

META-ANALYSIS OF VISUAL INSPECTION ACCURACY FOR CERVICAL CANCER SCREENING: DOES PROVIDER TYPE OR TRAINING MATTER?

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Global Health Inequity

Cervical Cancer

- 4th most common cancer in women worldwide

In 2012

- 528,000 women diagnosed
- 276,000 women died
- 70% living in low resource countries



Prat & Franchesci (2014)



“The biggest gain in reducing cervical cancer incidence and mortality would be achieved by increasing screening rates among women rarely or never screened”

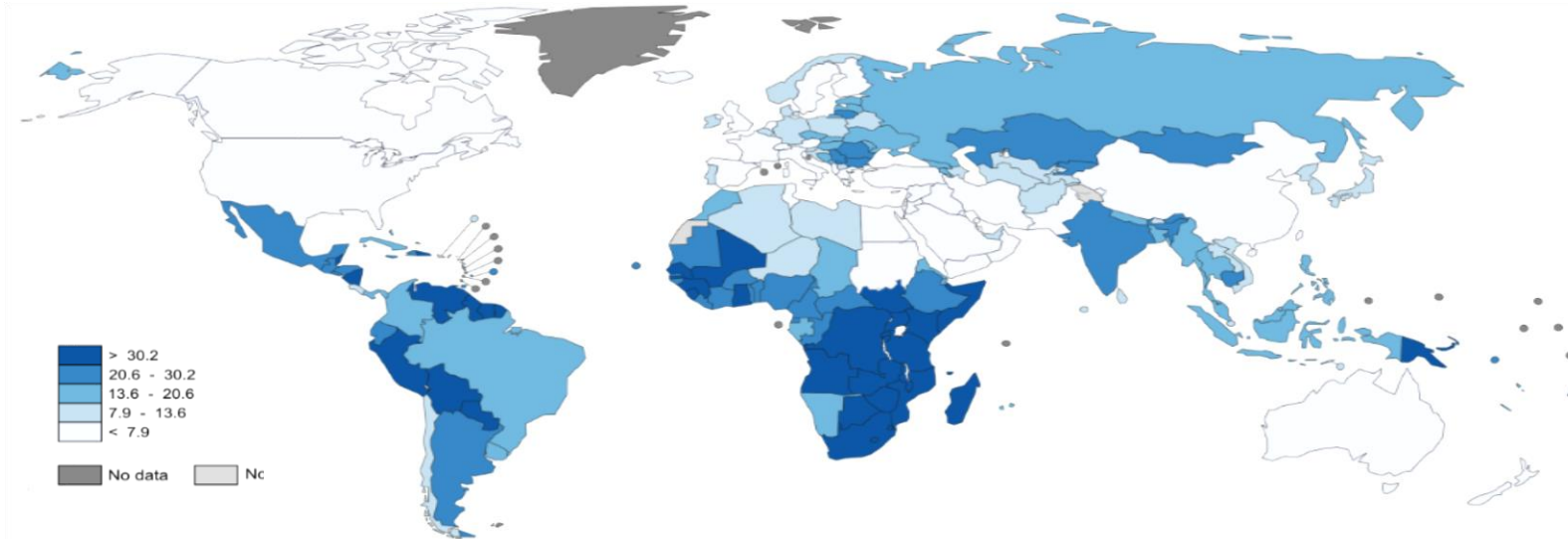
(Saslow, et al. 2012)

“Screen & Treat” approach with VIA and Cryotherapy (WHO, 2013)

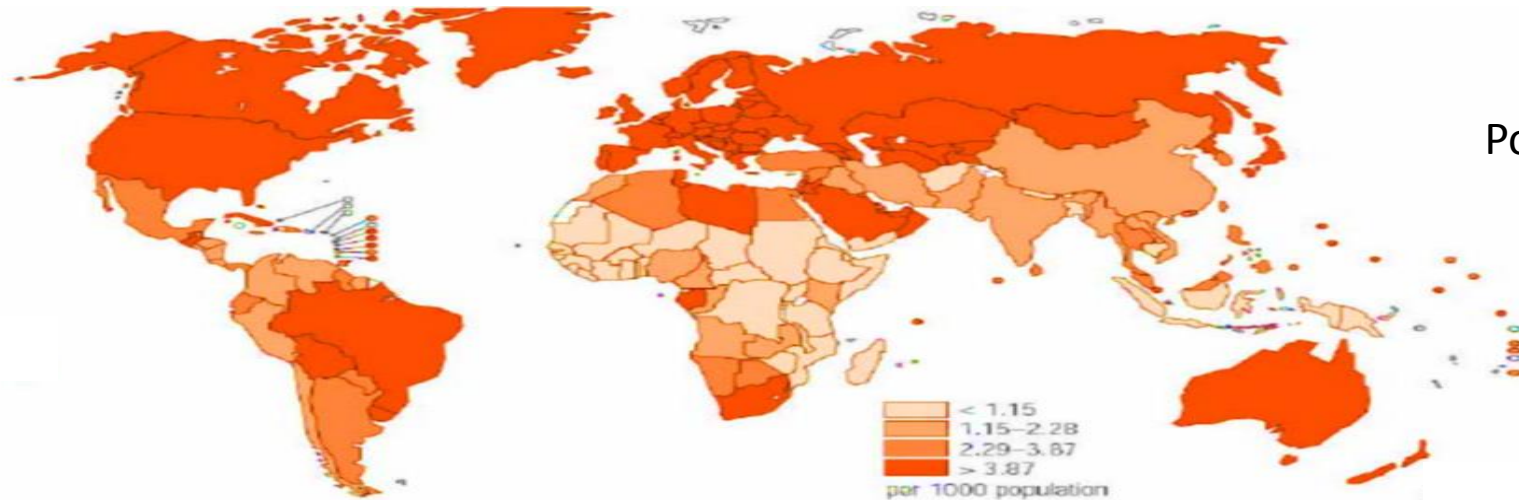


High Cervical Cancer Incidence in Areas with Inadequate Provider Coverage

Cervical Cancer Incidence Rates



Provider to Population Ratios



Aims

Primary aim

- To determine whether the accuracy of cervical cancer screening with visual inspection by CHWs was as accurate as visual inspection performed by nurses or physicians

Secondary aim

- To explore affects of visual inspection provider training on visual inspection accuracy



Systematic Review: Inclusion/Exclusion Criteria

Visual Inspection (VIA, VILI, and/or VIAM)

