

**Table 2: Sensitivity and specificity of the sore throat score in a community-based population and an academic family medicine centre**

Identification of GAS infection	Study population; numerator/denominator* (and %)				<i>p</i>
	Community-based†		Academic centre‡		
<b>Sensitivity</b>					
Children	50/54	(92.6)	31/32	(96.9)	0.65§
Adults	35/46	(76.1)	23/33	(69.7)	0.53
Overall	85/100¶	(85.0)	54/65	(83.1)	0.74
<b>Specificity</b>					
Children	73/101	(72.3)	39/58	(67.2)	0.50
Adults	369/379	(97.4)	374/380	(98.4)	0.31
Overall	442/480	(92.1)	413/438	(94.3)	0.19

Note: GAS = group A *Streptococcus*.

\*Sensitivity = (no. testing positive)/(no. of true positives); specificity = (no. testing negative)/(no. of true negatives). See the methods section for further information.

†Data from the present study.

‡Data from McIsaac and colleagues.<sup>2</sup>

§Fisher's exact test. All other *p* values were calculated by a  $\chi^2$  test.

¶Less than 102 (total number with positive culture results) because some clinical information needed to calculate the score was missing.

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