

First Please Watch A Video Introducing The Screening Test Model

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How To Run The Screening Test Program

This program is run in a web page. Navigate to the following link in any major web browser. The program will then instruct you on how to proceed. (Only tested in Chrome). The "About" menu on the GUI guides the user to all files and documentation and a documentary video.

<https://share.streamlit.io/profbrockway/screeningtest/main/screeningtest.py>

Program And Project Purpose

This program provides full graphing and statistical reporting of a typical medical screening test given the test's parameters. The program reports the efficacy statistics for the specified test over a range of disease prevalences.

The project uses this tool to explore the effect of disease prevalence on the false positives rate.(FPR)

As a specific example this project models one of the Covid 19 antigen screening tests.

Project Documentation

This document and all the project files are hosted at GitHub: [Project ScreeningTest.py At Github](#) Using the above link may require a password. If so start the program and go to the Github documents via the web page "About" menu.

The program is self-documenting. See its web page "About" menu.

The "About" menu on the GUI guides the user to all files and documentation and a documentary video.

The GUI also contains contacts, error and feedback reporting etc.

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Program Input / Outputs

Inputs

- A GUI in the form of a web page:
 - The user will enter the following medical test statistics.
 - Test sensitivity.
 - Test specificity.
 - Start of population disease prevalence range of interest.
 - End of population disease prevalence range of interest.
 - Disease "Prevalence Of Interest". AKA "Prior Probability Of Infection".
 - A text annotation to label the program report.
 - Population.

Outputs

- A printable report on the input and calculated results.
- An interactive graph with:
 - x axis. The specified range of disease prevalences.
 - y axis: Any or all of the following:
 - False positive percentage.
 - False negative percentage.
 - Positive predictive value.
 - Negative predictive value.
 - False Positives (NPV)
 - False Negatives (NPV)
- The program permits the user to show or hide the variables to avoid clutter and examine different aspects of screening test performance.
- A display of a data grid showing the data generated from the users input and used for the plots.
 - The most interesting entries will be highlighted. The grid is fully scrollable.
- Error messages reporting errors in user's input.
- Standard webpage links to all documentation, code, error reporting, contacts etc.
- Optional downloads to users' computer:
 - A report on the screen test statistics as a text file.
 - The data grid as a CSV file with the plot data.
 - The data grid as an Excel file with the plot data.
 - The plots as static images.
 - The plots as an *interactive* html web pages.

COVID 19 Screening Tests: Background

Basics Of Medical Screening Tests Assumed

It is assumed the reader is familiar with the basics of medical screening tests, their statistical variables and the difficulties of estimating the test's efficacy. Those basics are well documented by the CDC, FDA and other websites. The statistical variables of screening tests are nicely summarized here: [Wiki](#). Additionally the program code itself explains all variables and calculations.

Evaluating Screening Tests Is Very Complicated

Judging the efficacy of screening tests is subtle and complicated. We can't go into this vast subject too deeply but it's important to keep in mind that simplistic summaries of screening tests using just sensitivity and specificity are extremely misleading. This fact should always be kept in mind when considering the Covid 19 screening tests and how effective they are in their stated role. The linked article gives an idea of the many pitfalls in research and practice of screening tests and their statistics. [FIS](#)

Medical Screening Tests And The Low Prevalence Problem

One of the many problems with medical screening tests is that the prevalence of the subject disease in the tested population effects the proportion of true positives and true negatives.

Uneven test accuracy and statistical challenges, especially in areas of low disease prevalence, further complicate use of antibody tests for individual decision making.

For example, a test with 98% specificity at 0.1% prevalence, the PPV would only be 4%, meaning that 96 out of 100 positive results would be false positives. [FDA](#)

Unfortunately, the false positive rate can be shockingly high. Based on the prevalence estimated throughout the US and serology studies in California, New York and Boston, the FPR (False Positive Rate) of antibody test results [for Covid 19] range from 2% to 88%. [Nature](#) (Refers to antibody tests but applies to all testing logic including the usually less accurate antigen screening tests.).

Definitions

The FDA definitions recommendations for creating and testing medical tests and all calculations performed by the program are here: [FDA](#).

The following are convenient simplifications of those definitions uses in this report.

"Screening test" or Test hereafter means the "antigen" type of quick result, at home, Covid 19 screening test. A typical example of a "test" would be the Abbott Binax NOW Rapid Antigen Test for SARS-CoV-2.

