

Would you use PrEP?



Results from a national survey among MSM

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Plus onlus

- First Italian network of LGBT people living with HIV
- Officially founded in 2012
- Helpline 800 586992
- Community based testing
- BLQ Checkpoint



The survey

- A short, easy-to-complete questionnaire
- 6 questions with multiple choices + 1 open question
- No demographical data collected
- Administered on www.plus-onlus.it website
- 503 completed questionnaires
- February–March 2013



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QUESTO QUESTIONARIO E' RIVOLTO AGLI UOMINI GAY E AGLI ALTRI MASCHI CHE FANNO SESSO CON ALTRI MASCHI.

Per favore, prima di compilare il questionario, leggi attentamente quanto segue:

Alcune ricerche hanno dimostrato che un farmaco anti-HIV chiamato Truvada assunto quotidianamente da una persona HIV negativa può ridurre significativamente la probabilità che contragga il virus se ha un rapporto sessuale non protetto con un partner che ha l'HIV. Il farmaco potrebbe in futuro essere offerto a determinate persone (ad esempio, chi ha spesso rapporti non protetti con partner diversi, chi è in una relazione stabile con una persona che ha l'HIV, chi ha impossibilità o difficoltà a usare il preservativo, ecc.); chi dovesse in futuro decidere di assumere questo farmaco, dovrebbe effettuare controlli a scadenze regolari (presumibilmente ogni tre mesi). Il farmaco in questione è generalmente ben tollerato ma può avere degli effetti collaterali (i più comuni sono mal di testa, vertigini, diarrea, vomito, nausea).

NOTA BENE: IL TRUVADA NON È ANCORA DISPONIBILE IN ITALIA PER LA PREVENZIONE DELL'INFEZIONE DA HIV

tutte le domande sono obbligatorie, ma sono solo 5-6 domandine facili facili... ;-)

