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Figure 1.Touch sensation test kit consisting of 20 Semmes-Weinstein Monofilaments

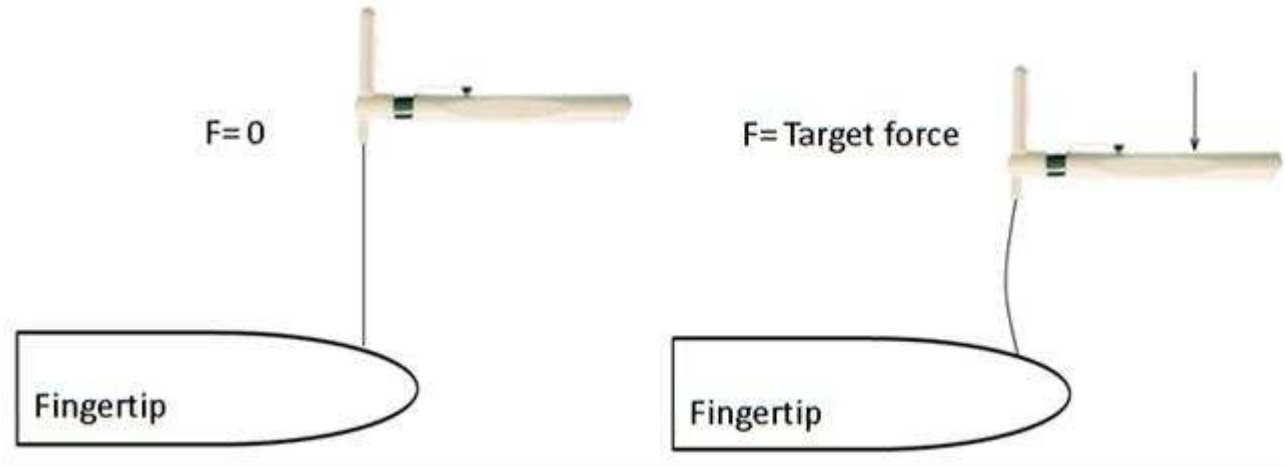

Figure 2. Illustration of touch sensation test methodology. The monofilament pressed perpendicular to the target surface. The pressing force continues to increase until it reaches a maximum when the filament starts to bend and apply a target force.

Figure 3. Two-point discrimination tool to assess the narrowest distance that could be sensed as two pressure points.

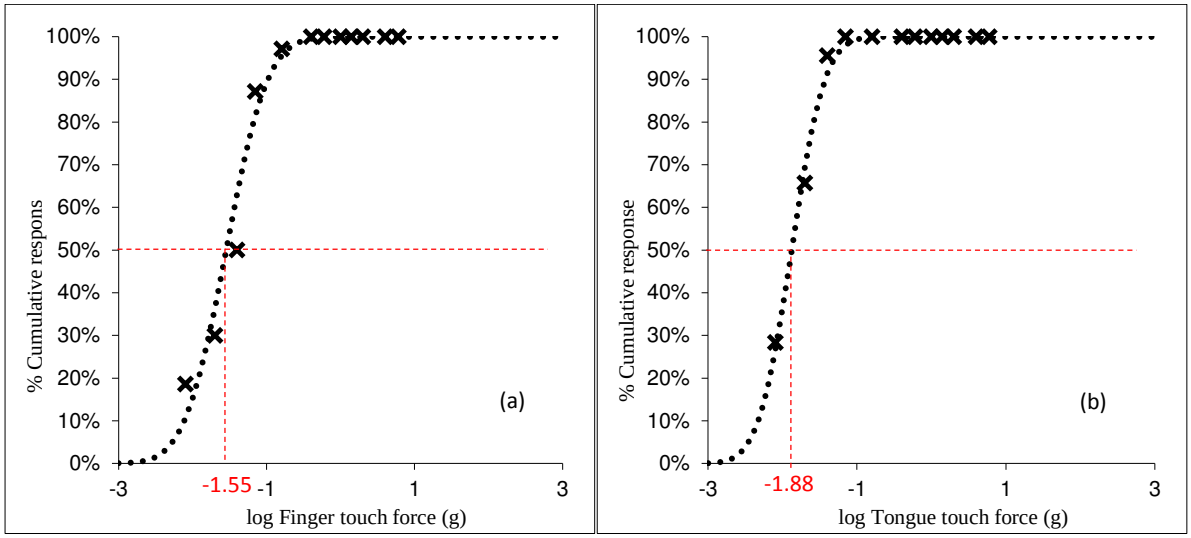

Figure 4. Log-normal fitting (probit analysis) of the cumulative population percentage vs the touch sensitivity (g): (a) the index fingertip ($10^{-1.55}$ = 0.028 g); (b) the tongue ($10^{-1.88}$ = 0.013 g).

