Additional file 3. McNemar's test, pairwise comparison of specificity for sepsis.

| Compared with: | NEWS2 ¹ ≥5 | NEWS2 ≥7 | RETTS ² ≥orange | RETTS red | Clinical Judgment | Predict Sepsis tool 1 ³ ≥2 | Predict Sepsis tool 2 ³ ≥2 | Predict Sepsis tool 3 ³ ≥2 |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|----------|-------------------------------|-----------|----------------------|---|---|---|
| NEWS2 ≥5 | X | | | | | | | |
| NEWS2 ≥7 | <0.001 | x | | | | | | |
| RETTS ≥orange | <0.001 | <0.001 | x | | | | | |
| RETTS red | <0.001 | <0.001 | <0.001 | X | | | | |
| Clinical Judgment | 0.009 | 0.350 | <0.001 | <0.001 | x | | | |
| Predict Sepsis tool 1 ≥2 | <0.001 | <0.001 | 0.526 | <0.001 | <0.001 | X | | |
| Predict Sepsis tool 2 ≥2 | 0.010 | <0.001 | 0.526 | <0.001 | <0.001 | <0.001 | X | |
| Predict Sepsis tool 3 ≥2 | <0.001 | <0.001 | 0.135 | <0.001 | <0.001 | 0.533 | 0.027 | X |

NEWS2=National Early Warning score 2, RETTS= Rapid Emergency Triage and Treatment System.

P-values derived from McNemar's test are presented in the table. Bold numbers of P-values indicate a significant difference between the models with respect to specificity for sepsis.

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