influenza										
Immunochromatography	Gentilotti 2022	15 (2897)	Sensitivity	65% (47 to 79)	Serious[a]	Not serious	Unable to assess[c]	Serious[e]	Undetected	LOW
			Specificity	96% (92 to 98)	Serious[a]	Not serious	Unable to assess[c]	Not serious	Undetected	MODERATE
Immunochromatography (adults and children, primary care only)	Gentilotti 2022	11 (3351)	Sensitivity	56% (36 to 74)	Serious[a]	Serious[j]	Unable to assess[c]	Not serious	Undetected	LOW

Index test	Source of data	No. of included studies (participants)	Outcome	Result (95% CI)	Risk of bias	Indirectness	Inconsistency	Imprecision	Publication bias	Certainty of the body of evidence
			Specificity	95% (89 to 98)	Serious[a]	Serious[j]	Unable to assess[c]	Serious[e]	Undetected	VERY LOW
Immunochromatography (adults and children, emergency department only)	Gentilotti 2022	25 (15021)	Sensitivity	71% (60 to 80)	Not serious	Serious[j]	Unable to assess[c]	Serious[e]	Undetected	LOW
			Specificity	98% (96 to 99)	Not serious	Serious[j]	Unable to assess[c]	Not serious	Undetected	MODERATE
Immunochromatography (adults and children, outpatient department only)	Gentilotti 2022	17 (6110)	Sensitivity	66% (55 to 76)	Not serious	Serious[j]	Unable to assess[c]	Serious[e]	Undetected	LOW
			Specificity	97% (93 to 99)	Not serious	Serious[j]	Unable to assess[c]	Not serious	Undetected	MODERATE
Direct immunofluorescence	Gentilotti 2022	19 (7635)	Sensitivity	78% (67 to 86)	Serious[a]	Serious[j]	Unable to assess[c]	Serious[e]	Undetected	VERY LOW

Index test	Source of data	No. of included studies (participants)	Outcome	Result (95% CI)	Risk of bias	Indirectness	Inconsistency	Imprecision	Publication bias	Certainty of the body of evidence
(adults and children)			Specificity	95% (90 to 98)	Serious[a]	Serious[j]	Unable to assess[c]	Not serious	Undetected	LOW
Direct immunofluorescence (adults and children, emergency department only)	Gentilotti 2022	5 (1314)	Sensitivity	82% (72 to 89)	Serious[a]	Serious[j]	Unable to assess[c]	Serious[e]	Undetected	VERY LOW
			Specificity	96% (93 to 97)	Serious[a]	Serious[j]	Unable to assess[c]	Not serious	Undetected	LOW
Optical immunoassay (adults and children)	Gentilotti 2022	9 (3910)	Sensitivity	68% (51 to 81)	Serious[a]	Serious[j]	Unable to assess[c]	Serious[e]	Undetected	VERY LOW
			Specificity	88% (81 to 93)	Serious[a]	Serious[j]	Unable to assess[c]	Serious[e]	Undetected	VERY LOW
MariPOC test (adults and children)	Gentilotti 2022	5 (1231)	Sensitivity	78% (61 to 89)	Serious[a]	Serious[j]	Unable to assess[c]	Serious[e]	Undetected	VERY LOW

Index test	Source of data	No. of included studies (participants)	Outcome	Result (95% CI)	Risk of bias	Indirectness	Inconsistency	Imprecision	Publication bias	Certainty of the body of evidence
			Specificity	99% (97 to 99)	Serious[a]	Serious[j]	Unable to assess[c]	Not serious	Undetected	LOW
Chemiluminescent neuraminidase assay (adults and children)	Gentilotti 2022	4 (787)	Sensitivity	81% (51 to 94)	Serious[a]	Serious[j]	Unable to assess[c]	Very serious[d]	Undetected	VERY LOW
			Specificity	82% (65 to 91)	Serious[a]	Serious[j]	Unable to assess[c]	Very serious[d]	Undetected	VERY LOW
Nucleic acid amplification tests: standalone, single pathogen PCR (adults and children)	Gentilotti 2022	30 (25027)	Sensitivity	95.1% (89.3 to 97.8)	Serious[a]	Serious[j]	Unable to assess[c]	Serious[e]	Undetected	VERY LOW
			Specificity	97.5% (95.5 to 98.7)	Serious[a]	Serious[j]	Unable to assess[c]	Not serious	Undetected	LOW
Nucleic acid amplification tests: non-PCR based	Gentilotti 2022	23 (4863)	Sensitivity	92% (88 to 94)	Serious[r]	Serious[j]	Unable to assess[c]	Serious[e]	Undetected	VERY LOW

