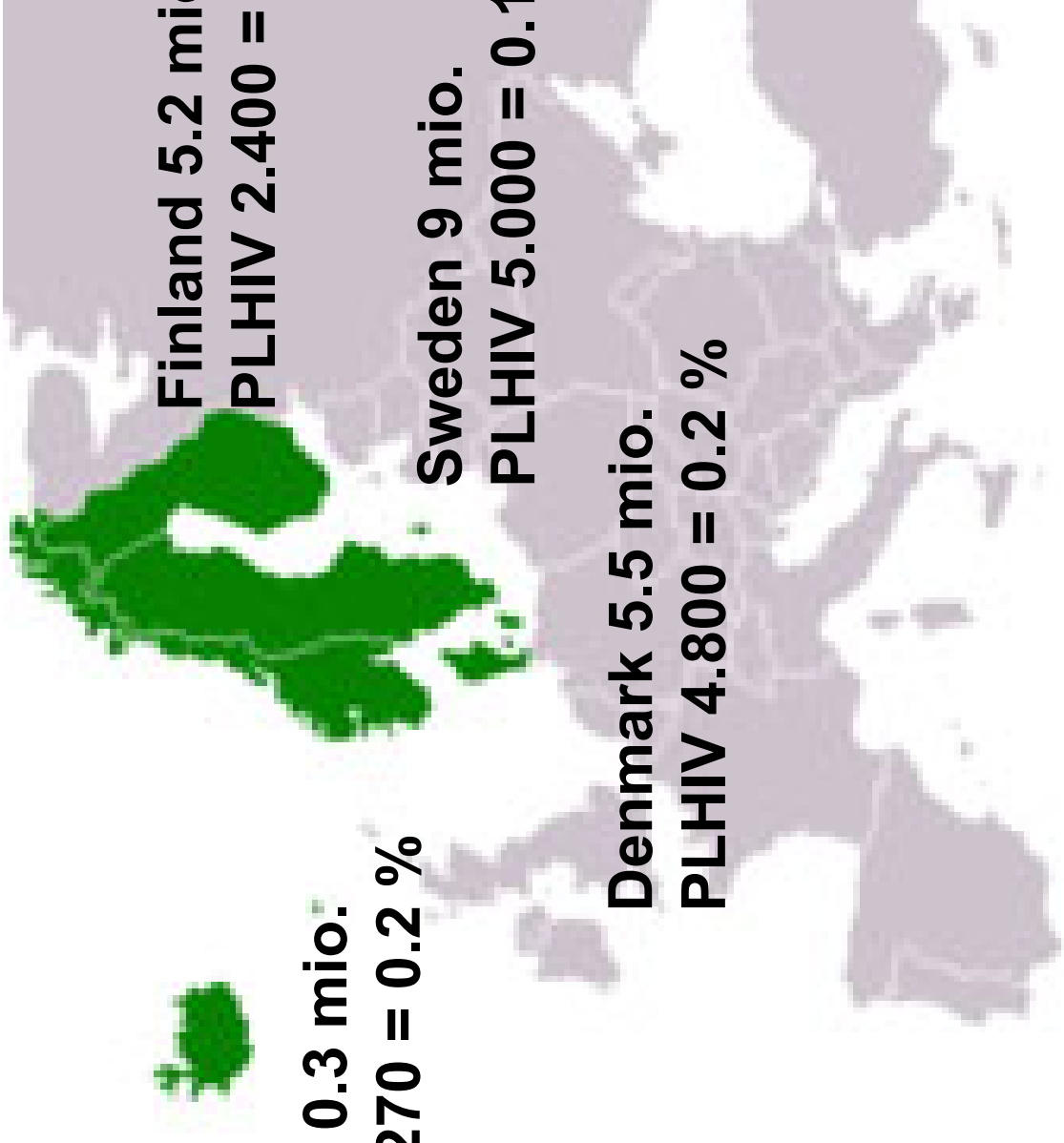


**Living Conditions for PLHIV
in
Denmark, Sweden, Finland and Iceland
World Outgames 2009
Copenhagen**

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Countries of surveys



**Finland 5.2 mio.
PLHIV 2.400 = 0.1 %**

**Sweden 9 mio.
PLHIV 5.000 = 0.1 %**

**Denmark 5.5 mio.
PLHIV 4.800 = 0.2 %**

**Iceland 0.3 mio.
PLHIV 270 = 0.2 %**

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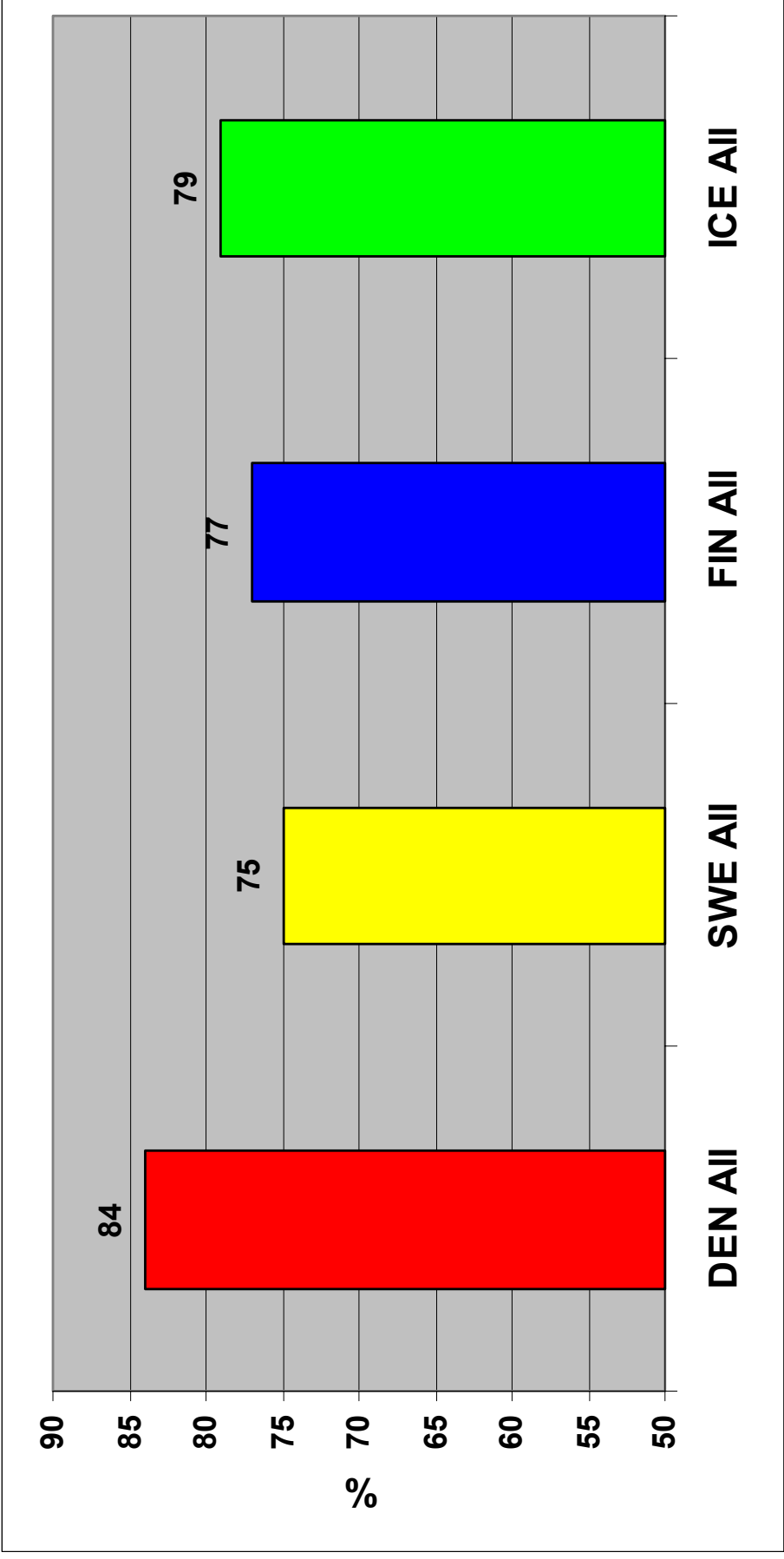
| | Respondents | Response rate | % who is homo | Period of collection |
|------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|----------------------------------|
| DEN | 1.122 | 23% | 53 % | Sept 05 July 06 |
| SWE | 572 | 11 % | 64 % | Sept 06 May 07 |
| FIN | 174 | 7 % | 52 % | |
| ICE | 24 | 9 % | 67 % | |

Headlines

- **Medicine, side effects and relation to out-patient staff**
- **Telling others about HIV-status**
- **Sex and sexuality**