Participants with no history of HPV, CIN, or prior treatment

Reference to provider type and/or training

Reference test for disease threshold

- Colposcopy with directed biopsy or random biopsy

Criteria for positive visual inspection

Test accuracy data

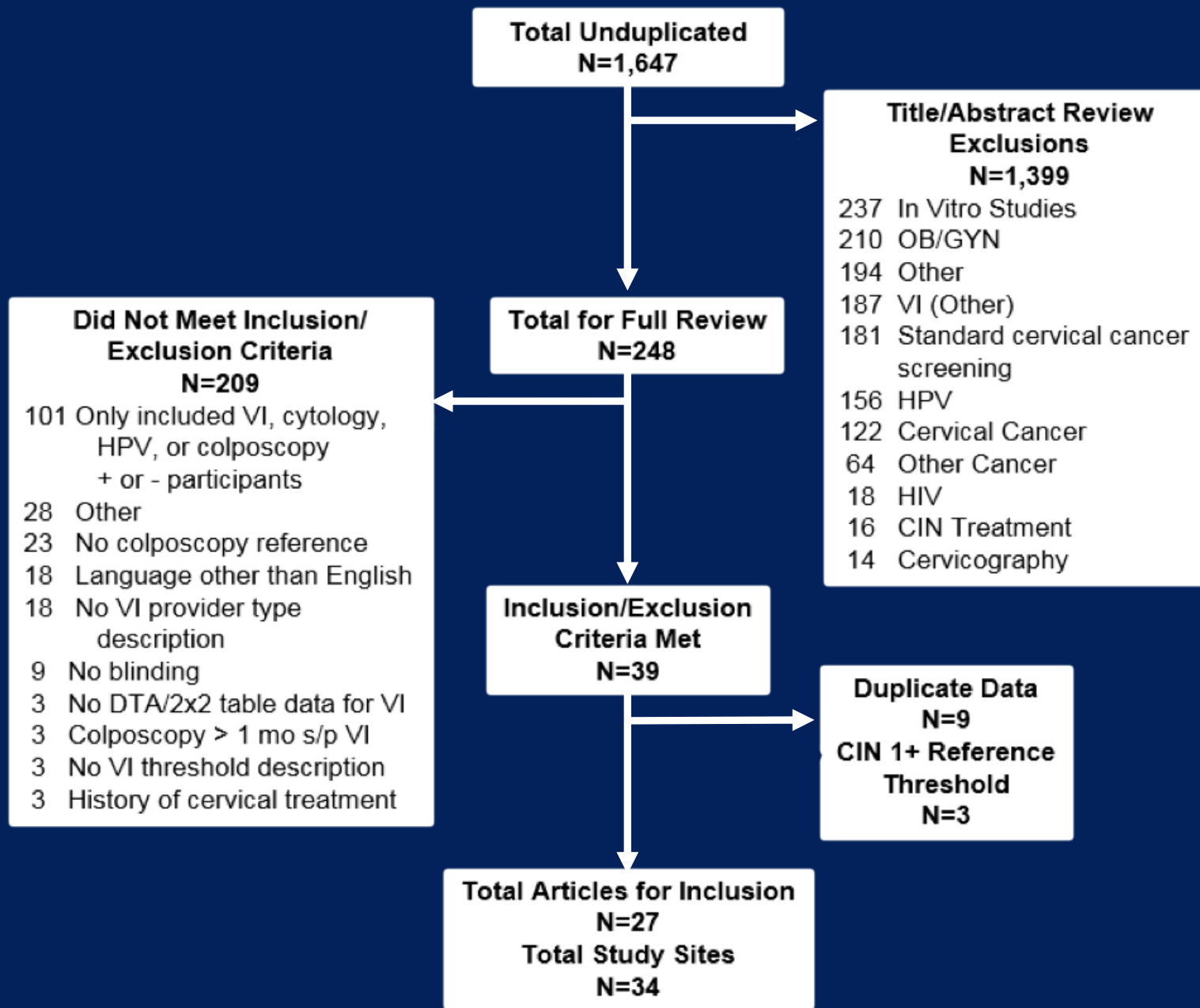
- 2x2 table
- Sensitivity and specificity