"Antigen test": Antigen tests look for fragments of proteins that make up the SARSCoV-2 virus to determine if the person has an active infection. [Types Of Covid Test. A nice summary](#)

"Prevalence": A COVID-19 case is counted as active and part of the disease population prevalence during the 14 days after it is confirmed. [Covid Tracker](#)

The Utility Of The Screening Tests Is Dubious

Screening tests are subject to many shortcomings.

Lack of knowledge about prevalence, asymptomatic cases, pre symptomatic cases, constantly evolving Covid variants, skills of tester, testee disease exposure, viral load, sensitivity, specificity, similarity of symptoms to many other diseases and many other variables affecting accuracy, seriously undermine the credibility of covid screening tests, especially when used for diagnosis or isolation. [ASM](#) [FDA](#).

The screening tests are NOT adequate for diagnosis.

As the antigen testing algorithms indicate, confirmatory testing may be needed regardless of the symptom or exposure status of the person being tested. Confirmatory testing should take place as soon as possible after the antigen test. [using a serological test] [CDC](#)

The claimed test accuracy assumes multiple applications of the test.

These tests are widely supposed to be effective in a single "quick" test. In fact the manufacturer's documentation states that it requires two tests separated by 36 hours, which is not consistent with the claim that these are "rapid" result. In any case I suggest that most self-testers will alter their behavior based on the first test and not repeat the tests or will not delay acting on the test until 36 hours later.

*The BinaxNOW™ COVID-19 Antigen Self-Test is a lateral flow immunoassay intended for the qualitative detection of nucleocapsid protein antigen from SARS-CoV-2 from individuals with or without symptoms or other epidemiological reasons to suspect COVID-19 infection **when tested twice over three days with at least 36 hours between tests.*** [Abbot](#)

The prevalence of Covid is unknown.

There is an absence of good estimates of the prevalence of Covid 19.

At the time of this writing there are few published, population-representative COVID-19 prevalence studies. [PNAS](#)

This lacuna and prevalence variability across time and space, alone put a large question mark over the results of the tests since the efficacy of the tests depend upon population prevalence.

... reliable prevalence estimates are limited. Prevalence, which affects predictive value estimates, can be considered unknown, and varies over time. [Nature](#)

Prevalence of Covid 19 appears to be typically less than 1%

Where measurement has been attempted the whole population prevalence of Covid 19 seems to be typically less than 1%. This is a very low prevalence and if accurate will play havoc with screening tests. [Covid Tracker](#)

Prevalence varies tremendously (a problem in itself) but such measurements as we have seem to put a typical range of prevalence between 0% and 3%. Brief peaks of as high as 33% are alleged but this peak occurred at a time of record low deaths, so make of that what you will.

- 1.25% to 3.09%. Highest prevalence as of Nov 2020 in UK: [Imperial College London](#)
- 0.05 of 1 percent. Case Prevalence in USA in June 29 2020. (1/1978) [Covid Tracker](#)
- 0.09 of 1 percent (1/107) Case Prevalence in USA in June 2020 peak. [Covid Tracker](#)
- 0.3 of 1 percent. The "Utah" Study. Prevalence very low: [Utah Study](#)

Our own randomized viral testing was conducted in Utah between May 4th and July 1st, 2020 and estimates that the prevalence of COVID-19 in Utah was 0.27%. [0.027]. At the same time, our method predicts a median viral prevalence of 0.3% [0.003]

Manufacturer's claims of accuracy have not been independently verified.

The tests are released under "emergency" FDA licenses and few of the manufacturer's claims of accuracy have been independently verified by the FDA or CDC.

Limited data have been published for these home tests given that they are available through EUAs [Emergency Use Authorization] that do not require clinical trials. [NCBI](#) [Covid Tests Untested PBS](#)

The claimed sensitivity and specificity are not "real world".

Sensitivity and specificity estimates shown may not be indicative of the real world performance of the tests. The number of samples in the panel is a minimally viable sample size that still provides reasonable estimates and confidence intervals for test performance, and the samples used may not be representative of the antibody profile observed in patient populations. [FDA](#)

One of the few evaluations by the CDC of an emergency approved test discovered that a test claiming to have a sensitivity of 99% proved in fact to have a sensitivity of 35.8% in uninfected and asymptomatic groups. [CDC](#)

WHO expects typical sensitivity to be 34% to 80%

Based on experience with influenza "the sensitivity of these [Covid 19 screening] tests might be expected to vary from 34% to 80%" [WHO](#). Clearly this is very different from the manufactures typical claims for sensitivity in the high 90's% which run counter to long experience and thus are suspect.