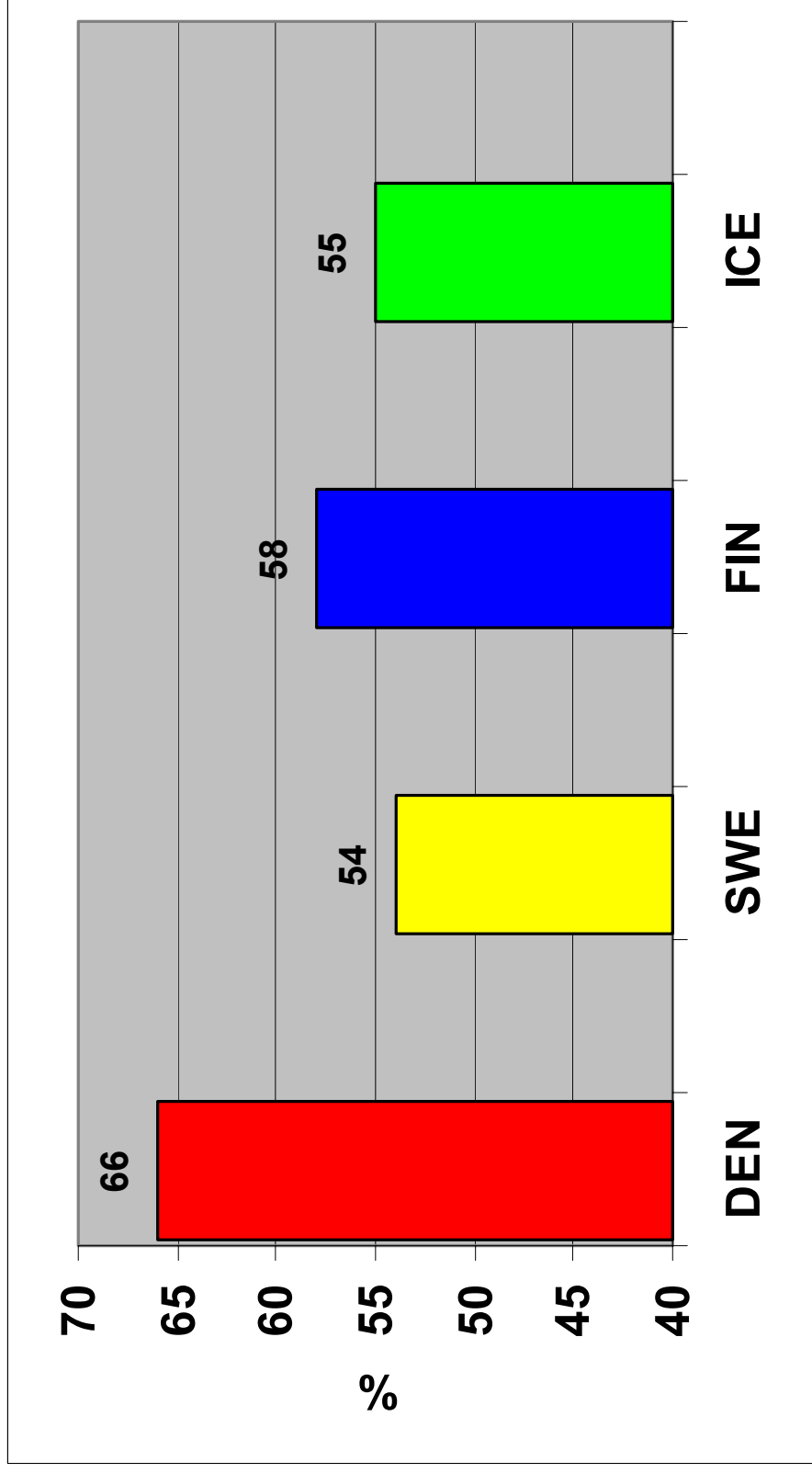


How many respondents are taking (or have been taking) ARV

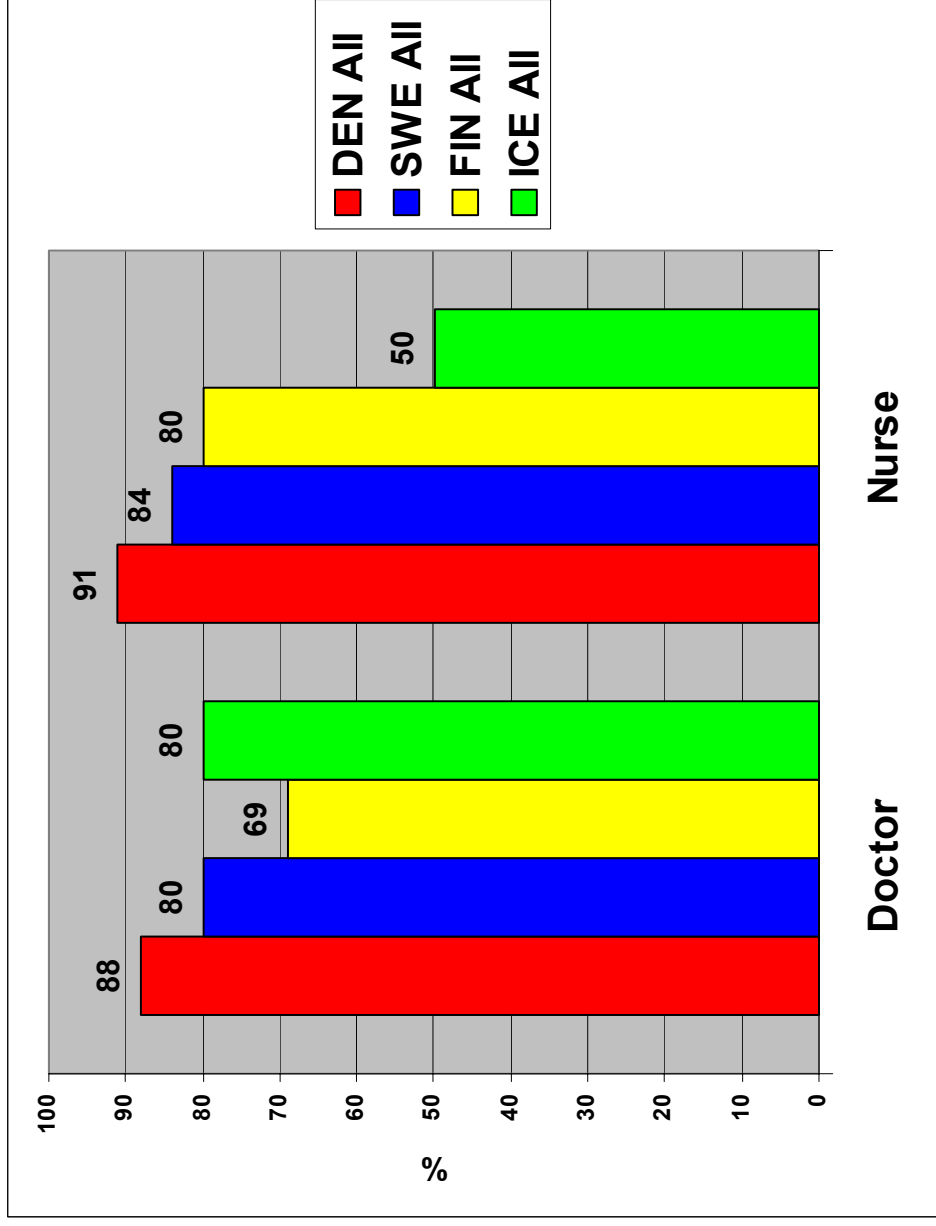


How many assess their health as 'good' or 'very good'

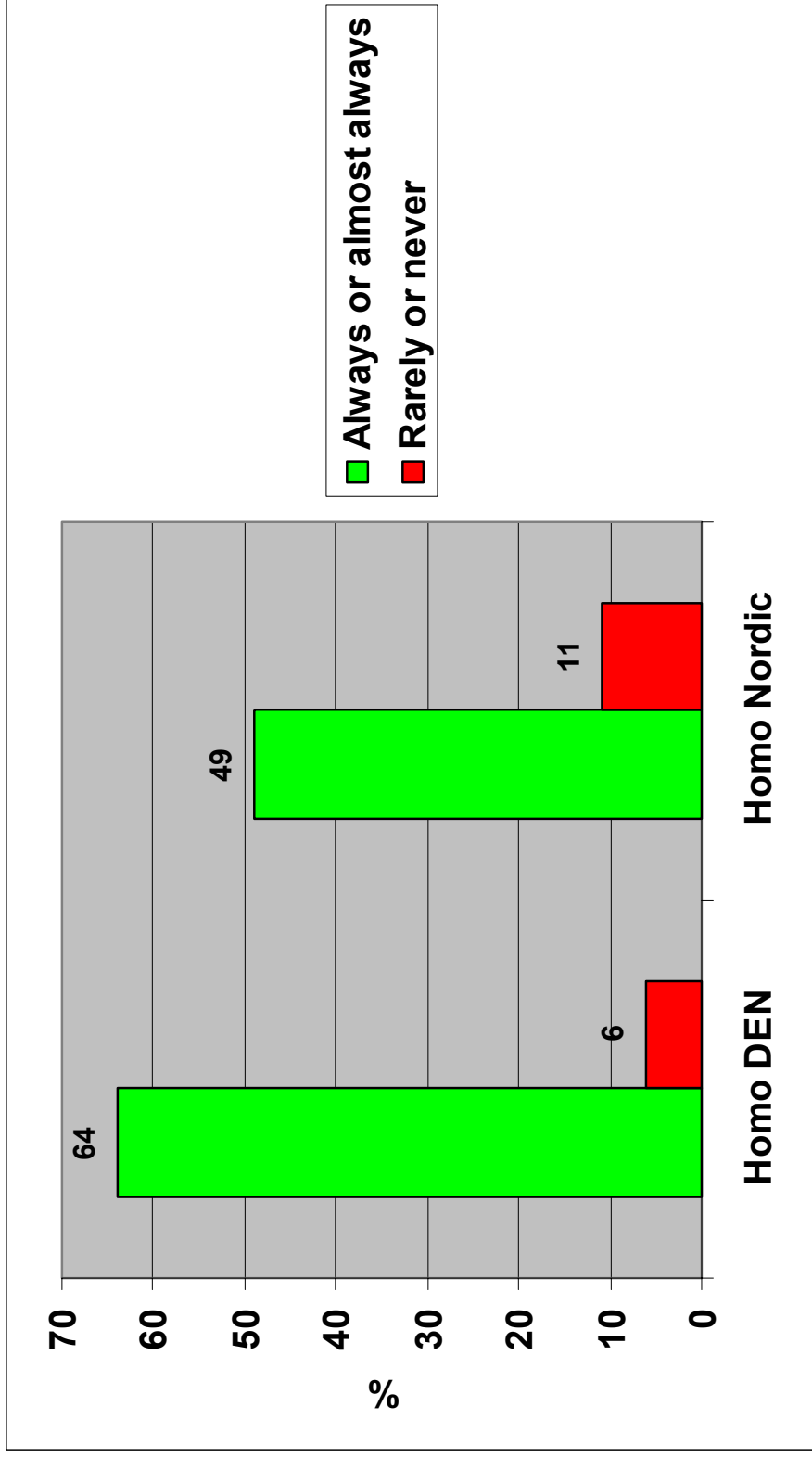
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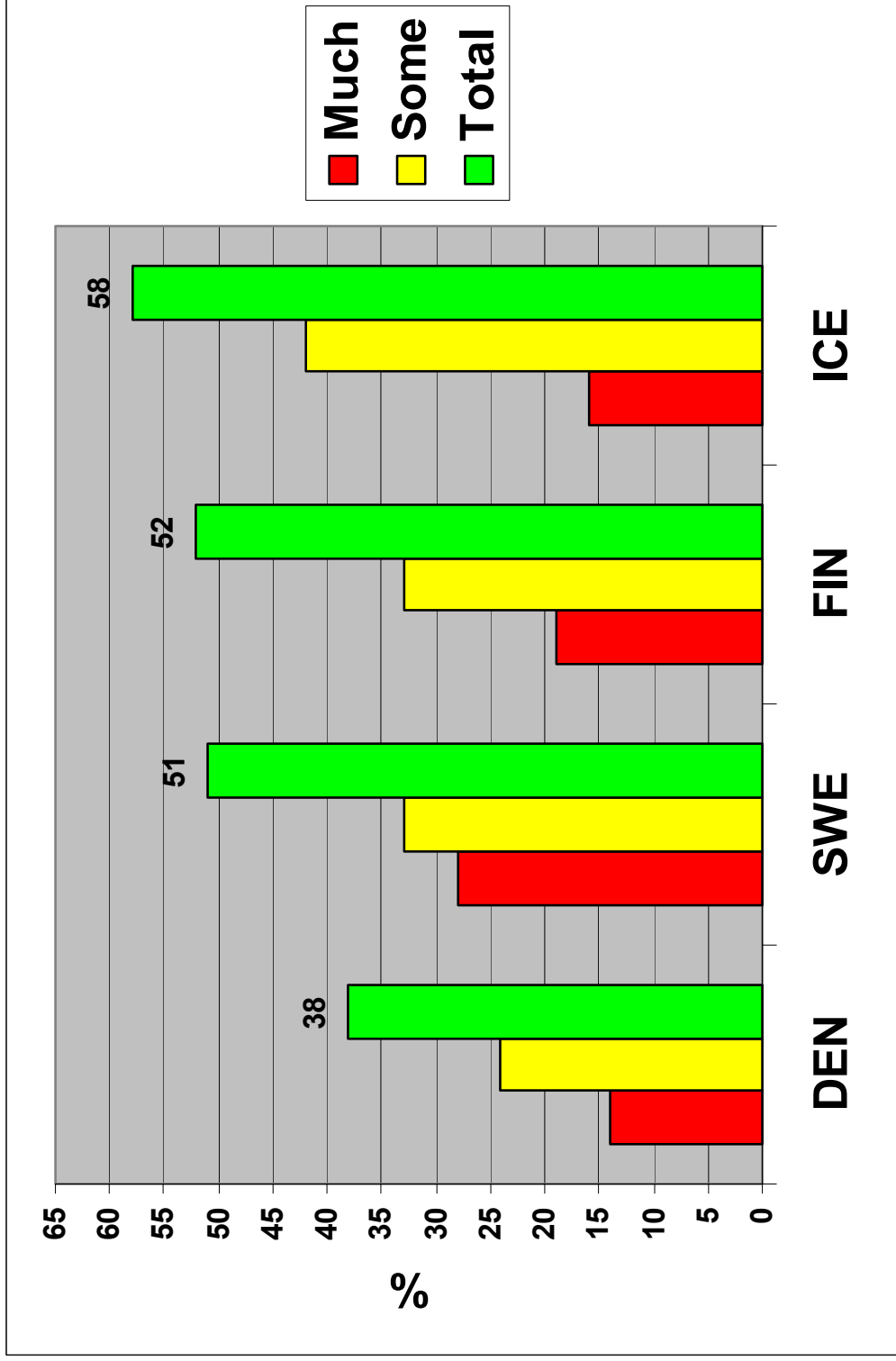
Rating the contact with the doctor / nurse at the out-patient clinic as 'good' or 'very good'