***Campo obbligatorio**

Hai fatto sesso anale con un uomo negli ultimi sei mesi? *

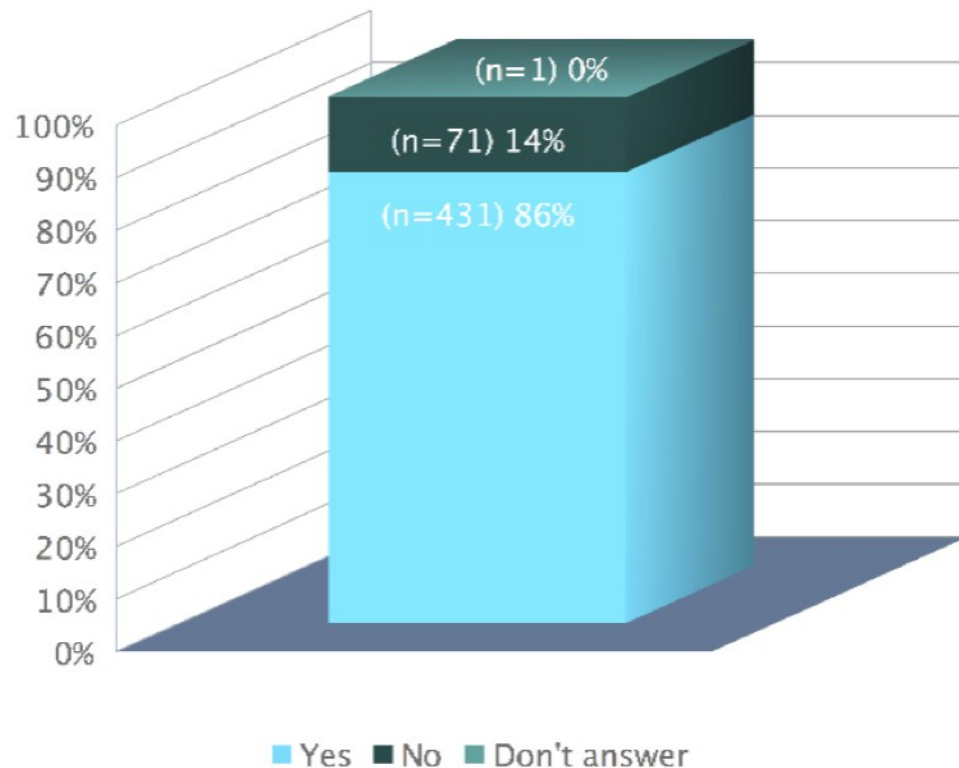
- ☐ Sì
- ☐ No
- ☐ Non voglio rispondere

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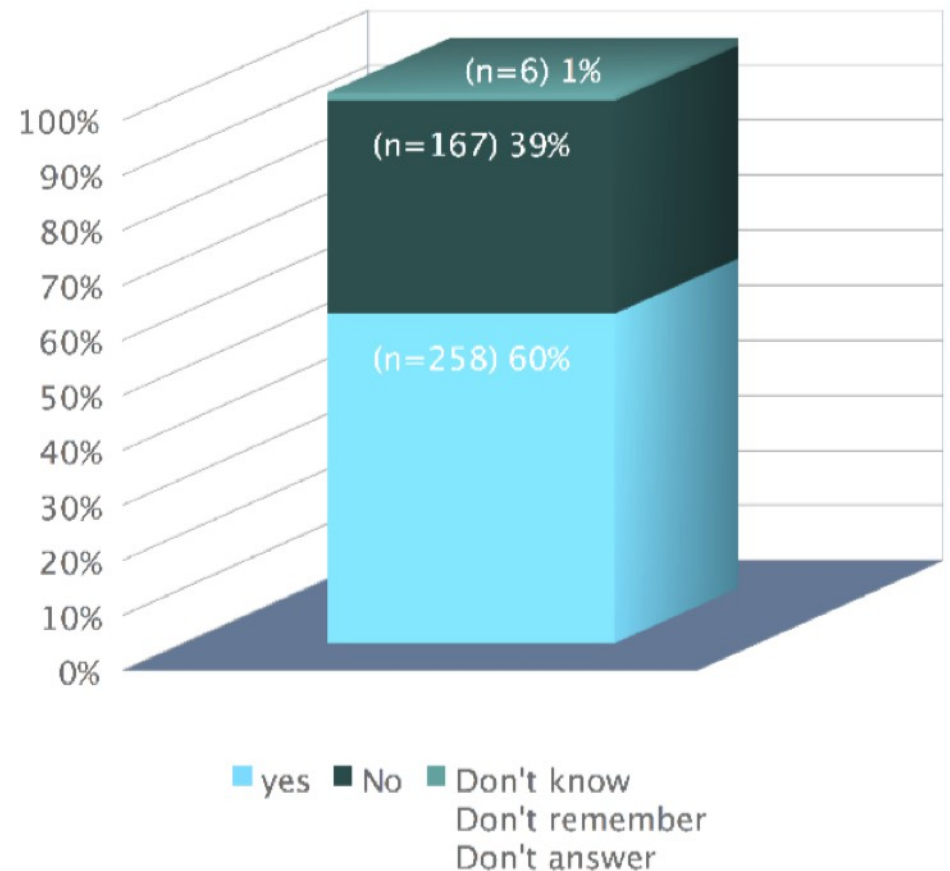
The results

1 – sexual behaviour

Q1 – Did you have anal sex
in the past six months?
n = 503



Q2 – Did you use a condom last time
you had anal sex in the past six months?
n = 431

