

Smartphone detection of atrial fibrillation using photoplethysmography:

A systematic review and meta-analysis

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Table S1: Search strategy for EMBASE and MEDLINE databases

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Table S2: Search strategy for Cochrane database

ID	Search	Hits
#1	MeSH descriptor: [Atrial Fibrillation] explode all trees	4665
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#6	#4 OR #5	978
#7	MeSH descriptor: [Ventricular Fibrillation] explode all trees	544
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#10	MeSH descriptor: [Tachycardia] explode all trees	1799
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#12	#10 OR #11	8525
#13	MeSH descriptor: [Heart Rate] explode all trees	19310
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#15	#13 OR #14	75360
#16	(Irregular* or unpredictable* or atypical*) near/3 (puls* or heart* or rhythm*)	244
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#19	((smart* near/2 phone*) or (mobil* near/2 phone*) or mobilphone* or cellphone* or (cell near/2 phone*) or mobilephone or mobile app*):ti,ab,kw	8221
#20	MeSH descriptor: [Mobile Applications] explode all trees	660
#21	MeSH descriptor: [Smartphone] explode all trees	407
#22	MeSH descriptor: [Cell Phone] explode all trees	1373
#23	#19 OR #20 OR #21 OR #22	8851
#24	MeSH descriptor: [Ventricular Flutter] explode all trees	2
#25	(ventri* near/2 flutter*):ti,ab,kw	28
#26	#24 OR #25	28
#27	#3 OR #6 OR #9 OR #12 OR #15 OR #18 OR #26	90651
#28	#23 AND #27 in Trials	370

Table S3: Summary of characteristics for conference abstracts

Study	Study design and key enrolment criteria	Setting and sample size	Population characteristics	Technology for AF detection	Reference test
Grieten 2018-1 ¹	Prospective multi-centre Age>65 years	Primary care N=242 AF prevalence 38%	Age 77 years (mean); Female 57%; hypertension 84%; diabetes 22%; stroke 23%; heart failure 29%; OAC 55%	Unspecified smartphone; Fibrichck PPG app and algorithm	Single lead ECG
Grieten 2018-2 ²	Prospective, multi-centre	Primary care N=1056 AF prevalence 0.8%	Age 59 years (mean); Female 59%	Unspecified smartphone; Fibrichck PPG app and algorithm	Single lead ECG
Karim 2017 ³	Prospective, single centre Sinus arrhythmia and ectopics excluded	Secondary care N=140 AF prevalence 50%		Unspecified smartphone; PPG Preventicus app and algorithm	12-lead ECG
Kuan 2018 ⁴	Prospective, single centre	Secondary care N=194 AF prevalence 35%	Age 70 years (mean); Female 27%	iPhone; CRMA app 3 X 20 second recordings, AF labelled if pulse irregularity found in ≥ 1 PPG readings or 3 uninterpretable readings	12 lead ECG
Maitas 2012-1 ⁵	Prospective, single centre AF for DCCV	Secondary care N=52 AF prevalence 100%		iPhone 4S; unknown PPG app, 120 second recordings, analysed using 2 statistical techniques (RMSSD, Shannon entropy) to examine heart beat intervals and beat-to-beat variability	12-lead ECG
Maitas 2012-2 ⁶	Prospective, single centre AF for DCCV	Secondary care N=33 AF prevalence 100%		iPhone 4S; unknown PPG app, 120-300 second recordings, analysed using 3 statistical techniques (RMSSD, ShE and Sample entropy)	12-lead ECG

