



# ***Analytical and Clinical Studies Design Considerations for IVD Devices***

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Risks, Absolute risks, Relative risks.

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# **I. Introduction**



# What Type are Device Outputs

How results of the device are reported to a physician?

**Qualitative test:** binary outputs or  
with multiple outputs of nominal type

Qualitative test: with 2 outputs (negative, positive)  
with multiple outcomes  
(e.g. genotyping of HCV with multiple  
outputs as 1a, 1b, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6)

## Nominal

- Nominal refers to data such as names/categories (nominal=name).
- For example, five different genotypes. May have numbers assigned, not for arithmetic purpose.



# What Type are Device Outputs

How results of the device are reported to a physician?

**Quantitative test:** The amount or concentration of an analyte is measured and expressed as a numerical quantity value in measurements units.

**Differential** (comparison by subtraction but not by division: temperature of a system in F or C),

**Rational** (also comparison by division applies, zero exists: temperature of a system in K)

- Values that can be subtracted and can be divided:  
Total PSA: values 50, 100, 150 (units)

Linearity of the device should be evaluated.



# What Type are Device Outputs

How results of the device are reported to a physician?

## **Semi-Quantitative test**

### **Examples:**

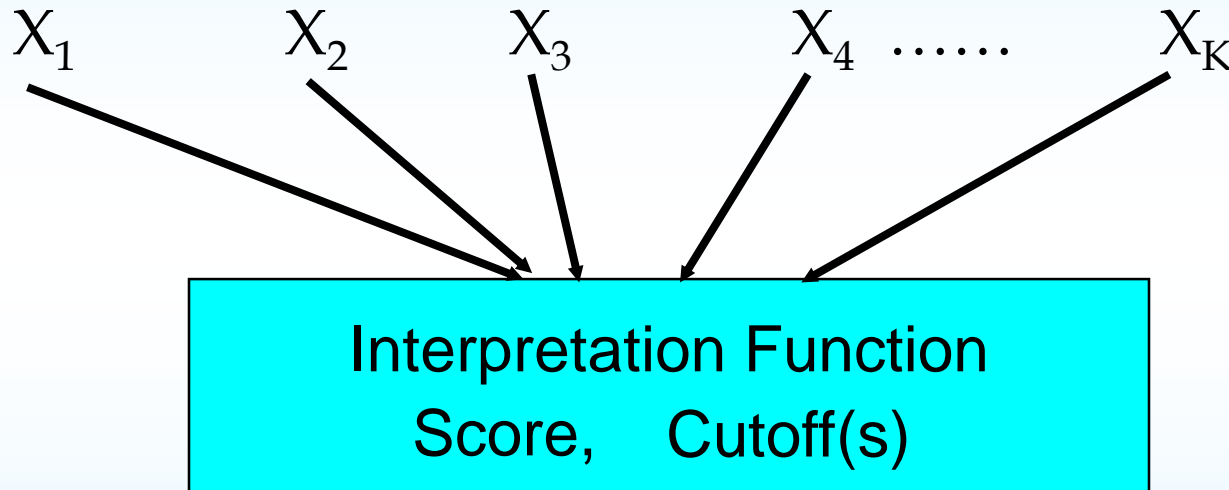
#### **Ordinal** ( related to “order”)

- Ordinal refers to quantities that have an ordering – order matters but not the difference between values. For example, urine dipstick with outputs: neg, trace, 1+, 2+, 3+.

# Score (Index) Test

A device that:

*Combines the values of multiple variables using an interpretation function to yield a single, patient-specific result (“score”, “index”).*




- ❑ One cutoff for numeric value of the score => qualitative test;
- ❑ Multiple cutoffs: semi-quantitative test  
(e.g., “low risk”, “medium risk”, “high risk”).



# **Intended Use Statement (how/by whom device is used)**

- ☐ What is the device measuring, identifying or detecting? (analyte, organism, .. )
- ☐ Specimen types, matrix (whole blood, serum,..)
- ☐ Conditions for use (hospital lab, home use,..)
- ☐ What type of data output?  
(quantitative, qualitative, semi-quantitative)





# Indication for Use Statement (for what/on whom device is used)

## ☐ *Target condition*

- a particular disease, a disease stage, health status, or any other identifiable condition of event within a patient

## ☐ *Target population* (intended use population)

- those subjects for whom the test is intended to be used

## ☐ *Medical Testing Contexts*

- as, for screening, diagnosis, monitoring, prognosis, etc.

# ***Examples of Medical Testing Contexts for cancer IVDs***

- ❑ **Diagnosis:** target condition is present or not during the time of testing;
- ❑ **Screening:** maybe in a general population (asymptomatic subjects at average risk) or a subpopulation (subjects at high risk);
- ❑ **Risk assessment:** assessment of predisposition to disease in future;
- ❑ **Monitoring:** is therapy working for a patient?;

\* This is not a complete list



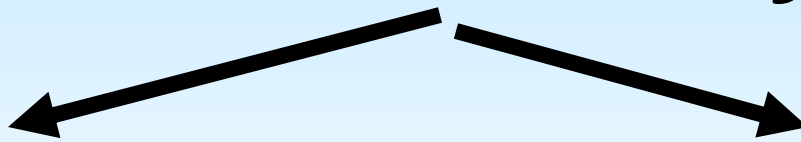
# Intended Use/Indication For Use

## Example

The HPV HR test is an *in vitro* diagnostic test for the qualitative detection of DNA from 14 high-risk Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) types (16, 18, 31, 33, 35, 39, 45, 51, 52, 56, 58, 59, 66, and 68) in cervical specimens. *To screen patients with atypical squamous cells of undetermined significance (ASCUS) cervical cytology results to determine the need for referral to colposcopy.*



