



Cosmina Ioana Bondor – author

---

## Diagnostic study



ALWAYS



SEEK



KNOWLEDGE

# Objectives

- Phases
- Medical indicators of diagnostic efficacy
  - Se, Sp, PPV, NPV, LR+, LR-, Accuracy
- Interpretations
  - Statistical
  - Clinical
    - Fagan's nomogram
- ROC curves. Comparison of ROC curve

## Research domain

Description of a new health phenomenon

Evaluation of a diagnostic procedure

Evaluation of a therapeutic procedure

Evaluation of a risk/ protective or prognostic factors

# Scenario – test (sign) diagnostic



- Alzheimer's disease - diagnosis is made at **autopsy**




A **new diagnostic procedure** – new diagnostic test



! The result is confirmed by  
comparison with the autopsy result

# New diagnostic test

- Evaluation
    - compare with “Gold standard” diagnostic method of a disease
  - Evaluation
    - advantages
    - inconveniences
- 
- analytical study
  - observational study

## Phase I

- Establish normal values
- Validity
- Reliability

## Phase II

- Establish the intrinsic quality of the test
- Case-control study

## Phase III

- Establish the extrinsic quality of the test
- Cohort study

## Phase IV

- Evaluation of long term cost-benefit
- Cohort studies

# Phase I

- Discover the new substance / test / method etc.
- Establish
  - Normal values
    - study made only on healthy patients
  - Validity
    - the measuring instrument actually measures what it was built to measure
  - Reliability
    - intra-observer (or within observer) repeatability
      - the degree to which measurements taken by the same observer are consistent
    - inter-observer (or between observers) repeatability
      - the degree to which measurements taken by different observers are similar.

# Phase II

- Establish the intrinsic quality of the test
  - Case-control study
- A study on two groups
  - one with disease
    - Gold standard test positive
  - one without disease
    - Gold standard test positive

	Disease <sup>+</sup>	Disease <sup>-</sup>
Test <sup>+</sup>	TP	FN
Test <sup>-</sup>	FP	TN
	Total Disease <sup>+</sup>	Total Disease <sup>-</sup>

TP – True Positive, FN – False negative, FP – False positive, TN – True Negative



- TP – True Positive
  - Gold standard test Positive and New test Positive
- FN – Fals negative
  - Gold standard test Negative and New test Positive
- FP – False positive
  - Gold standard test Positive and New test Negative
- TN – True Negative
  - Gold standard test Negative and New test Negative

	Disease <sup>+</sup>	Disease <sup>-</sup>
Test <sup>+</sup>	TP	FN
Test <sup>-</sup>	FP	TN
	Total Disease <sup>+</sup>	Total Disease <sup>-</sup>

- Se – Sensitivity

$$Se = \frac{TP}{TP + FN}$$

- Probability of a diseased subject to test positive
- Proportion of subjects who tested positive among the diseased

Test<sup>+</sup>

Test<sup>-</sup>

	Disease <sup>+</sup>	Disease <sup>-</sup>
Test <sup>+</sup>	TP	FN
Test <sup>-</sup>	FP	TN

Total

Total



Disease<sup>+</sup>

Disease<sup>-</sup>

- Sp – Specificity

$$Sp = \frac{TN}{TN + FP}$$

- Probability of a non-diseased subject to test negative
- Proportion of subjects who tested negative among the non-diseased

- High sensitivity  screening test
  - if  $Se \approx 100\%$  and subject have negative test
    - near certainly the subject does not have the disease
- High specificity  precision test
  - if  $Sp \approx 100\%$  and subject have positive test
    - near certainly the subject has the disease

- Sensitivity and Specificity

- are used to evaluate the new test

- how well the test distinguishes between presence or absence of a disease
    - the overall accuracy

- did not change with the prevalence of the disease

- ex. prevalence can change from winter to spring in case of the flu
    - ex. prevalence can change from a category of the population to another
      - can be different base on
        - » the age category
        - » gender

- Youden index

$$J = Se + Sp - 1$$

A test with Youden index higher is superior compare to a test with smaller Youden index

(how well the test distinguishes between presence or absence of a disease)

# Accuracy

$$Acc = \frac{TP + TN}{TP + FN + FP + TN}$$

	Disease <sup>+</sup>	Disease <sup>-</sup>
Test <sup>+</sup>	TP	FN
Test <sup>-</sup>	FP	TN
	Total Disease <sup>+</sup>	Total Disease <sup>-</sup>

# Likelihood ratio

**Positive likelihood ratio  $LR^+$**  - how many times a positive test result is more likely to appear in a diseased subject than in a non-diseased one

$$LR^+ = \frac{\text{Probability of a positive test at the diseased}}{\text{Probability of a positive test to a non-diseased}} = \frac{\text{Sensitivity}}{1 - \text{Specificity}} = \frac{TP / (TP + FN)}{FP / (FP + TN)}$$

**Negative likelihood ratio  $LR^-$**  - how many times a negative test result is more likely to appear in a diseased subject than in a non-diseased one

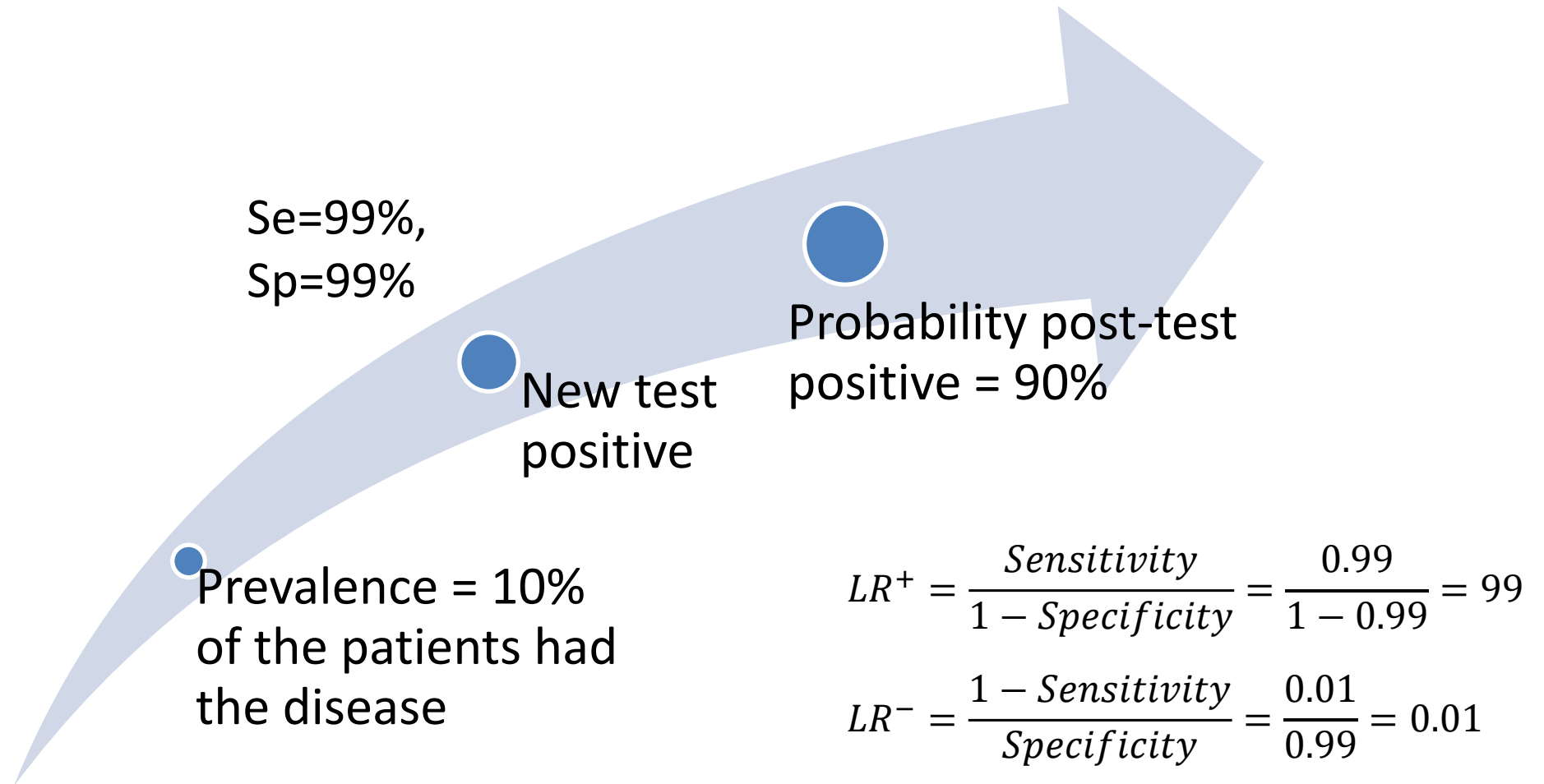
$$LR^- = \frac{\text{Probability of a negative test at the diseased}}{\text{Probability of a negative test to a non-diseased}} = \frac{1 - \text{Sensitivity}}{\text{Specificity}} = \frac{FN / (TP + FN)}{TN / (FP + TN)}$$

# Post-test probability

- $Pre - test\ odds = \frac{Prevalence}{1 - Prevalence}$
- $Post - test\ odds^+ = LR^+ * Pre - test\ odds$
- $Post - test\ odds^- = LR^- * Pre - test\ odds$
- $Post - test\ probability^+ = \frac{Post\ test\ Odds^+}{1 + Post\ test\ Odds^+}$
- $Post - test\ probability^- = \frac{Post\ test\ Odds^-}{1 + Post\ test\ Odds^-}$



# Probability post-test after positive test



# Probability post-test after negative test

Prevalence = 10% of  
the patients had the  
disease

Se=99%, Sp=99%

New test negative

$$LR^+ = \frac{\text{Sensitivity}}{1 - \text{Specificity}} = \frac{0.99}{1 - 0.99} = 99$$

$$LR^- = \frac{1 - \text{Sensitivity}}{\text{Specificity}} = \frac{0.01}{0.99} = 0.01$$

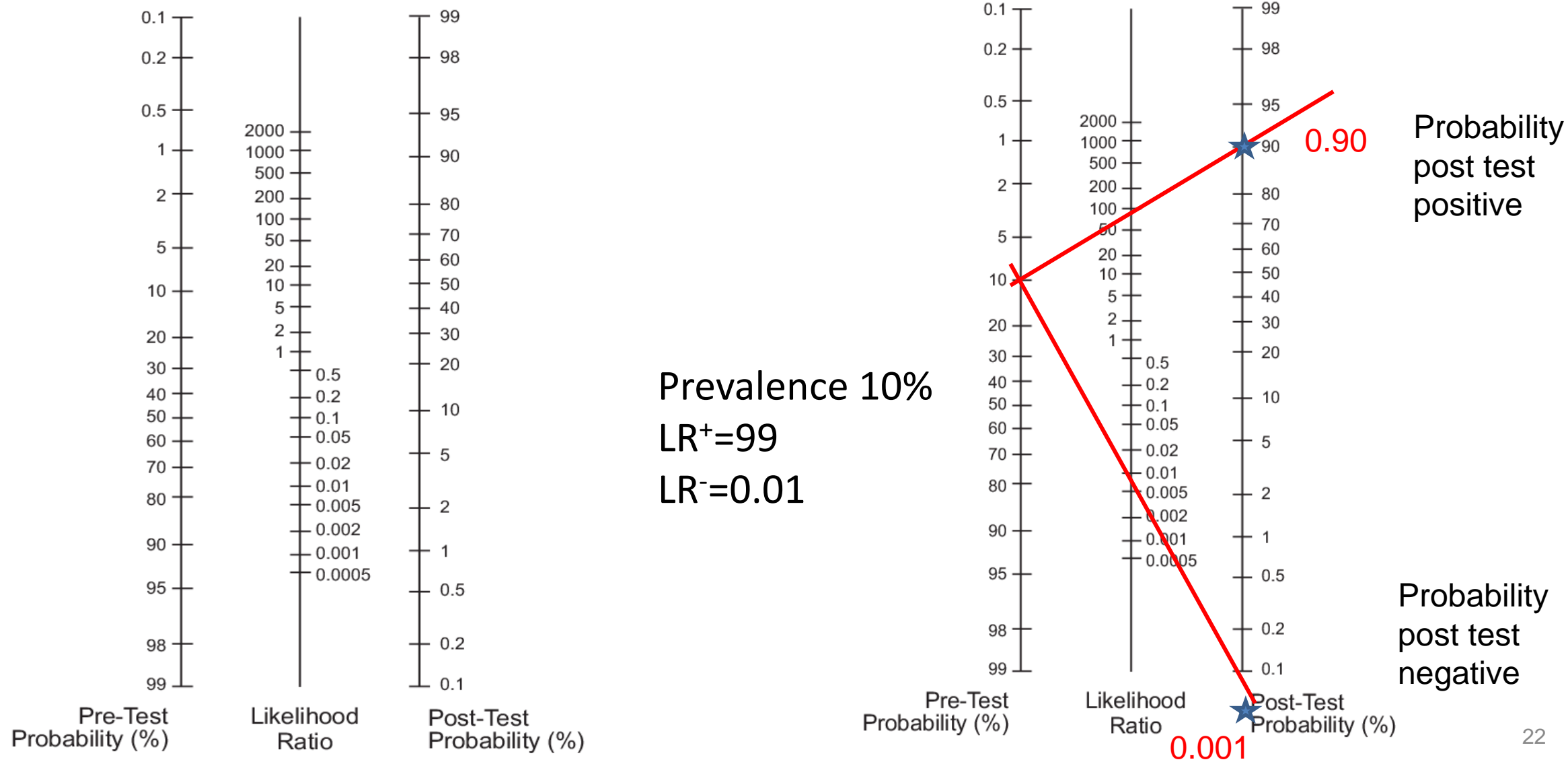
Post test probability  
=0.001

- A total of 67 saliva samples were assessed which were obtained from 36 individuals in the healthy group, 31 individuals in the gingivitis group. From the saliva samples matrix metalloproteinases 8 (MMP-8) was determined. If MMP-8 was high (above normal value) the patient was considered positive else was considered negative. The data collection of this study is

