

# Evaluating the perceived importance of male ejaculatory function



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## Introduction

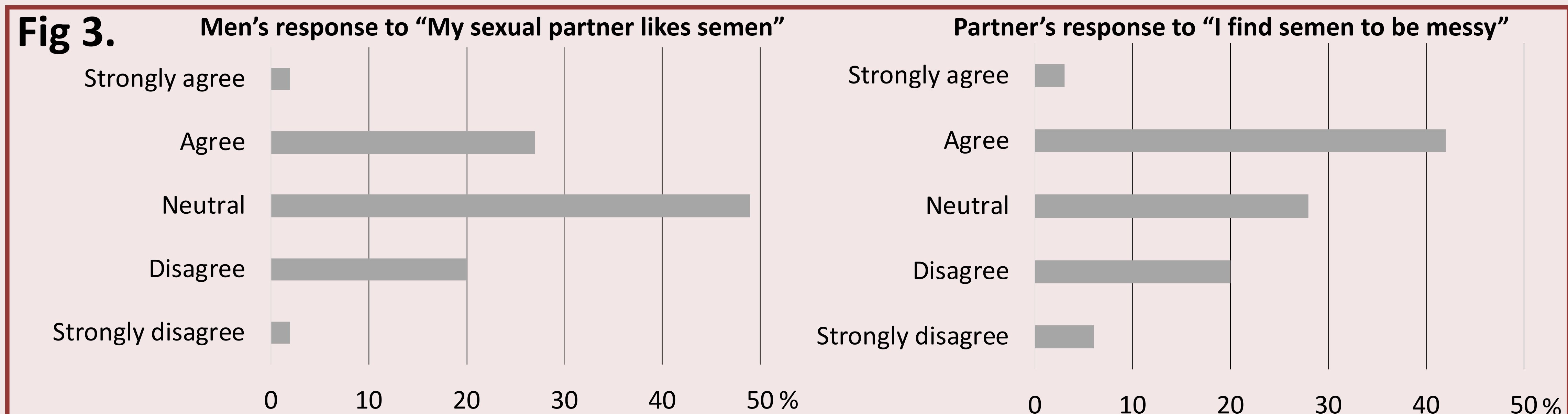
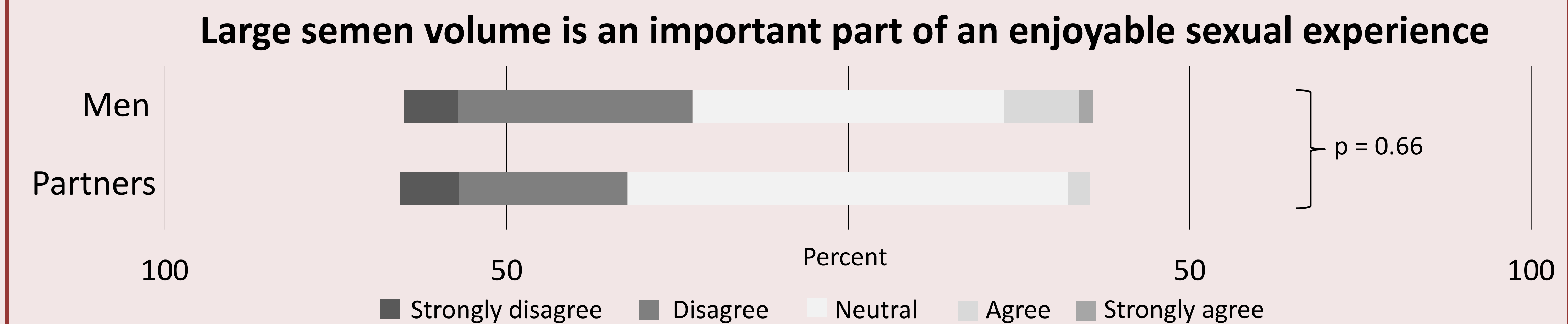
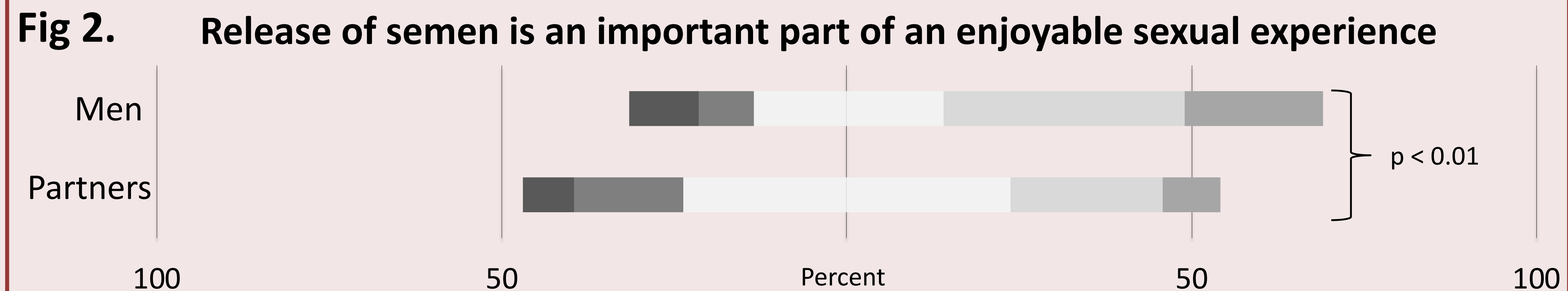
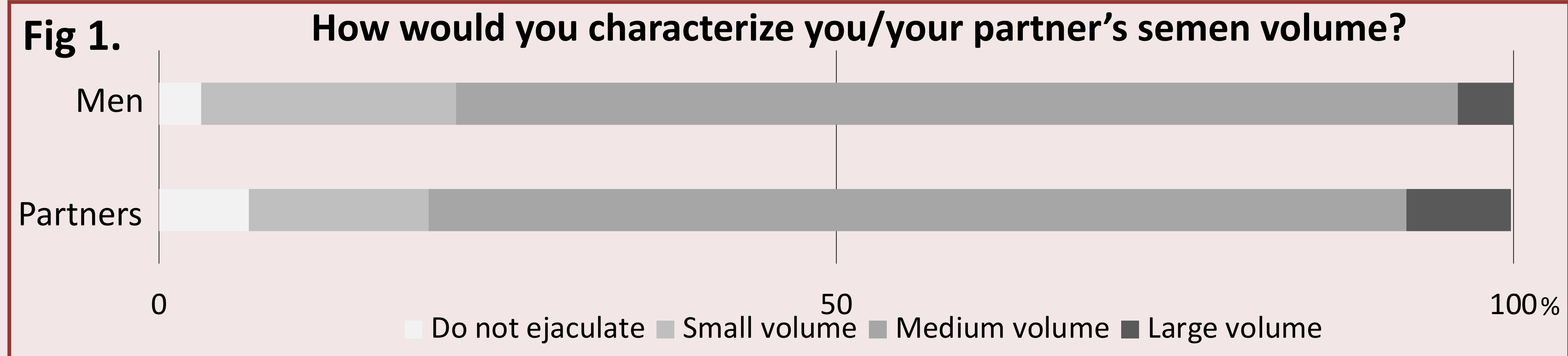
- Ejaculatory dysfunction is often perceived as a barrier to many effective BPH therapies
- It is unclear whether ejaculatory dysfunction is actually bothersome to sexual partners of men

## Aim

- Assess the perceived importance of male ejaculatory function from the perspective of adult men and their sexual partners

## Methods

- Surveys distributed to sexually active adults at the Minnesota State Fair
- Men were asked about the perceived importance of their own ejaculatory function
- Partners of men were asked about the perceived importance of their partner's ejaculatory function
- Surveys completed by couples were linked to assess concordance within partnerships



## Results

- 202 surveys were completed in total
- There was good concordance between partners when characterizing semen volume (Fig 1)
- When asked if release of semen is important to an enjoyable sexual experience, 55% of men agreed or strongly agreed, compared to 30% of partners (Fig 2)
- When asked if a large semen volume is important to an enjoyable sexual experience, 12% of men agreed or strongly agreed, compared to 3% of partners (Fig 2)
- 49% of men were neutral to the statement, "My sexual partner likes semen" (Fig 3)
- 45% of partners found semen to be messy (Fig 3)

## Conclusion

- Men perceive ejaculatory function to be a more important component of an enjoyable sexual experience than do their partners