



ISMICS 06 Post Meeting Feedback

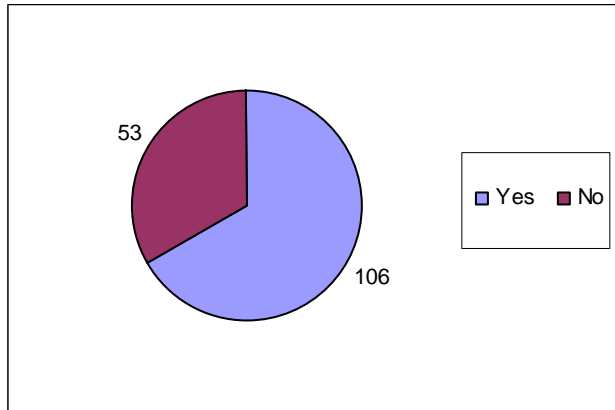
Respondents:

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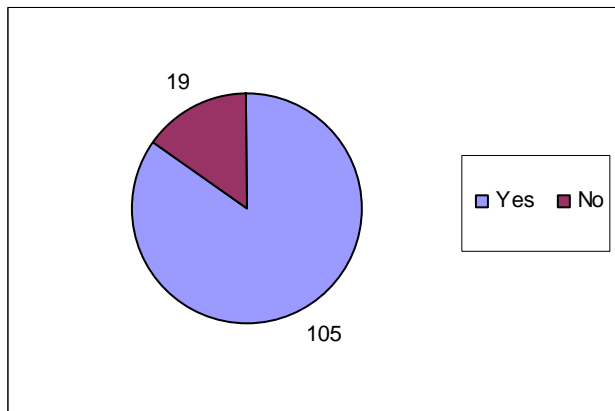
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[Postgraduate Course: Surgical Treatment for Atrial Fibrillation](#)

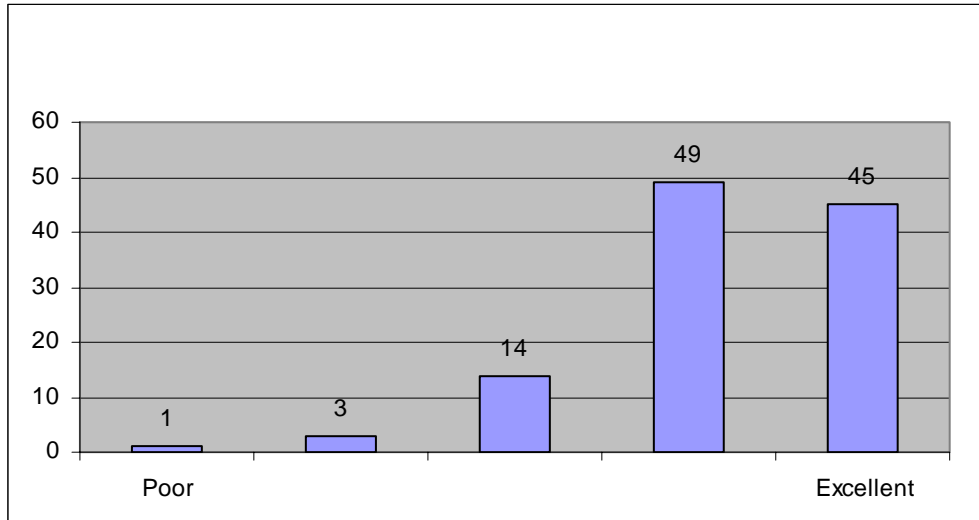
1. Did you attend this session?



2. Over the next 12 months, do you expect to apply specific knowledge skills/gained from this session?



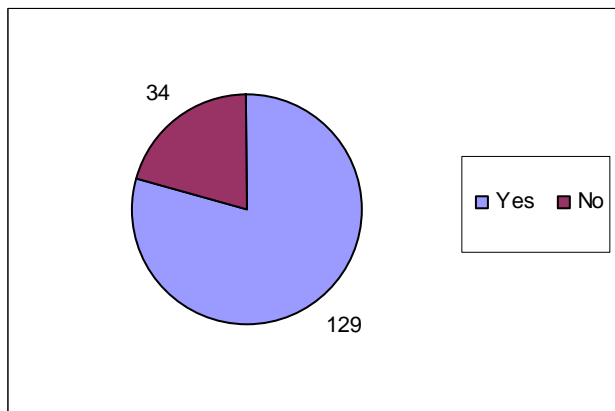
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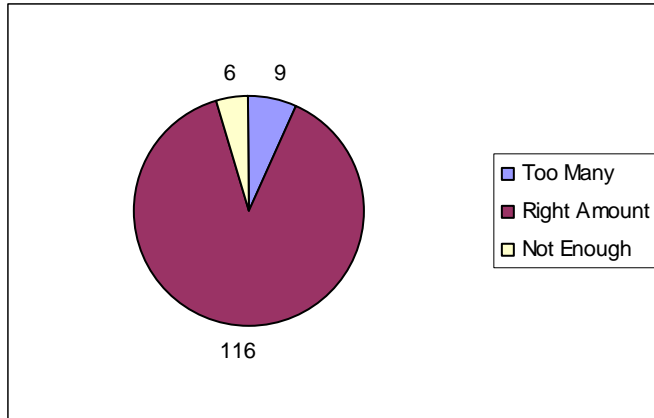
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Scientific Session 1: Minimally Invasive Thoracic Surgery

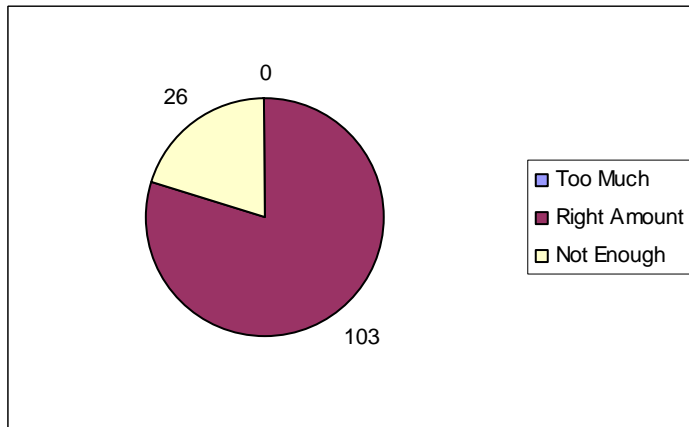
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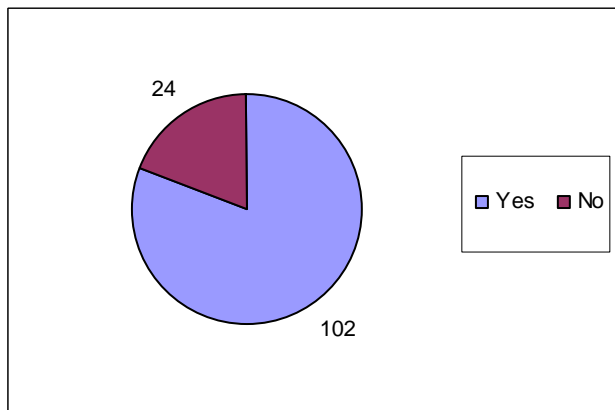
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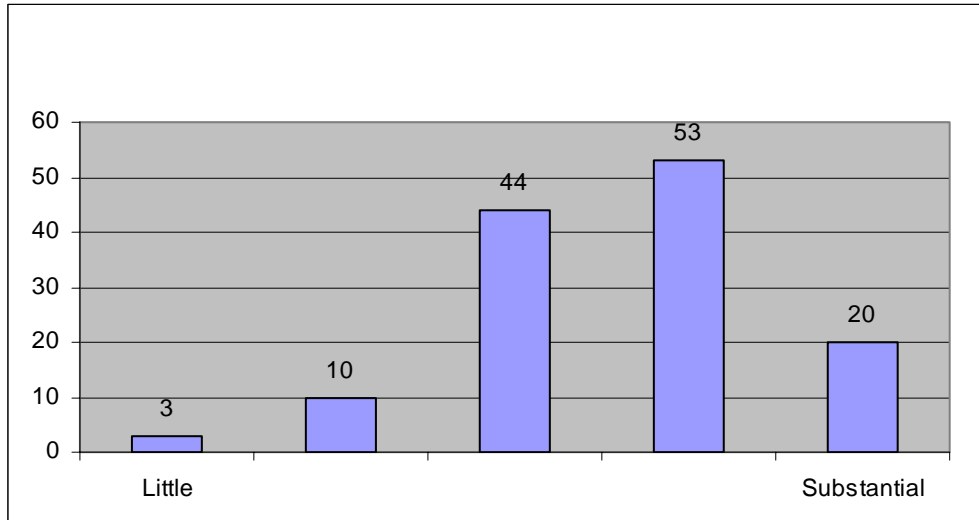
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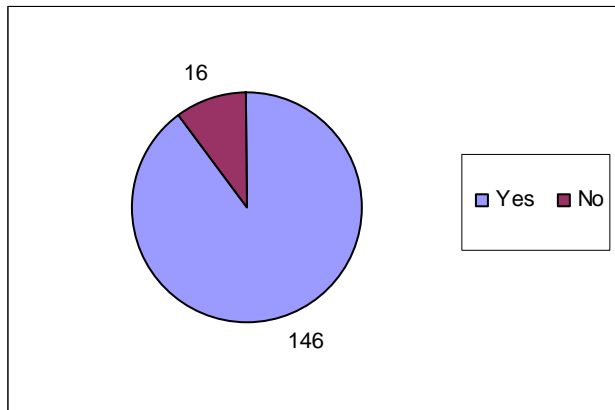
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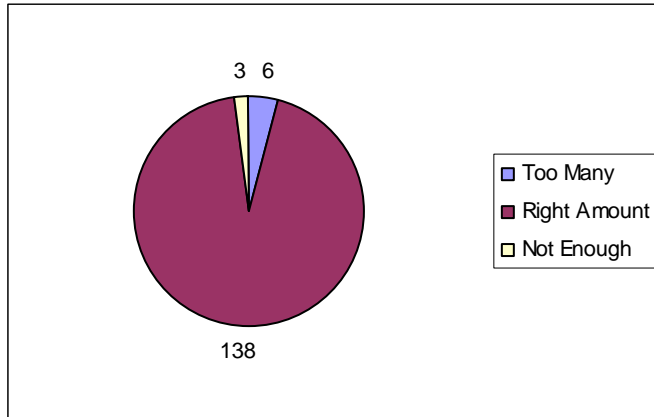
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Scientific Session 2: Strategies & Outcomes of Revascularization Procedures

