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Diagnostic likelihood ratio

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Diagnostic likelihood ratios are the ratios of the likelihood of the observed test result in diseased *vs.* non-diseased subjects. The positive diagnostic likelihood ratio (DLR+) is the ratio between the true positive fraction and the false positive fraction. The negative diagnostic likelihood ratio (DLR-) is the ratio between the false negative fraction (i.e. 1 -true positive fraction) and the true negative fraction (i.e. 1 -false positive fraction). A DLR+ > 1 indicates that a positive test is more likely in a diseased than in a non-diseased subject. A DLR- < 1 indicates that a negative test is more likely in a diseased than in a non-diseased subject.