



# Clinical Research Committee Survey on Challenges of Conducting Surgical Trials Results

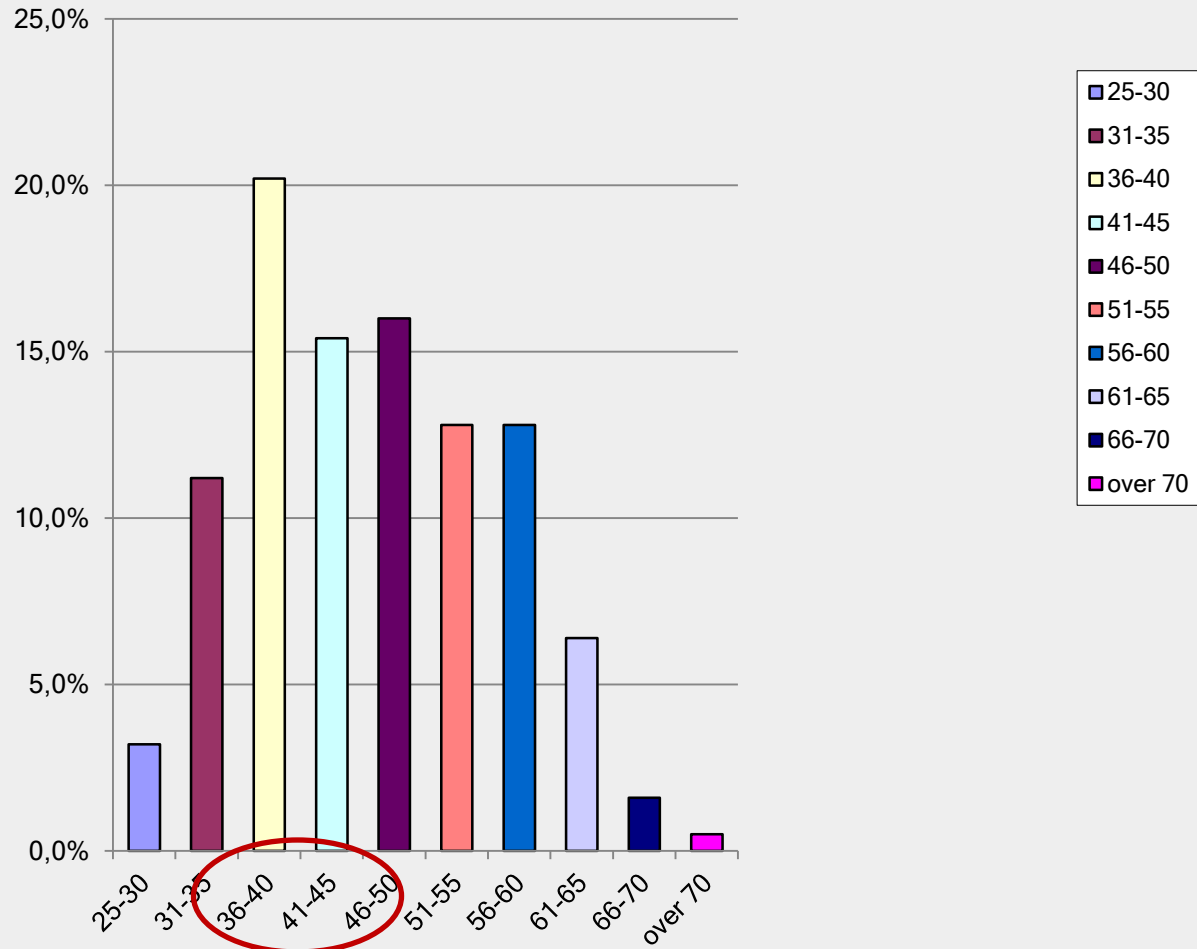
# SURVEY RESULTS

- Survey population = 3500
- Total responses as of 24 August 2015 = 195
- Response rate = 5.6%

