Prototypical STARD diagram to report flow of participants through the study

- Potentially eligible participants
  - Excluded
    - Reason 1 (n=)
    - Reason 2 (n=)
  - No index test
    - Reason 1 (n=)
    - Reason 2 (n=)

- Index test
  - Index test negative
    - No reference standard
      - Reason 1 (n=)
      - Reason 2 (n=)
  - Index test positive
    - No reference standard
      - Reason 1 (n=)
      - Reason 2 (n=)
  - Index test inconclusive
    - No reference standard
      - Reason 1 (n=)
      - Reason 2 (n=)

- Reference standard
  - Final diagnosis
    - Target condition present (n=)
    - Target condition absent (n=)
    - Inconclusive (n=)
  - Final diagnosis
    - Target condition present (n=)
    - Target condition absent (n=)
    - Inconclusive (n=)
  - Final diagnosis
    - Target condition present (n=)
    - Target condition absent (n=)
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