# Medical Laboratory Test



Analytical  
performance  
(measuring device)

Clinical  
performance  
(related to the claim)

**Analytical performance**—does the test measure (detect) the analyte I think it does? Correctly? How reproducibly?



CLSI documents are  
major sources  
of terminology, study design,  
and statistical analysis

**Clinical performance**—is a patient test result associated with the expected clinical presentation of this patient?



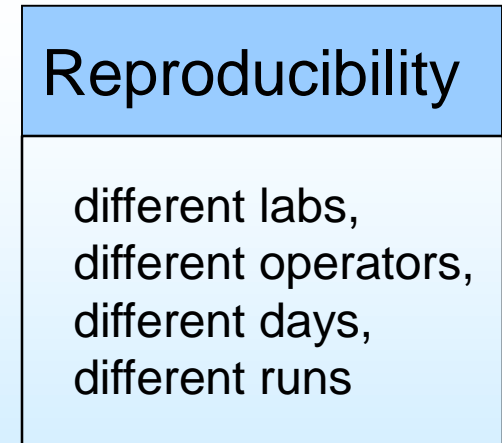
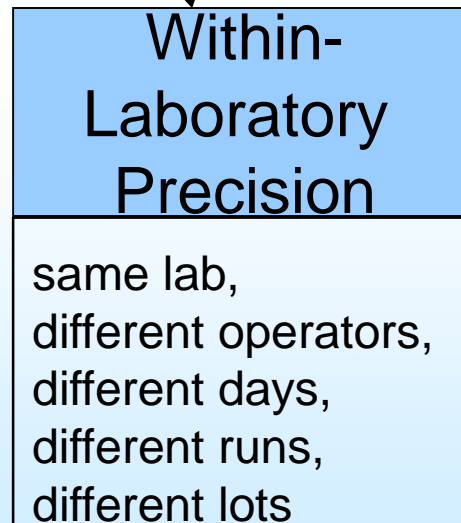
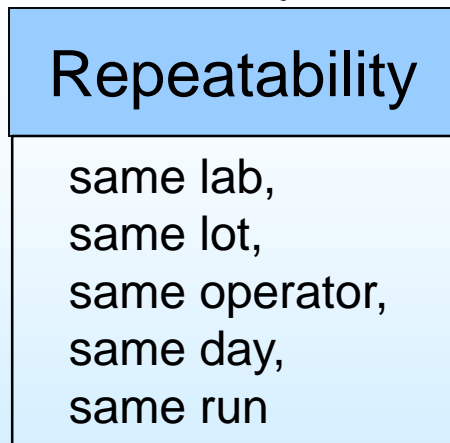
## **II. Precision**



# Precision Studies

## Precision

closeness of agreement between ... measured quantity values obtained by replicate measurements on the same .. objects under specified conditions.  
NOTE: The 'specified conditions' can be, for example, repeatability conditions of measurement, intermediate precision conditions of measurement, or reproducibility conditions of measurement.





# Precision Studies

## Example of reproducibility study

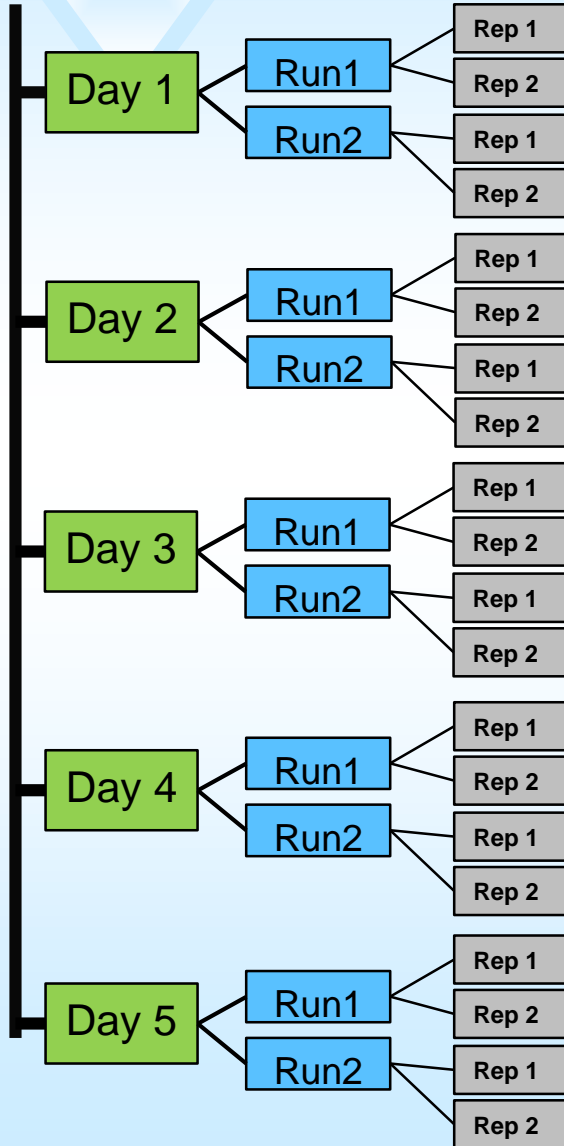
- 3 sites (1 internal + 2 external)
- 5 days per site
- 2 runs per day
- 2 replicate per run

❑ Source of variability “operator-to-operator”

