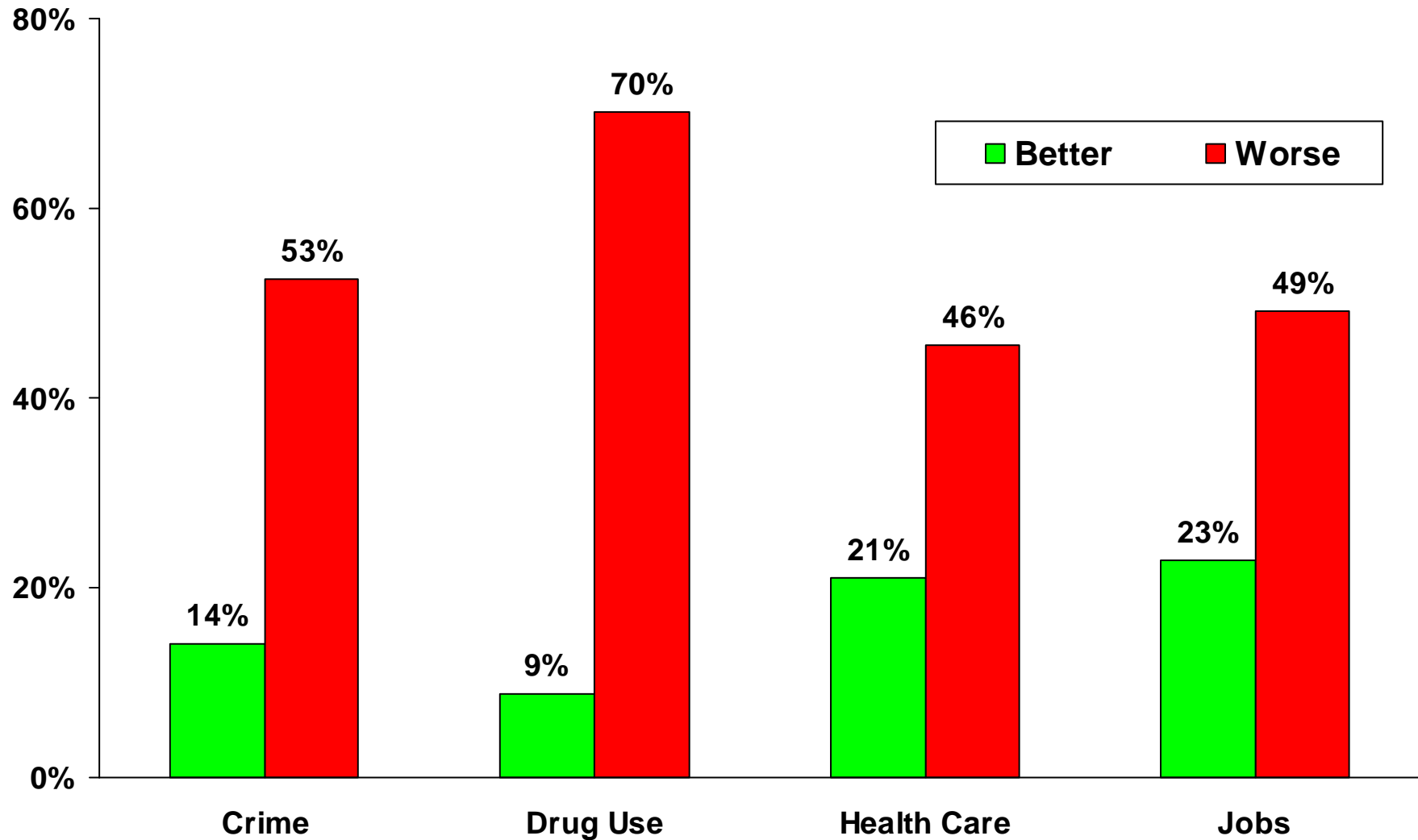


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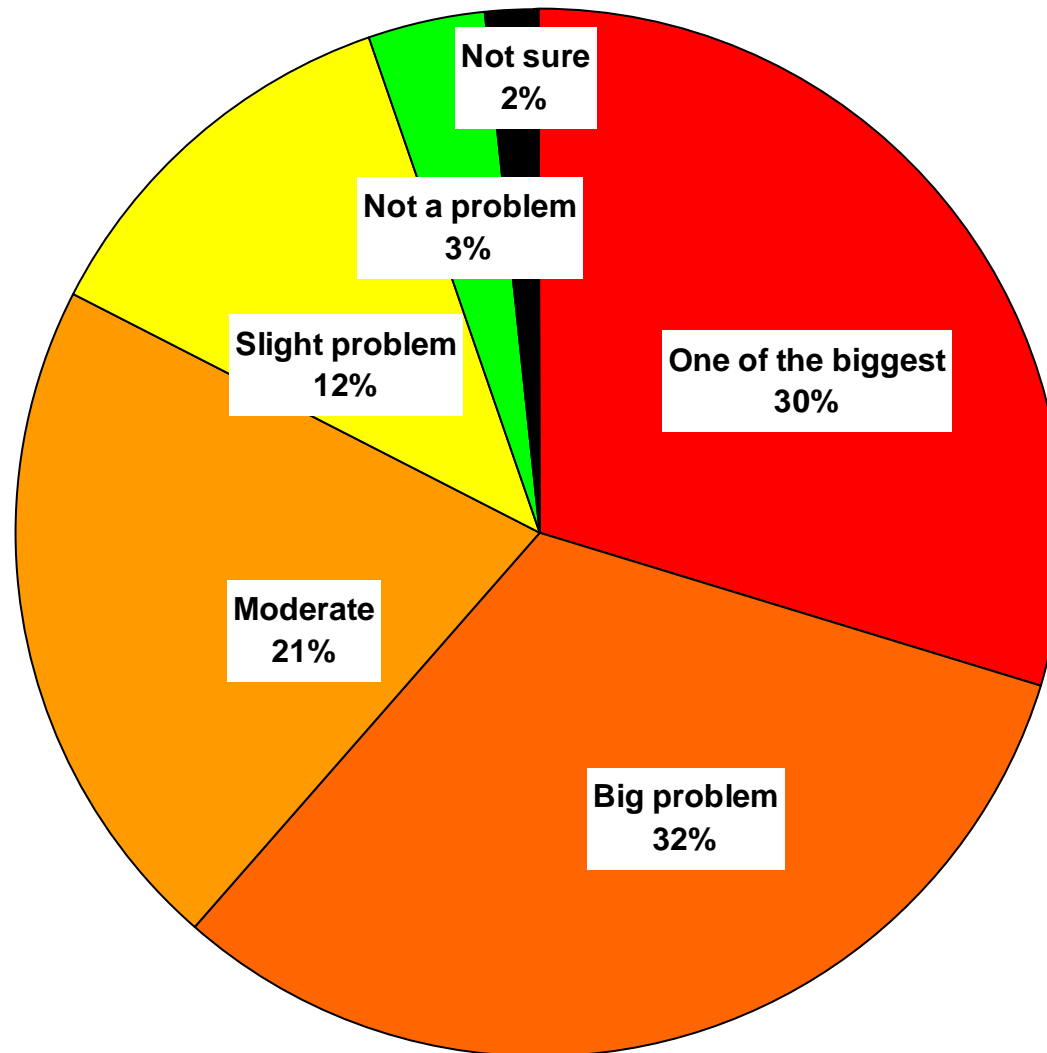
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Gotten Worse in Past 10 Years



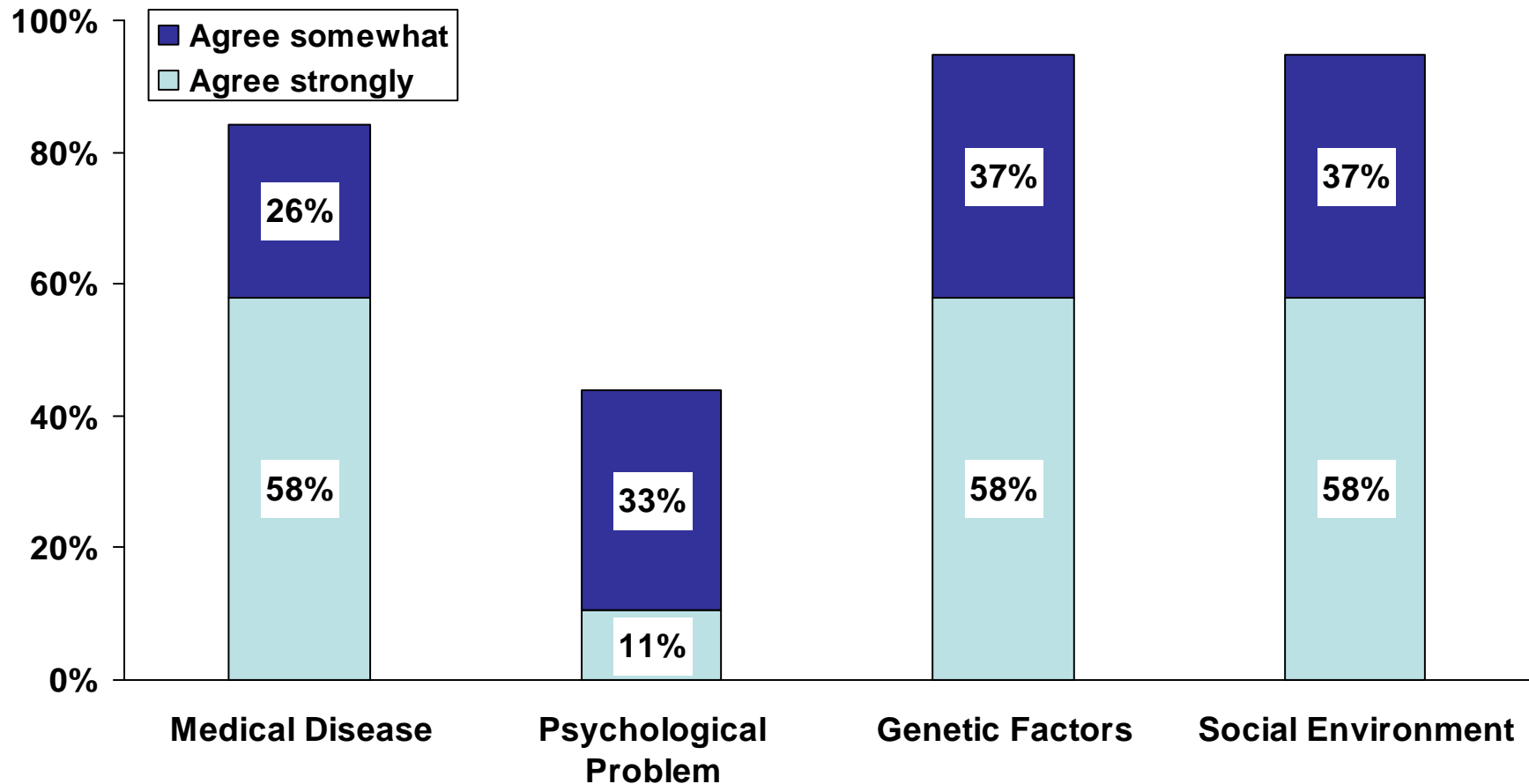
Q1. Thinking about the community in which you live, would you say the following things have gotten better, gotten worse, or stayed about the same in the past ten years? N=57

Drug Abuse in Your Community



Q2. How big a problem is drug abuse in your community? N=57

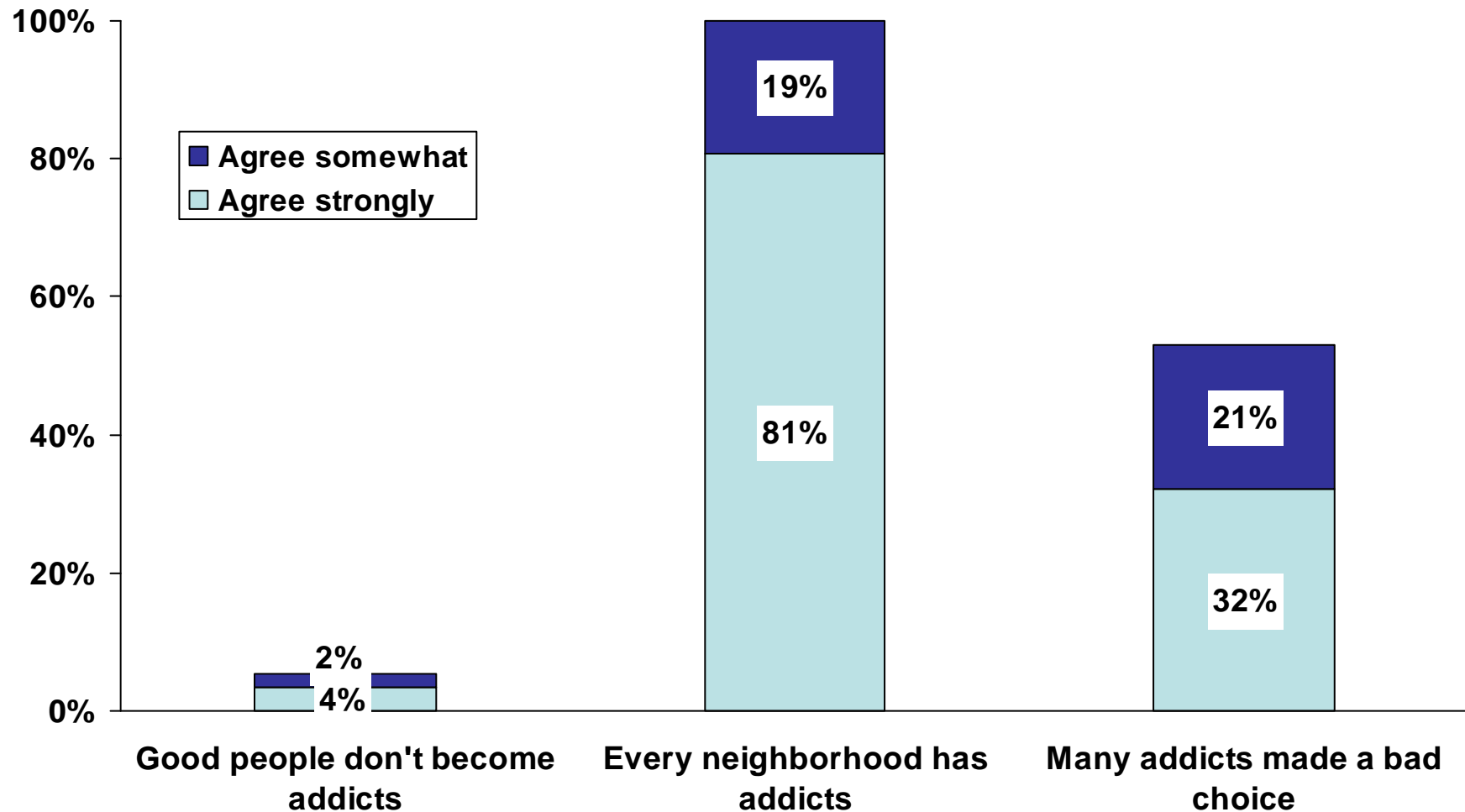
Attitudes about Drug Addiction



Q3. Please tell me whether you strongly agree, somewhat agree? N=57

- a. Drug addiction is a medical disease
- e. Drug addiction is primarily a psychological problem
- b. Genetic factors can increase the risk of drug addiction
- c. Social environment, such as family, friends and neighborhood, for example can increase the risk of drug addiction

Attitudes about Addicted Persons



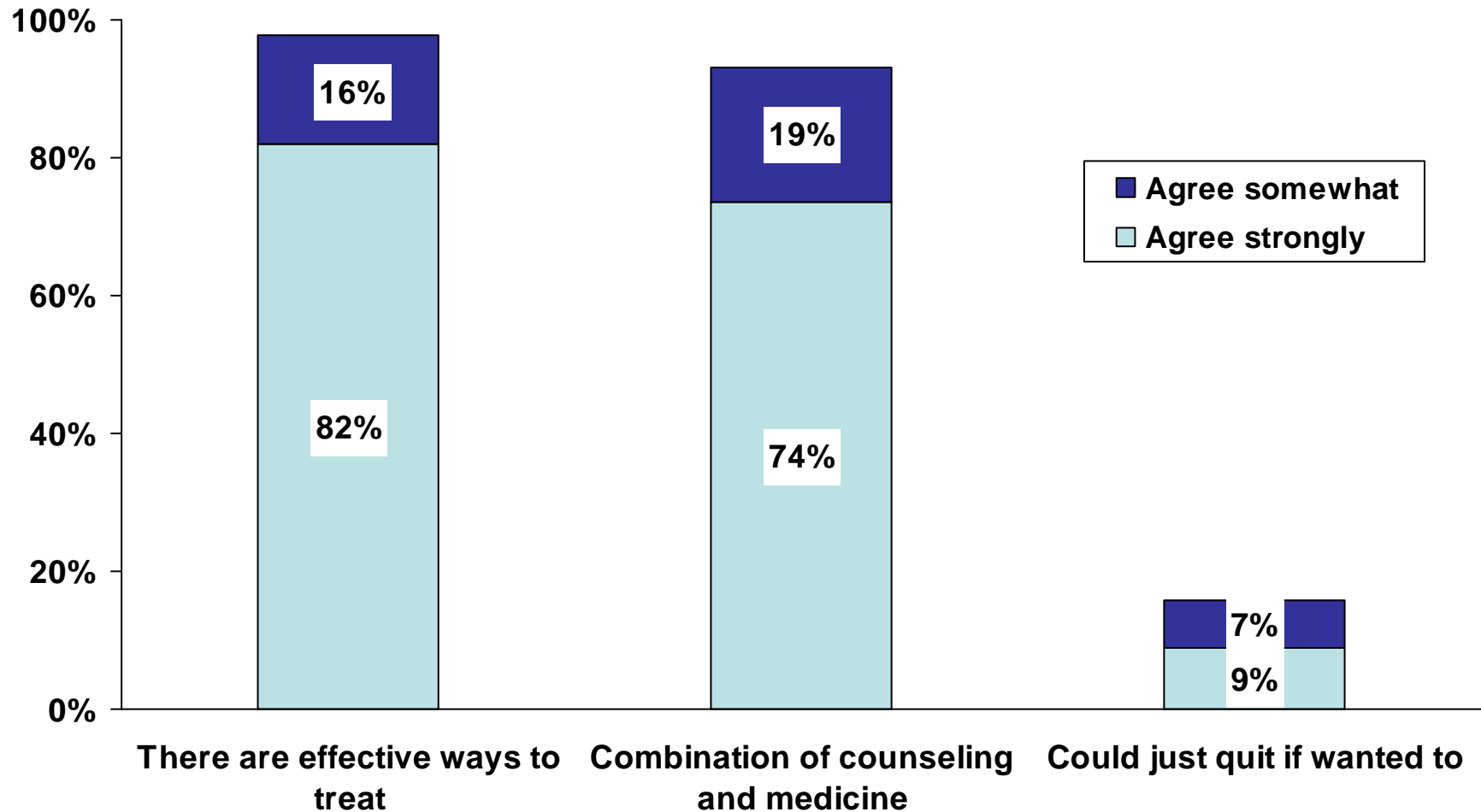
Q3. Please tell me whether you strongly agree, somewhat agree? N=57

f. Good people don't become addicted to drugs

g. Every neighborhood is vulnerable to addiction

h. Many people who are addicted just made a bad choice

Attitudes about Drug Treatment



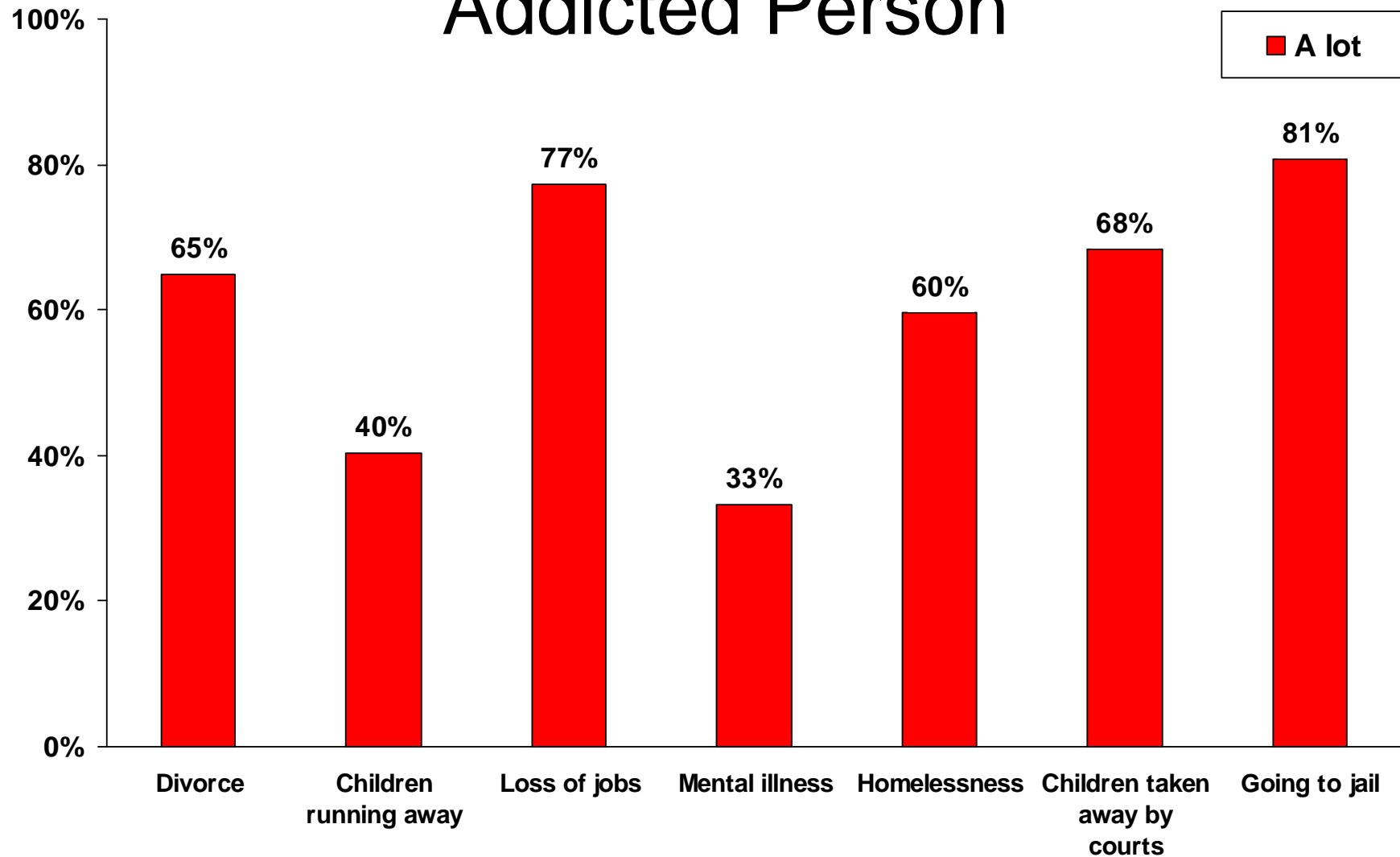
Q3. Please tell me whether you strongly agree, somewhat agree? N=57

d. There are effective ways to treat drug addiction

i. A combination of counseling and medicine is the most effective way of treating addiction

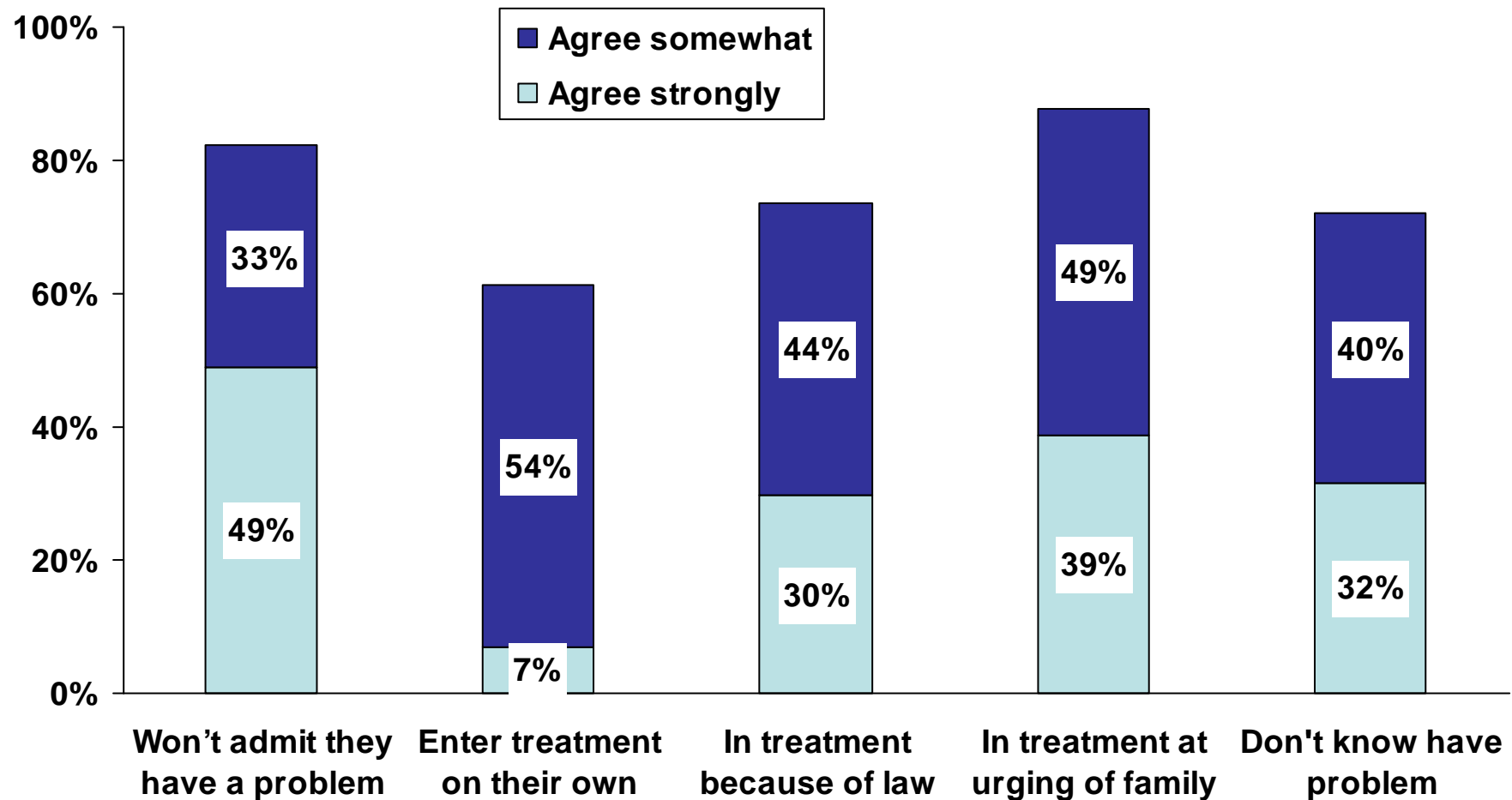
j. People who are addicted could just stop abusing drugs if they really wanted to

Drug Addiction Effects on the Addicted Person



Q4. Do you think drug addiction increases the likelihood of ... - a lot, a moderate amount, some, only a little or not at all? N=57

