A comparison of the problem-based learning process in a video-triggered and a paper-triggered case

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Possible problems

-Will junior medical students focus on history taking and physical examination in the video?

-Will they be distracted from the problem-solving?

Methods

-eleven second year medical students
-one facilitator

-2x2 hr: one paper case (knee degeneration)
-2x2 hr: one video case (lumbar spine degeneration)

-sessions recorded
-transcribed

Methods

-coding: 5 stages of critical thinking (Kamin et al. 2001, 2003)

problem identification
problem description

Will junior medical students focus on these 2 stages?

problem exploration
applicability
integration
miscellaneous

Results

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55.38   66.40%

Conclusion

-students are not distracted into spending more time in problem identification and description in video-triggered PBL case

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Paper-based or Video-based Triggers for Medical PBL: Perspectives from Medical Education and Learning Sciences

Jingyan Lu, Lap Ki Chan

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Implication of the study

Taking scientific perspectives of learning understanding the synergy of teaching, learning and technology

SRT, Sciences of Learning, HKU, 2011
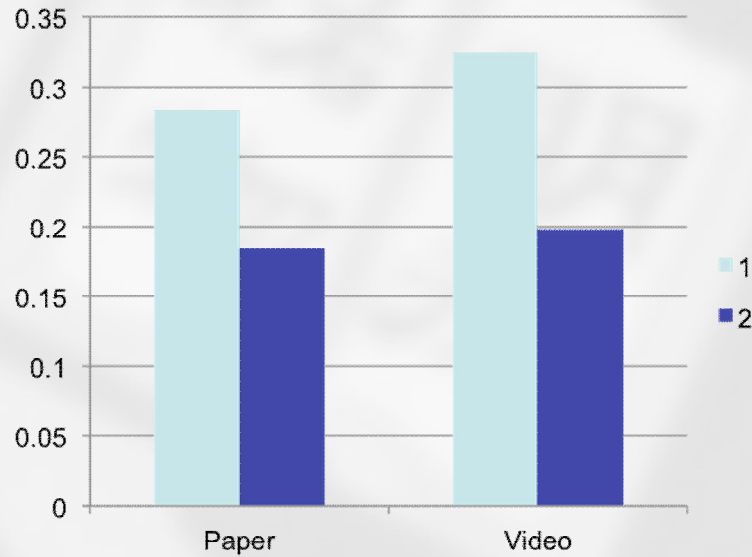
How do we measure learning

- PBL perspectives (Holistic perspective)
  - 5 stages of Critical thinking in PBL
- Argumentation (students pursuing for knowledge)
  - Questioning
  - Show different opinions
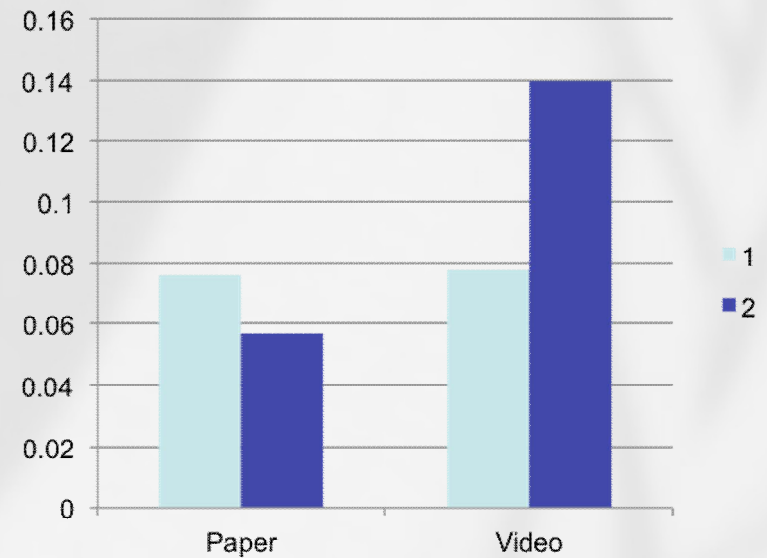 - Proving theories with evidence and explanations
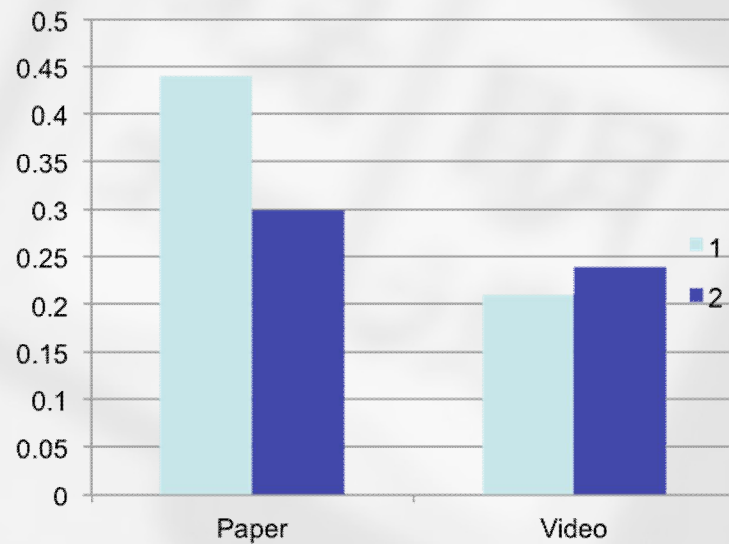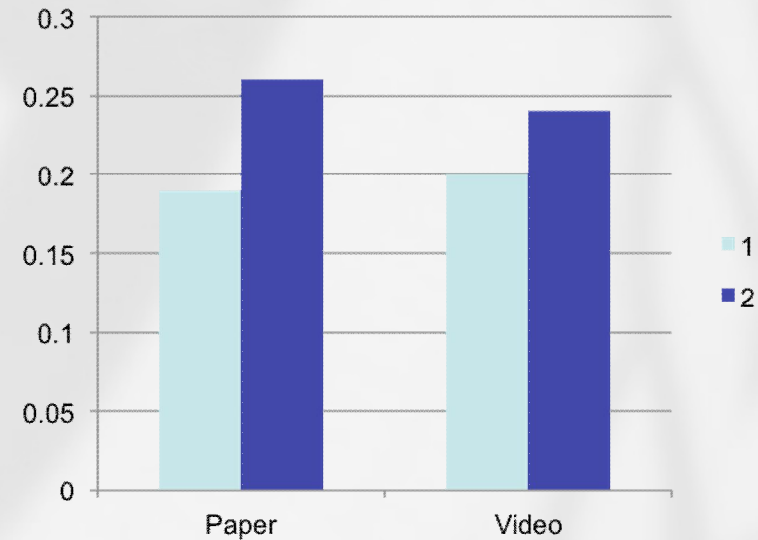- Scaffolding