# Post-test probability

- Positive
  - The probability of the disease after a positive test
- Negative
  - The probability of the disease after a negative test
- Depend on
  - the prevalence of the disease
  - on the accuracy of the test

# Fagan's nomogram



# Phase III

- Establish the extrinsic quality of the test
  - cohort study
- A study on two groups
  - one with new test positive
  - one with new test negative

	Disease <sup>+</sup>	Disease <sup>-</sup>	
Test <sup>+</sup>	TP	FP	Total Test <sup>+</sup>
Test <sup>-</sup>	FN	TN	Total Test <sup>-</sup>

# Phase III

	Disease <sup>+</sup>	Disease <sup>-</sup>	
Test <sup>+</sup>	TP	FP	Total Test <sup>+</sup>
Test <sup>-</sup>	FN	TN	Total Test <sup>-</sup>

- PPV – Positive predictive value

$$PPV = \frac{TP}{TP + FP}$$

- Probability that a person who receives a positive test result actually has the disease
- Proportion of subjects who have the disease among the subjects who tested positive

- NPV – Negative predictive value

$$NPV = \frac{TN}{TN + FN}$$

- Probability that a person who receives a negative test result actually not having the disease
- Proportion of subjects without the disease among the subjects who tested negative

- PPV and NPV
  - depend on
    - Se, Sp and prevalence
  - if population is different - if the patient from the office of medical doctor is from a group with a different prevalence than the group prevalence from the published study
    - published PPV and NPV cannot be apply in the case of the patient



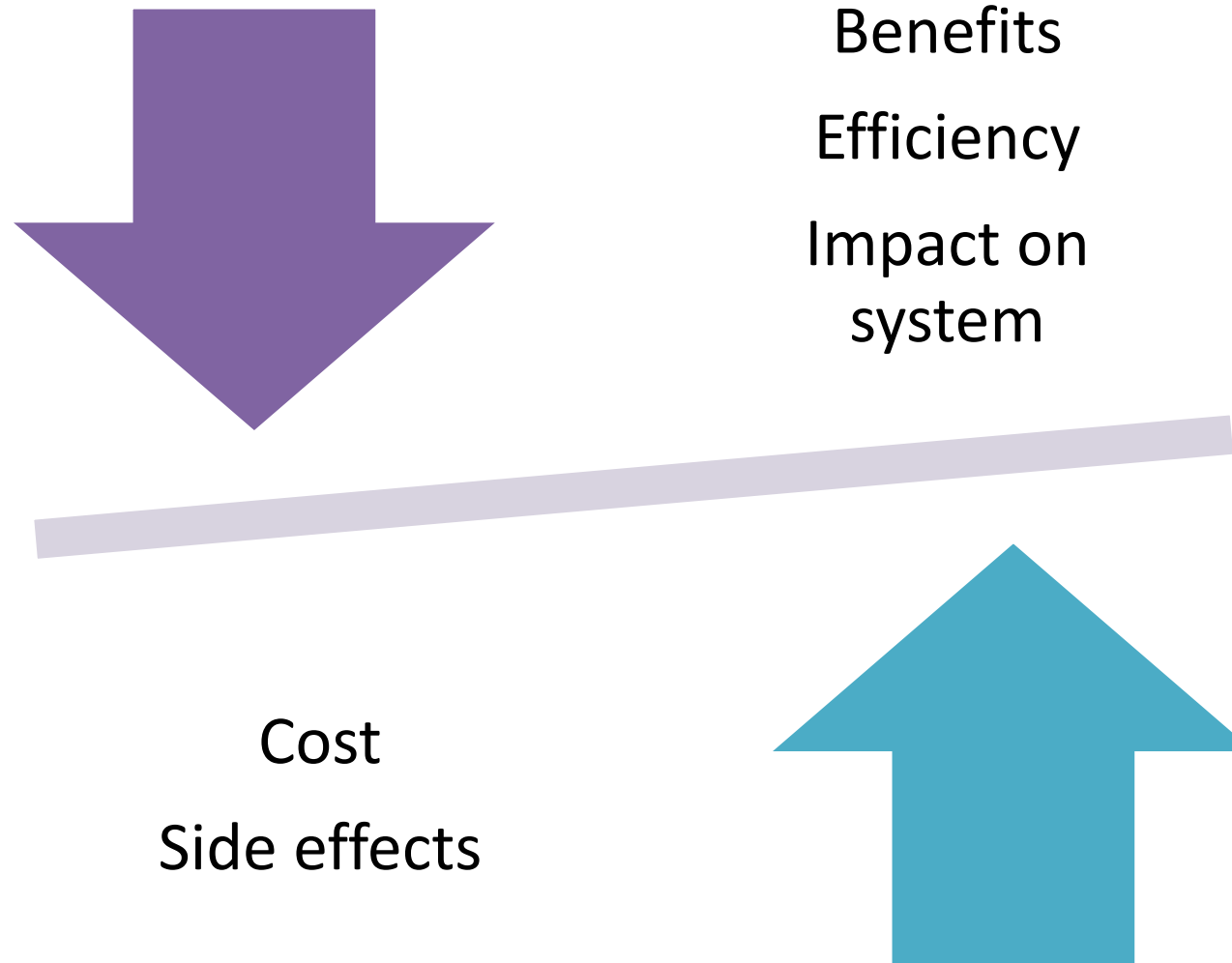
# Application of PPV and NPV

- if the patient from the office of medical doctor is from a group with a different prevalence than the group prevalence from the published study
  - published PPV and NPV cannot be apply in the case of the patient
- PPV and NPV may be computed:

$$PPV = \frac{Se}{Se + (1 - Sp) \times \frac{1 - prevalence}{prevalence}}$$

$$NPV = \frac{Sp}{Sp + (1 - Se) \times \frac{prevalence}{1 - prevalence}}$$

# Phase IV - Cohort studies



## Questions examples

- Does applying the test have an impact on
  - the mortality?
  - the prevention?
  - the medical system?

# EXAMPLE

- 20% of the population suffers from depression
- Application of a new diagnostic test
- 1000 randomly selected subjects
- gold standard test for depression Patient Health Questionnaire (PHQ-9)
- new test: questionnaire High-Functioning Depression Test

# Case-control study - Phase II

We select 2 groups of subjects

1000 with depression (with positive gold standard)

1000 without depression (with negative gold standard)

Disease / Test	With depression	Without depression	Total
HFDT positive	800	25	-
HFDT negative	200	975	-
Total	1000	1000	-

# Case-control study

We select 2 groups of subjects

1000 with depression (with positive gold standard)

1000 without depression (with negative gold standard)

Disease / Test	With depression	Without depression	Total
HFDT positive	800	25	-
HFDT negative	200	975	-
Total	1000	1000	-

$$Se = 800/1000 = 0.8$$

$$Sp = 975 / 1000 = 0.975$$

$$LR^+ = 0.8 / (1 - 0.975) = 32$$

$$LR^- = (1 - 0.8) / 0.975 = 0.205$$

$$\text{prevalence} = 1000/2000 = 50\% \text{ -- incorrect}$$

$$VPP = 800/825 = 0.97 \text{ -- incorrect}$$

$$VPN = 975/1175 = 0.83 \text{ -- incorrect}$$

$$J = 0.8 + 0.975 - 1 = 0.775$$

$$Acc = (800 + 975) / 2000 = 0.888 \text{ -- incorrect}$$

we know the prevalence to be 0.2,

we can calculate:

$$P(T^+) = 8 / (1 + 8) = 0.89$$

$$P(T^-) = 0.051 / (1 - 0.051) = 0.054$$

$$PPV = 0.89$$

$$NPV = 0.95$$

# Case-control study

We select 2 groups of subjects

1000 with depression (with positive gold standard)

1000 without depression (with negative gold standard)

$$Se = 800/1000 = 0.8$$

$$Sp = 975 / 1000 = 0.975$$

$$LR^+ = 0.8 / (1 - 0.975) = 32$$

$$LR^- = (1 - 0.8) / 0.975 = 0.205$$

In case-control design, the following cannot be calculated:

prevalence

PPV

VPN

Post-test probability after positive / negative test

Accuracy

Total	1000	1000	-

$$PPV = 0.89$$

$$NPV = 0.95$$

# Cohort study – Phase III

We select 2 groups of subjects

1000 with new test positive

1000 with new test negative

Disease / Test	With depression	Without depression	Total
HFDT positive	888	112	1000
HFDT negative	49	951	1000
Total	-	-	-

# Cohort study – Phase III

We select 2 groups of subjects

1000 with new test positive

1000 with new test negative

Disease / Test	With depression	Without depression	Total
HFDT positive	888	112	1000
HFDT negative	49	951	1000
Total	-	-	-

$$PPV = 888 / 1000 = 0.89$$

$$NPV = 951 / 1000 = 0.95$$

~~$$Se = 888 / 937 = 0.95 - \text{incorrect}$$~~

~~$$Sp = 951 / 1063 = 0.90 - \text{incorrect}$$~~

~~$$LR^+ = 0.948 / (1 - 0.895) = 9.02 - \text{incorrect}$$~~

~~$$LR^- = (1 - 0.948) / 0.895 = 0.058 - \text{incorrect}$$~~

~~$$\text{prevalence} = 937 / 2000 = 0.47 - \text{incorrect}$$~~

~~$$P(T^+) = [0.47 / (1 - 0.47)] * 9.02 / \{1 + [0.47 / (1 - 0.47)] * 9.02\} = 0.89 - \text{incorrect}$$~~

~~$$P(T^-) = [0.47 / (1 - 0.47)] * 0.058 / \{1 + [0.47 / (1 - 0.47)] * 0.058\} = 0.048 - \text{incorrect}$$~~

~~$$J = 0.948 + 0.895 - 1 = 0.843 - \text{incorrect}$$~~

~~$$Ac = (888 + 951) / 2000 = 0.920 - \text{incorrect}$$~~



# Cohort study – Phase III

We select 2 groups of subjects

1000 with new test positive

1000 with new test negative

$$VPP = 888 / 1000 = 0.89$$

$$VPN = 951 / 1000 = 0.95$$

~~$$Se = 888 / 937 = 0.95 - \text{incorrect}$$~~

In cohort design, the following cannot be calculated:

prevalence

Se

Sp

LR+

LR-

Post-test probability after positive / negative test

J

ACC

# Representative sample

We select 1 group of subjects

1000 subjects

Disease / Test	With depression	Without depression	Total
HFDT positive	160	20	180
HFDT negative	40	780	820
Total	200	800	1000