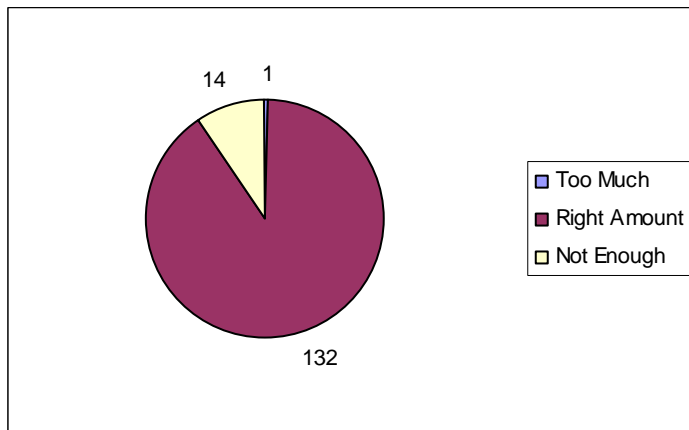
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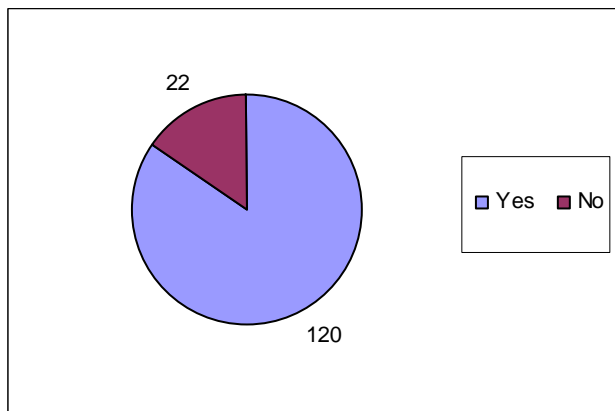
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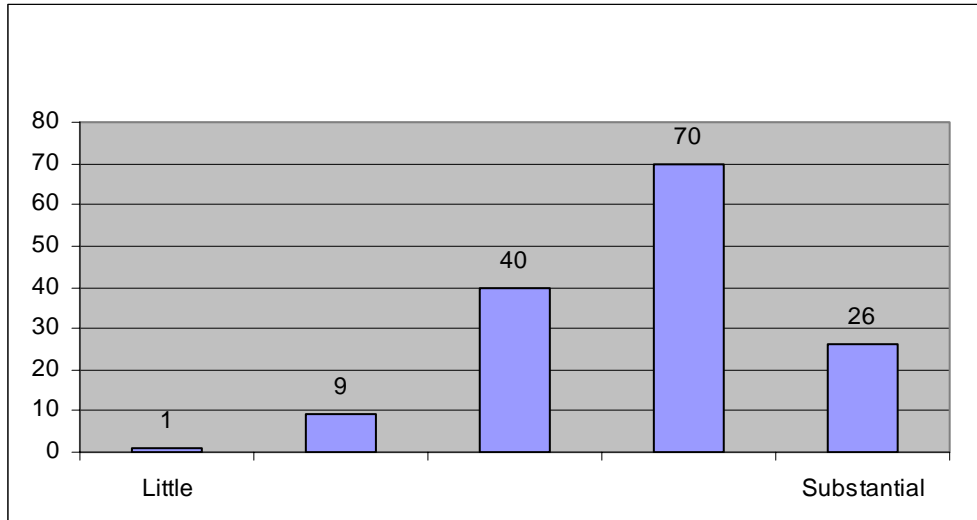
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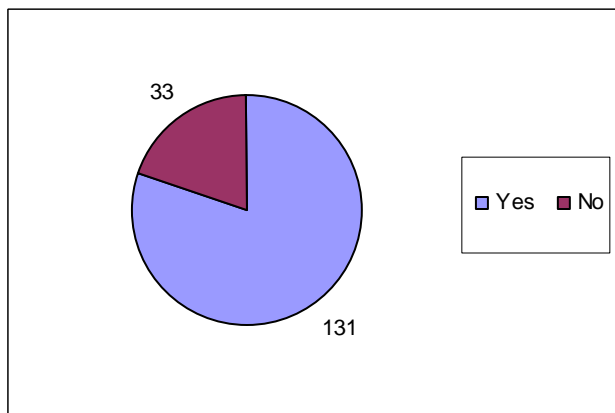
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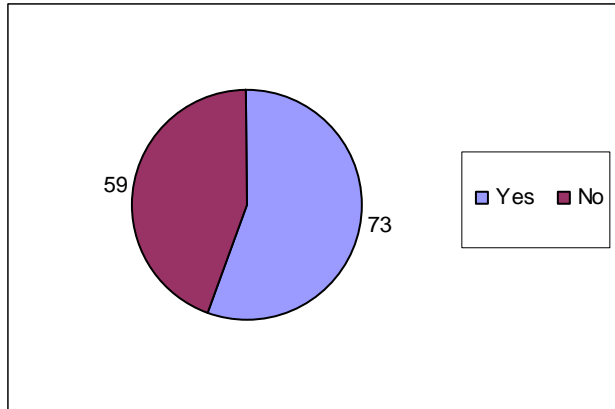
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Invited Topic: Robotic CABG

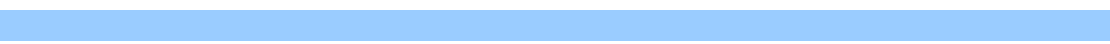
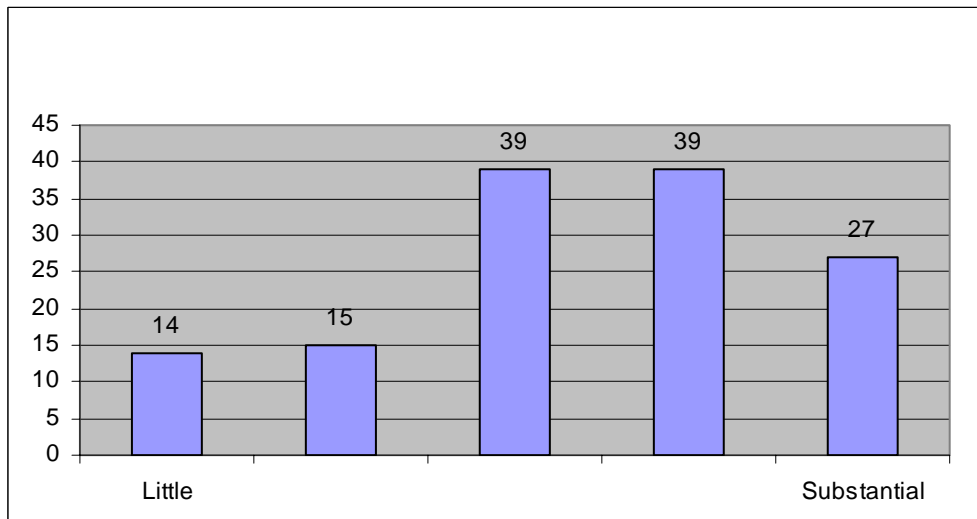
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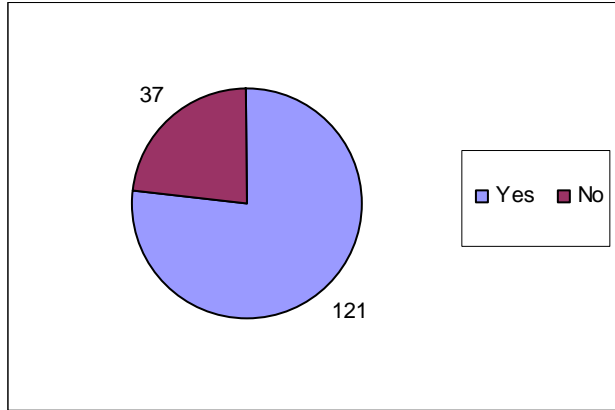
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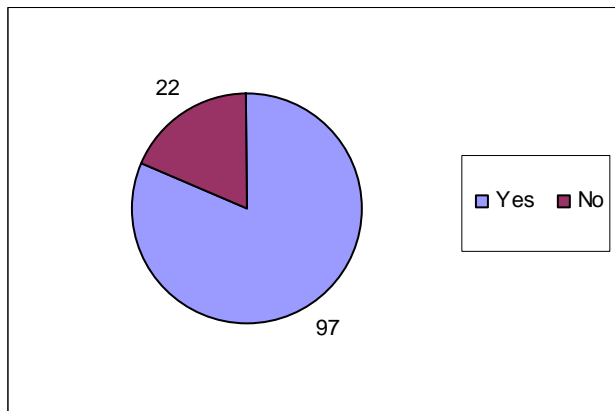
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Scientific Session 3: Imaging & Facilitating Technology

