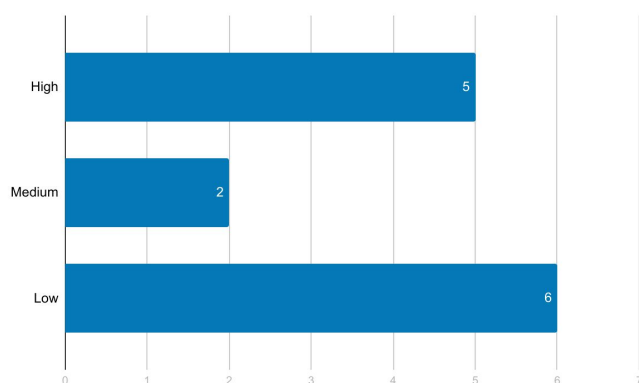*Accessibility Assessment*
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Accessibility user story

As a low-vision researcher who uses a **screen reader,** I use the tab key to navigate web pages in my browser. I want to be able to discern links from non-linked text quickly, and I benefit from correctly applied alt-text descriptions for multimedia content.

Frequently occurring issues

- Color contrast of text and focus indicator color is insufficient (1.4 Distinguishable)
- HTML is not compliant with standards, esp. use of ARIA and "a" tags (1.3.1 Info & Relationships)
- Empty header tags and improper nesting of headers (2.4.10 Section Headings)
- Some links identified only by color (1.4.1. Use of Color)

"The accessibility issues we encountered appear split between content-specific issues and broader coding challenges for the Scalar development community." - Irma, Leigh, and Scott

Issue summary
Critical issues (high rating)

- Alt text tags and content missing
- Focus indicator often unclear when tabbing through pages
- Input field has no description for help and sign-in buttons at top right corner
- Drop-down menu at top needs description
- Link text for "continue" buttons misleading

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