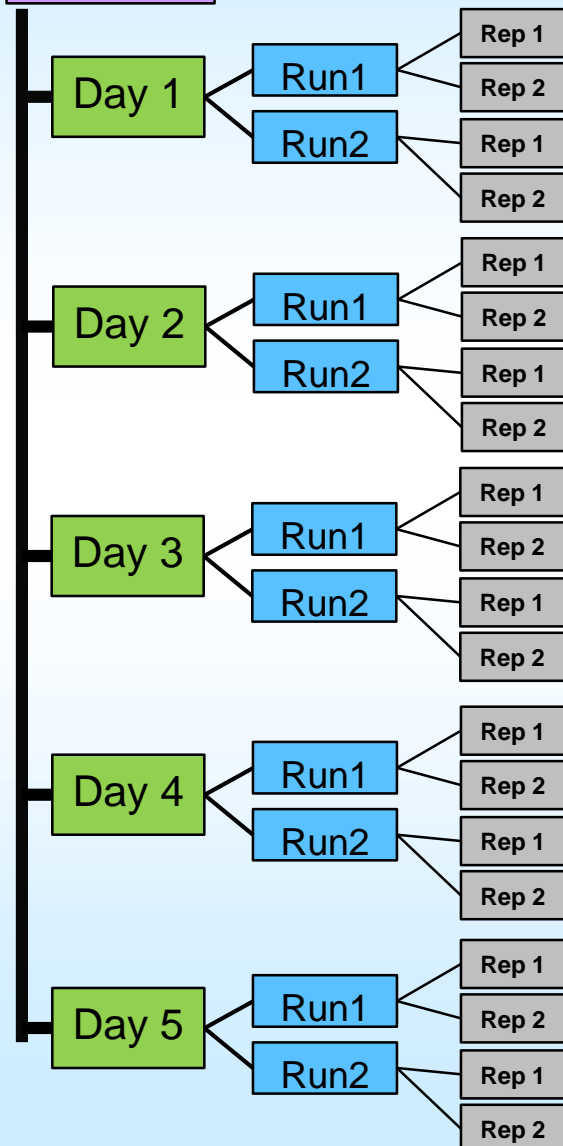
# Precision Studies

❑ Provide a diagram for the precision study

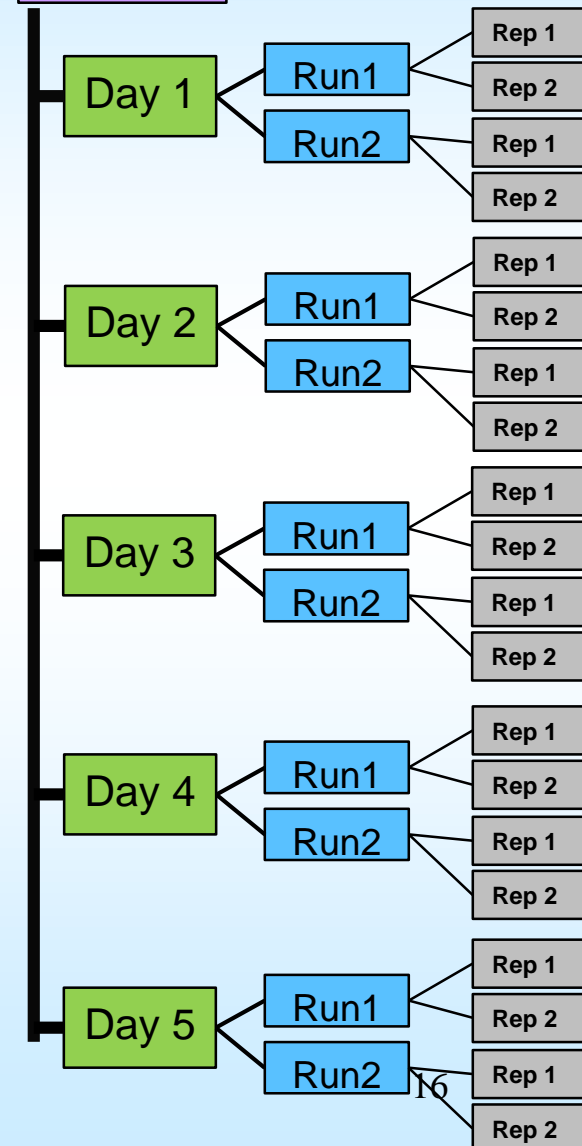
## Site 1



## Site 2



## Site 3





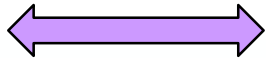


# Precision Studies

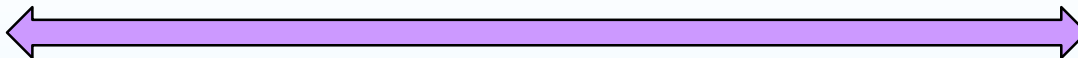
For analysis of the data, use CLSI EP05-A3.

## Reproducibility

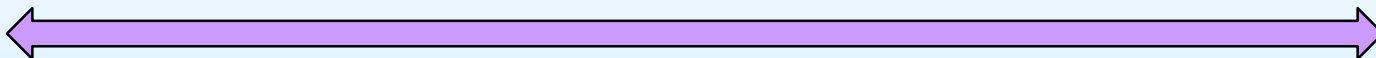
Mean	Repeatability (within-run)		Between- run		Between- day		Between- operator		Between- site		Total	
	SD	%CV	SD	%CV	SD	%CV	SD	%CV	SD	%CV	SD	%CV
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Repeatability



Within-Lab Precision



Reproducibility



# Precision Studies

## ❑ Source of variability “lot-to-lot”

Different study designs:

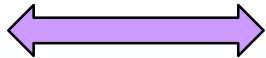
### A) 3 sites

- each site has 3 lots
- 5 days
- each day
  - 2 runs with Lot1,
  - 2 runs with Lot2,
  - 2 runs with Lot3
- each run has 2 replicates