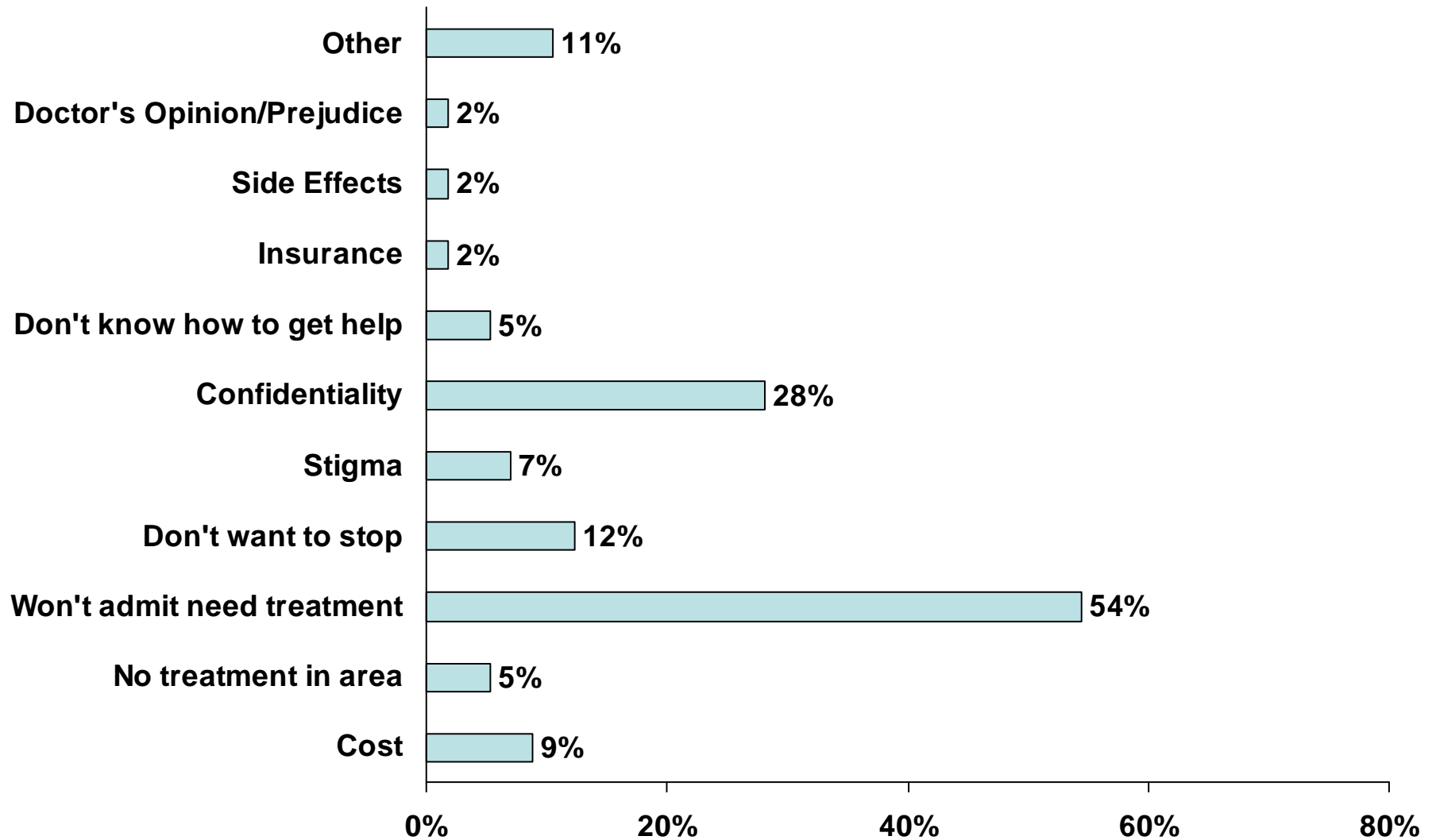
Attitudes about Drug Treatment



Q5. Please tell me whether you strongly agree, somewhat agree? N=57

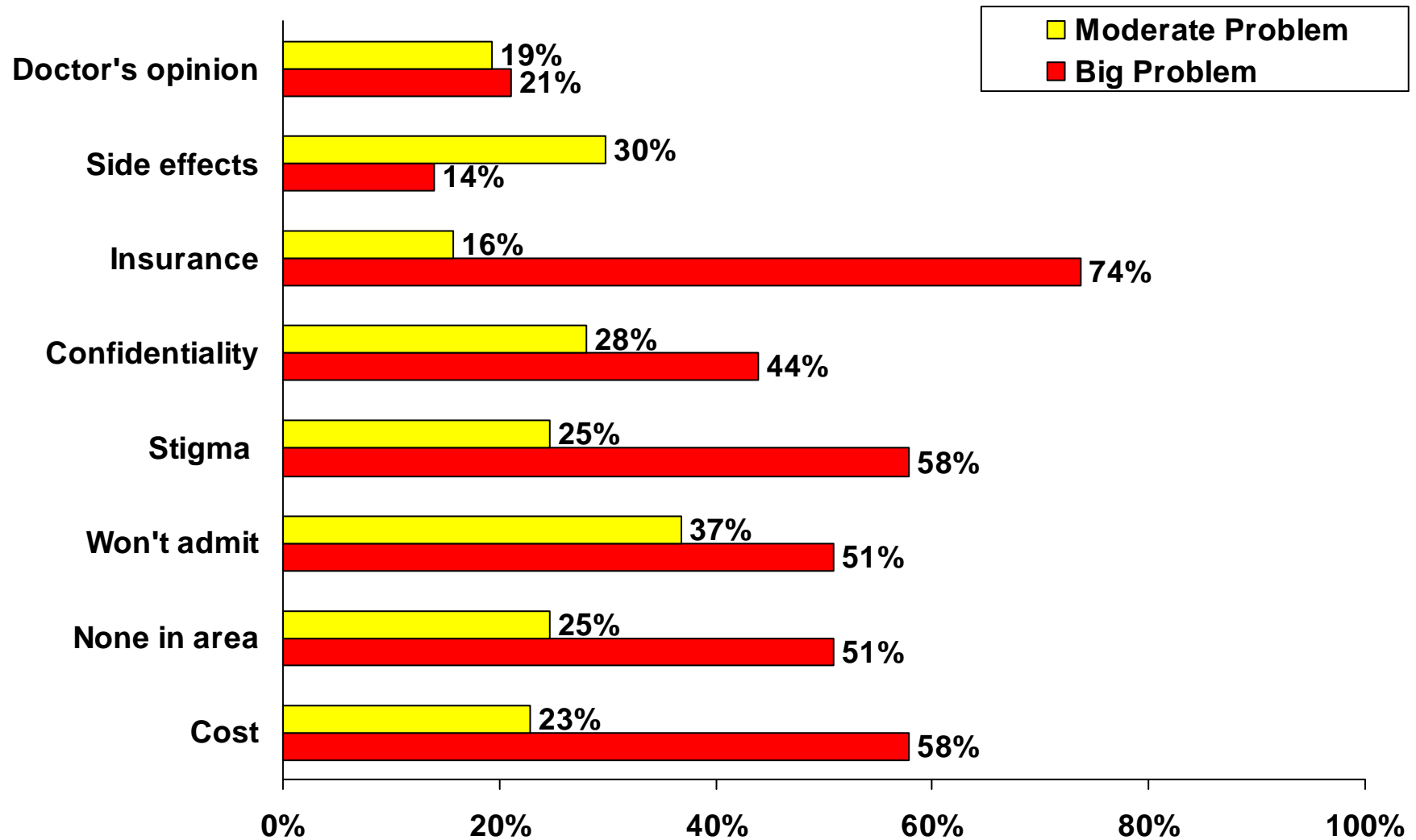
- a. Most people who are addicted to drugs won't admit they have a problem
- b. Most people who are addicted seek treatment of their own free will
- c. Most people who are addicted are in treatment because it is required by the law or court system
- d. Most people who are addicted enter treatment because of the urging of family/friends
- e. Most people who are addicted to drugs don't know they have a problem

Why Don't Addicted Persons Seek Treatment: Unaided



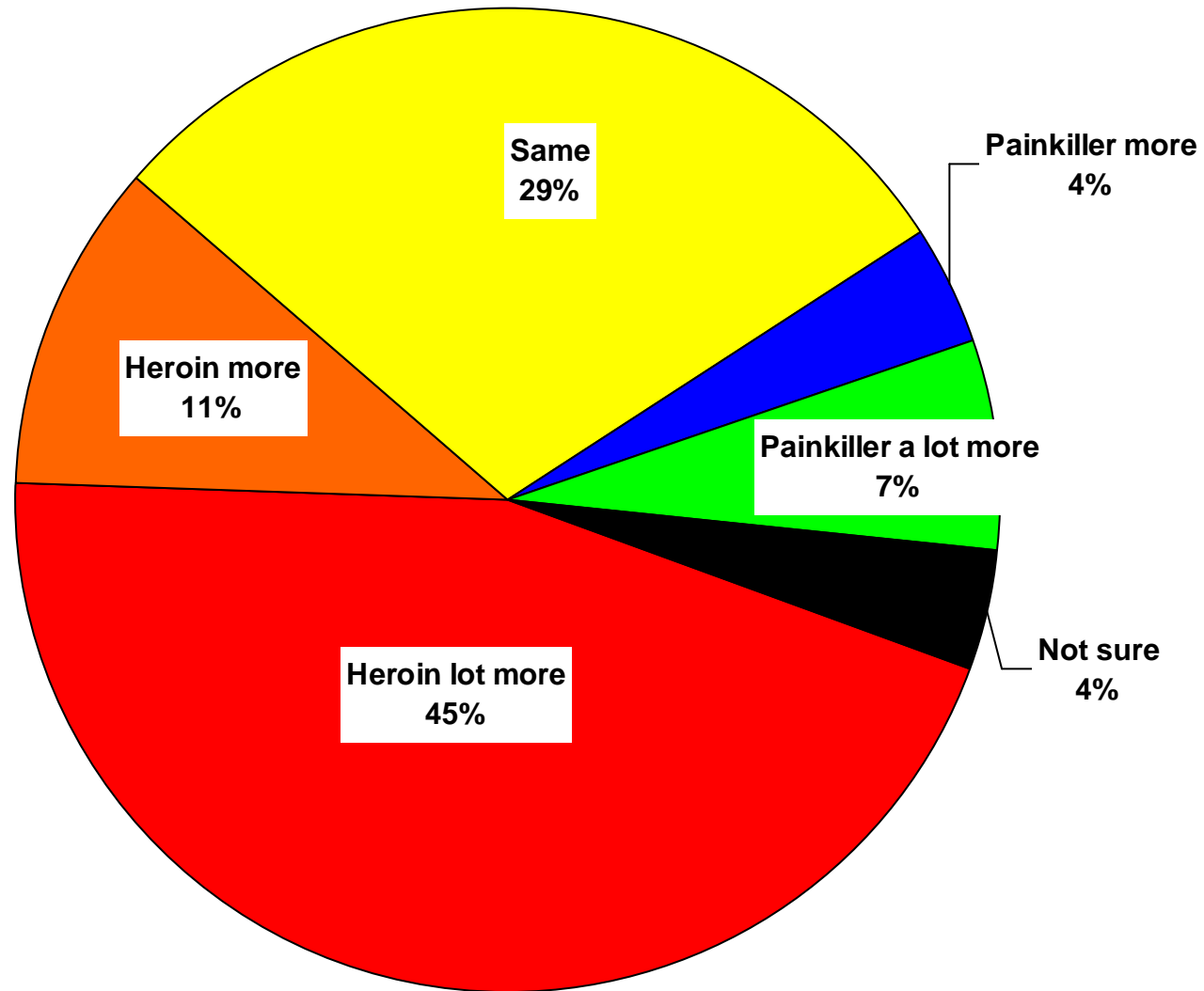
Q6. Why do you think many people suffering from drug addiction don't seek treatment for their condition? N=57

Attitudes about Drug Treatment



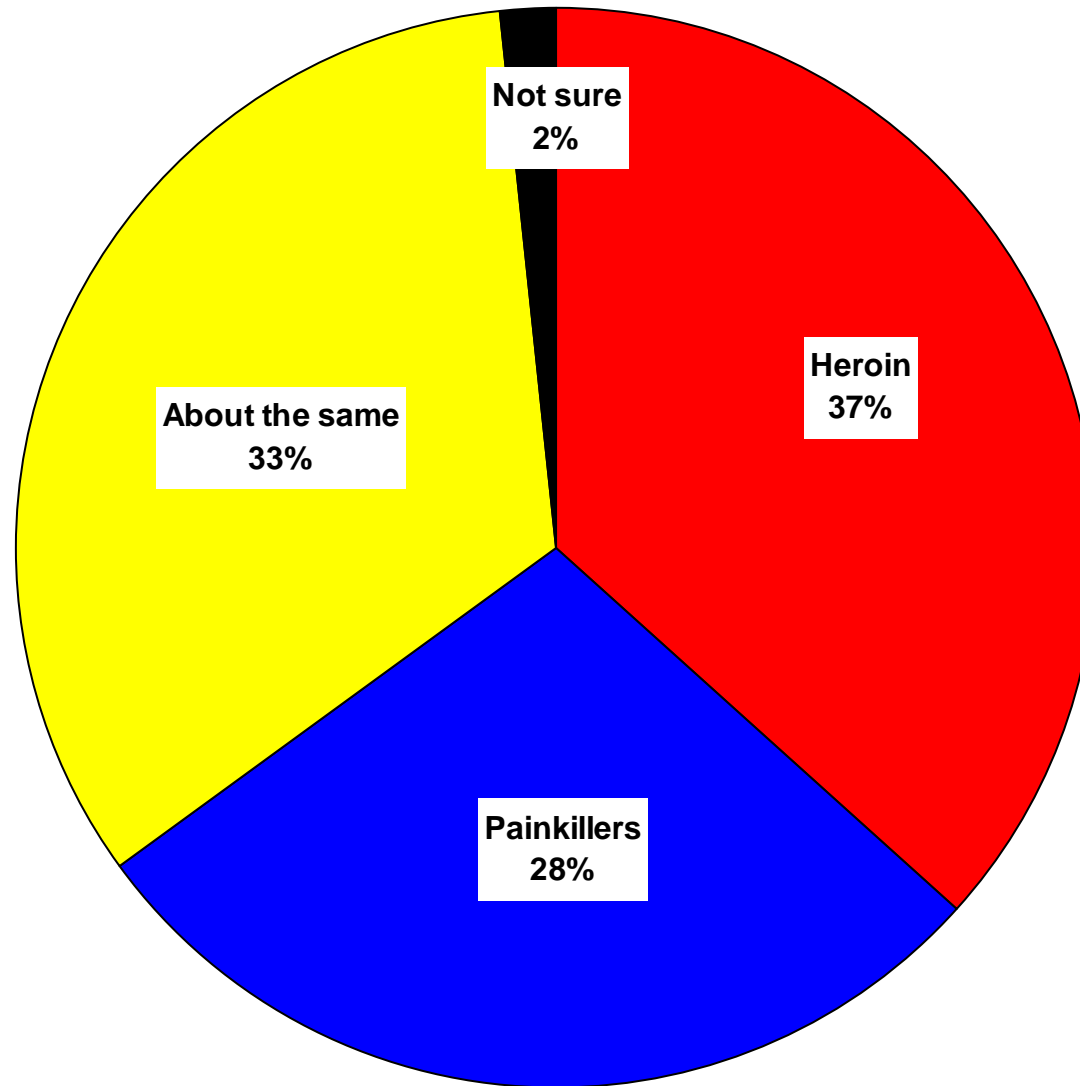
Q7. When a patient seeks treatment for addiction, how big a problem is (ITEM) --- a big problem, a moderate problem, a small problem or not really a problem at all. N=57

Which is More Risky to Use



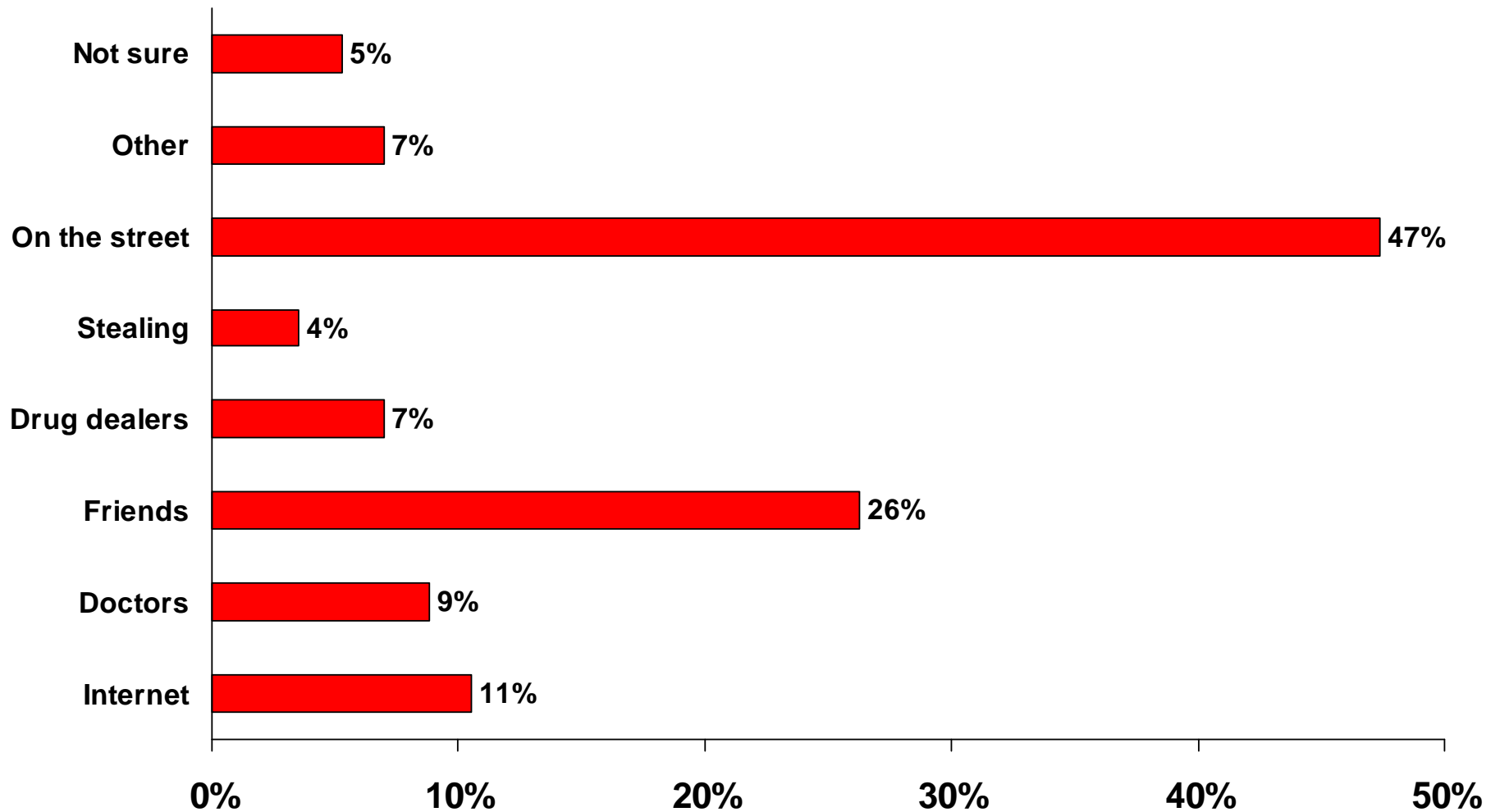
Q11. Which do you think is more RISKY TO USE, prescription painkillers or heroin?
N=57

Which is Easier to Get



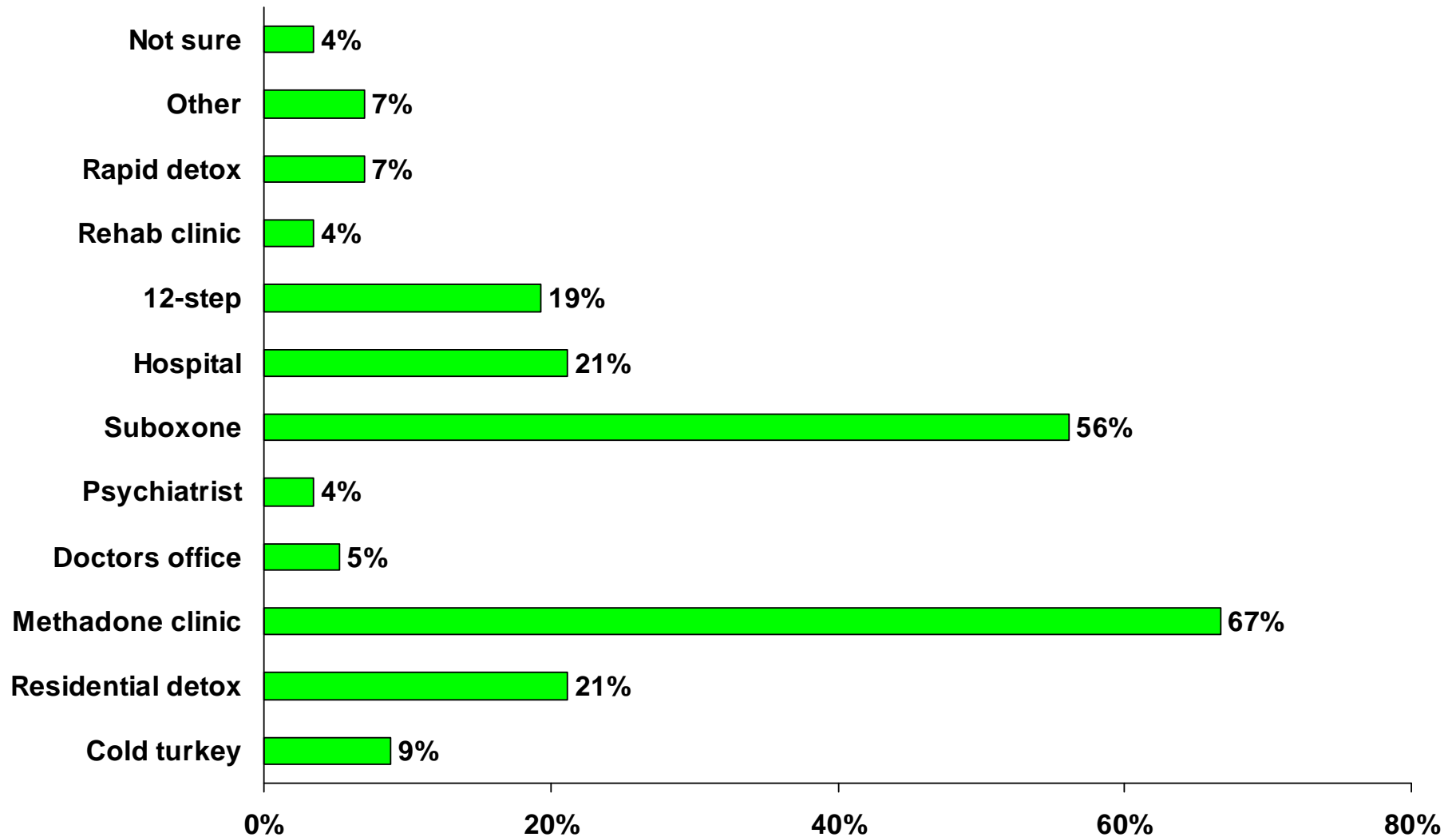
Q12. Which do you think is easier to get --- heroin or prescription painkillers, or is there no difference? N=57

Where Could Get Painkillers without Prescription



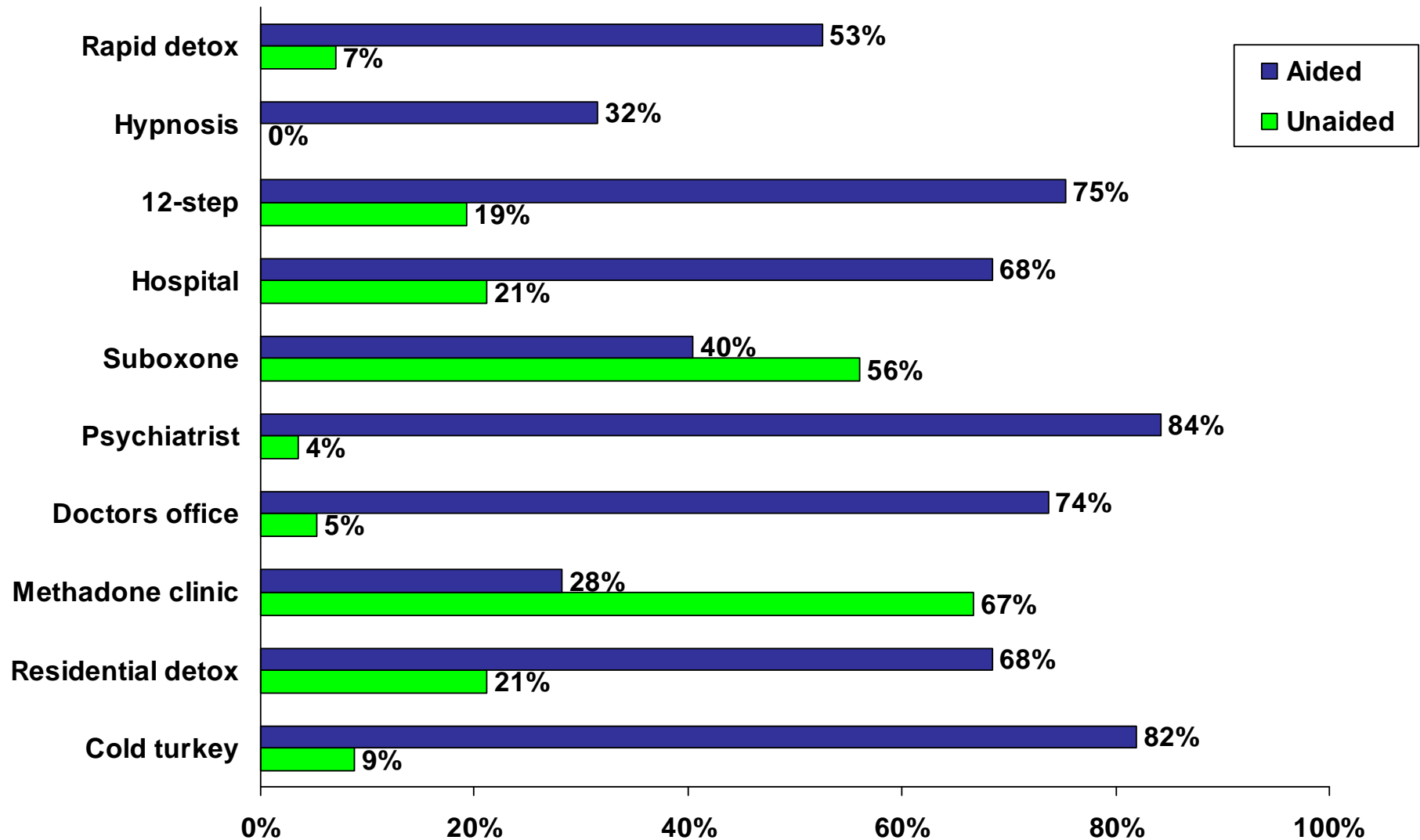
Q13. Where could someone easily get a prescription pain killer WITHOUT a prescription?
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What Treatments are Available: Unaided



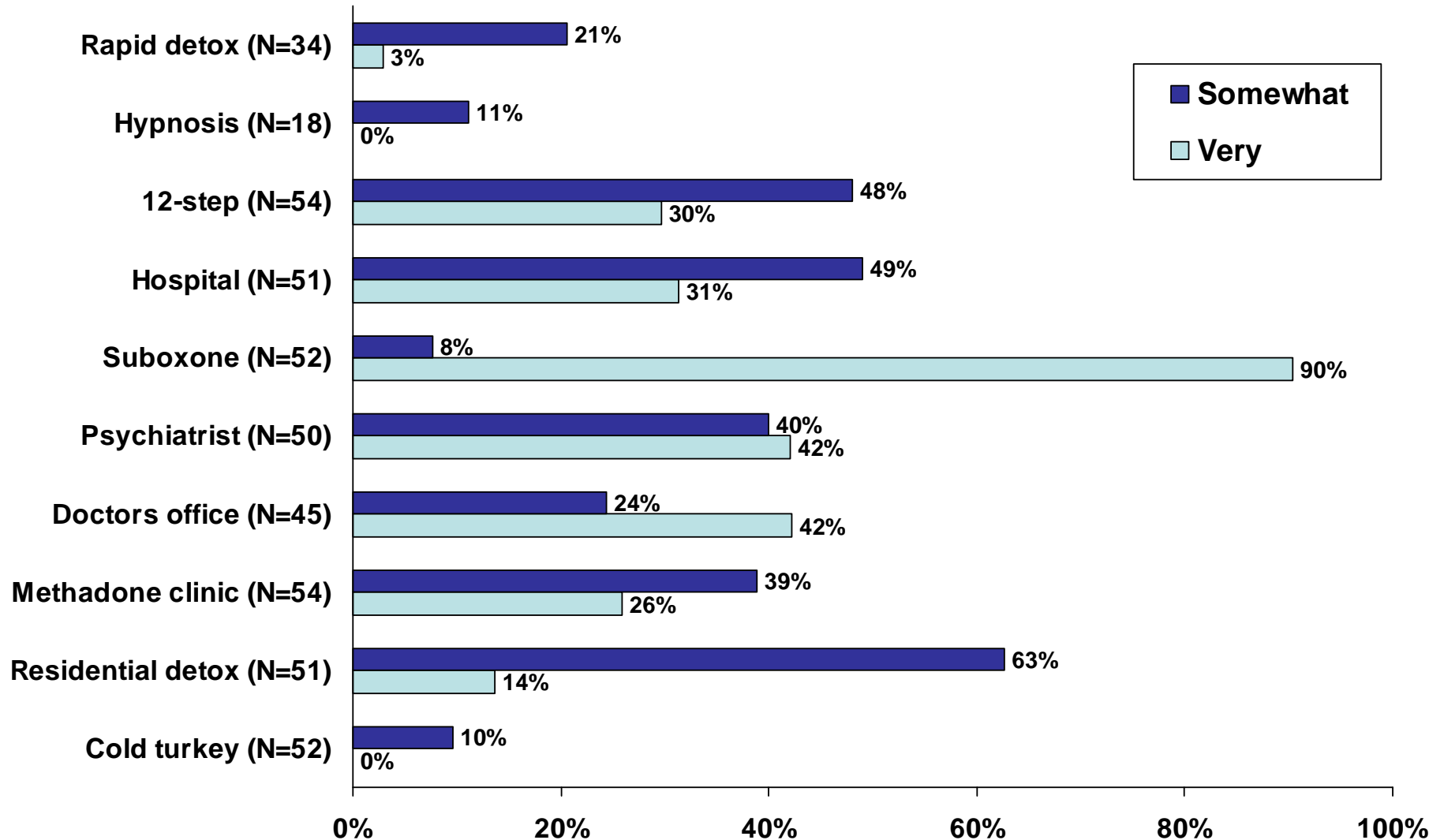
Q14. What treatment options are available for persons addicted to heroin or prescription painkillers? N=57