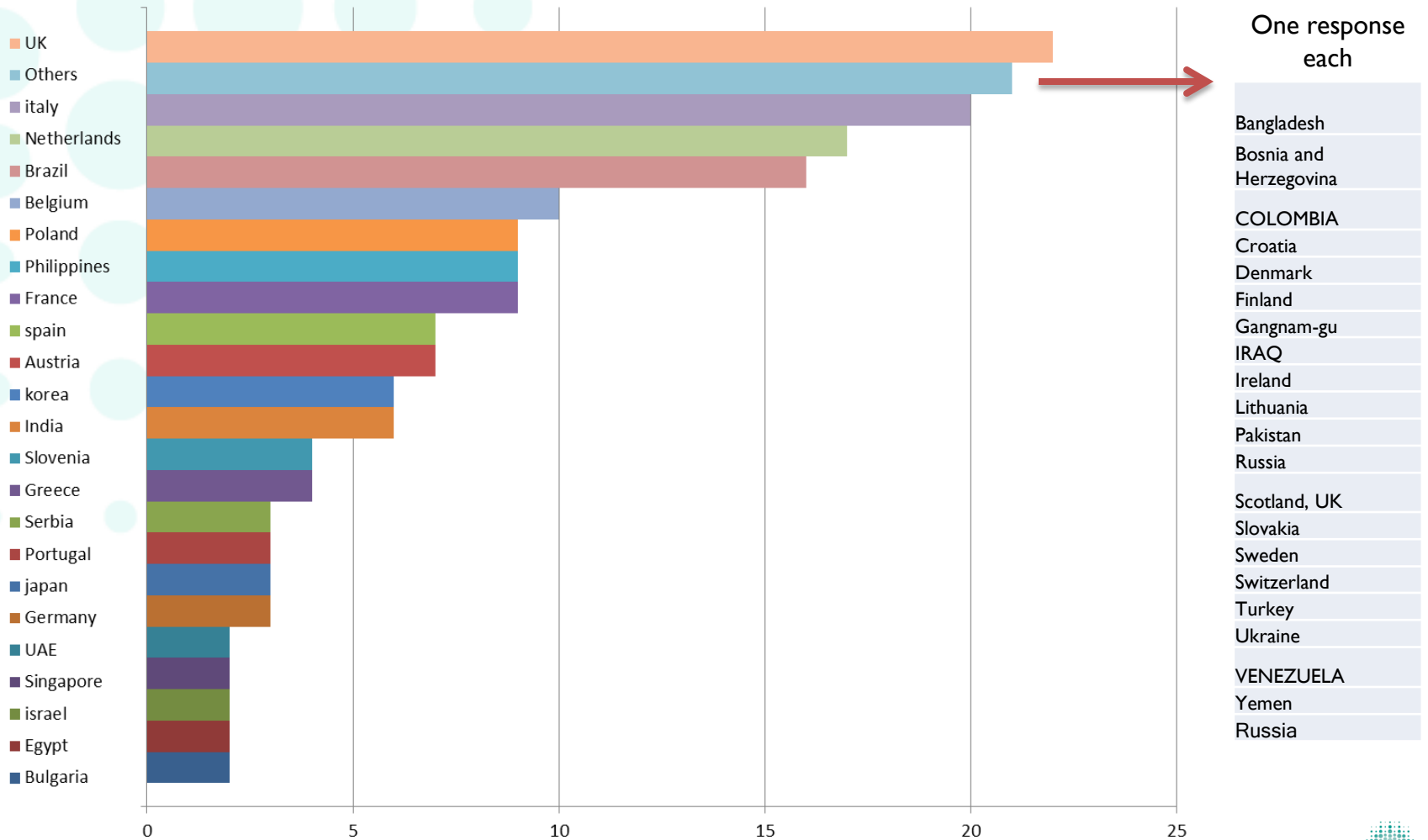
## ESSO Clinical Research Committee survey

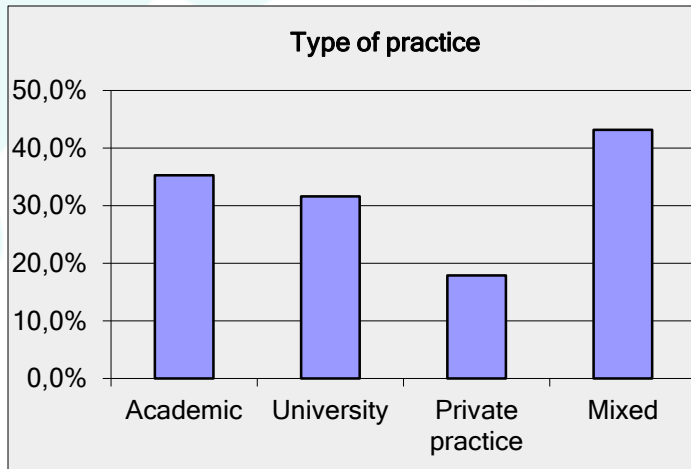
Gender:		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Male	82.5%	156
Female	17.5%	33
	<i>answered question</i>	189
	<i>skipped question</i>	6