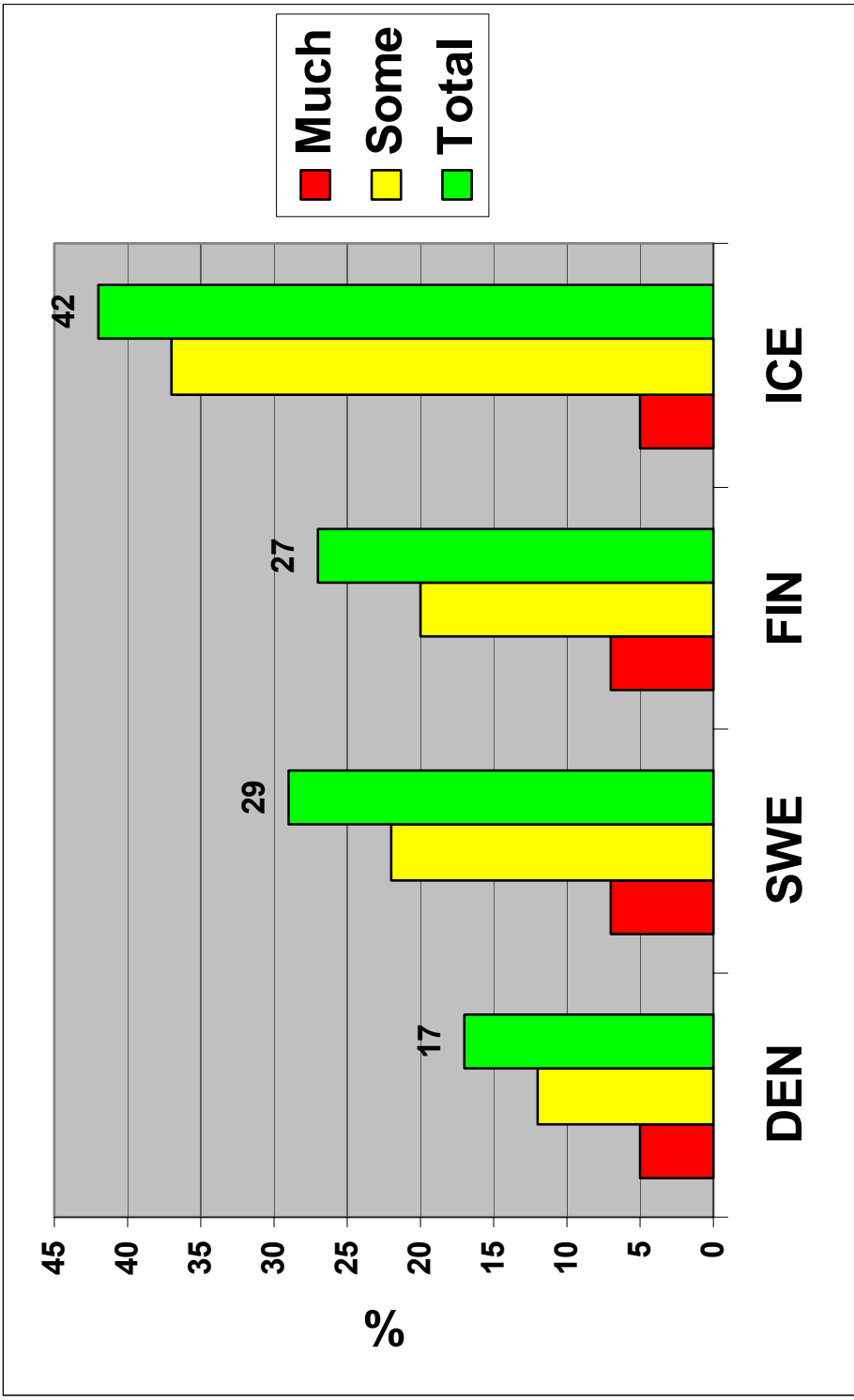
Do you feel that the doctor at the out-patient clinic has enough time to talk to you?