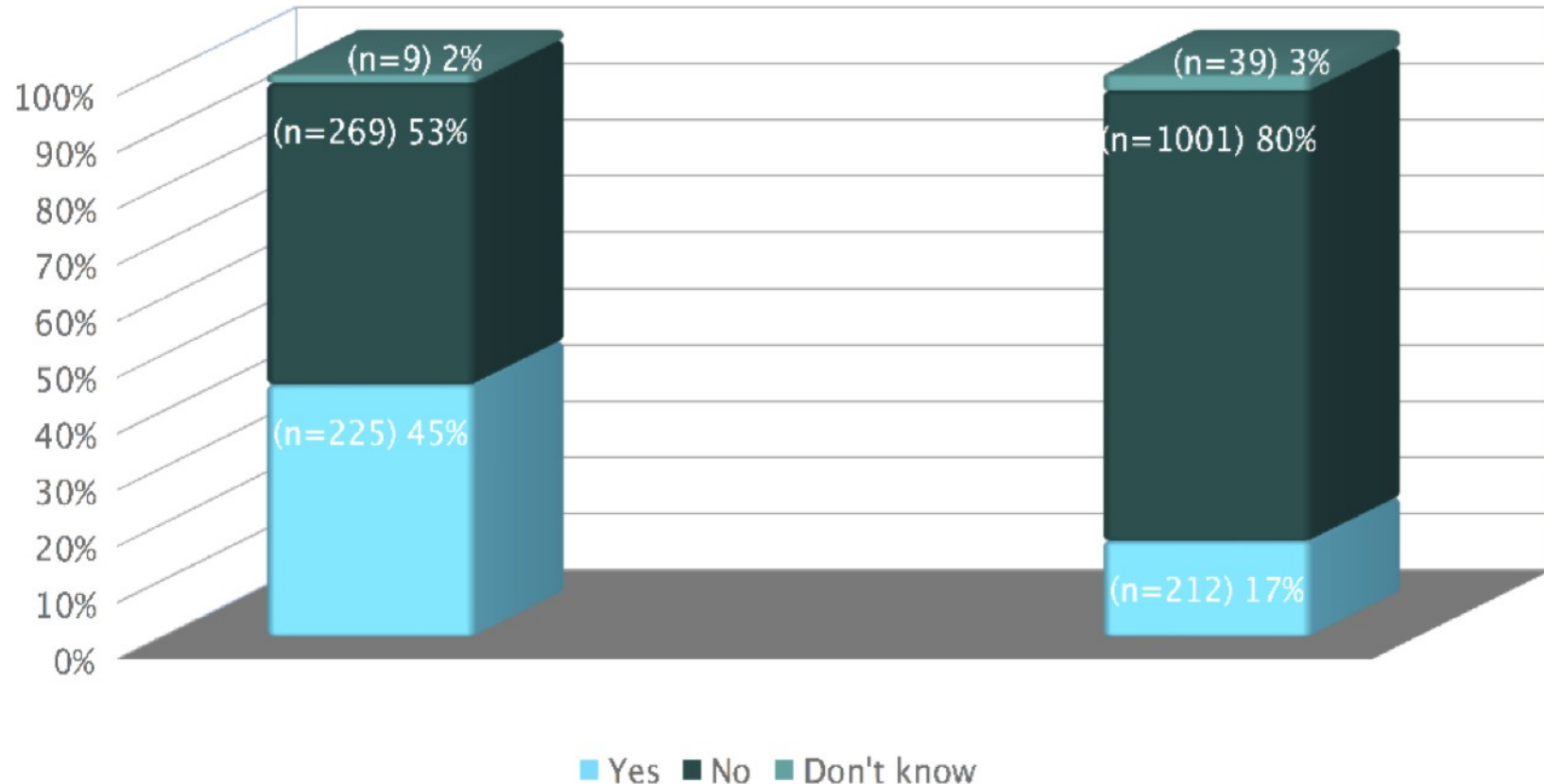


The results

2 – knowledge about PrEP

Q3 – Had you already heard about PrEP?
Italy, February 2013 (n = 503)

SIGMA RESEARCH – UK
June 2011 (n = 1252)



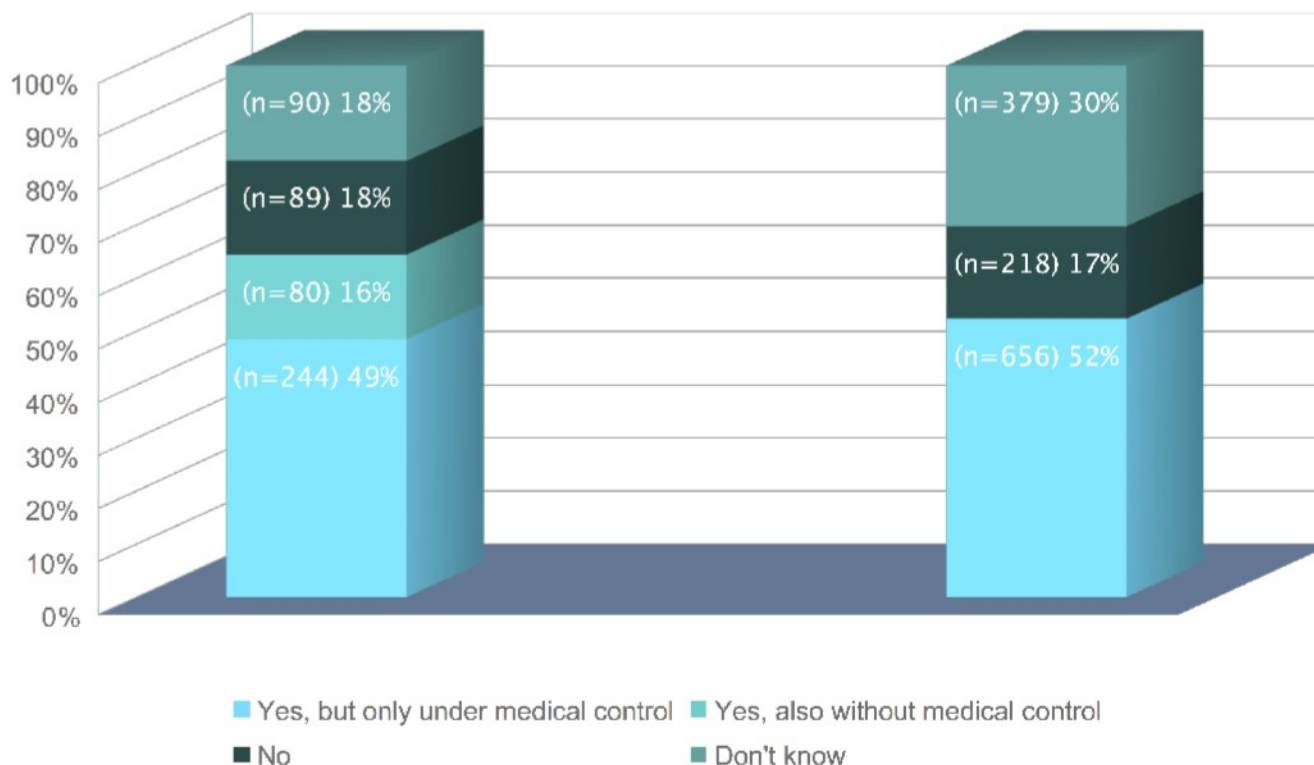
More information while time goes on

The results

3 – will to take PrEP

Q4 – Should a clinician offer to you
this opportunity, would you use it?
N = 503

SIGMA RESEARCH – June 2011
If you went to an STI clinic and were offered
this drug, would you consider using it?
n = 1253