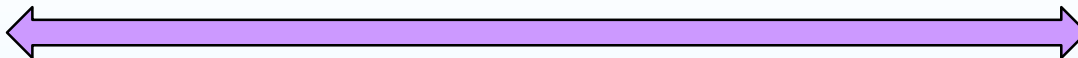


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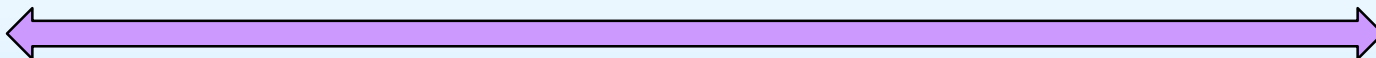
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Within-Lab Precision



Reproducibility



# Precision Studies

## ❑ Source of variability “lot-to-lot”

Different study designs:

### B) Two precision studies

Study 1

Evaluation of lot-to-lot precision at 1 site  
(usually internal)

Study 2

Reproducibility

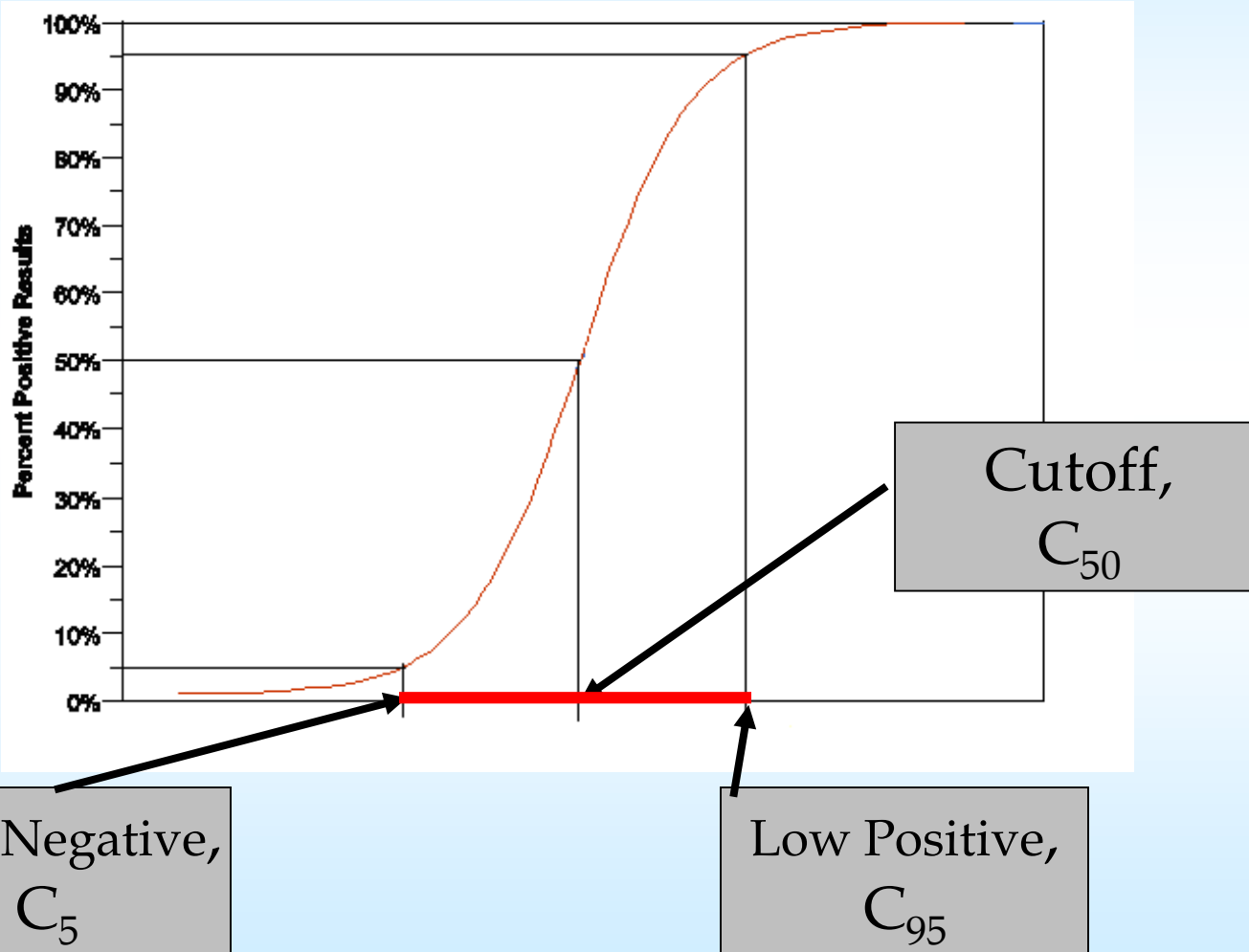
3 sites but each site has the same lot

Through pre-Sub, discuss how different sources of imprecision will be evaluated (especially for specimens as fingerstick WB, saliva, fresh urine).