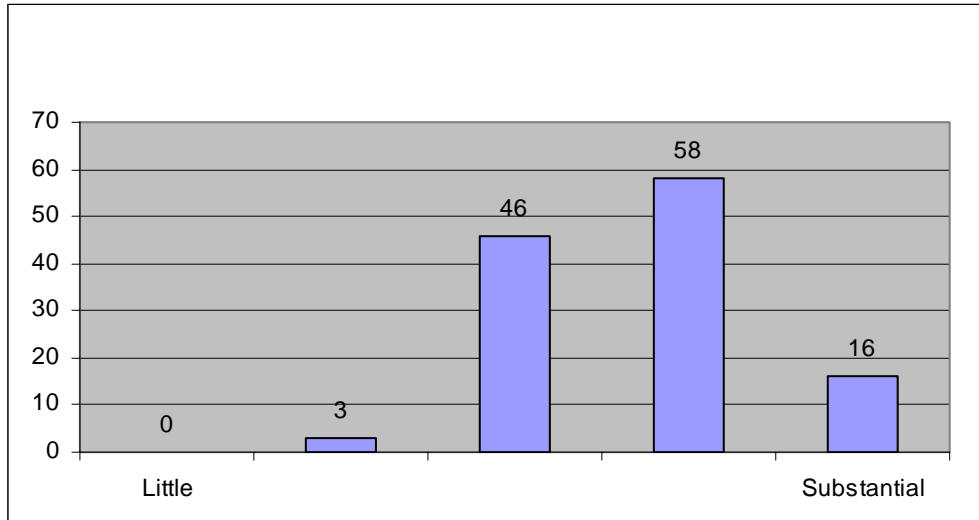
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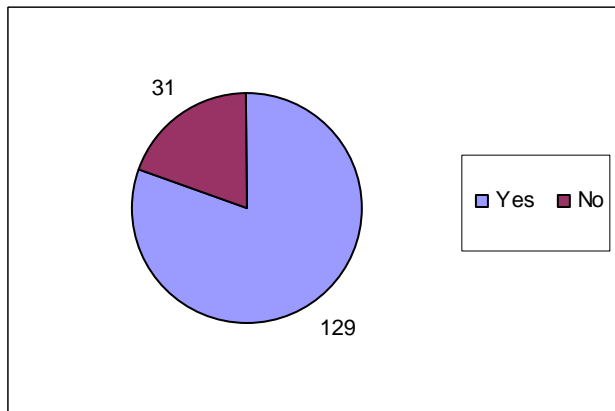
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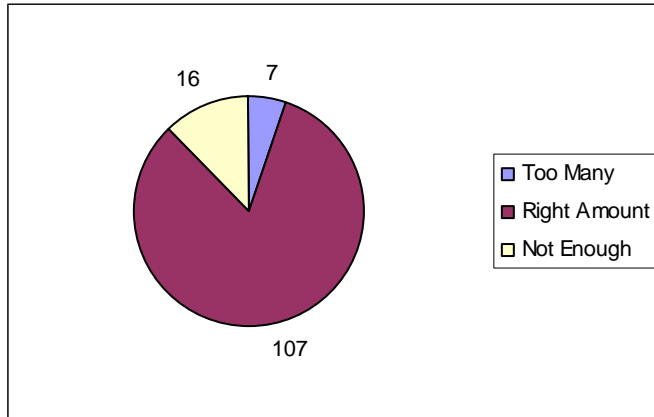
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[Scientific Session 4: Innovative Techniques for Aortic & Valvular Disease](#)

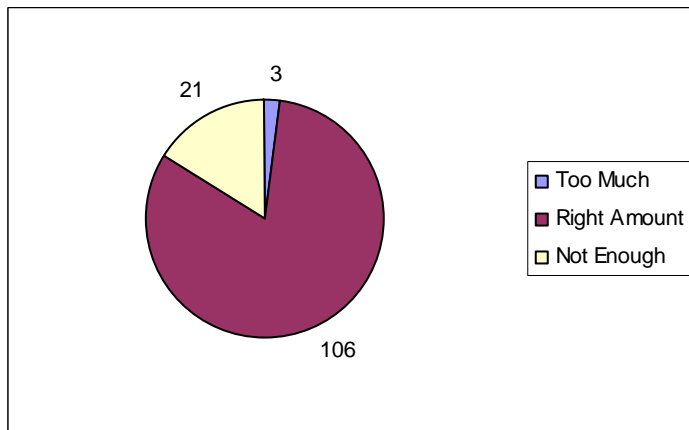
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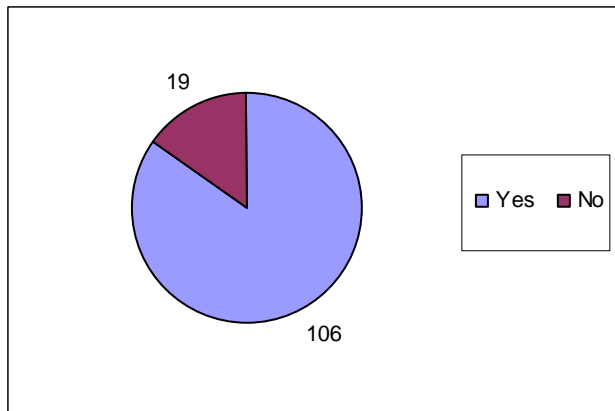
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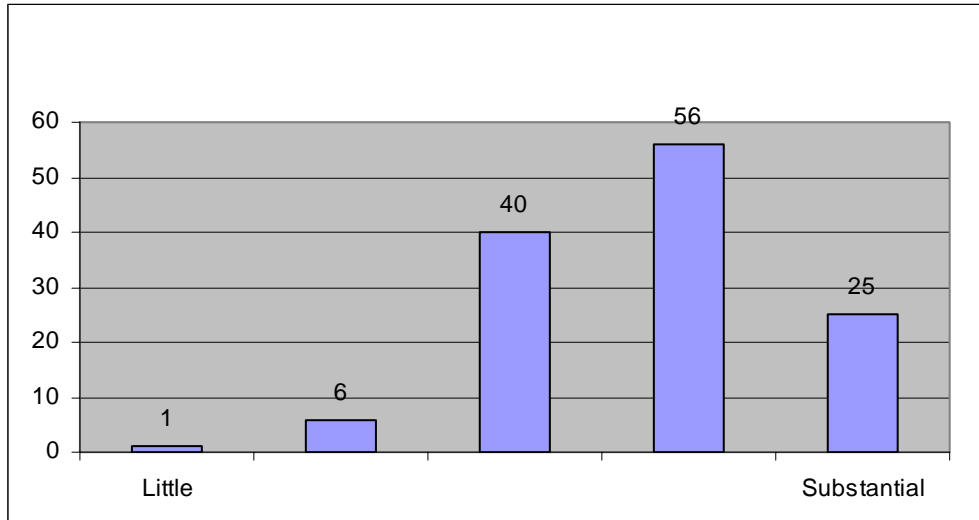
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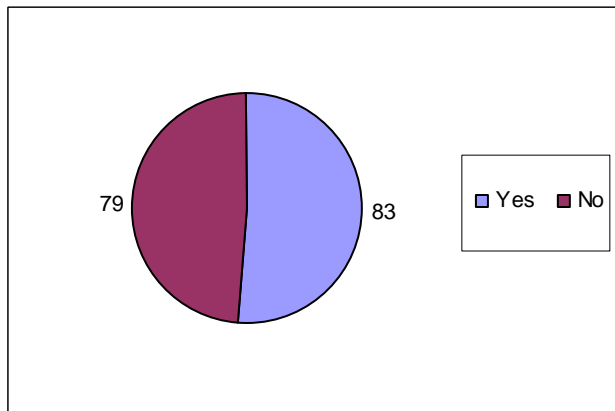
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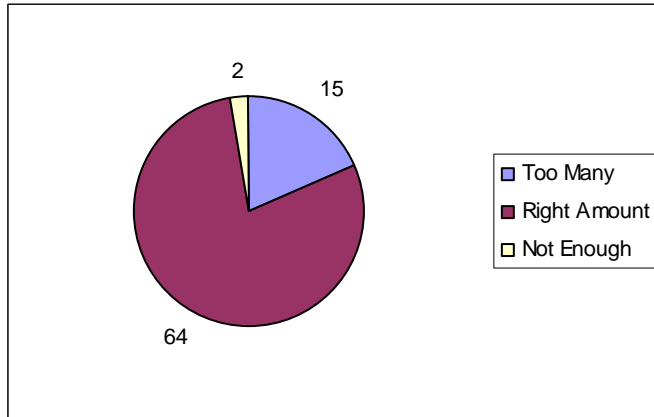
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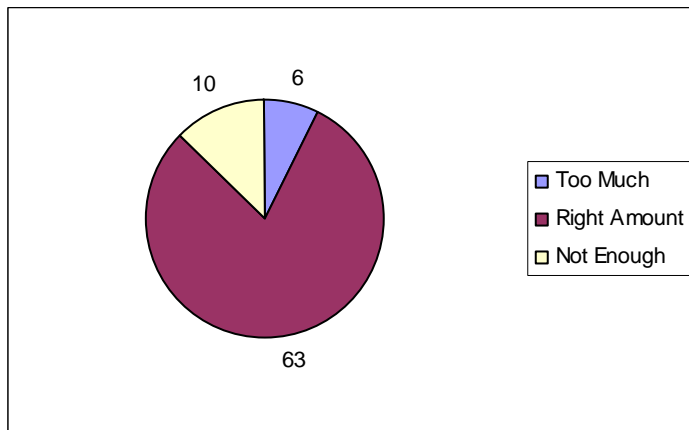
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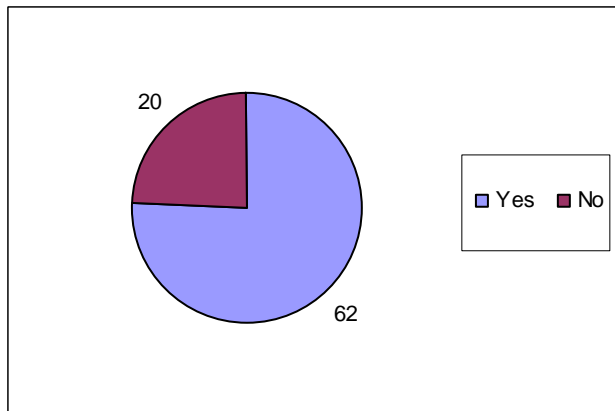
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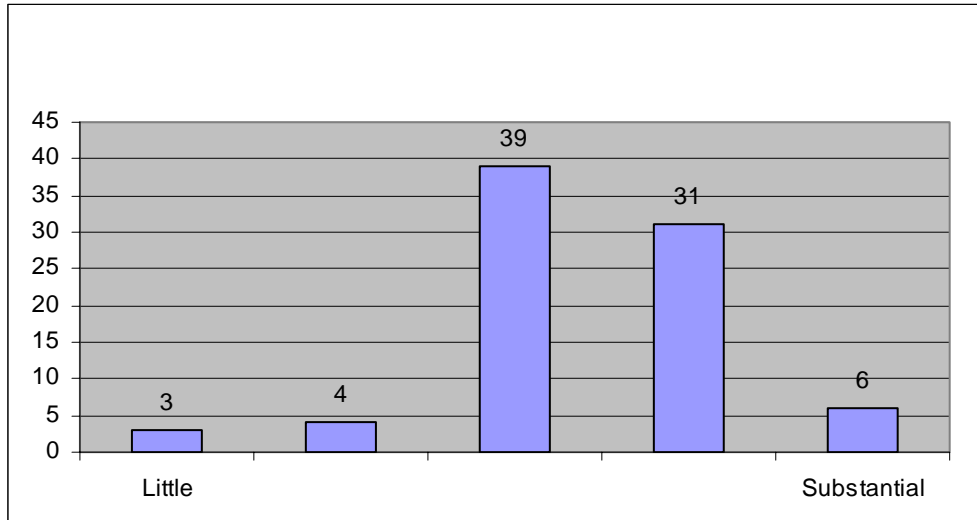
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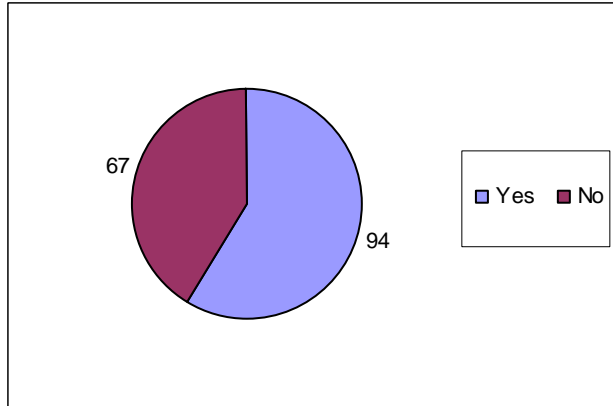
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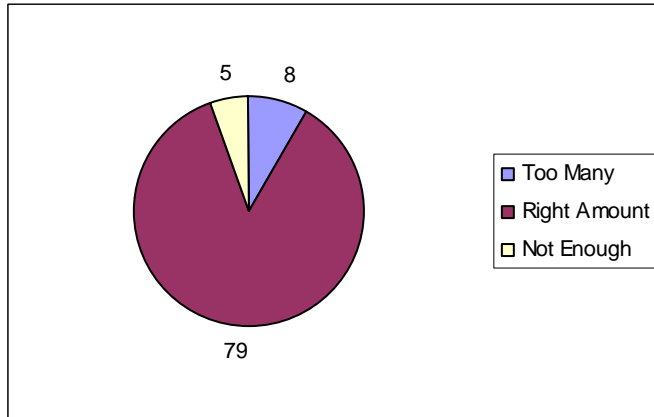
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Case Reports Session