Asymptomatic and presymptomatic unknowns have a serious effect on test accuracy.

*Rapid antigen tests have received Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) for use in symptomatic persons, but **data are lacking on test performance in asymptomatic persons to inform expanded screening testing** to rapidly identify and isolate infected persons. [CDC](#) [CDC2](#)*

Among asymptomatic participants, antigen test sensitivity was 41.2%, specificity was 98.4%, and PPV in this population was 33.3%. This low PPV was observed despite a relatively high prevalence of SARS-CoV-2 in this population (5.2% prevalence overall; 2.0% among asymptomatic persons), suggesting that PPV could be even lower when using this antigen test among populations with lower expected SARS-CoV-2 prevalence. [CDC](#)

The rate of asymptomatic or presymptomatic covid cases is unknown.

The rates of asymptomatic or presymptomatic cases in the general population are uncertain. The few studies report such a wide range of percentages it would be more honest to say we have no idea what the general prevalence is.

Even the lowest estimate undermine the claimed reliability of the tests.

17% [JAMMI](#)
35% : [PNAS](#)
25% : [Nature](#)
50%: [PNAS](#)
56% [IJBS](#)
91% [Lancet](#)
98% [Shanghai](#)

Interpreting the tests is subjective & requires expert interpretation

*Interpreting the results of an antigen test for SARS-CoV-2 depends **primarily** on the clinical and epidemiological context of the person who has been tested (e.g., symptoms, close contact to others with COVID-19, setting in which they live, likelihood of alternative diagnoses, or disease prevalence in their geographic location). [CDC Guidance](#)*

In other words the result of the test is meaningless without the judgement of a skilled analyst and full and honest information about contact of the testee with the virus. This of course is impossible to perform with scientific consistency and accuracy in the sub-clinical settings for which the rapid tests are vaunted for use, such as at home, or mass screening in schools. Thus the CDC is allowing that these tests are not suited for the main purpose for which the FDA is "flooding" the country them.

I actually have been saying that for months and months and months – that we should be literally [stet] flooding the system with easily accessible, cheap, not needing a prescription, point of care, highly sensitive and highly specific, . And that in fact, you are going to be seeing more of that soon,"
[Fauci](#)

See also "there is an element of subjectivity in scoring the results" below.

Some tests are less effective or useless against new variants of Covid 19.

- Genetic variants of SARS-CoV-2 arise regularly, and false negative test results can occur.
- Test performance may be impacted by certain variants.
- Tests with single targets are more susceptible to changes in performance due to viral mutations, meaning they are more likely to fail to detect new variants. [FDA2](#)

Bias In estimating the test's efficacy "often" cannot be ruled out.

This point is not specific to the Covid 19 tests but it is one of the many difficulties of screening tests in general and reminds us to be a little sceptical, in particular with tests produced and released without usual evaluation in an "emergency".

*Sensitivity and specificity estimates (and other estimates of diagnostic performance) can be subject to bias. Biased estimates are systematically too high or too low. Biased sensitivity and specificity estimates will not equal the true sensitivity and specificity, on average. **Often the existence, size (magnitude), and direction of the bias cannot be determined.** Bias creates inaccurate estimates. [FDA](#)*

"Risk illiteracy" and lack of evidence based medicine

The linked article reveals widespread misconceptions about screening tests in the medical profession and general public. The article also underlines the dangers of misunderstanding the "accuracy" of screening tests. [WP](#) The article provides links to some worrying studies on medical testing in general.

In short the fact that these tests are approved by the CDC and recommended by doctors does *not* mean they are useful. In a time of panic and hysteria it would be easy to promulgate useless or even counterproductive measures. [JAMA](#) [NCBI](#) [NCBI2](#) [Overdiagnosis](#) Similar article. [Guardian](#)

"We are unsure whether combined screenings, repeated symptom assessment, or rapid laboratory tests are useful". [Cochrane Evidence Based Medicine](#)

CDC infers that screening tests are not determinative in symptomatic persons.

Confirmatory testing with an FDA-authorized nucleic acid amplification test (NAAT), such as RT-PCR, should be considered after negative antigen test results in symptomatic persons, and after positive antigen test results in asymptomatic persons. [CDC](#)

So if we have to subjectively decide if a testee is asymptomatic or not and then depending on the screening result use a laboratory test to get a meaningful result, are these tests really helping ?