# Precision Studies

Composition of precision panel:  
*Concentrations of samples*

- qualitative test with two outputs (pos, neg)



$C_5$  and  $C_{95}$  are important performance characteristics for qualitative test; length of the interval is  $C_{95} - C_5$



# Precision Studies

## Composition of precision panel:

### *Concentrations of samples*

- qualitative test with two outputs (pos, neg): samples close to the cutoff
- quantitative test: samples close to MDLs

### *Nature of samples*

- if is preferable to use patient samples
- you should work with FDA to define acceptable sample types
- include QC samples

Surrogate samples in analytical studies

<http://mdic.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/09/MDIC-Surrogate-Sample-Framework.pdf>

Discuss important issues of composition of precision panel through pre-Sub process



## **III. Clinical Performance**



# Clinical Studies

**Guidance for Industry, Clinical Investigators,  
Institutional Review Boards and Food and Drug  
Administration Staff –**


## **Design Considerations for Pivotal Clinical Investigations for Medical Devices (2013)**

The web address


<http://www.fda.gov/MedicalDevices/DeviceRegulationandGuidance/GuidanceDocuments/ucm373750.htm>

Section 8, pages 38-46





# Diagnostic Clinical Studies



## Diagnostic Clinical Outcome Studies

**Example:**

one group of patients uses the Candidate test;  
second group of patients uses the Old test;  
Clinical outcome (for example, HBA1c)  
comparison of clinical outcomes in both groups

## Diagnostic Clinical Performance Studies

**Example:**

Qualitative test with two outputs  
Sensitivity, specificity, risks (predictive values),  
likelihood ratios

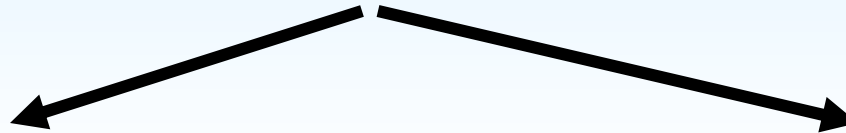


# Clinical Performance Studies

Typical scheme

N subjects in the clinical study (N subjects from target population)

Every subject



Candidate Test:

Positive,  
Negative

Gold Standard  
for  
Target Condition:

D+ = Target condition present,  
D- = Target condition absent

## Consider Test with Two Outputs (Pos, Neg)

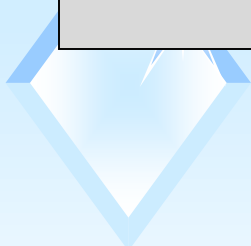
Let us have 1,300 subjects who are representative subjects from intended use population (target population). Each subject has results of the Test (Pos, Neg) and (“Gold Standard”) (D+, D-).

		Colposcopy		
		D+	D-	Total
T	Pos	66	694	760
	Neg	4	536	540
Total		70	1,230	1,300

Prevalence of 5.4% ( $70/1,300$ ) reflects prevalence in the IU population.

Clinical Performance of the Test	
Sensitivity	94.3% (66/70)
Specificity	43.6% (536/1,230)

# Risks (Absolute Risks)



		<b>D+</b>	<b>D-</b>	Total
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## Clinical Performance of the Test

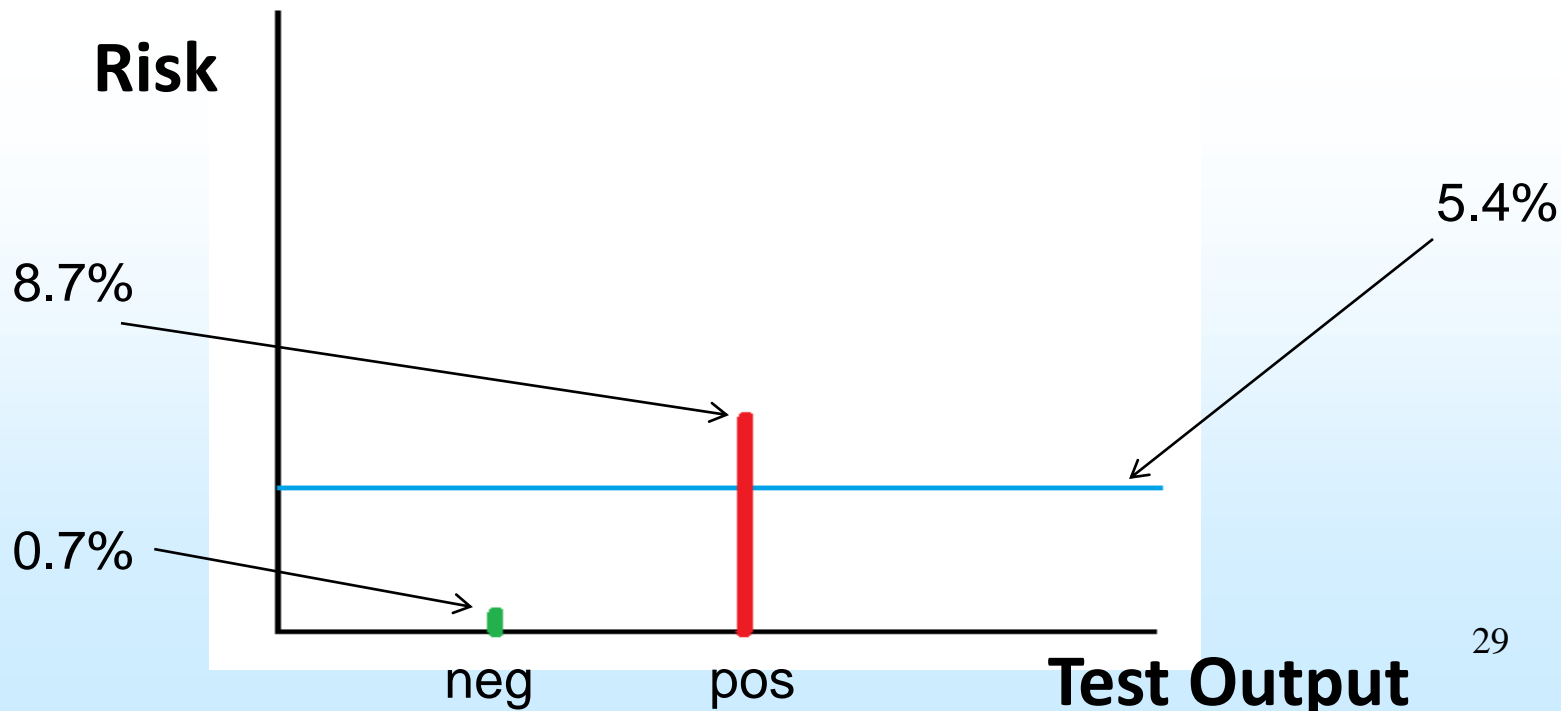
R(Pos)=Risk of D+ for T pos (PPV)*	8.7% (66/760)
R(Neg)=Risk of D+ for T neg (1-NPV)*	0.7% (4/540)
$\pi$ = Pre-test risk of D+ (baseline risk, prevalence)	5.4% (70/1,300)