Index test	Source of data	No. of included studies (participants)	Outcome	Result (95% CI)	Risk of bias	Indirectness	Inconsistency	Imprecision	Publication bias	Certainty of the body of evidence
(adults and children)			Specificity	98% (95 to 99)	Serious[r]	Serious[j]	Unable to assess[c]	Not serious	Undetected	LOW
Nucleic acid amplification tests: non-PCR based (adults and children, emergency department only)	Gentilotti 2022	14 (3138)	Sensitivity	91% (87 to 94)	Serious[r]	Serious[j]	Unable to assess[c]	Serious[e]	Undetected	VERY LOW
			Specificity	98% (95 to 99)	Serious[r]	Serious[j]	Unable to assess[c]	Not serious	Undetected	LOW
Single pathogen tests for RSV										
Direct immunofluorescence	Onwuchekwa 2023	1 (49)	Sensitivity	56% (31 to 78)	Not serious	Not serious	Serious[s]	Very serious[t]	Undetected	VERY LOW
			Specificity	100% (89 to 100)	Not serious	Not serious	Serious[s]	Very serious[t]	Undetected	VERY LOW
Rapid antigen test	Onwuchekwa 2023	1 (281)	Sensitivity	18% (12 to 27)	Serious[u]	Serious[v]	Not serious	Not serious	Undetected	LOW
			Specificity	98% (86 to 100)	Serious[u]	Serious[v]	Not serious	Serious[e]	Undetected	VERY LOW

Index test	Source of data	No. of included studies (participants)	Outcome	Result (95% CI)	Risk of bias	Indirectness	Inconsistency	Imprecision	Publication bias	Certainty of the body of evidence
Multiplex tests										
All multiplex tests for RSV	Farfour 2022, Morris 2021, Yin 2022, Youngs 2019, Zuurbier 2022	5 studies (2273)	Sensitivity	84.9% (73.5 to 91.9)	Serious[k]	Not serious	Not serious	Very serious[d]	Undetected	VERY LOW
			Specificity	99.5% (99.1 to 99.7)	Serious[k]	Not serious	Not serious	Not serious	Undetected	MODERATE
Cobas Liat tests for RSV	Yin 2022, Youngs 2019	2 studies (965)	Sensitivity	86.7% (59.5 to 96.6)	Serious [k]	Not serious	Not serious	Very serious[d]	Undetected	VERY LOW
			Specificity	99.3% (98.5 to 99.6)	Serious [k]	Not serious	Not serious	Not serious	Undetected	MODERATE
Xpert Xpress tests for RSV	Morris 2021, Zuurbier 2022	2 studies (1109)	Sensitivity	84.5% (69.4 to 92.9)	Serious [k]	Not serious	Not serious	Very serious[d]	Undetected	VERY LOW
			Specificity	99.6% (99.0 to 99.9)	Serious [k]	Not serious	Not serious	Not serious	Undetected	MODERATE
All multiplex tests for influenza A	Escarate 2022, Farfour 2022, Morris 2021, Maignan	8 studies (2212)	Sensitivity	98.2% (90.7 to 99.7)	Serious [k]	Not serious	Serious[w]	Not serious	Undetected	LOW
			Specificity	98.6% (96.6 to 99.4)	Serious [k]	Not serious	Serious[w]	Not serious	Undetected	LOW

Index test	Source of data	No. of included studies (participants)	Outcome	Result (95% CI)	Risk of bias	Indirectness	Inconsistency	Imprecision	Publication bias	Certainty of the body of evidence
	2016, Valentin 2019 (two tests included), Yin 2022, Youngs 2019.									
Cobas Liat tests for influenza A	Maignan 2016, Valentin 2019, Yin 2022, Youngs 2019.	4 studies (1259)	Sensitivity	99.8% (18.8 to 100)	Not serious	Not serious	Serious[w]	Very serious[d]	Undetected	VERY LOW
			Specificity	97.9 (94.0 to 99.3)	Not serious	Not serious	Serious[w]	Not serious	Undetected	MODERATE
Xpert Xpress tests for influenza A	Escarate 2022, Morris 2021, Valentin 2019.	3 studies (754)	Sensitivity	97.0% (92.9 to 98.7)	Serious [k]	Not serious	Not serious	Not serious	Undetected	MODERATE
			Specificity	98.5% (96.2 to 99.4)	Serious [k]	Not serious	Not serious	Not serious	Undetected	MODERATE
All multiplex tests for influenza B	Escarate 2022, Maignan 2016, Valentin 2019 (two tests included), Yin	6 studies (1823)	Sensitivity	94.5% (88.6 to 97.5)	Serious [k]	Not serious	Serious[w]	Serious[e]	Undetected	VERY LOW
			Specificity	99.1 (98.1 to 99.6)	Serious [k]	Not serious	Serious[w]	Not serious	Undetected	LOW

