

LAYER 1 — Gate 0: admissibility screen

LAYER 2

**Construct
validity**

**Scale
validity**

**Observ-
ability**

**Identifi-
ability**

**Precision
& power**

**Applic-
ability**

**functional
specificity +
diagnostic tests**

invalid
proxy

size
artifact

unobservable

non-identified

identifiable
but imprecise

not
applicable

non-specific
vs background
(S6)

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**A1a: ratio as
wide-base evidence
stops here**