\*Post-test risk for T pos, post-test risk for T neg.

# Absolute Risks

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# Absolute Risks, Relative Risks

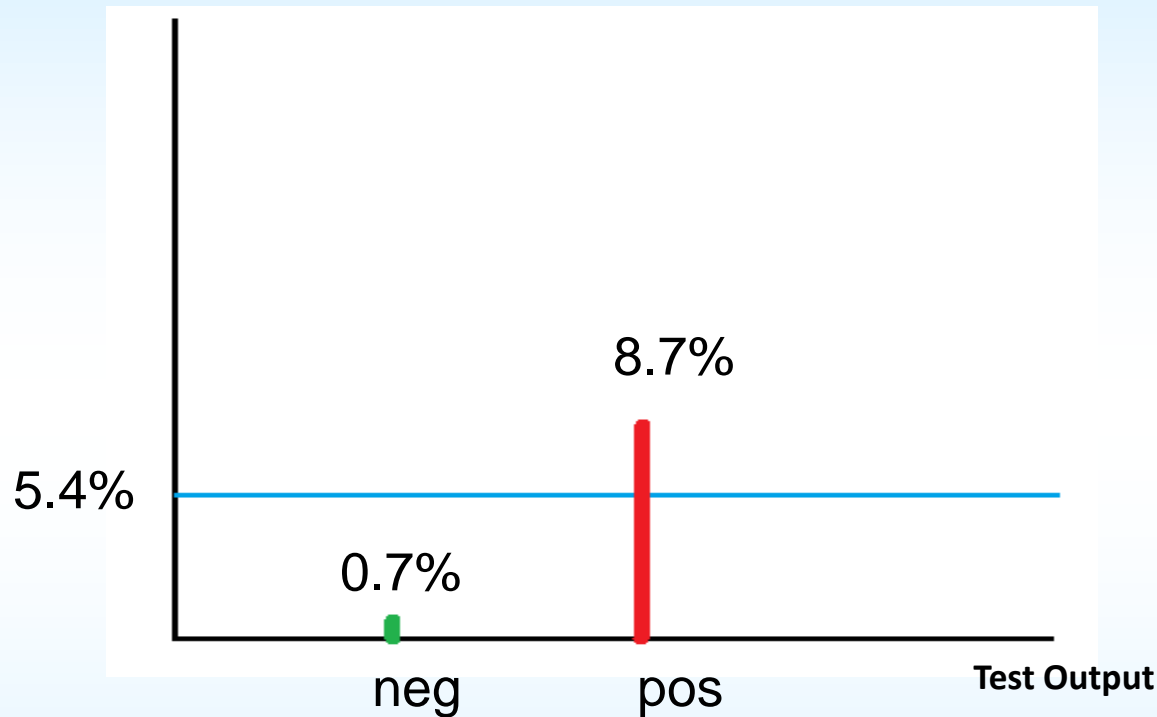
## Clinical Performance of the Test

$R_1$ =Risk of D+ for T pos (PPV)	8.7% (66/760)
$R_0$ =Risk of D+ for T neg (1-NPV)	0.7% (4/540)
$\pi$ = Pre-test risk of D+	5.4% (70/1,300)

- **$R_1/\pi = 1.6$  times** : For a subject with T pos, the risk increases by 1.6 times with regard to pre-test risk ( $=8.7/5.4$ );
- **$R_0/\pi = 0.14$  times**: For a subject with T neg, the risk increases by 0.14 times (decreased by 7.3 ( $1/0.14$ ) times) with regard to pre-test risk ( $=0.7/5.4$ );
- **$R_1/R_0 = 11.7$  times**: For a subject with T pos, the risk increases by 11.7 times with regard to the subjects with T neg ( $=8.7/0.7$ )

# *Statistically informative test output*

Risk



**Output of the test is statistically informative** if risk of Disease for this test output is different from pre-test risk (prevalence).