Index test	Source of data	No. of included studies (participants)	Outcome	Result (95% CI)	Risk of bias	Indirectness	Inconsistency	Imprecision	Publication bias	Certainty of the body of evidence
	2022, Youngs 2019.									
Cobas Liat tests for influenza B	Maignan 2016, Valentin 2019, Yin 2022, Youngs 2019.	4 studies (1420)	Sensitivity	92.9% (84.3 to 96.9)	Not serious	Not serious	Serious[w]	Serious[e]	Undetected	LOW
			Specificity	99.0% (97.6 to 99.6)	Not serious	Not serious	Serious[w]	Not serious	Undetected	MODERATE
Xpert Xpress tests for influenza B	Escarate 2022, Valentin 2019.	2 studies (403)	Sensitivity	96.4% (90.7 to 99.0)	Serious [k]	Not serious	Not serious	Not serious	Undetected	MODERATE
			Specificity	99.4% (97.4 to 99.8)	Serious [k]	Not serious	Not serious	Not serious	Undetected	MODERATE
All multiplex tests for influenza A/B	Boku 2013, Escarate 2022, Hansen 2018, Maignan 2016, Valentin 2019 (two tests included), Yin	8 studies (2162)	Sensitivity	97.4% (92.9 to 99.0)	Serious [k]	Not serious	Serious[w]	Not serious	Undetected	LOW
			Specificity	97.0% (94.5 to 98.4)	Serious [k]	Not serious	Serious[w]	Not serious	Undetected	LOW

Index test	Source of data	No. of included studies (participants)	Outcome	Result (95% CI)	Risk of bias	Indirectness	Inconsistency	Imprecision	Publication bias	Certainty of the body of evidence
	2022, Youngs 2019.									
Cobas Liat tests for influenza A/B	Hansen 2018, Maignan 2016, Valentin 2019, Yin 2022, Youngs 2019.	5 studies (1712)	Sensitivity	97.1% (88.6 to 99.3)	Not serious	Not serious	Serious[w]	Serious[e]	Undetected	LOW
			Specificity	96.8% (93.2 to 98.5)	Not serious	Not serious	Serious[w]	Not serious	Undetected	MODERATE
Xpert Xpress tests for influenza A/B	Escarate 2022, Valentin 2019	2 studies (403)	Sensitivity	97.5% (93.6 to 99.1)	Serious [k]	Not serious	Not serious	Not serious	Undetected	MODERATE
			Specificity	97.5% (94.5 to 98.9)	Serious [k]	Not serious	Not serious	Not serious	Undetected	MODERATE

a Serious risk of bias as majority of studies included analyses had a high or unclear risk of bias in at least one QUADAS-2 domain.

b Rated as no serious risk of indirectness, as adults patients, attending primary, ambulatory or emergency care with symptoms of ARI. However, note that chest X-ray was used as the reference standard in many studies, which may not adequately distinguish between bacterial and viral pneumonia.

c No information on heterogeneity is provided, and no forest plots are available to assess inconsistency.

d Confidence interval crosses two decision thresholds (taken to be 90% and 75%)

e Confidence interval crosses one decision threshold (taken to be 90% and 75%)

f Two included studies at unclear risk of bias in patient selection, one included study at high risk and another at unclear risk of bias for patient flow and timing

g Confidence intervals for individual studies do not overlap.

h Studies were only included if the authors were able to provide original individual participant data. 4 studies were excluded, as the authors were unable to provide this, or did not reply to the request.

i Serious risk of bias as majority of studies included had an unclear risk of bias in at least one QUADAS-2 domain.

j Serious indirectness, as this analysis included adults and children.

k High or unclear risk of bias in at least one domain of every study. Majority of studies considered high risk of bias for at least one domain overall.

l Adults and children included in analysis. May include some participants who were hospitalised.

m All index tests were conducted in a laboratory setting, not using a POC device.

n Considerable variation in estimates from individual studies. Unable to provide a pooled estimate across studies, due to variety of results presented.

o Unable to assess imprecision as no confidence intervals were presented.

p Serious risk of bias in two QUADAS-2 domains.

q Serious indirectness, as samples were stored before analysis, and unclear whether neopterin can be measured at POC

r Serious risk of bias as majority of studies included analyses had a high or unclear risk of bias in at least one QUADAS-2 domain. Note that this was assessed across all included nucleic acid amplification tests in the review (not the specific tests included in this analysis) as we were unable to determine exactly which studies were included.

s Specific test used in this study unlikely to be suitable for a point of care setting.

t Confidence interval crosses one decision threshold, and number of participants included was extremely small

u Three QUADAS-2 domains were rated as unclear risk of bias

v Study included some retrospective (frozen) samples, and may have included hospitalised participants.

w Prediction region wide, with relatively large tau^2

Appendix G – Economic evidence study selection

No economic evidence was included in this review.

Appendix H – Economic evidence tables

No economic evidence was included in this review.

Appendix I – Health economic model

No original economic modelling was undertaken.

