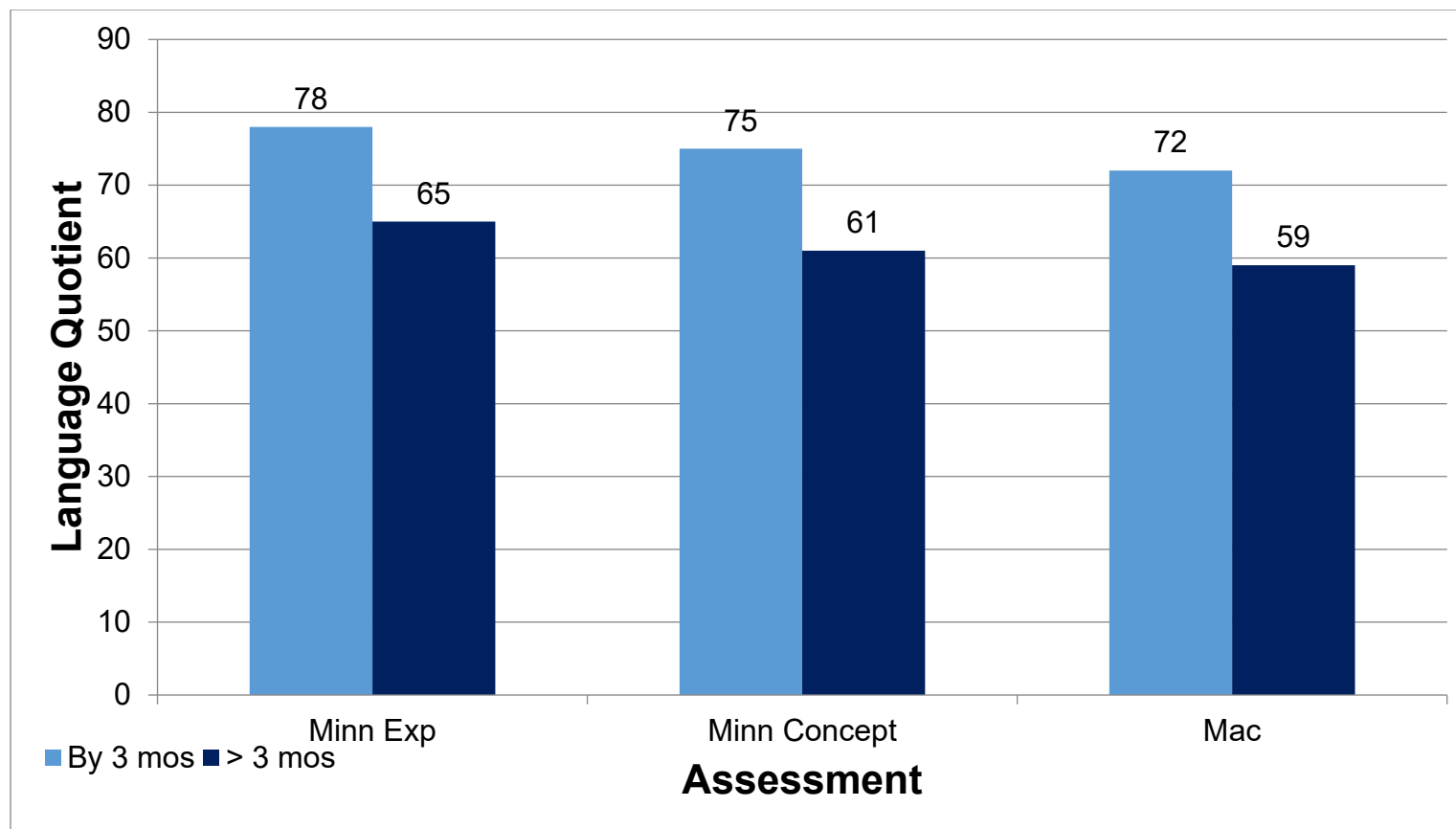


IDENTIFICATION OF HEARING LOSS BY 3 MONTHS OF AGE:

Children who are deaf or hard of hearing who are identified by 3 months of age have significantly better language quotients on the Child Development Inventory Expressive Language, the Child Development Inventory Comprehension Conceptual and MacArthur-Bates Communicative Development Inventory than those identified after 3 months of age.



Language quotients (MCDI Expressive Language, MCDI Comprehension Conceptual, MB-CDI Expressive Vocabulary) of children with cochlear implants identified by 3 months of age compared to after 3 months of age.