The Abbott Binax NOW Rapid Antigen Test for SARS-CoV-2.

As a test case we use the screening test program to model a typical over the counter "Covid Instant Test" that might be used by (say) students at a university or at home: the Abbott Binax NOW Rapid Antigen Test for SARS-CoV-2. [Binax](#) The US Federal government is spending billions of dollars on this particular test for mass screening.

Manufacture's claimed "accuracy" is implausible

Binax Claims

On its "*BinaxNOW Performance*" web page the manufacturer vaunts a sensitivity of 93.3% on high viral load cases. [Abbot BinaxNOW Performance](#). This a selective use of data, and an improper context for the statistic and highly misleading. (Below)

Shortcomings not mentioned

Except for the statement "*The BinaxNOW COVID-19 Ag Card has not been FDA cleared or approved*" the web page does not mention any of the qualifications and shortcomings listed below. (For example the CDC found the real world sensitivity could be as low as 35.8%).

Binax literature cites misleading and inappropriate statistics.

Abbott's BinaxNOW COVID-19 antigen self-test has an accuracy rate of 84.6% for detecting Covid-19 infections, and 98.5% for correctly identifying Covid-19 negatives. [Binxx Sales Documentation](#).

Since "*accuracy rate*" is not a term mentioned by the CDC definitions (above) we must assume Binax is referring to the sensitivity and specificity. Using sensitivity and specificity in this context is wrong. The accuracy for screen testing individuals *should* be cited using the PPV and NPV.

Of particular importance, although it is desirable to have tests with high sensitivity and specificity, the values for those two metrics should not be relied on when making decisions about individual people in screening situations. In that second context, use of PPVs and NPVs is more appropriate. [FIM](#)

Why would Binax do this ? Could it be because the sensitivity and specificity are (or can easily be made to be) impressively high numbers like 99.9 % which creates a false sense of confidence in the test compared with a PPV of (say) 60% ? Misleading statistics like these are readily picked up and passed on by an uncritical media. [Time](#)

CDC says manufactures Binax accuracy is greatly exaggerated.

Binax is one of the few "emergency" approved tests that have been tested by the government. CDC Evaluation of Abbott BinaxNOW Rapid Antigen Test for SARS-CoV-2. [CDC](#)

.. the BinaxNOW antigen test had a sensitivity of 64.2% for specimens from symptomatic persons and 35.8% for specimens from asymptomatic persons.

Contrast this to the manufacturer's flat claim of sensitivity of 98.5%.

Poor studies ?

The quality of studies cited by the manufacturer (Abbot) as underlying their claims, seem less than ideal. A quick look at just one of them reveals some rather glaring shortcomings. ([MedxRiv](#)) :

- The study was deliberately conducted where prevalence was abnormally high. Why ?
- The study excluded people under 10 years of age.
When tested on children under two the test sensitivity was a ridiculous 7.6%. [JID](#).
This and the extremely small percentage of Covid deaths in children make it reasonable to assume younger people are less affected by covid 19 and may be presumed to be more asymptomatic. BinaxNow is "indicated" for anyone over 2. [Abbot](#) So this leaves a group of disproportionately asymptomatic people ages 2 through 9 out of the sample, leading to an exaggeration of sensitivity.
- The study used self-selecting subjects in a public place where - absent proof to the contrary - it may be assumed subjects who sought testing were more likely to believe they were infected. (That is more symptomatic or having a high expectation of having been exposed). This is like calibrating a screening test for Aids in an needle exchange clinic. The results would hardly be representative.
- " *there is an element of subjectivity in scoring the results* ".
The result stripe on the test paper is often ambiguous and subjective in interpretation. So much so that the test requires "*supplementary technician training*". This is not consistent with the vaunted "in home" use for which the US Government is using this test in staggering numbers. The complexity of interpreting the test is underscored by the complicated decision diagram for the test. [binax-training](#). Studies confirm lower accuracy when not administered by a professional.