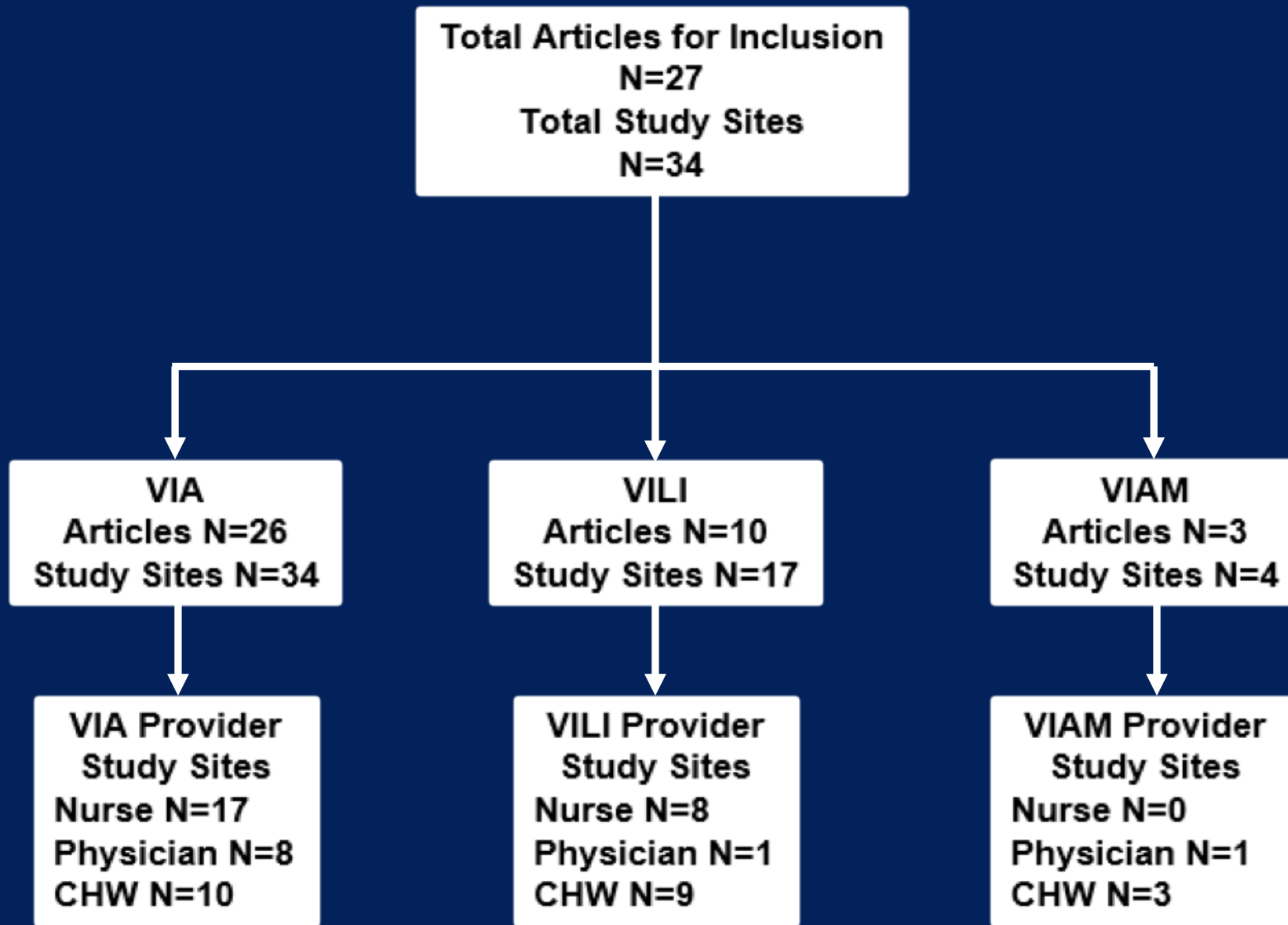
Blinding

Less than 1 month from index to reference test

English







Summary of Included Articles (N=27)

Primary aim

- 22 evaluated the test accuracy of visual inspection alone, in parallel, or in combination with other screening tests
- 2 compared nurses to physicians, but no statistical comparisons
- 2 looked at age differences
- 1 was an HPV prevalence study

Geographic regions

- Asia, Africa, Central America, South America, and the Pacific

Community setting (n=17)

- 12 urban
- 1 suburban
- 3 rural
- 1 mixed



Summary of Included Articles (N=27), cont.

Clinical setting (n=20)

- 9 in primary care clinics
- 8 in specialty clinics
- 3 in hospital

Age range (15-79)

- Most between 30-40 years of age

Education

- 6 reported more than 30% of women with no formal education
- 8 had more than 50% of women with secondary or higher education



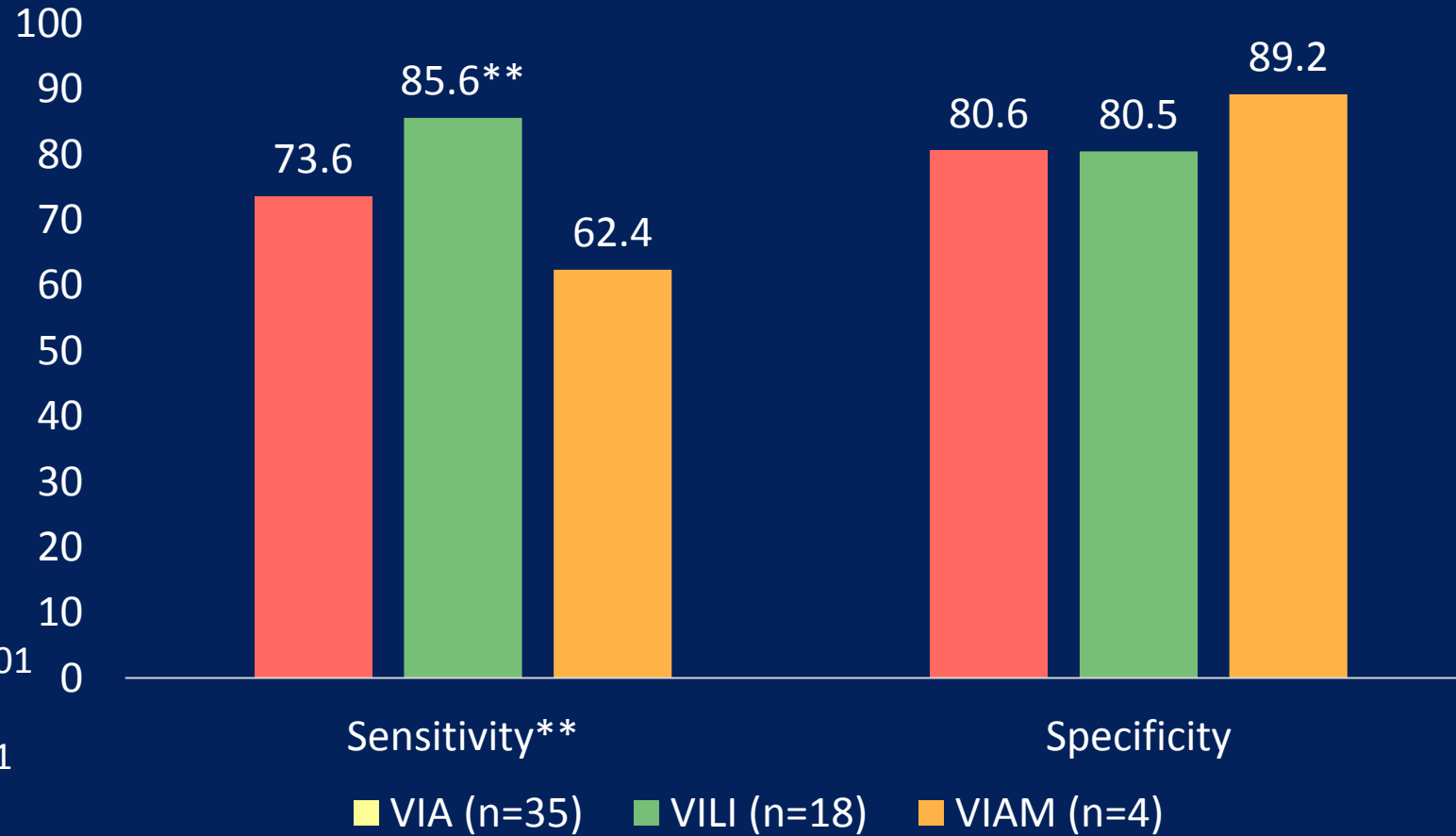
Quantitative Meta-Analysis

Bivariate Linear Mixed Models (BLMM)

