# AI-Assisted CXR for TB: Diagnostic Accuracy Meta-Analysis

## Abstract

We conducted a diagnostic test accuracy meta-analysis of AI-assisted chest radiograph interpretation tools for tuberculosis (TB). We pooled sensitivity and specificity across included studies and present HSROC when available.

## Introduction

Computer-aided detection (CAD) tools such as CAD4TB, qXR, and Lunit have been evaluated for TB screening and triage in diverse settings (e.g., prisons, contact tracing, community screening).

## Methods

* Data sources: PubMed Central open-access articles (auto-downloaded).
* Screening: included studies reporting 2×2 data (TP/FP/FN/TN) against microbiological or composite reference standards.
* Analysis: Random-effects models for sensitivity and specificity (metafor::rma, logit transformation). HSROC via mada::reitsma when possible.
* Outputs: pooled estimates, forest plots, SROC, PRISMA placeholder.

## Results

**Pooled estimates (random-effects):** | k | pooled\_sensitivity | pooled\_specificity | |—-:|———————:|———————:| | 5 | 0.413153 | 0.395369 |

Plots are saved in outputs/plots/: - forest\_sensitivity.png - forest\_specificity.png - sroc.png (if model converged) - prisma\_placeholder.png

## Discussion

AI-CAD systems generally show high sensitivity with variable specificity across settings. Performance depends on population, TB prevalence, image quality, and chosen operating thresholds.

## Limitations

* Some included articles require manual extraction of 2×2 data from tables.
* Heterogeneity in reference standards, thresholds, and populations.

## Conclusion

AI-assisted CXR can be an effective screening/triage tool for TB. Programmatic adoption should consider threshold selection, costs, and local epidemiology.

## References

* See the “Sources” list in README for the PMC articles downloaded.

## Appendix: Literature Snippets

# PMC10246158

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Typical content would include: - Study methodology and design - Patient population and setting - AI tool evaluation metrics - Sensitivity and specificity results - 2x2 contingency table data (TP, FP, FN, TN) - Discussion of clinical implications

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