

# Cost BLCM Workshop - Welcome and Intro

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# Welcome

Please introduce yourself

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# Learning aims

By attending this training, participants will:

- Perceive the logic of latent class models and their applicability in diagnostic accuracy studies in veterinary medicine
- Get acquainted with BLCMs basic principles & challenges
- Perform hands-on training on Se/Sp estimation with BLCMs
- Understand the importance of standards for reporting of diagnostic accuracy studies that use BLCMs (STARD-BLCMs)



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# Schedule today

| Date                   | Start | End   | Speaker(s)                            | Title                                 |
|------------------------|-------|-------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Wednesday 14 July 2021 |       |       | Lecture Room Y17-M-05                 |                                       |
|                        | 9:00  | 10:15 | Sonja Hartnack & Valerie Hungerbühler | Welcome & Introduction                |
|                        | 10:15 | 11:15 | Sonja Hartnack                        | Brief historical sketch of BLCMs      |
|                        | 11:15 | 11:45 | Coffee break                          |                                       |
|                        | 11:45 | 12:20 | Sonja Hartnack & Valerie Hungerbühler | Hands-on Hui-Walter models I          |
|                        | 12:20 | 12:55 | Sonja Hartnack                        | Hands-on Hui-Walter models II         |
|                        | 12:55 | 14:00 | Lunch Break                           |                                       |
|                        | 14:00 | 14:30 | Sonja Hartnack                        | Conditional dependencies              |
|                        | 14:30 | 15:00 | Sonja Hartnack & Valerie Hungerbühler | Hands-on exercises                    |
|                        | 15:00 | 15:30 | Sonja Hartnack & Valerie Hungerbühler | Hands-on exercises                    |
|                        | 15:30 | 16:00 | Coffee break                          |                                       |
|                        | 16:00 | 16:30 | Sonja Hartnack & HARMONY consortium   | Question rounds to core group experts |
|                        | 16:30 | 17:00 | Sonja Hartnack                        | MCMC modeling                         |

# Schedule tomorrow

| Date                  | Start | End   | Speaker(s)                            | Title   |
|-----------------------|-------|-------|---------------------------------------|---|
| Thursday 15 July 2021 |       |       | Lecture Room Y17-M-05                 |   |
|                       | 9:00  | 10:15 | Sonja Hartnack                        | Diagnostics (DIC, psrf, autocorrelation)      |
|                       | 10:15 | 11:15 | Sonja Hartnack & Valerie Hungerbühler | Exercises                                     |
|                       | 11:15 | 11:45 | Coffee break                          |   |
|                       | 11:45 | 12:20 | Sonja Hartnack                        | Covariates                                    |
|                       | 12:20 | 12:55 | Sonja Hartnack & Valerie Hungerbühler | Hands-on BLCMs with covariates I              |
|                       | 12:55 | 14:00 | Lunch Break                           |   |
|                       | 14:00 | 14:30 | Sonja Hartnack                        | Hands-on BLCMs with covariates II             |
|                       | 14:30 | 15:00 | Sonja Hartnack & Valerie Hungerbühler | Hands-on BLCMs with covariates III            |
|                       | 15:00 | 15:30 | Sonja Hartnack & HARMONY consortium   | Question rounds to core group experts         |
|                       | 15:30 | 16:00 | Coffee break                          |   |
|                       | 16:00 | 16:30 | Sonja Hartnack                        | General aspects of diagnostic test evaluation |
|                       | 16:30 | 17:00 | Sonja Hartnack & Valerie Hungerbühler | Group work and paper discussion               |