Appendix J – Excluded studies

Excluded systematic reviews

Aalbers J, O'Brien KK, Chan W-S, Falk GA, Teljeur C, Dimitrov BD, et al. Predicting streptococcal pharyngitis in adults in primary care: a systematic review of the diagnostic accuracy of symptoms and signs and validation of the Centor score. BMC medicine. 2011;9:67.	Incorrect target condition (group A streptococcus)
Abdullahi H, Elnahas A, Konje JC. Seasonal influenza during pregnancy. European Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology and Reproductive Biology. 2021;258:235-9.	Not a systematic review
Abel L, Dakin HA, Roberts N, Ashdown HF, Butler CC, Hayward G, et al. Is stratification testing for treatment of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease exacerbations cost-effective in primary care? an early cost-utility analysis. International Journal of Technology Assessment in Health Care. 2019;35(2):116-25.	Not a systematic review
Alzahrani SA, Al-Salamah MA, Al-Madani WH, Elbarbary MA. Systematic review and meta-analysis for the use of ultrasound versus radiology in diagnosing of pneumonia. Critical ultrasound journal. 2017;9(1):6.	Incorrect index test (imaging)
Anevlavis S, Bouros D. Community acquired bacterial pneumonia. Expert opinion on pharmacotherapy. 2010;11(3):361-74.	Not a systematic review
Anjay MA, Anoop P. Diagnostic utility of rapid immunochromatographic urine antigen testing in suspected pneumococcal infections. Archives of disease in childhood. 2008;93(7):628-31.	Not a systematic review
Anonymous. Evaluation of rapid influenza diagnostic tests for influenza A (H3N2)v virus and updated case count--United States, 2012. MMWR Morbidity and mortality weekly report. 2012;61(32):619-21.	Not a systematic review

Anonymous. Infectious Disease/CDC Update: Update on emerging infections: news from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Evaluation of 11 commercially available rapid influenza diagnostic tests-United States, 2011-2012. Annals of emergency medicine. 2013;61(5):573-7.	Not a systematic review
Anonymous. Streptococcal Antigen Test for Pneumonia Detection: A Review of Clinical and Cost-Effectiveness and Guidelines. 2015.	Not a systematic review
Anonymous. Erratum: A systematic review of rapid diagnostic tests for influenza: considerations for the community pharmacist (Journal of the American Pharmacists Association (2017) 57(1) (13-19) (S1544319116308056) (10.1016/j.japh.2016.08.018)). Journal of the American Pharmacists Association. 2018;58(1):128.	Not a systematic review
Aquino A, Paschoalin VMF, Tessaro LLG, Raymundo-Pereira PA, Conte-Junior CA. Updating the use of nano-biosensors as promising devices for the diagnosis of coronavirus family members: A systematic review. Journal of pharmaceutical and biomedical analysis. 2022;211:114608.	Not a systematic review
Au-Yong A. Towards evidence based emergency medicine: best BETs from the Manchester Royal Infirmary. BET 2. C-reactive protein in the differential diagnosis of heart failure and chest infection. Emergency medicine journal : EMJ. 2009;26(1):58-9.	No quality assessment of included studies, and searches of a single database only.
Avni T, Bieber A, Green H, Steinmetz T, Leibovici L, Paul M. Diagnostic Accuracy of PCR Alone and Compared to Urinary Antigen Testing for Detection of Legionella spp.: a Systematic Review. Journal of clinical microbiology. 2016;54(2):401-11.	Incorrect target condition (Légionnaires disease)

Babin SM, Hsieh Y-H, Rothman RE, Gaydos CA. A meta-analysis of point-of-care laboratory tests in the diagnosis of novel 2009 swine-lineage pandemic influenza A (H1N1). Diagnostic microbiology and infectious disease. 2011;69(4):410-8.	No quality assessment of included studies.
Bach PB, Brown C, Gelfand SE, McCrory DC. Management of acute exacerbations of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease: a summary and appraisal of published evidence. Annals of internal medicine. 2001;134(7):600-20.	No data on diagnostic accuracy outcomes.
Baez AA, Cochon L, Nicolas JM. A Bayesian decision support sequential model for severity of illness predictors and intensive care admissions in pneumonia. BMC medical informatics and decision making. 2019;19(1):284.	Not a systematic review
Basile K, Kok J, Dwyer DE. Point-of-care diagnostics for respiratory viral infections. Expert review of molecular diagnostics. 2018;18(1):75-83.	Not a systematic review
Basnayake TL, Waterer GW. Rapid diagnostic tests for defining the cause of community-acquired pneumonia. Current opinion in infectious diseases. 2015;28(2):185-92.	Not a systematic review
Bassetti M, Russo A, Righi E, Dolso E, Merelli M, D'Aurizio F, et al. Role of procalcitonin in bacteremic patients and its potential use in predicting infection etiology. Expert review of anti-infective therapy. 2019;17(2):99-105.	Not a systematic review
Berg P, Lindhardt BO. The role of procalcitonin in adult patients with community-acquired pneumonia--a systematic review. Danish medical journal. 2012;59(3):A4357.	Not a systematic review
Bernstein DI, Mejias A, Rath B, Woods CW, Deeter JP. Summarizing Study Characteristics and Diagnostic Performance of Commercially Available Tests for Respiratory Syncytial Virus: A Scoping Literature	No quality assessment of included studies.

