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Abbreviations: AUC, area under the curve; CI, confidence interval; CRC, colorectal cancer; FIT, fecal immunochemical test; hemoglobin, hb; gFOBT, guaiac-based fecal occult blood test; LR+ positive likelihood ratio; LR-, negative likelihood ratio; NPV, negative predictive value; PPV, positive predictive value

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