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## Comparison of metagenomic next-generation sequencing technology and GeneXpert MTB/RIF assay in tuberculosis:a meta-analysis

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### INTRODUCTION

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## METHODS

**Participant or population:** Tuberculosis.

**Intervention:** Using mNGS and Xpert to diagnose tuberculosis.

**Comparator:** mNGS and Xpert.

**Study designs to be included:** Meta analysis.

**Eligibility criteria:** The inclusion criteria included the following: 1) research assessing the diagnostic significance of mNGS and Xpert in tuberculosis; 2) Tuberculosis or non-tuberculosis patient sample size of more than 10, as studies with a small sample size can introduce considerable bias in estimating sensitivity and specificity; 3) sensitivity and specificity of mNGS and Xpert were calculated from standard two-by-two tables, which had been extracted for each study.

**Information sources:** Relevant eligible articles concerning the diagnostic performance of mNGS and Xpert in tuberculosis were systematically searched in PubMed and CNKI (last update: March 2023).

**Main outcome(s):** Pooled specificity, sensitivity, negative likelihood ratio (NLR), positive likelihood ratio (PLR), diagnostic odds ratio (DOR), SROC as well as prediction ellipses for the hierarchical ordinal regression for ROC curves (HROC) model were calculated[6]. Stata Version 12.0 (Stata Corp., LP, College Station, TX, USA) was adopted for bias evaluations of enrolled studies. Finally, Deek's funnel plot asymmetry test was utilized to assess publication bias throughout the analysis.

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**Subgroup analysis:** Sample types.

**Sensitivity analysis:** Stata Version 12.0.

**Country(ies) involved:** China.

**Keywords:** mNGS , Xpert,tuberculosis

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