Review in the COVID-19 Era. The journal of applied laboratory medicine. 2023;8(2):353-71.	
Biserni GB, Scarpini S, Dondi A, Biagi C, Pierantoni L, Masetti R, et al. Potential Diagnostic and Prognostic Biomarkers for Adenovirus Respiratory Infection in Children and Young Adults. Viruses. 2021;13(9).	Not a systematic review
Bond C, Morgenstern J, Heitz C, Milne WK. Hot off the Press: Difficult to Breathe - It Could be Pneumonia. Academic emergency medicine : official journal of the Society for Academic Emergency Medicine. 2020.	Not a systematic review
Boulet LP. Future directions in the clinical management of cough: ACCP evidence-based clinical practice guidelines. Chest. 2006;129(1):287S-92S.	Not a systematic review
Boulware DR, Daley CL, Merrifield C, Hopewell PC, Janoff EN. Rapid diagnosis of pneumococcal pneumonia among HIV-infected adults with urine antigen detection. The Journal of infection. 2007;55(4):300-9.	Incorrect population (people living with HIV)
Brown PM, Schneeberger DL, Piedimonte G. Biomarkers of respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) infection: specific neutrophil and cytokine levels provide increased accuracy in predicting disease severity. Paediatric respiratory reviews. 2015;16(4):232-40.	Not a systematic review
Brusselle G, Pavord ID, Landis S, Pascoe S, Lettis S, Morjaria N, et al. Blood eosinophil levels as a biomarker in COPD. Respiratory Medicine. 2018;138:21-31.	Not a systematic review
Bryan C, Boren SA. The use and effectiveness of electronic clinical decision support tools in the ambulatory/primary care setting: A systematic review of the literature. Informatics in Primary Care. 2008;16(2):79-91.	No data on diagnostic accuracy outcomes.

Bustamante A, Vilar-Bergua A, Guettier S, Sanchez-Poblet J, Garcia-Berrocoso T, Giralt D, et al. C-reactive protein in the detection of post-stroke infections: systematic review and individual participant data analysis. Journal of Neurochemistry. 2017;141(2):305-14.	Incorrect population (people who experience an infection after a stroke).
Call SA, Vollenweider MA, Hornung CA, Simel DL, McKinney WP. Does this patient have influenza? JAMA. 2005;293(8):987-97.	Not a systematic review
Carratala J, Garcia-Vidal C. An update on Legionella. Current opinion in infectious diseases. 2010;23(2):152-7.	Not a systematic review
Chen K, Ahmed S, Sun C, Sheng Y-J, Wu G, Deng C-L, et al. Accuracy of Molecular Amplification Assays for Diagnosis of Staphylococcal Pneumonia: a Systematic Review and Meta-analysis. Journal of clinical microbiology. 2021;59(8):e0300320.	Incorrect index test (staphylococcal organisms).
Chen Y-WR, Leung JM, Sin DD. A Systematic Review of Diagnostic Biomarkers of COPD Exacerbation. PloS one. 2016;11(7):e0158843.	No data on diagnostic accuracy outcomes.
Choi JJ, McCarthy MW. The prognostic value of mid-regional pro-adrenomedullin in the evaluation of acute dyspnea. Expert Review of Molecular Diagnostics. 2018;18(2):147-53.	Not a systematic review
Christ-Crain M, Muller B. Biomarkers in respiratory tract infections: diagnostic guides to antibiotic prescription, prognostic markers and mediators. The European respiratory journal. 2007;30(3):556-73.	Not a systematic review
Chu H, Lofgren ET, Halloran ME, Kuan PF, Hudgens M, Cole SR. Performance of rapid influenza H1N1 diagnostic tests: a meta-analysis. Influenza and other respiratory viruses. 2012;6(2):80-6.	No quality assessment of

	included studies.
Cohen JF, Cohen R, Levy C, Thollot F, Benani M, Bidet P, et al. Selective testing strategies for diagnosing group A streptococcal infection in children with pharyngitis: a systematic review and prospective multicentre external validation study. CMAJ : Canadian Medical Association journal = journal de l'Association medicale canadienne. 2015;187(1):23-32.	Incorrect target condition (group A streptococcus)
Corneli HM. Rapid strep tests in the emergency department: an evidence-based approach. Pediatric emergency care. 2001;17(4):272-9.	Incorrect target condition (group A streptococcus)
Covert K, Bashore E, Edds M, Lewis PO. Utility of the respiratory viral panel as an antimicrobial stewardship tool. Journal of Clinical Pharmacy and Therapeutics. 2021;46(2):277-85.	No data on diagnostic accuracy outcomes.
Cristovam E, Almeida D, Caldeira D, Ferreira JJ, Marques T. Accuracy of diagnostic tests for Legionnaires' disease: a systematic review. Journal of medical microbiology. 2017;66(4):485-9.	Incorrect target condition (Légionnaires disease)
Cruciani M, Mengoli C. An Overview of Meta-analyses of Diagnostic Tests in Infectious Diseases. Infectious Disease Clinics of North America. 2009;23(2):225-67.	No data on diagnostic accuracy outcomes.
Dale AP, Marchello C, Ebell MH. Clinical gestalt to diagnose pneumonia, sinusitis, and pharyngitis: a meta-analysis. The British journal of general practice : the journal of the Royal College of General Practitioners. 2019;69(684):e444-e53.	Searches were not comprehensive (single database only).