Our results, however, indicate that home use of these rapid COVID-19 diagnostics as self/caregiver-operated tests may decrease this already lowered sensitivity even further.
[Nature](#)

- The sensitivity claimed by Binax depended on a disputed variable "*the range [viral load] thought to be the most transmissible*". A "*conservative*" estimate of this variable estimate reduced the (claimed) specificity by 5% to 93.8% even in an unrepresentative high prevalence level. Why was a non-conservative value used in the Binax conclusions ? ([MedxRiv](#))
- Initially the study found that, *using the manufacturer's proposed criteria, 9/14 Binax-CoV2 (+) tests (64%) in this population were likely false positives..... Clearly, these initial criteria were problematic. Therefore, on subsequent test days, we evaluated additional criteria for classifying a band as positive, in consultation with experts from the manufacturer's research staff.*

Prima facie this seems an example of special pleading using highly subjective criteria and a lack of independence between tester and testee. A CDC review which reverted to the maximum sensitivity of 64% in symptomatic persons. [CDC](#)

A scenario for the simulation on our computer model:

Unfortunately nobody gets paid for saying "*I don't know*".

Here's a fact of life: nobody gets paid for saying "*I don't know*".

Some get paid for saying nothing. Like psychologists and corrupt witnesses.

This is a problem for science based medicine. In the case of Covid 19 "*I don't know*" and it's even less popular partner "*It's not possible to know*" *should be* the most frequent answer to many of the most vital questions concerning screening tests.

The efficacy of a screening test depends on variables that are hard to quantify and haven't be quantified. Sensitivity, specificity, prevalence, asymptomatic rate, and viral load are all variables whose value is highly debatable and variable but each can make a huge difference to the practical usefulness of a screening test. Even apparently small differences in these values can have a disproportionate effect on results.

These fundamental uncertainties are confounded further by the sometimes counterintuitive interaction of the uncertain variables. For example a small decrease in specificity (a measure of false negatives) can (surprisingly) create a large increase in false positives. So having the exact Specificity is extremely important but - like almost all the other variables - is highly uncertain.

In the face of this complexity and lack of information any definitive statement about performance and role and utility of Covid screening tests is not justified by evidence based medicine. There I said it. But I didn't get paid for saying it so the claim above stands.

So we will use the screening test model to simulate a variety of what I believe to be more realistic scenarios. If nothing else this should demonstrate how these indeterminate variables create uncertainty about the Binax and other Covid screening tests.

Focus on false positives

We will focus our simulations on the relationship between prevalence and false positives. This in order to limit the scope of the project.

The Scenario. Testing students at a school

Imagine all the students at a university being screened using the Binax kit on the first day of term.

Parameters we will use.

There are an infinite range of combinations of the screening test parameters, so I will pick a few scenarios to document from the most interesting or (in my opinion) realistic ranges. The model is flexible and the user can play with other scenarios.

Asymptomatic Cases 60%

Asymptomatic cases in the general population is anywhere between 25% and 91%. (See above). Given the arbitrary and unknown value for this important parameter I felt justified in placing the value at a fairly high rate. Young people are more likely to experience low and absent symptoms. Also students who have symptoms or feel unwell will tend to not attend and thus not be tested.

Although higher rates of asymptomatic testees decreases accuracy of the tests the model has no code to account for this. So this variable is listed as documentation not an active input.

Sensitivity:

The sensitivity the main prevalence comparison will be 64.2%.

I feel justified using 64.2%. The 64% sensitivity for symptomatic persons is the highest sensitivity established by (putatively) independent CDC testing.

Yes medical studies are complex and often add to rather than reduce confusion. I am not claiming the sensitivity is known in this case. The WHO expects, based on experience with influenza, *"the sensitivity of these [Covid 19 screening] tests might be expected to vary from 34% to 80%"*. So the CDC value is more in line with historic experience than much higher numbers well outside the WHO interval, being claimed by the manufacturer. [WHO](#).

Bear in mind that even this appallingly low level of specificity (64.2%.) assumes high prevalence, low asymptomatic cases and unrepresentatively skilled testers. None of these things obtain (probably) in either real world screening scenarios or those assumed for this evaluation.

We'll also test some combination of 35.8%. 50% and 64.2% per CDC and 93.3% per Binax as time permits.

Specificity: 90% to 98.5%.

The manufacturer claims a specificity of 98.5 %. I have not had time to research the specificity. However the false claims about sensitivity have made me very dubious about all claims for this test. Like those dictatorships where 99.9% are supposed to have voted for the glorious leader. One becomes skeptical. Although I will model the manufactures claim, I feel more than justified in trying modestly lower values for specificity.

Prevalence range:

The comparative prevalence will be 1%.

See " *Prevalence of Covid 19 is typically less than 1%*" above.

But we will vary the prevalence from 1 % to 5%

Results Of The Covid 19 Test Case:

Conclusion

I tested a variety of what I believe to be realistic scenarios.

