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DESCRIPTION OF THE ACTION

Epidemiological studies assessing disease prevalence are critically important to both the identification and control of pathogens in humans and animals (including zoonosis and food borne outbreaks).

Novel tools for test evaluation and disease prevalence estimation

- Evaluation of diagnostics
- Prevalence estimation
- Proof of disease freedom
- Confidence in Disease Absence
- Syndromic surveillance - Early warning systems



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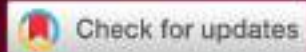
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Accuracy, acceptability, and feasibility of diagnostic tests for the screening of *Strongyloides stercoralis* in the field (ESTRELLA): a cross-sectional study in Ecuador

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Summary

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|tPRiors|: a tool for prior elicitation and obtaining posterior distributions of true disease prevalence



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Abstract

Background: Tests have false positive or false negative results, which, if not properly accounted for, may provide misleading apparent prevalence estimates based on the observed rate of positive tests and not the true disease prevalence estimates. Methods to estimate the true prevalence of disease, adjusting for the sensitivity and the

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Original research

Prevalence estimates of major depressive disorder in 27 European countries from the European Health Interview Survey: accounting for imperfect diagnostic accuracy of the PHQ-8

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Abstract

Background Cut-offs on self-report depression screening tools are designed to identify many more people than those who meet criteria for major depressive disorder. In a recent analysis of the European Health Interview Survey (EHIS), the percentage of participants with Patient Health Questionnaire-8 (PHQ-8) scores ≥ 10 was reported as major depression prevalence.





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The epidemic volatility index, a novel early warning tool for identifying new waves in an epidemic

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Confidence in disease absence models





Bayesian analysis is grounded in the concept of evidential learning and knowledge updating. Beliefs can be updated based on new evidence.



Bayes' Theorem

- Let us consider two possible outcomes A and B. The Bayes' theorem provides an expression for the conditional probability of A given B, which is equal to:

$$P(A|B) = \frac{P(B|A)P(A)}{P(B)}$$

$$P(A|B) = \frac{P(B|A) * P(A)}{P(B)}$$

$$P(D+|T+) = \frac{P(T+|D+) * P(D+)}{P(T+)}$$

<https://youtu.be/hLiL24vL3rg>

PV+, Prevalence = 0.1

- $PPV = (0.90 * 0.1) / [(0.90 * 0.1) + ((1 - 0.99) * (1 - 0.1))]$
- $PPV = 0.09 / [0.09 + (0.01 * 0.9)]$
- $PPV = 0.09 / 0.099$
- $PPV = 0.9091$

PV+, Prevalence = 0.01

- $PPV = (0.90 * 0.01) / [(0.90 * 0.01) + ((1 - 0.99) * (1 - 0.01))]$
- $PPV = 0.009 / [0.009 + (0.01 * 0.99)]$
- $PPV = 0.009 / 0.0199$
- $PPV = 0.4523$

PV+, Prevalence = 0.001

- $PPV = (0.90 * 0.001) / [(0.90 * 0.001) + ((1 - 0.99) * (1 - 0.001))]$
- $PPV = 0.0009 / [0.0009 + (0.01 * 0.999)]$
- $PPV = 0.0009 / 0.010899$
- $PPV = 0.0826$

Prevalence, PV+ &...

Prevalence	PV+
0.1	0.91
0.01	0.45
0.001	0.08

Prevalence, PV+ &... Risk

Prevalence	PV+	Risk ratio
0.1	0.9	9
0.01	0.45	45
0.001	0.083	83