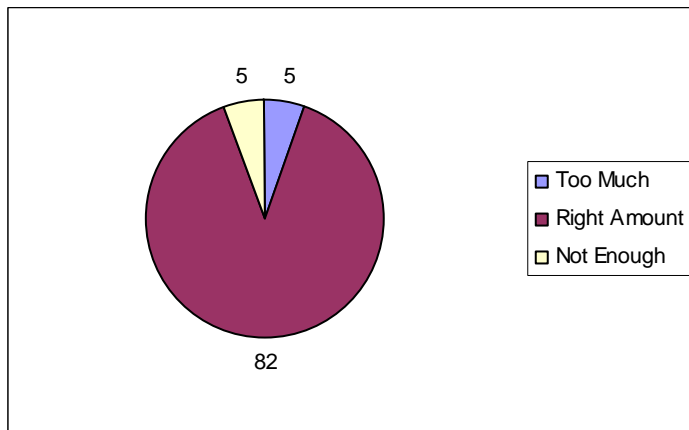
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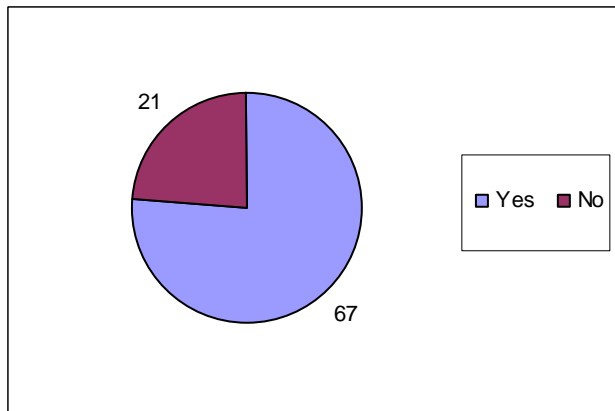
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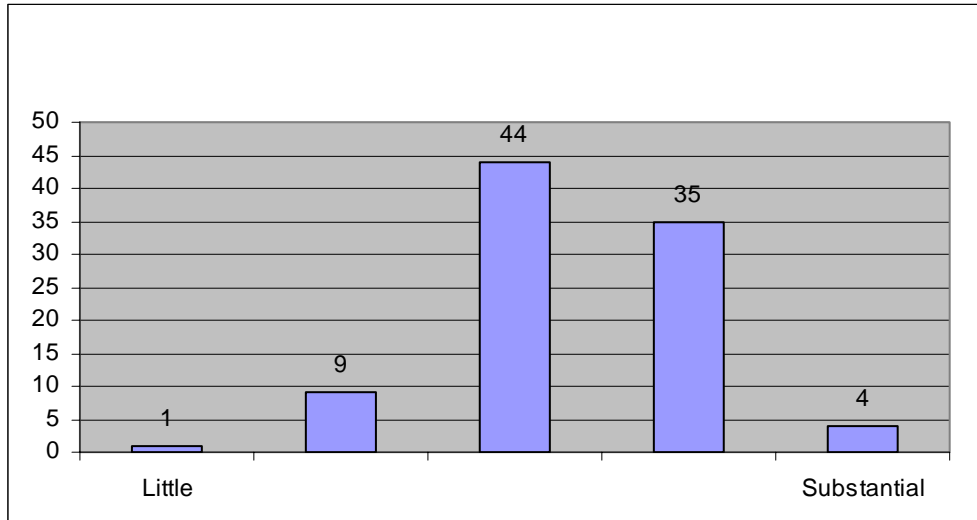
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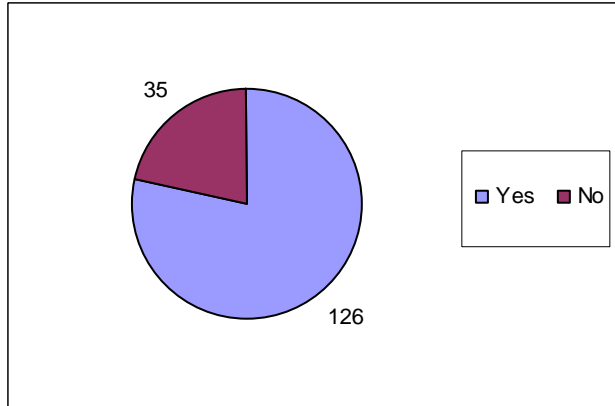
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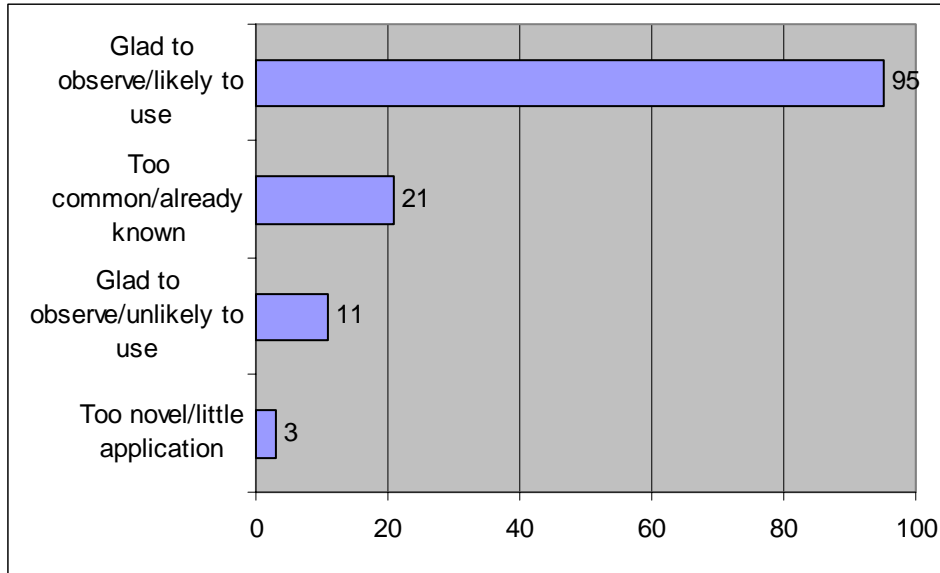
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Scientific Session 5: Cardiac Arrhythmia