What Treatments are Available: Aided



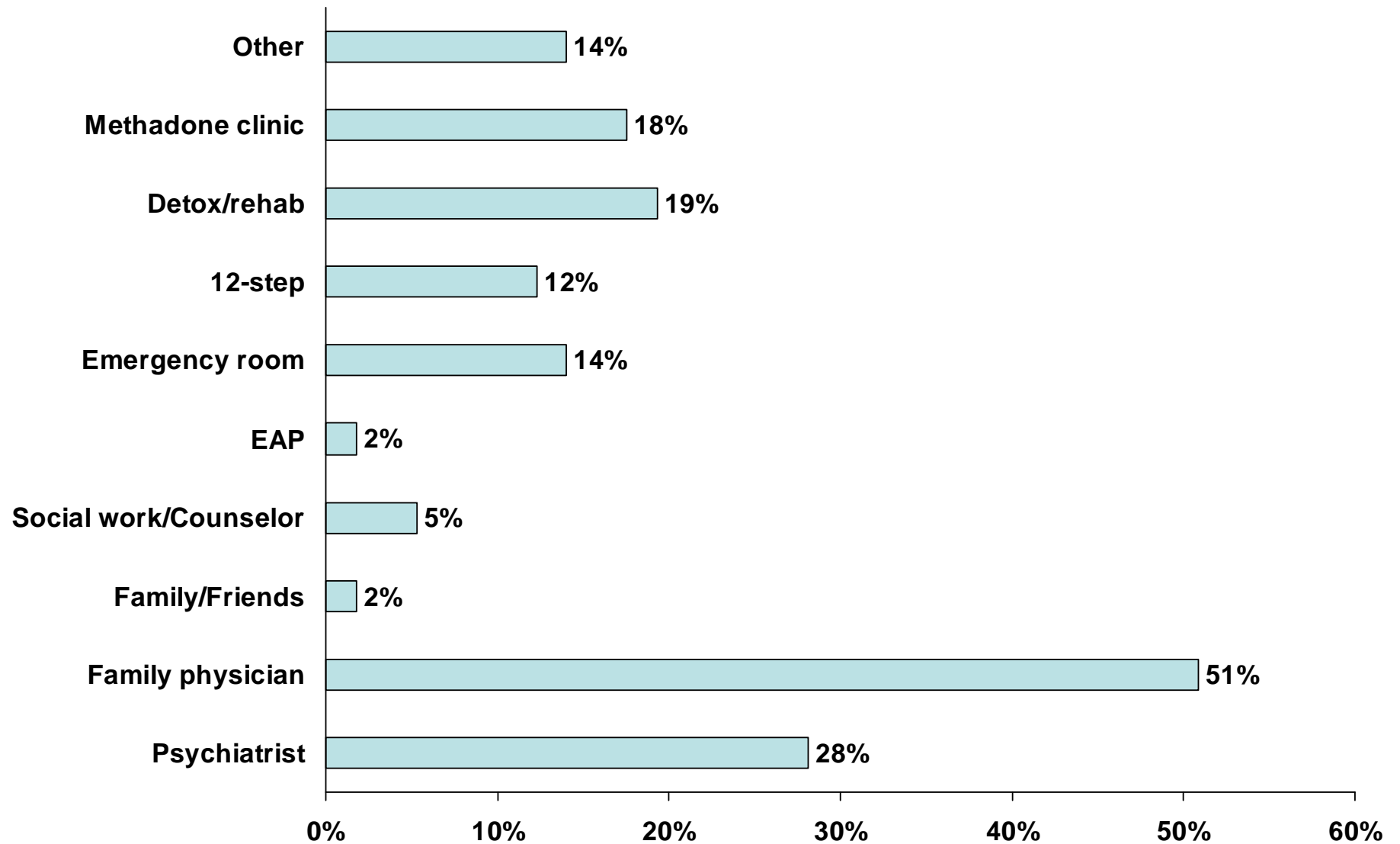
Q14. What treatment options are available for persons addicted to heroin or prescription painkillers?
 Q15. Are you familiar with any of the following treatment options for heroin or prescription painkiller-addiction? N=57

How Effective are Treatments



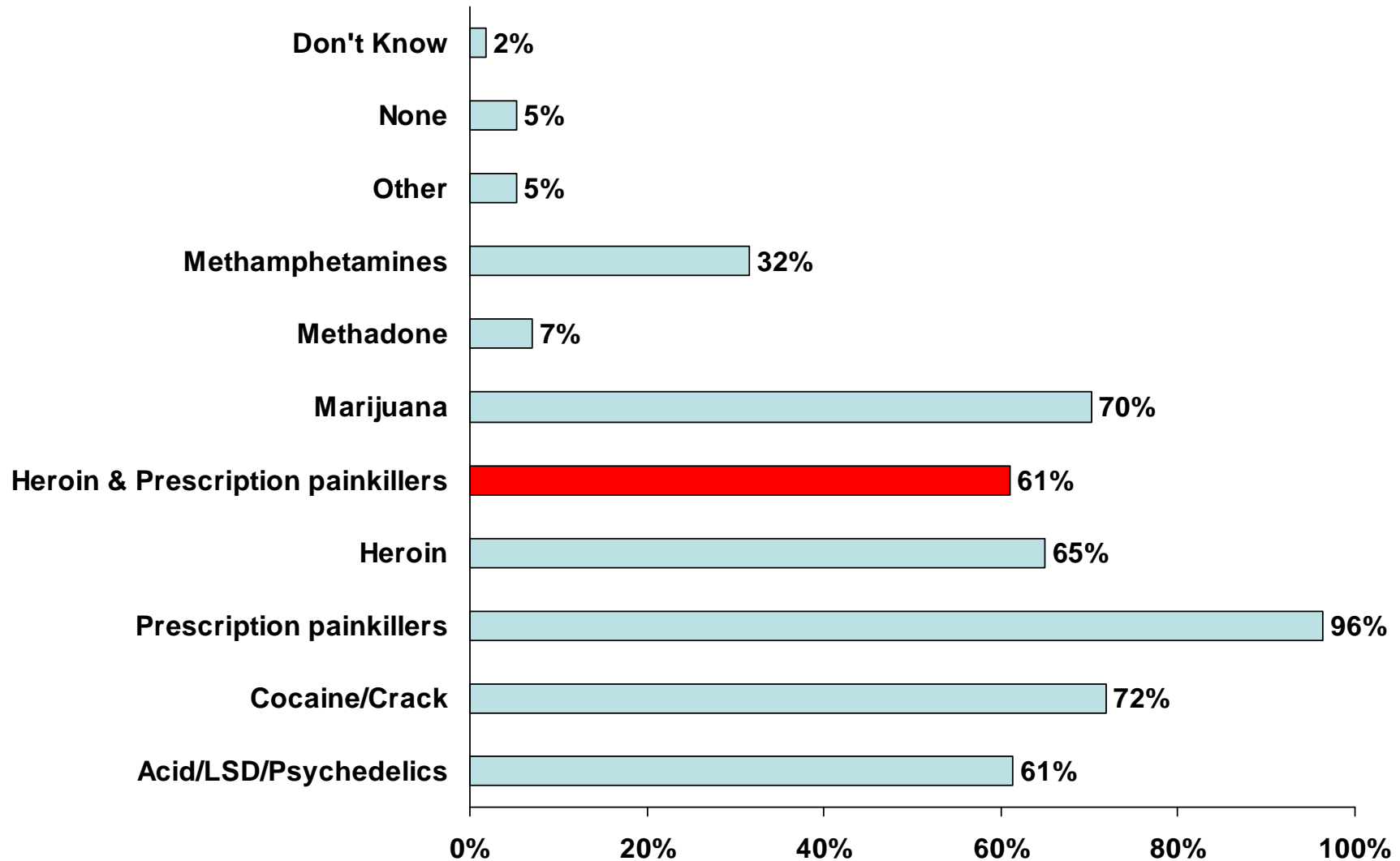
Q16. Regardless of whether you have any personal experience with these treatments, how effective do you think the following approaches are in treating addiction to heroin or prescription painkillers – very effective, somewhat effective, not too effective or not effective at all?

Where Could Go For Help: Unaided



Q17. Based on what you know or have heard, where do you think someone could go to seek help for an addiction to heroin or prescription painkillers? N=57

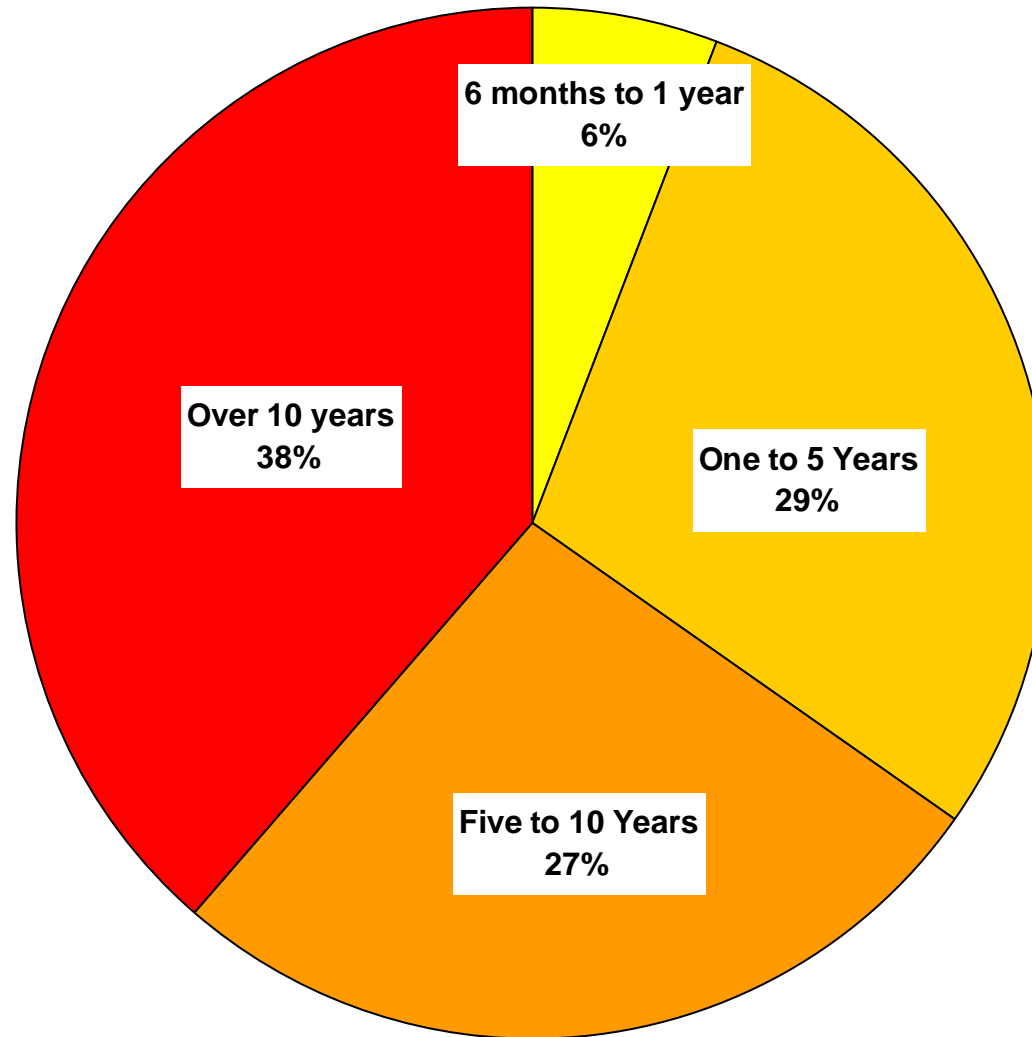
Drugs of Abuse



Q18a. What types of illegal drugs have you used more than once or twice? N=57

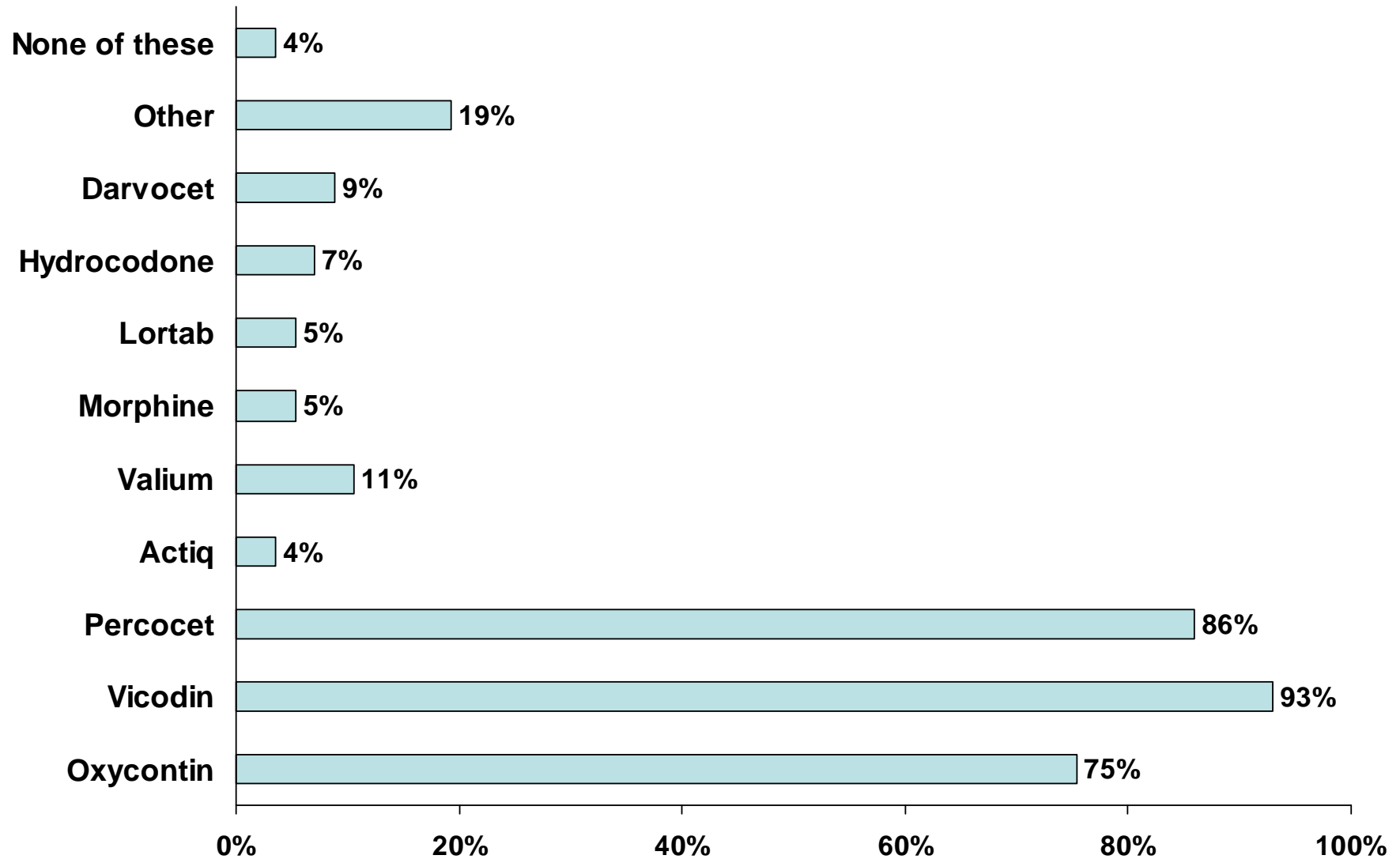
Q19a. Which of the following prescription painkillers have you taken non-medically, for example after your need for pain relief had passed, or when they were not prescribed for you or the amount you took was more than prescribed. N=57

Length of Time Taking Illegal Drugs



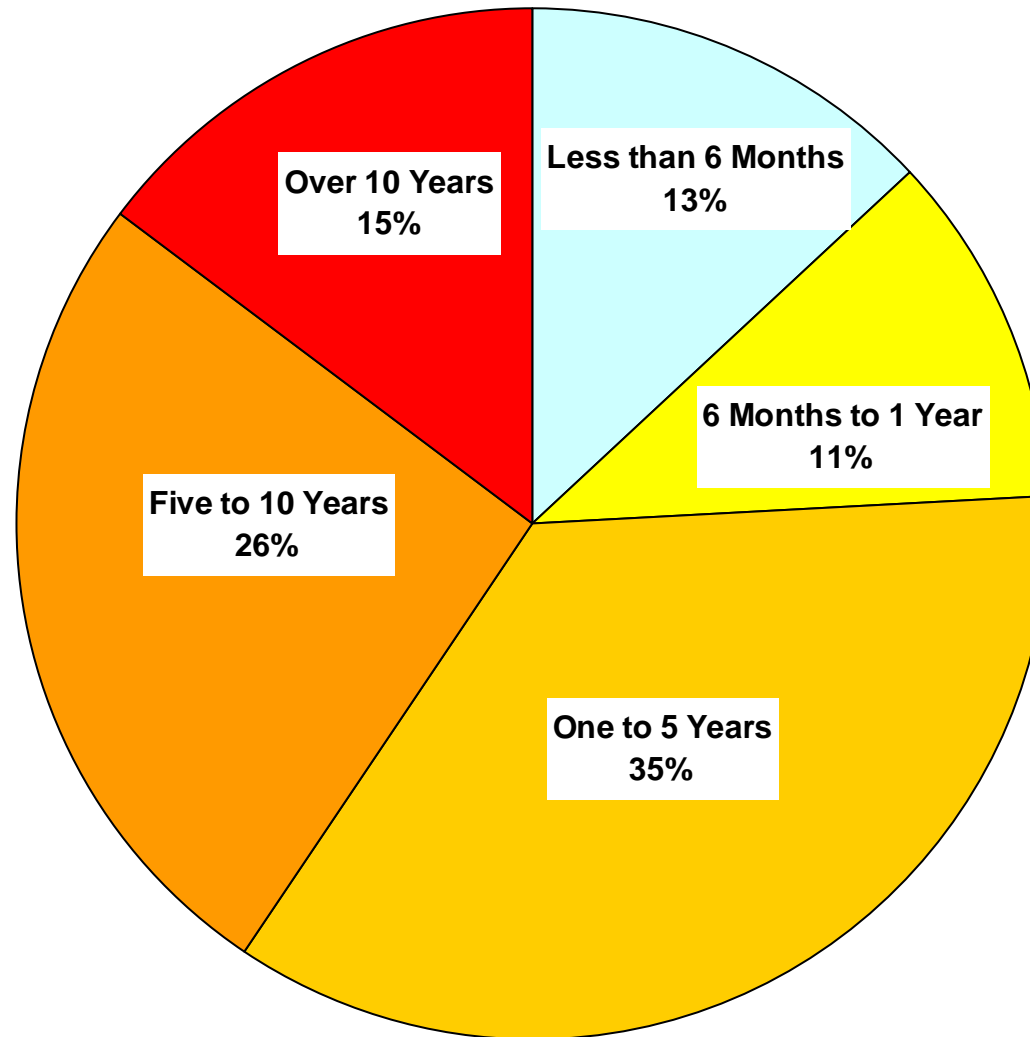
Q18b. How long did you take illegal drugs? N=52

Name of Reported Abused Drug



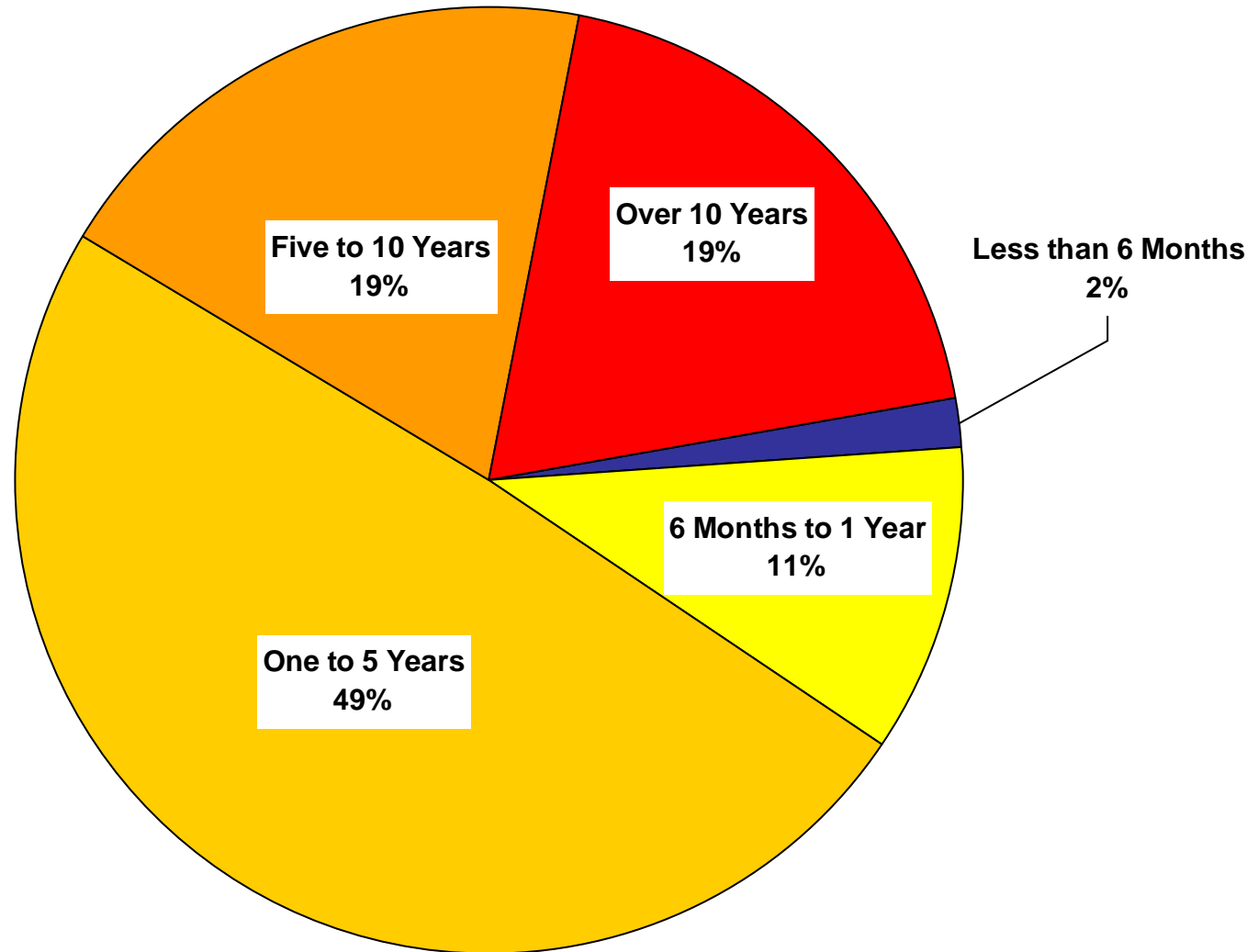
Q19a. Which of the following prescription painkillers have you taken non-medically, for example after your need for pain relief had passed, or when they were not prescribed for you or the amount you took was more than prescribed. N=57

Length of Time Taking Prescription Painkillers Non-Medically



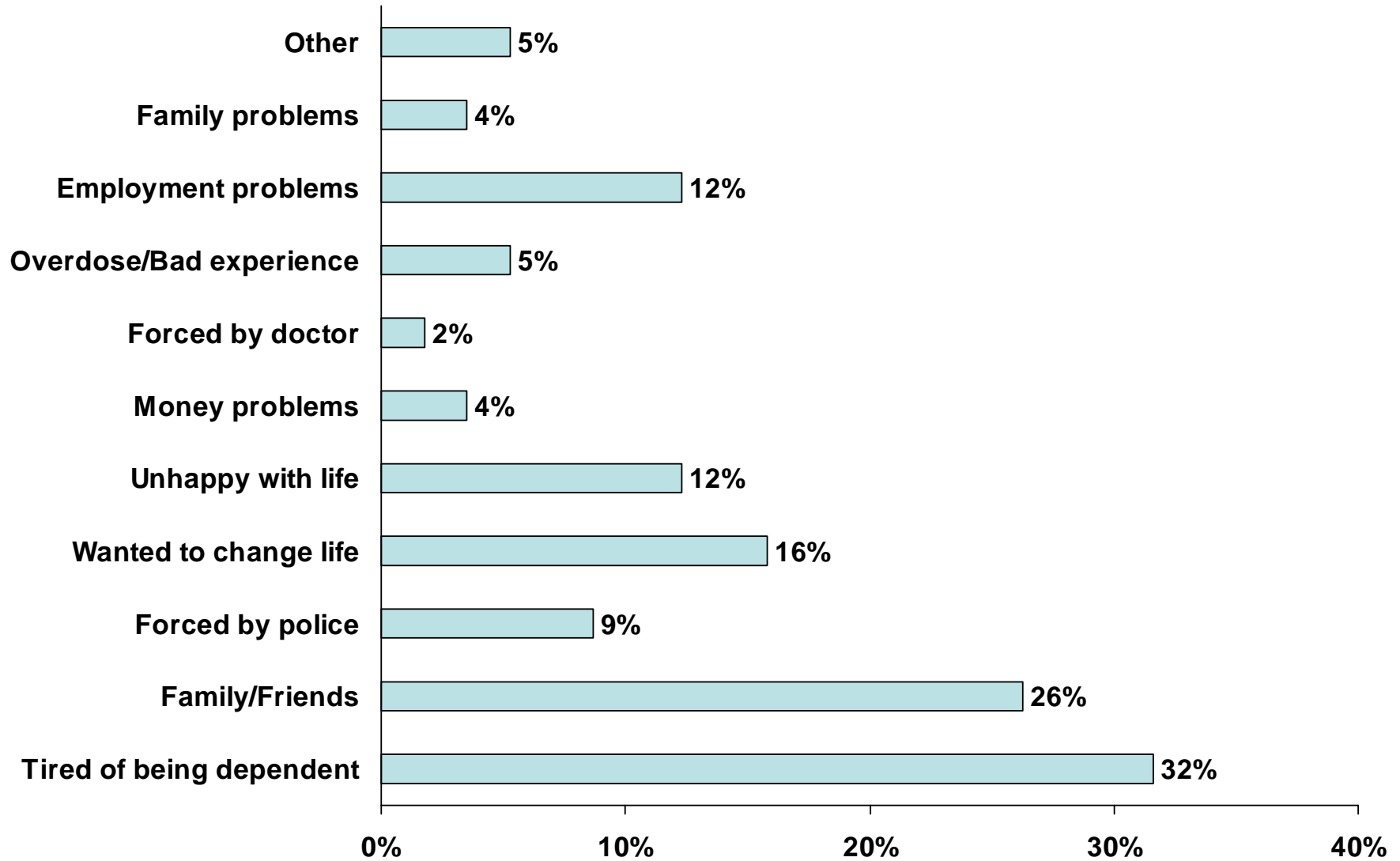
Q20. How long did you take prescription painkillers non-medically? N=55