### Age range



# Participating countries in the survey



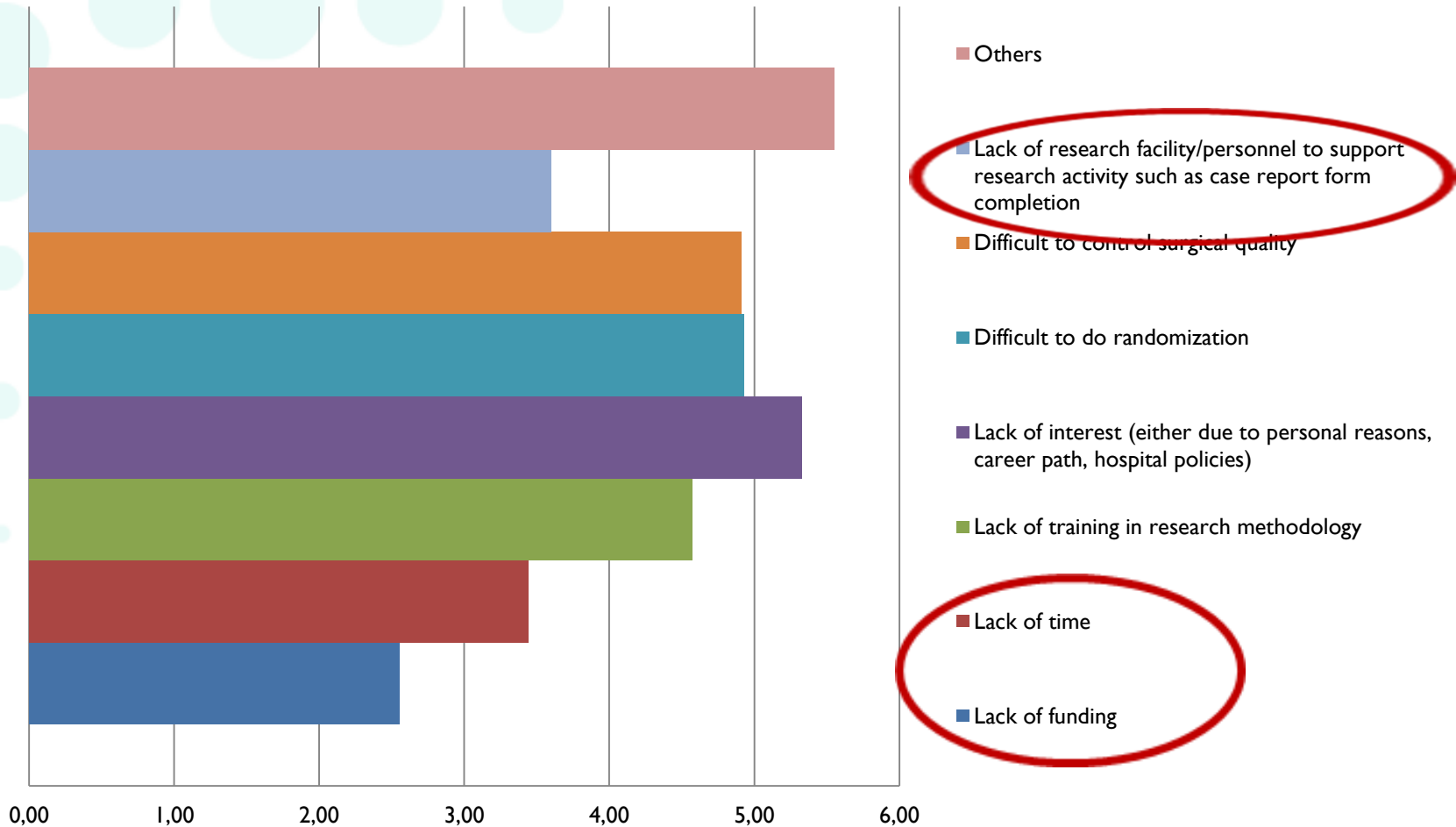


## ESSO Clinical Research Committee survey

Is support available for multi-center clinical research in your institution/hospital?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	74.7%	136
No	25.3%	46
<i>answered question</i>		<b>182</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>13</b>