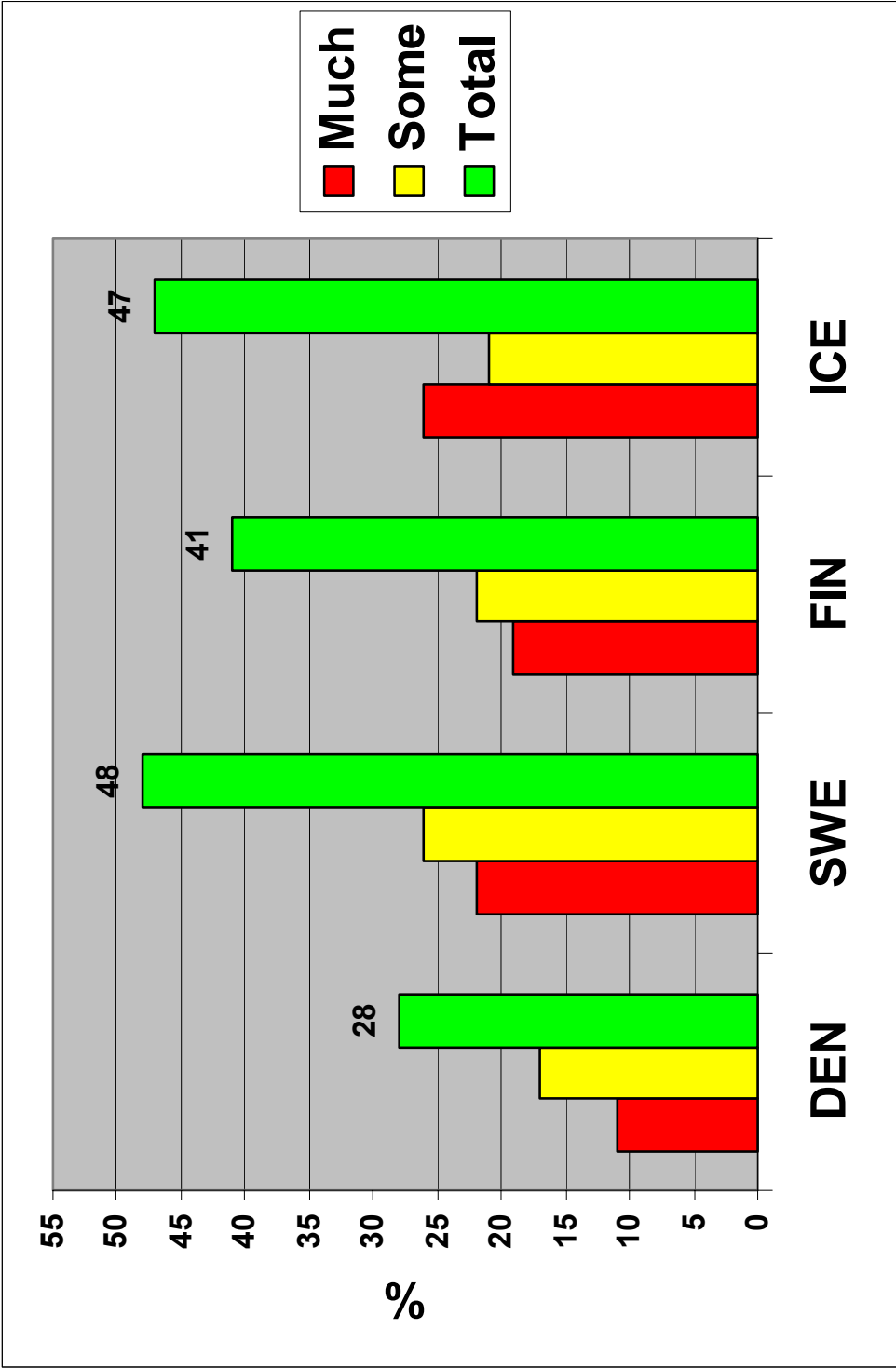
Side effects: Tiredness



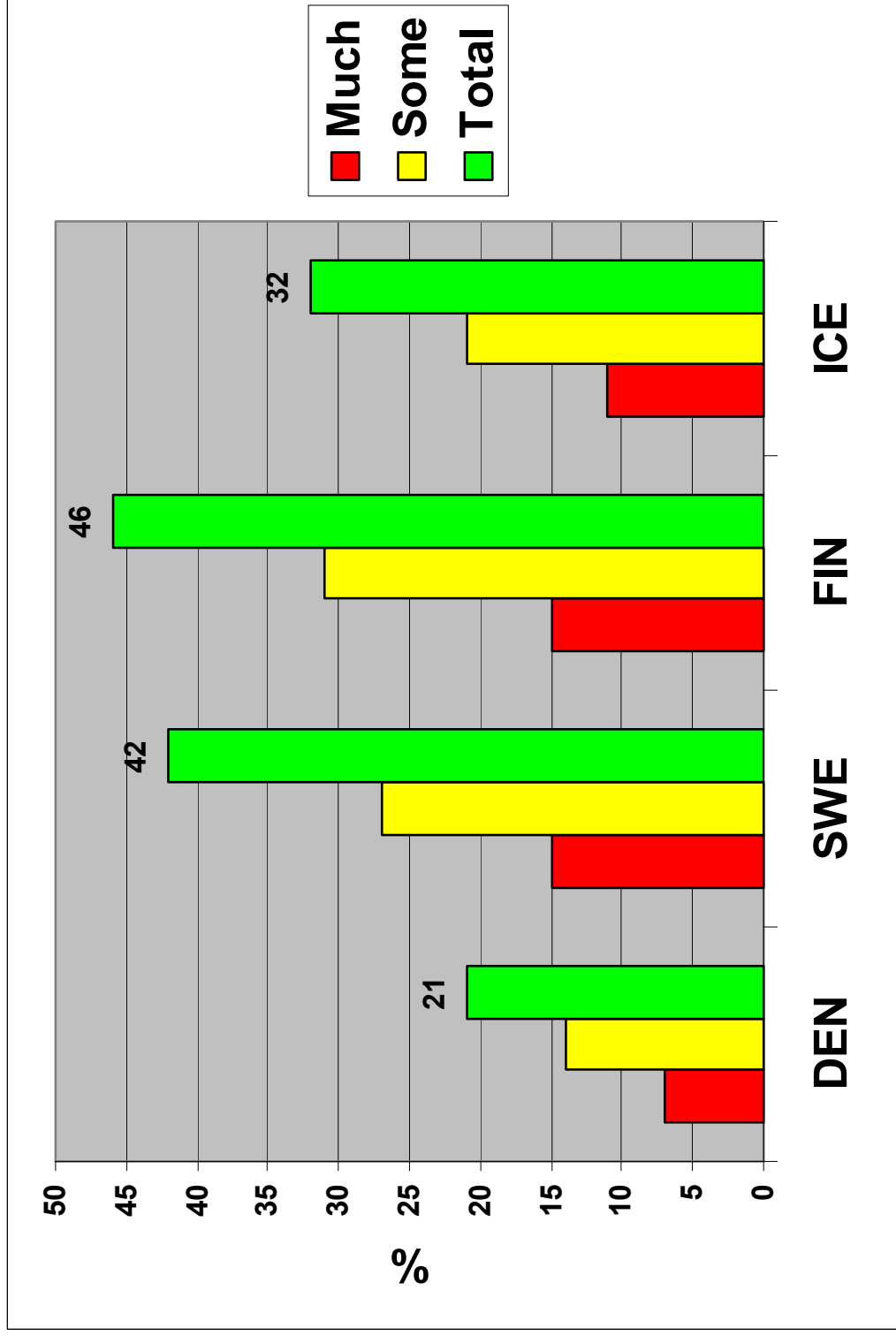
Side effects: Headache



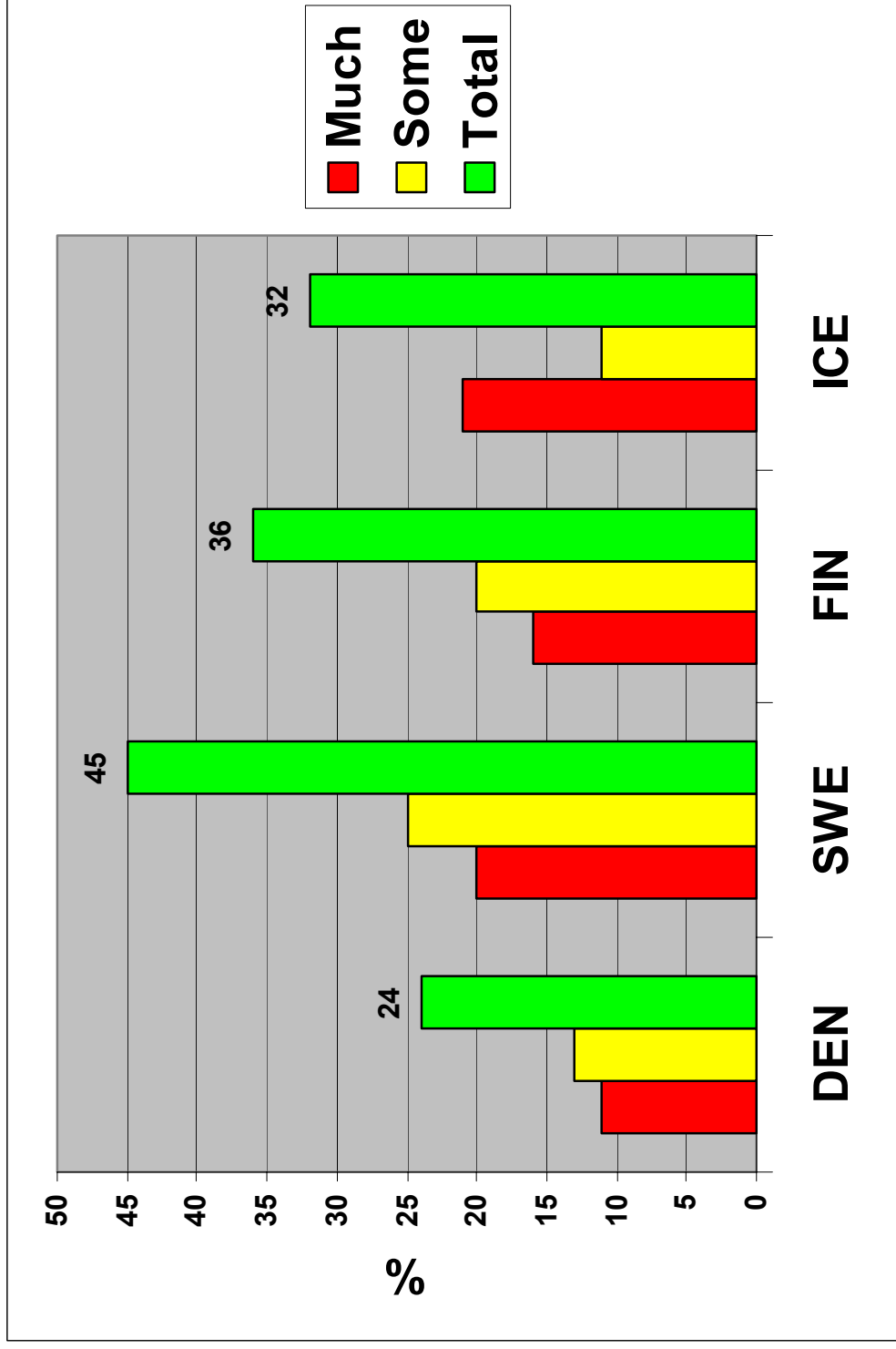
Side effects: Sleep problems



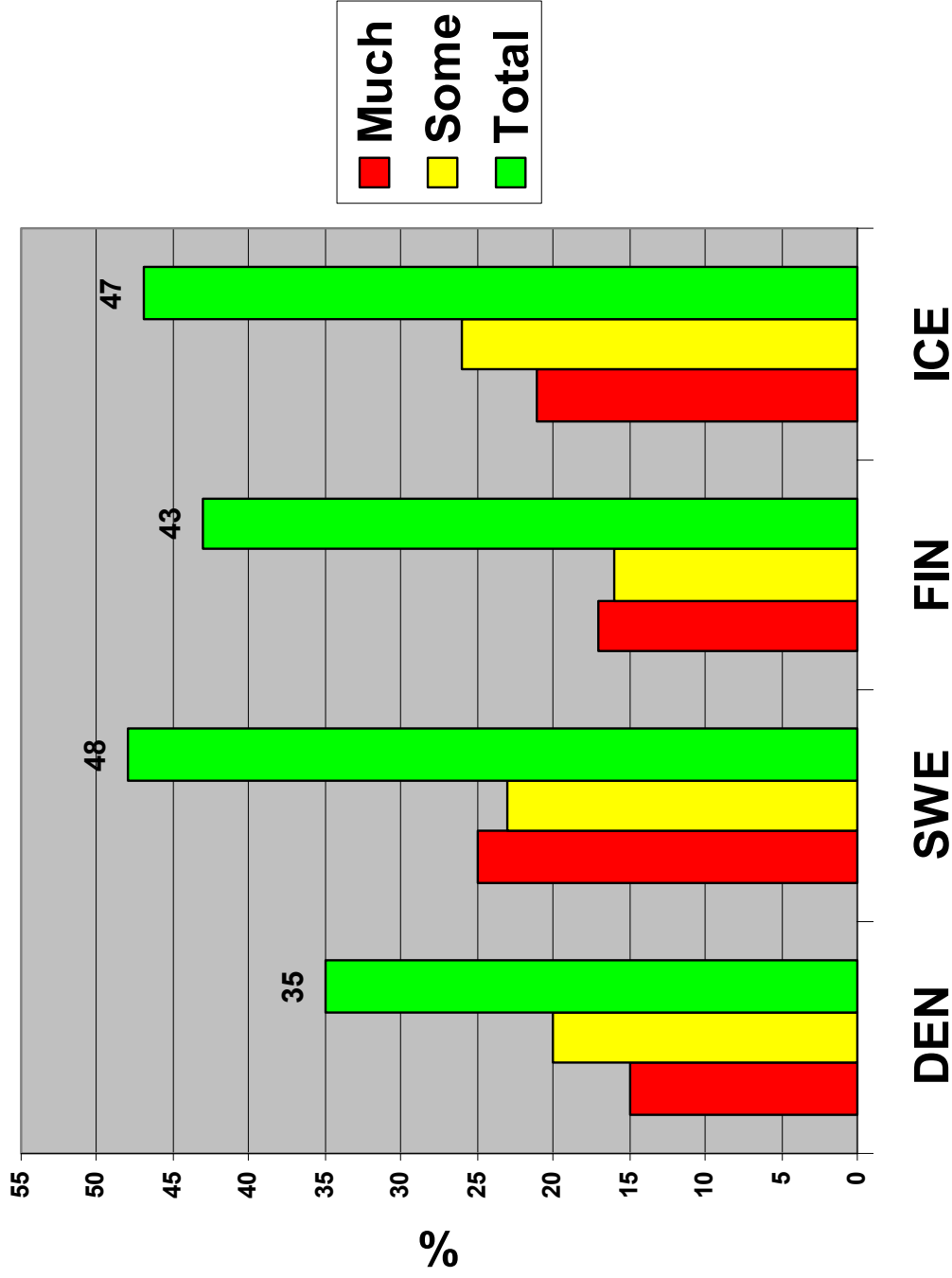
Side effects: Diarrhoea or abdominal pain



