


High framerate deglutition setting does not improve detection of aspiration.

Do additional pulses per second in pediatric deglutition studies increase the rate of aspiration detection?

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Method

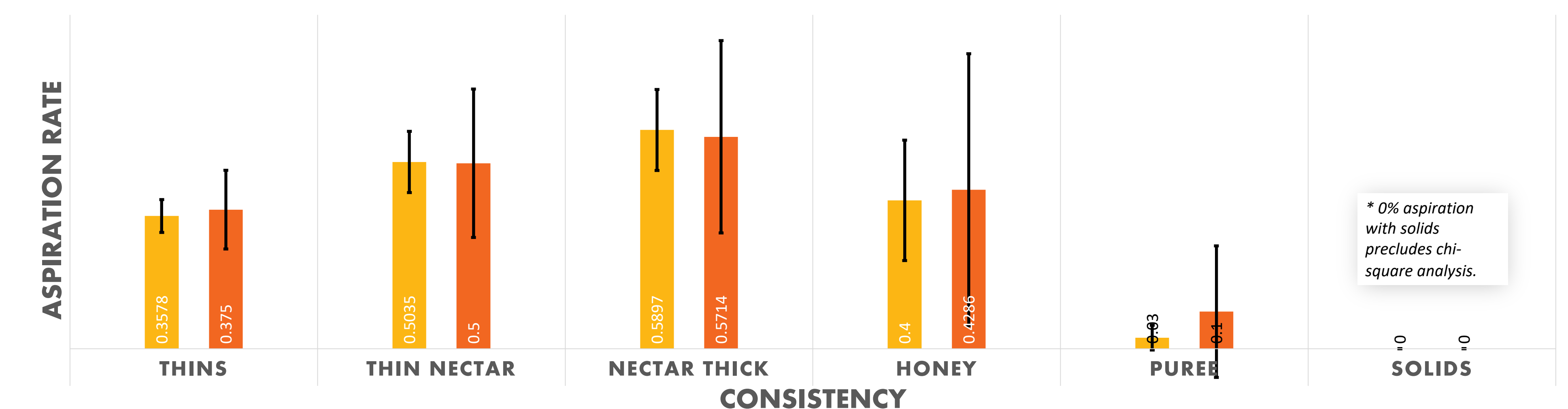
- A large scale (N=1000), retrospective study, examining deglutition studies over a two-year period was performed.
- We compared the rate of detecting aspiration between two framerate settings: 3 pulses/second (P/S) and 7.5 P/S.
- Thin, thin nectar, nectar, honey, puree and solid consistencies were examined.
- Chi-square test of independence was used to test whether there was a statistical difference observed in aspiration rates with each framerate for each of the 6 consistencies.

Results

 3 P/S Setting
 7.5 P/S Setting

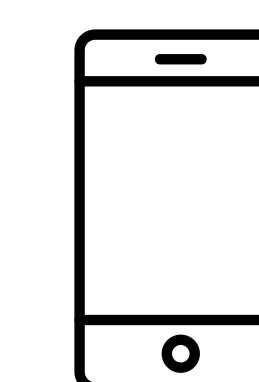
Margin of error bars at 95% Confidence Intervals.

Framerate and rate of aspiration were found to be independent of one another for each consistency.*



Conclusion

- The rate of detecting aspiration does not improve when using a higher 7.5 P/S setting as compared to 3 P/S.
- We recommend utilizing the lower 3 P/S framerate setting to minimize unnecessary radiation exposure.



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