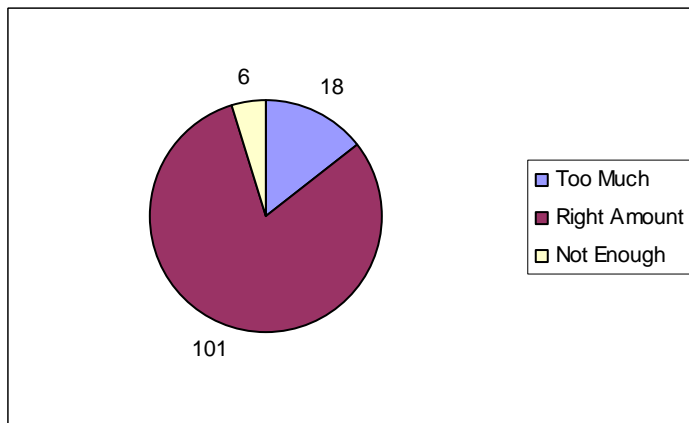
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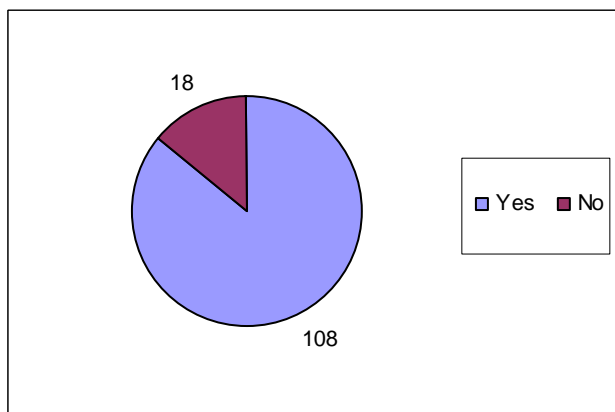
36. Selection of cases (Please check all that apply)



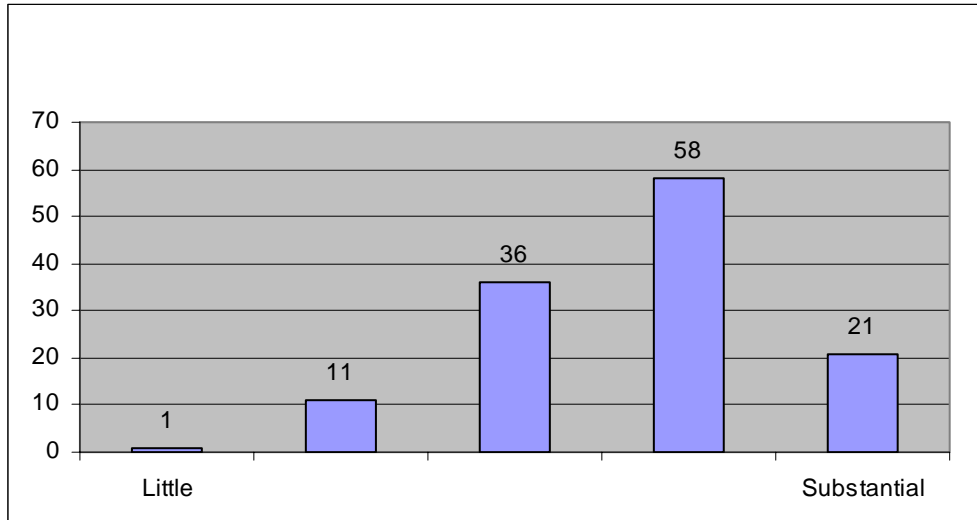
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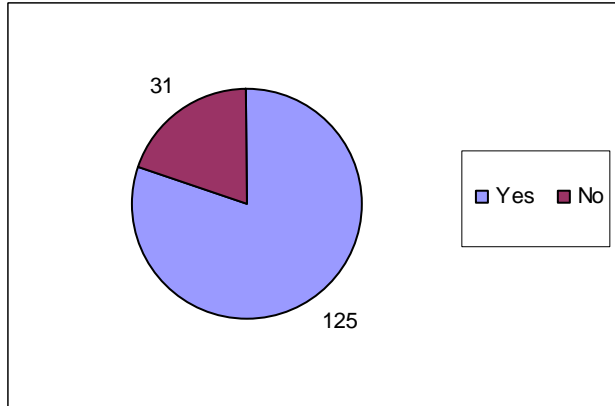
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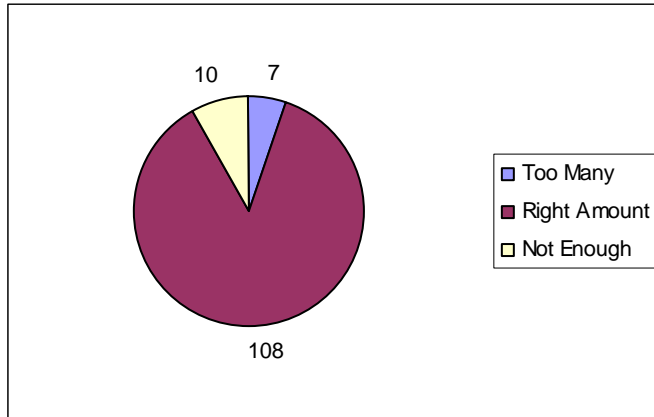
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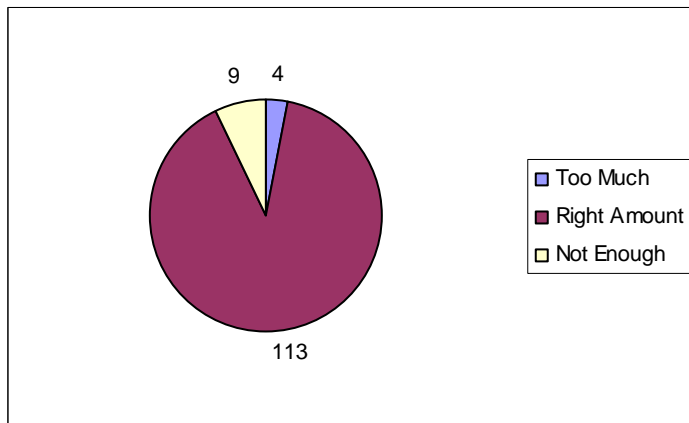
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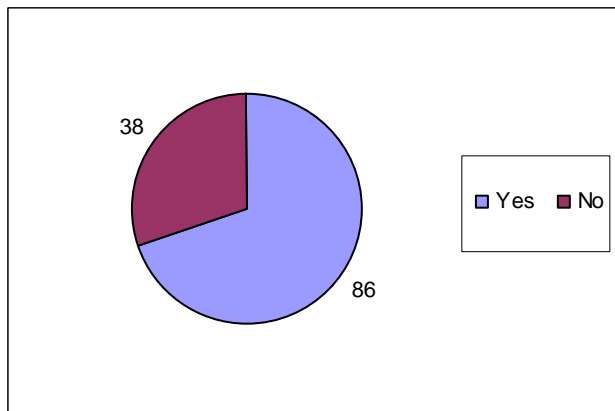
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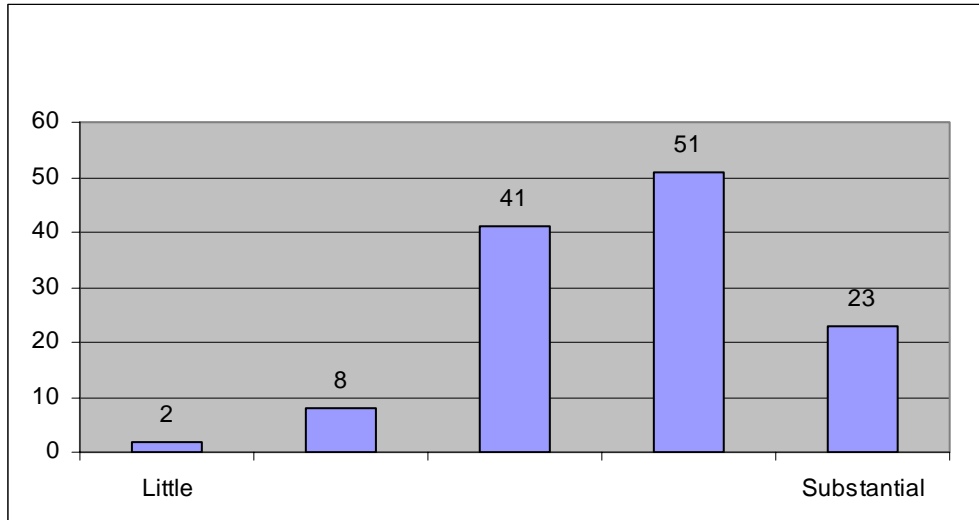
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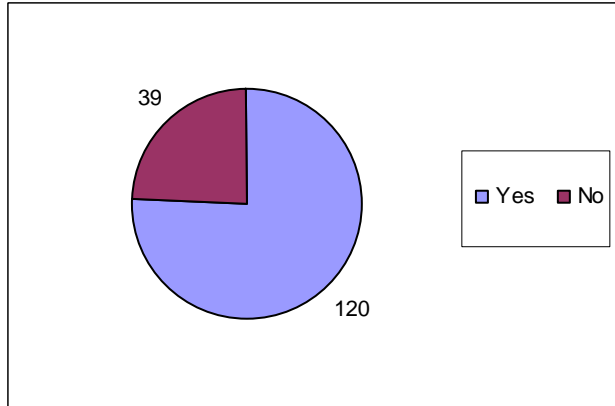
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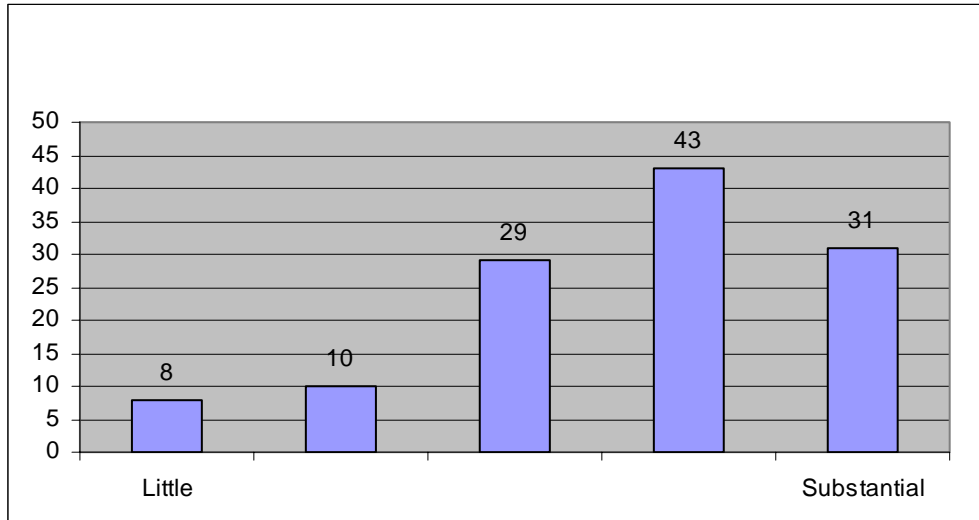
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[Keynote Address: Chronicles of the Origins and Future of Surgical Robotics](#)