The reports of the scenarios modeled are listed below and are self-documenting.

One scenario using the variables most favorable to the Binax test and a prevalence of 1% the model predicts 69% of positives are false. Running the same scenario at an unrealistic 5% prevalence rate we still get about 1 in 3 false positives. This seems so appalling I cannot convince myself that I am not missing something. Doubtless I am.

These and other runs of the model persuade me that:

- (1) Covid antigen screening tests can be rendered worse than useless by adverse (low but realistic) prevalence. At high asymptomatic rates (using the CDC level of sensitivity for that condition) and a prevalence of 1% essentially all positives will be false. (96%)
- (2) The model confirms that if I am right about the uncertainty of the values of the main test parameters and other variables then we have absolutely no idea whether the current Covid 19 mass screening program is helpful or counterproductive.
- (3) The results of the model at prevalences up to 5% are not consistent with some of the manufactures performance claims, particularly the following statement:

A positive test result means it is very likely you have COVID-19 and it is important to be under the care of your healthcare provider. [Binax Insert](#)

According to the model exactly the reverse can easily be true.

High Asymptomatic rates. CDC Sensitivity. Slightly lower Specification.

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1% prevalence.

CDC Sensitivity for High Asymptomatic rates
Slightly lower than manufacturers Specification.

**** Inputs specifying the simulation. ****

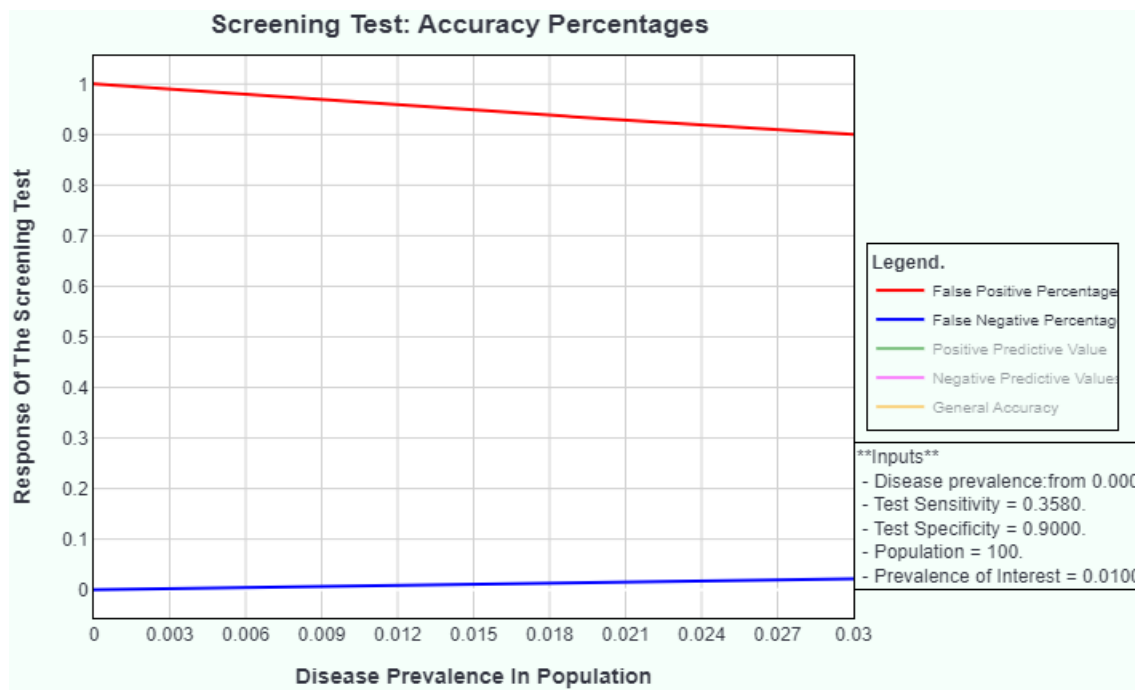
- In this simulation the disease prevalence varies from 0.00000 to 0.03000.
- Test Sensitivity = 0.3580.
- Test Specificity = 0.9000. Binax says 98%.
- Plot Prevalence Start = 0.00000.
- Plot Prevalence End = 0.03000.
- Population = 100.

**** The range of false results. ****

- The false positive rate varies from 1.00000 to 0.90032.
- The false negative rate varies from 0.00000 to 0.02159.