Dilger AE, Peters AT, Wunderink RG, Tan BK, Kern RC, Conley DB, et al. Procalcitonin as a Biomarker in Rhinosinusitis: A Systematic Review. American journal of rhinology & allergy. 2019;33(2):103-12.	No data on diagnostic accuracy outcomes.
Dubois C, Smeesters PR, Refes Y, Levy C, Bidet P, Cohen R, et al. Diagnostic accuracy of rapid nucleic acid tests for group A streptococcal pharyngitis: systematic review and meta-analysis. Clinical microbiology and infection : the official publication of the European Society of Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases. 2021;27(12):1736-45.	Incorrect target condition (group A streptococcus)
Ebell MH. Predicting pneumonia in adults with respiratory illness. American Family Physician. 2007;76(4):560.	Not a systematic review
Ebell MH, Afonso A. A systematic review of clinical decision rules for the diagnosis of influenza. Annals of family medicine. 2011;9(1):69-77.	Searches were not comprehensive (single database only).
Ebell MH, Bentivegna M, Cai X, Hulme C, Kearney M. Accuracy of Biomarkers for the Diagnosis of Adult Community-acquired Pneumonia: A Meta-analysis. Academic emergency medicine : official journal of the Society for Academic Emergency Medicine. 2020;27(3):195-206.	Searches were not comprehensive (single database only).
Ebell MH, Chupp H, Cai X, Bentivegna M, Kearney M. Accuracy of Signs and Symptoms for the Diagnosis of Community-acquired Pneumonia: A Meta-analysis. Academic emergency medicine : official journal of the Society for Academic Emergency Medicine. 2020;27(7):541-53.	Searches were not comprehensive (single database only).
Ebell MH, Marchello C, Callahan M. Clinical Diagnosis of Bordetella Pertussis Infection: A Systematic Review. Journal of the American Board of Family Medicine : JABFM. 2017;30(3):308-19.	Incorrect target condition

	(bordatella pertussis)
Ebell MH, McKay B, Dale A, Guilbault R, Ermias Y. Accuracy of Signs and Symptoms for the Diagnosis of Acute Rhinosinusitis and Acute Bacterial Rhinosinusitis. Annals of family medicine. 2019;17(2):164-72.	Incorrect target condition (rhinosinusitis)
Ebell MH, McKay B, Guilbault R, Ermias Y. Diagnosis of acute rhinosinusitis in primary care: a systematic review of test accuracy. The British journal of general practice : the journal of the Royal College of General Practitioners. 2016;66(650):e612-32.	Incorrect target condition (rhinosinusitis).
Ebell MH, Rahmatullah I, Cai X, Bentivegna M, Hulme C, Thompson M, et al. A Systematic Review of Clinical Prediction Rules for the Diagnosis of Influenza. Journal of the American Board of Family Medicine : JABFM. 2021;34(6):1123-40.	Incorrect target condition (clinical prediction rules for influenza, not for bacterial/viral infection).
Ebell MH, Smith MA, Barry HC, Ives K, Carey M. The rational clinical examination. Does this patient have strep throat? JAMA. 2000;284(22):2912-8.	Incorrect target condition (group A streptococcus).
Ebell MH, Walsh ME, Fahey T, Kearney M, Marchello C. Meta-analysis of Calibration, Discrimination, and Stratum-Specific Likelihood Ratios for the CRB-65 Score. Journal of general internal medicine. 2019;34(7):1304-13.	Prediction model for severity, not diagnosis.
Ebell MH, White LL, Casault T. A systematic review of the history and physical examination to diagnose influenza. The Journal of the American Board of Family Practice. 2004;17(1):1-5.	Searches were not comprehensive (single database only).

Fekete T. Review: In suspected influenza, some rapid tests have high sensitivity and high specificity for detecting infection. Annals of Internal Medicine. 2018;168(2):JC9.	Not a systematic review
Flynn MF, Kelly M, Dooley JSG. Nasopharyngeal Swabs vs. Nasal Aspirates for Respiratory Virus Detection: A Systematic Review. Pathogens (Basel, Switzerland). 2021;10(11).	Incorrect index test (not specific to point of care tests, and only compares sampling sites)
Fraser H, Gallacher D, Achana F, Court R, Taylor-Phillips S, Nduka C, et al. Rapid antigen detection and molecular tests for group A streptococcal infections for acute sore throat: systematic reviews and economic evaluation. Health technology assessment (Winchester, England). 2020;24(31):1-232.	Incorrect target condition (group A streptococcus)
Goncalves PF, Falcao LM, Pinheiro ID. Procalcitonin as biomarker of infection: Implications for evaluation and treatment. American Journal of Therapeutics. 2017;24(3):e243-e9.	No quality assessment of included studies, and searches of a single database only.
Guo R, Li J, Ma X, Pan L. The predictive value of neutrophil-to-lymphocyte ratio for chronic obstructive pulmonary disease: a systematic review and meta-analysis. Expert review of respiratory medicine. 2020;14(9):929-36.	No data on diagnostic accuracy outcomes.
Hankey B, Riley B. Towards evidence based emergency medicine: Best BETs from the manchester royal infirmary. Emergency Medicine Journal. 2015;32(6):493-5.	Not a systematic review