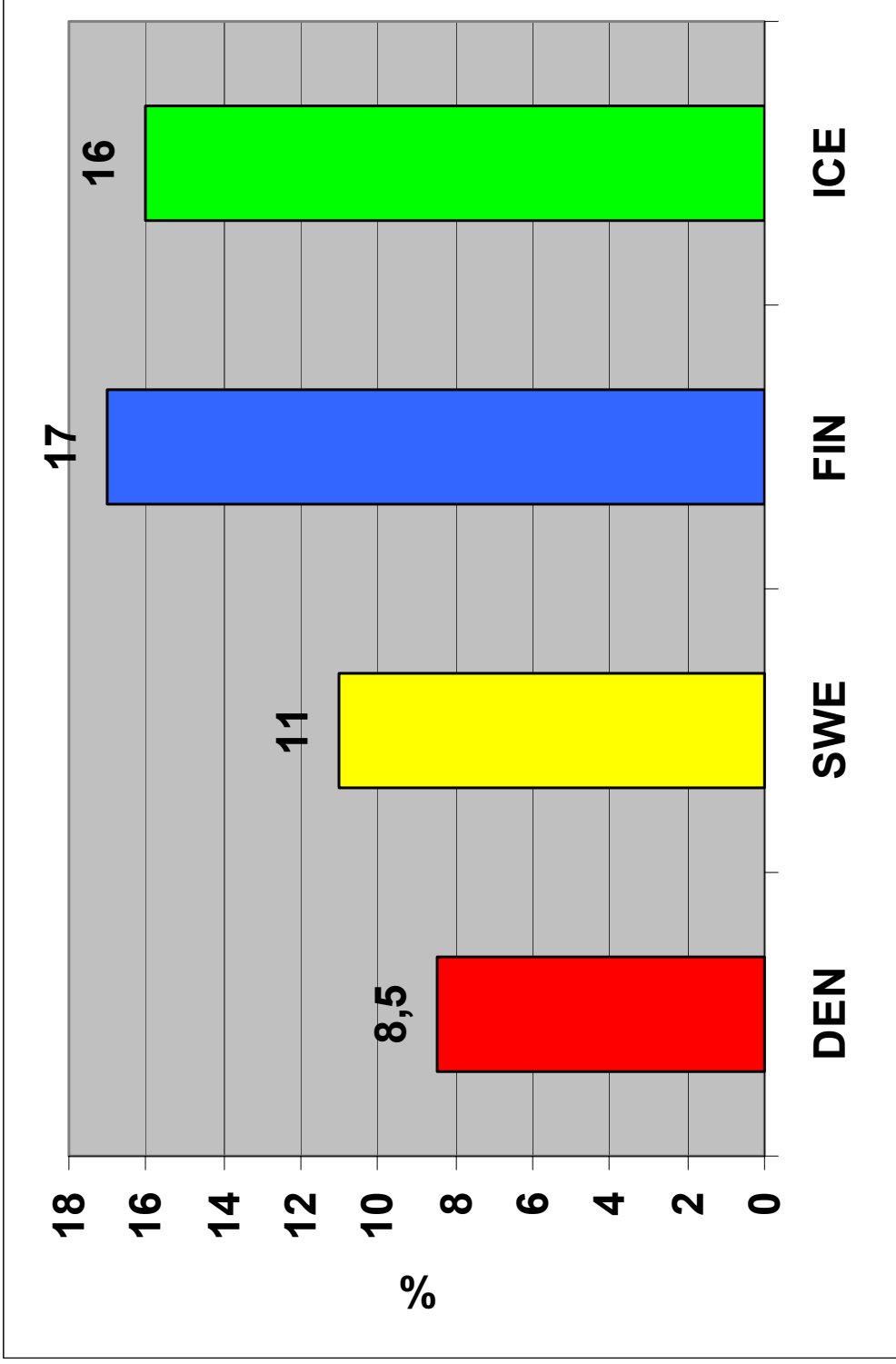
Side effects: Increased fat on stomach, chest or neck