Length of Time Taking Drugs Before Treatment



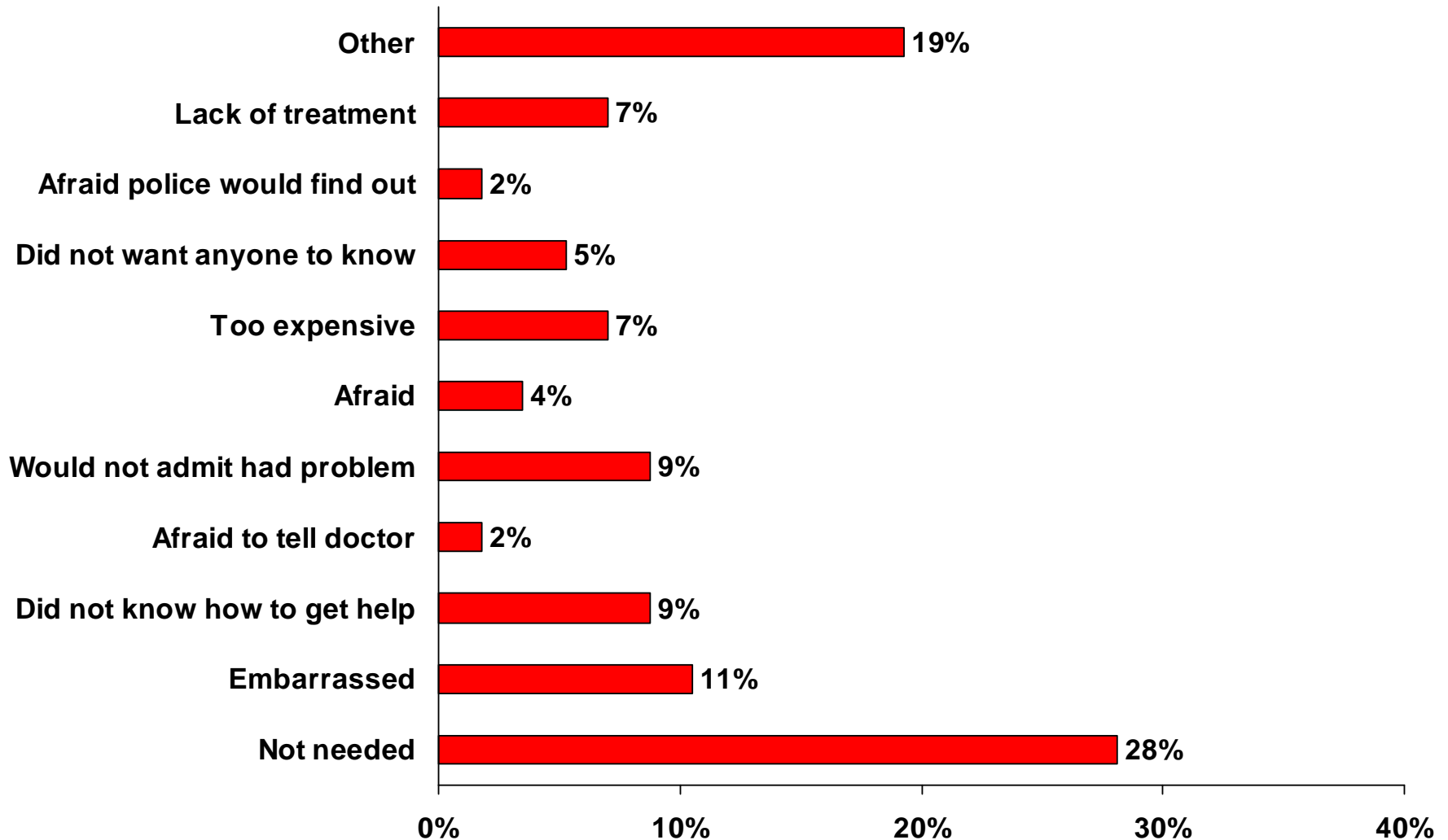
Q24a. How long had you been taking drugs before you first got any type of treatment? N=57

Reason Sought Treatment



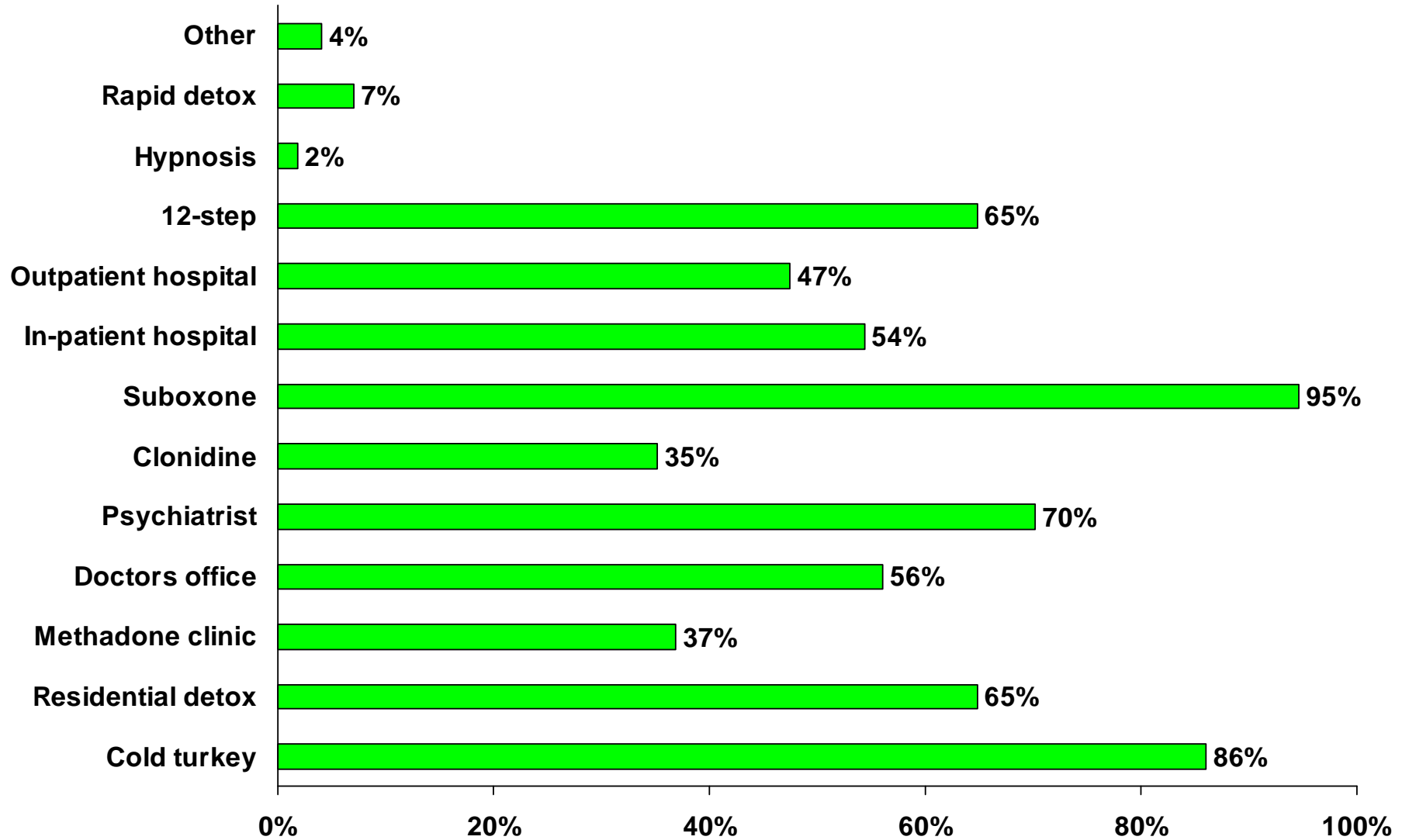
Q25. What caused you to seek treatment (the first time)? N=57

Obstacle to Treatment



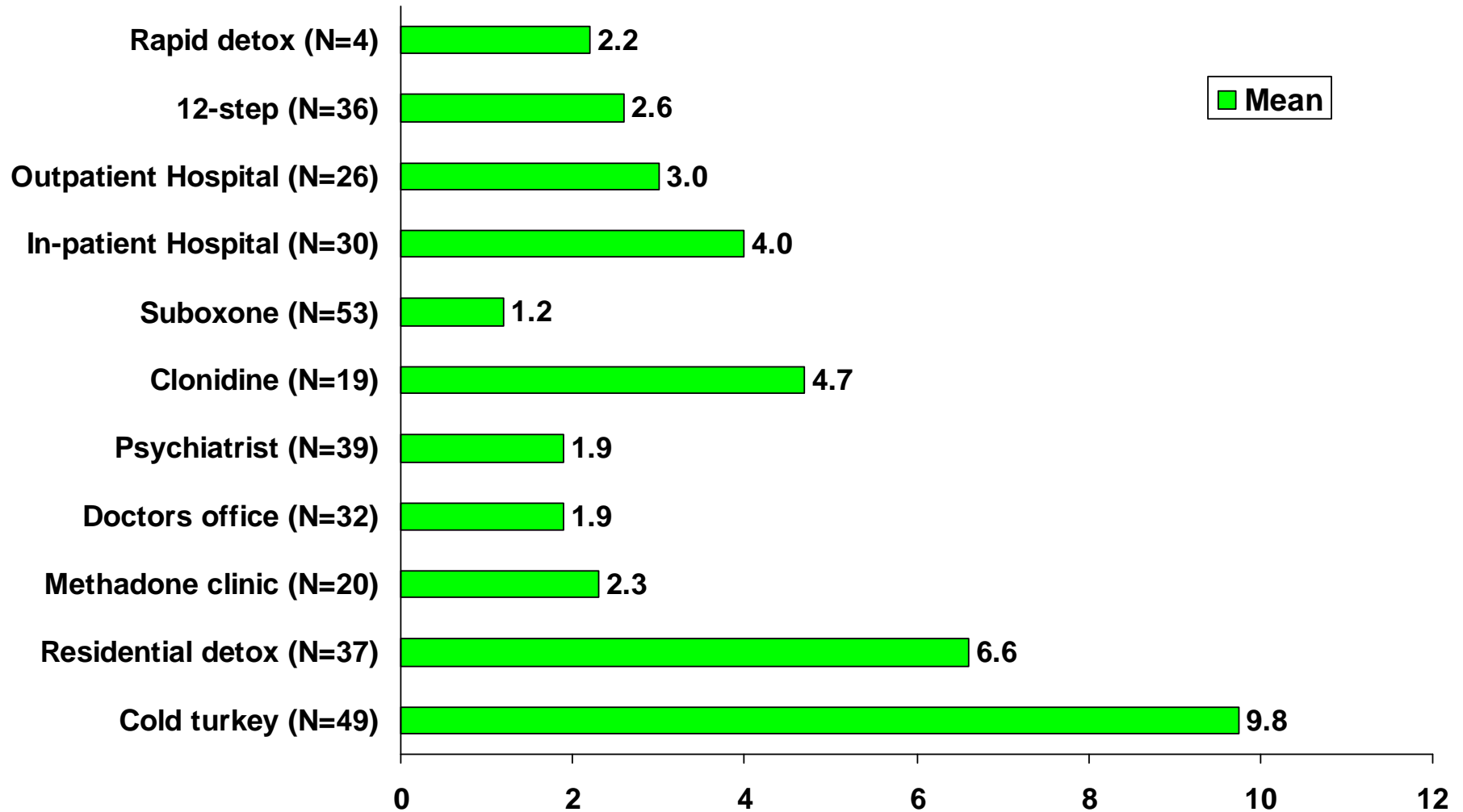
Q24c. What would you consider the single most important obstacle that stopped you from getting treatment sooner? N=57

Treatments Tried



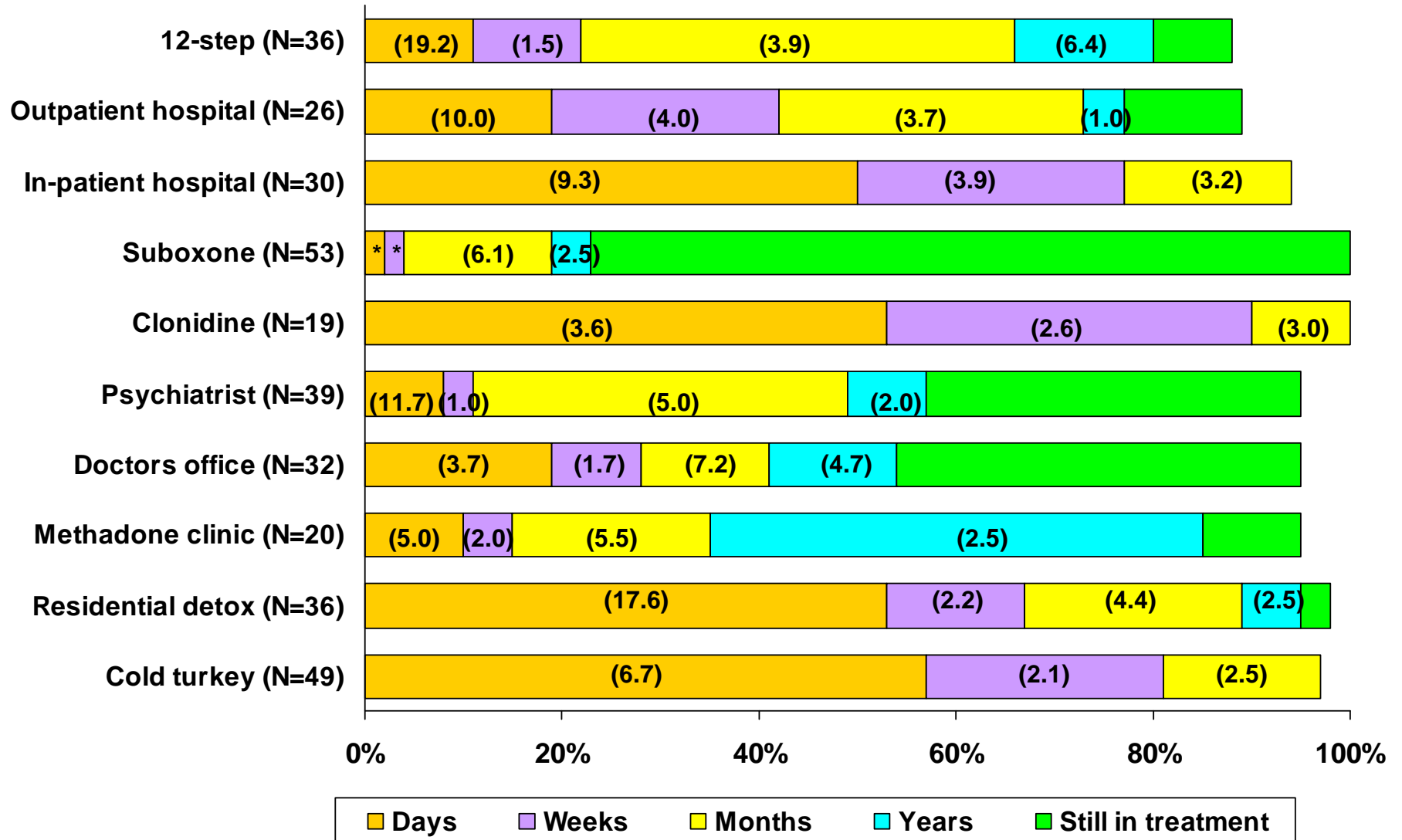
Q26a. What types of treatment approaches have you tried? N=57

Average Number of Times Treatments Tried



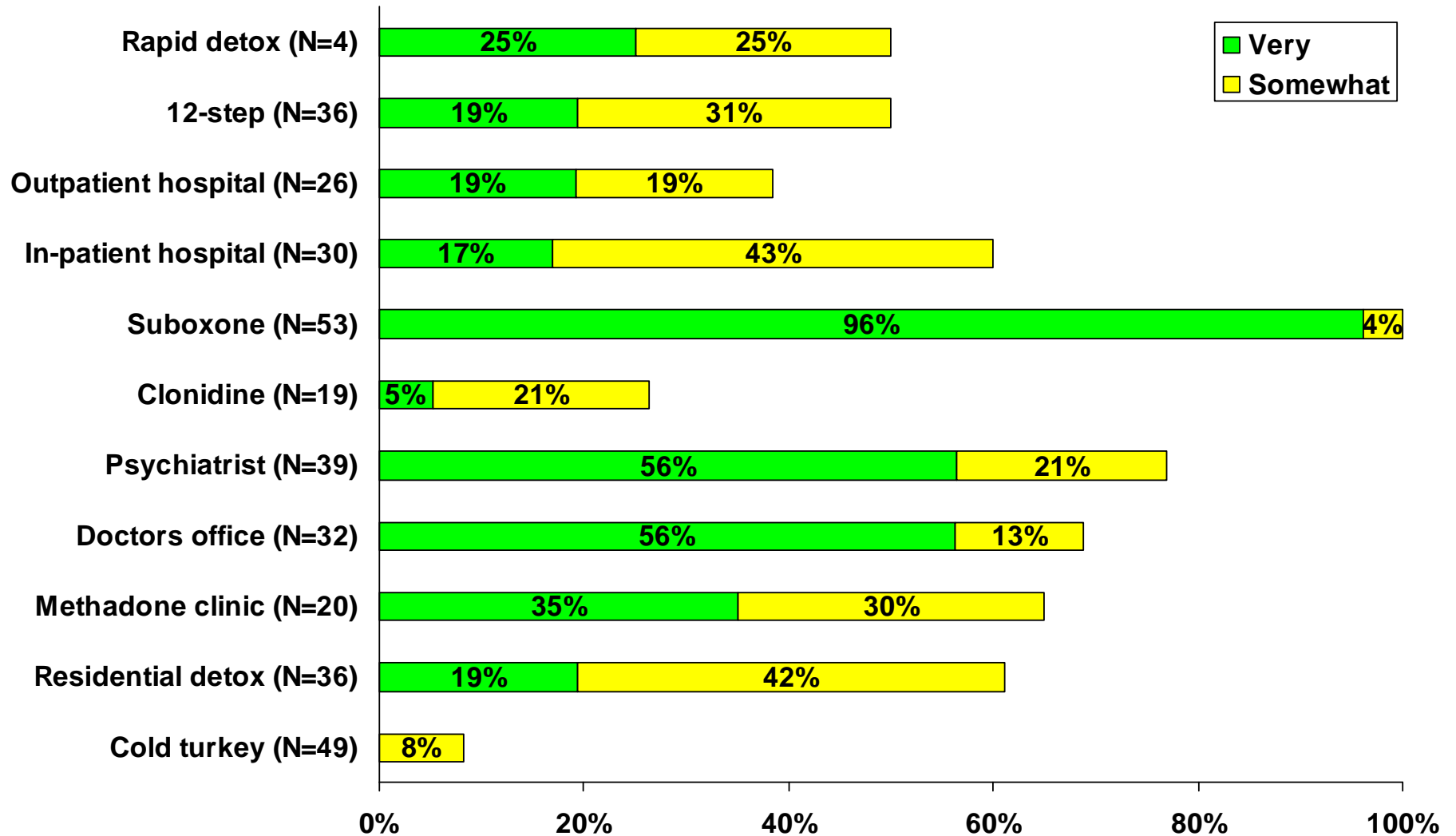
Q26b1. How many different times did you try [TREATMENT MENTIONED]?

Length of Treatment



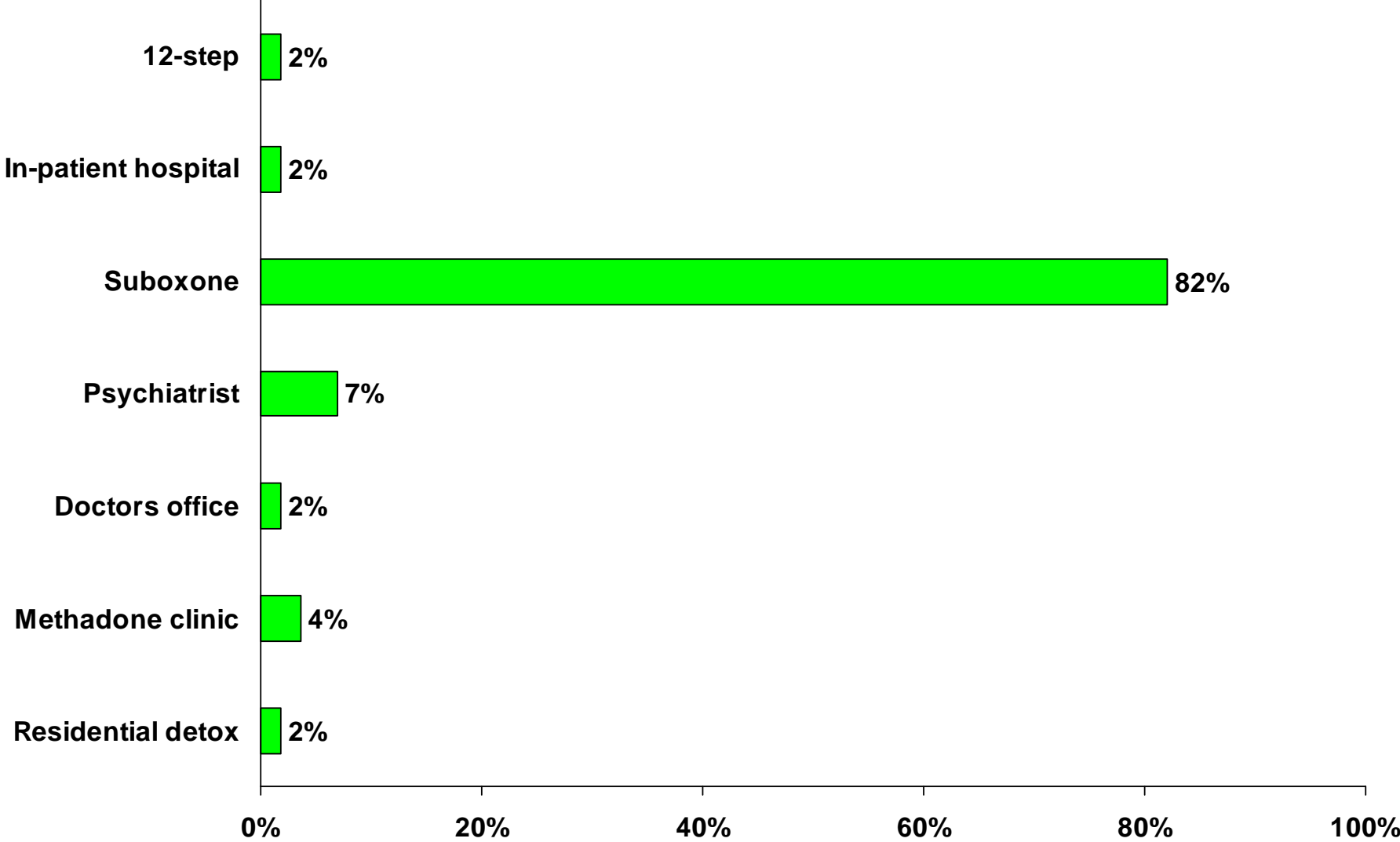
Q26b. How long was your treatment using [TREATMENT MENTIONED]? Note: The average amount of time (in days, weeks, months, years) is shown in (). *denotes only 1 case

Effectiveness of Treatment



Q26c. How effective was [TREATMENT MENTIONED] for you – very effective, somewhat effective, not very effective, or ineffective?

Most Successful Treatment



Q27a. Of all the treatment approaches you have tried, which ONE do you think was the most successful for you? N=56

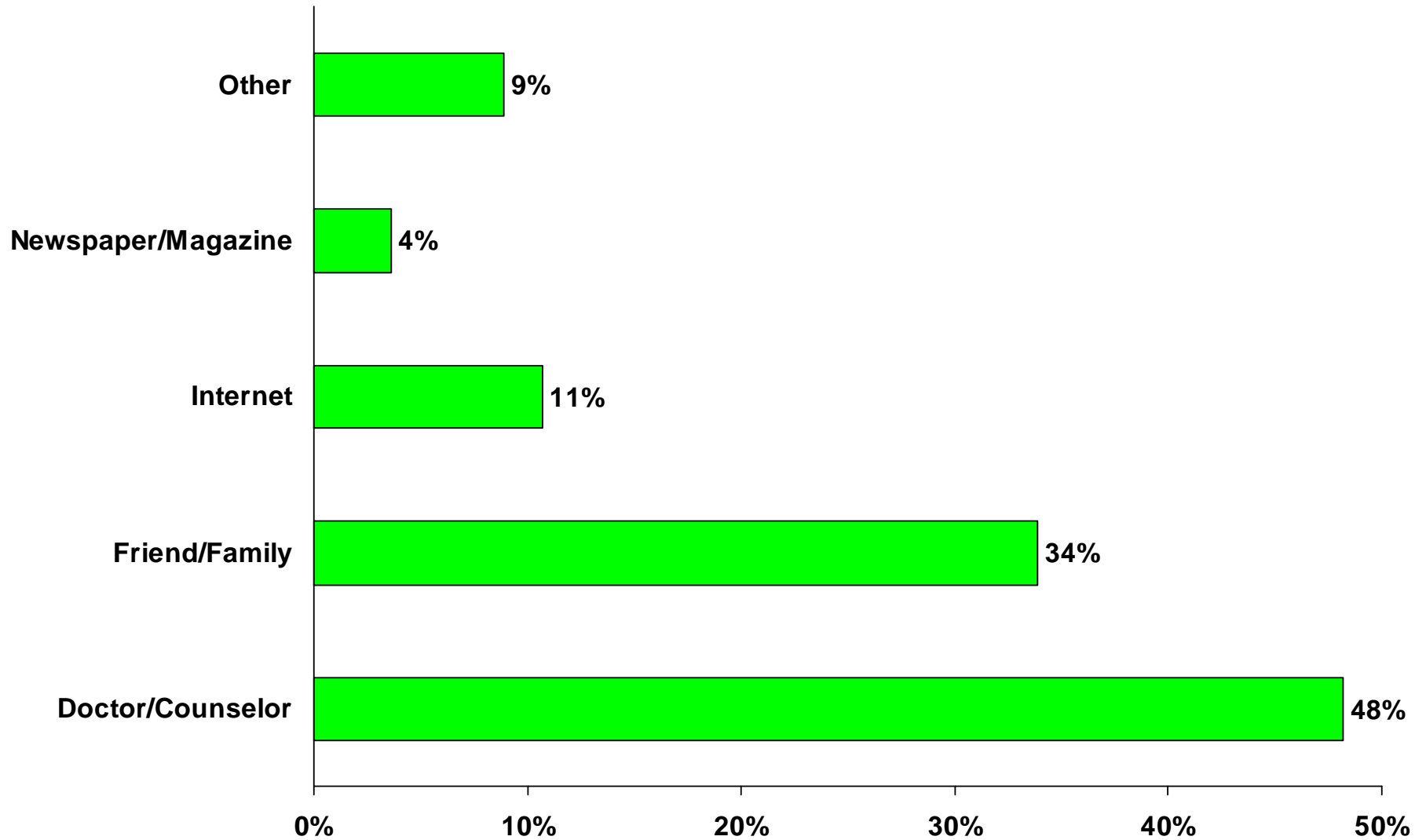
Reasons Treatment Successful

- Residential Detox (N=1)
 - Got me off the streets and into a new frame of mind
- Methadone Clinic (N=2)
 - Satisfied my urge for drugs so I didn't need any others
 - Took away my urge for illegal drugs and allowed me to function normally
- 12-Step (N=1)
 - They teach you how to change your whole life
- Psychiatrist (N=4)
 - No one else will provide prescriptions
 - Deep set problems caused my addiction
 - Considerable understanding of my situation
- Inpatient (N=1)
 - Got the medication I needed and insurance covered it

Reasons Treatment Successful (continued)

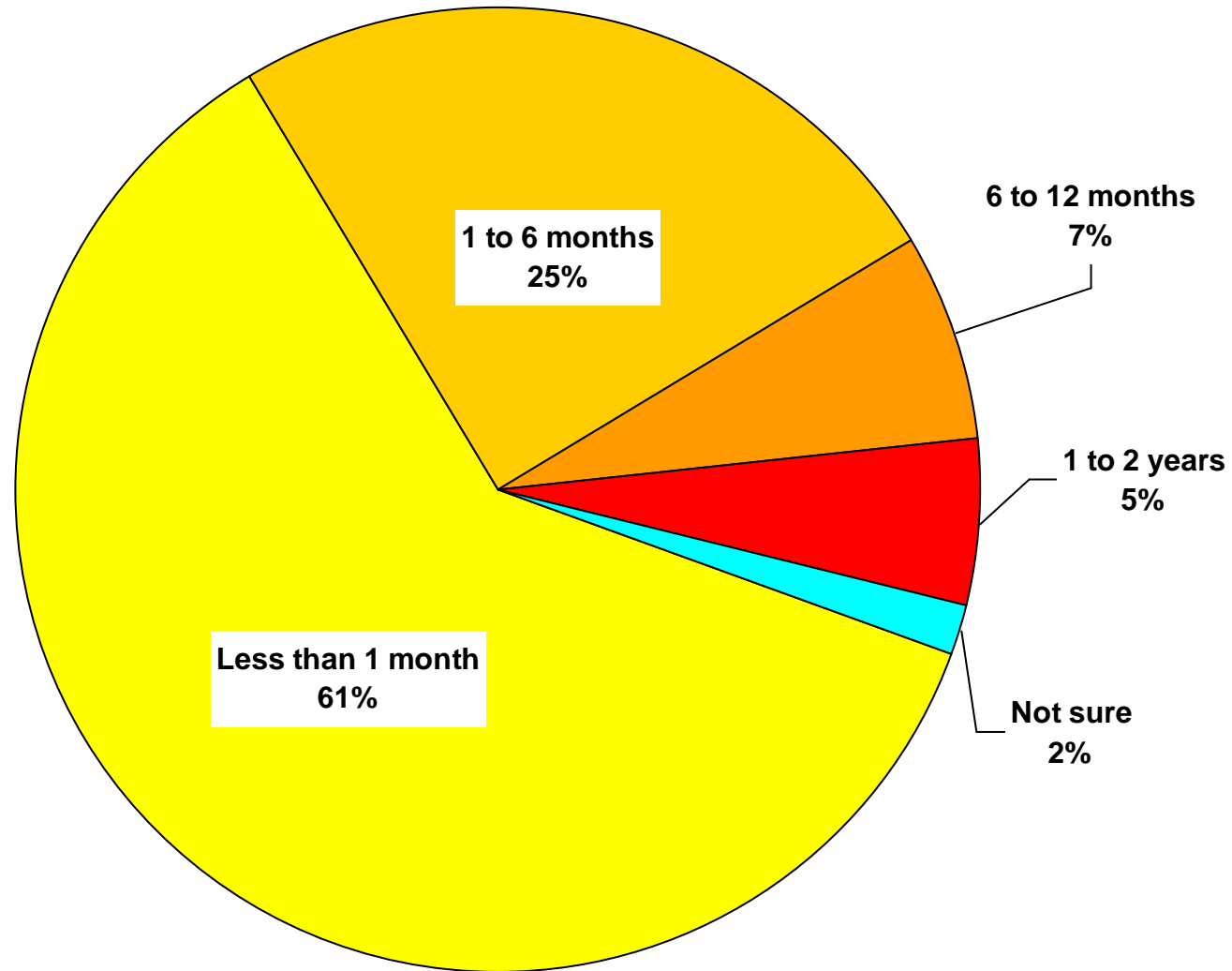
- Suboxone (N=46)
 - It completely stops the cravings
 - You don't have withdrawal symptoms
 - You are not subjected to temptation
 - It has few side effects
 - You can't get high when you take Suboxone
 - It helps with the mental obsession
 - Could maintain my normal living
 - If anybody follows the program, no way it's not effective
 - I feel like life is getting better
 - It just works