# Representative sample

We select 1 group of subjects

1000 subjects

$$\text{Prevalence} = 200 / 1000 = 0.2$$

Disease / Test	With depression	Without depression	Total
HFDT positive	160	20	180
HFDT negative	40	780	820
Total	200	800	1000

$$\text{PPV} = 160 / 180 = 0.888$$

$$\text{NPV} = 780 / 820 = 0.951$$

$$\text{Se} = 160 / 200 = 0.8$$

$$\text{Sp} = 780 / 800 = 0.975$$

$$\text{LR}^+ = 0.8 / (1 - 0.975) = 32$$

$$\text{LR}^- = (1 - 0.8) / 0.975 = 0.205$$

$$P(T^+) = 180 / (180 + 820) = 0.182$$

$$P(T^-) = 820 / (180 + 820) = 0.818$$

$$J = 0.8 + 0.975 - 1 = 0.775$$

$$\text{Acc} = (160 + 780) / 1000 = 0.94$$

# Repro

We selected  
1000 subjects

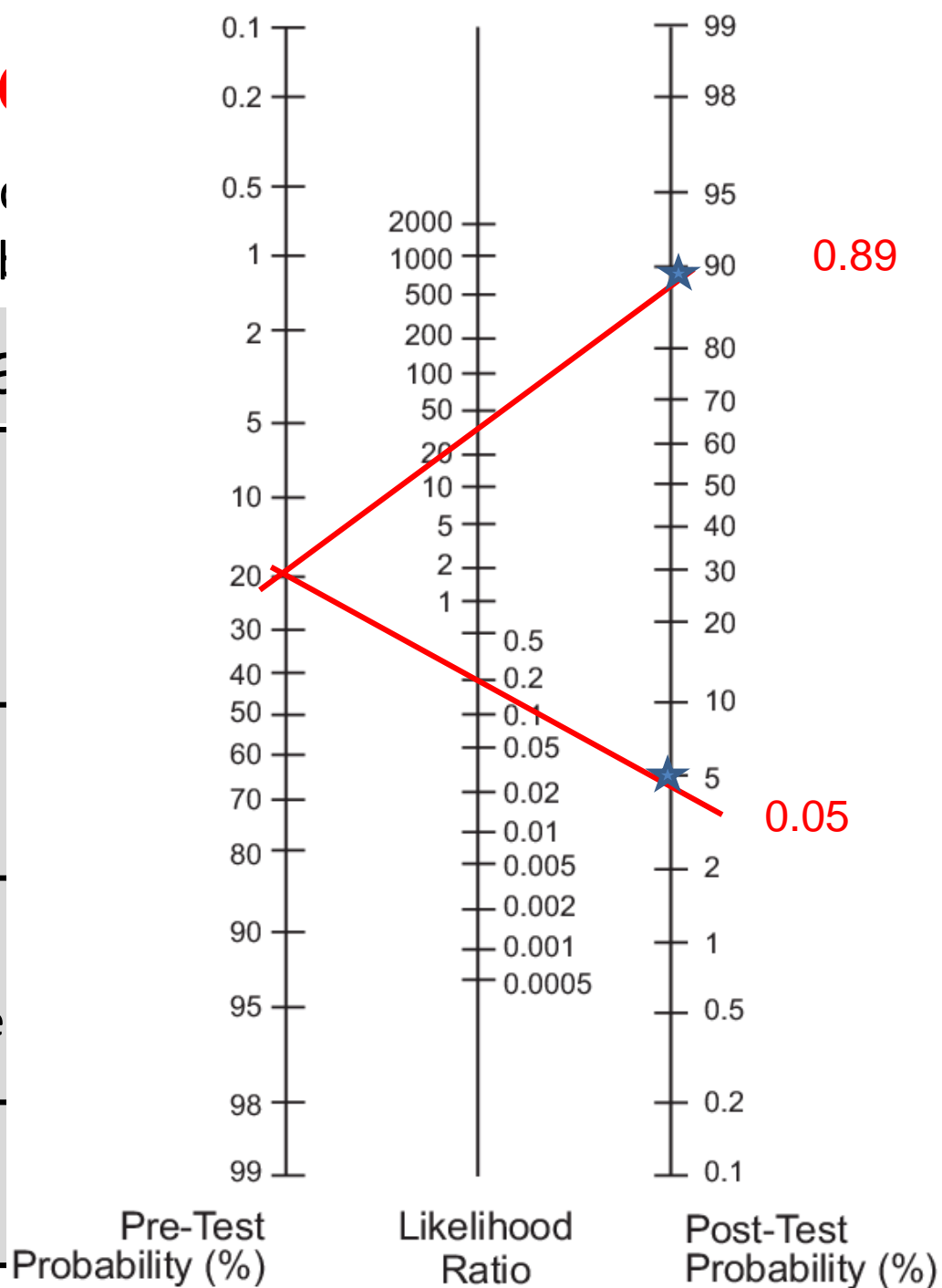
Prevalence

Disease  
/ Test

HFDT  
positive

HFDT  
negative

Total



$$PPV = \frac{160}{180} = 0.888$$

$$NPV = \frac{780}{820} = 0.951$$

$$Se = \frac{160}{200} = 0.8$$

$$Sp = \frac{780}{800} = 0.975$$

$$LR^+ = \frac{0.8}{(1 - 0.975)} = 32$$

$$LR^- = \frac{(1 - 0.8)}{0.975} = 0.205$$

$$P(T^+) = \frac{8}{(1 + 8)} = 0.89$$

$$P(T^-) = \frac{0.051}{(1 - 0.051)} = 0.054$$

$$J = 0.8 + 0.975 - 1 = 0.775$$

$$Acc = \frac{(160 + 780)}{1000} = 0.94$$

# Diagnostic study - characteristics

- two medical doctors
  - one evaluate the gold standard test
  - one evaluate the new test
- The tests results interpretation
  - should be performed without previous knowing about the results of the other test or of the gold test - blind

# Clinical interpretation

≥ 95% desirable value for clinical use

90% - 95% good for clinical use, if desirable test are not available

80% - 90% acceptable for clinical use, if better tests are not available

60% - 80% little clinical value

50% - 60% no clinical value (like tossing a coin)

# Exemplu

<https://app.wooclap.com/HANPLU?from=event-page>



12 intrebari

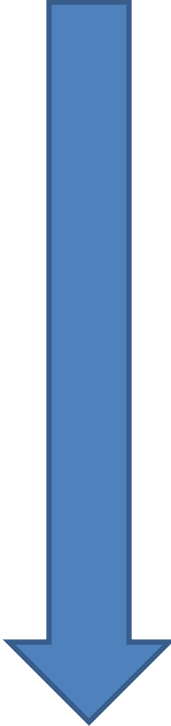
Afecțiunea / Testul	Cu depresie	Fără depresie	Total
Scor chestionar pozitiv	160 (a)	20 (b)	180
Scor chestionar negativ	40 (c)	780 (d)	820
Total	200	800	1000

$$\text{Prevalenta} = (a+c)/n = ?$$

# Influence of prevalence on predictive value



# Scenario

- a rapid test for Covid-19
  - $Se=0.67$
  - $Sp=0.71$
  - we apply the test
  - the test come positive:
  - what is its truth value?
  - (how many of those who test positive have Covid-19?)
- 

- we are conducting a study
- representative sample collection
- different times of the year
- summer – we do not have Covid-19 – prevalence 15%
- winter – we have a wave of Covid-19 epidemic – prevalence 30%

**Prevalence = 0.15**

On the prospect

Se=**0.67** Sp=**0.71**

For 100 subjects

	(B <sup>+</sup> )	(B <sup>-</sup> )	Total
T <sup>+</sup>	10	25	35
T <sup>-</sup>	5	60	65
Total	15	85	100

**Prevalence = 0.15**

$$\text{Se} = 10/15 = 0.67 \quad \text{Sp} = 60/85 = 0.71$$

	(B <sup>+</sup> )	(B <sup>-</sup> )	Total
T <sup>+</sup>	10	25	35
T <sup>-</sup>	5	60	65
Total	15	85	100

$$VPP = 10/35 = 0.29$$

$$VPN = 60/65 = 0.92$$

$$\text{Prevalence} = 0.15$$

$$Se = 10/15 = 0.67 \quad Sp = 60/85 = 0.71$$

We simulated the data with a prevalence of 0.3  
and the same Se and Sp

Covid-19 in winter in full epidemics

	(B <sup>+</sup> )	(B <sup>-</sup> )	Total
T <sup>+</sup>	20	20	40
T <sup>-</sup>	10	50	60
Total	30	70	100

**Prevalence = 0.30**

$$\text{Se} = 10/15 = 0.67$$

$$\text{Sp} = 60/85 = 0.71$$

Covid-19 in winter in full epidemics

	(B <sup>+</sup> )	(B <sup>-</sup> )	Total
T <sup>+</sup>	20	20	40
T <sup>-</sup>	10	50	60
Total	30	70	100

$$VPP=20/40=0.50$$

$$VPN=50/60=0.83$$

$$\text{Prevalence} = 0.30$$

$$Se=10/15=0.67$$

$$Sp=60/85=0.71$$

Covid-19 in summer - no epidemics

	(B <sup>+</sup> )	(B <sup>-</sup> )	Total
T <sup>+</sup>	10	25	35
T <sup>-</sup>	5	60	65
Total	15	85	100

$$VPP=10/35=0,29$$

$$VPN=60/65=0,92$$

$$\text{Prevalen\c{a}} = 0,15$$

Covid-19 in winter in full epidemics

	(B <sup>+</sup> )	(B <sup>-</sup> )	Total
T <sup>+</sup>	20	20	40
T <sup>-</sup>	10	50	60
Total	30	70	100

$$VPP=20/40=0,50$$

$$VPN=50/60=0,83$$

$$\text{Prevalen\c{a}} = 0,30$$

$$Se=10/15=0,67$$

$$Sp=60/85=0,71$$



# Efectul prevalentei asupra valorii predictive

$$Se=10/15=0,67$$

$$Sp=60/85=0,71$$

**Prevalența = 0,15**

$$VPP=10/35=0,29$$

$$VPN=60/65=0,92$$

**Prevalența = 0,30**

$$VPP=20/40=0,50$$

$$VPN=50/60=0,83$$

	(B <sup>+</sup> )	(B <sup>-</sup> )	Total

Covid-19 vara – nu este epidemie

Crește prevalența:

- probabilitatea ca un test pozitiv să fie corect e mai mare – crește VPP
- probabilitatea ca un test negativ să fie corect e mai mică – scade VPN

Total	30	70	100
-------	----	----	-----

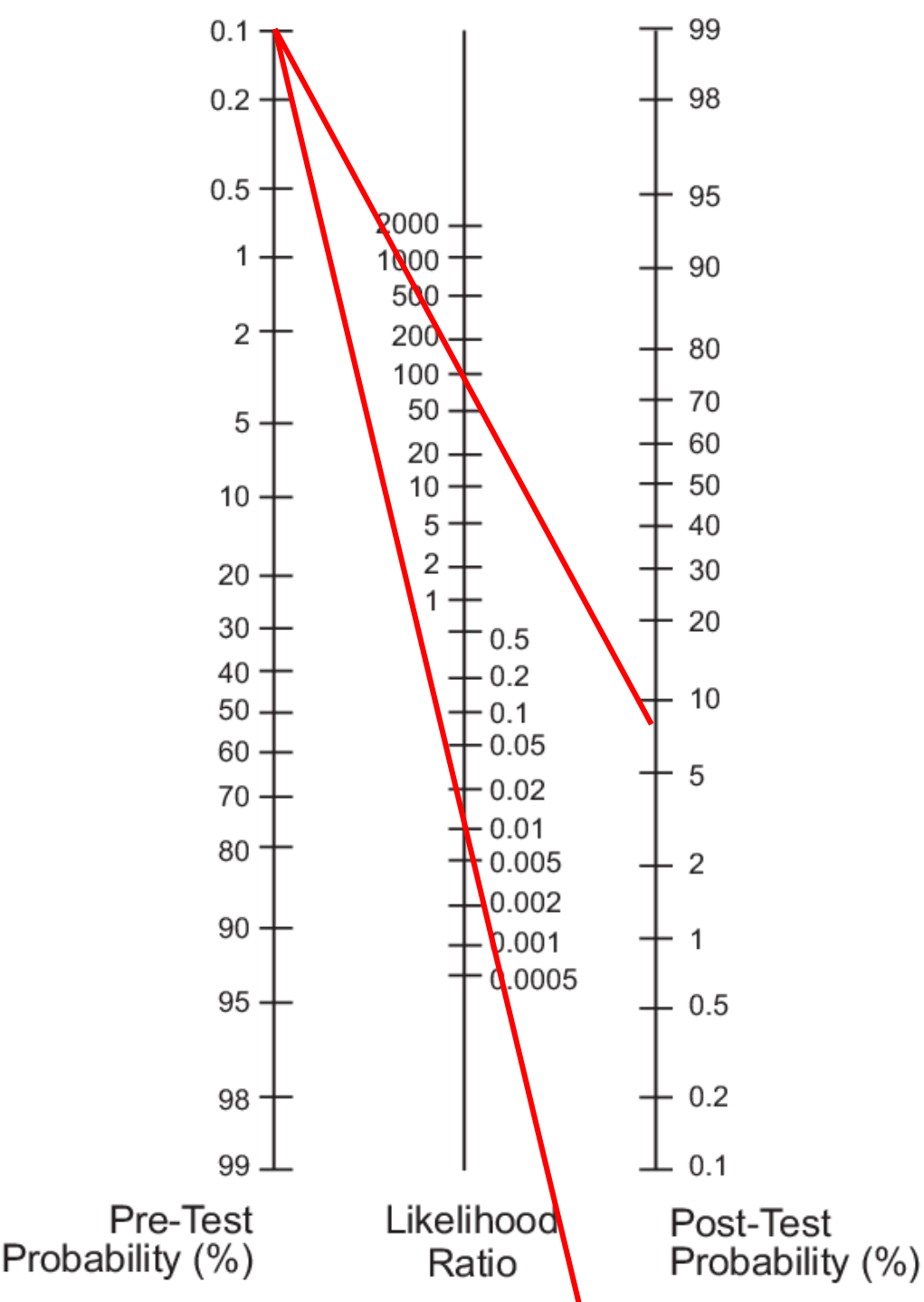
# rare disease example

$$\text{Prevalence} = 100 / 100,000 = 0.001$$

## HIV Test

	With HIV (B <sup>+</sup> )	Without HIV (B <sup>-</sup> )	Total
Test (T <sup>+</sup> )	99	1	100
Test (T <sup>-</sup> )	1	90.899	90.900
Total	100	90.900	100.000

