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| **First Author, Year** | **Was the review based on a focused question of interest?** | **Was the literature search strategy clearly described?** | **Was there evidence of a substantial effort to search for all relevant research?** | **Were there explicit inclusion/ exclusion criteria for the selection of studies?** | **Did at least 2 people independently review studies?** | **Was the validity of included studies adequately assessed?** | **Was publication bias assessed?** | **Was heterogeneity assessed and addressed?** | **Was the approach used to synthesize the information adequate and appropriate?** | **Were the authors’ conclusions supported by the evidence they presented?** | **Quality Rating** |
| Balk, 20111 | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Partially  (Low/ inadequate strength of evidence, | Yes  (Statistical testing, subgroup analyses) | Yes | Yes | Good |
| El Shayeb, 2014112 | Yes | Yes  (Appendix 1) | Yes  (2004-March 2013) | Yes  (Appendix 2) | Yes | Yes  (QUADAS-2) | Partially  (Grey literature in Appendix 1, contacted experts) | Yes  (Subgroup analyses, sensitivity analyses) | Yes | Yes | Good |

**Abbreviations:** QUADAS-2=Quality Assessment of Diagnostic Accuracy Studies 2.