Evaluating the usability of YouTube as a source of information on hospice: a systematic review

BASS CONNECTIONS

Roadmap for Evaluating Goals in **Advanced Illness Navigation (REGAIN)**

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BACKGROUND

- 40% of eligible patients do not receive hospice care
- Social media (especially YouTube) is increasingly used for health information
- Low content oversight compromises veracity of health information
- Primary objective of study: determine user engagement of hospice-related YouTube videos

METHODS

Videos identified through YouTube search (keyword: "hospice") (n = 100)

Videos assessed in preliminary descriptive analysis (n = 100)

High-usability video cohort (included videos) (n = 50)

Excluded videos with reasons (n = 50): Hospice-irrelevant (n = 4) >6 minutes (n = 41) Not in English (n = 4) Partial duplicate (n = 1)

Role

(e)

Video

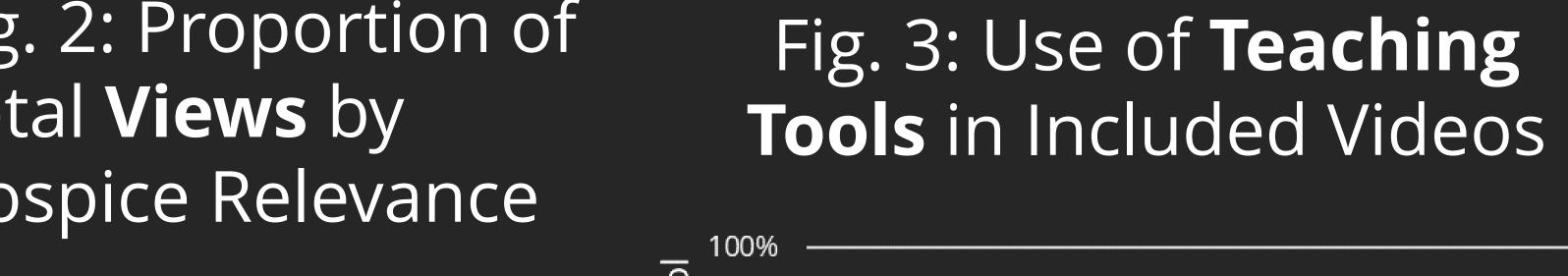
MEASURABLES (n = 50 cohort)

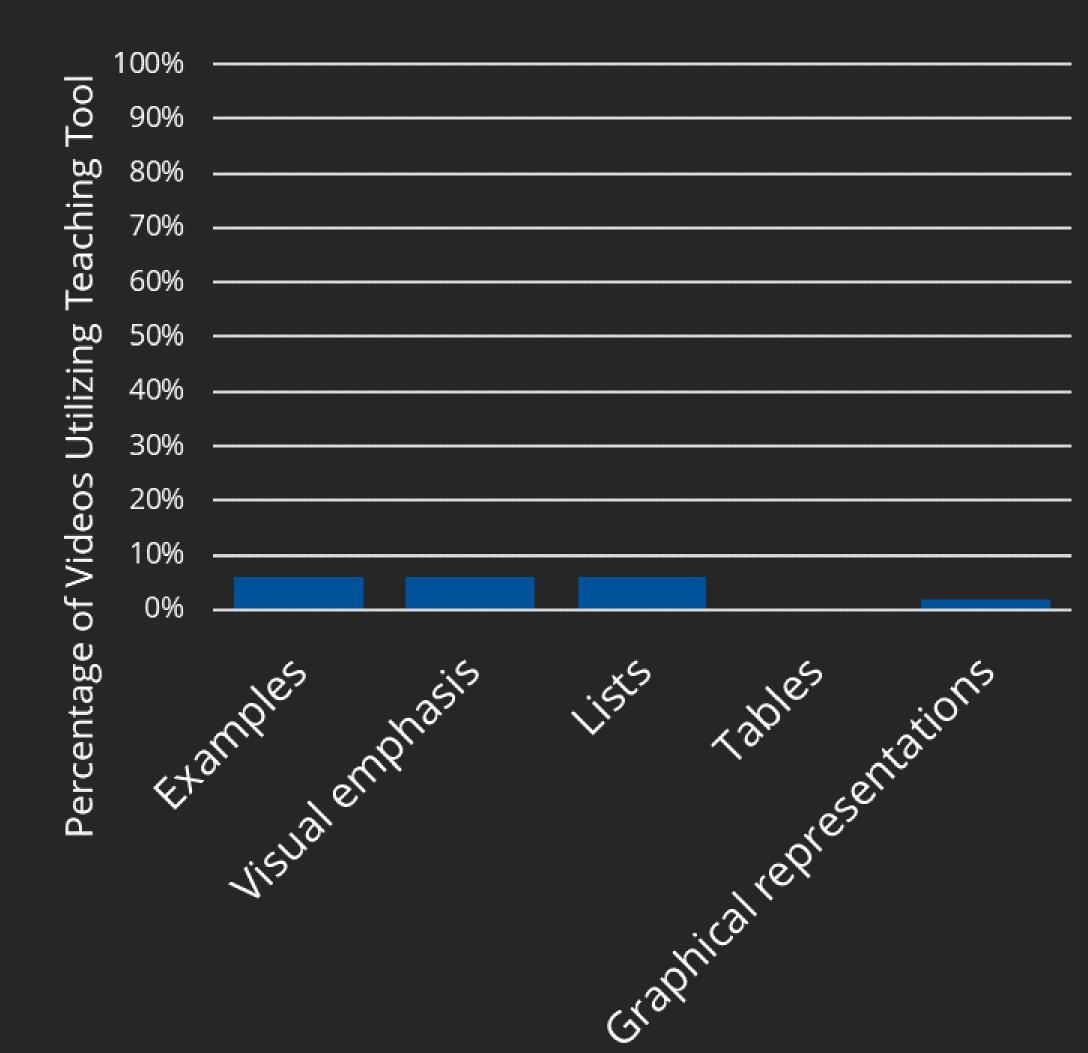
- Video search rank
- User engagement metadata (likes, dislikes, views, and comments)
- Characteristics of video purveyor (uploader)
- Style of information presentation
- Use of teaching tools