- $\text{PPV} = 99 / 100 = \mathbf{0.99}$
- $\text{NPV} = 90899 / 90900 = \mathbf{0.99}$
- $\text{Se} = 99 / 100 = \mathbf{0.99}$
- $\text{Sp} = 99980 / 99989 = \mathbf{0.99}$
- $\text{LR}^+ = 0.99 / 0.01 = 99.99$
- $\text{LR}^- = 0.01 / 0.99 = 0.01$
- $\text{P(T}^+) = [0.001 / (1 - 0.001)] * 99.99 / \{1 + [0.001 / (1 - 0.001)] * 99.99\} = 0.09 / (1 + 0.09) = \mathbf{0.083}$
- $\text{P(T}^-) = [0.001 / (1 - 0.001)] * 0.01 / \{1 + [0.001 / (1 - 0.001)] * 0.01\} = 0.000001 / (1 - 0.000001) = \mathbf{0.000001}$
- $\text{Ac} = (99 + 90899) / 100000 = 0.91$



$$\text{Prevalence} = 100 / 100,000 = 0.001$$

$$\text{PPV} = 99 / 100 = \mathbf{0.99}$$

$$\text{NPV} = 90899 / 90900 = \mathbf{0.99}$$

$$\text{Se} = 99 / 100 = \mathbf{0.99}$$

$$\text{Sp} = 99980 / 99989 = \mathbf{0.99}$$

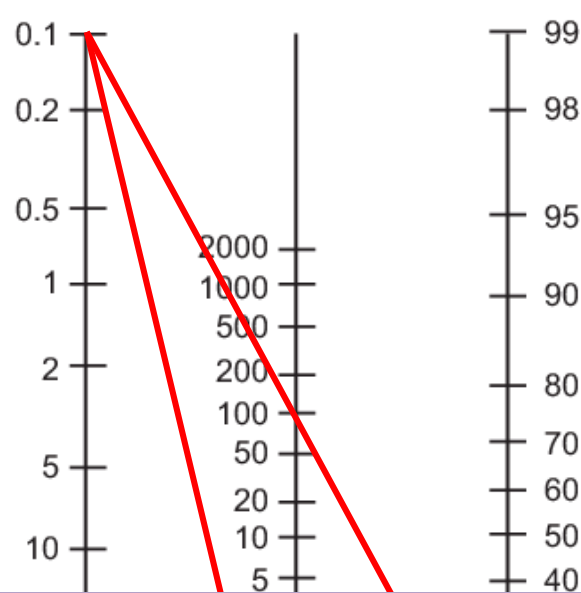
$$\text{LR}^+ = 0.99 / 0.01 = 99.99$$

$$\text{LR}^- = 0.01 / 0.99 = 0.01$$

$$\text{P(T}^+) = [0.001 / (1 - 0.001)] * 99.99 / \{1 + [0.001 / (1 - 0.001)] * 99.99\} = 0.09 / (1 + 0.09) = \mathbf{0.083}$$

$$\text{P(T}^-) = [0.001 / (1 - 0.001)] * 0.01 / \{1 + [0.001 / (1 - 0.001)] * 0.01\} = 0.00001 / (1 - 0.00001) = \mathbf{0.000001}$$

$$\text{Ac} = (99 + 90899) / 100000 = 0.91$$



$$\text{Prevalence} = 100 / 100,000 = 0.001$$

$$\text{PPV} = 99 / 100 = \mathbf{0.99}$$

$$\text{NPV} = 90899 / 90900 = \mathbf{0.99}$$

$$\text{Se} = 99 / 100 = \mathbf{0.99}$$

$$\text{Sp} = 90899 / 90900 = \mathbf{0.99}$$

Rare disease: no matter how sensitive the test is, the probability of a positive post-test is very small.

but

The test can be used as a screening test: if it comes out negative, the subject almost certainly does not have the disease: for example, 1 case in 90,900 negative cases is incorrect.

Pre-test  
Probability (%)

Likelihood  
Ratio

Post-Test  
Probability (%)

$$\text{Ac} = (99 + 90899) / 100000 = \mathbf{0.91}$$

# Scenario

- 110 diabetic patients
- standard neuropathy test nerve conduction velocity (NCV)
  - positive versus negative
- new test – categorical variable
  - MNSI - Michigan Neuropathy Screening Instrument - examination score
    - from 1 to 10 points
    - a high score indicates neuropathy

	With neuropathy	Without neuropathy	Total
Test score = 0	1	15	16
Test score = 1	3	5	8
Test score = 2	4	4	8
Test score = 3	3	4	7
Test score = 4	4	2	6
Test score = 5	4	3	7
Test score = 6	5	2	7
Test score = 7	13	2	15
Test score = 8	18	1	19
Test score = 9	10	1	11
Test score = 10	5	1	6
Total	70	40	110

# It is the new test a high-performant test?

- Se?
- Sp?
- PPV?
- NPV?
- 11 scores
- How to use the diagnostic test?

# Cut-off value

- a value to discriminate the diseased subjects from non-diseased
- Optimum cut-off value
  - a value that gives maximum of correct classified subjects in positive and negative
  - ↔! minimum false positive + false negative
  - ↔ maximum accuracy



# How to find the best cut-off value for the test?

- scores from 0 to 10
- we will calculate for each
  - Se and Sp

# Algoritm

- score 1
  - those with a score below 1 are considered negative
  - those with a score above or equal to 1 are considered positive
  - what % of those with neuropathy are correctly diagnosed?
    - calculate Se
  - what % of those without neuropathy are correctly diagnosed?
    - calculate Sp

	With neuropathy	Without neuropathy	Total
Test score = 0	1	15	16
Test score = 1	3	5	8
Test score = 2	4	4	8
Test score = 3	3	4	7
Test score = 4	4	2	6
Test score = 5	4	3	7
Test score = 6	5	2	7
Test score = 7	13	2	15
Test score = 8	18	1	19
Test score = 9	10	1	11
Test score = 10	5	1	6
Total	70	40	110

# Algoritm

- score 1
  - $Se = 69/70 = 0.99$
  - $Sp = 15/40 = 0.38$

Disease / Test	With neuropathy	Without neuropathy	Total
Score $\geq 1$ = positive	69	25	94
Score $< 1$ = negative	1	15	16
Total	70	40	110

# Algoritm

- score 2
  - those with a score below 2 are considered negative
  - those with a score above or equal to 2 are considered positive
  - what % of those with neuropathy are correctly diagnosed?
    - calculate Se
  - what % of those without neuropathy are correctly diagnosed?
    - calculate Sp

	With neuropathy	Without neuropathy	Total
Test score = 0	1	15	16
Test score = 1	3	5	8
Test score = 2	4	4	8
Test score = 3	3	4	7
Test score = 4	4	2	6
Test score = 5	4	3	7
Test score = 6	5	2	7
Test score = 7	13	2	15
Test score = 8	18	1	19
Test score = 9	10	1	11
Test score = 10	5	1	6
Total	70	40	110

# Algoritm

- score 2
  - $Se = 66/70 = 0.94$
  - $Sp = 17/40 = 0.43$

Disease / Test	With neuropathy	Without neuropathy	Total
Score $\geq 2$ = positive	66	23	99
Score $< 2$ = negative	4	17	21
Total	70	40	110

# Algoritm

- score 3
  - those with a score below 3 are considered negative
  - those with a score above or equal to 3 are considered positive
  - $Se = 62/70 = 0.89$
  - $Sp = 21/40 = 0.53$

Disease / Test	With neuropathy	Without neuropathy	Total
Score $\geq 3$ = positive	62	19	2981
Score $< 3$ = negative	8	21	29
Total	70	40	110

# Algoritm

- score 4
  - those with a score below 4 are considered negative
  - those with a score above or equal to 5 are considered positive
  - $Se = 59/70 = 0.84$
  - $Sp = 25/40 = 0.63$

Disease / Test	With neuropathy	Without neuropathy	Total
Score $\geq 4$ = positive	59	15	74
Score $< 4$ = negative	11	25	36
Total	70	40	110

# Algoritm

- score 5
  - those with a score below 5 are considered negative
  - those with a score above or equal to 5 are considered positive
  - $Se = 55/70 = 0.79$
  - $Sp = 33/40 = 0.75$

Disease / Test	With neuropathy	Without neuropathy	Total
Score $\geq 5$ = positive	55	10	65
Score $< 5$ = negative	15	30	45
Total	70	40	110



# Algoritm

- score 6
  - those with a score below 6 are considered negative
  - those with a score above or equal to 6 are considered positive
  - $Se = 51/70 = 0.73$
  - $Sp = 33/40 = 0.83$

Disease / Test	With neuropathy	Without neuropathy	Total
Score $\geq 6$ = positive	51	7	58
Score $< 6$ = negative	19	33	52
Total	70	40	110

# Algoritm

- score 7
  - those with a score below 7 are considered negative
  - those with a score above or equal to 7 are considered positive
  - $Se = 46/70 = 0.66$
  - $Sp = 35/40 = 0.88$

Disease / Test	With neuropathy	Without neuropathy	Total
Score $\geq 7$ = positive	46	5	51
Score $< 7$ = negative	24	35	59
Total	70	40	110

# Algoritm

- score 8
  - those with a score below 8 are considered negative
  - those with a score above or equal to 8 are considered positive
  - $Se = 33/70 = 0.47$
  - $Sp = 37/40 = 0.93$

Disease / Test	With neuropathy	Without neuropathy	Total
Score $\geq 8$ = positive	33	3	36
Score $< 8$ = negative	37	37	74
Total	70	40	110

# Algoritm

- score 9
  - those with a score below 9 are considered negative
  - those with a score above or equal to 9 are considered positive
  - $Se = 15/70 = 0.21$
  - $Sp = 38/40 = 0.95$

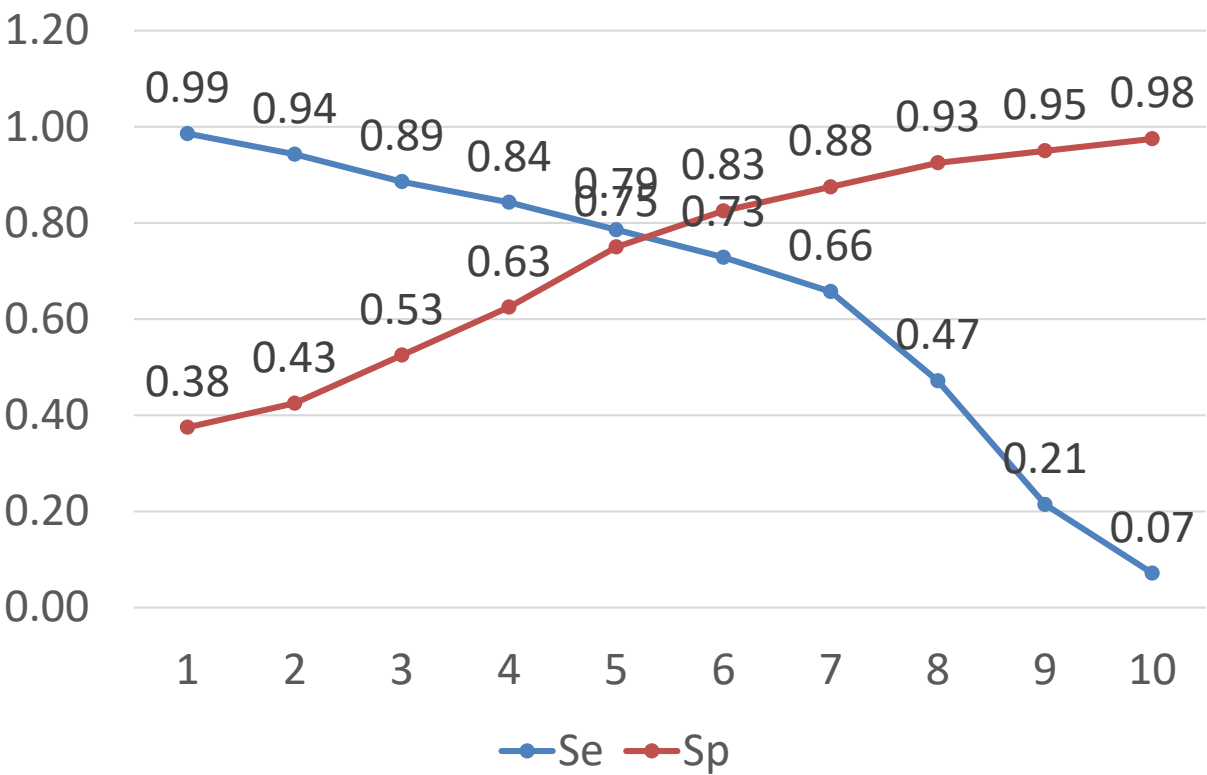
Disease / Test	With neuropathy	Without neuropathy	Total
Score $\geq 9$ = positive	15	2	17
Score $< 9$ = negative	55	38	93
Total	70	40	110

# Algoritm

- score 10
  - those with a score below 10 are considered negative
  - those with a score above or equal to 10 are considered positive
  - $Se = 15/70 = 0.07$
  - $Sp = 38/40 = 0.98$