**** At The Prevalence Of Interest = 0.010000. ****

- About 0.96 of all positives are false.
- About 0.01 of all negatives are false.
- Positive Predictive Value (PPV) = 0.0356.
- Negative Predictive Value (NPV) = 0.9927.
- Claimed True Positives = 0.37.
- Claimed False Positives = 9.90.
- Claimed True Negatives = 89.08.
- Claimed False Negatives = 0.65.



High Asymptomatic rates. CDC Sensitivity. Binax High Specification

REPORT ON YOUR SCREENING TEST

1% prevalence.

CDC Sensitivity for High Asymptomatic rates.

Binax highest Specification.

**** Inputs specifying the simulation. ****

-- In this simulation the disease prevalence varies from 0.00000 to 0.03000.

-- Test Sensitivity = 0.3580.

-- Test Specificity = 0.9850.

-- Plot Prevalence Start = 0.00000.

-- Plot Prevalence End = 0.03000.

-- Population = 100.

**** The range of false results. ****

-- The false positive rate varies from 1.00000 to 0.57533.

-- The false negative rate varies from 0.00000 to 0.01976.

**** At The Prevalence Of Interest = 0.010000. ****

-- About 0.80 of all positives are false.

-- About 0.01 of all negatives are false.

-- Positive Predictive Value (PPV) = 0.1974.

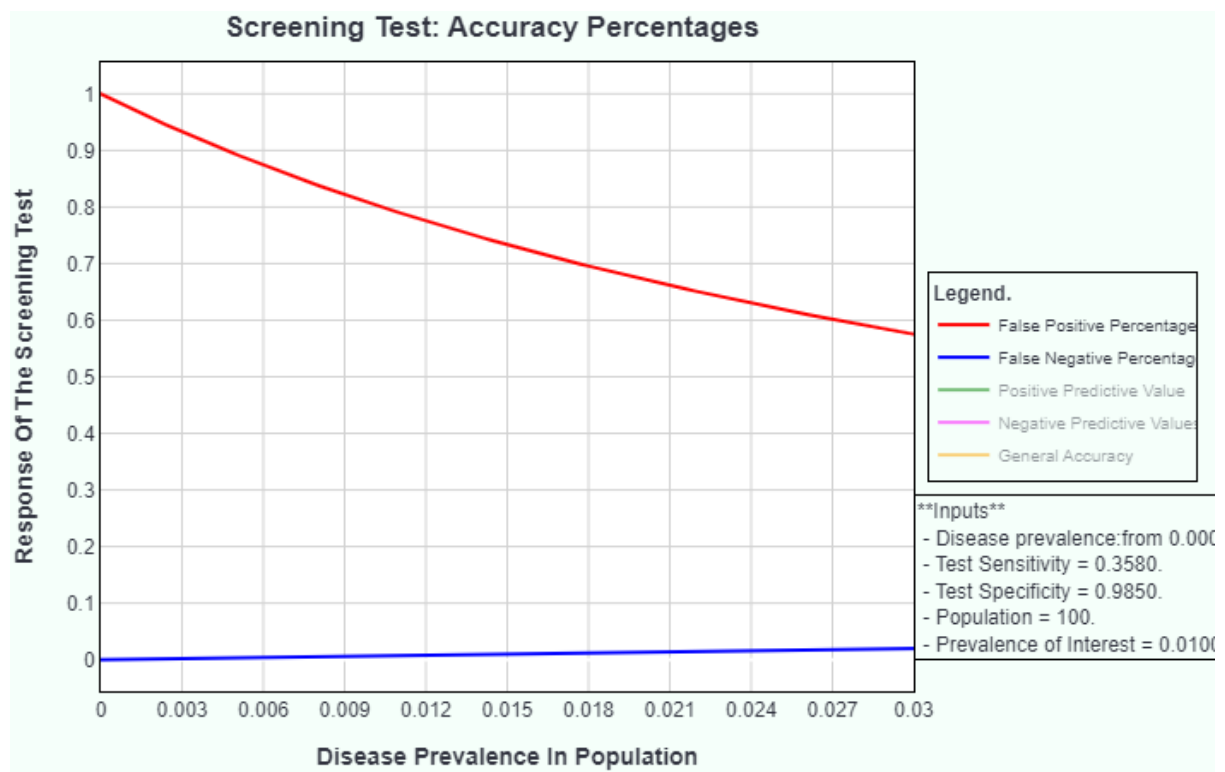
-- Negative Predictive Value (NPV) = 0.9933.

