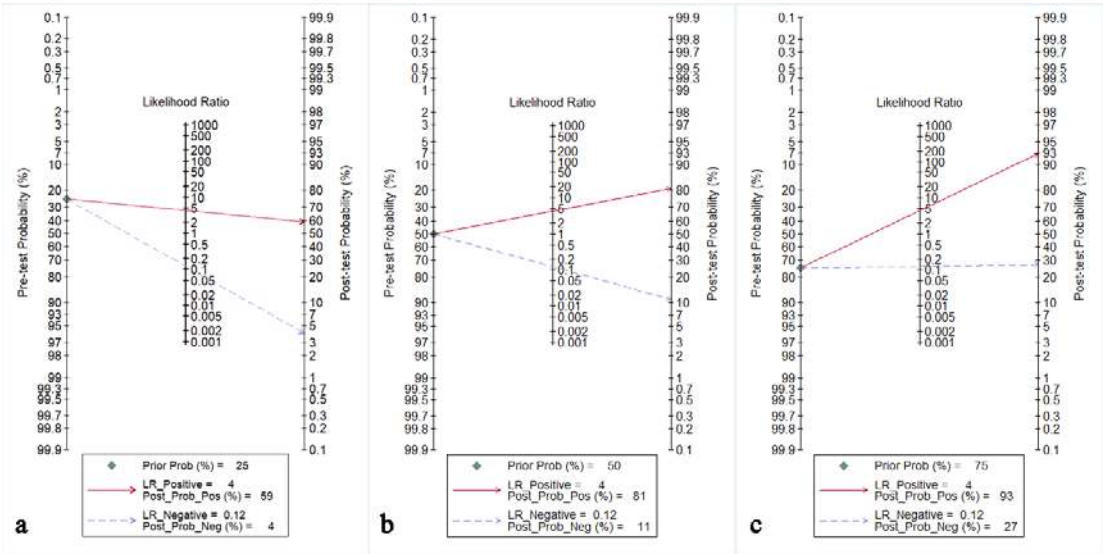

Fig.S1 Fagan's plot of whole-heart MRCA: (a) The post-test probability of patients with a low suspicion was 4% when given a negative result. (b) With a pre-test probability of 50%, the patients' post-test probabilities of coronary artery disease, given positive and negative results, were 81% and 11% separately. (c) The post-test probability of patients with a high suspicion was 93% when given a positive result. We assume that the pre-test probabilities of 25%, 50% and 75% represent low clinical suspicion, worst-case scenario and high clinical suspicion, respectively.