Source of Information about Suboxone



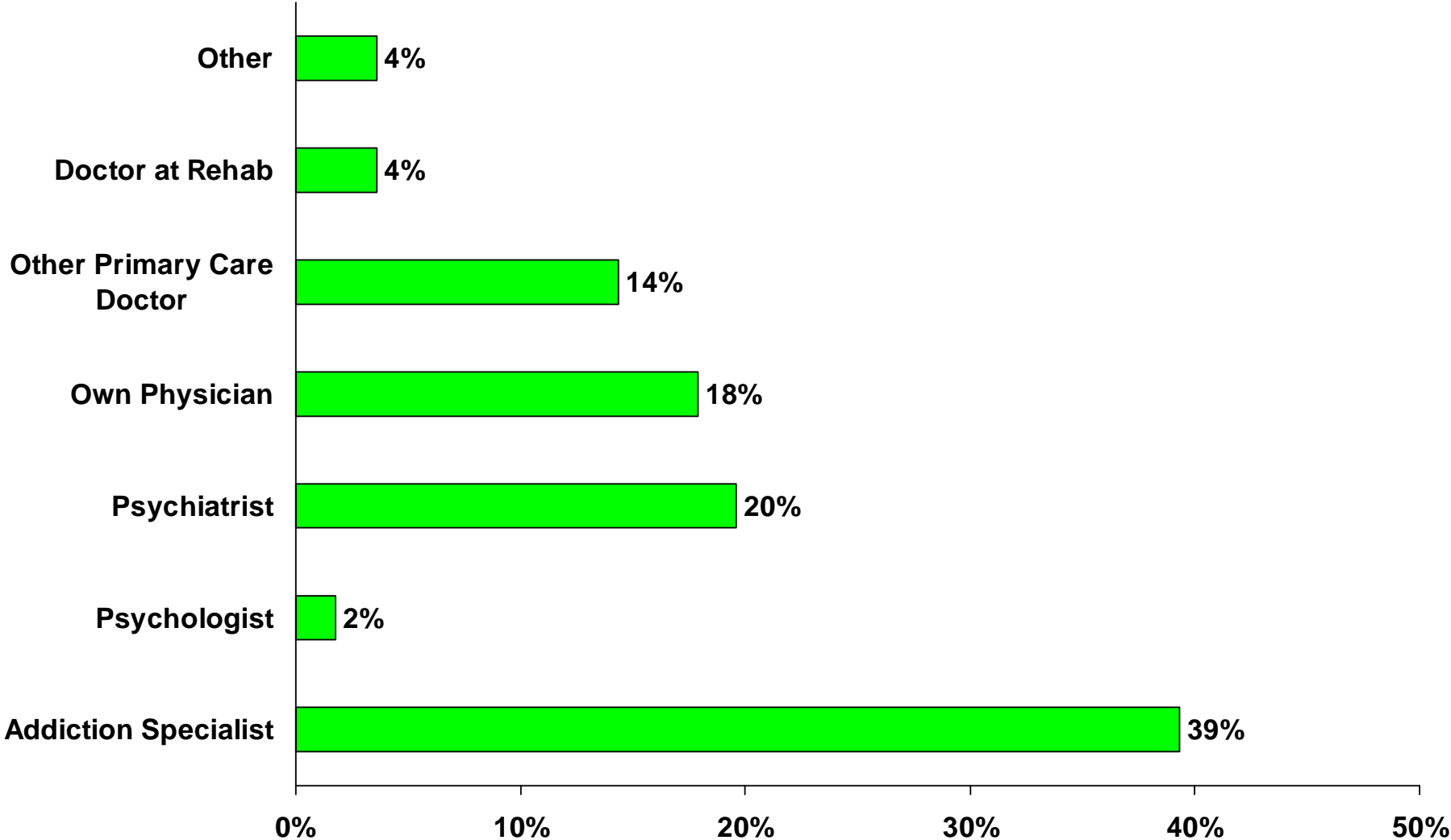
Q28. How did you find out about Suboxone/Buprenorphine? N=56

Length of Time After Hearing about Suboxone that Began Treatment



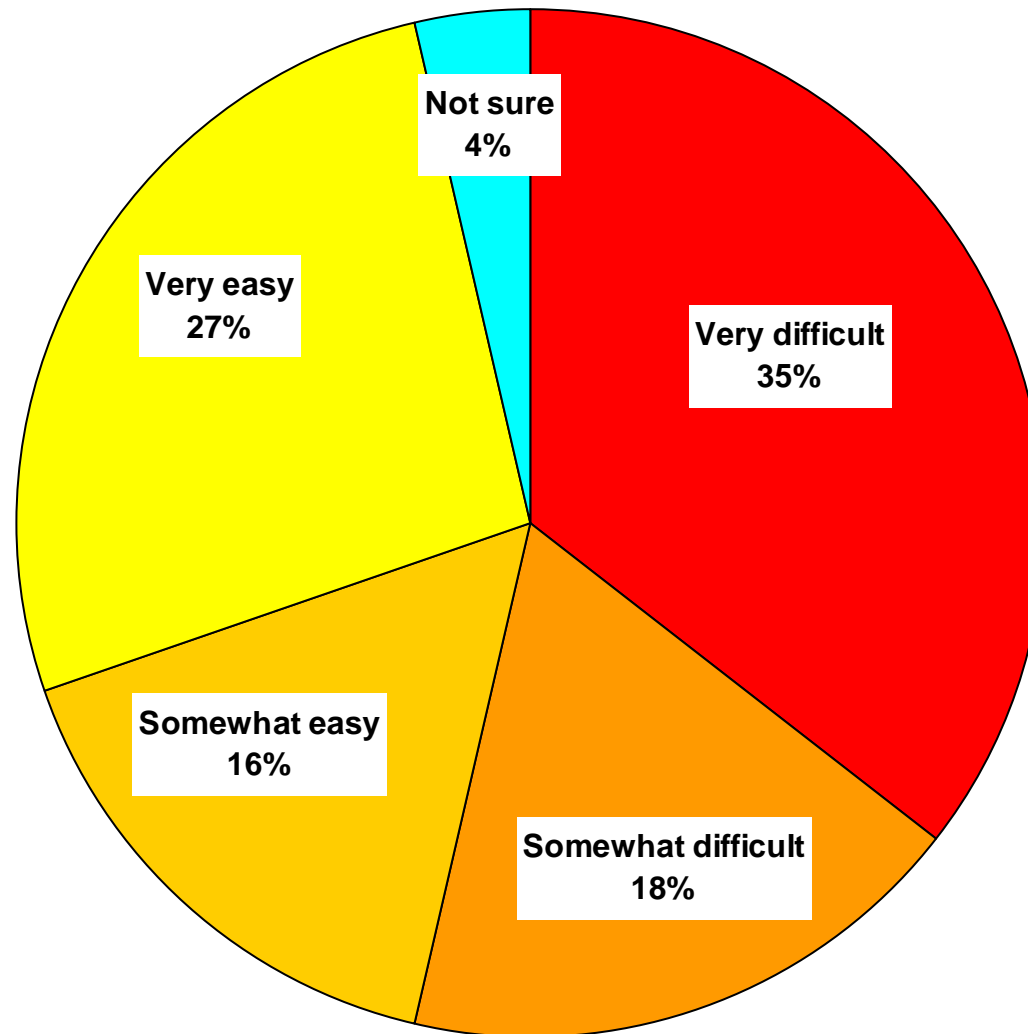
Q29. How long after you found out about Suboxone did you begin treatment with it? N=56

Source of Suboxone Treatment



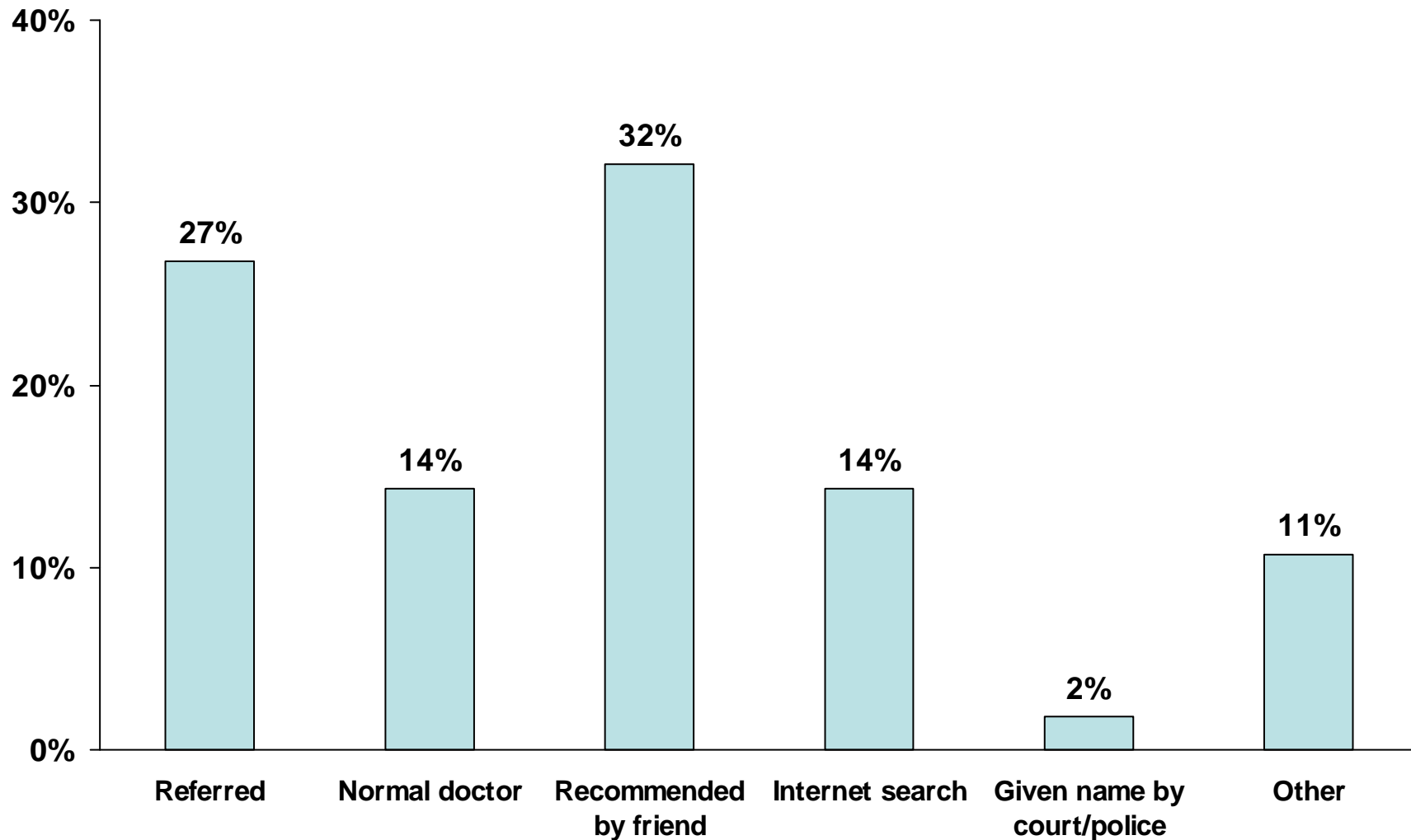
Q30. Who gave you Suboxone treatment? N=56

Difficulty in Finding Doctor to Treat with Suboxone



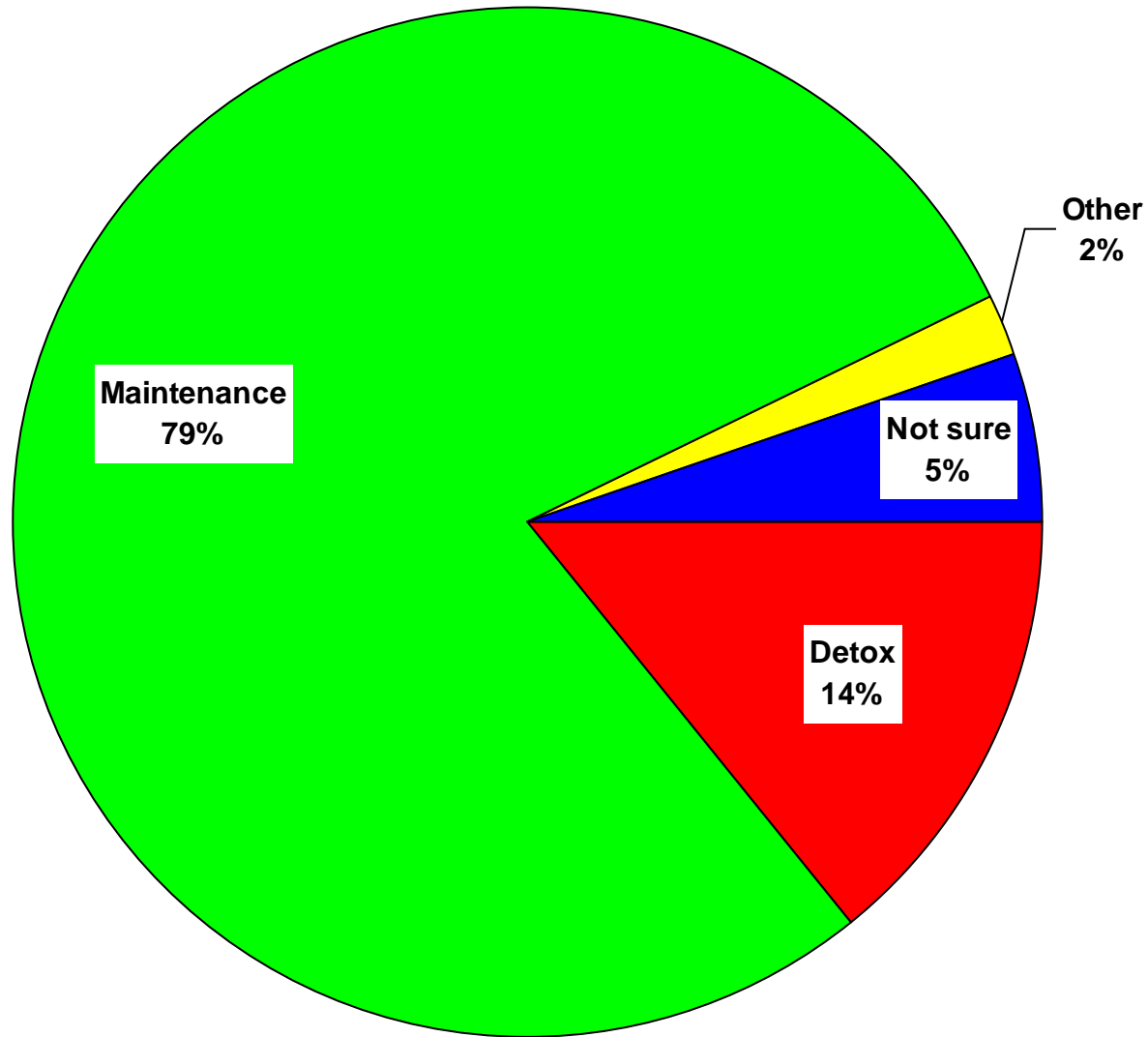
Q32. How hard was it to find a doctor to treat you with Suboxone – very difficult, somewhat difficult, somewhat easy or very easy? N=56

Means of Finding Suboxone Doctor



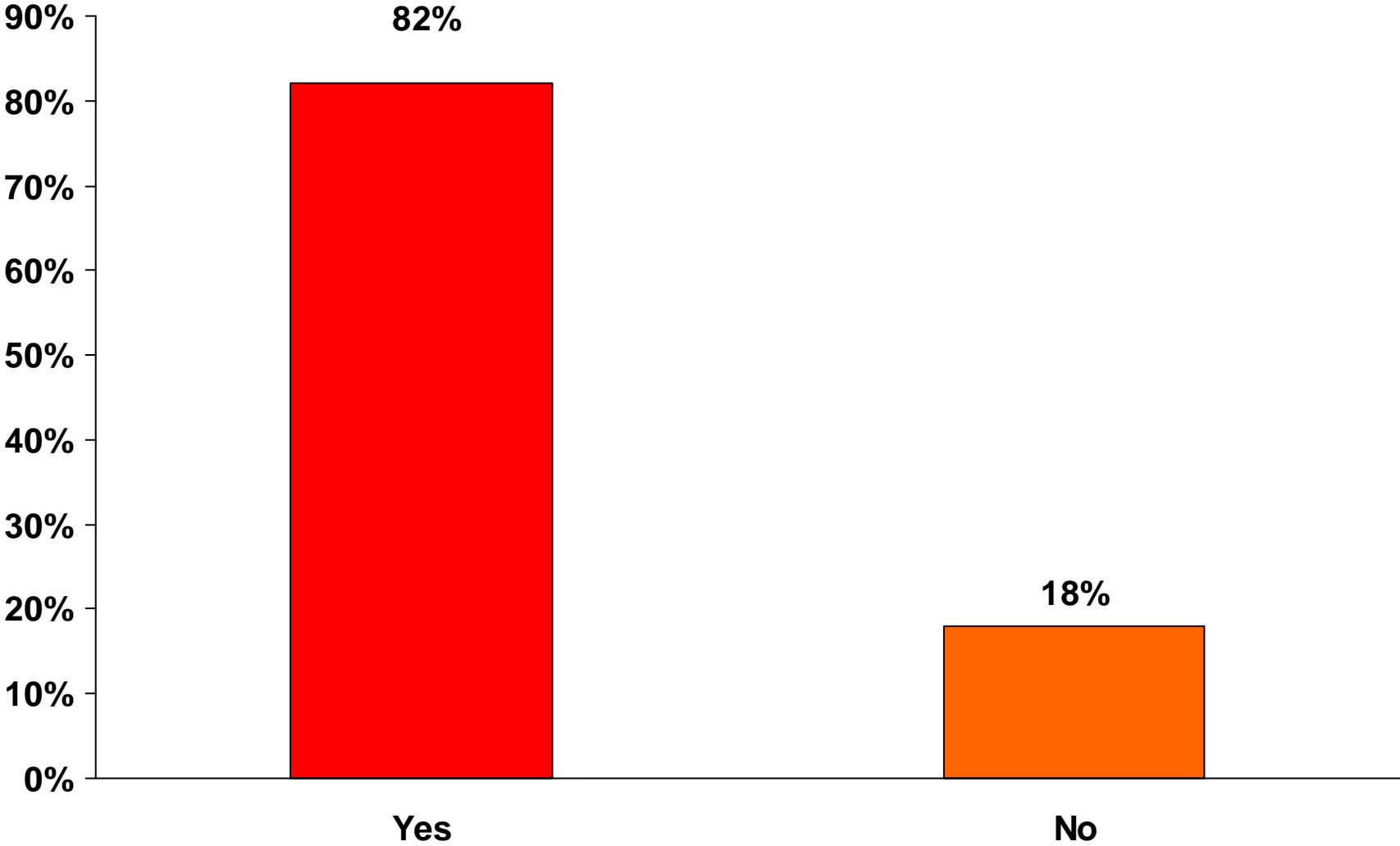
Q33. How did you find the doctor who treats you with Suboxone? N=56

Type of Suboxone Treatment



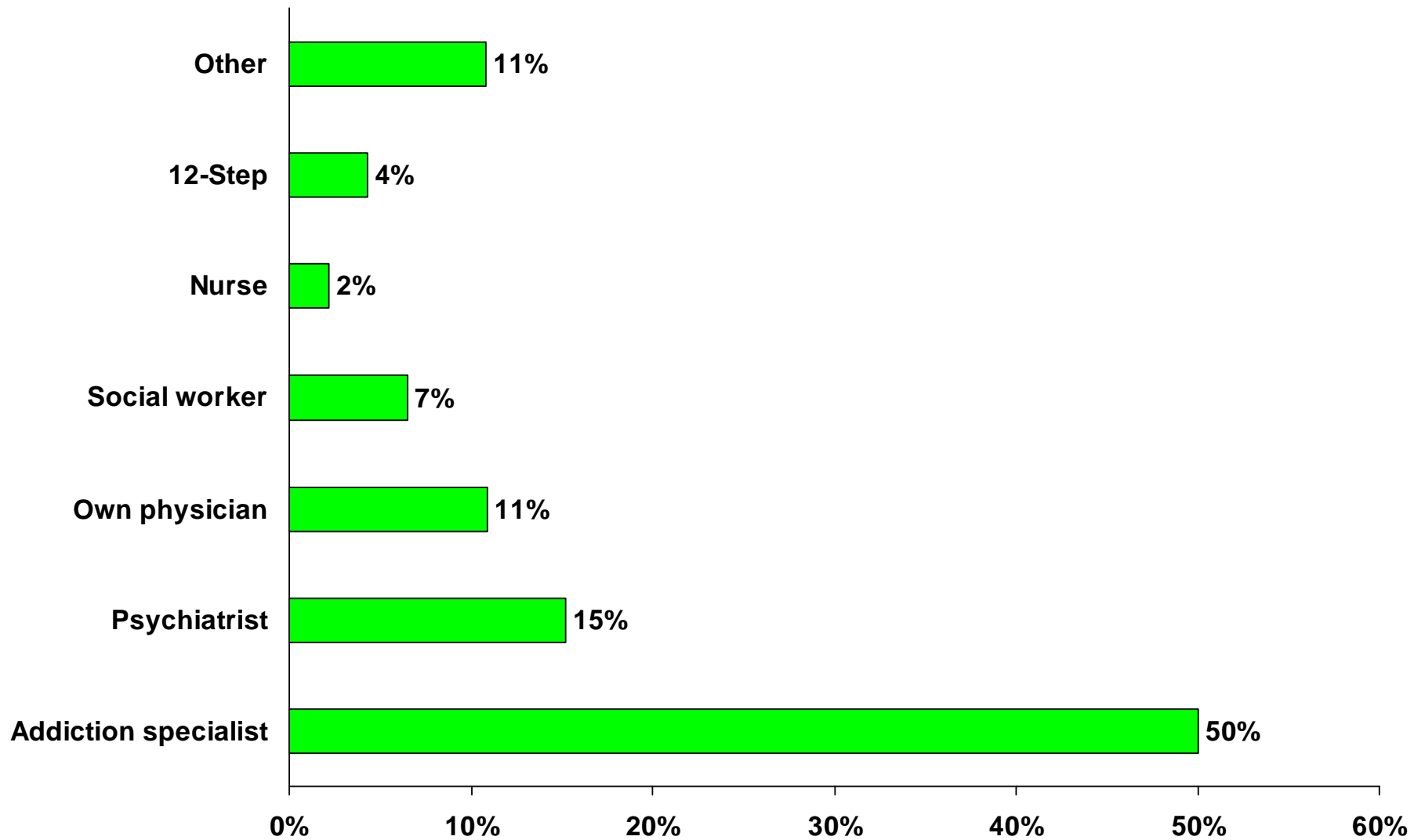
Q35. What type of Suboxone treatment are you currently receiving? N=56

Counseling for Suboxone Treatment



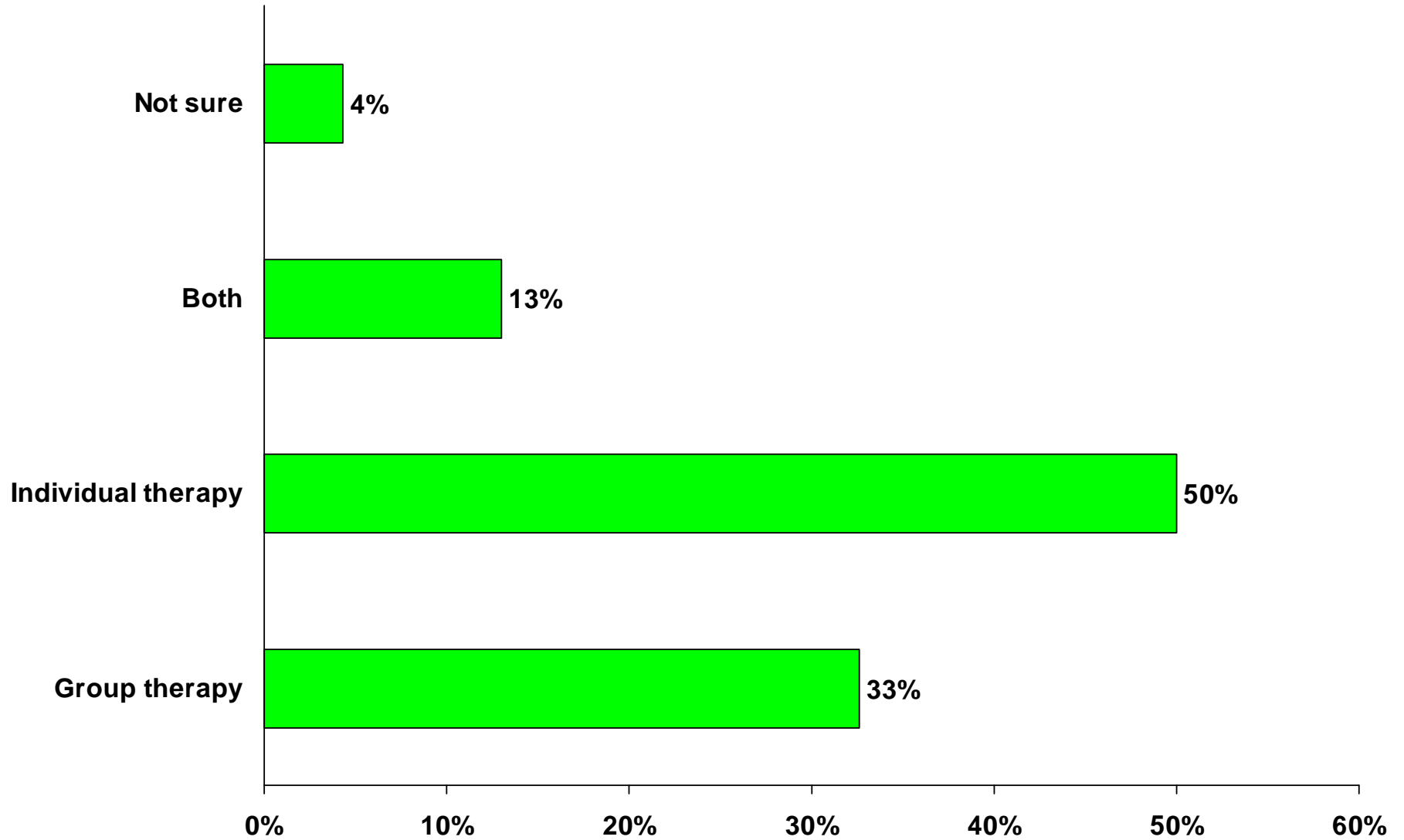
Q36a. Are you also receiving counseling with your Suboxone treatment? N=56

