



Letter to the Editor

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In response to the letter to the editor (Hanson, Steele, Lam, Cichero), we want to express our appreciation for the international team who has not only undertaken, but implemented the IDDSI protocol to best serve our patients around the world. We also wanted to let the readership know that the publication in *Dysphagia* of Cichero [1] was not available at the time that we were conducting the experiments for this specific research study. We did follow the protocol that was available at the time and reported that the liquids had a flow greater than 1 mL/s which implied that there was 0 mL remaining in the syringe. The addition of using an electronic balance was not an alternative measurement, but an additional measurement for accuracy. We do fully support the efforts of IDDSI and under no

circumstances wish to create confusion that may ultimately impact the quality of life of an individual with dysphagia.

Compliance with Ethical Standards

Conflict of interest The authors declare that they have no conflict of interest.

Reference

1. Cichero JAY, Lam P, Steele CM, et al. *Dysphagia*. 2017;32:293. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s00455-016-9758-y>

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