- Variation of bivariate random effects models (BREM) recommended by Cochrane
- Bivariate analysis of interdependent accuracy outcome measures
 - Sensitivity
 - Specificity
- Random effect: between study heterogeneity
- Fixed effect: predictor variables
- Unconditional and conditional models



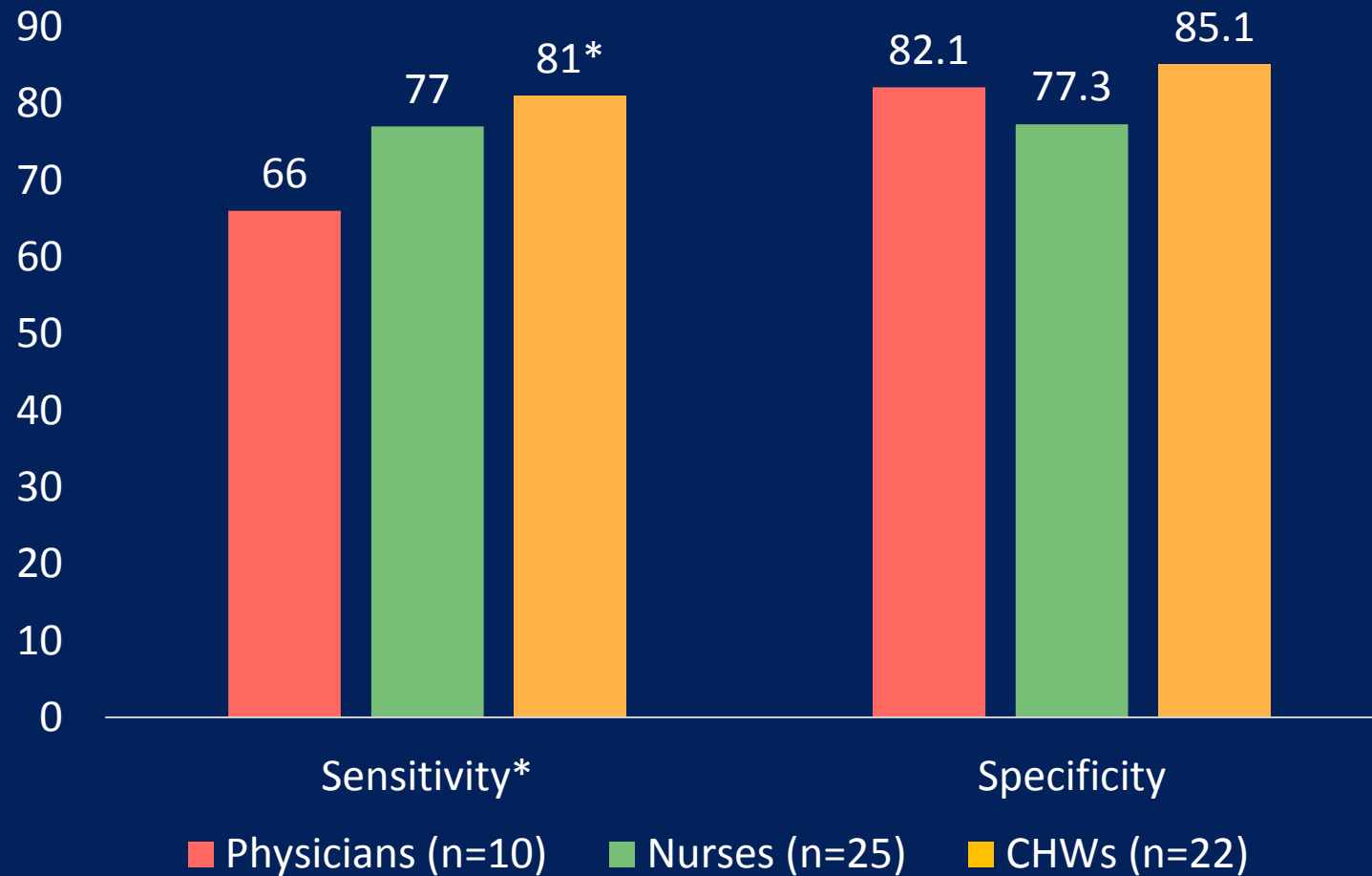
Comparison of Visual Inspection Techniques



* $p < .05$. ** $p < .01$. *** $p < .001$
unconditional model
† $p < .05$. †† $p < .01$. ††† $p < .001$
conditional model