Mortelmans 2017 ⁷	Prospective, single centre Majority with history of AF	Primary care N=242 AF prevalence 66%		Unspecified smartphone; Fibrichk PPG app, 60 second recording	Single lead ECG
Mutke 2019 ⁸	Retrospective analysis of data from 2 prospective multi-centre validation trials	Unclear N=1096 AF prevalence 44%		Unspecified smartphone and PPG app; 60 second recording automated signal quality check and categorized into AF or SR using unspecified algorithm	Blinded interpretation of single lead ECG by cardiologists
Napolitano 2015 ⁹	Retrospective analysis of pulse recordings from patients who underwent DCCV	Data form secondary care N=121 AF prevalence 81%		iPhone 4S; PULSESMART app, 120 second recording analysed using 3 statistical techniques RMSSD; ShE; Poincare plot	12 or 3 lead ECG
Proesmans 2019-2 ¹⁰	Prospective, single centre AF for DCCV and in-patients with AF	Secondary care N=164 AF prevalence 37%	Age 64 years (mean); Females 42%	7 iOS and 7 android smartphones; unknown PPG app	12 lead ECG
Proesmans. 2018 ¹¹	Prospective, 2 centre Age over 40 years	Primary care N=1095 AF prevalence 0.5%		Unknown smartphone and PPG app; automatic algorithm and visual interpretation	Single lead ECG
Rozen 2017 ¹²	Prospective, single centre AF undergoing DCCV	Secondary care N=113 AF prevalence 100%	68 years (mean); Female 23%	iPhone; CRMA PPG app, 6 recordings analysed by algorithm 2 out of 3 irregular recordings needed to label AF	Blinded 12 lead ECG or single lead ECG (rhythm strip) interpretation by 2 cardiologists
Siu 2016 ¹³	Prospective, single centre Either >65 years, DM, or hypertension	Primary care N= 1027 AF prevalence 3%	Age 68 years (mean)	Unspecified smartphone; CRMA PPG app	Single lead ECG interpretation by 2 cardiologists

Smeets 2019 ¹⁴	Prospective single centre AF scheduled for DCCV/ablation & those on continuous monitoring	Secondary care N=150 AF prevalence 37%	64 years (mean); Females 42% (AF)	6 Android and 2 iOS smartphones; unknown PPG app; 1 recording per device	12-lead ECG
Vaid 2015 ¹⁵	Prospective single centre AF undergoing DCCV	Secondary care N= 37 AF prevalence 78%	69 years (median); Female 19%	iPhone; CRMA PPG, 6 recordings analysed by CRMA algorithm 2 out of 3 irregular recordings needed to label AF	Blinded 12 lead ECG or single lead ECG (rhythm strip) interpretation by 2 cardiologists
Vandenberk 2018-1 ¹⁶	Prospective single centre History of AF	Unclear N=344 AF prevalence 50%		Unspecified smartphone, Fibricheck PPG app, analysed by 2 blinded cardiologists	Blinded 12 lead ECG analysis by 2 cardiologists
Vandenberk 2018-2 ¹⁷	Prospective single centre History of AF	Unclear N= 322 AF prevalence 55%		Unspecified smartphone and PPG app, 60 second recording analysed by clinicians	Blinded single lead ECG interpretation by 2 cardiologists
Yan 2016 ¹⁸	Prospective single centre	Secondary N=85 AF prevalence 29%	Age 72 years (mean); Female 33%	iPhone 6s, CRMA PPG app, 3 X 20 second recordings, irregularity in 1 or more recordings needed to label AF	12 lead ECG

Table S4: Risk of bias and applicability concerns for full text studies

Study author and year	QUADAS 2-Risk of Bias				QUADAS 2-Applicability concerns			
	Patient selection	Index test: PPG	Reference standard: ECG	Flow and timing	Patient Selection	Index test: PPG	Reference standard: ECG	Domains with high risk
Brasier 2019 ¹⁹	High risk	Unclear	Low risk	High risk	Low risk	Low risk	Low risk	2/7
Chan 2016 ²⁰	Unclear	Low risk	Low risk	High risk	Low risk	Low risk	Low risk	1/7
Fan 2019 ²¹	High risk	Unclear	Low risk	High risk	Low risk	Low risk	Low risk	2/7
McManus 2016 ²²	High risk	Low risk	Unclear	High risk	Low risk	Low risk	Low risk	2/7
McManus 2013 ²³	High risk	High risk	Unclear	Low risk	Low risk	Low risk	Low risk	2/7
Mutke 2020 ²⁴	High risk	Low risk	Low risk	High risk	Low risk	Low risk	Low risk	2/7
Poh 2018 ²⁵	Unclear	Low risk	High risk	High risk	Unclear	Low risk	Low risk	2/7
Proesmans 2019-1 ²⁶	High risk	Unclear	Low risk	High risk	Low risk	Low risk	Low risk	2/7
Rozen 2018 ²⁷	High risk	Low risk	Low risk	High risk	Low risk	Low risk	Low risk	2/7
Yan 2018 ²⁸	High risk	Low risk	Low risk	High risk	Low risk	Low risk	Low risk	2/7