# *Clinically informative test output*

Result of the test is clinically informative if

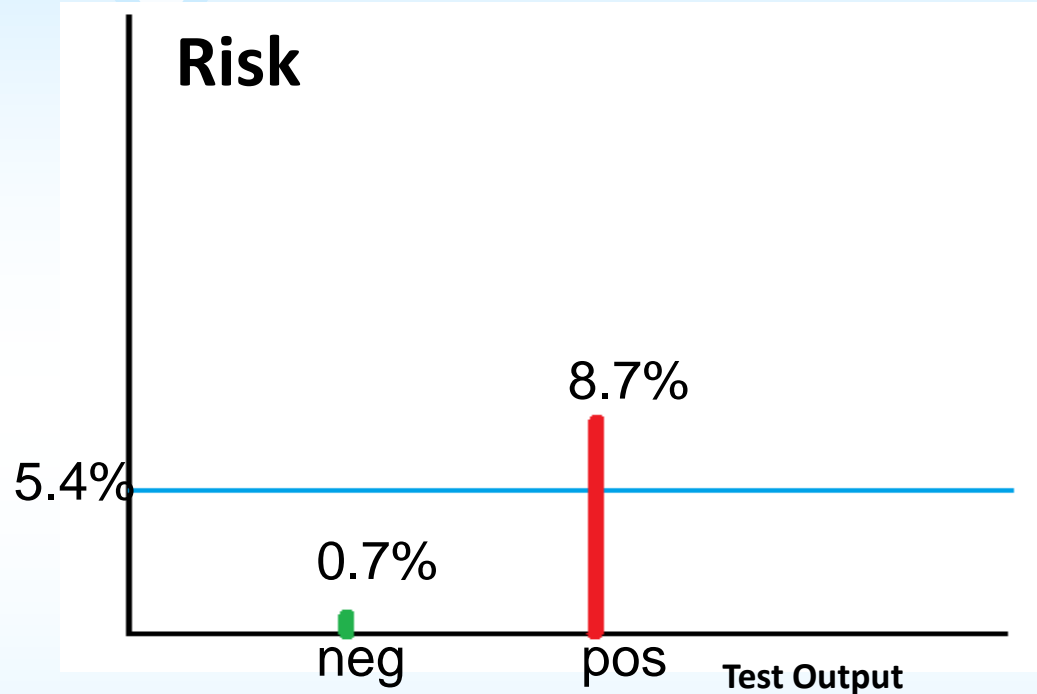
(A) Result of the test is statistically informative;

**AND**

( B ) Risk for this test result is so much different from the pre-test risk that clinical management can be made based on this test result;

**AND**

(C )This clinical management is different from the clinical management without the test.




- Before test management:  
All women go to colposcopy;
- **Positive** test output is statistically informative but **not clinically informative**;
- It is acceptable not to sent to colpo if risk <1%
- **Negative** test result is statistically informative and **clinically informative**





## ***Test with Multiple Outcomes***



Example #1: Multiplex test detecting two biomarkers A and B  
These biomarkers are related to disease D

Four outcomes of the test:

(A+, B+)

(A+, B-)

(A-, B+)

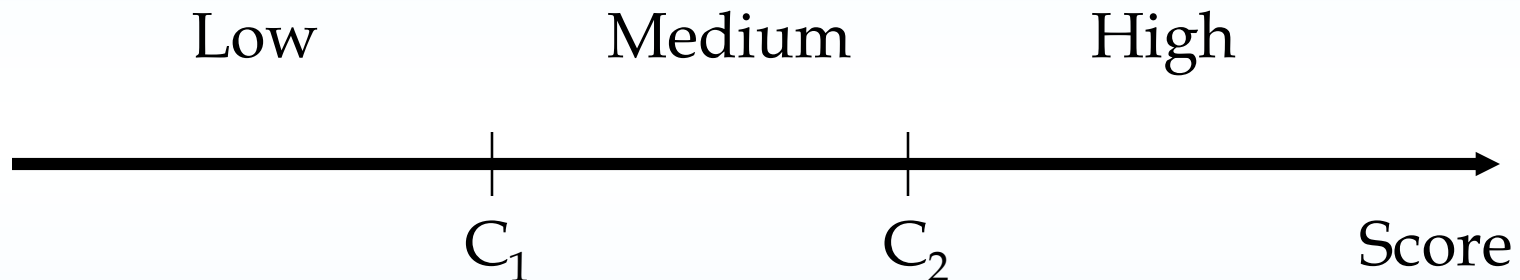
(A-, B-)

Example #2: Test detects one biomarker (one SNP).  
This biomarker is related to disease D.  
The biomarker has 3 possible results  
(aa, aA, AA).

### Example #3:

10 biomarkers combined in a score.

2 cutoffs are established that the score is reported as  
(High, Medium, Low)



How to describe performance of these tests?



Example : HPV Genotyping - 3 outcomes  
(HPV16/18);  
(Other High HPV types),  
(HPV neg)

Test Results	Colposcopy/Biopsy		Total
	CIN2+	Not-CIN2+	
HPV 16/18	46	314	360
Other HPV types	20	380	400
HPV neg	4	536	540
Total	70	1230	1300