# What are the obstacles in initiating or participating in a surgical trial? Please rank from 1 to 8 (1 being the most important obstacle)



# Other reasons

Research support	Lack of specialized data entry
	Lack of cooperation of senior personnel
	No senior on same specialty
	Support and funding are great barriers.
	Difficult procedure for study start in lower Austria, work may only be performed within official working hours (48 per week per physician)
	lack of study nurse
	Lack of support from the institution
	Lack of relations with other institutions
Patients	Lack of vision from hospital management (clinical production is considered much more important than (surgical) research)
	Informed consent by (medical) illiterate patients or other languages
	Lack of numbers in a small country with small recruitment for rare pathology
	Number of patients
	Volume of patients may be a problem
Regulatory	Participants
	Some regulation relevant our legal system
	We are doing a clinical trial
	Risk to be sued
	Process of getting ethical approval too challenging
	Hospital has not own med ethic com and regulations and paperwork is rather time consuming/expensive and sometimes overregulated
Relationship with Other disciplines	Ethical committee clearance for new or novel procedures
	Certain radiotherapists do not discuss the case during the multidisciplinary meeting at our institution before initiating radiotherapy but only during therapy, therefore excluding any possibility of proposing surgery. A therapeutic decision has often been made in an other institution without consulting any surgeon. Many smaller tumors are being irradiated but could have been operated if discussed.
	Communication with other part
	Lack of relationship between colleagues
Financial Scientific	Difficulties in collaboration with other specialties
	Have to practice to earn a living, no financial returns from research
	Lack of important genuine points of research
	Scarcity of worthwhile trials
	Author policy of major journals. To be in the middle of the author list does not match the effort seriously participating in those trials.

## ESSO Clinical Research Committee survey

Would you be interested in participating in a short training course on surgical clinical research methodology?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	74.7%	133
No	25.3%	45
<i>answered question</i>		178
<i>skipped question</i>		17

Would you consider this as an important activity to initiate more surgical research?

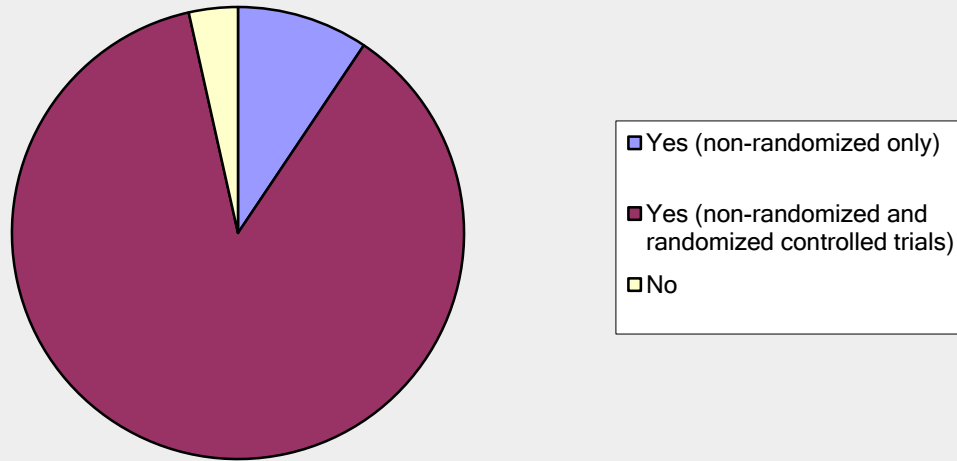
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	87.2%	157
No	12.8%	23
<i>answered question</i>		180
<i>skipped question</i>		15

Would you or your hospital be willing to pay for this?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	41.6%	74
No	58.4%	104
<i>answered question</i>		178
<i>skipped question</i>		17



Would you be willing to participate in a prospective surgical clinical research?