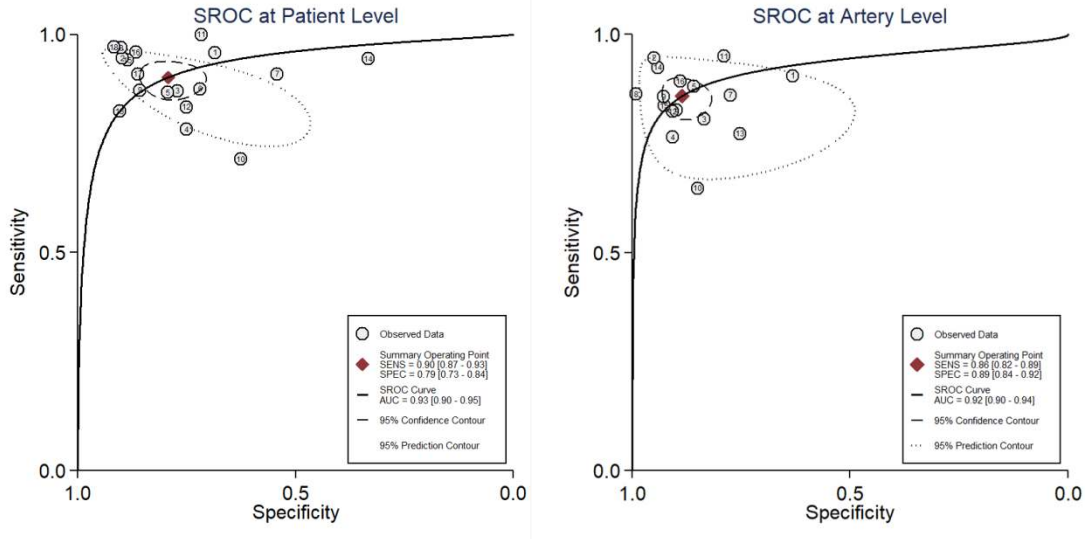

Fig.S2 Summary receiver-operating characteristic plots

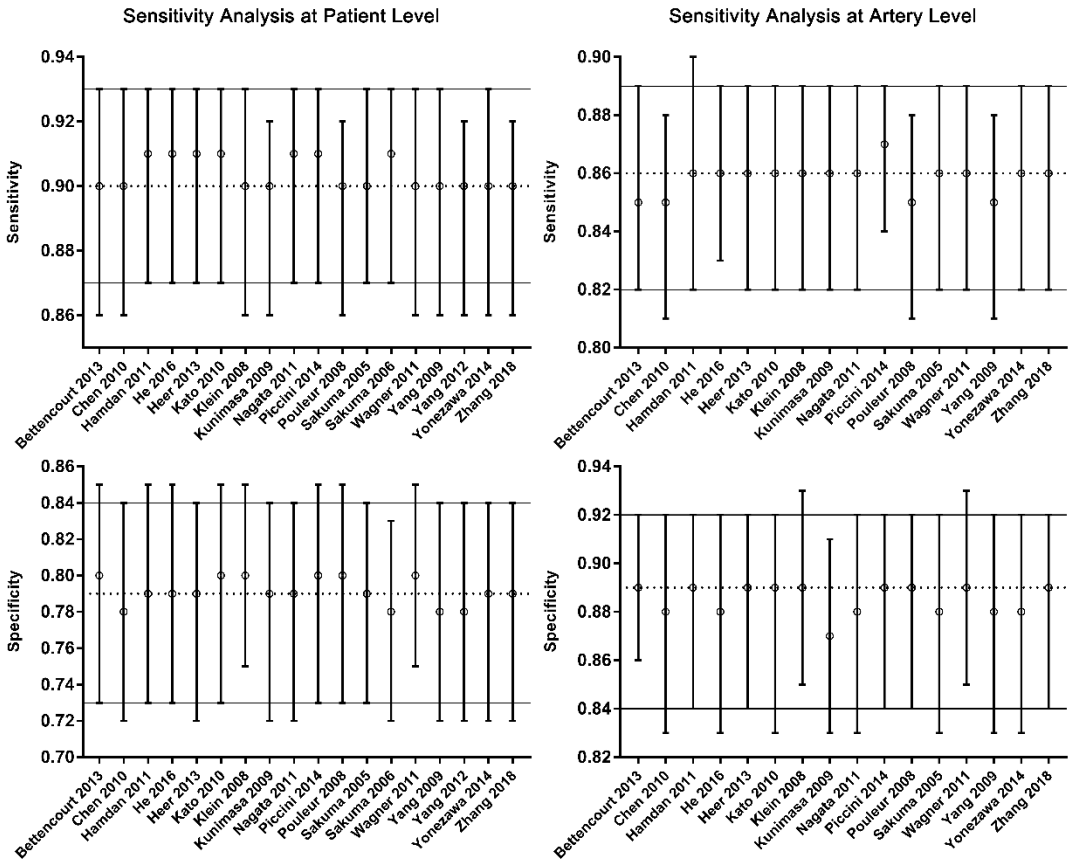

Fig.S3 Results of sensitivity analyses

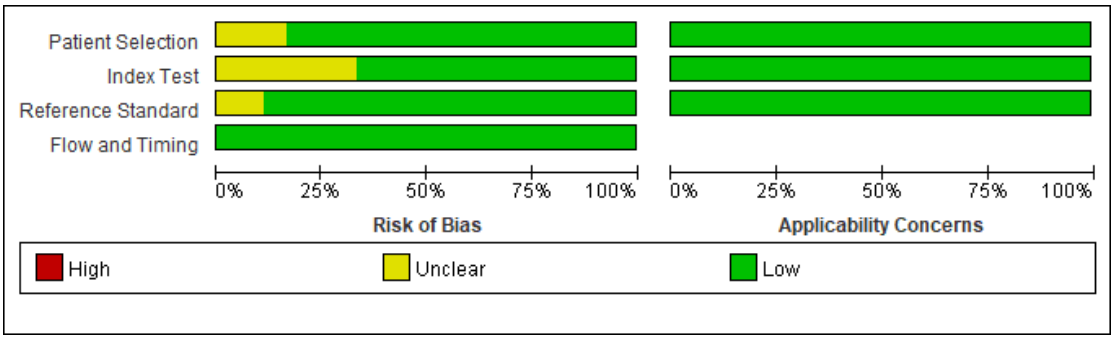

Fig.S4 Risk of bias and applicability concerns

QUADAS-2 Items

Patient Selection

A. Risk of Bias

Was a consecutive or random sample of patients enrolled?

Was a case-control design avoided?

Was the spectrum of patients representative of the patients who will receive the test in practice?

Were selection criteria clearly described?

Could the selection of patients have introduced bias?

B. Concerns regarding applicability

Are there concerns that the included patients and setting do not match the review question?

Index Test

A. Risk of Bias

Were the index test results interpreted without knowledge of the results of the reference standard?

If a threshold was used, was it pre-specified?

Was the execution of the index test described in sufficient detail to permit replication of the test?

Were clinical data available when test results were interpreted as would be available when the test is used in practice?

Could the conduct or interpretation of the index test have introduced bias?

B. Concerns regarding applicability

Are there concerns that the index test, its conduct, or interpretation differ from the review question?

Reference Standard

A. Risk of Bias

Were the reference standard results interpreted without knowledge of the results of the index tests?

Is the reference standard likely to correctly classify the target condition?

Was the execution of the reference standard described in sufficient detail to permit its replication?

Could the reference standard, its conduct, or its interpretation have introduced bias?

B. Concerns regarding applicability

Are there concerns that the target condition as defined by the reference standard does not match the question?

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Is the reference standard likely to correctly classify the target condition?
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Could the reference standard, its conduct, or its interpretation have introduced bias?
B. Concerns regarding applicability
Are there concerns that the target condition as defined by the reference standard does not match the question?
Flow and Timing
Was there an appropriate interval between index test and reference standard?
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