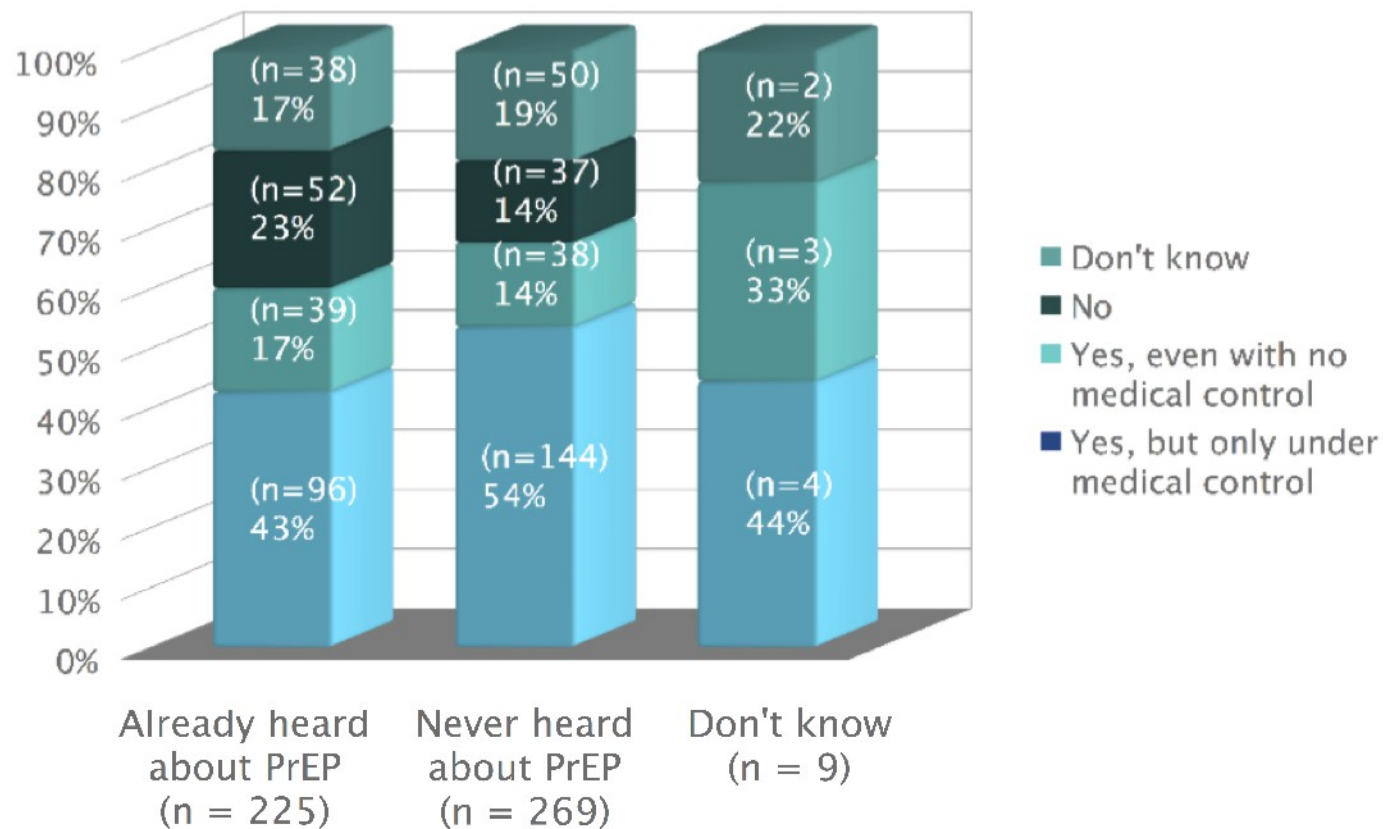


More information = more people willing to take it?

The results

3 – will to take PrEP (differences)

Q4 – Should a clinician offer to you this opportunity, would you use it?

