Communication confidence in different settings: perceptions of nineteen people with aphasia
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Background Information:
This small scale study was undertaken as part of an undergraduate degree
- People with aphasia (PWA) are not intrinsically disabled, rather they are disabled by the society in which they live, their environment Poud et al (2000)
- Aphasia affects language competence
- It is also a catalyst for a change in identity that has an emotional meaning for the people it affects
- The emotional effects of aphasia are under researched
- Aphasia affects confidence
- Our study investigated whether communicative confidence is affected by environment

Research design
- 19 PWA completed an adapted Communication Confidence Rating Scale (CCRS, Babbit & Cherney, 2010)

Adaptations to the original scale allowed:
- Comparison between communicative confidence in three different settings: home, community and support group
- Independent participation of people with all types and degrees of aphasia

Results and Discussion
People with aphasia:
- were confident communicating at home and at support groups
- did not feel confident in the community
- had most confidence talking to family and friends
- had the least confidence talking on the telephone
- The CCRS may be a useful outcome measure

References