Disease / Test	With neuropathy	Without neuropathy	Total
Score $\geq 10$ = positive	5	1	6
Score $< 10$ = negative	65	39	104
Total	70	40	110

	Se	Sp
Score 1	0.99	0.38
Score 2	0.94	0.43
Score 3	0.89	0.53
Score 4	0.84	0.63
Score 5	0.79	0.75
Score 6	0.73	0.83
Score 7	0.66	0.88
Score 8	0.47	0.93
Score 9	0.21	0.95
Score 10	0.07	0.98



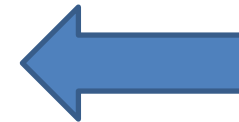
# Choosing the optimum cut-off value

	Se	Sp	$J=Se+Sp-1$
Score 1	0.99	0.38	0.36
Score 2	0.94	0.43	0.37
Score 3	0.89	0.53	0.41
Score 4	0.84	0.63	0.47
Score 5	0.79	0.75	0.54
<b>Score 6</b>	<b>0.73</b>	<b>0.83</b>	<b>0.55</b>
Score 7	0.66	0.88	0.53
Score 8	0.47	0.93	0.40
Score 9	0.21	0.95	0.16
Score 10	0.07	0.98	0.05

! optimum = maximum of accuracy,  
maximum of correct classified  
subjects with and without disease

## Maximum J

- those with a score below 6 are considered negative
- those with a score above or equal to 6 are considered positive



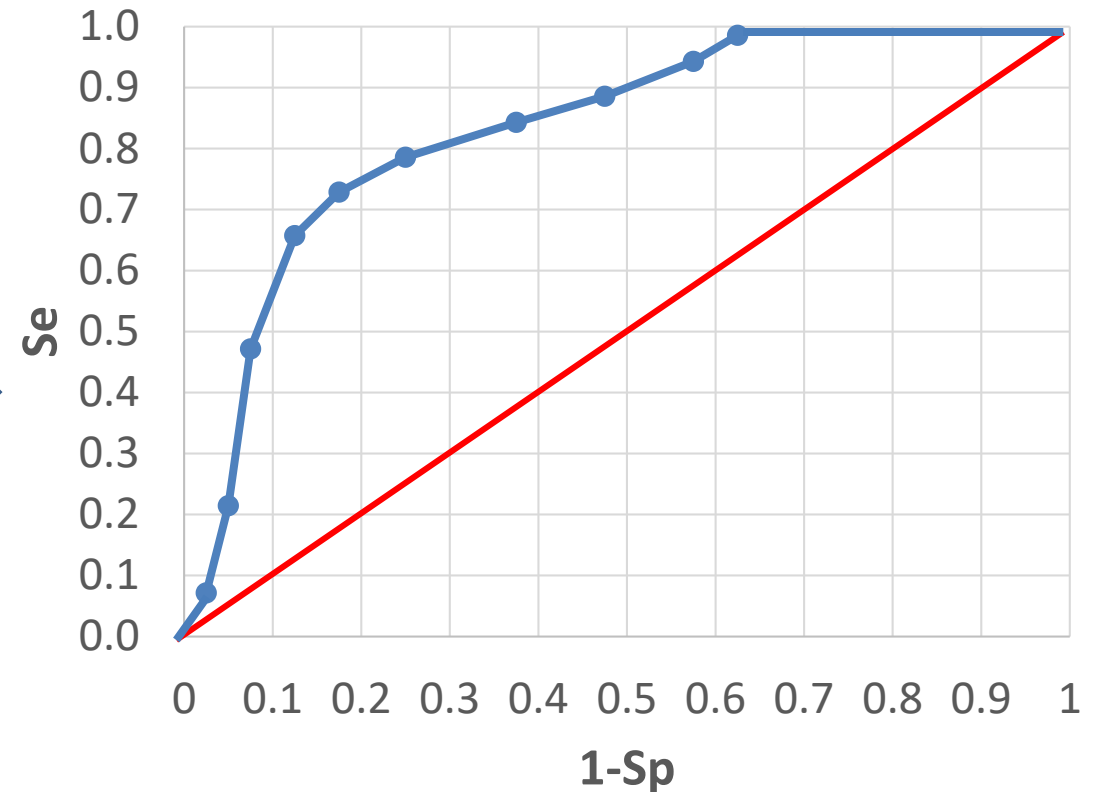
the best cut-off is 6

– easy to appreciate the cut-off value

	Se	Sp	1-Sp	J=Se+Sp-1
Score 1	0.99	0.38	0.63	0.36
Score 2	0.94	0.43	0.58	0.37
Score 3	0.89	0.53	0.48	0.41
Score 4	0.84	0.63	0.38	0.47
Score 5	0.79	0.75	0.25	0.54
Score 6	0.73	0.83	0.18	0.55
Score 7	0.66	0.88	0.13	0.53
Score 8	0.47	0.93	0.08	0.40
Score 9	0.21	0.95	0.05	0.16
Score 10	0.07	0.98	0.03	0.05



## ROC curve

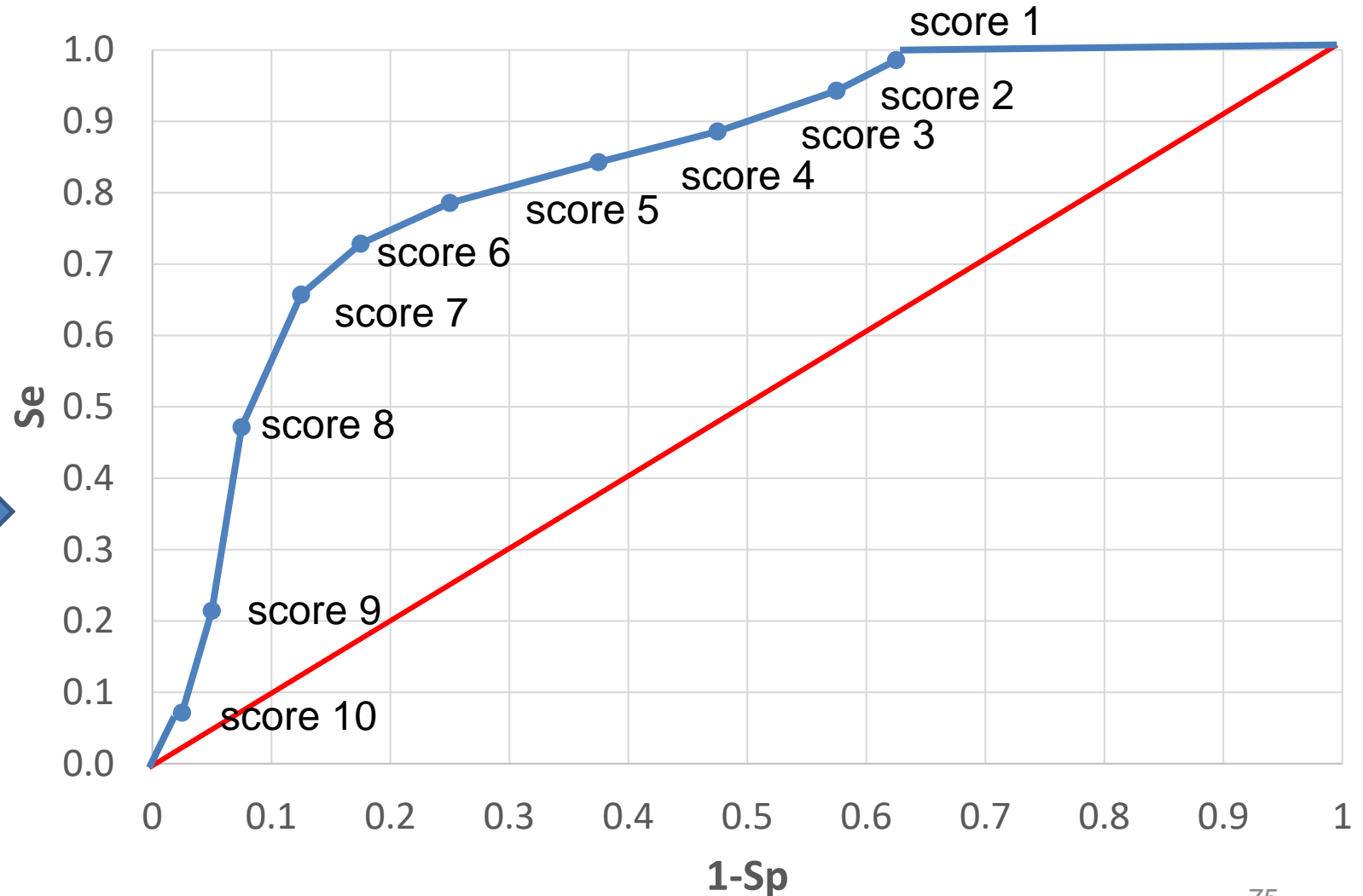




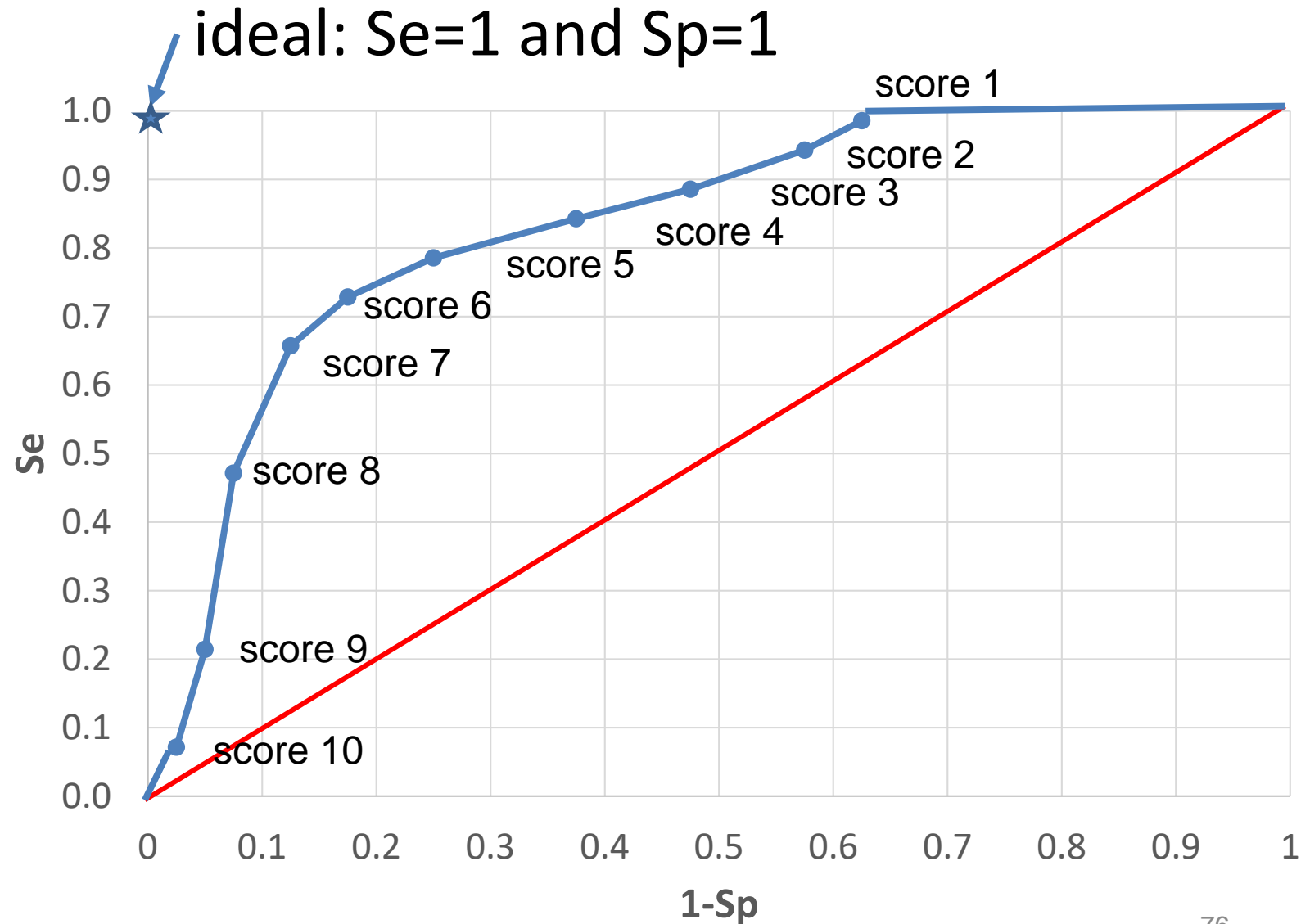
– easy to appreciate the cut-off value

## ROC curve

	Se	1-Sp
Score 1	0.99	0.63
Score 2	0.94	0.58
Score 3	0.89	0.48
Score 4	0.84	0.38
Score 5	0.79	0.25
Score 6	0.73	0.18
Score 7	0.66	0.13
Score 8	0.47	0.08
Score 9	0.21	0.05
Score 10	0.07	0.03

