

Table 1 Accuracy of dipstick urinalysis for diagnosis of urinary protein, glucose, blood and nitrites

Variable	Dipstick results (n = 300)	Gold standard		Sensitivity	Specificity	Positive predictive value	Negative predictive value
	No.	+ve No.	–ve No.	%	%	%	%
Protein <sup>a</sup>							
+ve	4	4	14	80.0	95.0	22.2	99.6
–ve	14	1	281				
Glucose <sup>b</sup>							
+ve	26	26	4	100.0	98.5	87.0	100.0
–ve	4	0	270				
Blood <sup>c</sup>							
+ve	4	4	1	100.0	99.6	80.0	100.0
–ve	1	0	295				
Nitrites <sup>d</sup>							
+ve	8	8	0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
–ve	0	0	8				

<sup>a</sup>Gold standard: sulfosalicylic acid method (protein > 30 mg/L). <sup>b</sup>Gold standard: fasting blood glucose (glucose ≥ 50 mg/dL).

<sup>c</sup>Gold standard: microscopic sediment urinalysis (3+ red blood cells per high-powered field). <sup>d</sup>Gold standard: microscopic sediment urinalysis and urine culture (≥ 10<sup>5</sup> bacteria/mL).