RESULTS

Fig. 1: Proportion of Retrieved Videos by Hospice Relevance







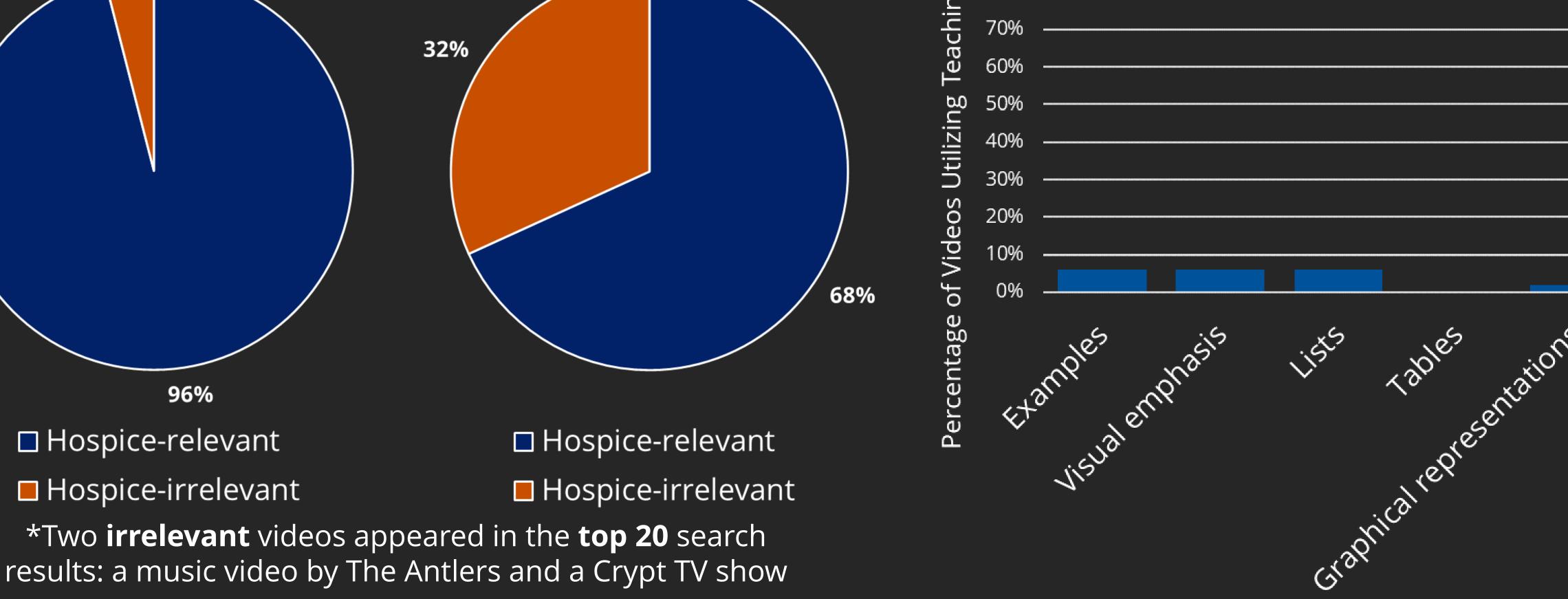
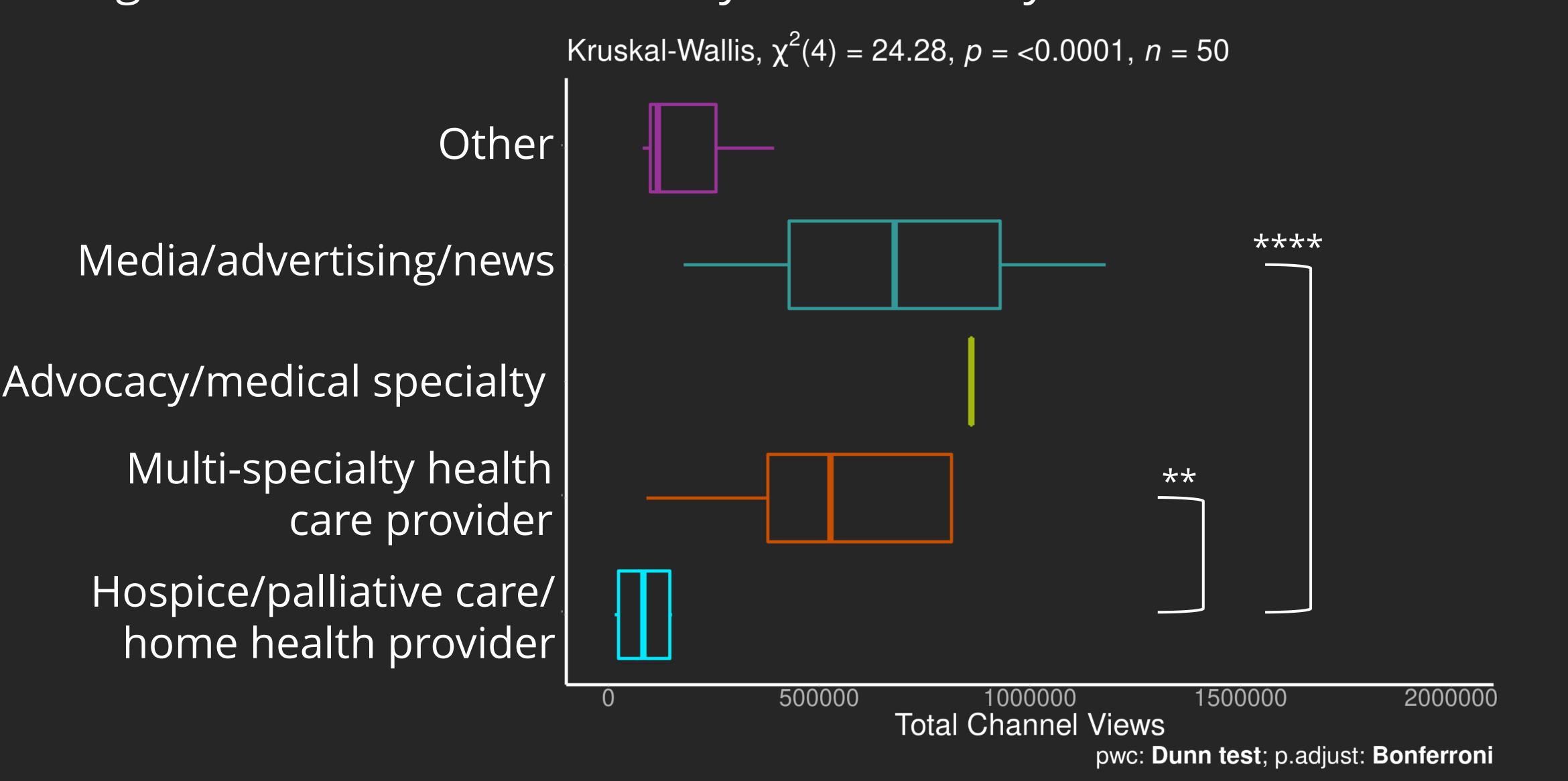


Fig. 4: Total Channel Views by Video Purveyor Role



CONCLUSIONS

- Hospice-relevant videos have poor viewer engagement
- Scarce use of teaching tools in hospice-relevant videos

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Hospice providers must upload more and more engaging videos
 - e.g., shorter length, graphics, background music
- Videos about hospice must use more teaching tools

REFERENCES