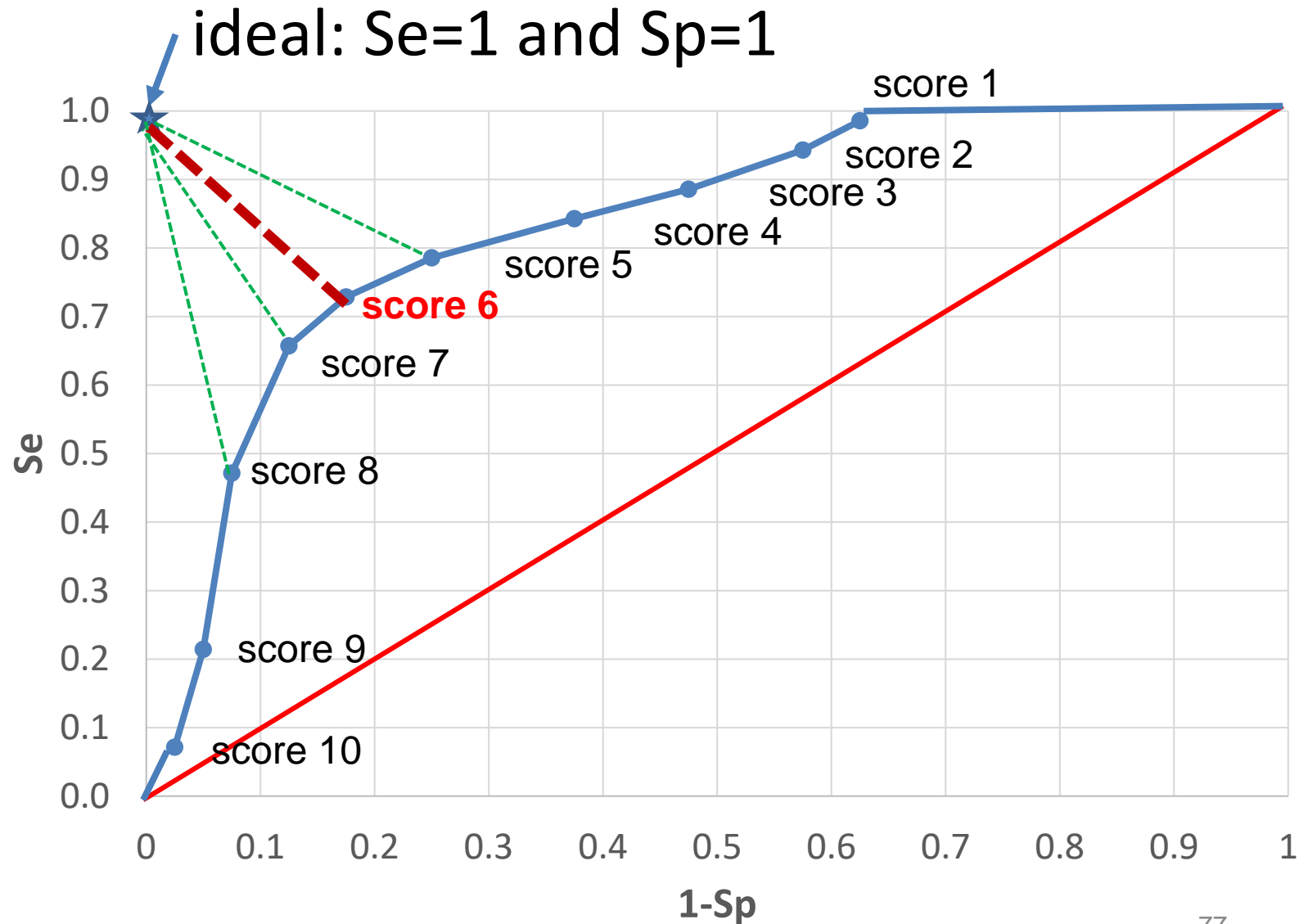


- the score nearest to the ideal point is the optimum cut-off



ROC curve

- the score nearest to the ideal point is the optimum cut-off



ROC curve

# Our interest

- to diagnose
  - as many patients with neuropathy as possible
    - a score with high Se
      - FP to approach 0
- to exclude
  - as many patients without neuropathy as possible
    - a score with high Sp
      - FN to approach 0
- Conclusion: both those with and those without neuropathy
  - a score with high Sp and Se
    - FP and FN to approach 0

if FP and FN equally important

- optimal threshold:
- maximum Youden index= $Se+Sp-1$

if FP (high Se) more important than FN

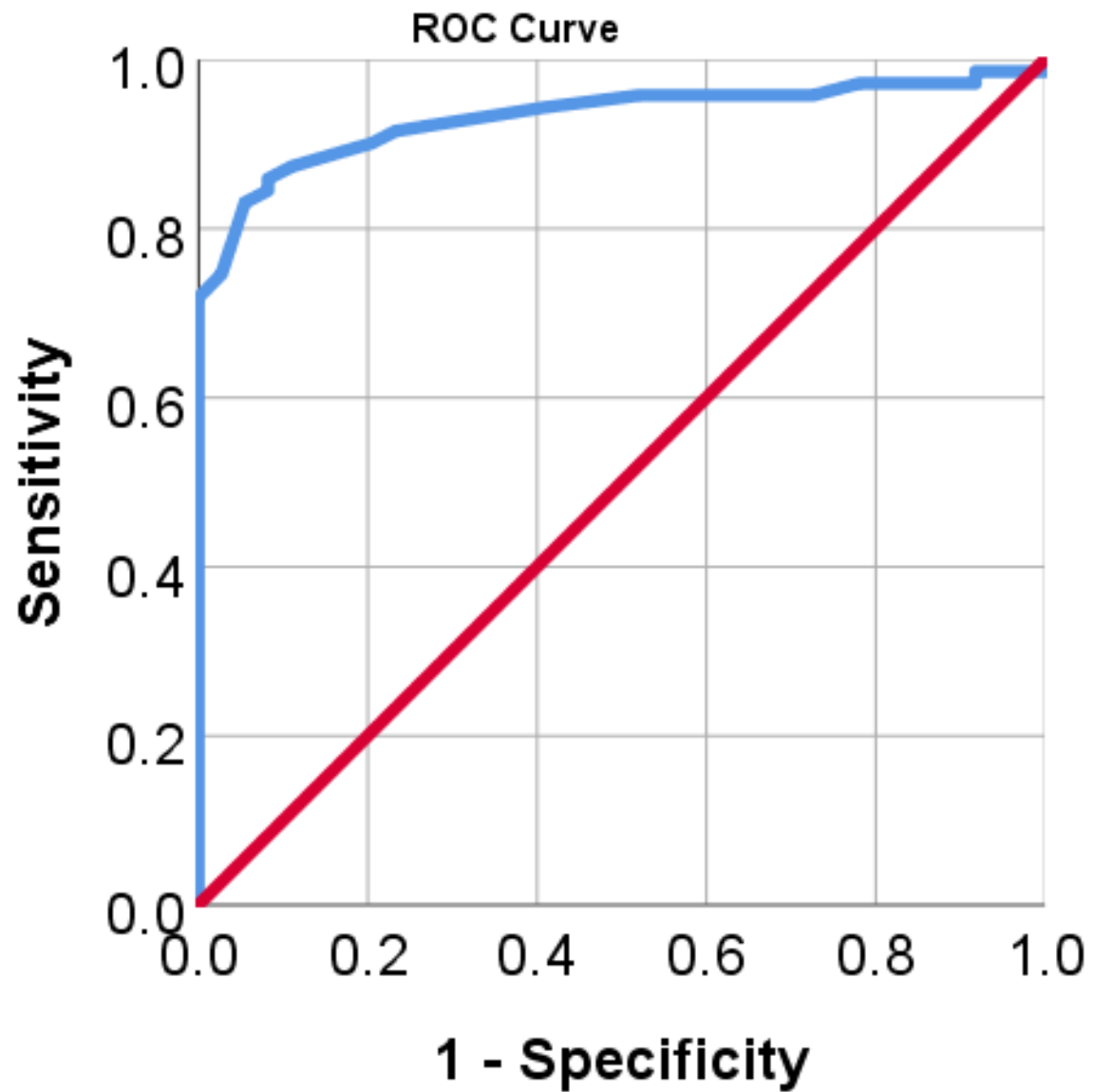
- optimal threshold:
- maximum Se

if FN (high Sp) more important than FP

- optimal threshold:
- maximum Sp

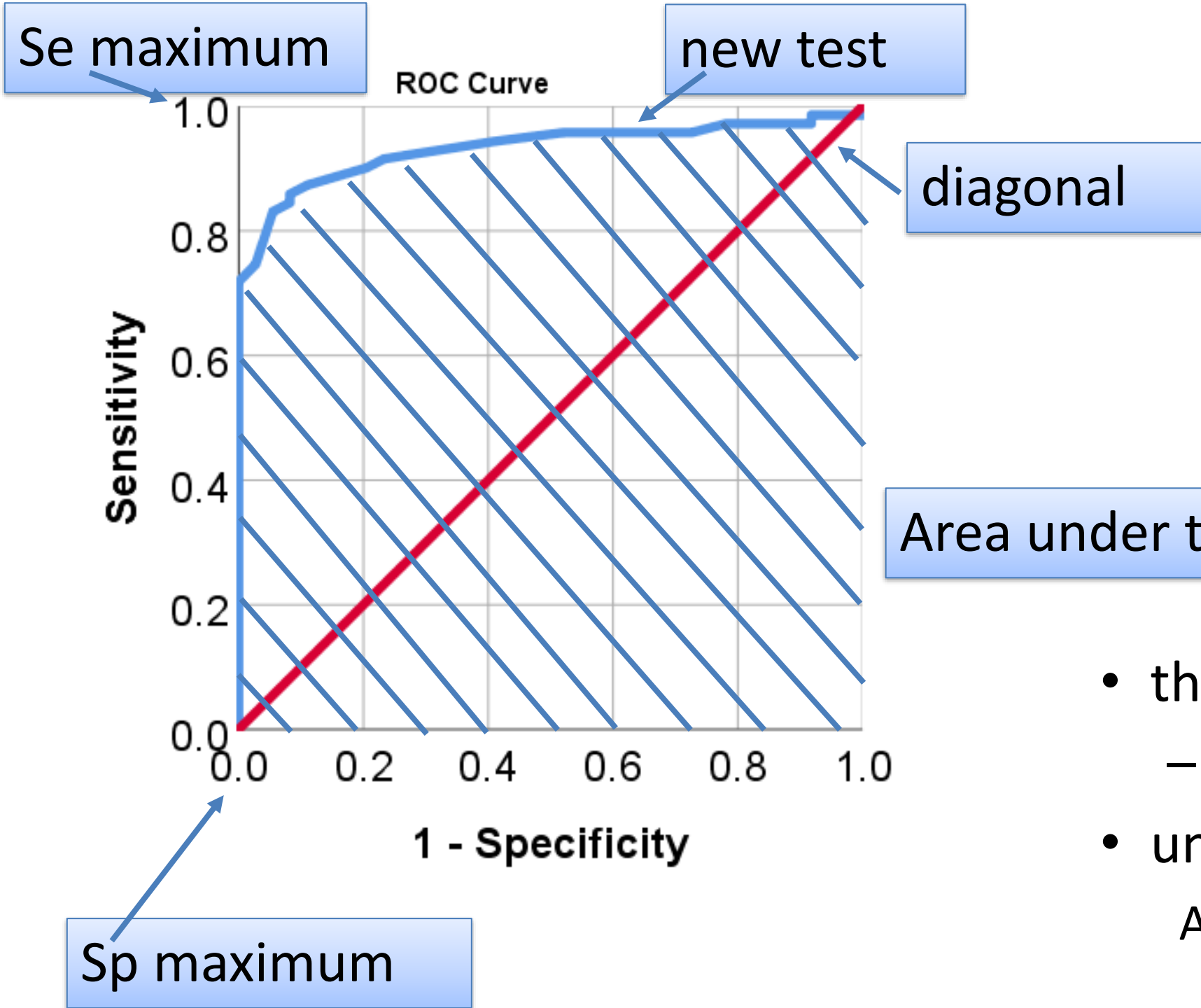
# ROC Curve

- Receiver Operating Characteristic Curve
- historical
- World War II (1950 England):
- identifying enemy aircraft on radar in the presence of extraneous signals (e.g. geese)
  - True Positives and True Negatives – good results
  - False Positives – wasting resources on geese
  - False Negatives – buildings and lives lost due to bombing



