

Sensitivity and Specificity of a Single Emergency Department Measurement of Urinary Gelatinase – Associated Lipocalin for Diagnosing Acute Kidney Injury

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1. **Provide a summary of this paper** (max 200 words, short bullet points are acceptable) (5)
2. **What is meant by the term ‘prospective cohort study’?** (1)
3. **How did the authors attempt to reduce bias when recruiting the study population?** (2)
4. **What reference standard was used in this study? How did the authors attempt to reduce bias in the application of this standard? Was this an appropriate standard to use?**(4)
5. **What key features should a diagnostic test possess to be of use in the emergency department? Why is the NGAL test problematic?**(3)
6. **What is meant by the terms continuous and categorical variables? (Give an example of each type)** (2)
7. **What is meant by the term spectrum bias? How might its presence affect the test’s performance in your own ED population?** (2)
8. **Define the following terms** (4)
 - a. Sensitivity
 - b. Specificity
9. **Draw the axes of a Receiver Operator curve** (1)
10. **What is a Likelihood Ratio and how would you calculate?** (2)

Total (24)
Pass mark 15