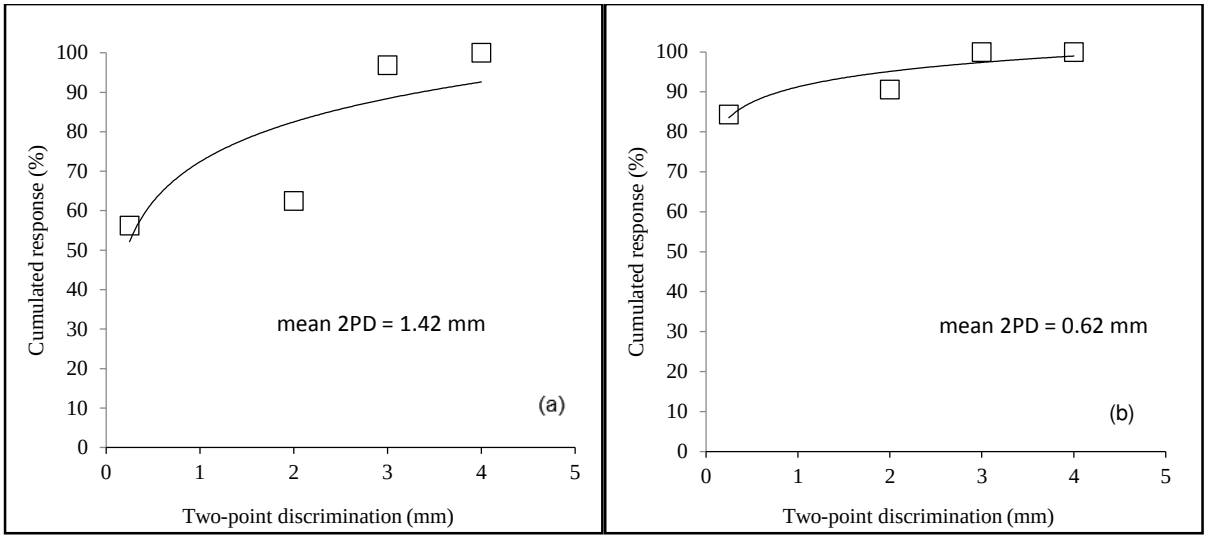

Figure 5. Cumulative responses of subjects shown as population percentage against the distance (mm) between the two points: (a) the index fingertip (mean two-point discrimination = 1.42mm); (b) the tongue (mean two-point discrimination = 0.62 mm) (with guide to eye lines)

