Establishing a consensus on an updated definition of aphasia

WHAT?

Communication disability
Aquired language impairment
Focal brain damage
Participation and quality of life
Masks competence
Affects functioning
Consistent use of terminology
Comparison across studies

Internet survey
123 members of CATs
Response rate: 69%
Agreement: 77.9%
Focal brain damage

Aphasia is a communication disability
or
Aphasia is a language impairment

Follow up survey
55,6% both focal and diffuse
55,6% aphasia is a language impairment causing a communication disorder
Response rate 91%
WHO?

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