Side effects: Reduced fat on face, arms, legs or buttocks



How many have failed to take their ARV within the last 4 days

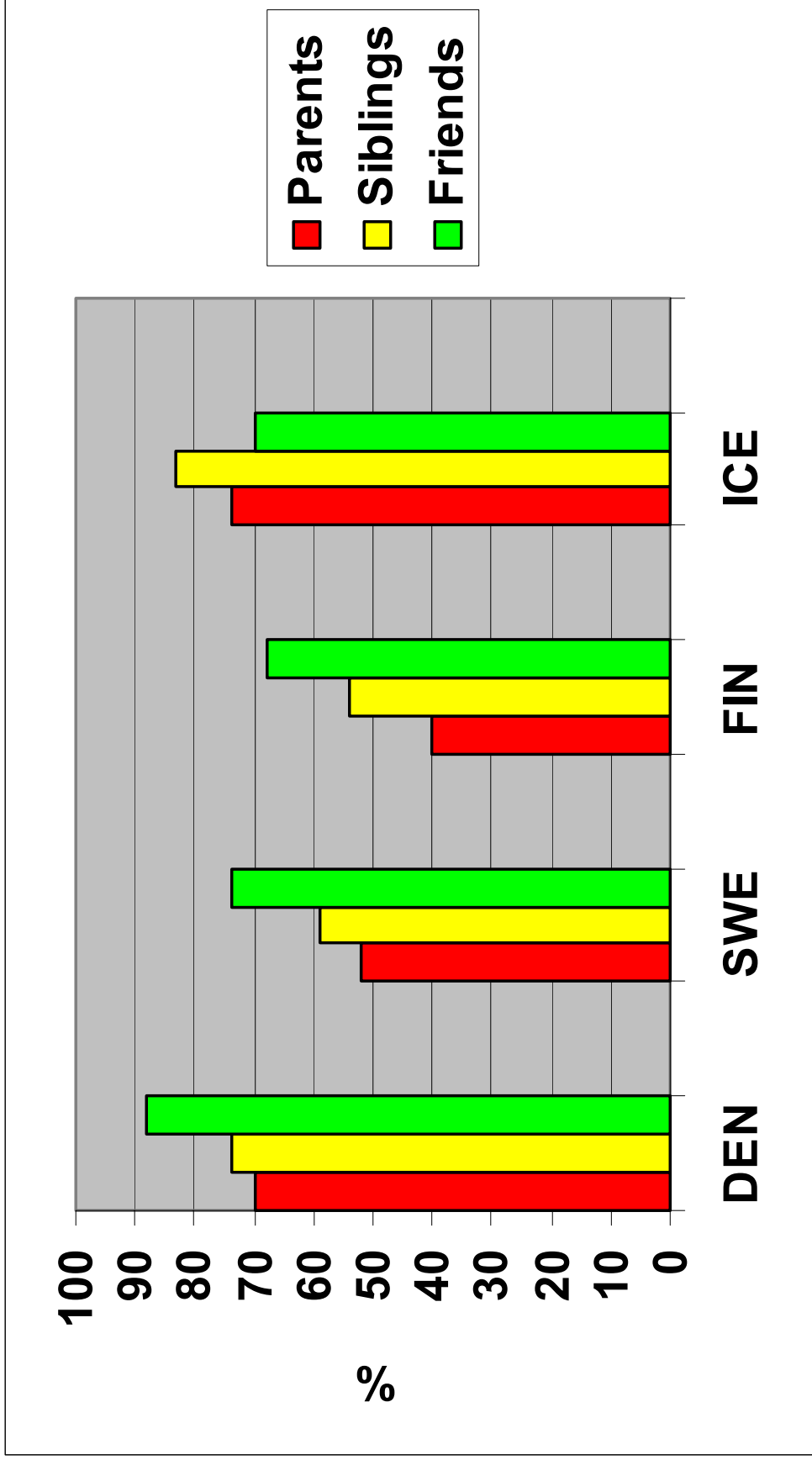


Telling others about HIV-status

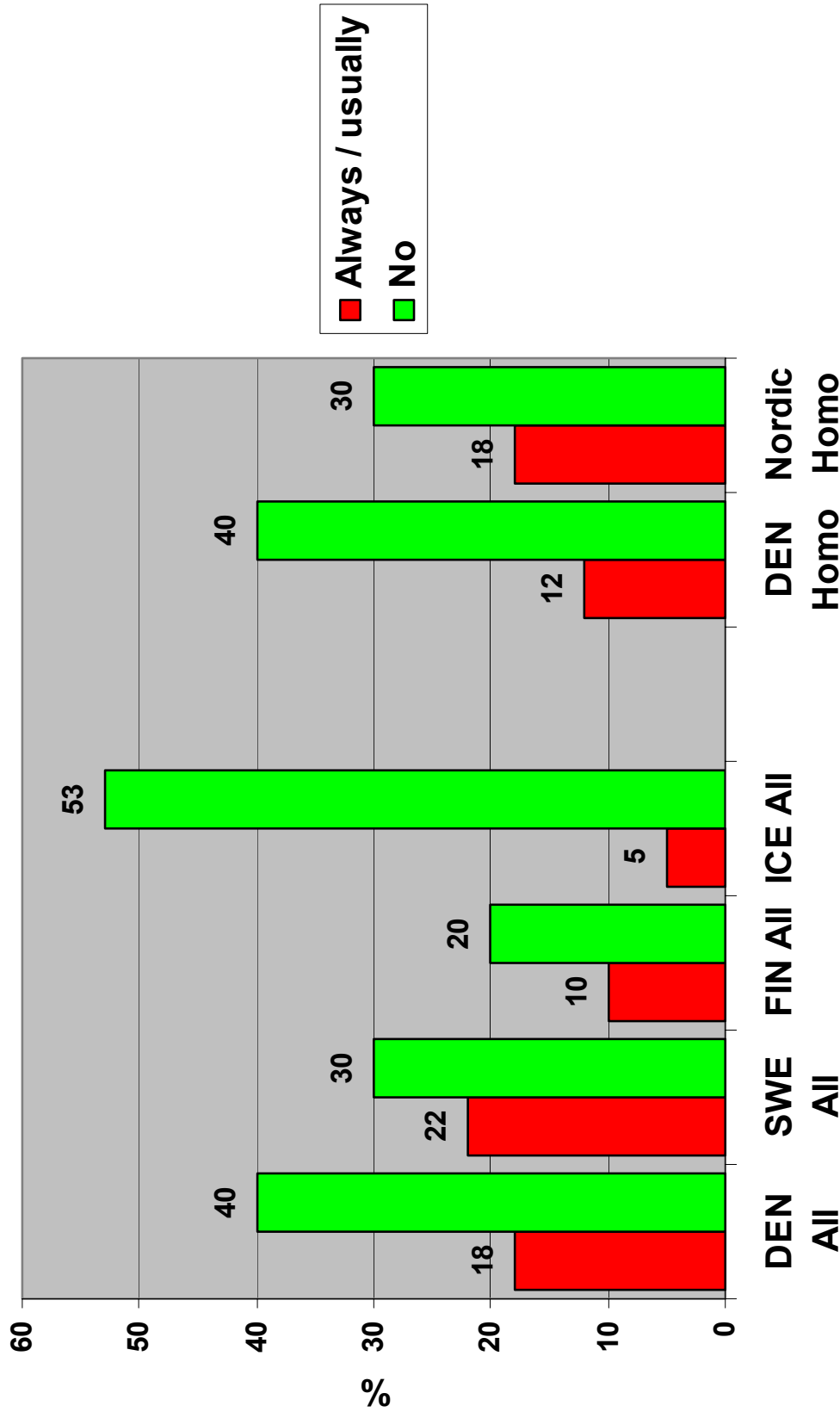


How many have told family and friends about HIV-status

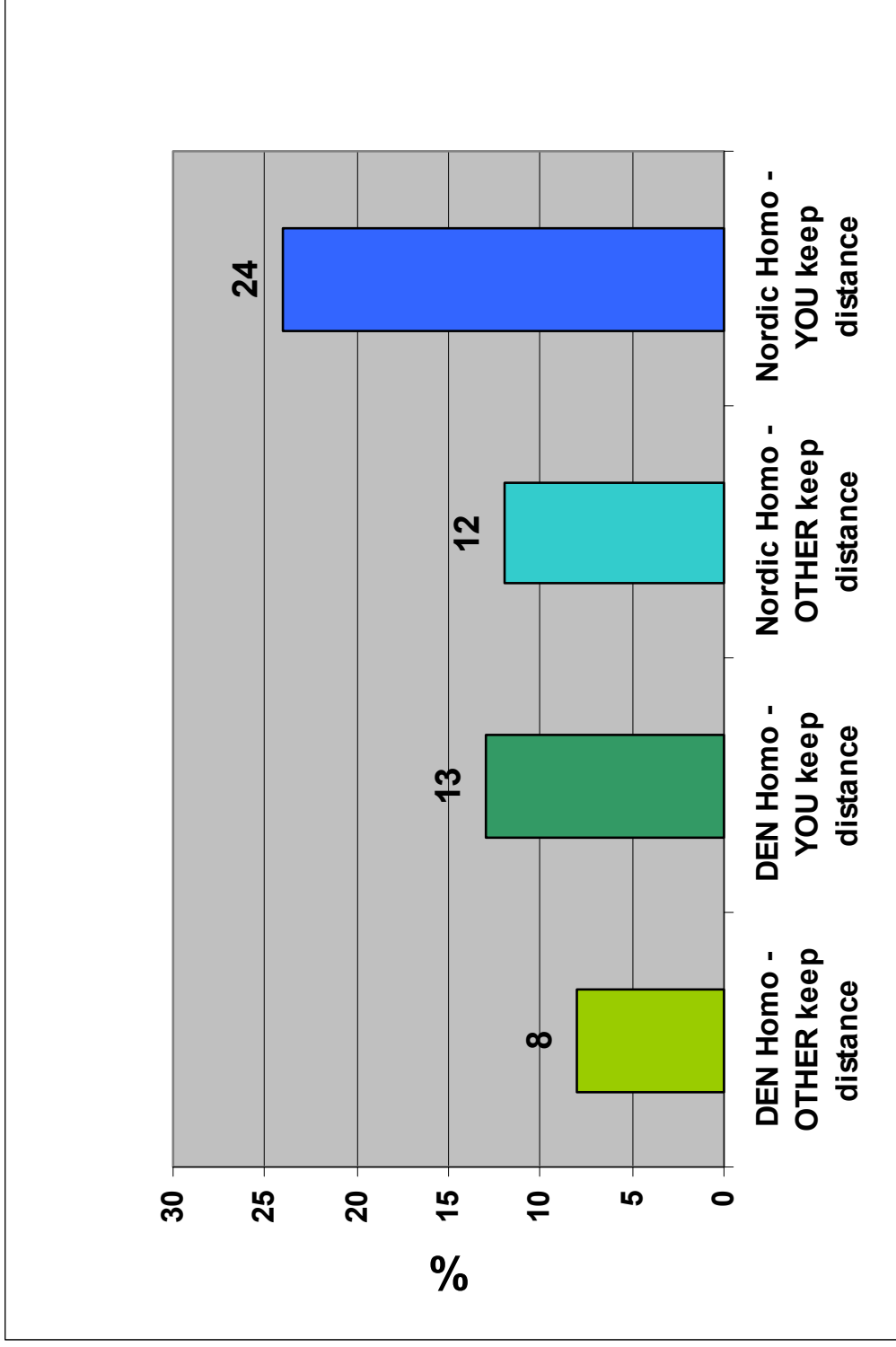
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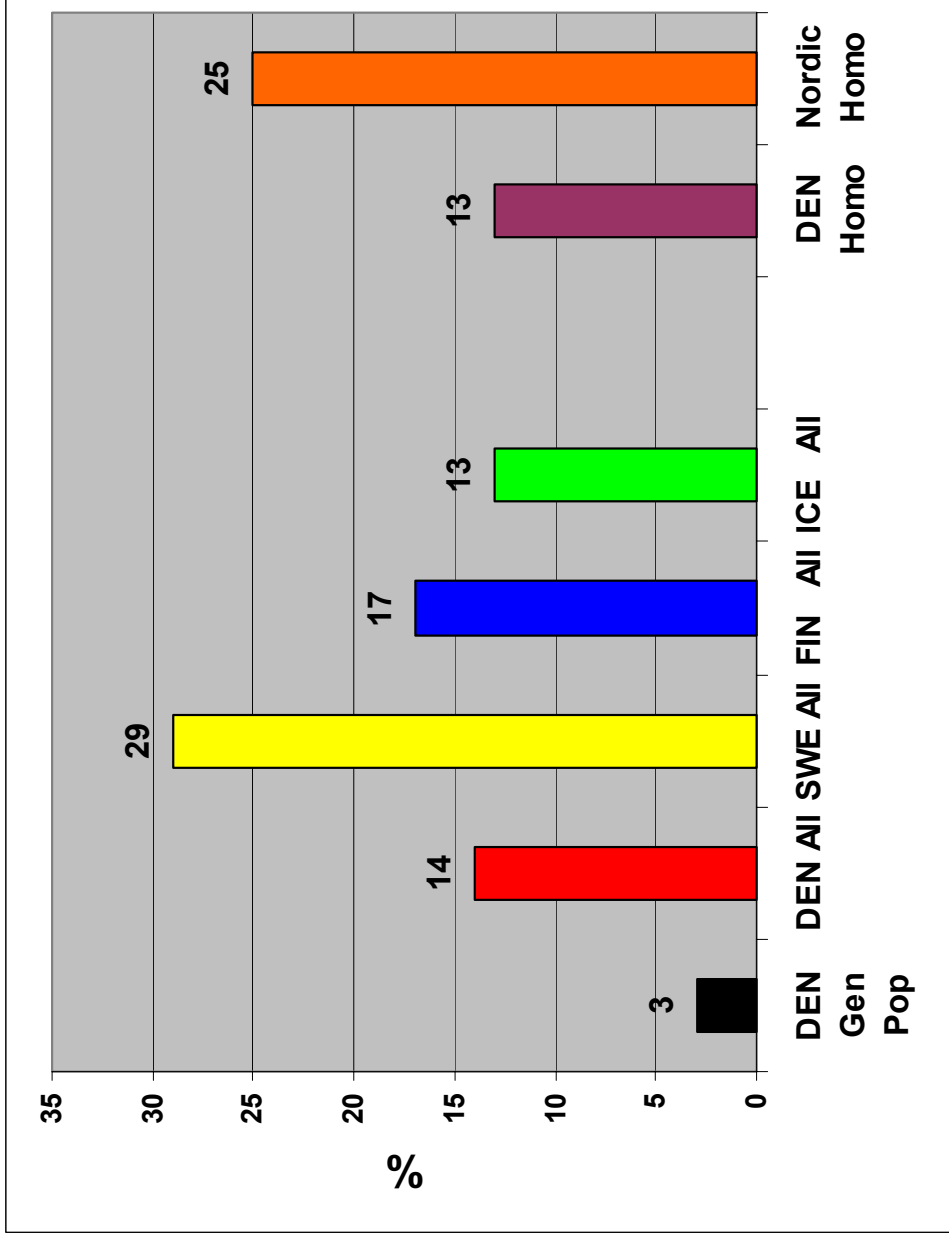
Afraid that other people discover taking medication



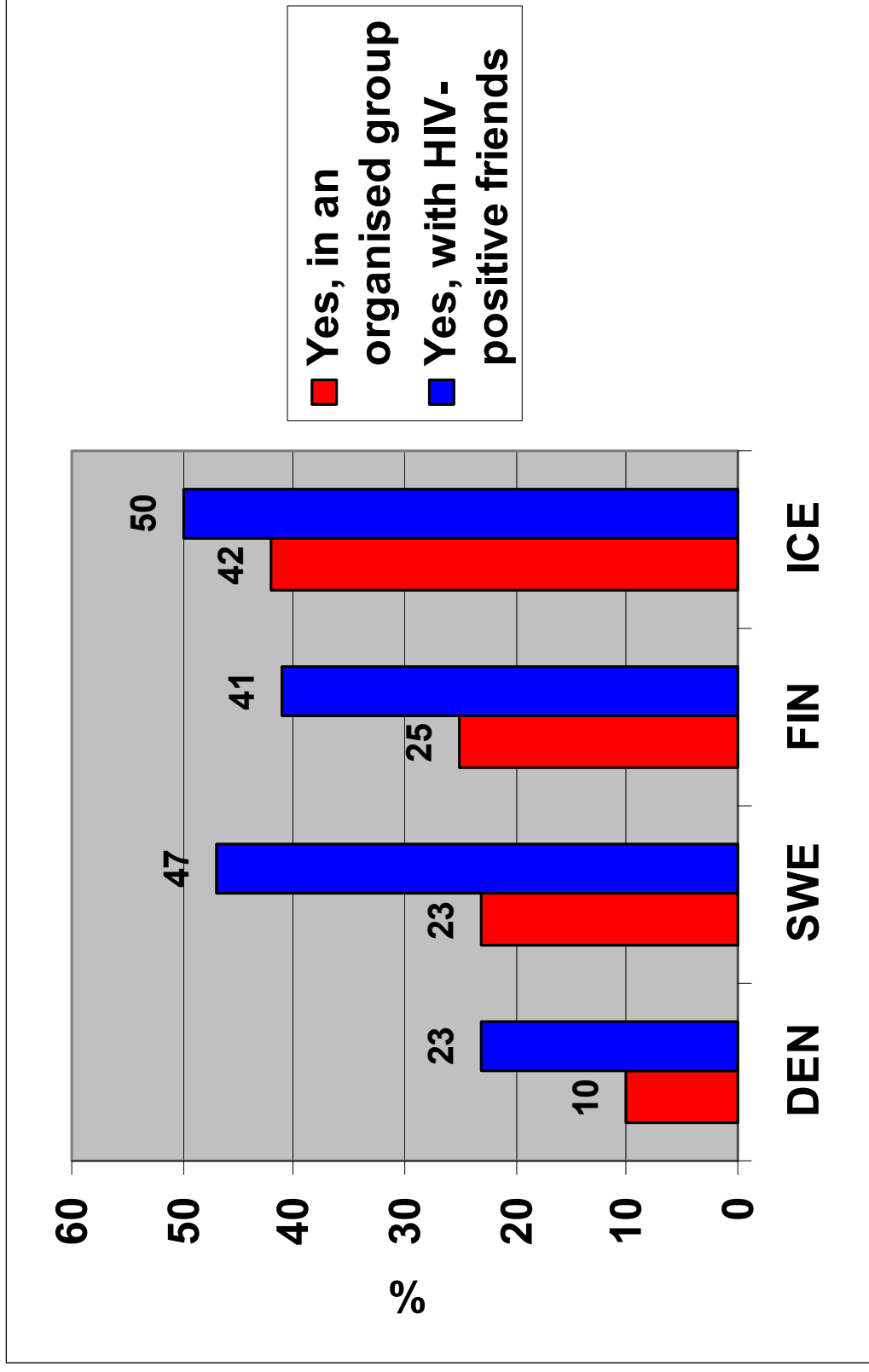
Feel infectious and keep a physical distance to other people - or people keep distance?