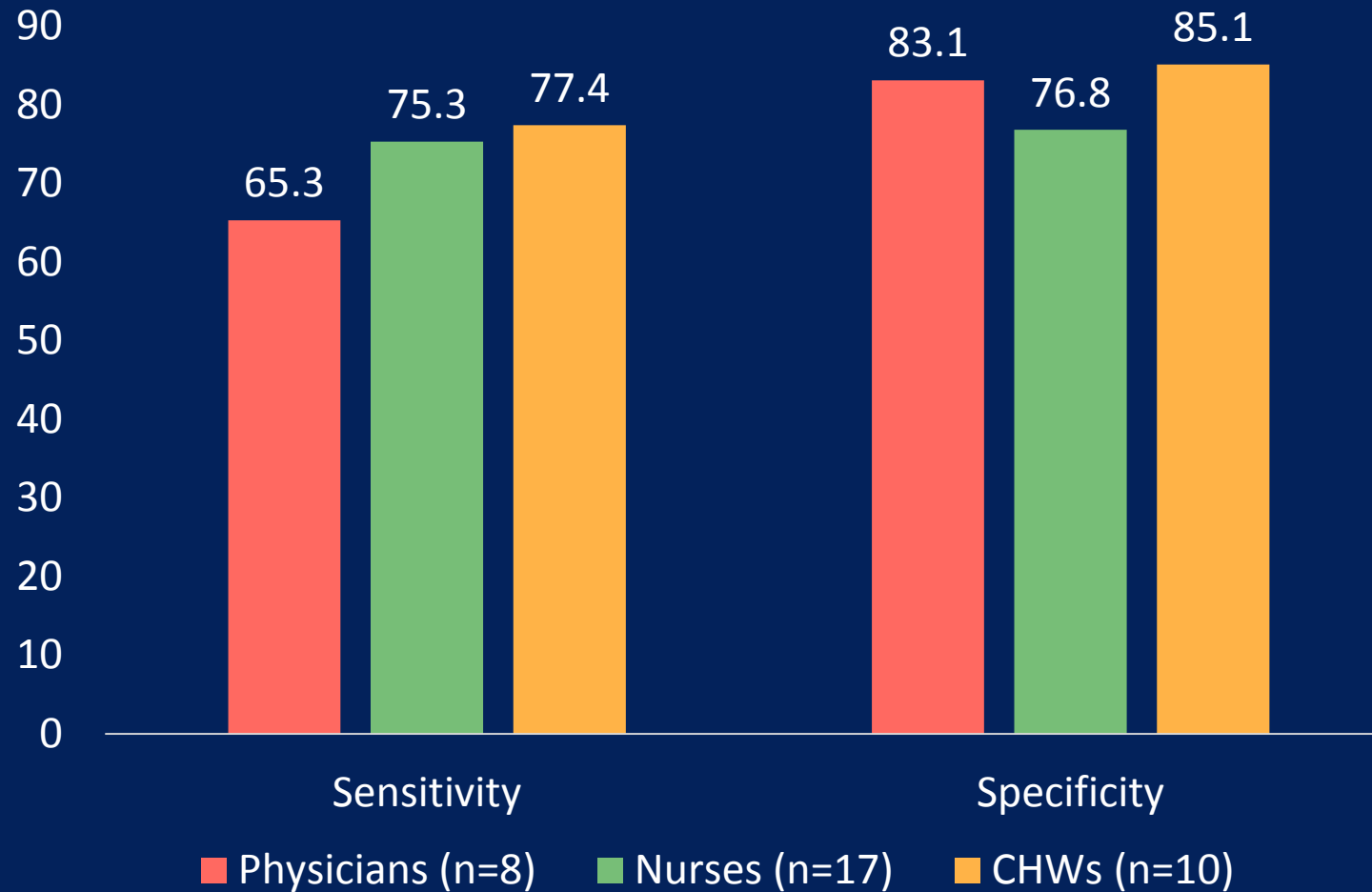
Comparison of Provider Types



*p<.05. **p<.01. ***p<.001
unconditional model
†p<.05. ††p<.01. †††p<.001
conditional model



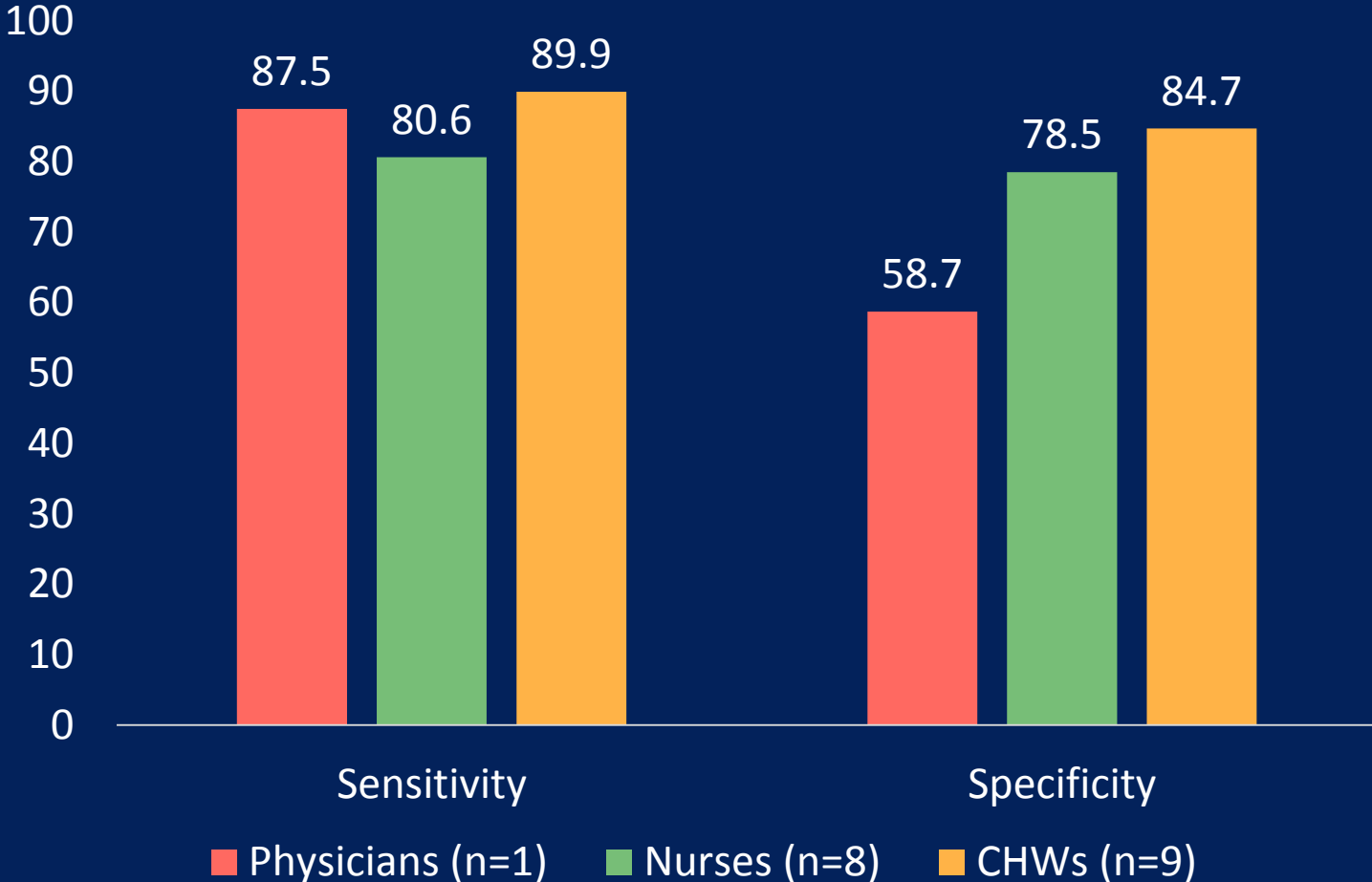
Comparison of Provider Types for VIA



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unconditional model
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conditional model