Hawkins NM, Khosla A, Virani SA, McMurray JJV, FitzGerald JM. B-type natriuretic peptides in chronic obstructive pulmonary disease: a systematic review. BMC pulmonary medicine. 2017;17(1):11.	No data on diagnostic accuracy outcomes.
He C, Wang B, Li D, Xu H, Shen Y. Performance of procalcitonin in diagnosing parapneumonic pleural effusions: A clinical study and meta-analysis. Medicine. 2017;96(33):e7829.	Incorrect target condition (parapneumonic pleural effusions)
Hobbs FD, Delaney BC, Fitzmaurice DA, Wilson S, Hyde CJ, Thorpe GH, et al. A review of near patient testing in primary care. Health technology assessment (Winchester, England). 1997;1(5):i-iv, 1-229.	Incorrect index tests.
Horita N, Miyazawa N, Kojima R, Kimura N, Inoue M, Ishigatsubo Y, et al. Sensitivity and specificity of the Streptococcus pneumoniae urinary antigen test for unconcentrated urine from adult patients with pneumonia: a meta-analysis. Respirology (Carlton, Vic). 2013;18(8):1177-83.	Incorrect target condition (pathogen specific tests for Streptococcus pneumoniae)
Huang C, Huang P-T, Yao J-Y, Li Z-W, Weng L-B, Guo X-G. Pooled analysis of nuclear acid sequence-based amplification for rapid diagnosis of Mycoplasma pneumoniae infection. Journal of clinical laboratory analysis. 2019;33(5):e22879.	Incorrect target condition (pathogen specific tests for Mycoplasma pneumoniae)
Huang Q, Xiong H, Shuai T, Wang Y, Zhang C, Zhang M, et al. The clinical value of suPAR in diagnosis and prediction for patients with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease: a systematic review and meta-analysis. Therapeutic advances in respiratory disease. 2020;14:1753466620938546.	Incorrect index test (not a point of care test)

Huang WJ, Huang GT, Zhan QM, Chen JL, Luo WT, Wu LH, et al. The neutrophil to lymphocyte ratio as a novel predictor of asthma and its exacerbation: a systematic review and meta-analysis. European review for medical and pharmacological sciences. 2020;24(22):11719-28.	No data on diagnostic accuracy outcomes.
Hughes JM, Penney C, Boyd S, Daley P. Risk of bias and limits of reporting in diagnostic accuracy studies for commercial point-of-care tests for respiratory pathogens. Epidemiology and Infection. 2018;146(6):747-56.	Searches were not comprehensive (single database only).
Iwase S, Nakada TA, Hattori N, Takahashi W, Takahashi N, Aizimu T, et al. Interleukin-6 as a diagnostic marker for infection in critically ill patients: A systematic review and meta-analysis. American Journal of Emergency Medicine. 2019;37(2):260-5.	Incorrect population (critically ill people).
Jacobus CH, Raja AS. How accurate are rapid influenza diagnostic tests? Annals of emergency medicine. 2013;61(1):89-90.	Not a systematic review
Jose BPdS, Camargos PAM, Cruz Filho AASd, Correa RdA. Diagnostic accuracy of respiratory diseases in primary health units. Revista da Associacao Medica Brasileira (1992). 2014;60(6):599-612.	No quality assessment of included studies, and searches of a single database only.
Joseph P, Godofsky E. Outpatient Antibiotic Stewardship: A Growing Frontier-Combining Myxovirus Resistance Protein A With Other Biomarkers to Improve Antibiotic Use. Open forum infectious diseases. 2018;5(2):ofy024.	No data on diagnostic accuracy outcomes.
Jullien S, Fitzgerald F, Keddie S, Baerenbold O, Bassat Q, Bradley J, et al. Diagnostic accuracy of multiplex respiratory pathogen panels for	Incorrect index test (not a point