Table S5: Risk of bias and applicability concerns for conference abstracts

Study author and year	QUADAS 2-Risk of Bias				QUADAS 2-Applicability concerns			
	Patient selection	Index test: PPG	Reference standard: ECG	Flow and timing	Patient Selection	Index test: PPG	Reference standard: ECG	Domains with high risk
Grieten 2018-1 ¹	High risk	Unclear	Low risk	High risk	Low risk	Low risk	Low risk	2/7
Grieten 2018-2 ²	High risk	Unclear	High risk	High risk	Low risk	Low risk	Low risk	3/7
Karim 2017 ³	High risk	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Low risk	Low risk	Low risk	1/7
Kuan 2018 ⁴	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Low risk	Low risk	0/7
Maitas 2012-1 ⁵	High risk	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Low risk	Low risk	Low risk	1/7
Maitas 2012-2 ⁶	High risk	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Low risk	Low risk	Low risk	1/7
Mortelmans 2017 ⁷	High risk	Unclear	High risk	High risk	Low risk	Low risk	Low risk	3/7
Mutke 2019 ⁸	Unclear	Unclear	Low risk	Low risk	Low risk	Low risk	Low risk	0/7
Napolitano 2015 ⁹	High risk	Unclear	Unclear	High risk	Low risk	Low risk	Low risk	2/7
Proesmans 2019-2 ¹⁰	Unclear	Unclear	High risk	Unclear	Unclear	Low risk	Low risk	1/7
Proesmans 2018 ¹¹	High risk	Unclear	Unclear	High risk	Low risk	Low risk	Low risk	2/7
Rozen 2017 ¹²	High risk	Low risk	Low risk	High risk	Low risk	Low risk	Low risk	2/7
Siu 2016 ¹³	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Low risk	Low risk	Low risk	0/7
Smeets. 2019 ¹⁴	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	High risk	Low risk	Low risk	Low risk	1/7
Vaid 2015 ¹⁵	High risk	Low risk	Low risk	High risk	Low risk	Low risk	Low risk	2/7
Vandenberk 2018-1 ¹⁶	High risk	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Low risk	Low risk	Low risk	1/7
Vandenberk 2018-2 ¹⁷	Unclear	Unclear	Low risk	Unclear	Low risk	Low risk	Low risk	0/7
Yan 2016 ¹⁸	Unclear	Low risk	Unclear	Unclear	Low risk	Low risk	Low risk	0/7

Table S6: Sensitivity and specificity of each study by smartphone PPG application