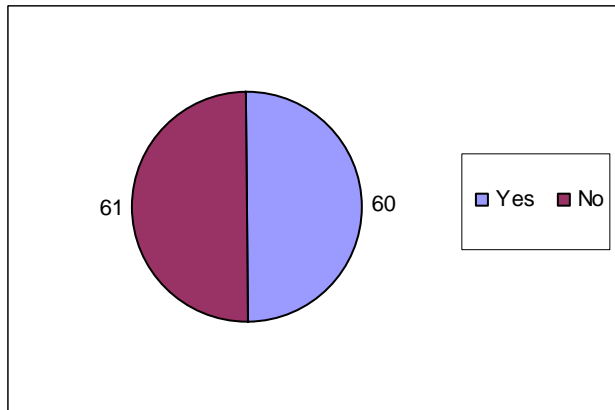
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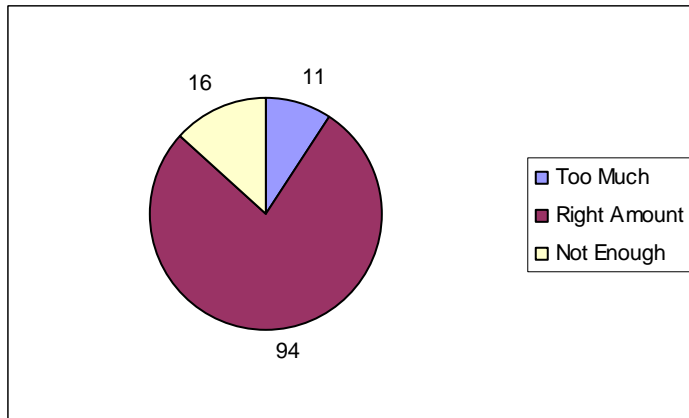
46. How would you rate the importance of this topic to your professional career?



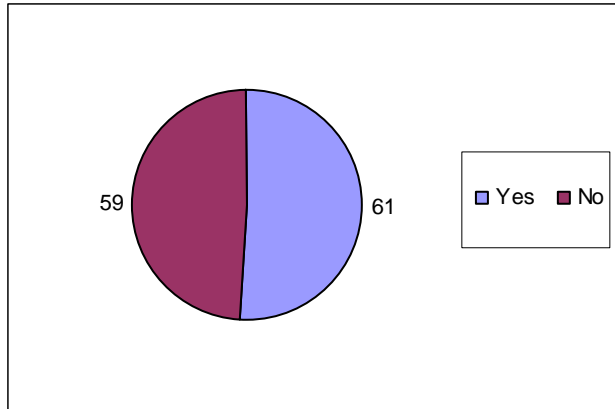
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48. How would you rate the amount of time allotted for this session?



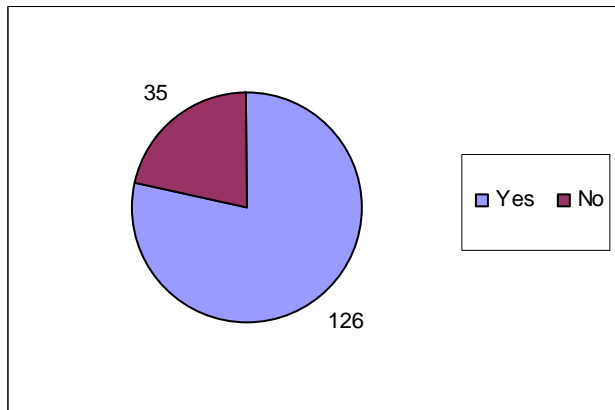
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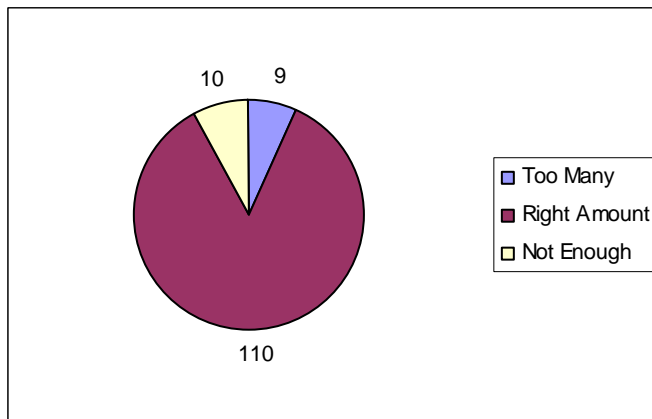
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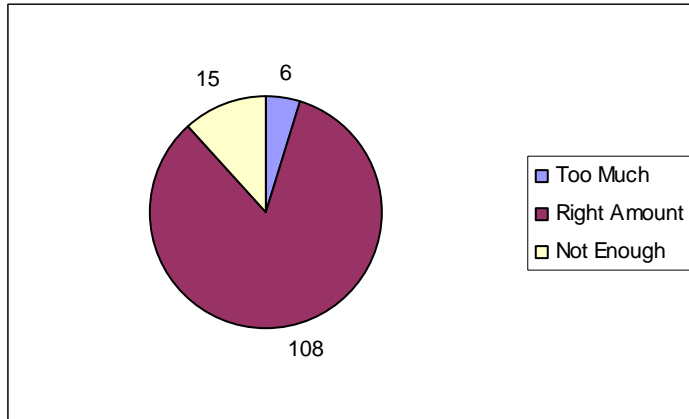
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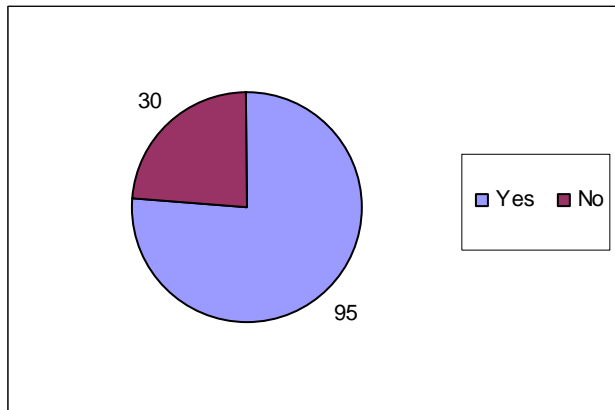
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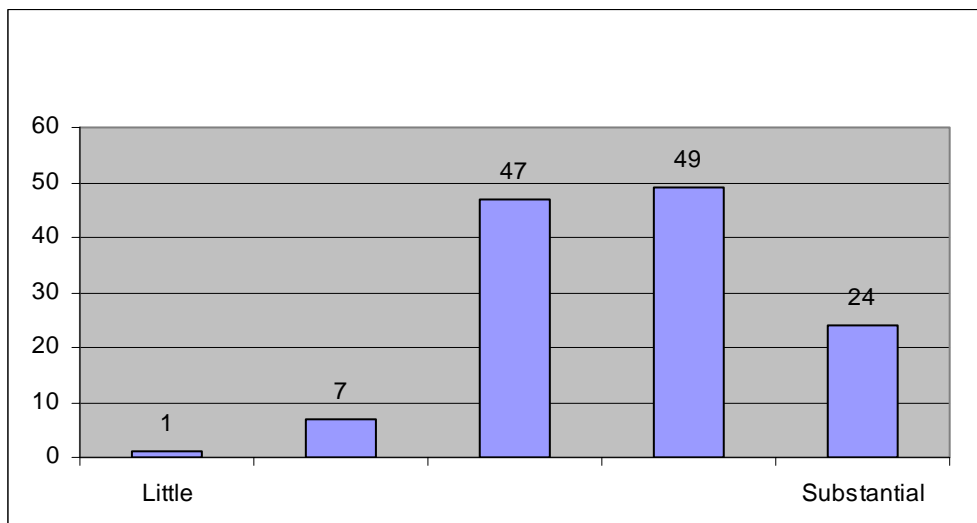
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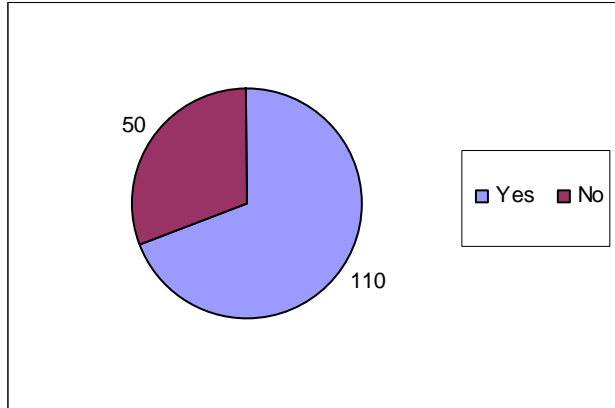
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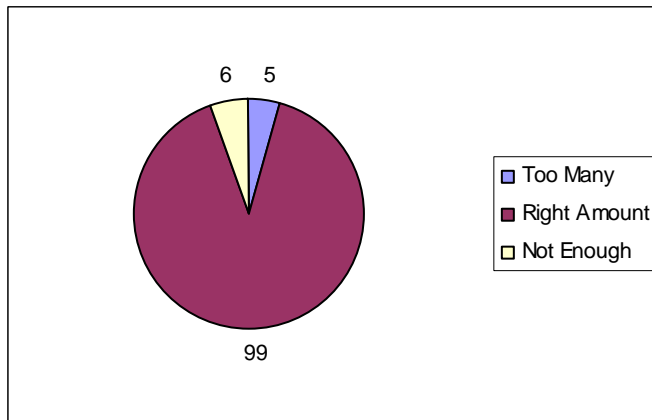
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Scientific Session 8: Novel Technologies & Approaches