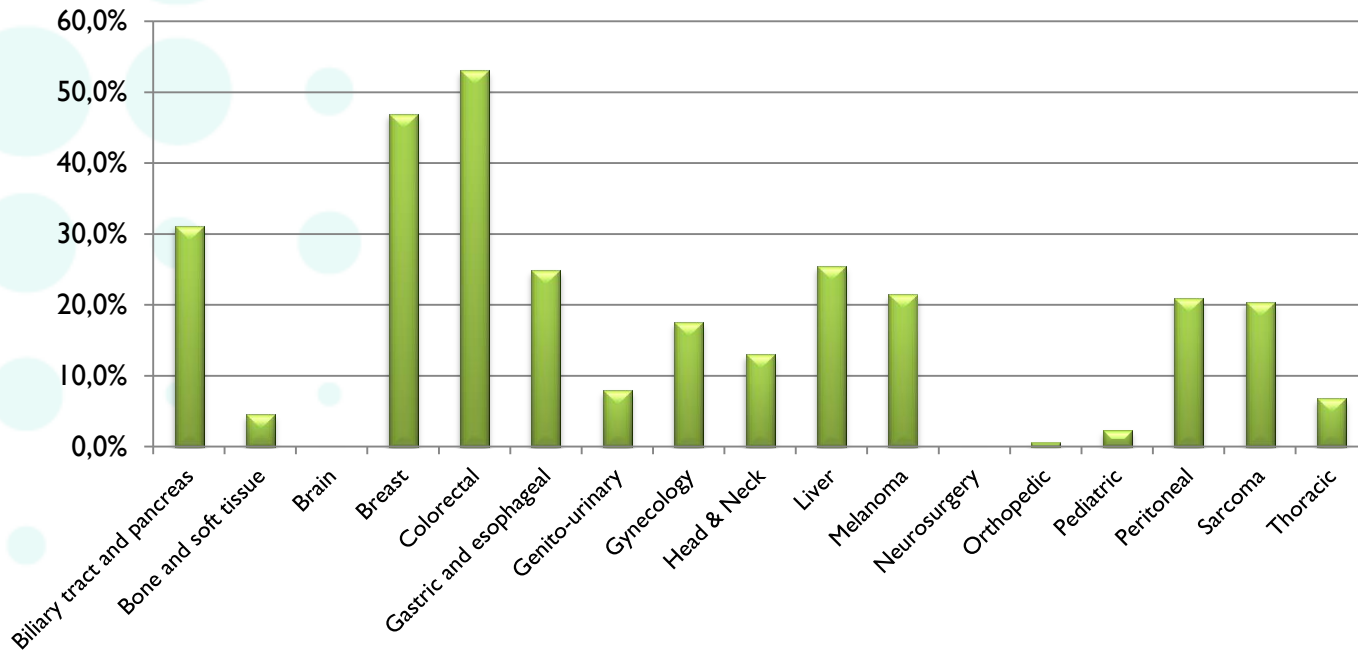


### ESSO Clinical Research Committee survey

Would you like to be part of the ESSO/EORTC surgical network for clinical research?