# Schedule Friday

| Date                | Start | End   | Speaker(s)                            | Title  |
|---------------------|-------|-------|---------------------------------------|--|
| Friday 16 July 2021 |       |       | Lecture Room Y17-M-05                 |  |
|                     | 9:00  | 10:15 | Sonja Hartnack                        | STARD guidelines                                       |
|                     | 10:15 | 11:15 | Sonja Hartnack & Valerie Hungerbühler | Group work evaluation of a paper with STARD guidelines |
|                     | 11:15 | 11:45 | Coffee break                          |  |
|                     | 11:45 | 12:20 | Sonja Hartnack                        | Sensitivity analysis                                   |
|                     | 12:20 | 12:55 | Sonja Hartnack & Valerie Hungerbühler | Hands-on sensitivity analysis I                        |
|                     | 12:55 | 14:00 | Lunch Break                           |  |
|                     | 14:00 | 14:30 | Sonja Hartnack & Valerie Hungerbühler | Hands-on sensitivity analysis II                       |
|                     | 14:30 | 15:00 | Sonja Hartnack                        | Final remarks & closure                                |

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- ▶ Please wear masks inside all buildings
- ▶ Please keep distance 1.5 m
- ▶ In case you get sick with COVID-19 symptoms, please leave

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## **Performance of VivaDiag COVID-19 IgM/IgG Rapid Test is inadequate for diagnosis of COVID-19 in acute patients referring to emergency room department**

Irene Cassaniti, Federica Novazzi, Federica Giardina, Francesco Salinaro, Michele Sachs, Stefano Perlini, Raffaele Bruno, Francesco Mojoli, Fausto Baldanti  ... [See all authors](#) 

First published: 30 March 2020 | <https://doi.org/10.1002/jmv.25800>  | Citations: 61

# Evaluation of diagnostic test accuracies


- ▶ «... indeed, when an existing test is considered as a reference, this suggests that the test in question is always correct, and that all misclassifications (false negatives, false positives) are due to the new test...»
- ▶ «Consequently, the new test will **never** be able to achieve sensitivity of 100%, since it is considered responsible for all misclassifications.»

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|----------|----------|---------|-----|
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- $Se_1$ ,  $Se_2$  and  $Sp_1$ ,  $Sp_2$ ?



# Evaluation of diagnostic test accuracies in the absence of a true gold standard

## JOURNAL OF MEDICAL VIROLOGY

LETTER TO THE EDITOR |  Open Access |

### Bayesian latent class models to estimate diagnostic test accuracies of COVID-19 tests

Sonja Hartnack , Paolo Eusebi, Polychronis Kostoulas

First published: 08 August 2020 | <https://doi.org/10.1002/jmv.26405> 

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# Historical sketch LCM

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Population 1

|    |     | T2+                    | T2-                          |
|----|-----|------------------------|------------------------------|
| D+ | T1+ | $P1 * Se1 * Se2$       | $P1 * Se1 * (1 - Se2)$       |
|    | T1- | $P1 * (1 - Se1) * Se2$ | $P1 * (1 - Se1) * (1 - Se2)$ |

|    |     | T2+                                | T2-                          |
|----|-----|------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| D- | T1+ | $(1 - P1) * (1 - Sp1) * (1 - Sp2)$ | $(1 - P1) * (1 - Sp1) * Sp2$ |
|    | T1- | $(1 - P1) * Sp1 * (1 - Sp2)$       | $(1 - P1) * Sp1 * Sp2$       |

## Terminology *latent*

- ▶ The true infection status of an individual is unobserved, hence *latent*
- ▶ Instead of individuals being explicitly classified as *infected* or *uninfected*, each individual is assumed to have a probability of infection, given the combination of an observed diagnostic test outcome, knowledge on sensitivity and specificity and prior knowledge of disease prevalence in the population of interest (Cheung et al. 2021).
- ▶ In a BLCM *latent* does mean something different as in a “latent herpes infection”.