-- Claimed True Positives = 0.37.

-- Claimed False Positives = 1.48.

-- Claimed True Negatives = 97.50.

-- Claimed False Negatives = 0.65.



Best Case For Binax 1% prevalence

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Best Case For Binax 1% prevalence.
Sensitivity. CDC Symptomatic level.
Specificity highest as claimed by manufacturer.

**** Inputs specifying the simulation. ****

- In this simulation the disease prevalence varies from 0.00000 to 0.06000.
- Test Sensitivity = 0.6420.
- Test Specificity = 0.9850.
- Plot Prevalence Start = 0.00000.
- Plot Prevalence End = 0.06000.
- Population = 100.

**** The range of false results. ****

- The false positive rate varies from 1.00000 to 0.26796.
- The false negative rate varies from 0.00000 to 0.02267.

**** At The Prevalence Of Interest = 0.010000. ****

- About 0.69 of all positives are false.
- About 0.00 of all negatives are false.
- Positive Predictive Value (PPV) = 0.3061.
- Negative Predictive Value (NPV) = 0.9963.
- Claimed True Positives = 0.65.
- Claimed False Positives = 1.48

Best Case For Binax 2% prevalence

REPORT ON YOUR SCREENING TEST

Best Case For Binax 2% prevalence.
Sensitivity. CDC Symptomatic level.
Specificity highest as claimed by manufacturer.

**** Inputs specifying the simulation. ****

- In this simulation the disease prevalence varies from 0.00000 to 0.06000.
- Test Sensitivity = 0.6420.
- Test Specificity = 0.9850.
- Plot Prevalence Start = 0.00000.
- Plot Prevalence End = 0.06000.
- Population = 100.

**** The range of false results. ****

- The false positive rate varies from 1.00000 to 0.26796.
- The false negative rate varies from 0.00000 to 0.02267.

**** At The Prevalence Of Interest = 0.020000. ****

- About 0.53 of all positives are false.
- About 0.01 of all negatives are false.
- Positive Predictive Value (PPV) = 0.4713.
- Negative Predictive Value (NPV) = 0.9925.
- Claimed True Positives = 1.31.
- Claimed False Positives = 1.47.

Best Case For Binax 3% prevalence

REPORT ON YOUR SCREENING TEST

Best Case For Binax 3% prevalence.
Sensitivity. CDC Symptomatic level.
Specificity highest as claimed by manufacturer.

**** Inputs specifying the simulation. ****

- In this simulation the disease prevalence varies from 0.00000 to 0.06000.
- Test Sensitivity = 0.6420.
- Test Specificity = 0.9850.
- Plot Prevalence Start = 0.00000.
- Plot Prevalence End = 0.06000.
- Population = 100.

**** The range of false results. ****

- The false positive rate varies from 1.00000 to 0.26796.
- The false negative rate varies from 0.00000 to 0.02267.

**** At The Prevalence Of Interest = 0.030000. ****

- About 0.43 of all positives are false.
- About 0.01 of all negatives are false.
- Positive Predictive Value (PPV) = 0.5747.
- Negative Predictive Value (NPV) = 0.9887.
- Claimed True Positives = 1.96.
- Claimed False Positives = 1.45.
- Claimed True Negatives = 95.49.
- Claimed False Negatives = 1.10.

Best Case For Binax 5% prevalence

REPORT ON YOUR SCREENING TEST

Best Case For Binax 5% prevalence.
Sensitivity highest. Symptomatic level.
Specificity highest as claimed by manufacturer.

** Inputs specifying the simulation. **

-- In this simulation the disease prevalence varies from 0.00000 to 0.06000.
-- Test Sensitivity = 0.6420.
-- Test Specificity = 0.9850.
-- Plot Prevalence Start = 0.00000.
-- Plot Prevalence End = 0.06000.
-- Population = 100.

** The range of false results. **

-- The false positive rate varies from 1.00000 to 0.26796.
-- The false negative rate varies from 0.00000 to 0.02267.

** At The Prevalence Of Interest = 0.050000. **

-- About 0.31 of all positives are false.
-- About 0.02 of all negatives are false.
-- Positive Predictive Value (PPV) = 0.6943.
-- Negative Predictive Value (NPV) = 0.9811.
-- Claimed True Positives = 3.24.
-- Claimed False Positives = 1.42.
-- Claimed True Negatives = 93.54.
-- Claimed False Negatives = 1.80.