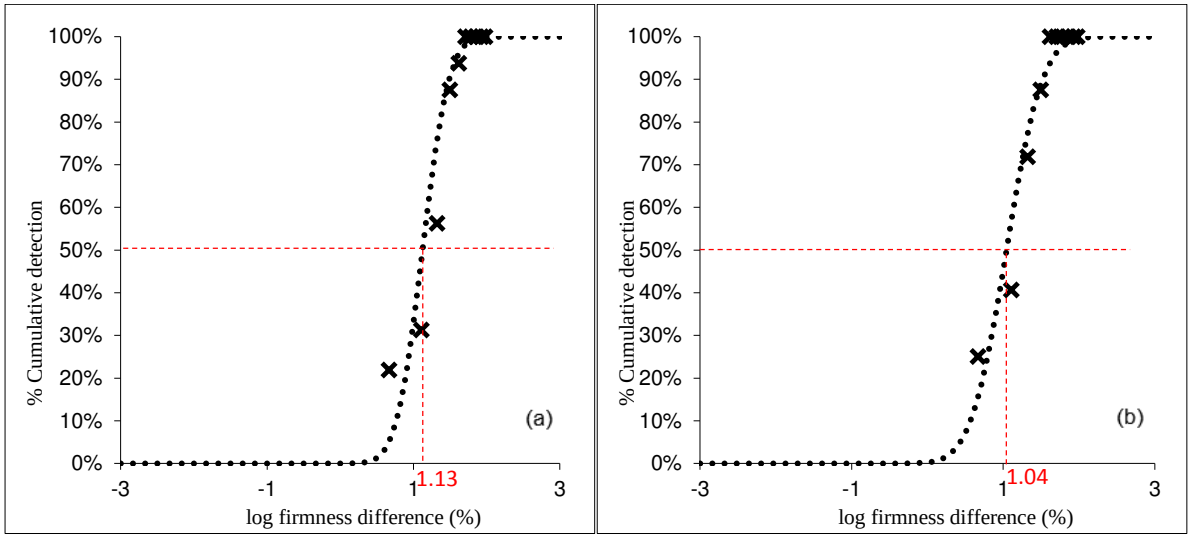

Figure 6. Log-normal best fitted (probit analysis) cumulative responses of subjects shown as population percentage against the logarithmic firmness difference (%); (a) the fingertip ($10^{1.13}$ = 13.3 %); (b) the tongue ($10^{1.04}$ = 11.1 %)

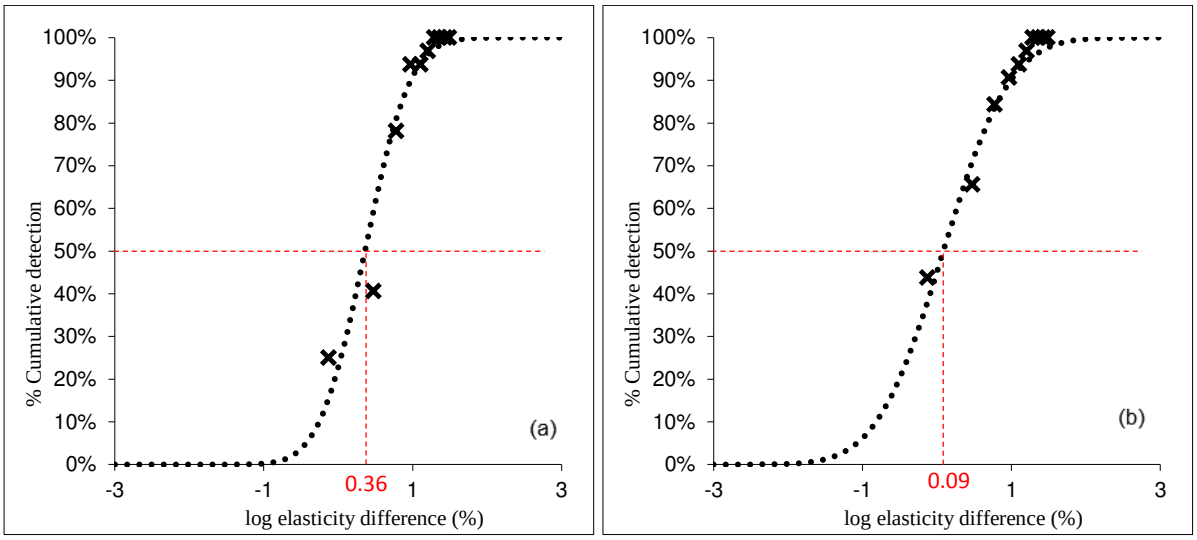

Figure 7. Log-normal best fitted (probit analysis) cumulative responses of subjects shown as population percentage against the logarithmic elasticity difference (%); (a) the fingertip ($10^{0.36}$ = 2.7 %); (b) the tongue ($10^{0.09}$ = 1.1 %)