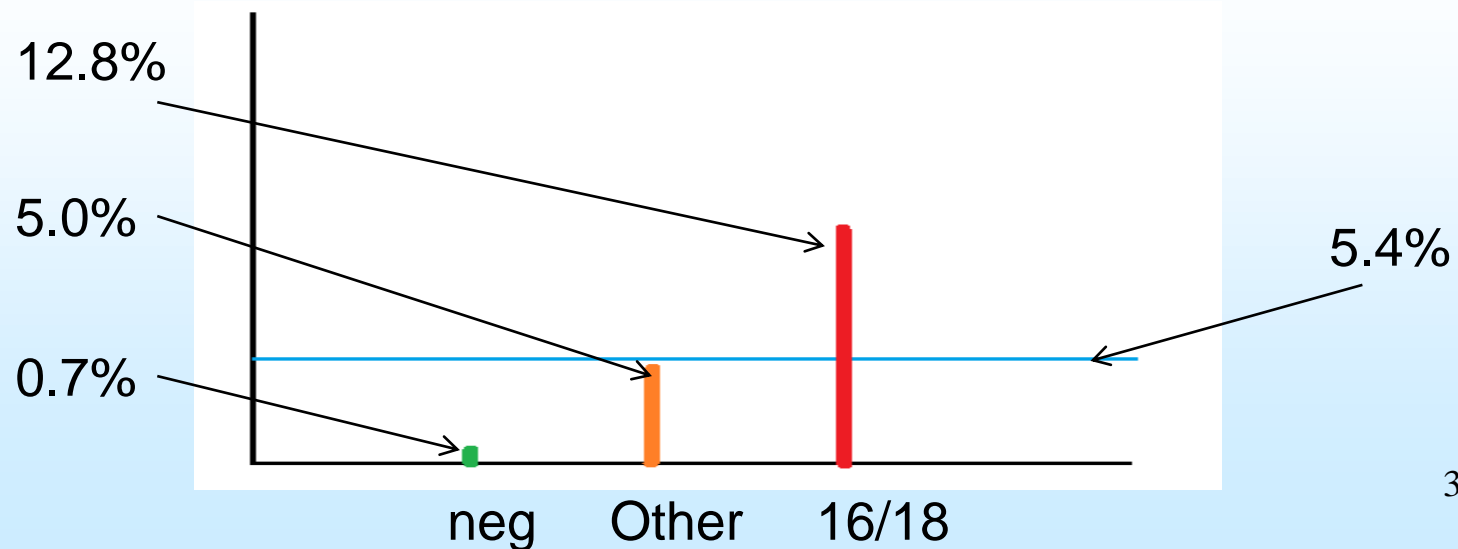
How to describe performance of this test?

Test with 3 outcomes:  
there are 3 risks  $R_X = \Pr(D+|T=X)$

Test Results	Colposcopy/Biopsy		Total	Risk of CIN2+
	CIN2+	Not-CIN2+		
HPV 16/18	46	314	360	<b>12.8%</b> (46/360)
Other HPV types	20	380	400	<b>5.0%</b> (20/400)
No HPV	4	536	540	<b>0.7%</b> (4/540)
<b>Total</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>1230</b>	<b>1300</b>	<b>5.4%</b> (70/1300)

Performance of the test is described by:  
1) three Risks; 2) three frequencies (percent) of results; 3) pre-test probability.

Test Results	Risk of Disease	Percent of results
HPV 16/18	12.8%	27.7%
Other HPV types	5.0%	30.8%
No HPV	0.7%	41.5%
<b>Pre-test risk of CIN2+ is 5.4%</b>		





## *General considerations*



# Candidate Test

- ❑ Finalize assay steps before the pivotal clinical study
- ❑ Define interpretations of all outputs, including Equivocal and Invalid

Example:

$S/Co \leq 1.0$ , Negative;

$S/Co > 1.0$ , Positive

Example:

$S/Co \leq 0.9$ , Negative;

$0.9 < S/Co \leq 1.1$ , Equivocal;

$S/Co > 1.1$ , Positive

- ❑ Invalid result (control failed); present percent of Invalid (this is one of the performance characteristics), do not consider Invalid results as wrong results
- ❑ Invalid result  $\neq$  Equivocal



# Gold Standard for Target Condition

Gold Standard-  
best available method for establishing the  
presence or absence of the target condition  
(for example, colposcopy/biopsy for cervical  
cancer)


- ❑ Target condition is not necessary a disease  
(for example, it can be a success of some treatment).
- ❑ Target condition can be present at the same time when  
test T is applied; it can be present in future.

Confusion may sometimes arise when distinguishing between:

☐ **Reference Method** (measurement reference method)  
related to analytical performance (best method for measuring of analyte (quantitative) or for detection of analyte (qualitative))

☐ **Gold Standard**  
related to clinical performance  
(no recognized term, other terms as  
“clinical reference standard”,  
“diagnostic accuracy criteria”)

- Most of the time, reference method and gold standard for the target condition are different (e.g., HPV test for cervical cancer, total PSA for the prostate cancer).
- Sometimes, reference method and gold standard are identical (e.g., flu test).



# Archived samples

A good topic for pre-Sub

May be allowed for clinical study

☐ How representative are archived samples (inclusion/exclusion criteria)

Clinical context on specimens

Only leftovers from big tumors (sample volumes)? Re-testing of samples close to the cutoff (sample volume)?

☐ Storage does not impact analyte of interest

**Basic principle:**

**Archived sample should provide unbiased estimates of test clinical performance.**



## IV. Potential Biases

We considered an ideal scenario when  $N$  randomly selected subjects are from the intended use population and each subject has result of the test and verification of disease (D+, D-).

### Potential Biases

- 1) **Selection bias** (when the study population does not represent the IU population)
- 2) **Spectrum bias**



# **1) *Selection Bias***

Examples of inappropriate study design

❑ Alzheimer's disease: intended use population=subjects with signs of memory loss.

In the study, the subjects with severe AD and healthy subjects were included => Selection bias – overestimation of performance.

❑ If the healthy subjects are not part of intended use population, do not include them in the clinical study (overestimation of specificity).

❑ Healthy subjects are used for determination of reference intervals.

## 2) Spectrum Bias



### Example

Test ABC

Intended Use population		
Stage I	50%	Sen=50%
Stage II	50%	Sen=90%
Overall	100%	<b>70%</b>  $0.5*50 + 0.5*90$

Archived Specimens		
Stage I	20%	Sen=50%
Stage II	80%	Sen=90%
Overall	100%	<b>82%</b>  $0.2*50 + 0.8*90$

***Sensitivity is biased (overestimated)***



**Guidance for Industry and Food and Drug  
Administration Staff –**

**Factors to Consider When Making Benefit-  
Risk Determinations in Medical Device  
Premarket Approval and De Novo  
Classifications (2016)**

Example 3, pages 19-21

***Thank you!***

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