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CRACKING THE TRAUMA NARRATIVES A SEMI-AUTOMATED APPROACH

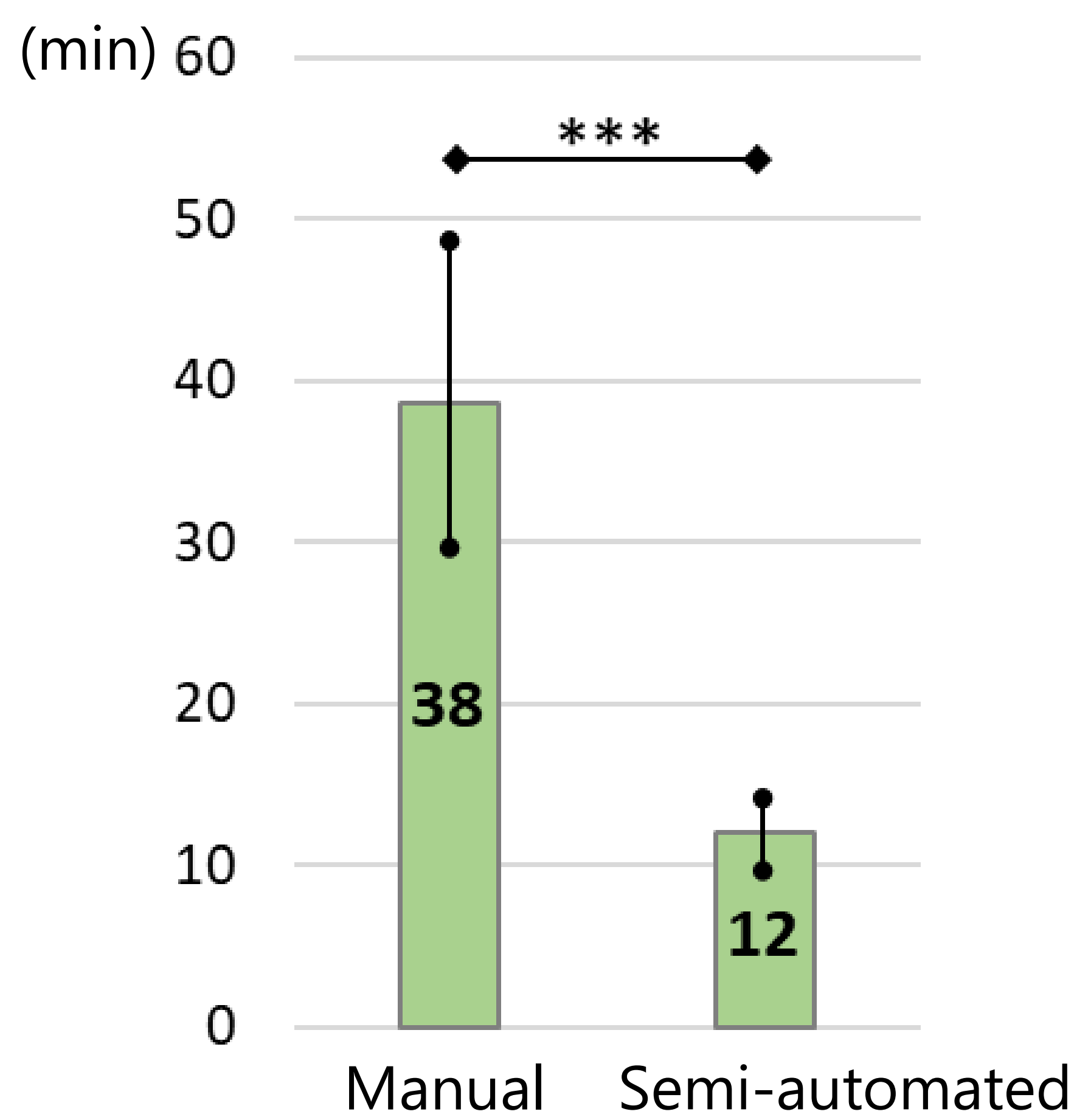


Building a Semi-Automatic Coding System of Autobiographical Reasoning in Trauma Narratives