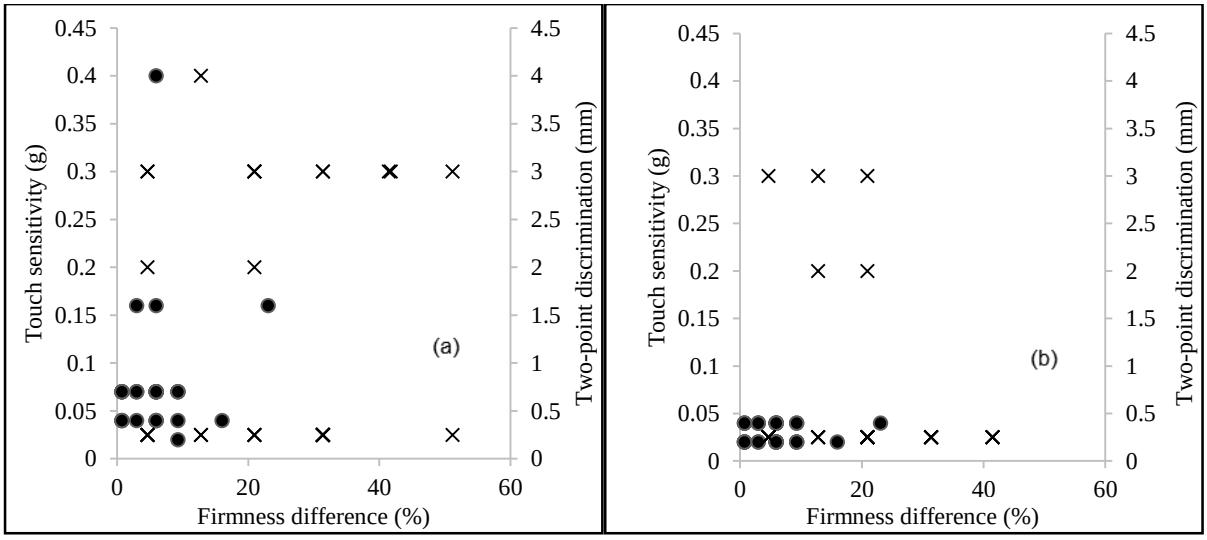

Figure 8. Individual's capability of firmness discrimination and touching sensitivity (●) and two-point discrimination ability (×): (a) by the index fingertip; (b) by the tongue.

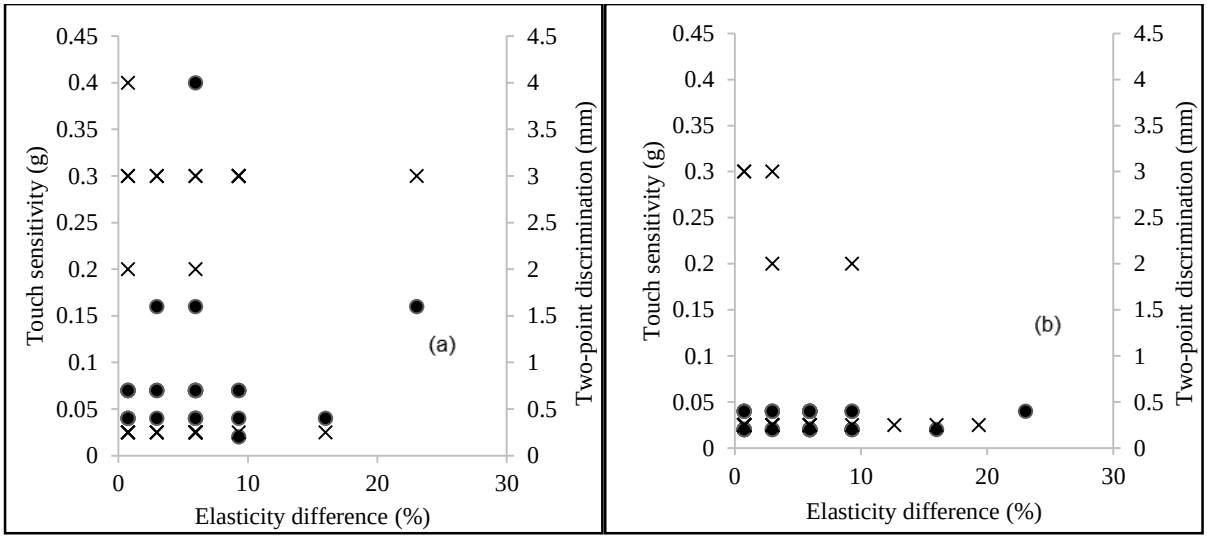

Figure 9. Individual's capability of elasticity discrimination and touching sensitivity (●) and two-point discrimination ability (×): (a) by the index fingertip; (b) by the tongue.