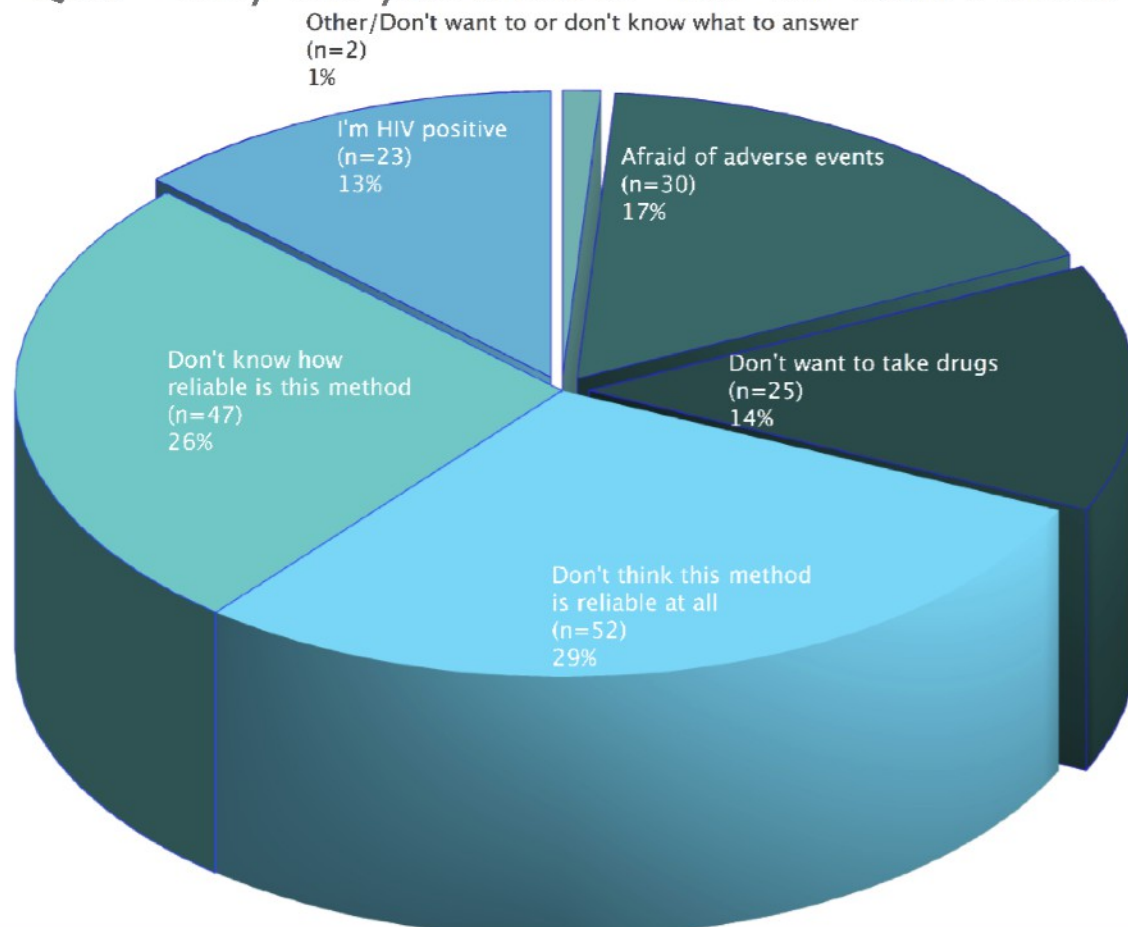


Less information = more will to take it?

The results

4a – negative feelings toward PrEP

Q5a – Why did you answer “No” or “Don't know”?