## ROC curve

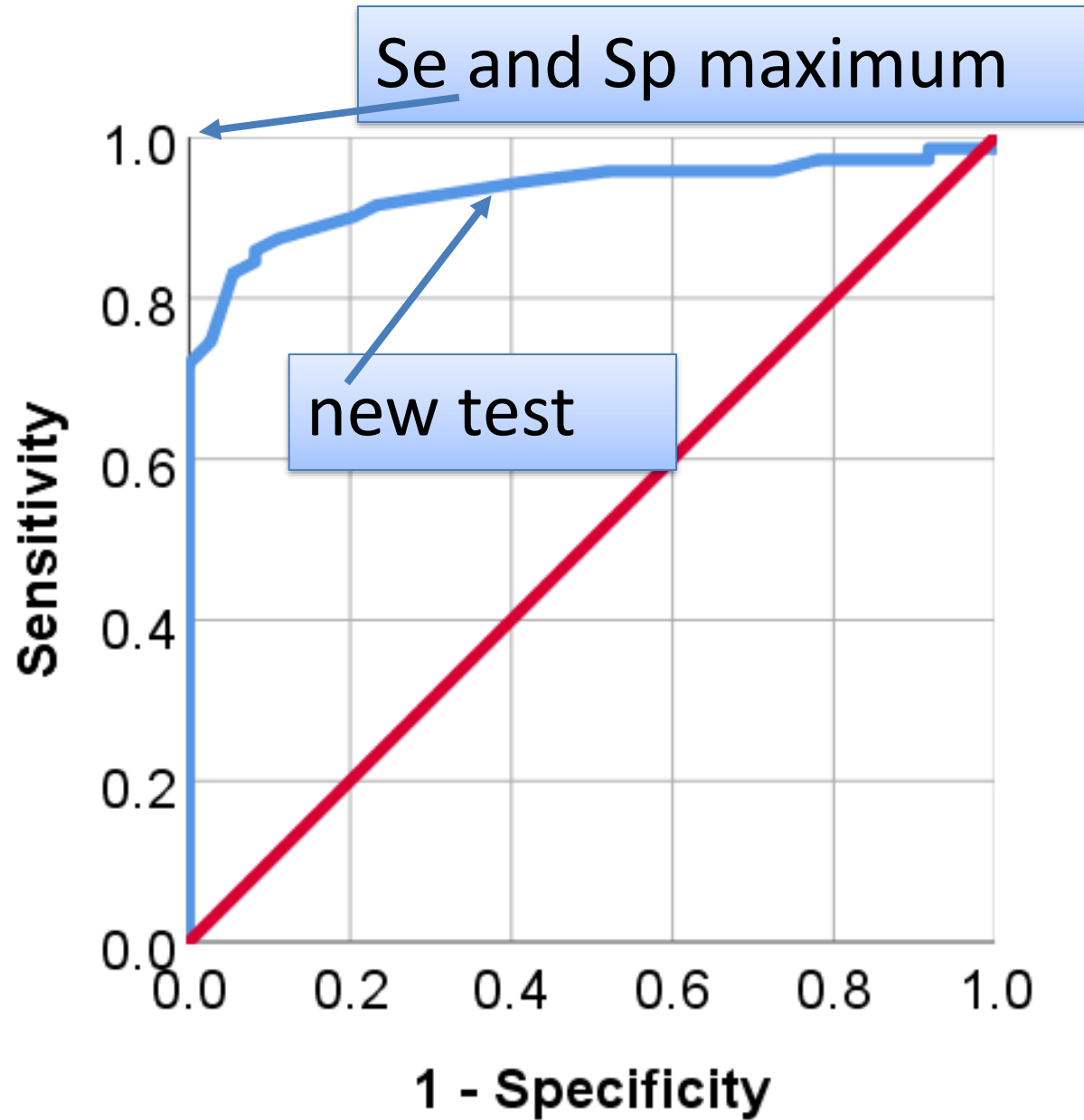
- diagonal = random diagnostic
  - ex. toss a coin



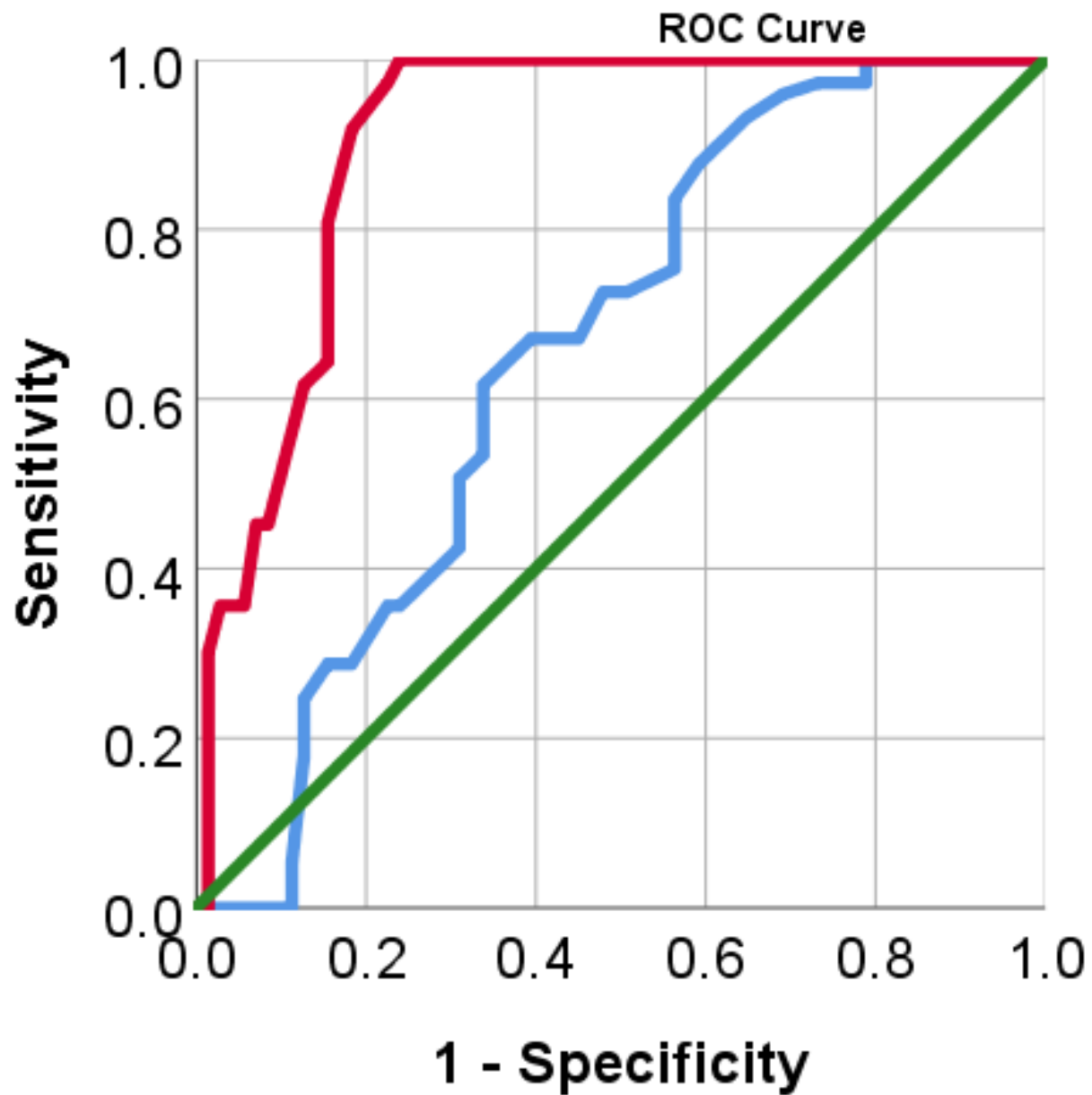
Area under the curve (AUC)

- the whole square  
–  $AUC = 1$
- under the diagonal  
 $AUC = 0.5$





- !!! the bigger the AUC, the better the test



MDI test have high accuracy than GDS



AUC for MDI better than AUC for GDS

## A new screening method for periodontitis: an alternative to the community periodontal index

Yoshiaki Nomura<sup>1</sup>, Ayako Okada<sup>1</sup>, Erika Kakuta<sup>1</sup>, Takahide Gunji<sup>2</sup>, Seiji Kajiura<sup>3</sup>, Nobuhiro Hanada<sup>4</sup>

Affiliations + expand

PMID: 27388493 PMCID: PMC4937556 DOI: 10.1186/s12903-016-0216-x

### Abstract

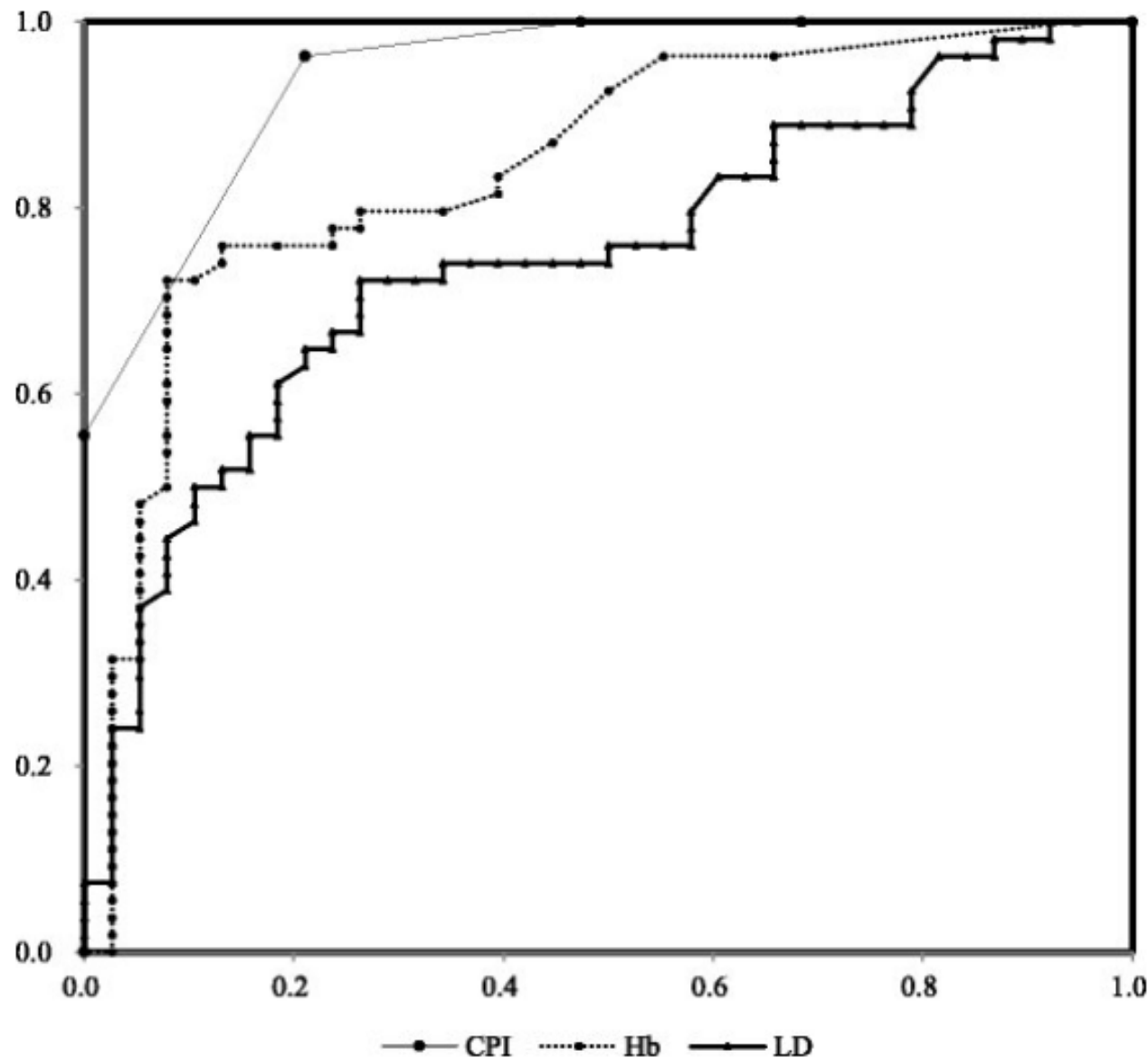
**Background:** Periodontal screening plays an important role in the prevention of periodontal disease and promotes an improvement in oral health-related quality of life. The World Health Organization's Community Periodontal Index should be carried out by well-trained dentists. However, the Community Periodontal Index is an invasive technique, and if used for periodontal screening, increases the cost of evaluation. In order to overcome these issues, we developed saliva tests for periodontal screening. The purpose of this study was to calculate the sensitivity and specificity of our method for measuring hemoglobin and lactate dehydrogenase levels in saliva.

**Methods:** Inclusion criteria were adults aged over 20 years with at least 20 teeth remaining. The study population comprised 38 men and 54 women with a mean age of 50.03 years. Oral examinations were carried out by dentists, and the number of remaining teeth, presence or absence of calculus, bleeding on probing and pocket depth were recorded. In this study, periodontitis was defined according to the criteria of the Center for Disease Control and Prevention in partnership with the American Academy of Periodontology. In order to examine hemoglobin and lactate dehydrogenase levels in saliva, participants were instructed to chew on a standard-sized tasteless and odorless gum base for 5 min, during which time, stimulated whole saliva was continuously collected.

**Results:** The sensitivity and specificity for hemoglobin levels were 0.759 and 0.763, respectively, and 0.722 and 0.711, respectively, for lactate dehydrogenase levels. Combining these two tests, when samples tested positive for both hemoglobin and lactate dehydrogenase, the positive predictive value was 91.7 %.