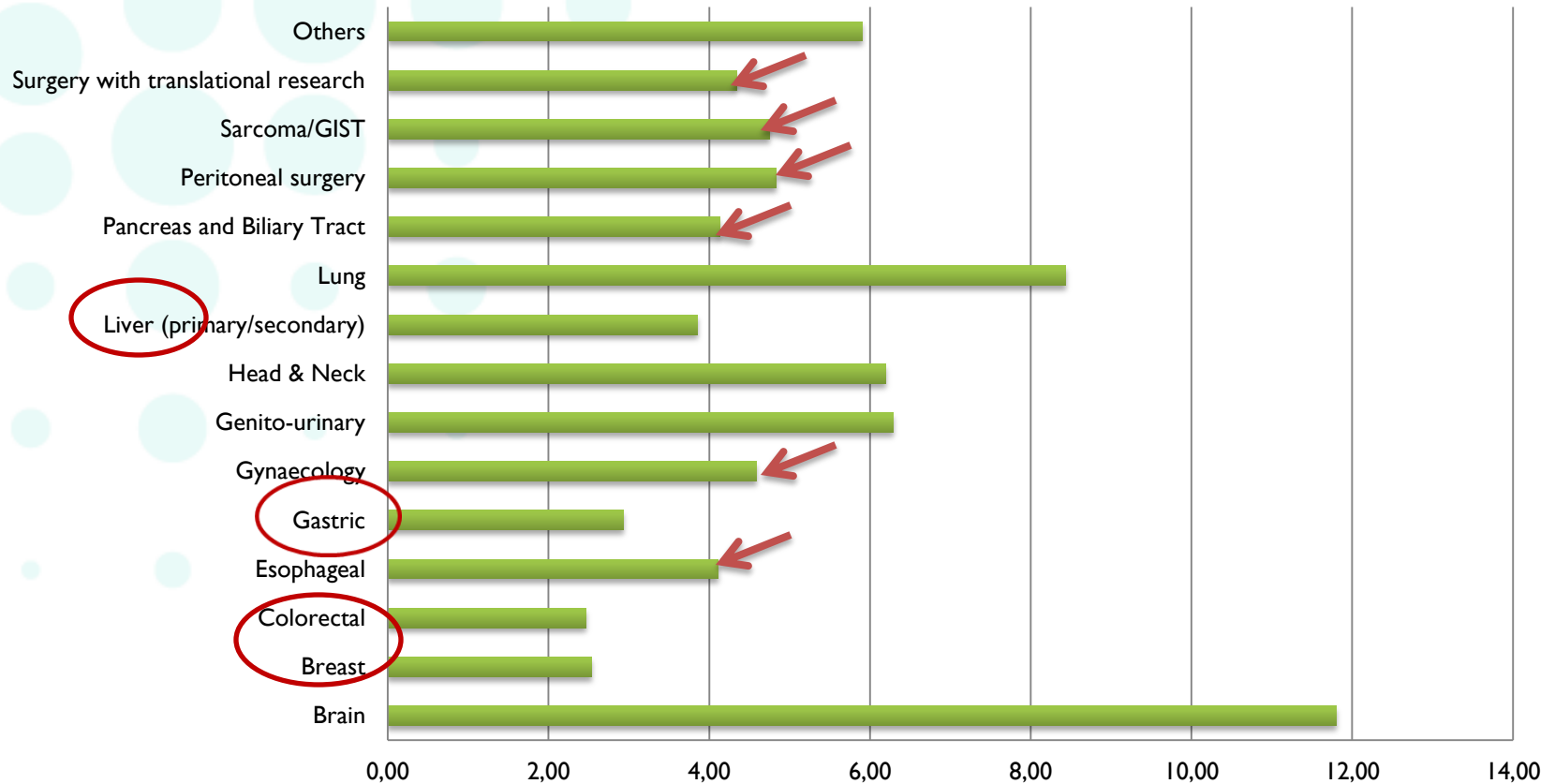
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	93.5%	158
No	6.5%	11
<i>answered question</i>		169
<i>skipped question</i>		26