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$$T1+T2+: P1*Se1*Se2+(1-P1)*(1-Sp1)*(1-Sp2)$$

$$T1+T2-: P1*Se1*(1-Se2)+(1-P1)*(1-Sp1)*Sp2$$

$$T1-T2+: P1*(1-Se1)*Se2+(1-P1)*Sp1*(1-Sp2)$$

$$T1-T2-: P1*(1-Se1)*(1-Se2)+(1-P1)*Sp1*Sp2$$

- 5 parameter and 3 degrees of freedom

- Non identifiable model

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Population 2

$$T1+T2+: P2*Se1*Se2+(1-P2)*(1-Sp1)*(1-Sp2)$$

$$T1+T2-: P2*Se1*(1-Se2)+(1-P2)*(1-Sp1)*Sp2$$

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Identifiable model!

$$6=6$$

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**TABLE 2.** Maximum Number of Estimable Parameters and Number of Parameters to Be Estimated in the Absence of Conditional Independence and Under Conditional Independence as a Function of the Number of Tests per Subject

| Number of Tests | Maximum Number of Estimable Parameters | Parameters to be Estimated Under Conditional Dependence | Parameters to Be Estimated Under Conditional Independence |
|-----------------|--|---|---|
| 1               | 1                                      | 3   | 3   |
| 2               | 3                                      | 7   | 5   |
| 3               | 7                                      | 15  | 7   |
| 4               | 15                                     | 31  | 9   |
| 5               | 31                                     | 63  | 11  |
| $h$             | $2^h - 1$                              | $2^{h+1} - 1$   | $2h + 1$  |

Berkvens D et al. (2006) Estimating Disease Prevalence in a Bayesian Framework Using Probabilistic Constraints.  
doi: 10.1097/01.ede.0000198422.64801.8d



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  - ▶ prevalence  $\pi = P(D+)$ , sensitivity  $Se_i = P(T_i + | D+)$ , specificity  $Sp_i = P(T_i - | D-)$
  - ▶ prior beta distributions  $\pi \sim \text{Beta}(a_\pi, b_\pi)$ ,  $Se_i \sim \text{Beta}(a_{Se_i}, b_{Se_i})$ ,  $Sp_i \sim \text{Beta}(a_{Sp_i}, b_{Sp_i})$
  - ▶ *posterior*  $\propto$  *likelihood*  $\cdot$  *prior*

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- ▶ 2017 Kostoulas et al. STARD-BLCM: Standards for the Reporting of Diagnostic accuracy studies that use Bayesian

## 2.2.2. Samples from animals of unknown status

When the so-called reference standard is imperfect, which is the rule with any diagnostic tests, estimates of DSe and DS<sub>p</sub> for the candidate assay based on this standard will be flawed. A way to overcome this problem is to perform a latent class analysis of the joint results of the two tests assuming neither test is perfect.

Latent-class models do not rely on the assumption of a perfect reference test but rather estimate the accuracy of the candidate test and the reference standard with the joint test results (Branscum et al., 2005; Enøe et al., 2000; Georgiadis et al., 2003; Hui & Walter, 1980). If a Bayesian latent class analysis is used, prior knowledge about the performance of the reference test and the candidate test can be incorporated into the analysis.

Because these statistical models are complex and require critical assumptions, statistical assistance should be sought to help guide the analysis and describe the sampling from the target population(s), the characteristics of other tests included in the analysis, the appropriate choice of model and the estimation methods based on peer-reviewed literature (see *Terrestrial Manual* Chapter 3.6.5 [footnote <sup>14</sup>] for details).



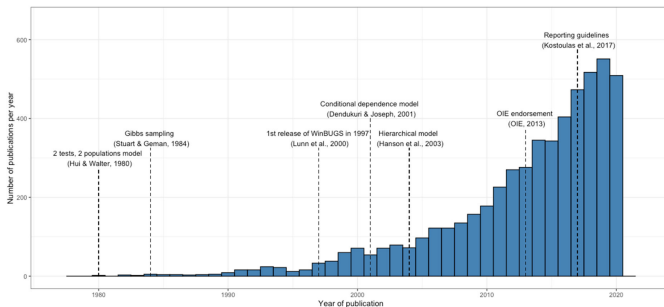


Fig. 2

Frequency histogram of the number of peer-reviewed articles published on latent class analysis when there is an imperfect reference test

End of intro

Any questions so far?