influenza or respiratory syncytial virus infections: systematic review and meta-analysis. BMC infectious diseases. 2022;22(1):785.	of care multiplex test)
Kamat IS, Ramachandran V, Eswaran H, Guffey D, Musher DM. Procalcitonin to Distinguish Viral From Bacterial Pneumonia: A Systematic Review and Meta-analysis. Clinical infectious diseases : an official publication of the Infectious Diseases Society of America. 2020;70(3):538-42.	Searches were not comprehensive (single database only).
Karakioulaki M, Stolz D. Biomarkers and clinical scoring systems in community-acquired pneumonia. Annals of Thoracic Medicine. 2019;14(3):165-72.	Not a systematic review
Kawasaki T, Nakagawa N, Murata M, Yasuo S, Yoshida T, Ando K, et al. Diagnostic accuracy of urinary antigen tests for legionellosis: A systematic review and meta-analysis. Respiratory investigation. 2022;60(2):205-14.	Incorrect target condition (Légionnaires disease)
Kazal LA. Re: Signs and symptoms that rule out community-acquired pneumonia in outpatient adults: A systematic review and meta-analysis. Journal of the American Board of Family Medicine. 2019;32(5):753.	Not a systematic review
Koo CY, Eisenhut M. Towards evidence-based emergency medicine: best BETs from the Manchester Royal Infirmary. Can inflammatory markers distinguish streptococcal from viral tonsillitis? Emergency medicine journal : EMJ. 2011;28(8):715-7.	Not a systematic review
Koski RR, Klepser ME. A systematic review of rapid diagnostic tests for influenza: considerations for the community pharmacist. Journal of the American Pharmacists Association : JAPhA. 2017;57(1):13-9.	No quality assessment of included studies.
Koutsokera A, Kostikas K, Nicod LP, Fitting J-W. Pulmonary biomarkers in COPD exacerbations: a systematic review. Respiratory research. 2013;14:111.	Incorrect index test (not point of care tests)

Krolicka AL, Kruczkowska A, Krajewska M, Kusztal MA. Hyponatremia in Infectious Diseases-A Literature Review. International journal of environmental research and public health. 2020;17(15).	No data on diagnostic accuracy outcomes.
Landry V, Coburn P, Kost K, Liu X, Li-Jessen NYK. Diagnostic Accuracy of Liquid Biomarkers in Airway Diseases: Toward Point-of-Care Applications. Frontiers in medicine. 2022;9:855250.	No quality assessment of included studies.
Lean WL, Arnup S, Danchin M, Steer AC. Rapid diagnostic tests for group A streptococcal pharyngitis: a meta-analysis. Pediatrics. 2014;134(4):771-81.	Incorrect target condition (group A streptococcus)
Li D, Shen Y, Qin J, Wan C, Zeng N, Chen L, et al. Diagnostic performance of C-reactive protein for parapneumonic pleural effusion: a meta-analysis. Annals of translational medicine. 2019;7(1):1.	Incorrect target condition (parapneumonic pleural effusions)
Li S, Huang X, Chen Z, Zhong H, Peng Q, Deng Y, et al. Neutrophil CD64 expression as a biomarker in the early diagnosis of bacterial infection: a meta-analysis. International journal of infectious diseases : IJID : official publication of the International Society for Infectious Diseases. 2013;17(1):e12-23.	Incorrect population (children, inpatients and people with sepsis)
Lippi G, Meschi T, Cervellin G. Inflammatory biomarkers for the diagnosis, monitoring and follow-up of community-acquired pneumonia: clinical evidence and perspectives. European journal of internal medicine. 2011;22(5):460-5.	Not a systematic review
Long B, Long D, Koyfman A. Emergency Medicine Evaluation of Community-Acquired Pneumonia: History, Examination, Imaging and	No quality assessment of

Laboratory Assessment, and Risk Scores. Journal of Emergency Medicine. 2017;53(5):642-52.	included studies.
Mahony JB. Detection of respiratory viruses by molecular methods. Clinical Microbiology Reviews. 2008;21(4):716-47.	Not a systematic review
Malinovska A, Hernried B, Lin A, Badaki-Makun O, Fenstermacher K, Ervin AM, et al. Monocyte Distribution Width as a Diagnostic Marker for Infection: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis. Chest. 2023.	Incorrect index test (not a point of care test)
Marchello CS, Ebell MH. Response: Re: Signs and symptoms that rule out community-acquired pneumonia in outpatient adults: A systematic review and meta-analysis. Journal of the American Board of Family Medicine. 2019;32(5):753-4.	Letter to the Editor, no primary data.
Marchello CS, Ebell MH, Dale AP, Harvill ET, Shen Y, Whalen CC. Signs and Symptoms That Rule out Community-Acquired Pneumonia in Outpatient Adults: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis. Journal of the American Board of Family Medicine : JABFM. 2019;32(2):234-47.	Searches were not comprehensive (single database only).
Masot O, Cox A, Mold F, Sund-Levander M, Tingstrom P, Boersema GC, et al. Decision support-tools for early detection of infection in older people (aged> 65 years): a scoping review. BMC geriatrics. 2022;22(1):552.	No data on diagnostic accuracy outcomes.
McCrory DC, Brown C, Gelfand SE, Bach PB. Management of acute exacerbations of COPD: a summary and appraisal of published evidence. Chest. 2001;119(4):1190-209.	Not a systematic review
McMullen AR, Anderson NW, Burnhamfor CAD. Pathology consultation on influenza diagnostics. American Journal of Clinical Pathology. 2016;145(4):440-8.	Not a systematic review

Mehdipour A, Wiley E, Richardson J, Beauchamp M, Kuspinar A. The Performance of Digital Monitoring Devices for Oxygen Saturation and Respiratory Rate in COPD: A Systematic Review. COPD. 2021;18(4):469-75.	No data on diagnostic accuracy outcomes.
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