# What is your main specialty? (several answers possible)

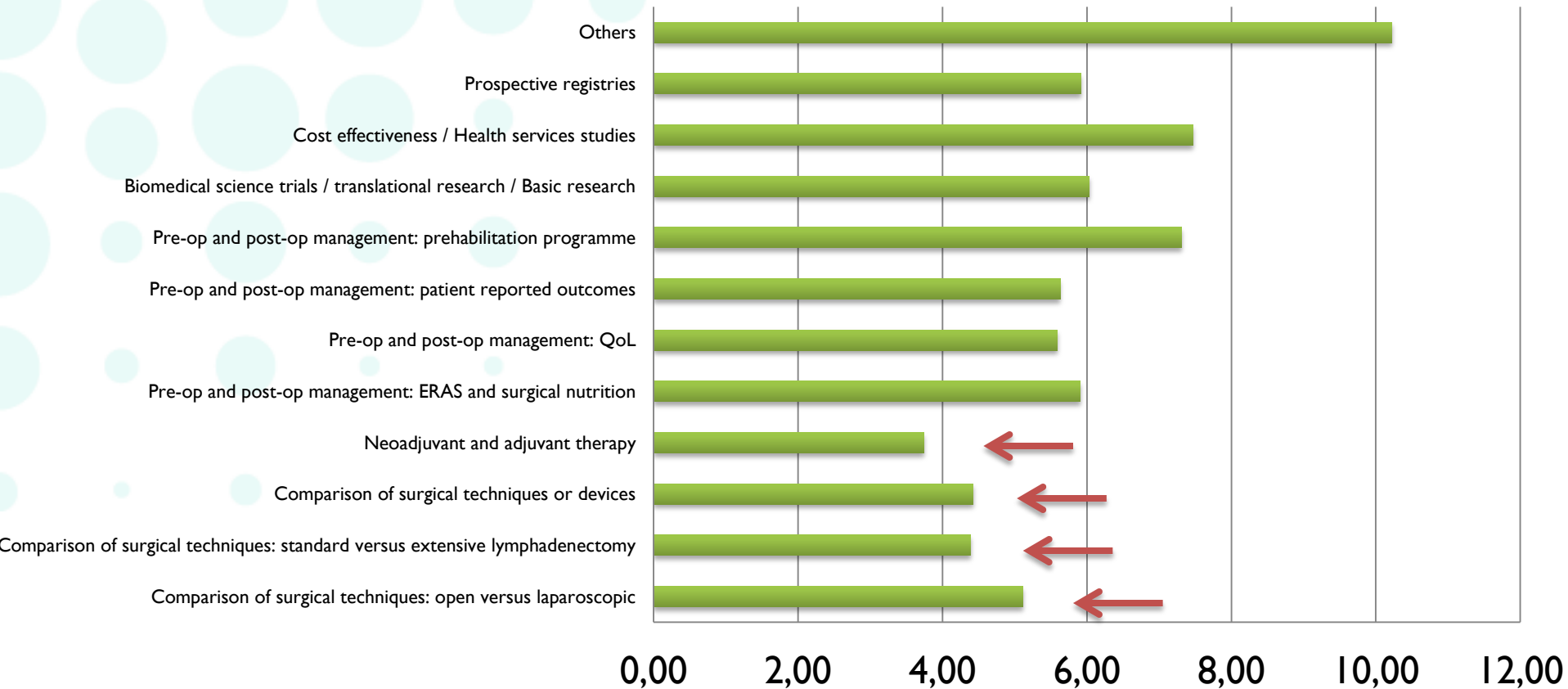


# Which field/disease groups of surgical oncology would be the most interesting for you to do research on ?

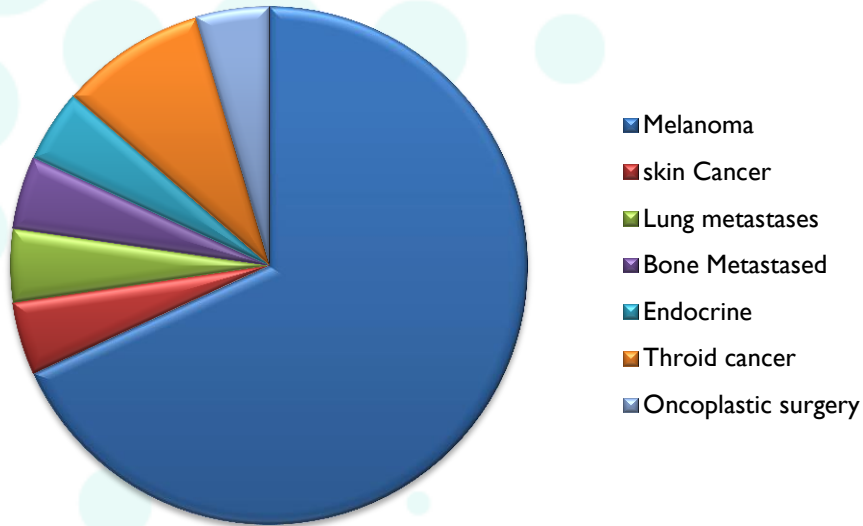
Please rank the top 3 (1 is the highest)



**Please consider the below ideas for surgical research  
and rank them according to your interest  
(1 is the most interesting)**



# Others disease groups and research topics



Adjuvant surgery or not in pretreated patients  
Anatomy: fresh cadaver dissection  
Breast cancer related topics  
Conventional versus robotic surgery  
Emotional & psychological study for cancer pt. especially in gerontology age over 8th decade  
Enhancement of surgical skills  
Epidemiological research.  
Image guided surgery  
Impact reduction  
Molecular outcome prediction