Application	Study	Sensitivity % (95% CI)	Specificity (95% CI)
Cardiio Rhythm	Chan 2016 ²⁰	93 (77-99)	98 (97-99)
	Rozen 2018 ²⁷	93 (87-97)	91 (83– 96)
	Yan 2018a ²⁸	95 (87-98)	96 (91-98)
	Yan 2018b ²⁸	95 (87-98)	93 (88-96)
	Kuan 2018 ⁴	100 (83-100)	95 (84-99)
	Rozen 2017 ¹²	96 (90-99)	93 (87-97)
	Siu 2016 ¹³	93	98
	Vaid 2015 ¹⁵	97 (82-100)	85 (69-94)
	Yan 2016 ¹⁸	93 (77-98)	95 (86-98)
Preventicus	Brasier 2019a ¹⁹	90 (86-93)	99 (98-100)
	Brasier 2019b ¹⁹	91 (87-95)	99 (97-100)
	Brasier 2019c ¹⁹	92 (86-95)	100 (98-100)
	Fan 2019 ²¹	95 (92-97)	100 (98-100)
	Karim 2017 ³	94 (85-98)	96 (87-99)
	Mutke 2020 ²⁴	92 (89-94)	98 (97-99)
Fibricheck	Proesmans 2019-1 ²⁶	96 (89-99)	97 (91-99)
	Grieten 2018-1 ¹	98 (92-100)	88 (80-94)
	Grieten 2018-2 ²	100	97
	Mortelmans 2017 ⁷	98 (92-100)	88 (80-94)
	Vandenberk 2018-1 ¹⁶	97	99
PULSE-SMART	McManus 2016 ²²	97	94
	Napolitano 2015 ⁹	97	94

Figure S1: Forest plot of the sensitivity and specificity of smartphone PPG vs ECG

Horizontal lines represent the 95% confidence interval (where available) for each comparison.