**Conclusion:** Measuring hemoglobin and lactate dehydrogenase levels in saliva is a less invasive method than the Community Periodontal Index. Therefore, our saliva tests may be a viable alternative to the Community Periodontal Index for periodontal screening.

- 92 patients
- 3 test for periodontitis
- gold standard: CDC criteria



## Figure

### Caption

Receiver operator characteristics (ROC) curves for periodontitis based on the Community Periodontal Index (CPI) and salivary hemoglobin (Hb), and lactate dehydrogenase (LD) levels. The area under the ROC curve (AUC) was higher for the CPI than for the saliva tests (CPI, 0.954; Hb, 0.846; LD, 0.737)

Content available from BMC Oral Health  
This content is subject to copyright. [Terms and conditions](#) apply.

**Table 3** Community Periodontal Index (CPI) values and hemoglobin (Hb) and lactate dehydrogenase (LD) levels at screening

	Cutoff	<i>P</i>	Sensitivity	Specificity	Positive predictive value	Negative predictive value	Crude hit rate	Yorden's index	AUC-ROC
CPI	3	<0.001	0.964	0.789	0.869	0.938	0.892	0.753	0.954
Hb (µg/mL)	1.25	<0.001	0.764	0.763	0.824	0.690	0.763	0.527	0.846
LD (IU/L)	298	<0.001	0.709	0.711	0.780	0.628	0.710	0.420	0.737

Sensitivities, specificities, positive and negative predictive values, Youden's index and areas under the receiver operator characteristics curve (AUC-ROC) for periodontitis were calculated. *P* values were calculated using Fisher's exact test

*Hb* hemoglobin, *LD* lactate dehydrogenase, *CPI* Community Periodontal Index

# Area under the ROC curve

Interpretation according to the traditional academic point system:

AUC between

0.90 – 1 = excellent test,

0.80–0.90 = good,

0.70–0.80 = fair,

0.60–0.70 = poor,


0.50–0.60 = failure

# Area under the ROC curve

- compare with the area under the diagonal = 0.5
- $H_0$  (null hypothesis): AUC is not statistically significantly different from 0.5
- $p < 0.05$  – AUC is significantly different from 0.5
  - It can be said that the diagnostic test has statistically significantly better discriminatory power than the random test
- $p \geq 0.05$  – AUC does not differ significantly from 0.5
  - It can be said that we fail to demonstrate that the diagnostic test have statistically significantly better discriminatory power than the random test

# Soft online - MedCalc

- [https://www.medcalc.org/calc/diagnostic\\_test.php](https://www.medcalc.org/calc/diagnostic_test.php)

 **MedCalc**  
easy-to-use statistical software

Search

HOME FEATURES DOWNLOAD ORDER CONTACT FAQ MANUAL

Download our user-friendly MedCalc statistical software for your Windows desktop. [Download](#) ×

Free statistical calculators [Other calculators ...](#)

Diagnostic test evaluation calculator

Instructions: enter the number of cases in the diseased group that test positive (*a*) and negative (*b*); and the number of cases in the non-diseased group that test positive (*c*) and negative (*d*).

Disease prevalence

If the sample sizes in the positive (Disease present) and the negative (Disease absent) groups do not reflect the real prevalence of the disease, you can enter the disease prevalence (expressed as a percentage) in the corresponding input box.

Next click the **Test** button.

Disease					
Test	Present	n	Absent	n	Total
Positive	True Positive	a= <input type="text"/>	False Positive	c= <input type="text"/>	a + c
Negative	False Negative	b= <input type="text"/>	True Negative	d= <input type="text"/>	b + d
Total		a + b		c + d	

Disease prevalence

If the ratio of cases in the Disease Present and Disease Absent groups does not reflect the disease prevalence, enter:

disease prevalence (%):

Test



# Soft online – Alan Schwartz

- <http://araw.mede.uic.edu/cgi-bin/testcalc.pl>

## Diagnostic Test Calculator

This calculator can determine diagnostic test characteristics (sensitivity, specificity, likelihood ratios) and/or determine the post-test probability of disease given given the pre-test probability and test characteristics. Given sample sizes, confidence intervals are also computed.

Fill out one of the sections below on the left, and then click on the 'Compute' button. Sections you don't fill out will be computed for you, and the nomogram on the right will display the probability that a patient has the disease after a positive or negative test.

Numbers of patients with and without the disease who test positive and negative:

	Disease present	Disease absent	Total
Test positive			
Test negative			
Total			

Compute

or  
disease prevalence, test sensitivity, and test specificity (and, optionally, sample size):

Prevalence (e.g. 0.10):	
Sensitivity (e.g. 0.80):	
Specificity (e.g. 0.80):	
Total sample size:	

Compute

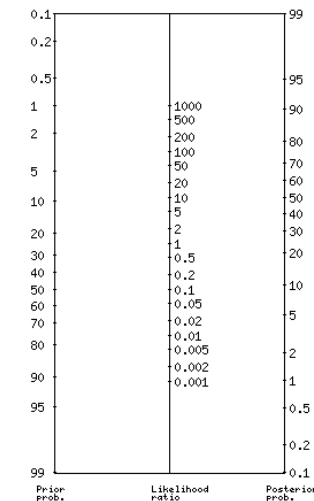
or  
disease prevalence, positive likelihood ratio, and negative likelihood ratio (and, optionally, sample size):

Prevalence (e.g. 0.10):	
+LR (e.g. 4):	
-LR (e.g. 0.01):	
Total sample size:	

Compute

Optional information:

Your local prevalence (e.g. 0.10):	
Probability of disease at or above which you would be <b>comfortable</b> treating with no further testing (e.g. 0.8)	
Probability of disease at or below which you would be <b>comfortable</b> managing with no further treatment or testing (e.g. 0.25)	



# Soft online - Evidence-Based Medicine Toolbox

- <https://ebm-tools.knowledgetranslation.net/calculator/diagnostic/>

Diagnostic Test Calculator

Option 1: Enter values into the first four fields (everything except for the LR values).

Option 2: Enter the LR values only.

	Disease		No Disease
Test Pos.	<input type="text"/> A		<input type="text"/> B
Test Neg.	<input type="text"/> C		<input type="text"/> D
	<input type="text"/> LR+		<input type="text"/> LR-

Results

	Estimate	95% CI
Sensitivity	--	--
Specificity	--	--
PPV	--	--
NPV	--	--
LR+	--	--
LR-	--	--

Post-Test Probability

positive (+) negative (-)

# Reviews for diagnostic test

- <https://www.thennt.com/home-lr/>

The screenshot shows the website 'the NNT' with a navigation bar containing 'Home', 'Reviews', 'Learn More', and 'Contact Us'. The 'Reviews' menu is active. On the left, a sidebar lists categories: 'BY SPECIALTY' (Anesthesiology, Cardiology, Critical Care, Dermatology, Emergency Medicine, Gastroenterology, Geriatrics, Hematology, Infectious Disease, Neurology, Neurosurgery, Ophthalmology, Orthopedics, Otolaryngology (Ear/Nose/Throat), Pediatrics, Primary Care, Public Health, Pulmonology, Rheumatology, Surgery), 'BY SYSTEM', and 'ALPHABETICALLY'. The main content area is titled 'Diagnosis (LR) Reviews' and includes a sub-header 'Diagnosis (LR) Reviews by Specialty'. Under 'Anesthesiology', there are two links: 'Diagnostic Accuracy of Ultrasound for Confirmation of Endotracheal Tube Placement' and 'Factors Predicting Difficult Endotracheal Intubation'. Under 'Cardiology', there are ten links: 'Acute Coronary Syndrome', 'Aortic Dissection', 'Deep Venous Thrombosis (DVT)', 'Dyspnea Due to Acute Heart Failure Syndrome', 'Dyspnea Due to Heart Failure (With Chronic Respiratory Disease)', 'Dyspnea Due to Heart Failure (Without Chronic Respiratory Disease)', 'Markers of Fluid Responsiveness in Hemodynamically Unstable Patients', and 'Use of the Clinical Examination in the Diagnosis of Cardiac Syncope'.

the **NNT** [Home](#) [Reviews](#) [Learn More](#) [Contact Us](#)

**BY SPECIALTY**

Anesthesiology / Cardiology / Critical Care /  
Dermatology / Emergency Medicine / Gastroenterology /  
Geriatrics / Hematology / Infectious Disease / Neurology  
/ Neurosurgery / Ophthalmology / Orthopedics /  
Otolaryngology (Ear/Nose/Throat) / Pediatrics / Primary  
Care / Public Health / Pulmonology / Rheumatology /  
Surgery

**BY SYSTEM**

**ALPHABETICALLY**

## Diagnosis (LR) Reviews

You'll find all of our diagnostic/likelihood ratio reviews, arranged by medical specialty, organ system, and alphabetically.

### Diagnosis (LR) Reviews by Specialty

#### Anesthesiology

- [Diagnostic Accuracy of Ultrasound for Confirmation of Endotracheal Tube Placement](#)
- [Factors Predicting Difficult Endotracheal Intubation](#)

#### Cardiology

- [Acute Coronary Syndrome](#)
- [Aortic Dissection](#)
- [Deep Venous Thrombosis \(DVT\)](#)
- [Dyspnea Due to Acute Heart Failure Syndrome](#)
- [Dyspnea Due to Heart Failure \(With Chronic Respiratory Disease\)](#)
- [Dyspnea Due to Heart Failure \(Without Chronic Respiratory Disease\)](#)
- [Markers of Fluid Responsiveness in Hemodynamically Unstable Patients](#)
- [Use of the Clinical Examination in the Diagnosis of Cardiac Syncope](#)

## Positive Findings (Patient Has This)

Symptoms	Increased Disease Probability (Positive Likelihood Ratio)
Strep exposure in the past 2 weeks	1.9× (1.3-2.8)
Myalgias	1.4× (1.1-1.7)
No cough	1.1-1.7
History of sore throat	1.0-1.1
Reported fever	0.97-2.6
Headache	0.81-2.6
Nausea	0.76-3.1
Duration <3d	0.72-3.5

Signs on Physical Exam	Increased Disease Probability (Positive Likelihood Ratio)
Tonsillar exudates	3.4× (1.8-6.0)
Pharyngeal exudates	2.1× (1.4-3.1)



SHARE



OTHER

MDCal  
Trip Da  
BMJ Ev  
JAMAE  
Series

# Knowledge about diagnostic tests

- <http://getthediagnosis.org/>

GetTheDiagnosis.org: A Database of Sensitivity and Specificity

Search:

*Browse By* [Diagnosis](#) [Finding](#) [Category](#) [Random Entry](#) [Newest Entries](#)

[About Us](#)  
[Explanation of Sensitivity and Specificity](#)  
[Explanation of ROC Curves](#)  
[Sensitivity and Specificity Calculator](#)  
[Sign Up](#)  
[Add An Entry](#)  
[Feedback](#)

GetTheDiagnosis is a collaborative database for health professionals to share knowledge on the **sensitivity** and **specificity** of history questions, physical exam findings, and lab and imaging tests. You can use it to look up sensitivity and specificity, or submit an entry of your own from the literature!

We are currently up to **308** diagnoses and **1114** findings, for a total of **1673** entries! Follow our [newest entries](#) with our [RSS feed](#).

You may be interested in our sister site [Mets - A Database of Metastatic Patterns of Cancer](#).

# Knowledge about diagnostic tests

## Acute Streptococcal Pharyngitis: Sensitivity and Specificity

**Introduction:** None written.

[\[Edit Diagnosis\]](#) [\[Merge dx\]](#) [\[Add prevalence\]](#)

**Tags:** Infection [Tag this Diagnosis.](#)

**Differential Diagnoses include:** [Kawasaki Disease](#), [Viral Pharyngitis](#)

The sensitivity and specificity of findings for Acute Streptococcal Pharyngitis are listed below. See the left navigation bar to change the display.

### Sensitive and Specific Findings

Finding	Sensitivity	Specificity	Comments, Study
Throat Culture <a href="#">↗</a>	100%	100%	<b>Study:</b> JAMA. 2004 Apr 7;291(13):1587-95. PMID: 15069046
Modified Centor Criteria <a href="#">↗</a>	85%	92%	=>2 criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• history of objective fever (&gt;38C)</li><li>• exudative pharyngitis</li><li>• lack of cough</li><li>• tender cervical LAD</li><li>• +1 for &lt;=15 years old, -1 for &gt;45 years old</li></ul> <b>Differential Diagnosis:</b> <a href="#">Viral Pharyngitis</a> <b>Study:</b> CMAJ. 2000 Oct 3;163(7):811-5. PMID: 11033707 rather similar results also in JAMA. 2004 Apr 7;291(13):1587-95. PMID: 15069046
Rapid Streptococcal Antigen Test <a href="#">Duplicate</a> <a href="#">↗</a>	91.1%	89%	<b>Study:</b> no study specified.

### Specific Findings

Finding	Sensitivity	Specificity	Comments, Study
Rapid Streptococcal Antigen Test <a href="#">Duplicate</a> <a href="#">↗</a>	83%	99%	<b>Study:</b> JAMA. 2004 Apr 7;291(13):1587-95. PMID: 15069046

# Thank you!