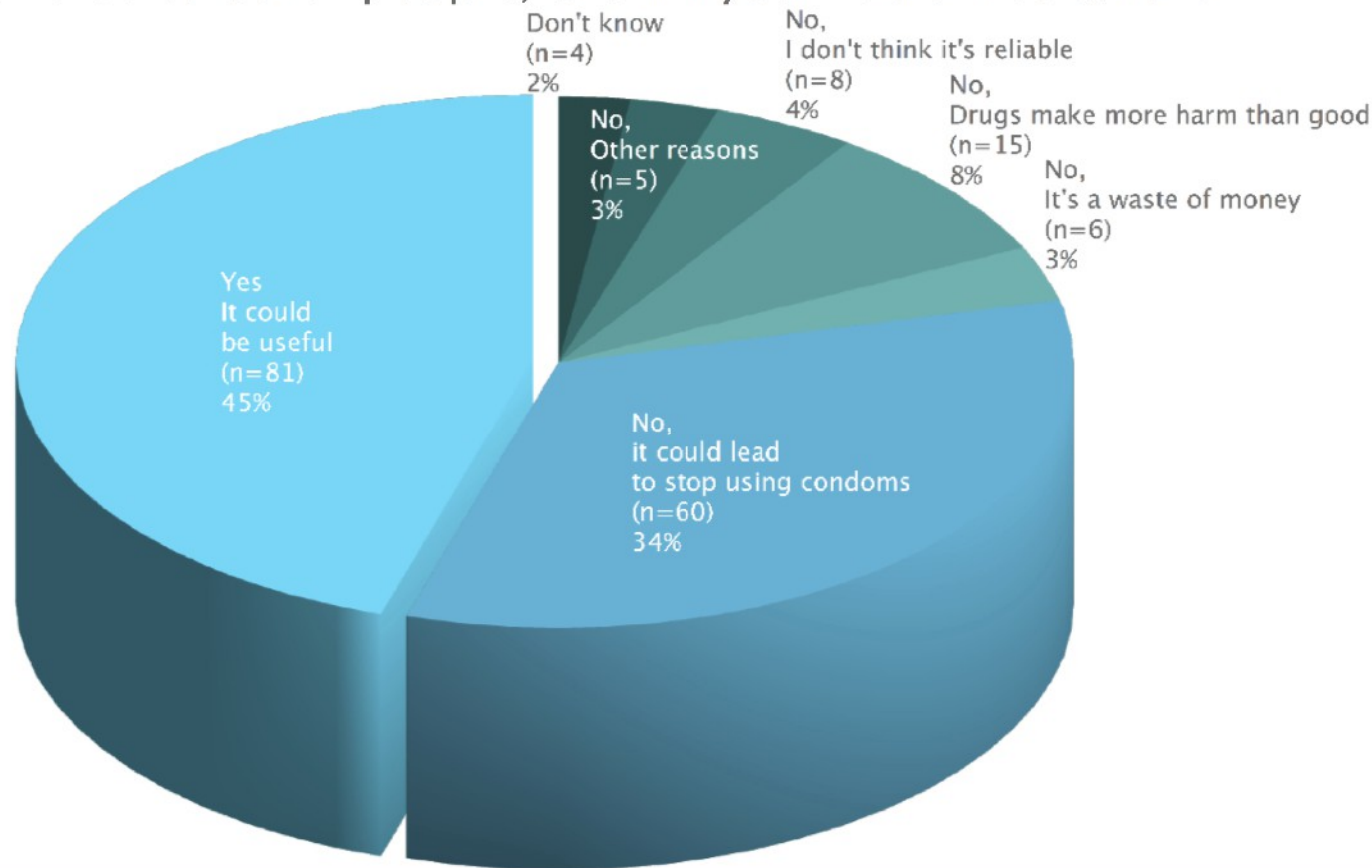


The fear of a lack of reliability

The results

4b – PrEP for other

Q6a – Again, if you answered “No” or “Don't know”, do you think this opportunity should be offered to other people, even if you would not take it?