**Do you ever find yourself alone,
even though you would prefer to be
together with others?**



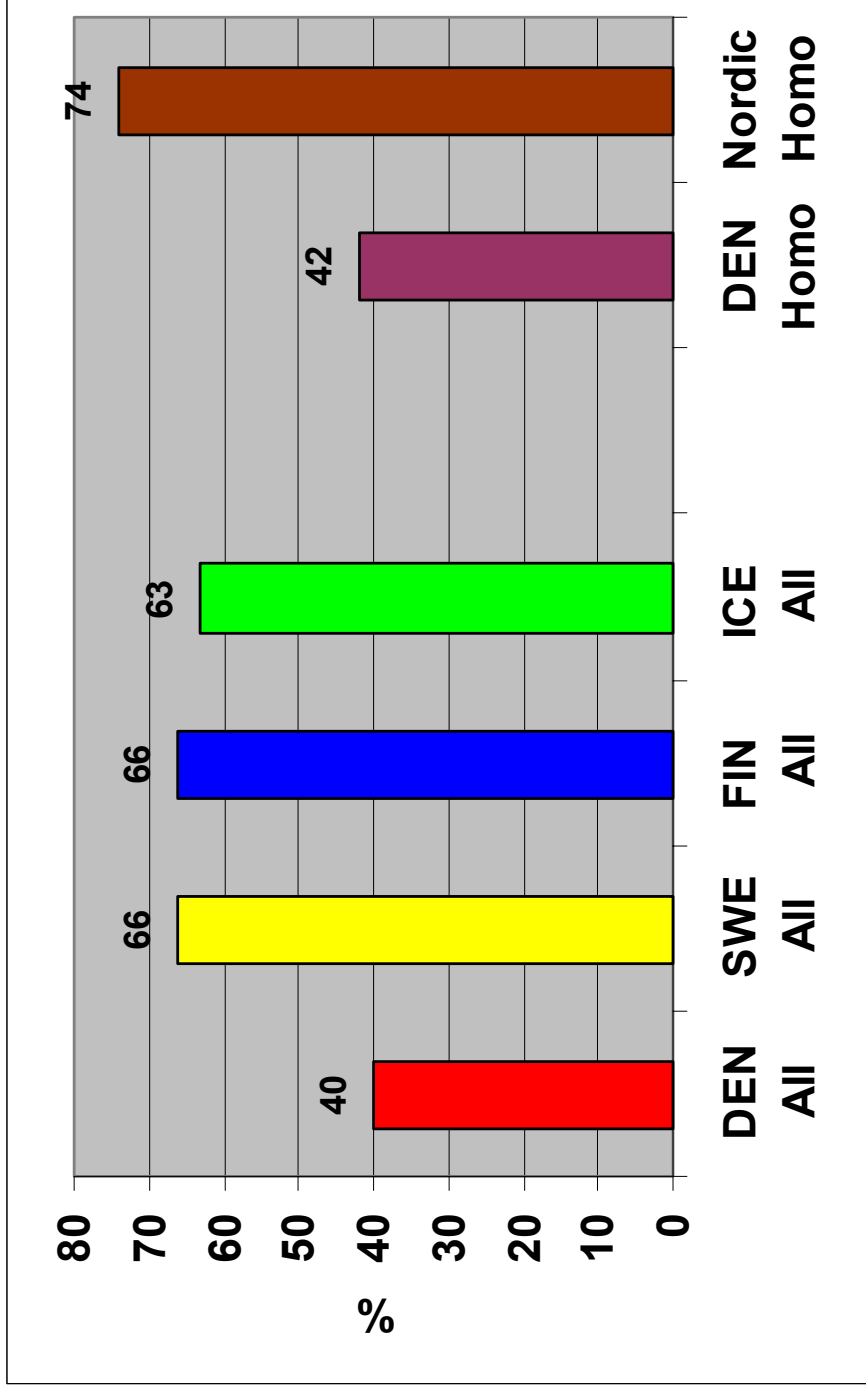
Have many regularly meet with other HIV-positive people All