Tutorial discourse
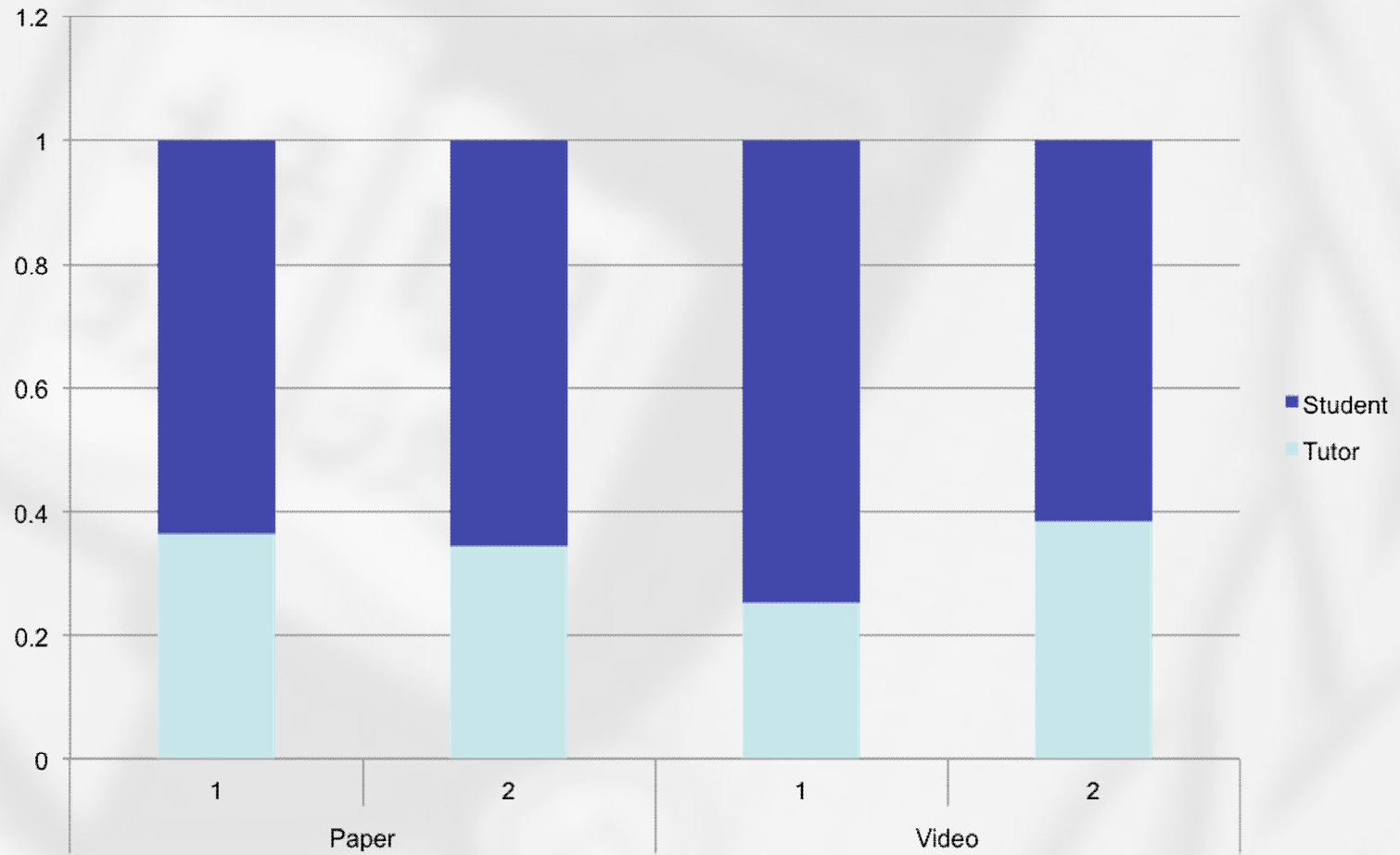
Questions asked

By tutor

By students

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Argumentation process

Justification / Claim bar charts comparing Paper and Video conditions (series 1 and 2)

How can we promote better learning and teaching

- How to facilitate critical thinking during PBL

- How to develop argumentative reasoning?

- What to scaffold
  - Content knowledge
  - Reasoning
  - Communication?

- How to scaffold

Thank you!

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