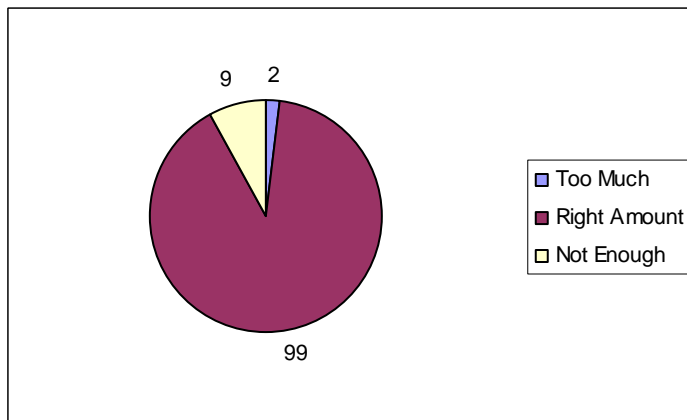
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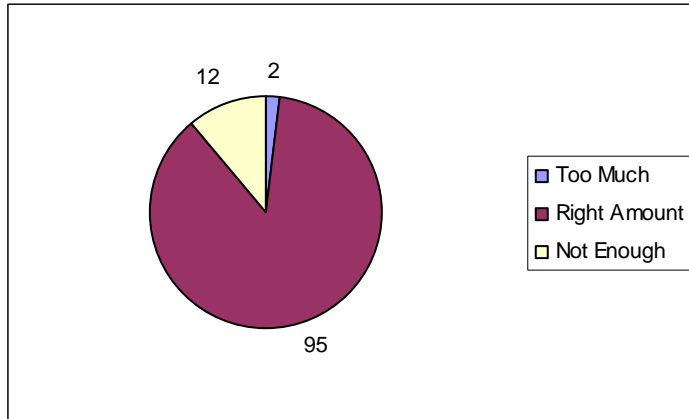
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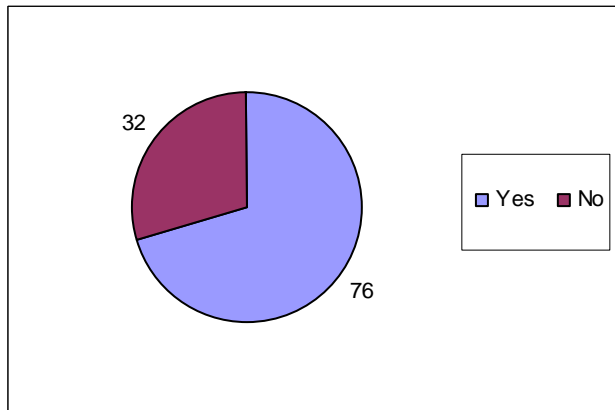
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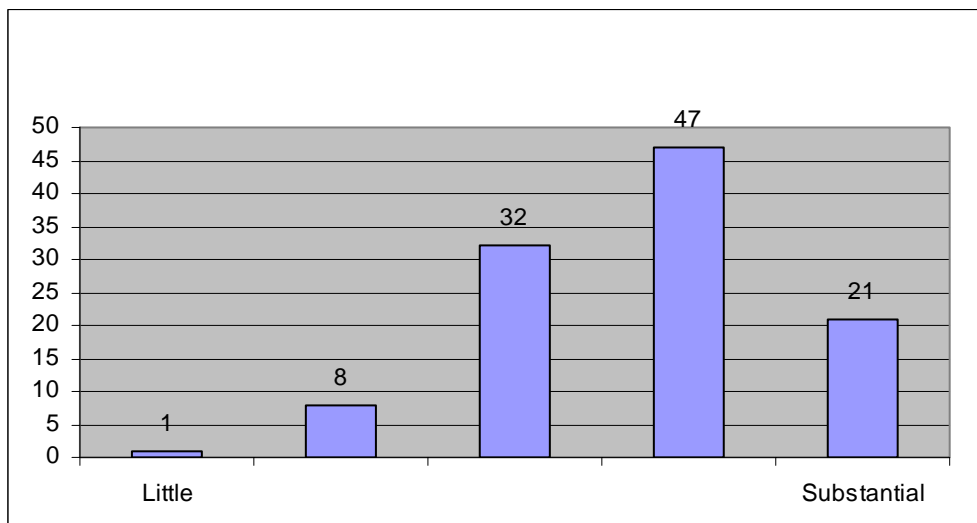
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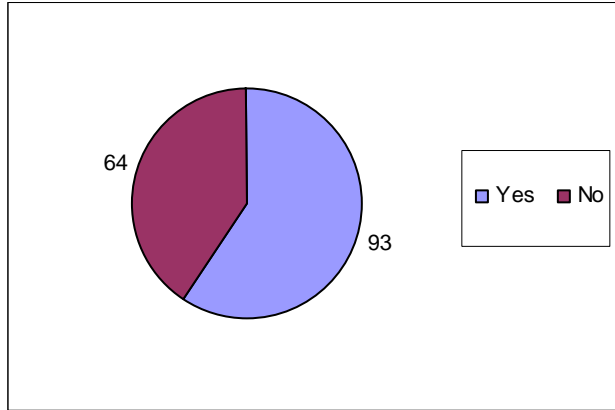
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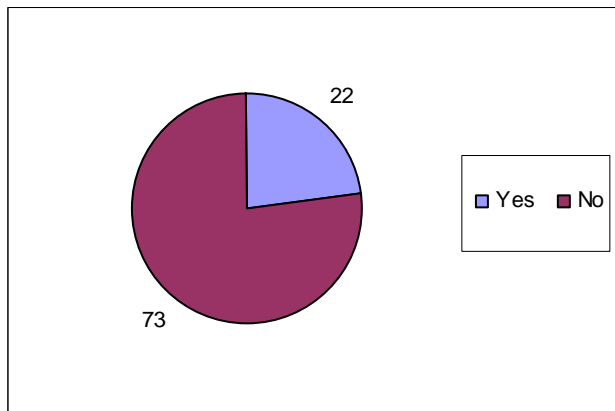
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Invited Topic: Nanotechnology

