

CRITICAL REVIEW FORM: DIAGNOSTIC TEST II - ARTICLE 3**Citation:**

Steinhart B, Thorpe KE, Bayoumi AM, et al; Improving the Diagnosis of Acute Heart Failure Using a Validated Prediction Model, Journal of the American College of Cardiology 2009; 54: 1515-1521.

Guide	Comments
I	Are the results of the study valid?
1	Did the clinicians face diagnostic uncertainty?
2	Was there blind comparison with an independent gold standard?
3	Did the results of the test being evaluated influence the decision to perform the gold standard?
II	What are the Results?
1	What likelihood ratios are associated with the range of possible test results?
III	How can I apply the results to patient care?
1	Will the reproducibility of the test result and its interpretation be satisfactory in my setting?
2	Are the results applicable to my patient?
3	Will the results change my management?
4	Will patients be better off as a result of the test?