Source of Counseling



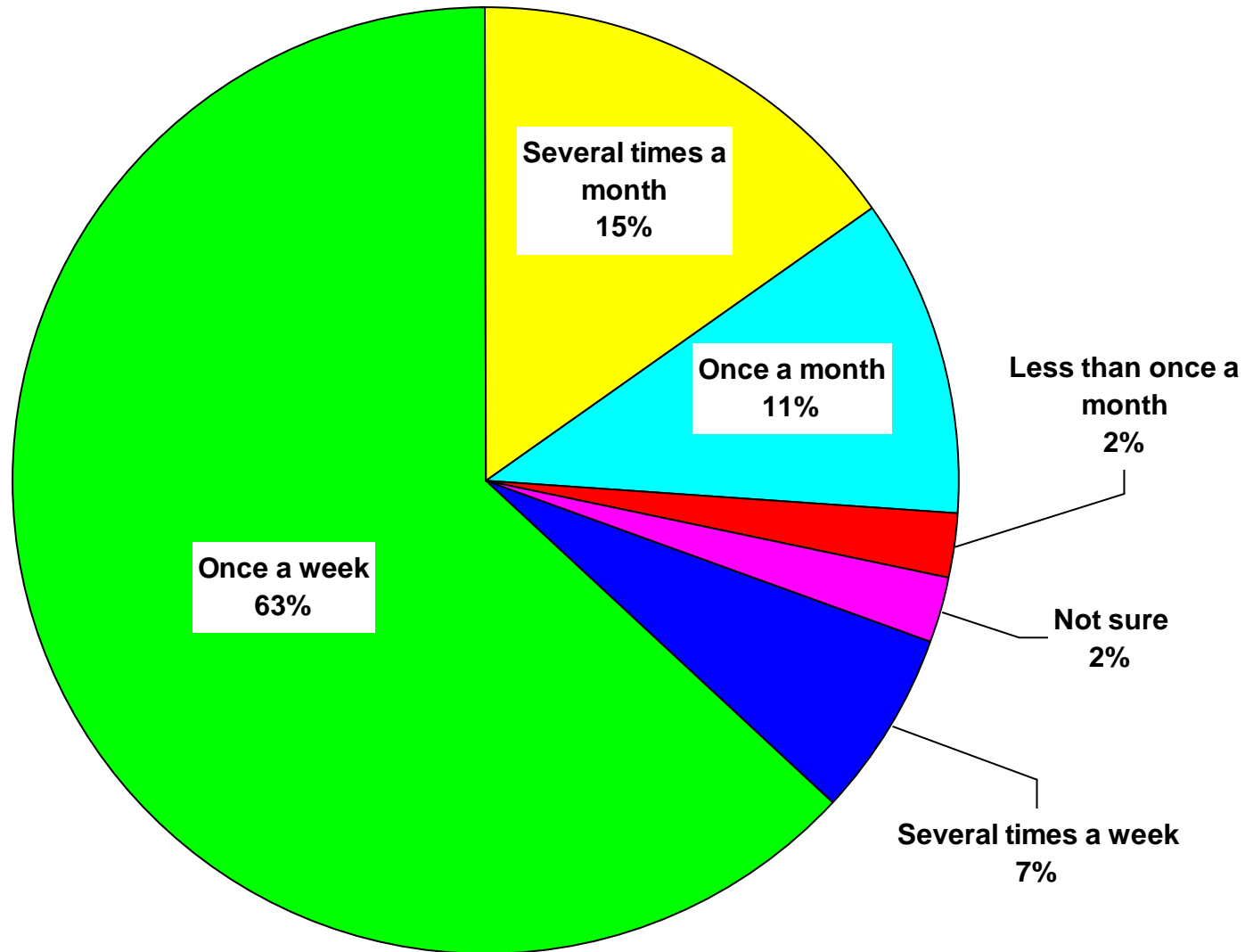
Q36b. Who provides the counseling? N=46

Type of Counseling



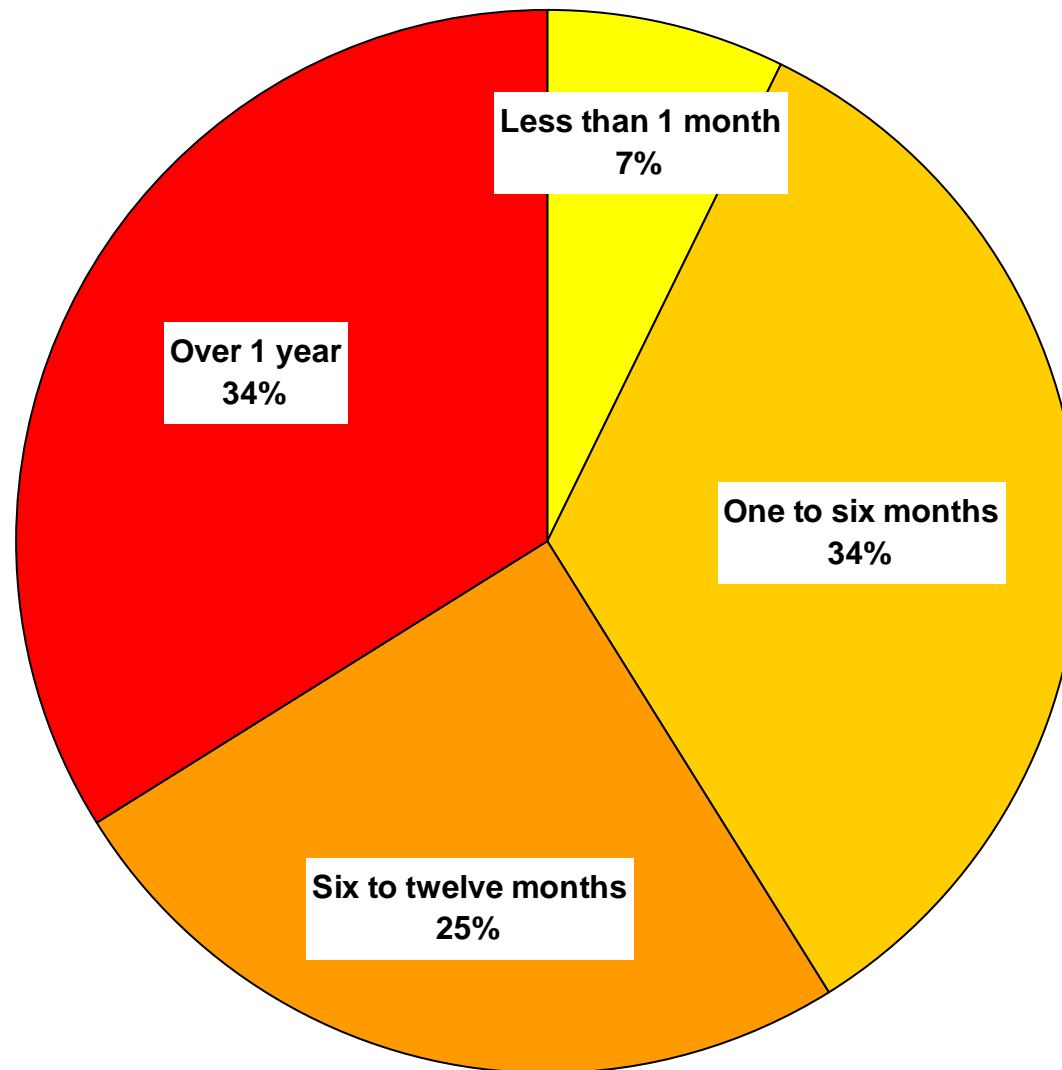
Q36c. What type of counseling do they provide? N=46

Frequency of Counseling



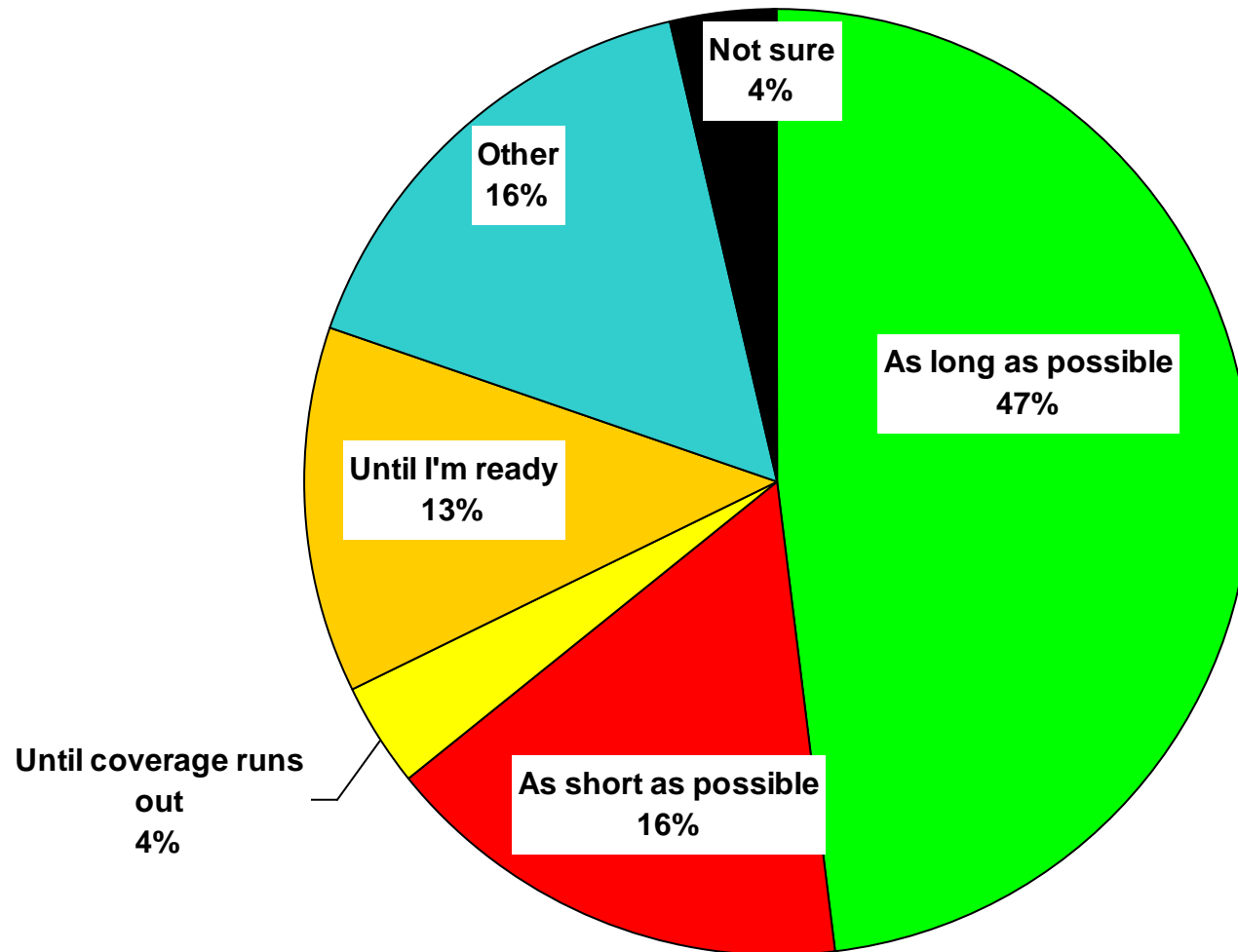
Q36d. How often do you attend counseling? N=46

Length of Suboxone Treatment



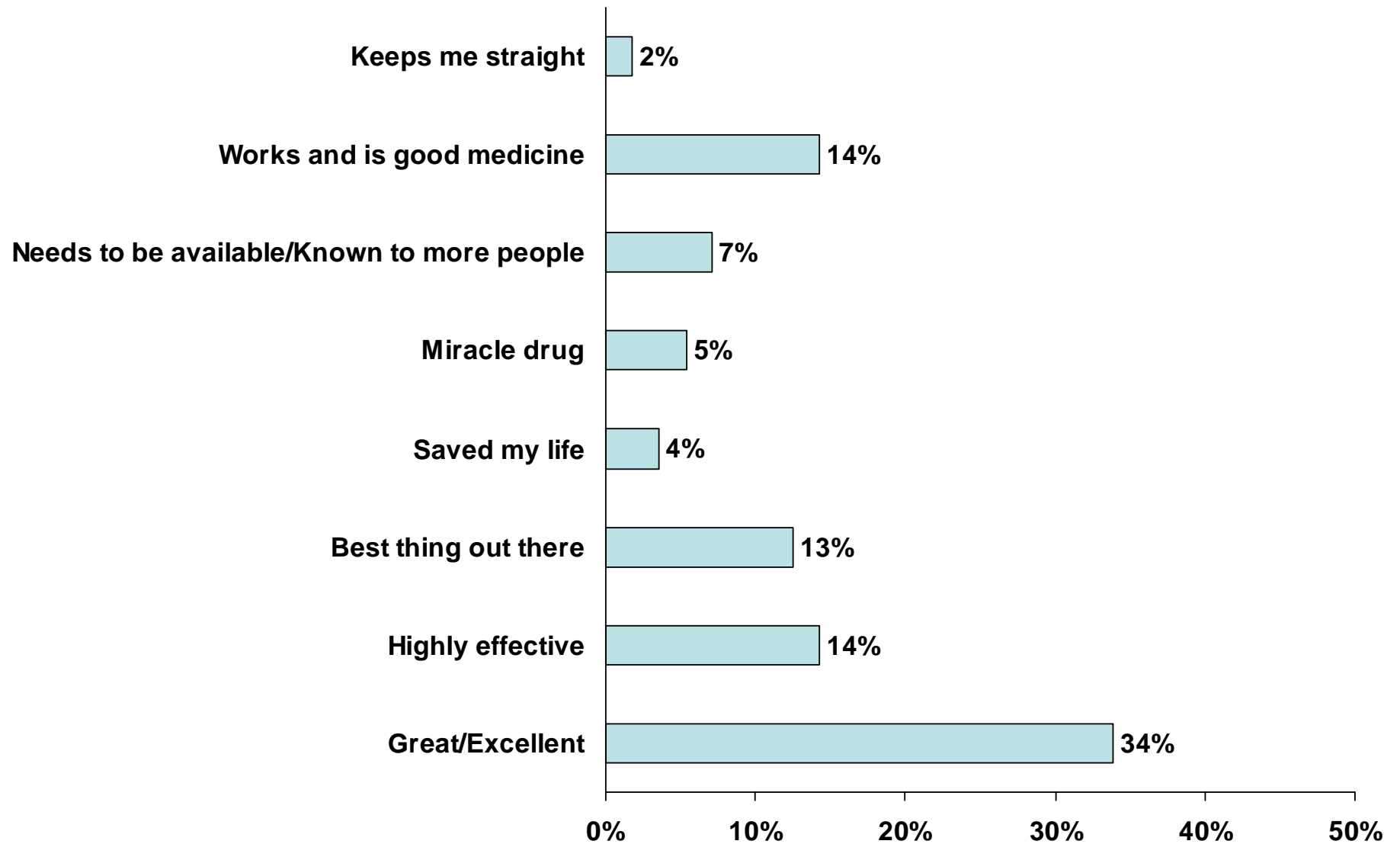
Q37. How long have you been receiving Suboxone treatment? N=56

Desired Length of Suboxone Treatment



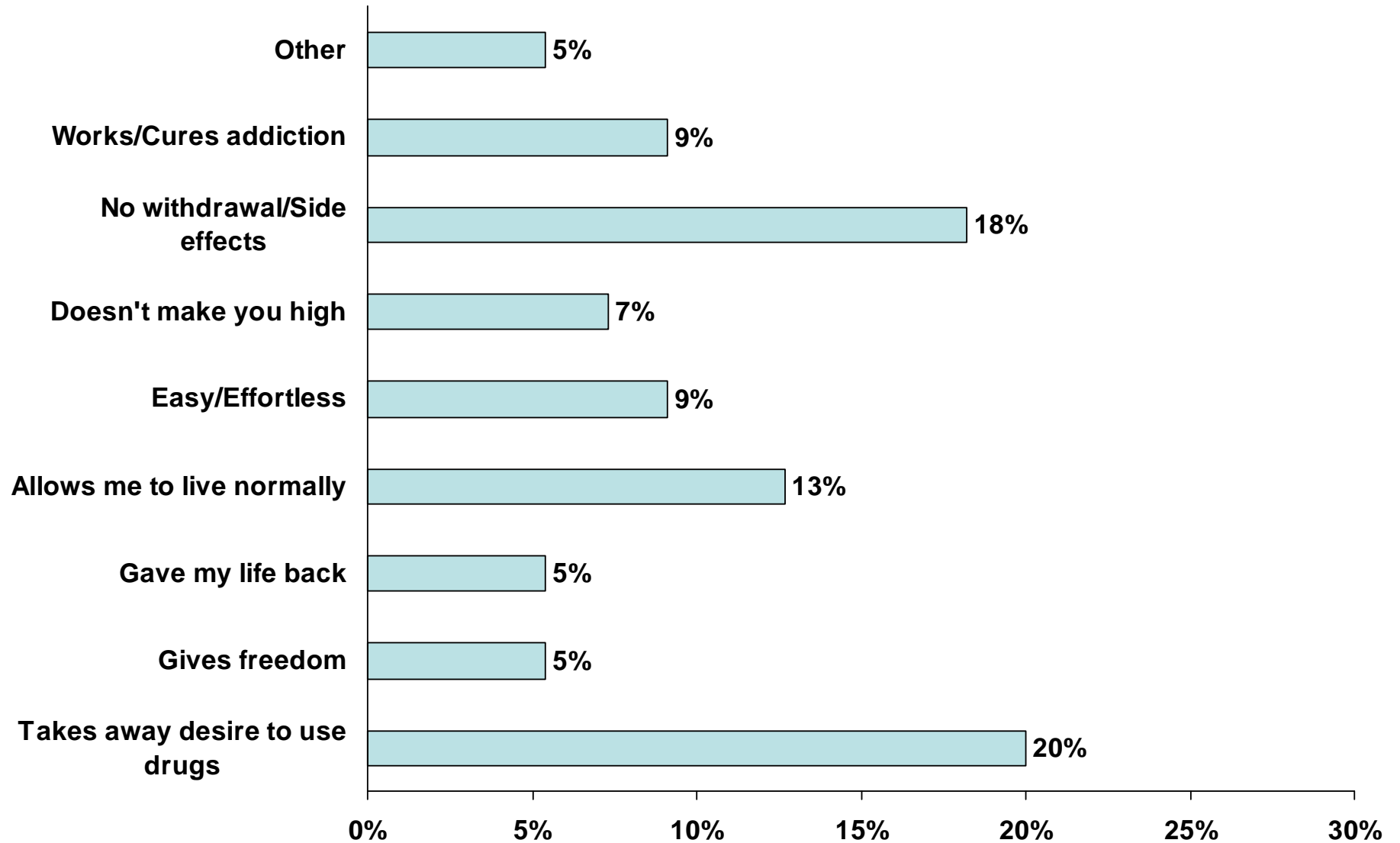
Q38. How long do you want to continue receiving Suboxone treatment? N=56

Opinion of Suboxone Treatment



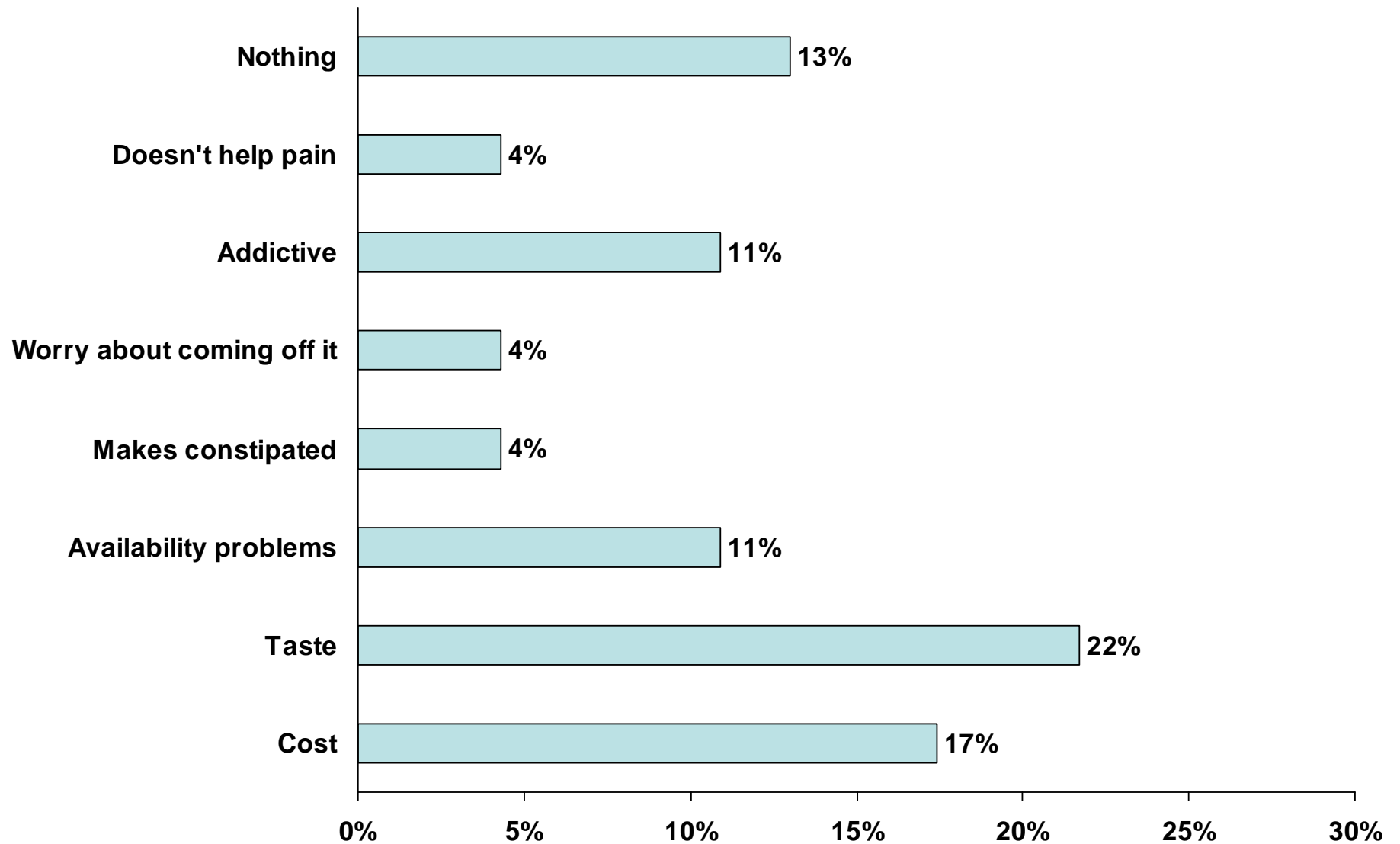
Q39. Overall, what do you think of Suboxone treatment? N=56

Best Thing about Suboxone Treatment



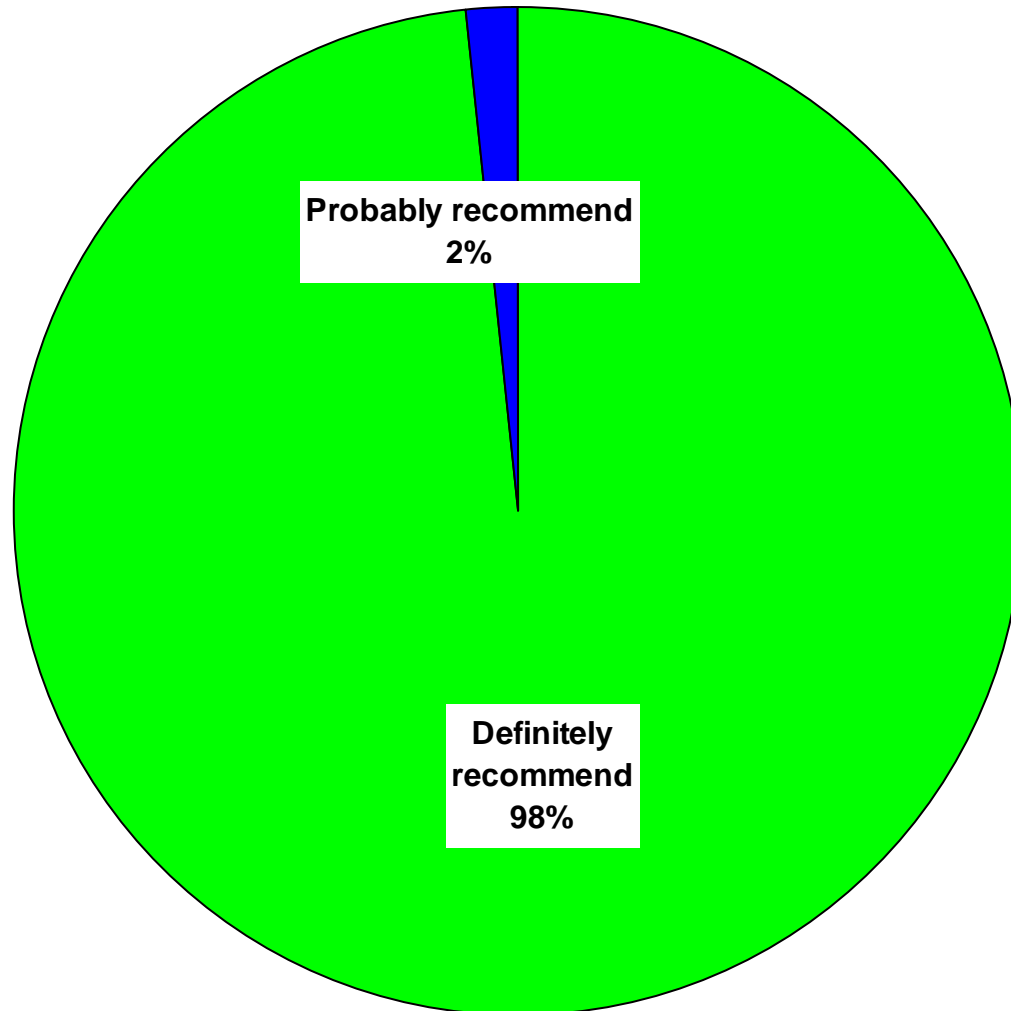
Q40. What is the best thing about Suboxone treatment? N=55

Worst Thing about Suboxone Treatment



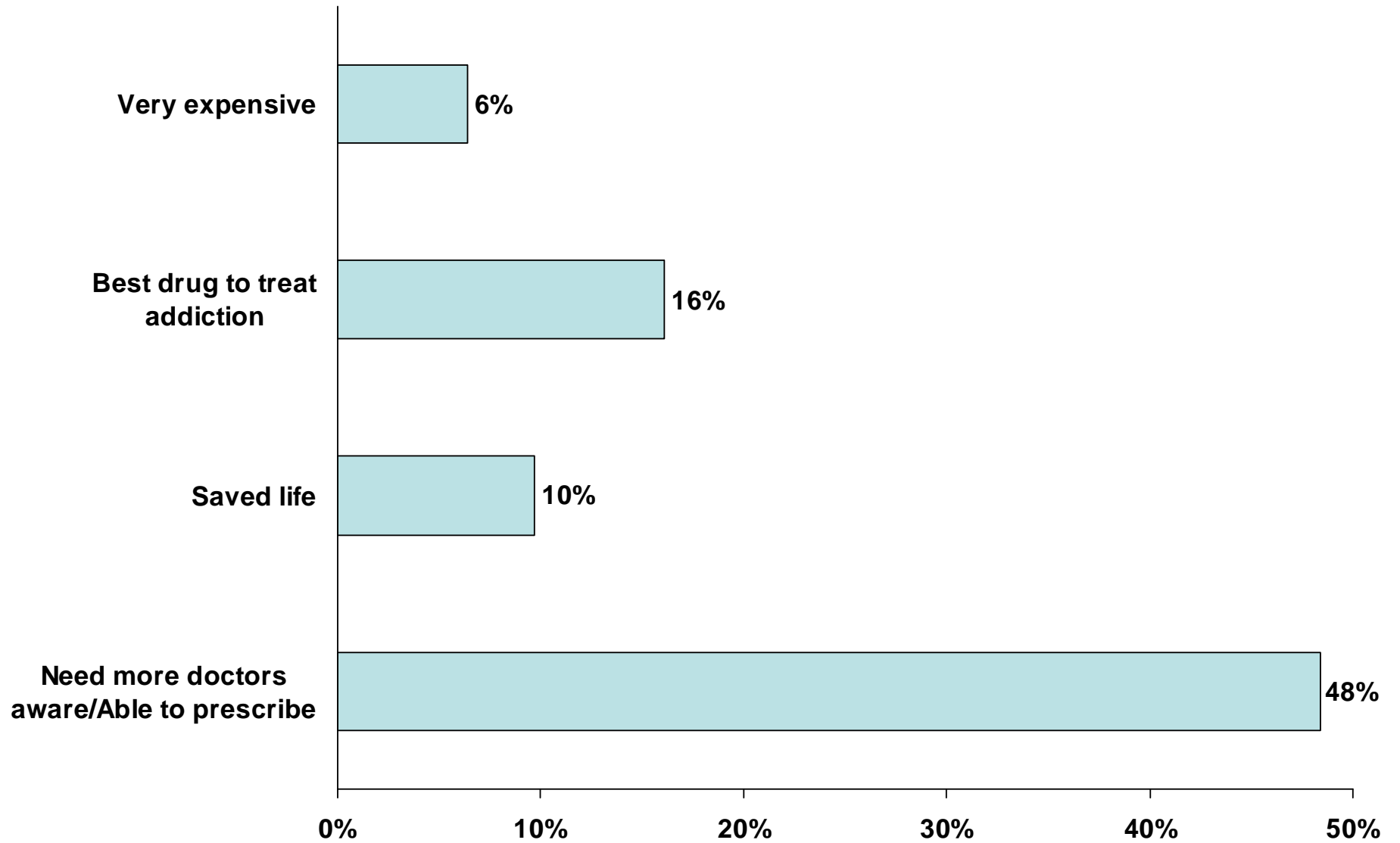
Q41. What is the worst thing about Suboxone treatment? N=46