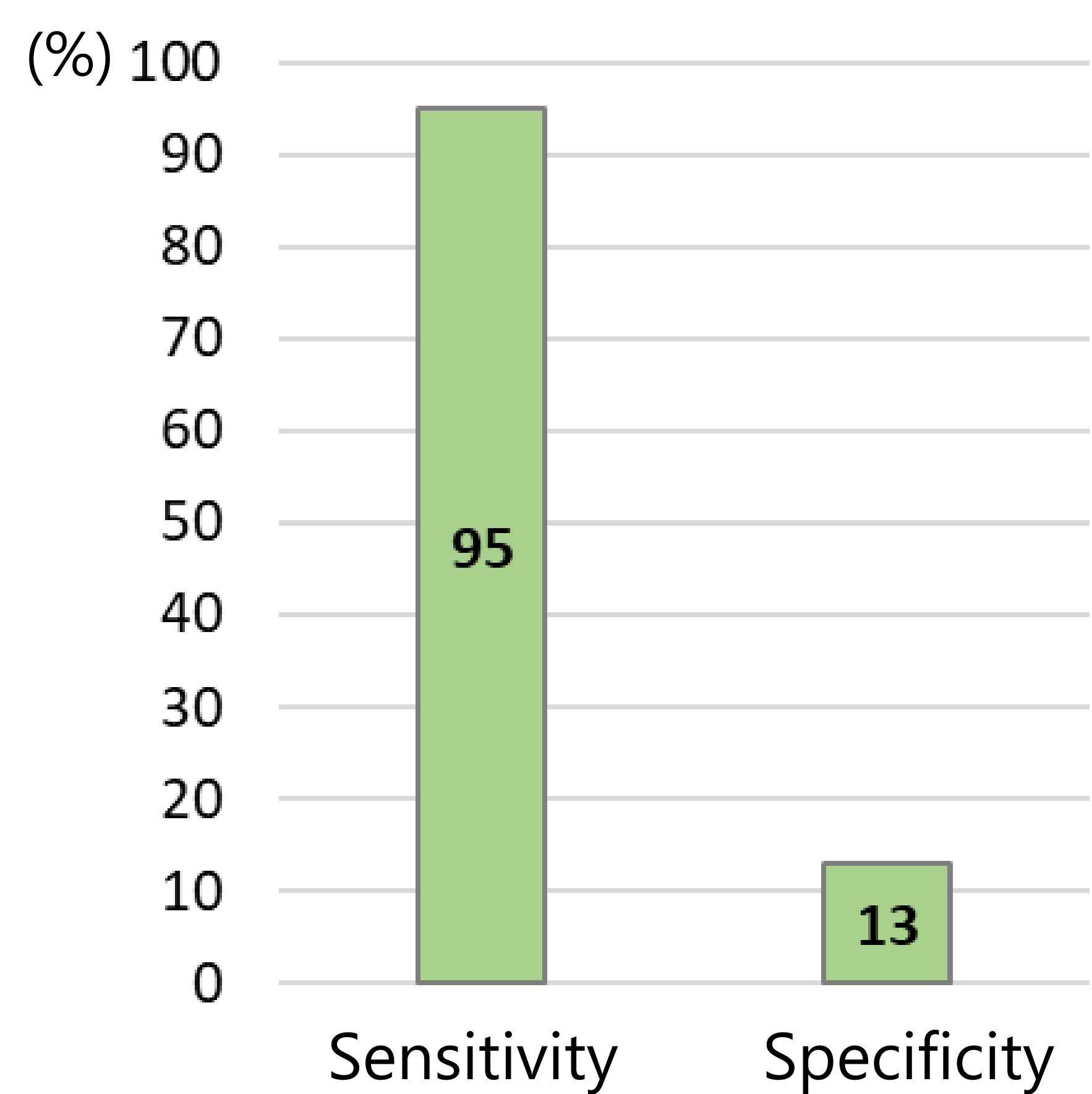
Background: To date, the study of life narratives relies on the coding of semi-structured interviews by judges assessing the structural and thematic aspects of narratives. However, the **length and richness of traumatic narratives** increase coding time and subjectivity. **Now**, we offer a **fast & reliable semi-automatic method** for analyzing **autobiographical reasoning**, built on 178 narratives of Paris November, 2015 terrorist attacks.

RESULTS Meaning making

1 Quicker rating time



2 Sensitive automatic detection



Limitations: This semi-automated approach has only been tested with trauma narratives of terrorist attacks and still needs a human rating.

METHODS Interpretation Exploratory process Meaning making

1 Creation of dictionaries

"atrocious" *"analysis"* *"I realize that I"*

2 Contextualization

Concordance analysis : TXM 0.8.3

name, age	Contexte gauche	Pivot	Contexte droit
PAR0028, 68	Et, et j'	ai compris	... Enfin, il y a des gens qui ont compris que
PAR0024, 26		J' ai compris	que je peux être soutenu par mes amis, si j'avais
PAR0024, 26	C'était inhumaine. ". Je j'	ai compris	ce qu'elle avait contre moi.

CQL (Corpus Query Language) request in French

[frlemma="atroc.*"] [frlemma="analys.*"]
[frlemma="je"][]?[frlemma="comprendre"] [word="que"]

3 Detection and color projection in trauma narratives of our study (see our 1st poster)

"I'm trying to understand because it's so uh... because I think intellectualizing means taking back a little power over something that's on the order of barbarism, the most atrocious kind. I wanted to analyze. So, I realize that if I've experienced a terrorist attack, statistically, there's very little chance of a second one. It's stupid, but... it helps reassure me."

4 Assessment