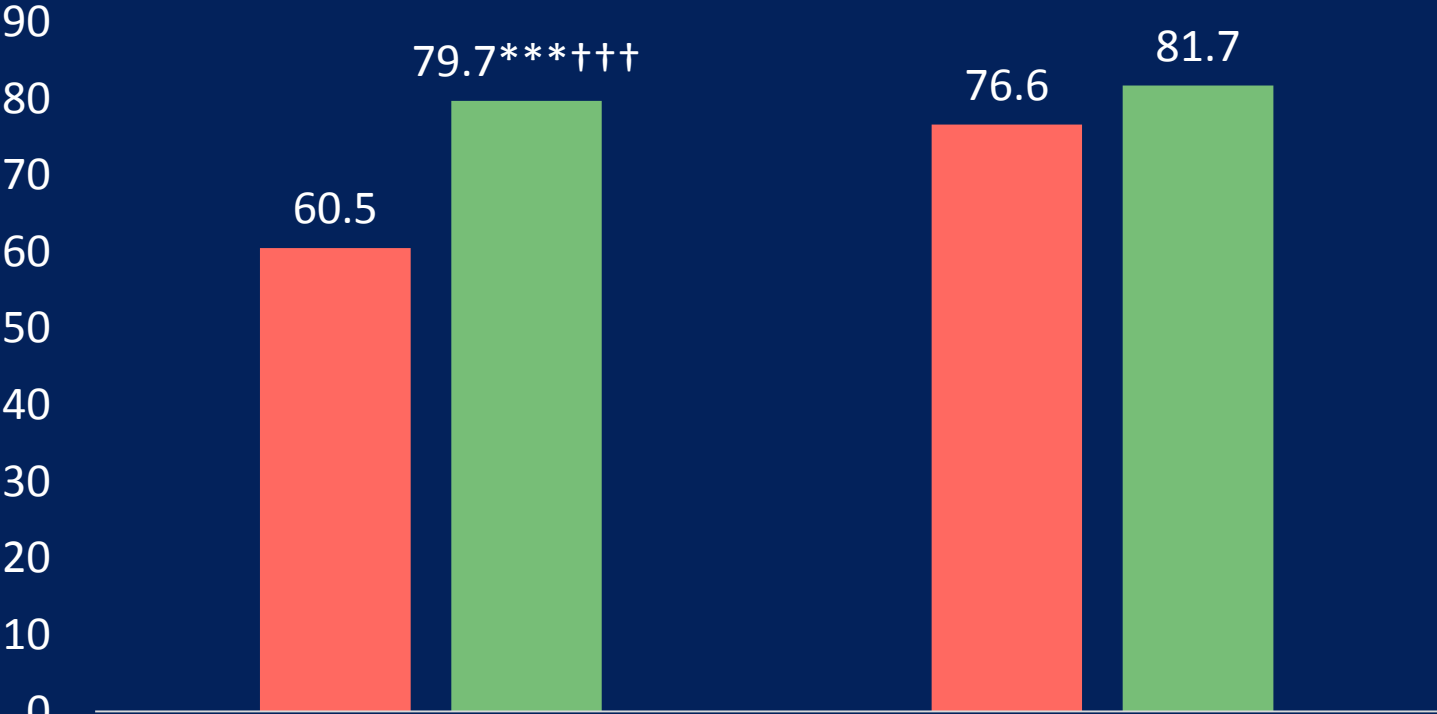
Comparison of Provider Types for VILI



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†p<.05. ††p<.01. †††p<.001 conditional model



Comparison of Didactic Hours

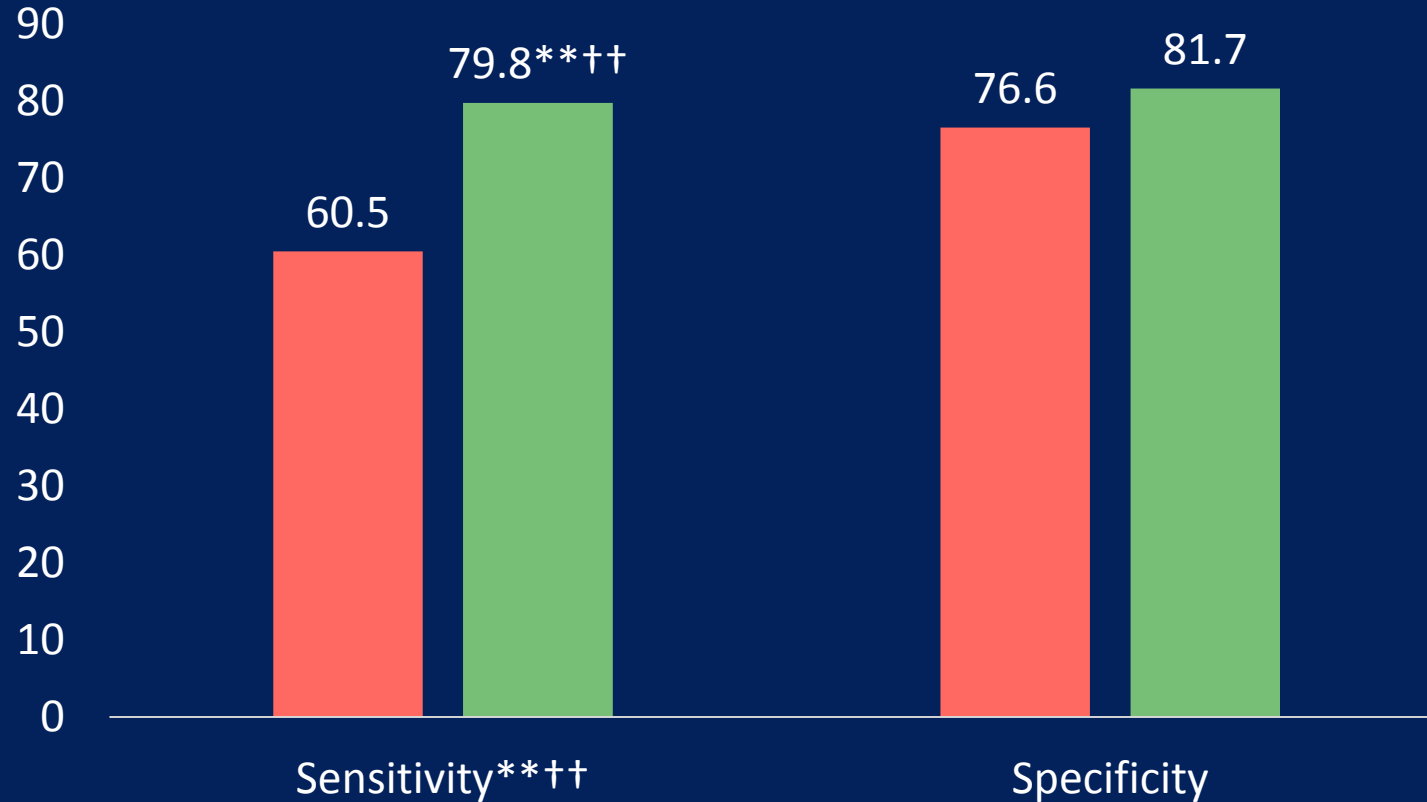


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■ No report of didactic hours (n=5)
■ Report of didactic hours (n=46)