Recommend Suboxone Treatment



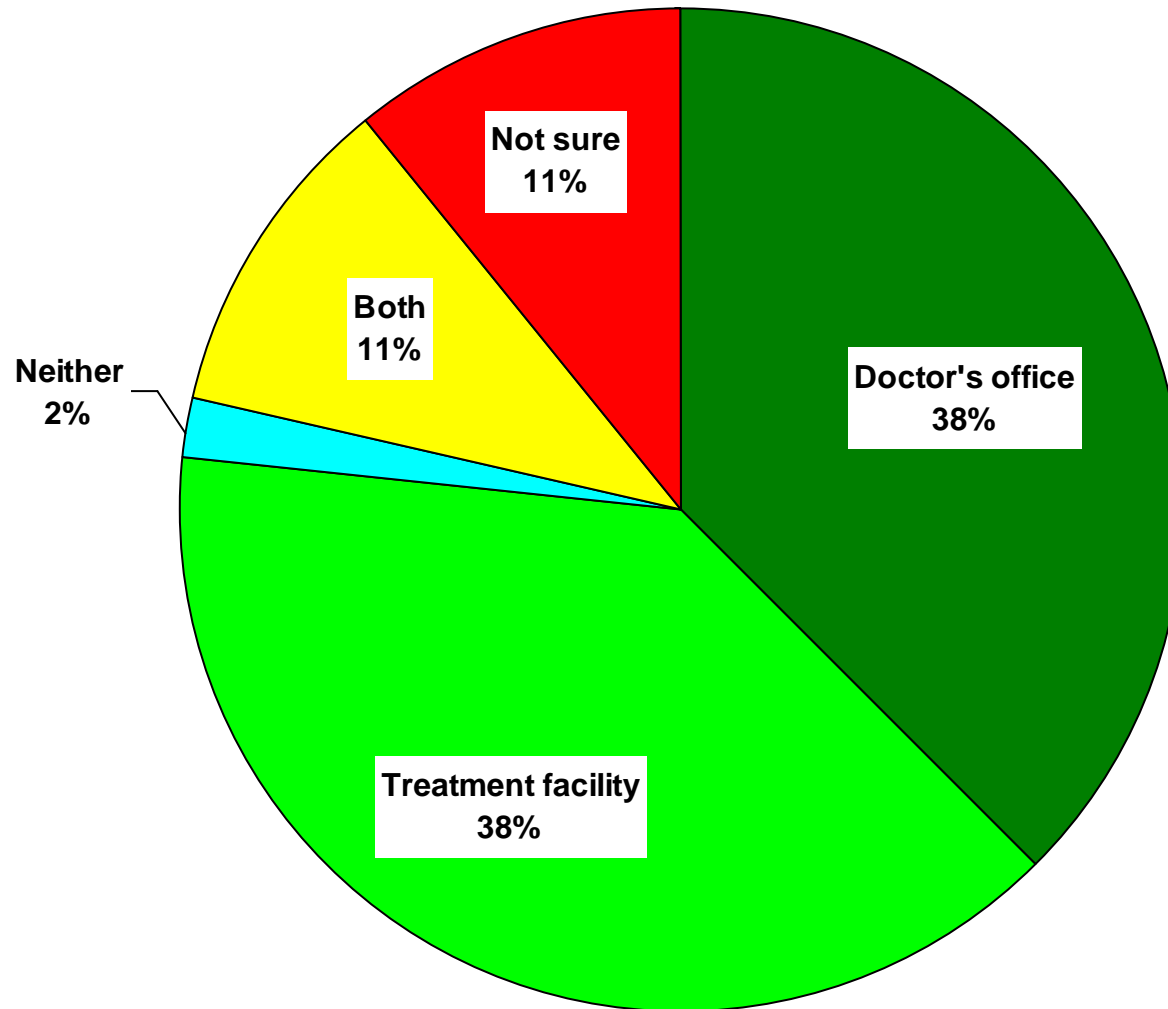
Q42. How likely would you be to recommend Suboxone treatment to a friend who needed it? N=56

Other Opinion about Suboxone



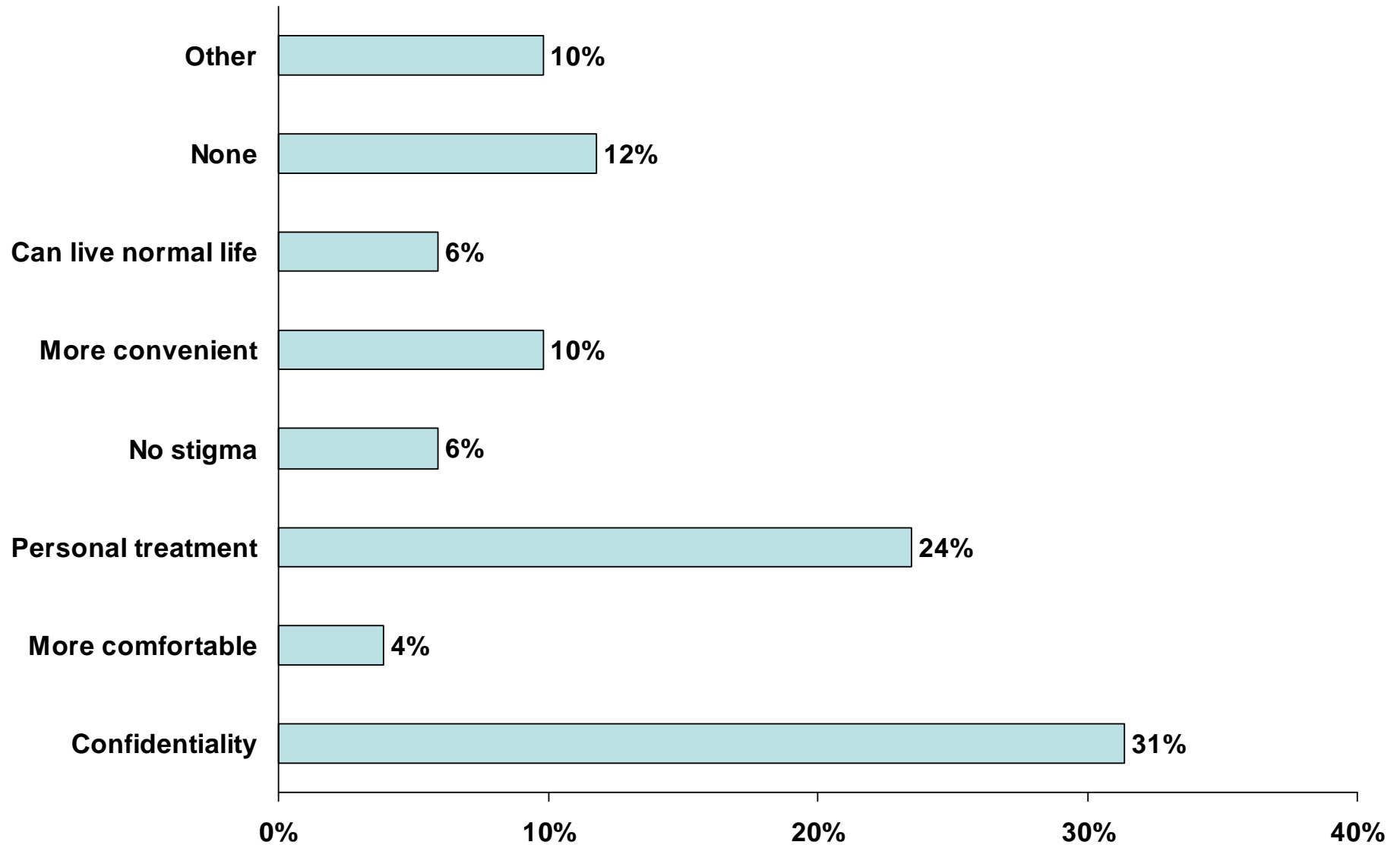
Q43. Is there anything else you would like us to know about Suboxone treatment? N=31

Best Treatment Location



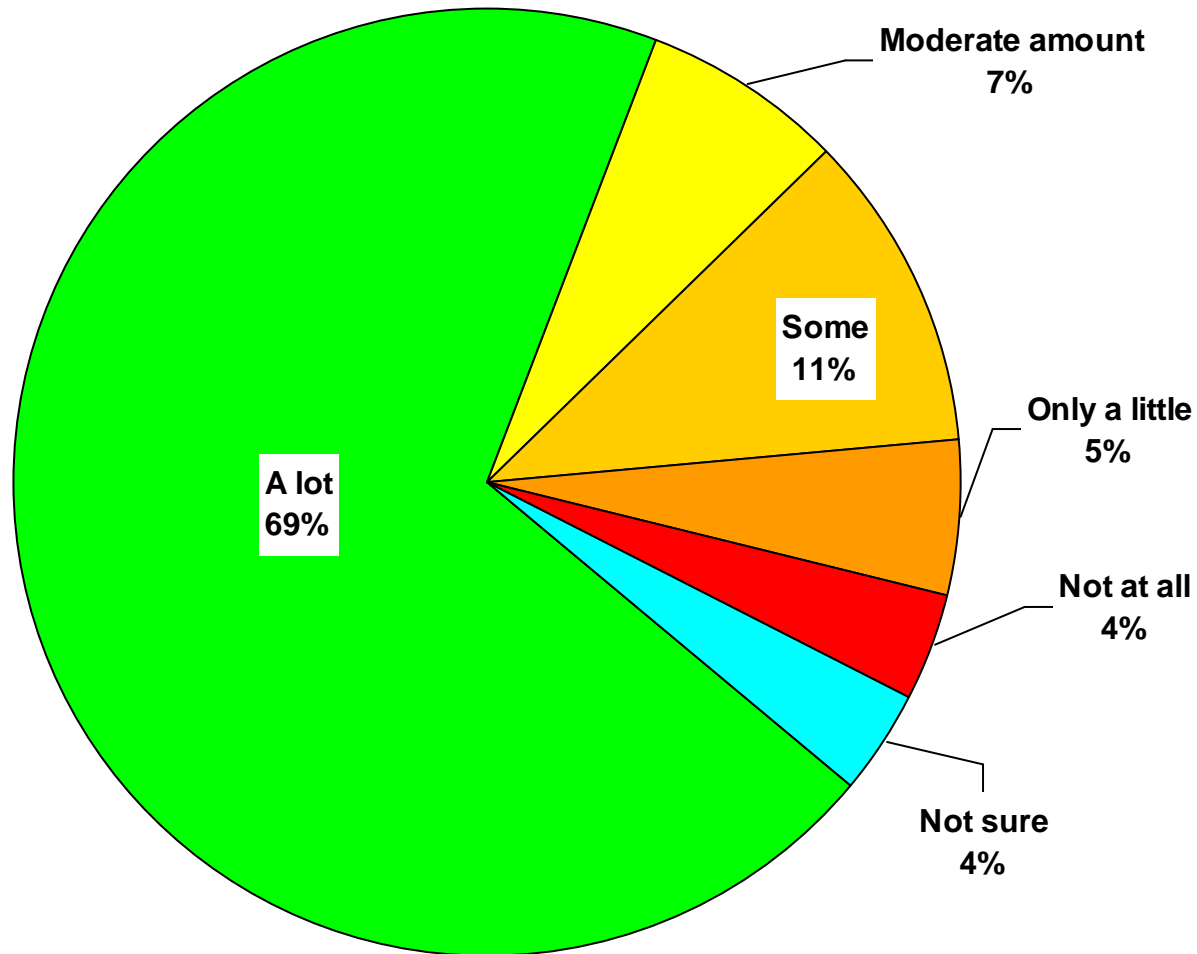
Q44. Do you think it is better to treat someone for prescription painkiller addiction/dependence in a doctor's office or in a drug treatment clinic? N=56

Main Benefit of Treating in Doctor's Office



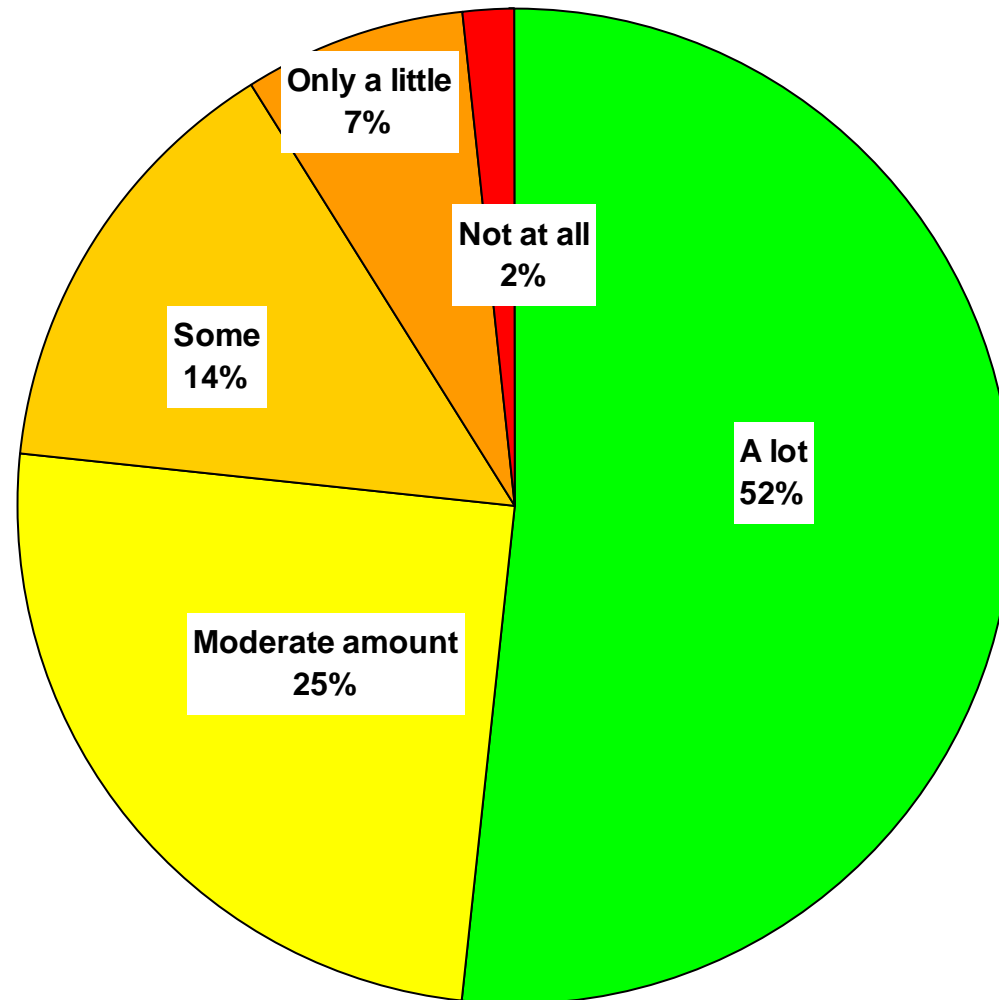
Q45. What do you think is the main benefit of being treated in a doctor's office for drug addiction/dependence? N=51

Availability of Drug Treatment if Available in Doctor's Office



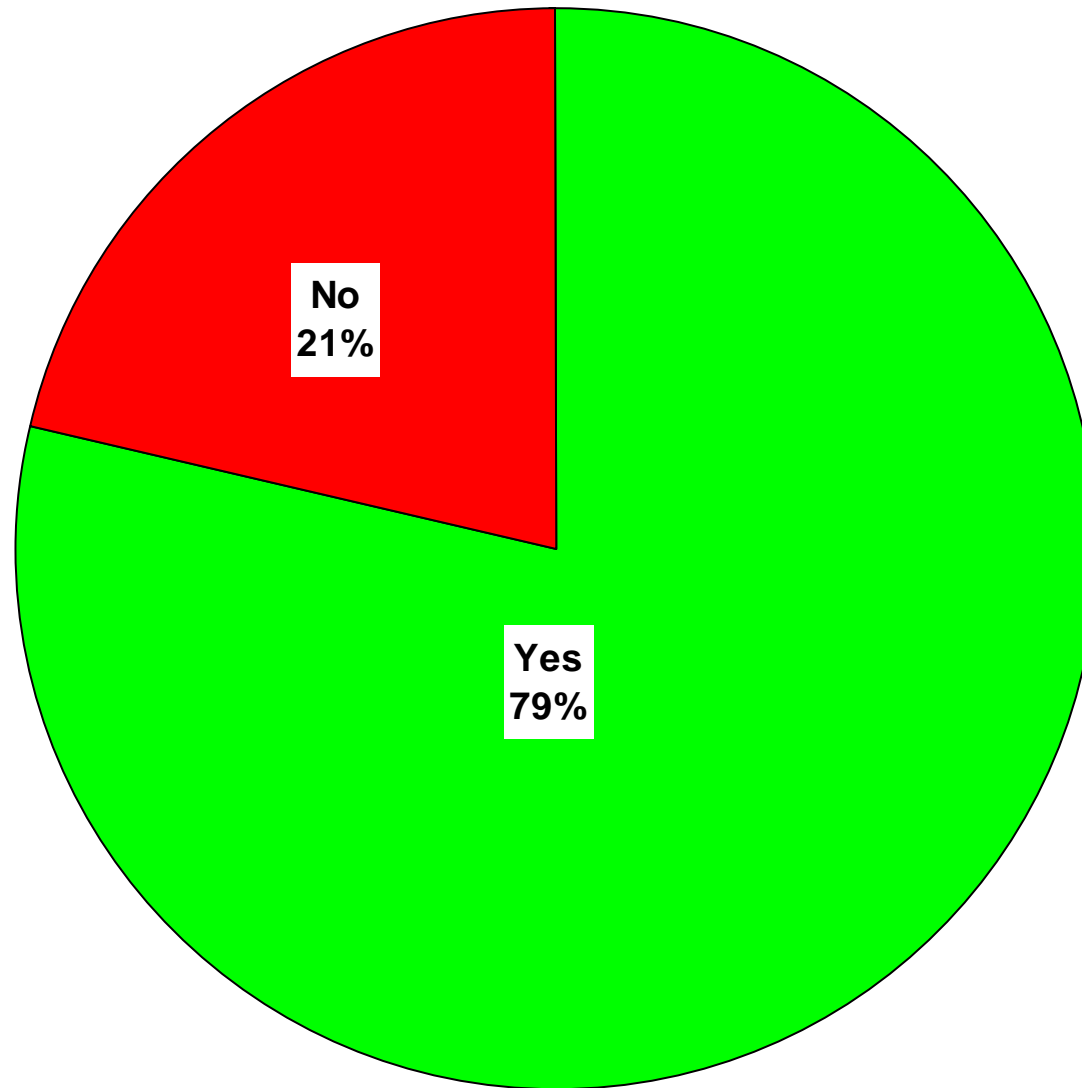
Q46a. Do you think that the ability to be treated for addiction/dependence in a doctor's office would increase the availability of drug treatment a lot, a moderate amount, some, only a little or not at all? N=56

Acceptability of Drug Treatment if Available in Doctor's Office



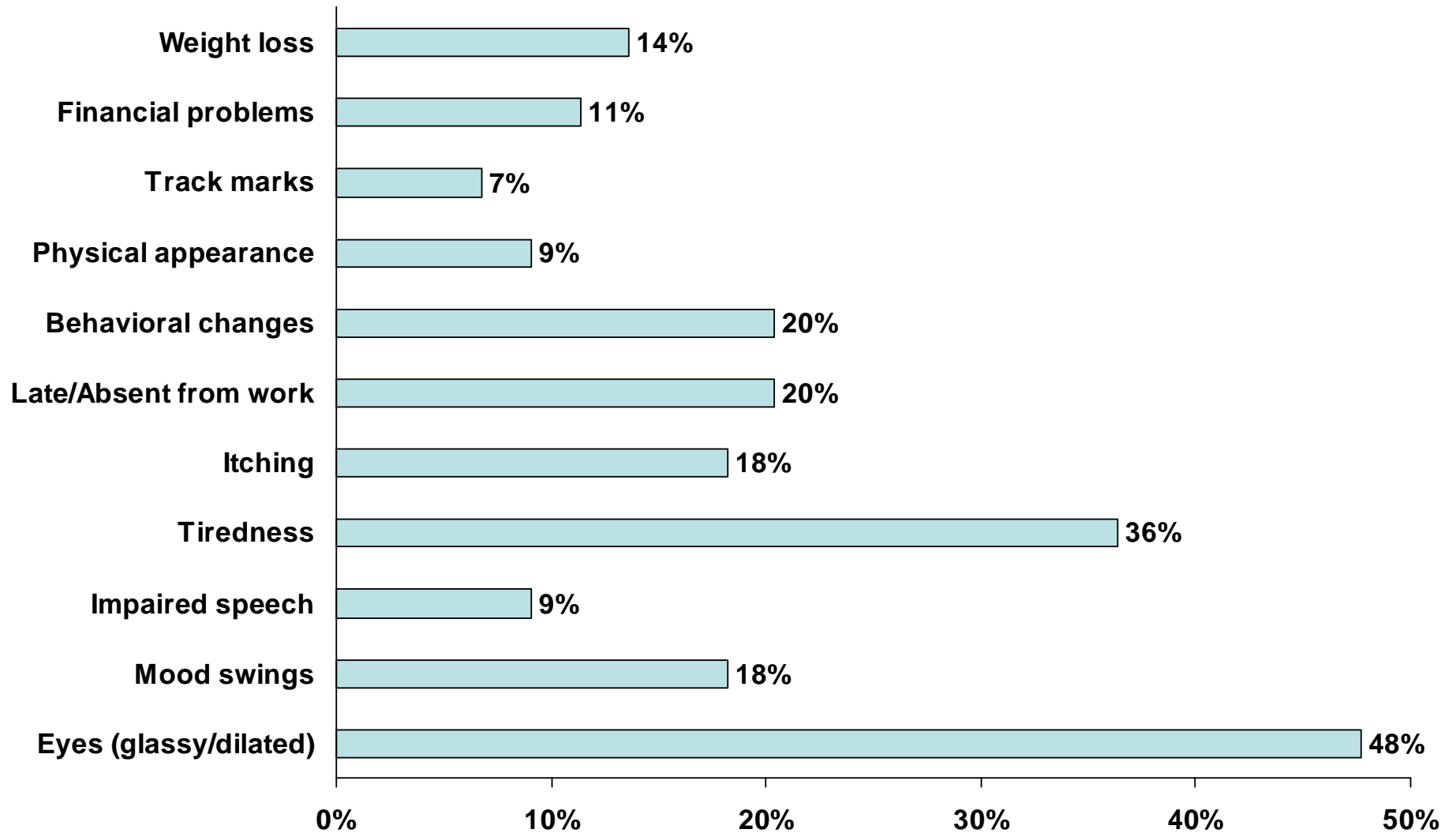
Q46b. Do you think that the ability to be treated for addiction/dependence in a doctor's office would increase the acceptability of drug treatment a lot, a moderate amount, some, only a little or not at all? N=56

Would You Recognize Heroin Abuse



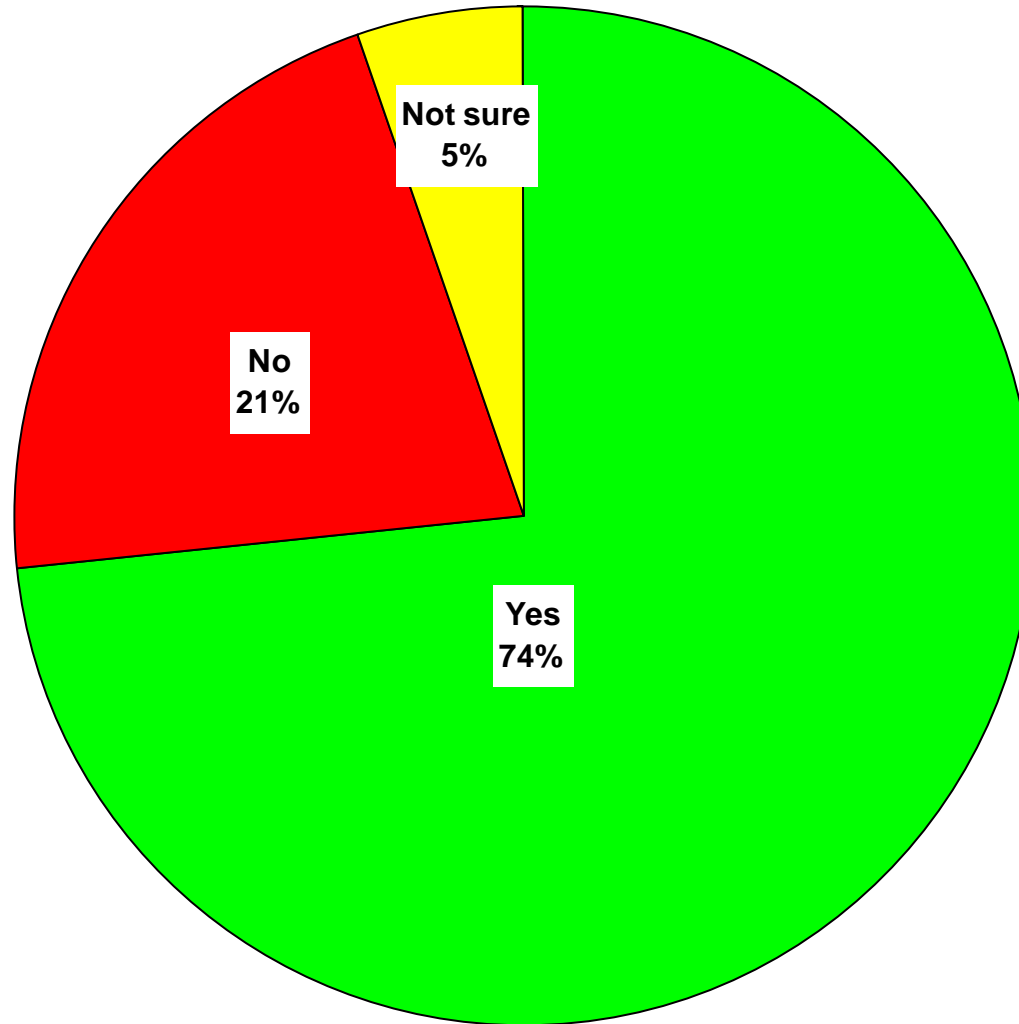
Q47a. Do you think that you could recognize whether a friend or co-worker was abusing heroin?
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Signs and Symptoms of Heroin Addiction



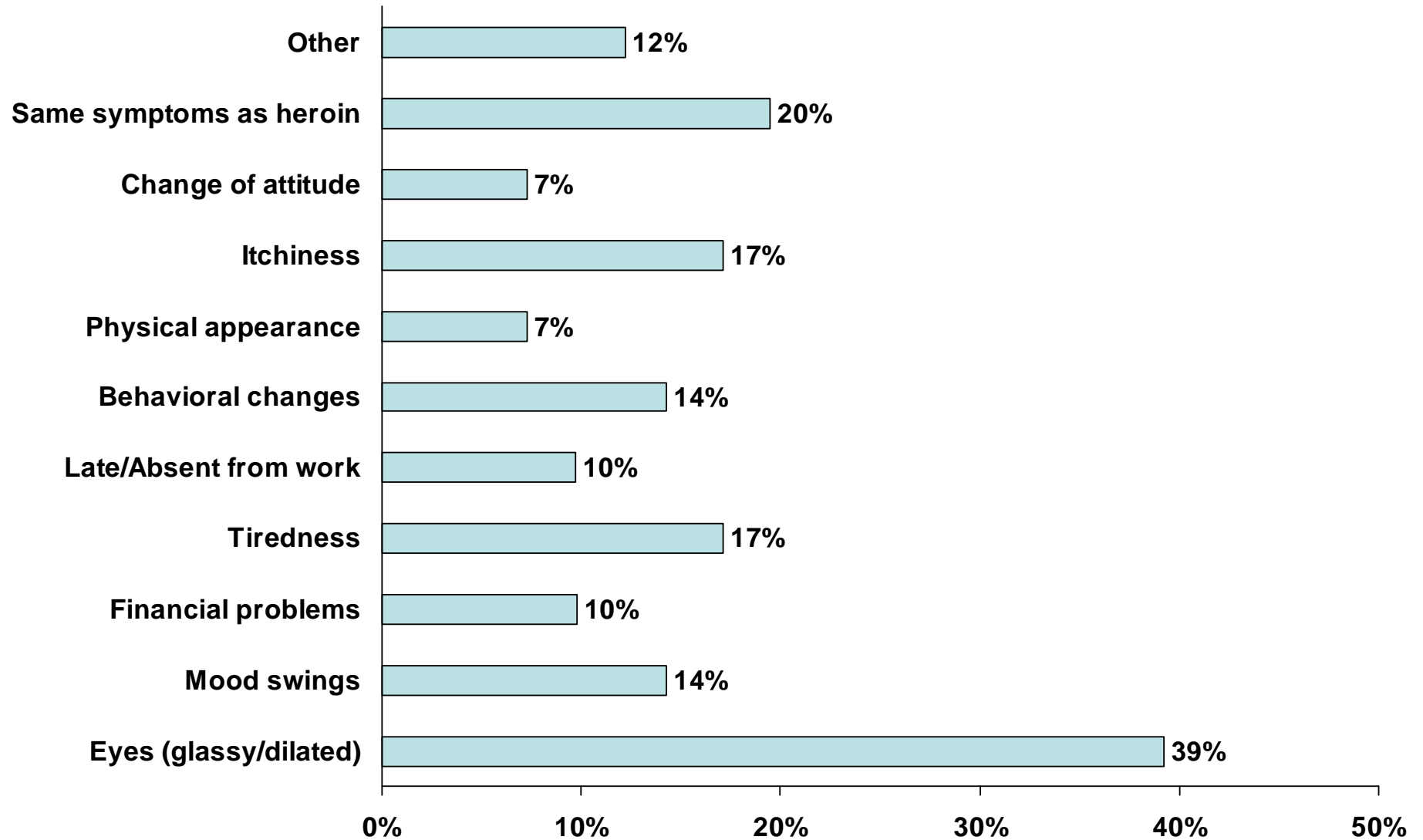
Q47b. What signs or symptoms would cause you to recognize this? N=44