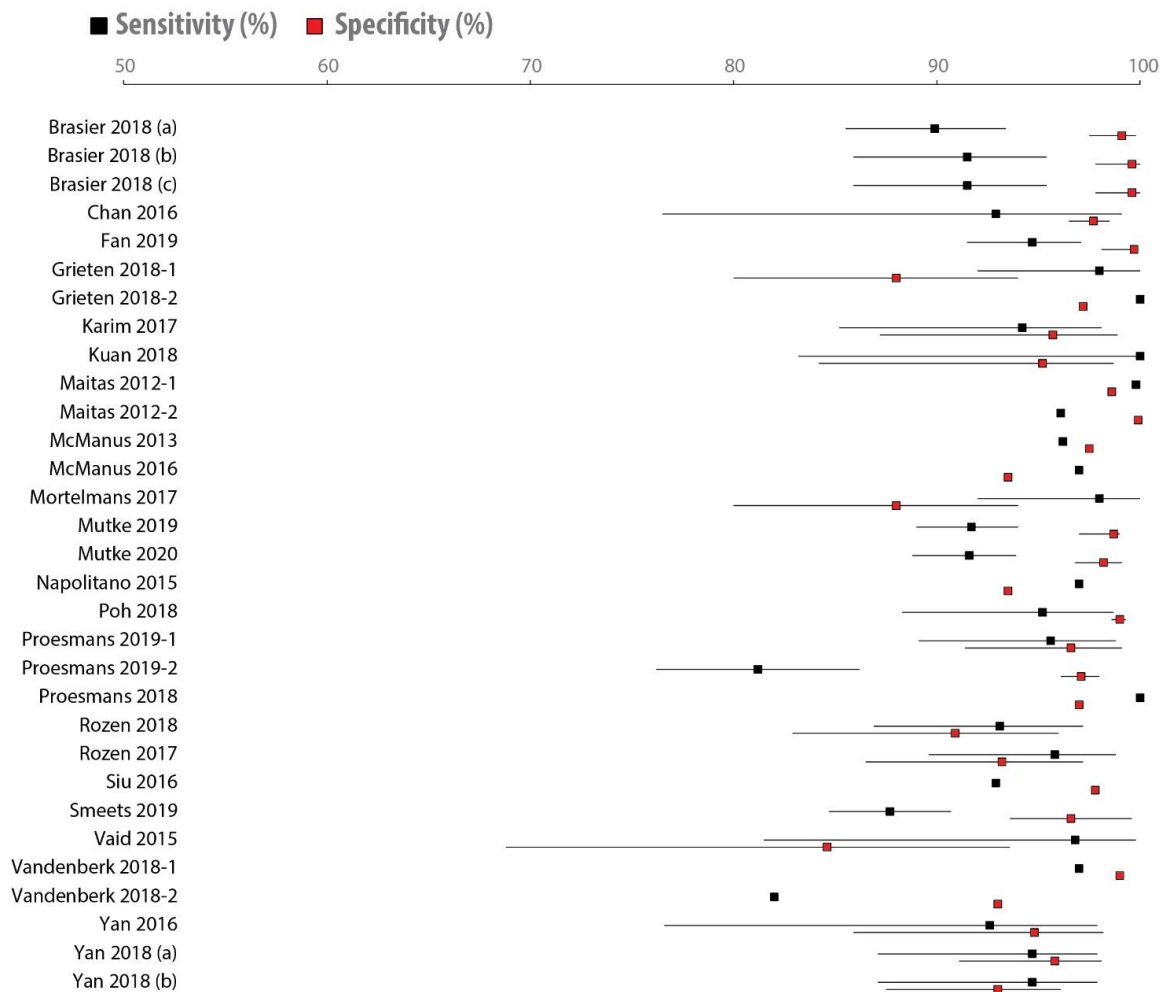
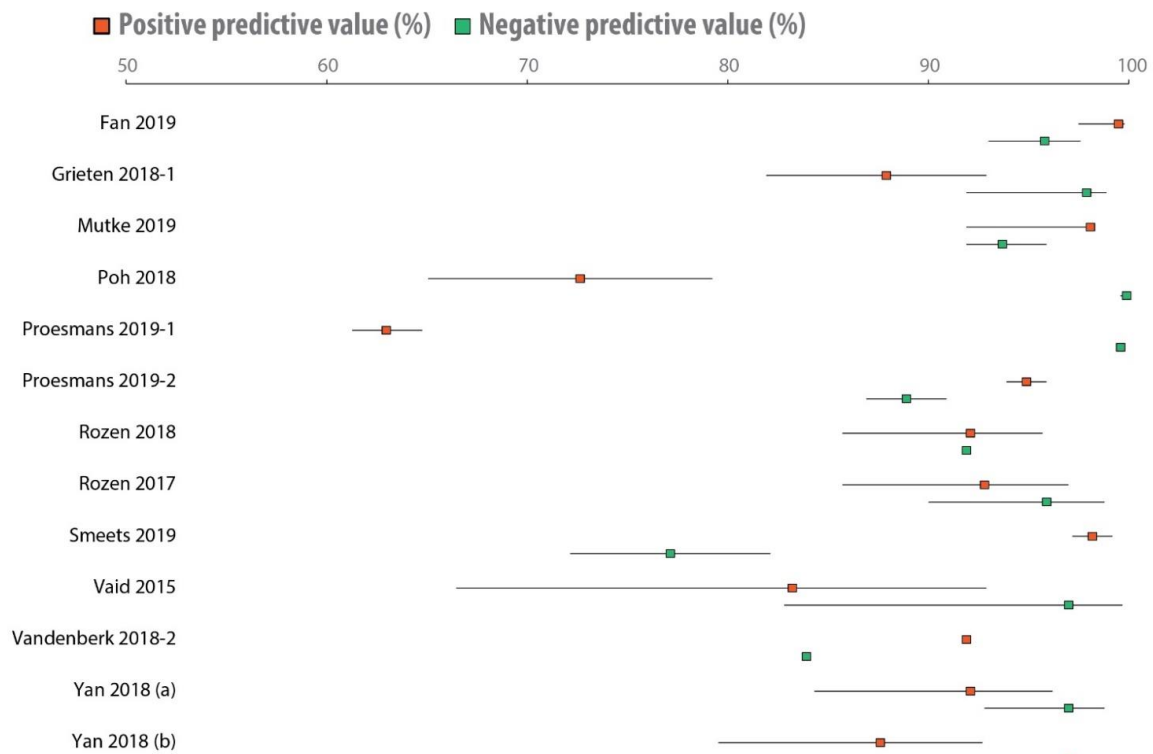


Figure S2: Forest plot of positive/negative prediction for smartphone PPG vs ECG

Horizontal lines represent the 95% confidence interval (where available) for each comparison



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