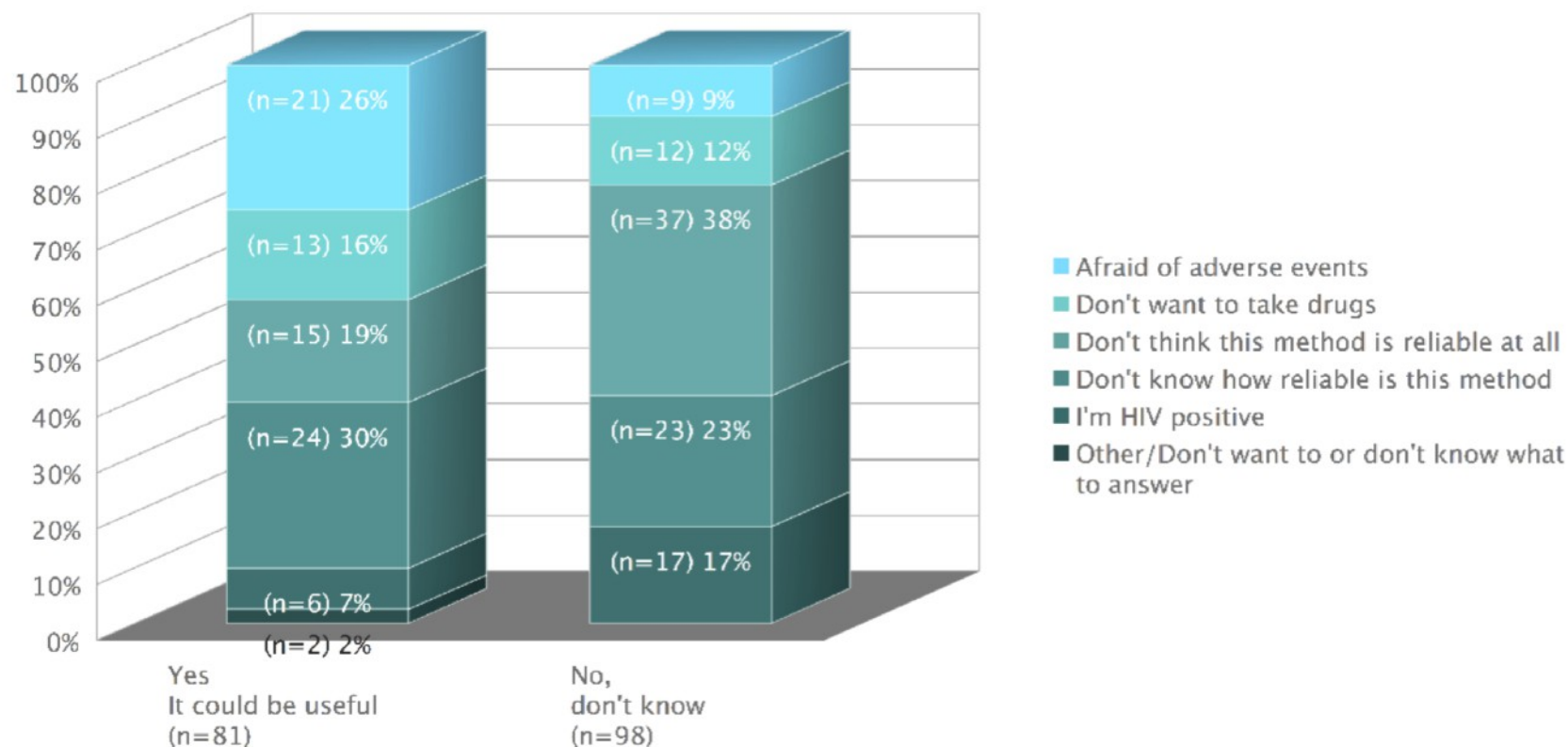


The fear of a lack of reliability

The results

4c – comparing personal attitude and for others

Q5a/Q6a – Again, if you answered “No” or “Don't know”, do you think this opportunity should be offered to other people, even if you would not take it?

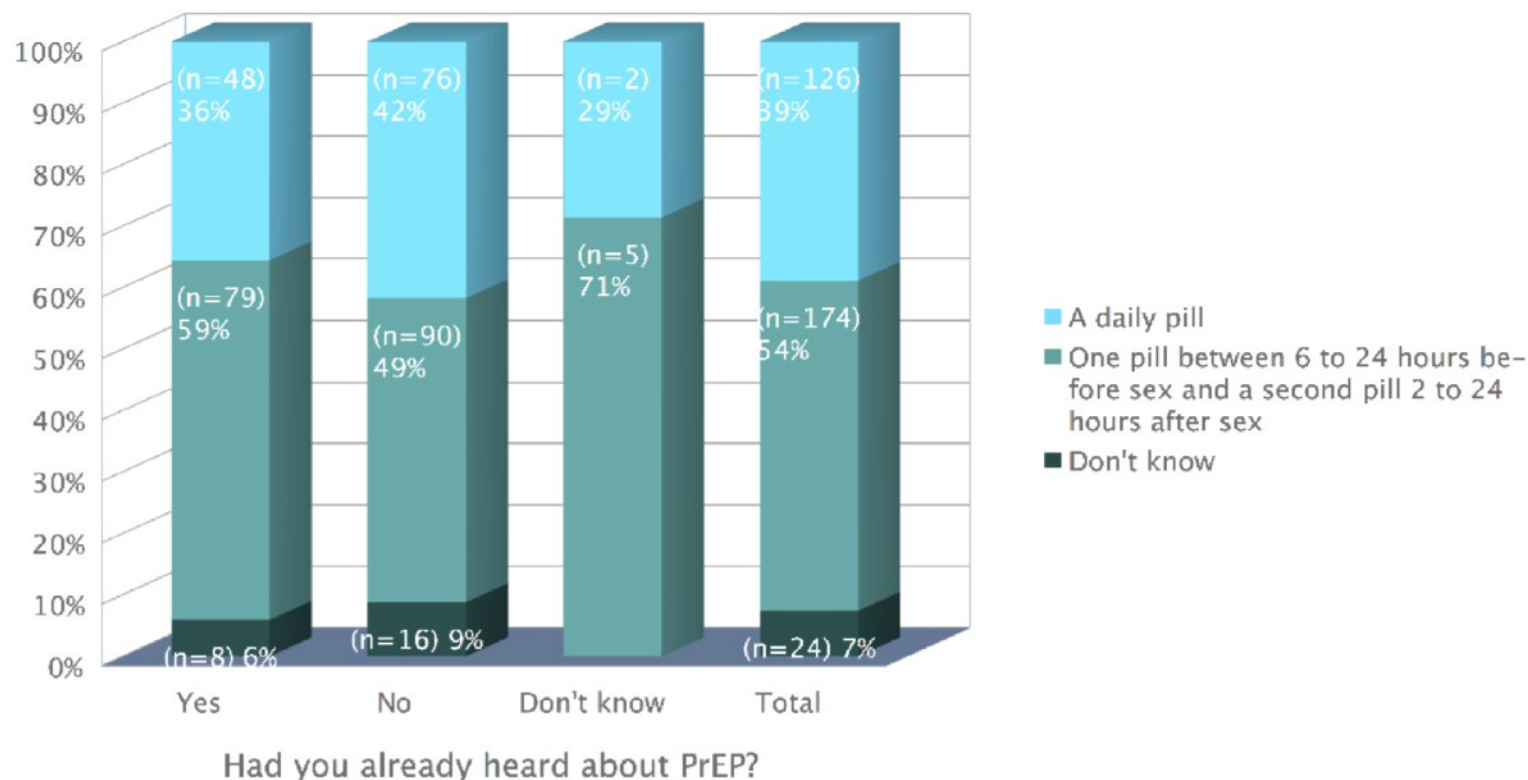


Afraid of the drugs?

The results

5a – positive attitude toward PrEP

Q5b – If you answered “Yes”, would you prefer to take a daily pill or only one pill between 6 to 24 hours before sex and a second pill 2 to 24 hours after sex, provided they can have the same efficacy?