Comparison of Report of Mentored Hours



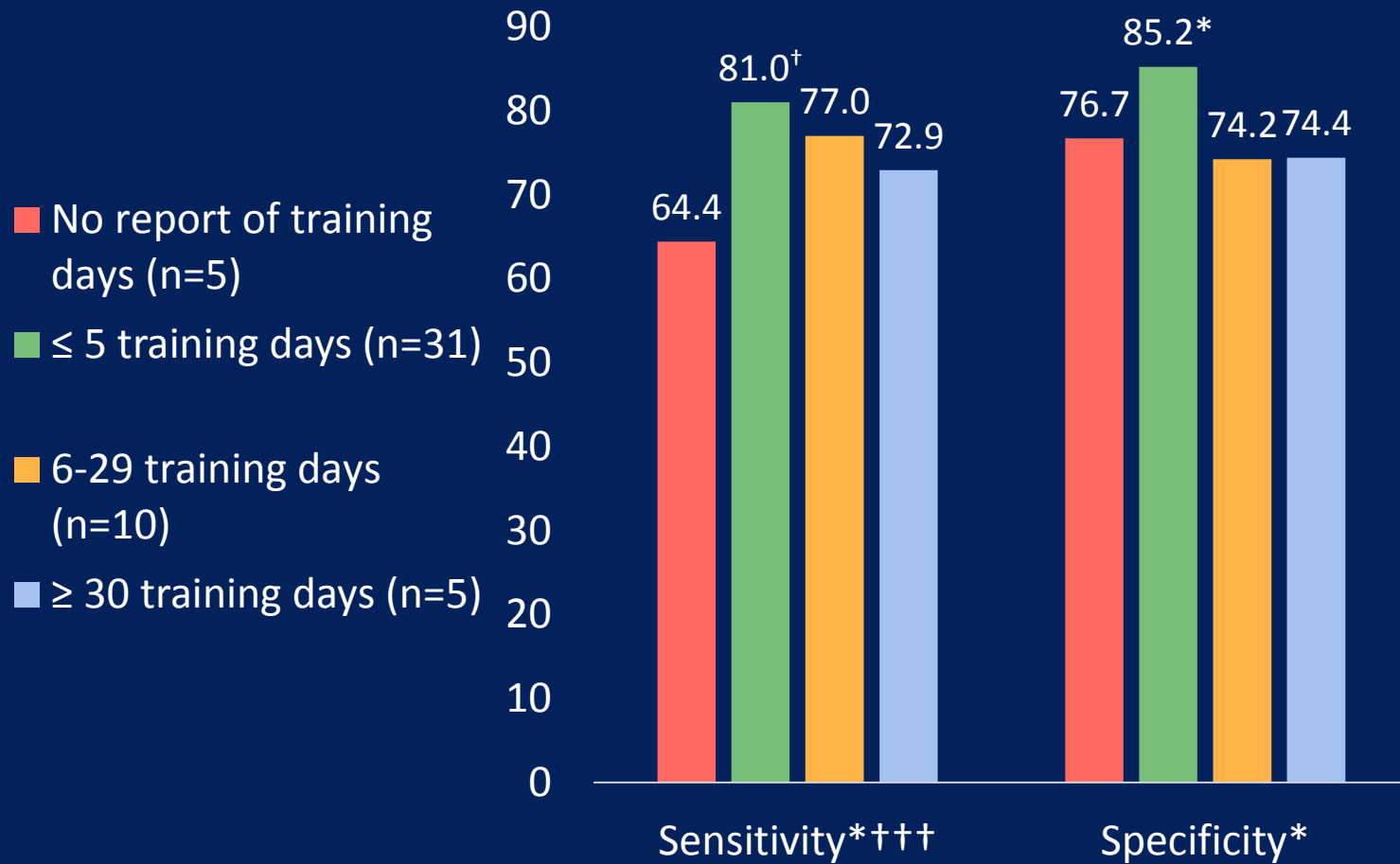
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conditional model

■ No report of mentored hours (n=8)
■ Report of mentored hours (n=43)