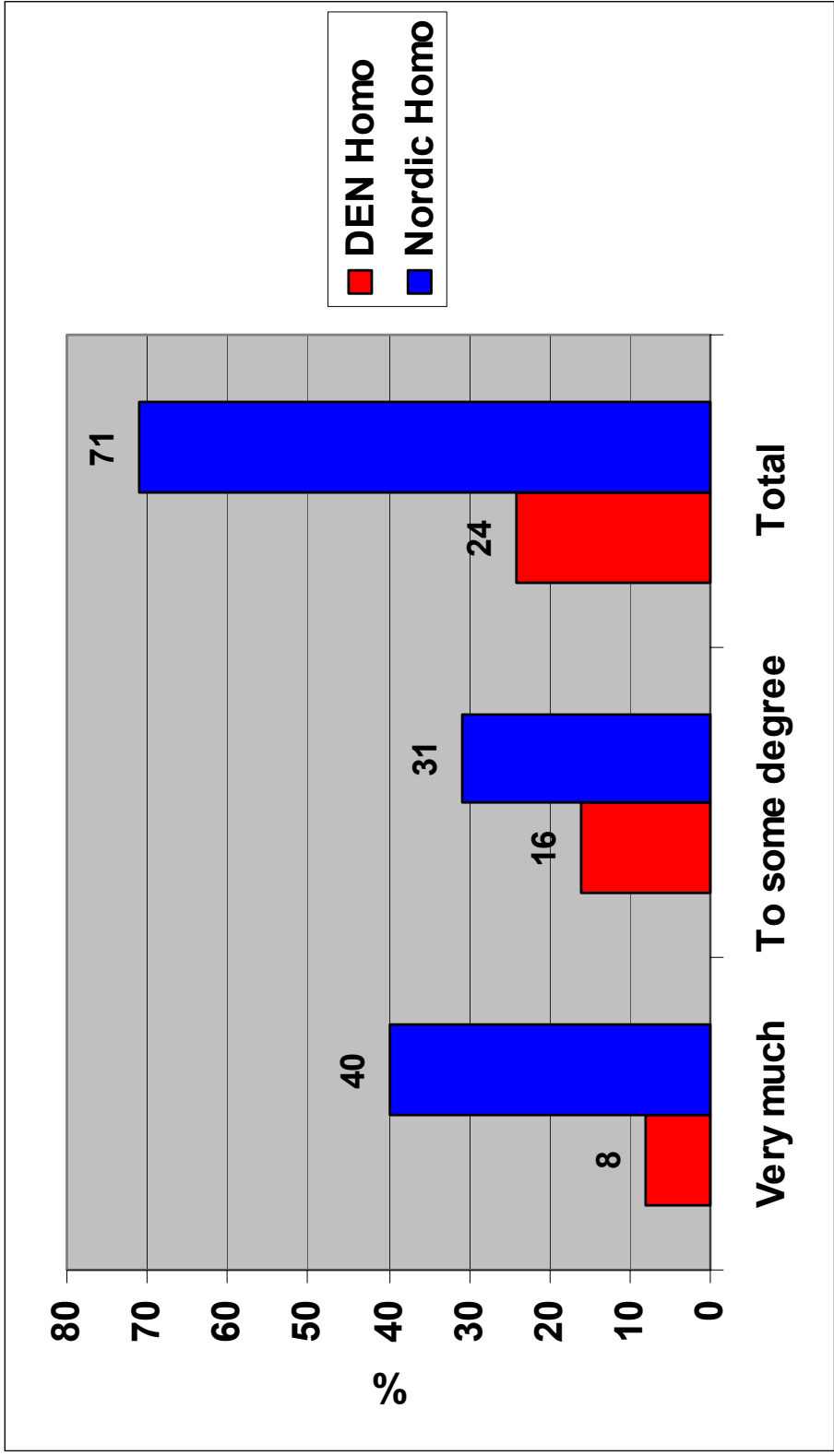
Sex and sexuality



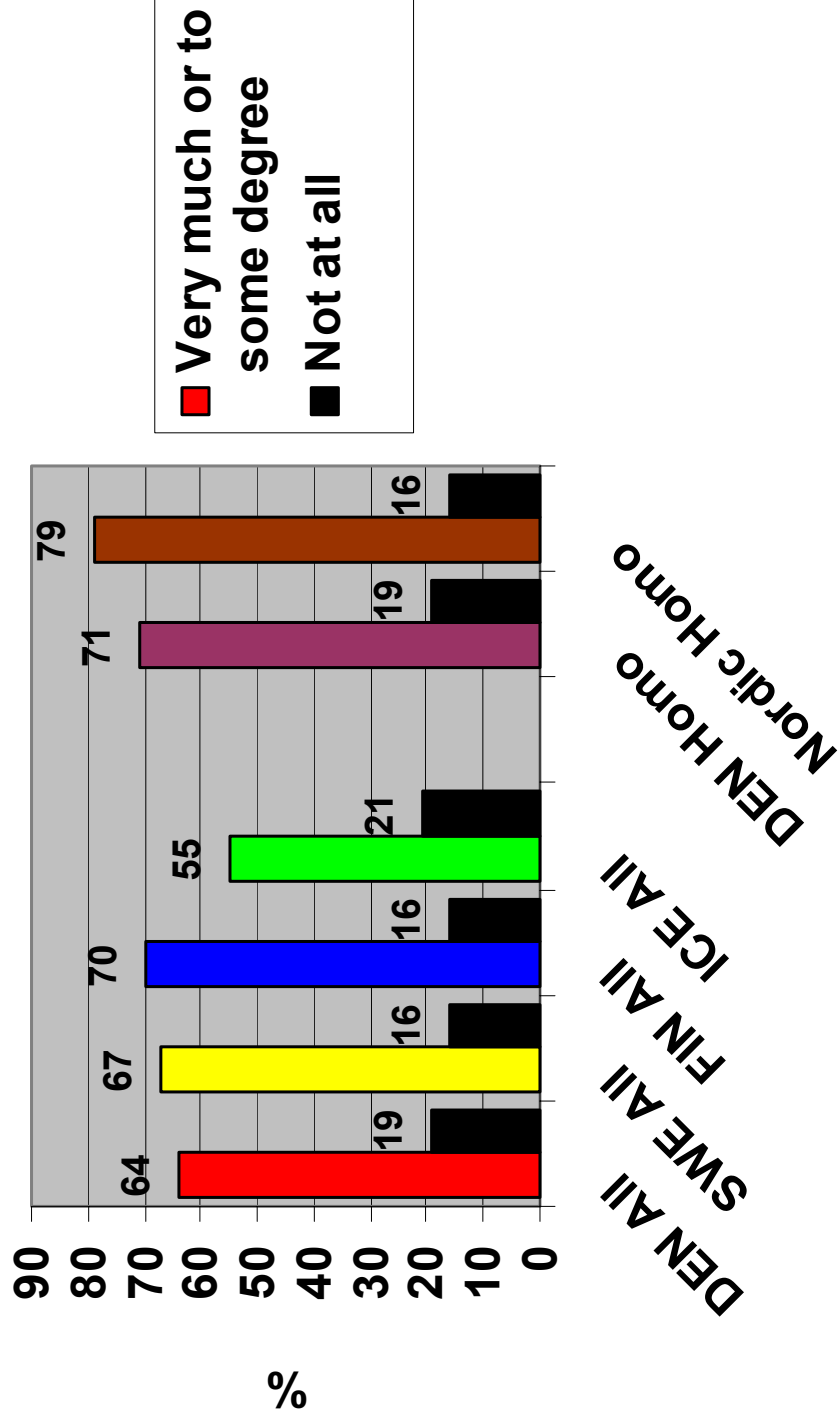
Have 'very much' or 'to some degree' more difficulty in finding a new partner or boy/girl-friend



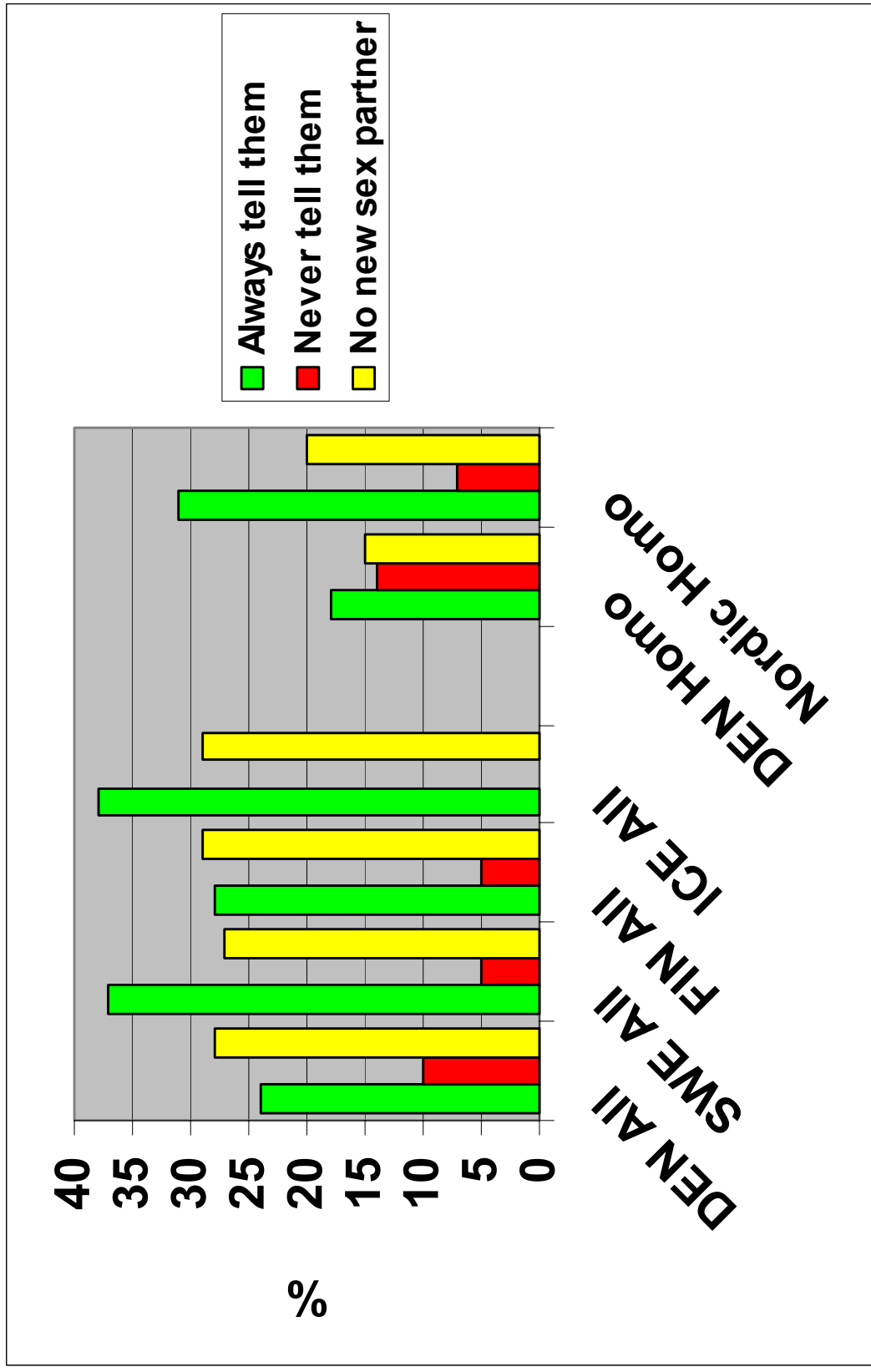
Have become afraid to have sex



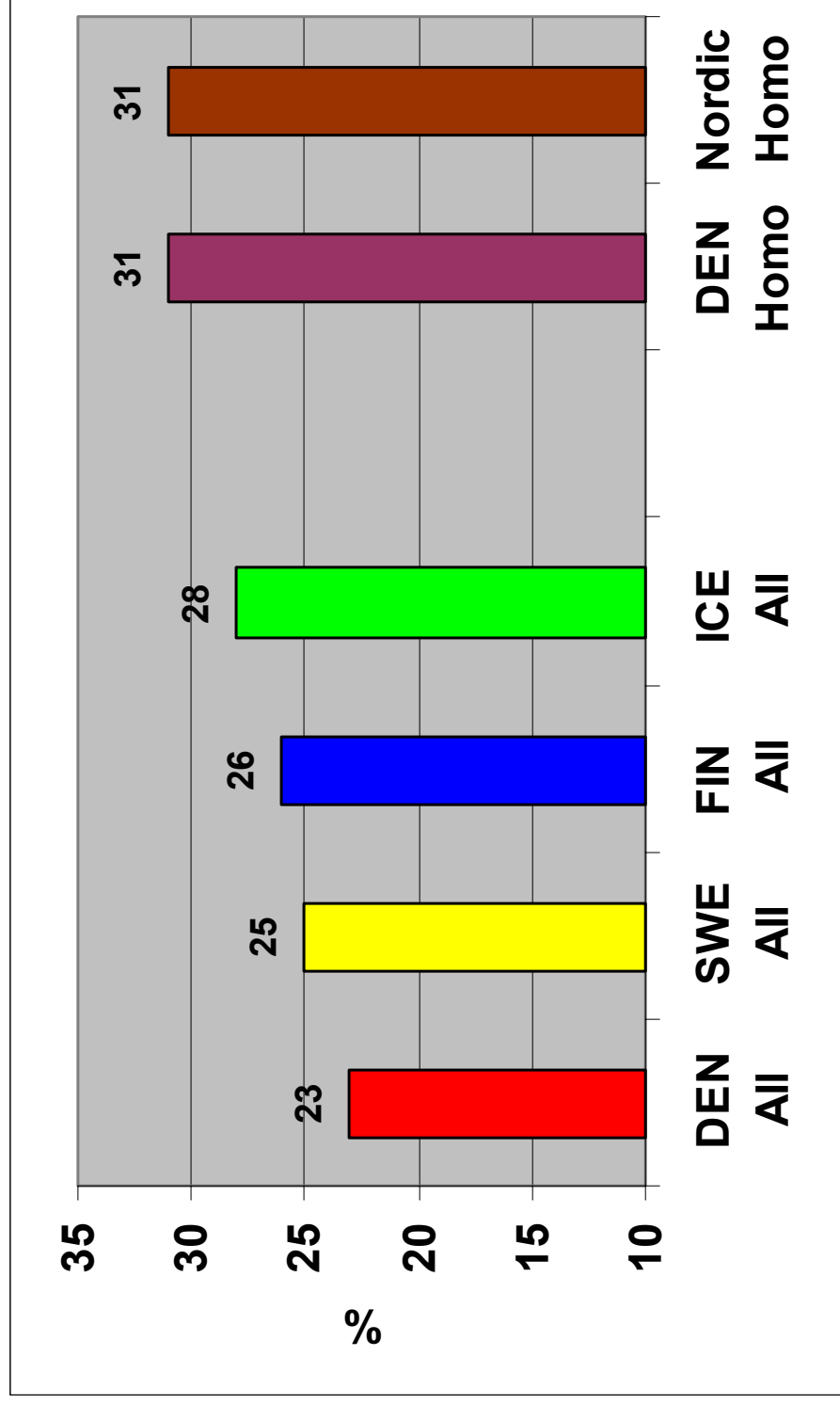
Have 'to some degree' or 'very much' fewer sexual partners



How many tell new partners about HIV-status, the first time they have sex

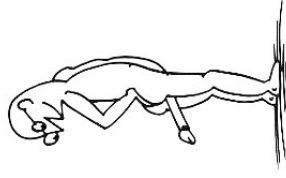


How often – within the last 12 months – have had unsafe sex with HIV-negative / HIV-unknown partner



Conclusion

- **PLHIV seems to have more problems with ARV / side effects in SWE, FIN and ICE**
- **PLHIV seems to be more afraid of telling about HIV-status in SWE, FIN and ICE**
- **PLHIV seems to have more problems with sex and sexuality in SWE, FIN and ICE**



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