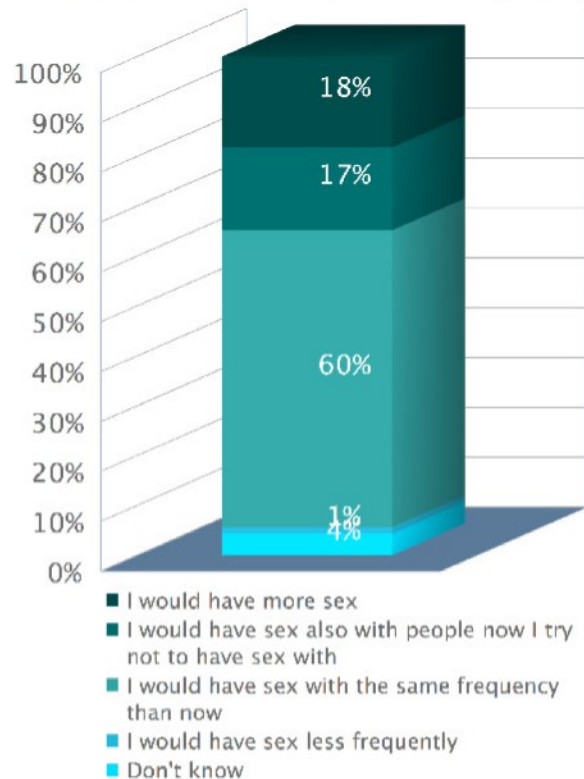
New methods for PrEP are needed

The results

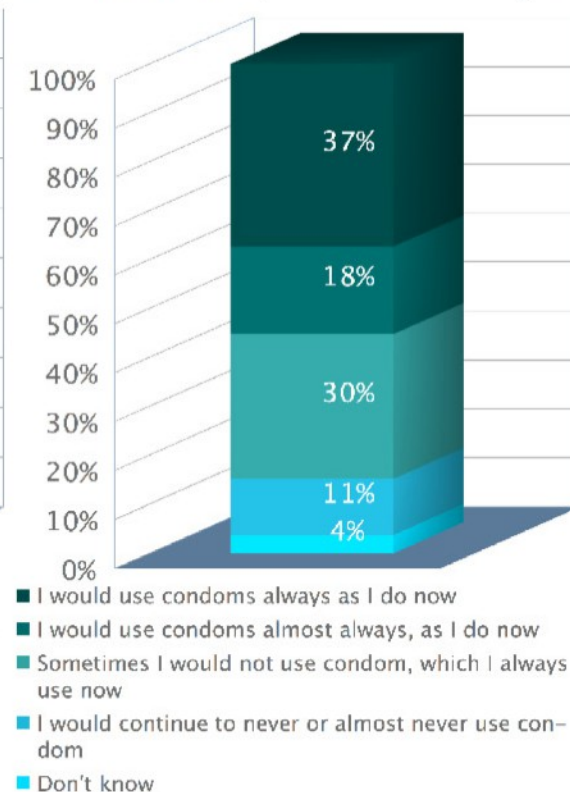
5b – changes in sex with PrEP

Q5b – If you answered “Yes”, which impact would this have on your sexual life?

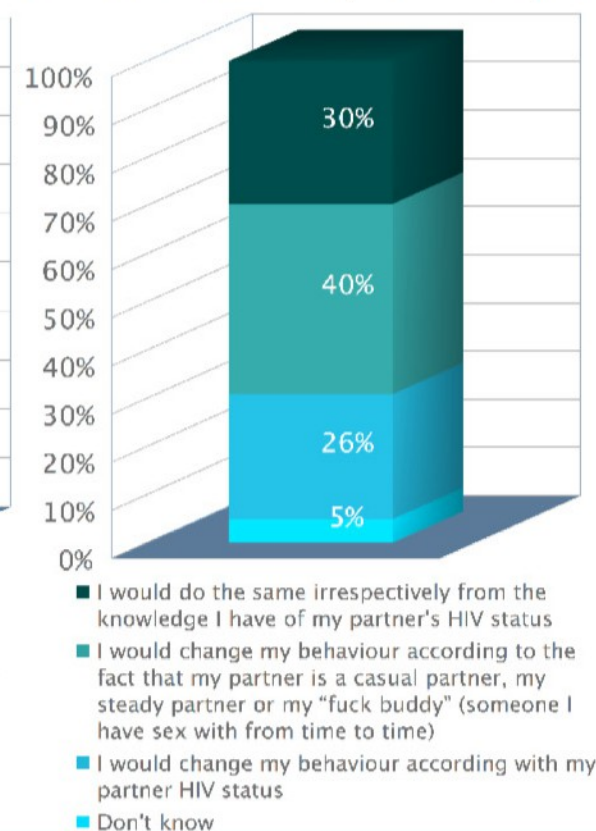
a) on how often you have sex;



b) on your condom use;



c) as for the HIV status of your sexual partner



Is the risk-compensation a real issue?