Would You Recognize Prescription Painkiller Abuse



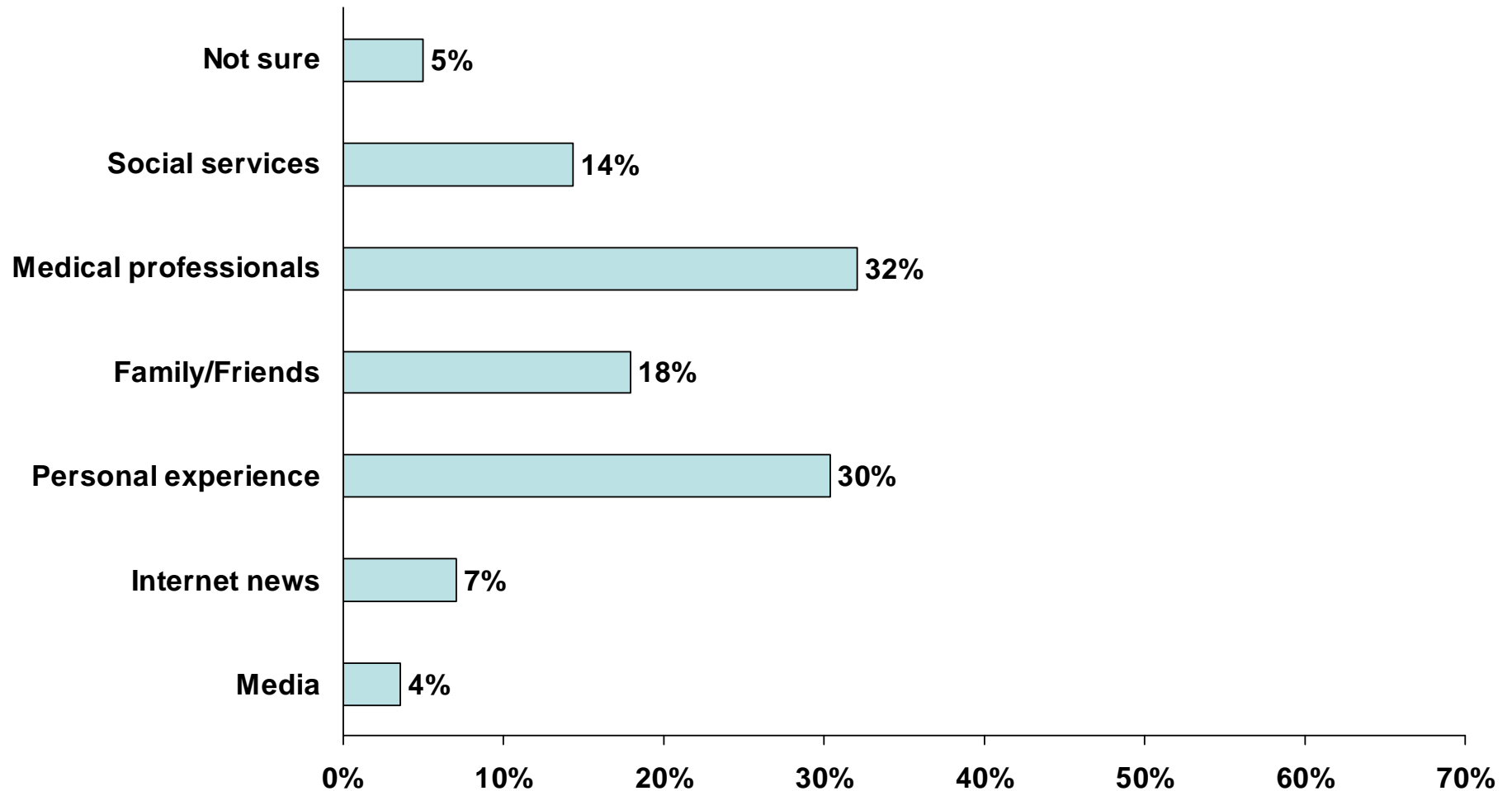
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Signs and Symptoms of Painkiller Addiction



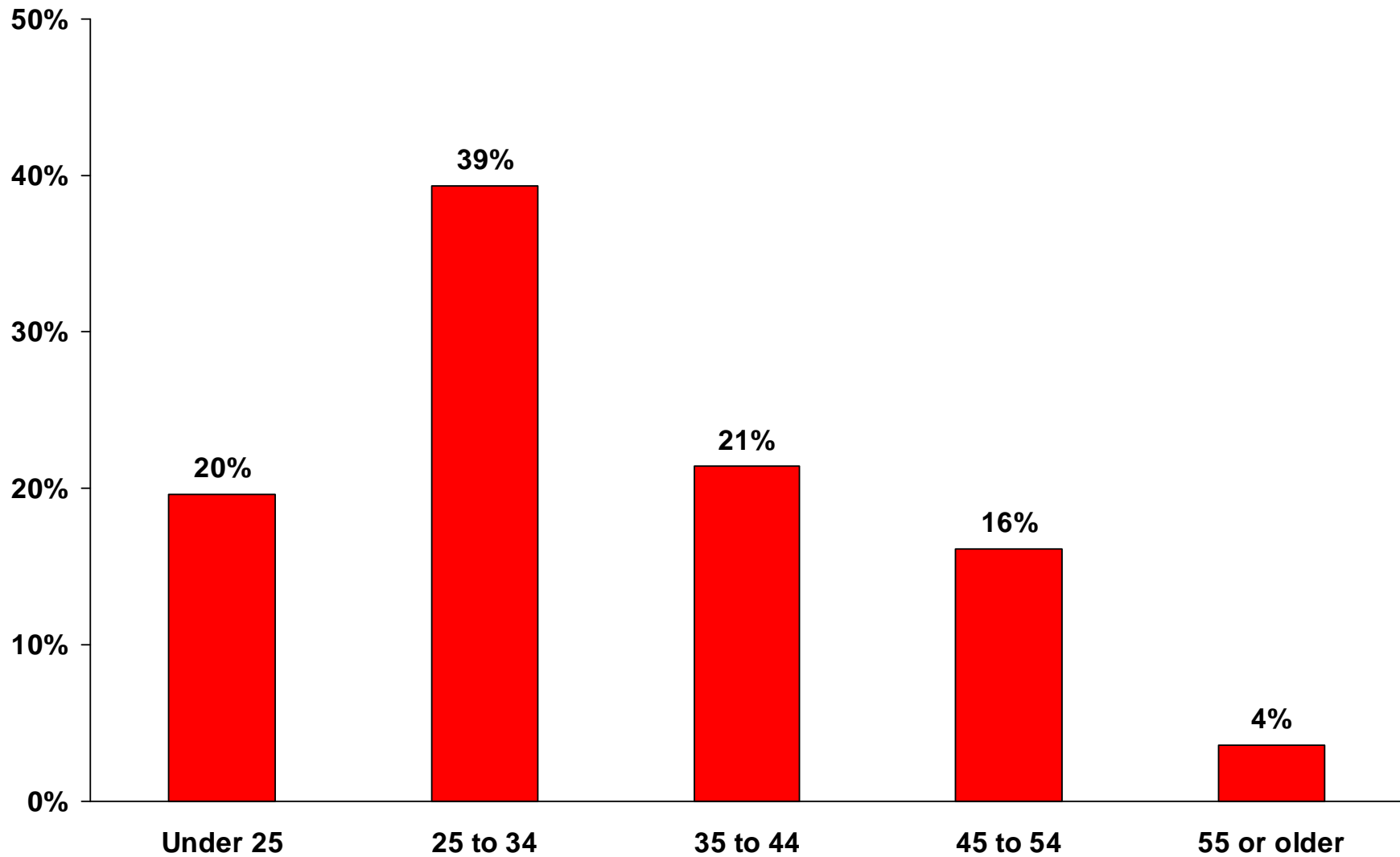
QN47b. What signs or symptoms would cause you to recognize this? N=41

Where You Have Gotten Most of Your Information about Drug Addiction and Treatment



Q48. We've asked you a number of questions about what you know or have heard about drug abuse and addiction. Where have you gotten most of your information about these things? N=56

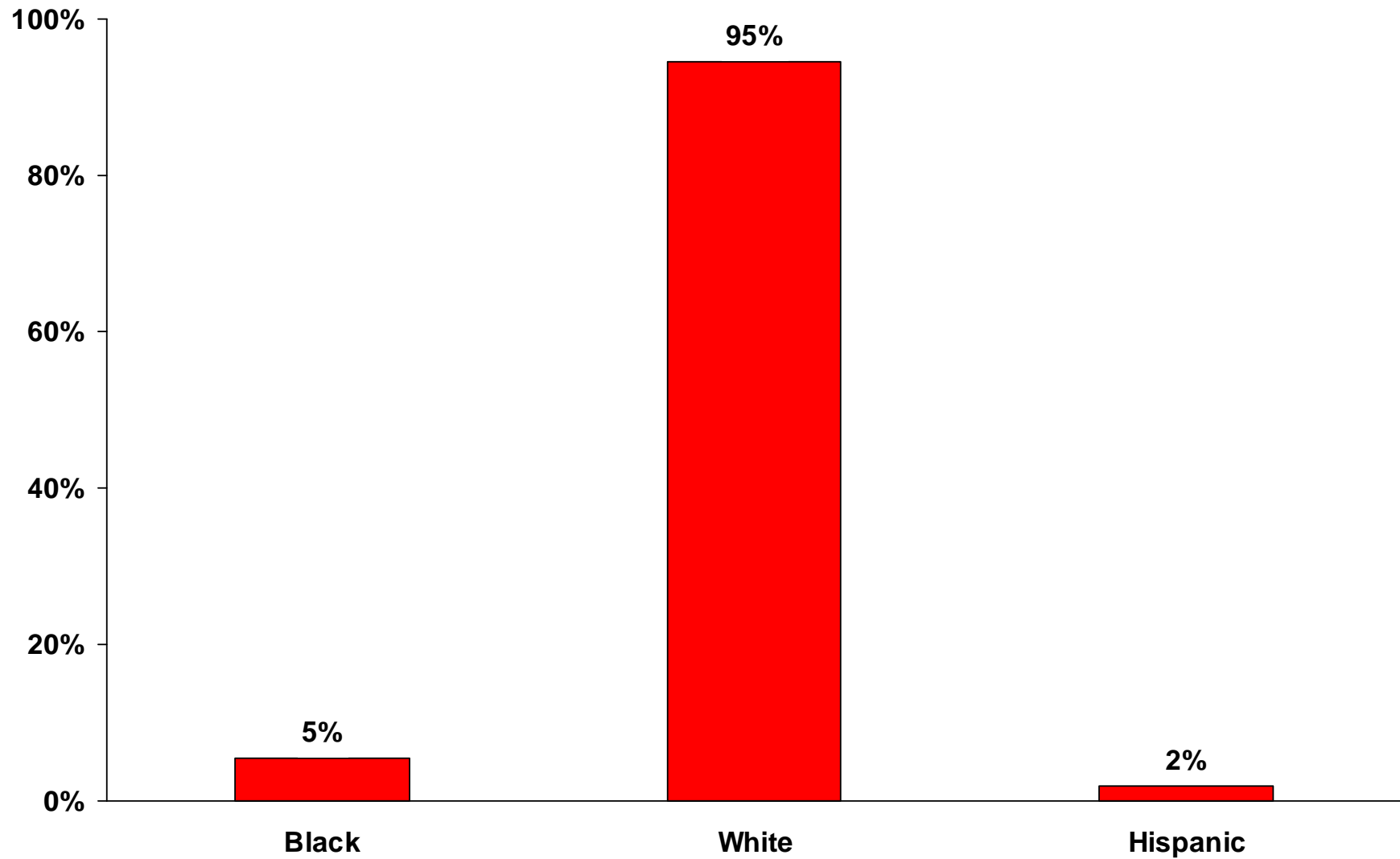
Age of Respondent



D1. What is your age? N=56

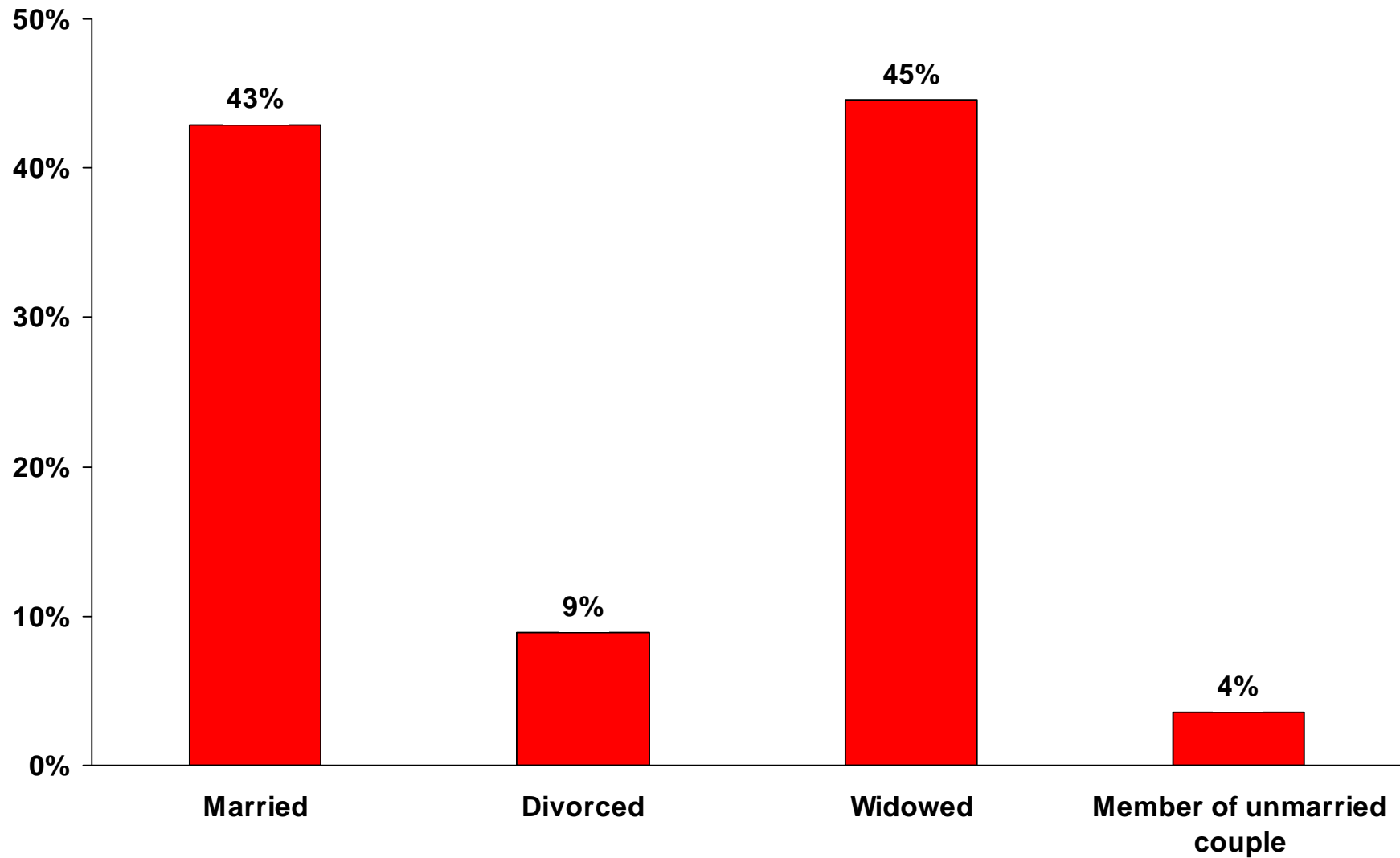
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Race of Respondent



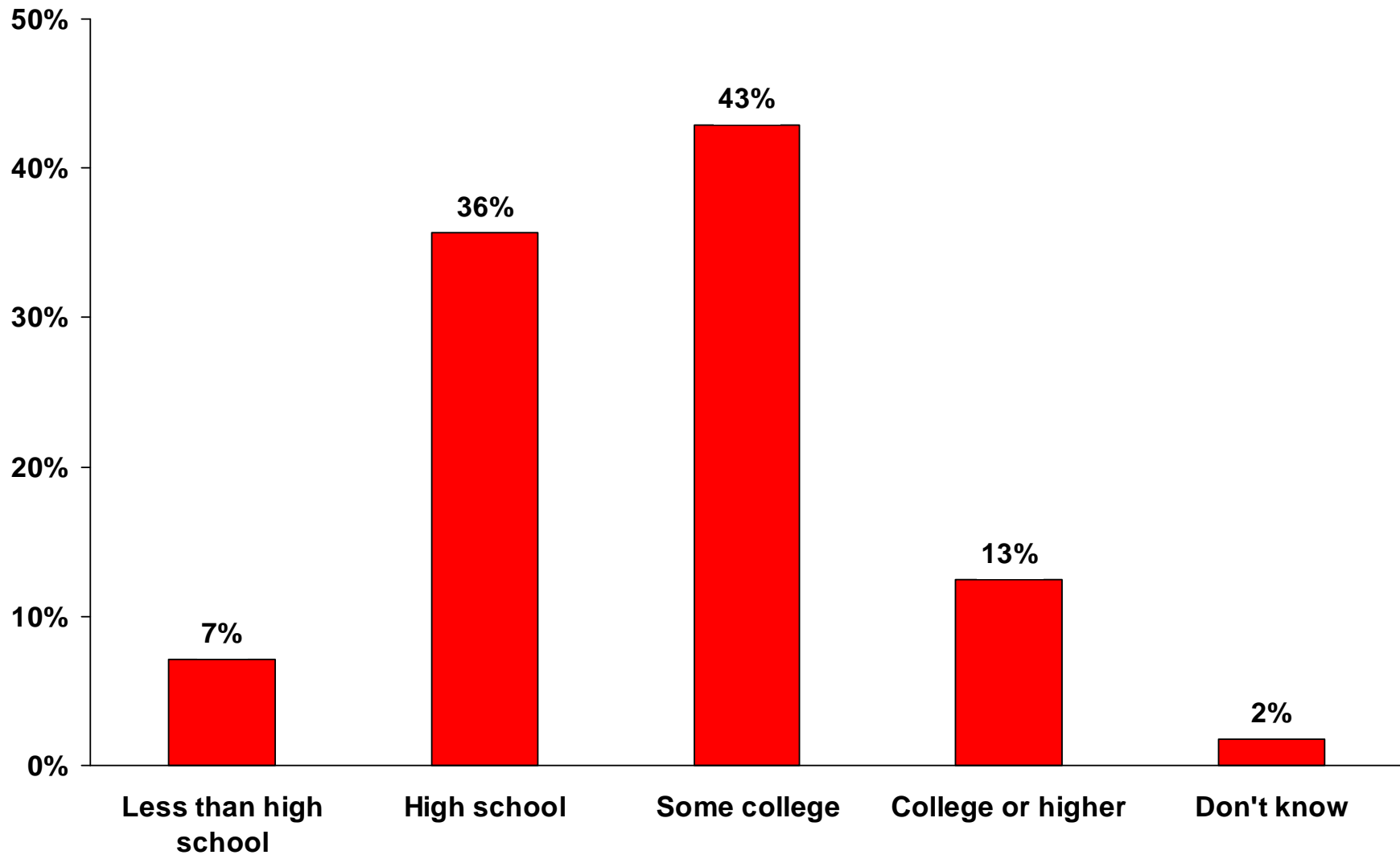
D3. Which of the following racial categories describes you? N=56

Marital Status of Respondent



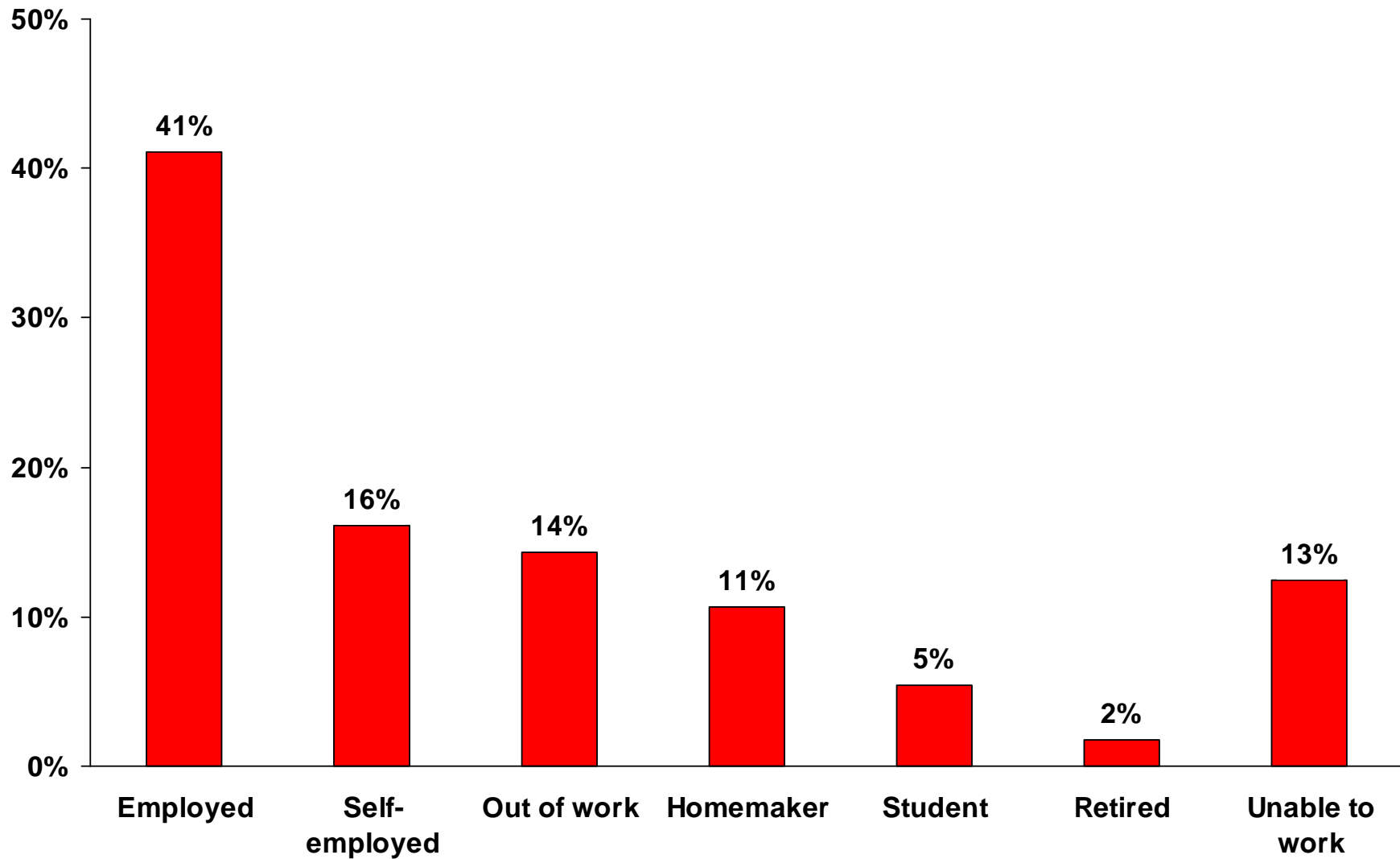
D4. Are you married, divorced, widowed, separated or have you never been married? N=56

Education of Respondent



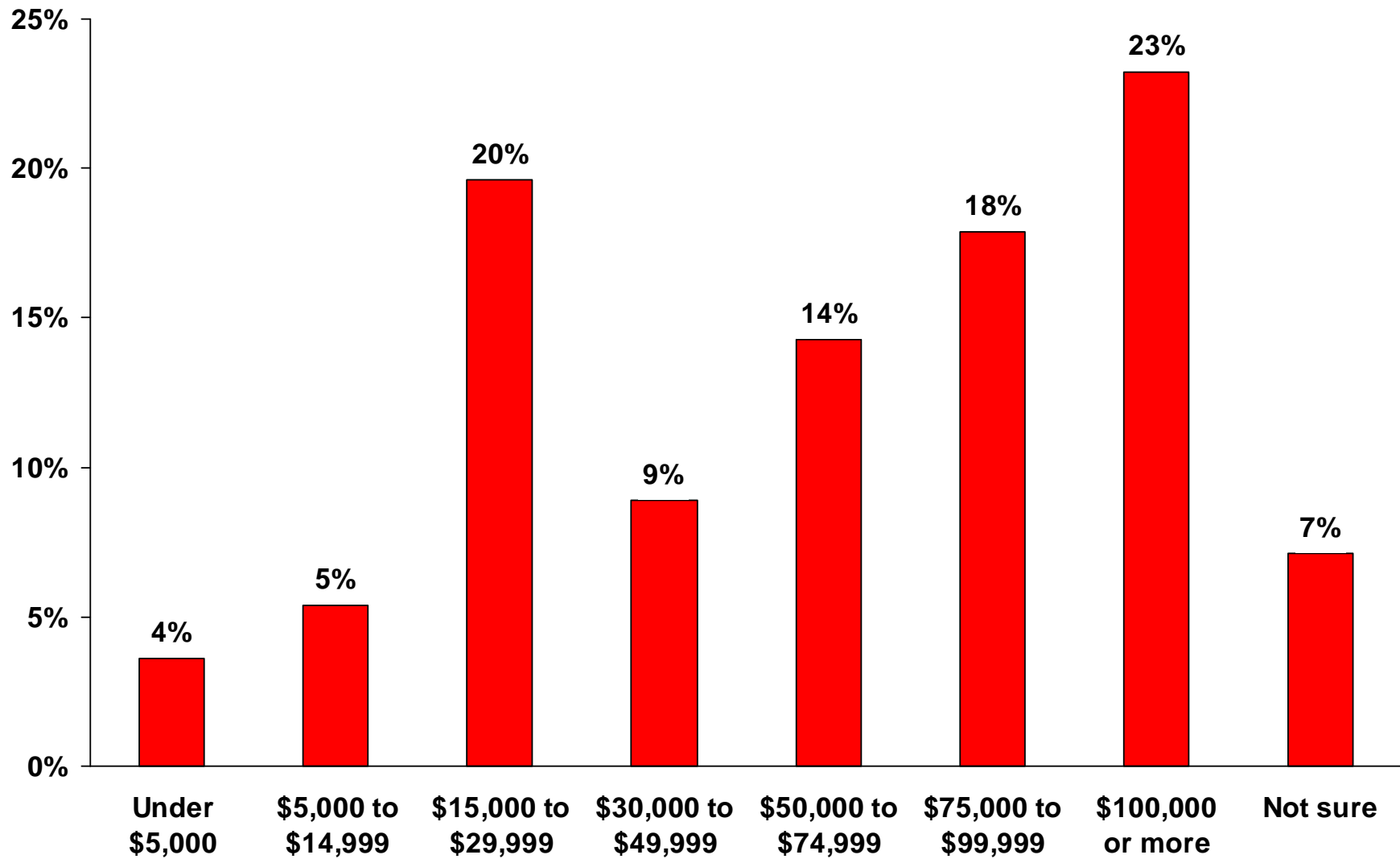
D5. What is the highest grade or year of school you completed? N=56

Employment Status of Respondent



D6. Are you currently employed for wages, self-employed, out of work, a homemaker, a student, retired or unable to work? N=56

Income of Respondent



D7. Which of the following categories best describes your total household income before taxes in 2004? N=56

Sex of Respondent