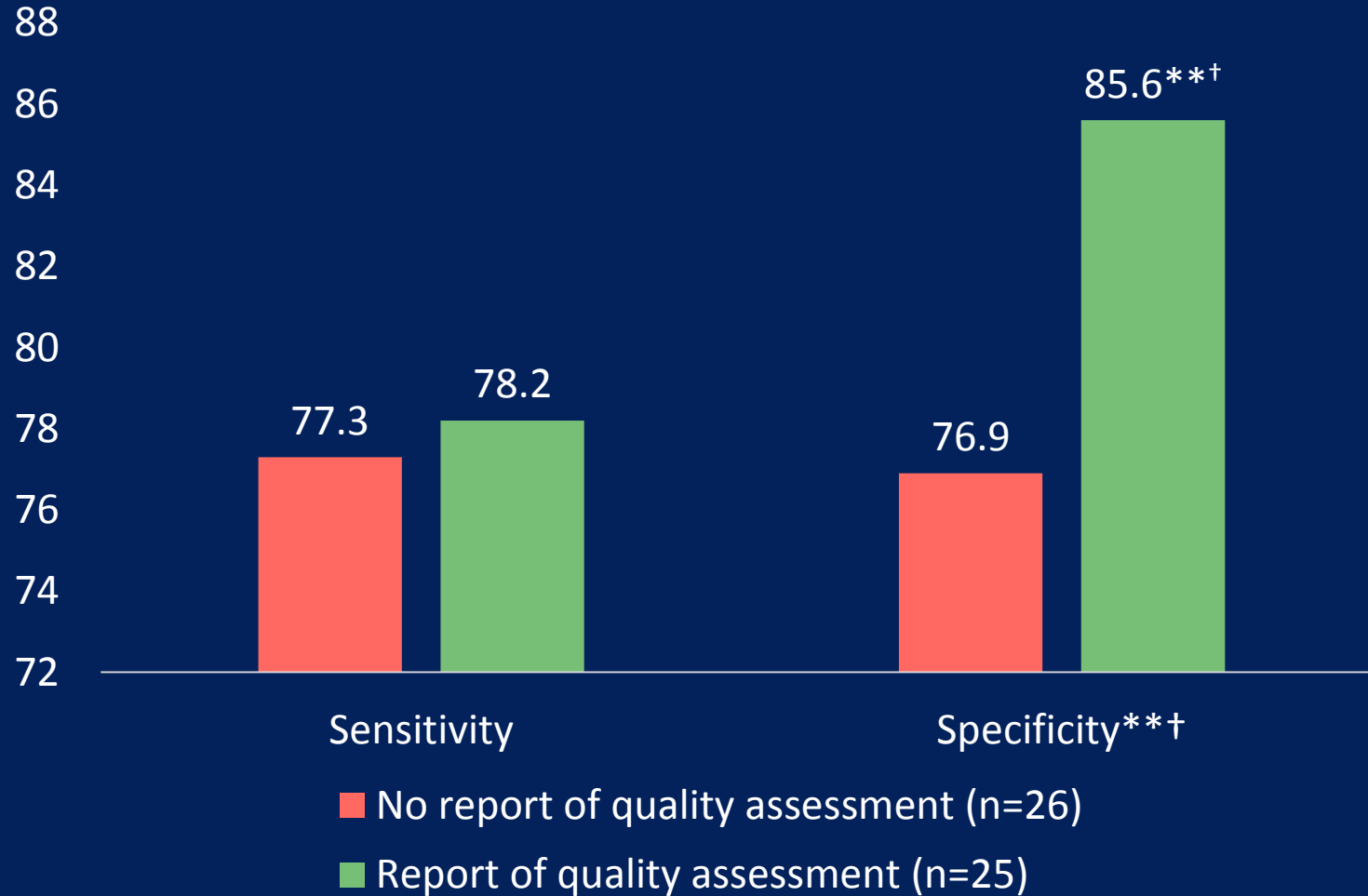
Comparison of Number of Training Days



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[†]p<.05. ^{††}p<.01. ^{†††}p<.001
conditional model



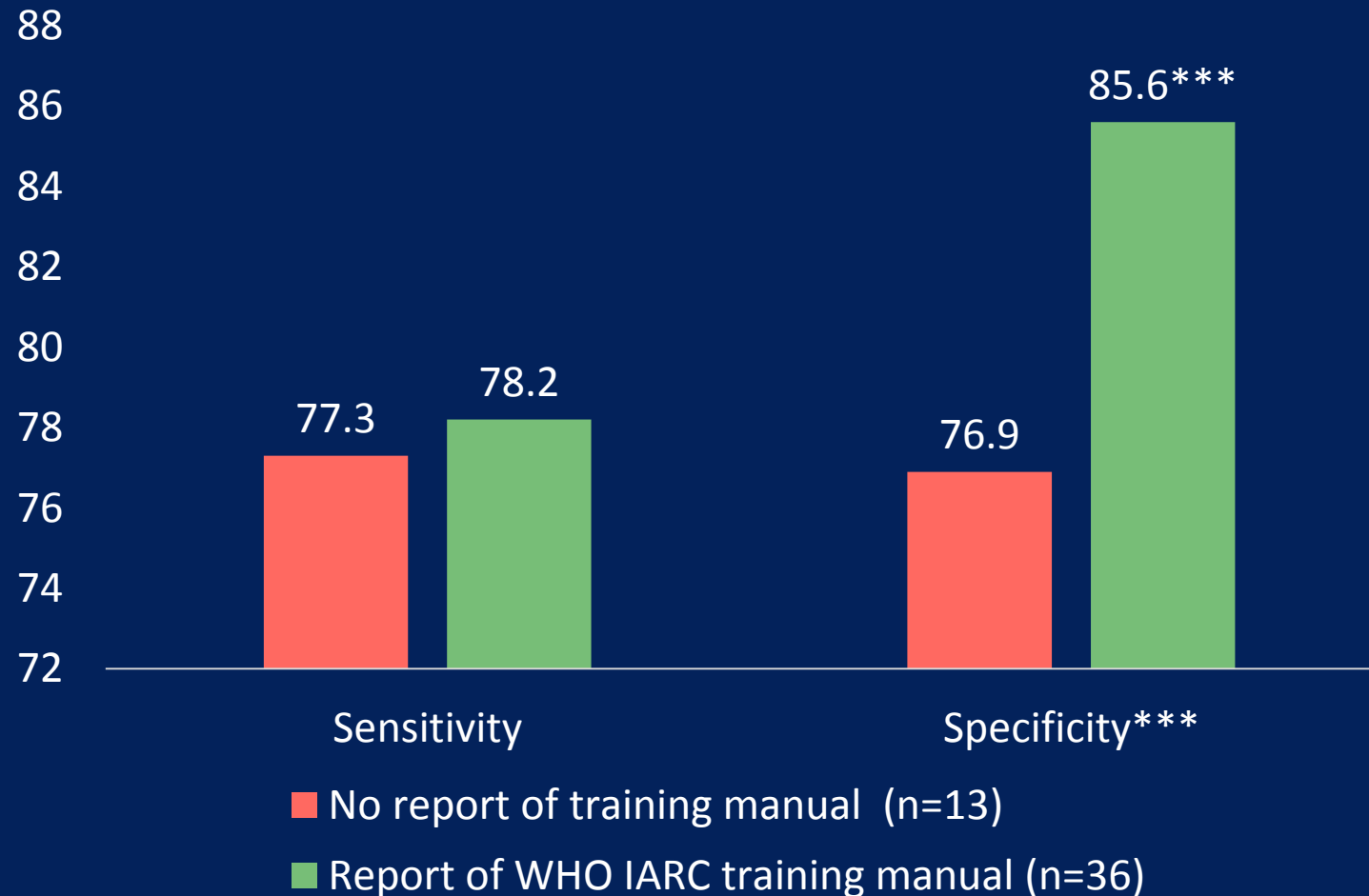
Comparison of Training Quality Assessment



*p<.05. **p<.01. ***p<.001
unconditional model
†p<.05. ††p<.01. †††p<.001
conditional model



Comparison of Use of WHO IARC Training Manual



*p<.05. **p<.01. ***p<.001
unconditional model
†p<.05. ††p<.01. †††p<.001
conditional model



Conclusions

- VIA and VILI accuracy (sensitivity and specificity) is similar among physicians, nurses, and CHWs
- Visual inspection by CHWs was significantly more sensitive than those performed by physicians and nurses when all visual inspection techniques were combined
- Components of visual inspection provider training (didactic hours, mentored hours, number of training days, quality assessment, and use of WHO IARC training manual) were all significant predictors of visual inspection sensitivity and/or specificity



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