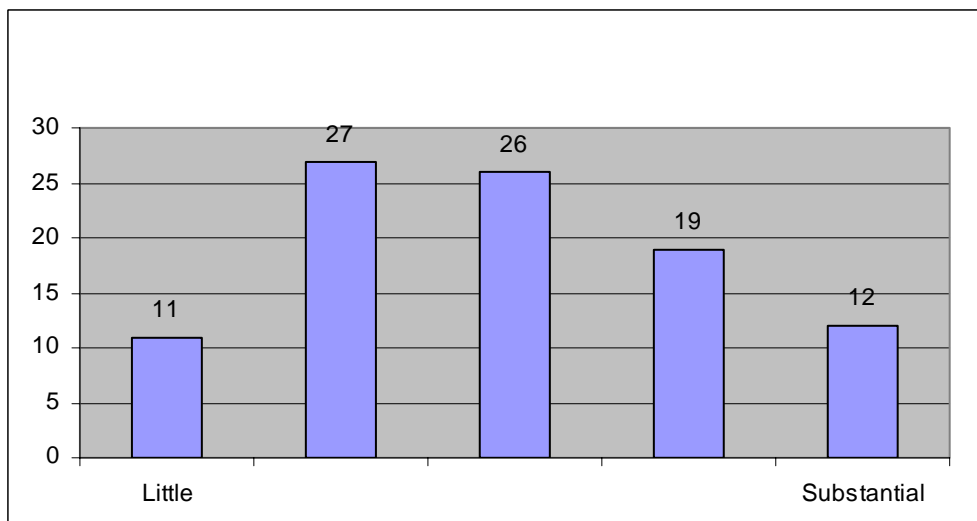
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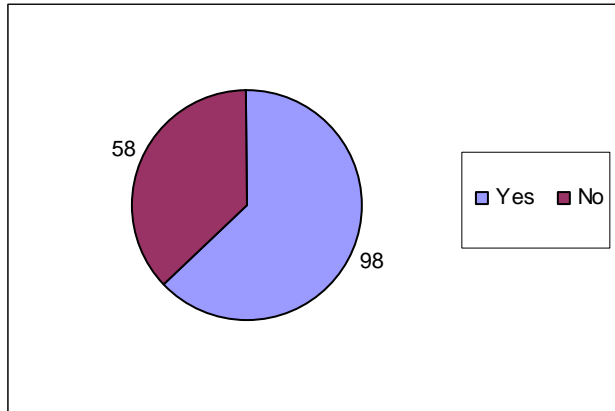
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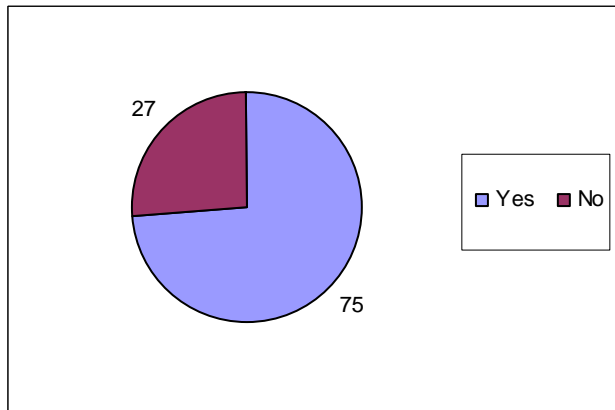
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Invited Topic: Hybrid Approaches to Cardiac Procedures

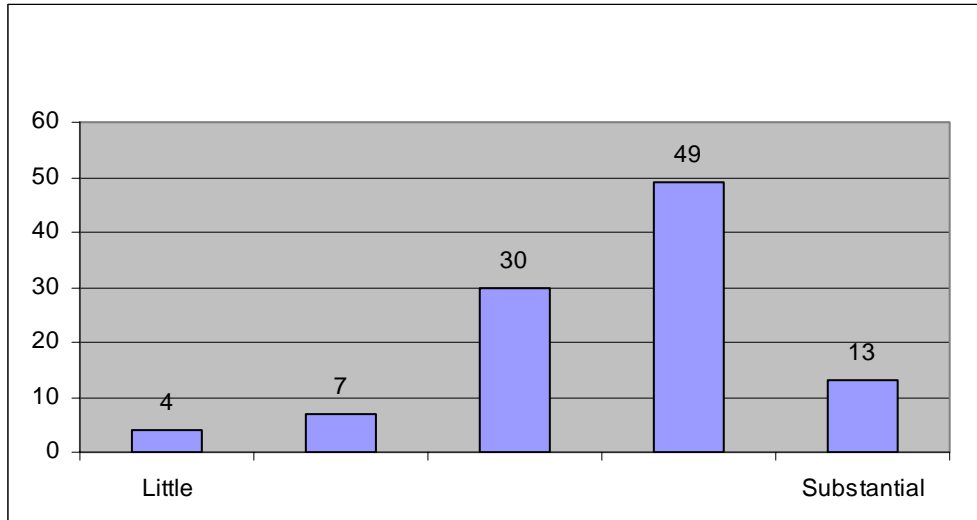
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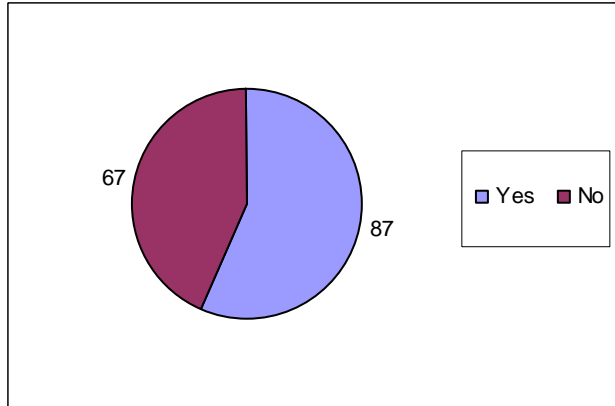
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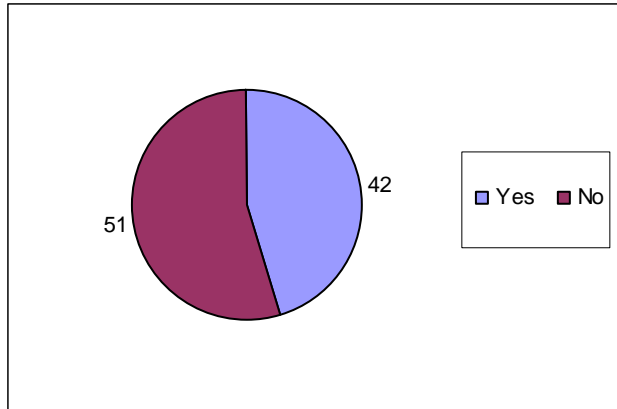
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Invited Topic: Articulating Endoscopic Instruments & 3D Videoscropy

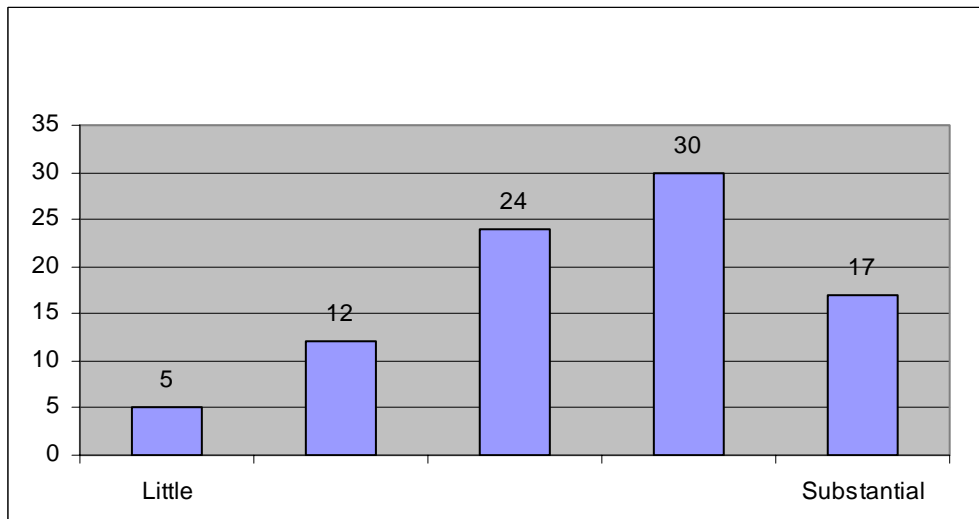
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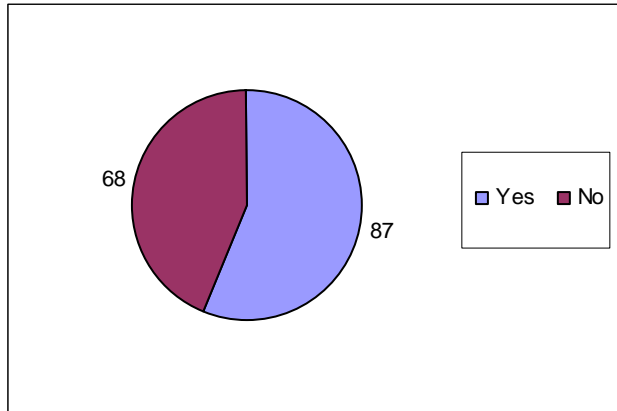
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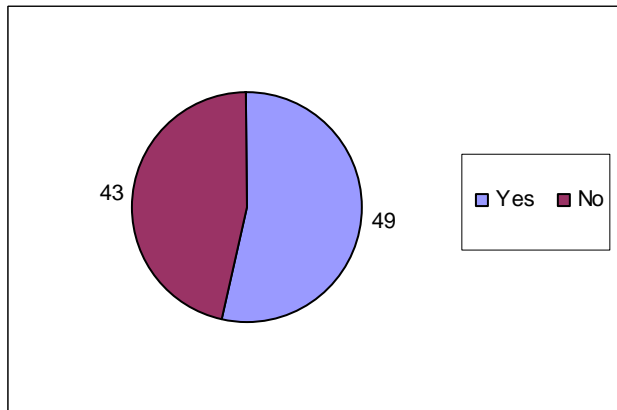
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Panel: LVADs for Destination Therapy

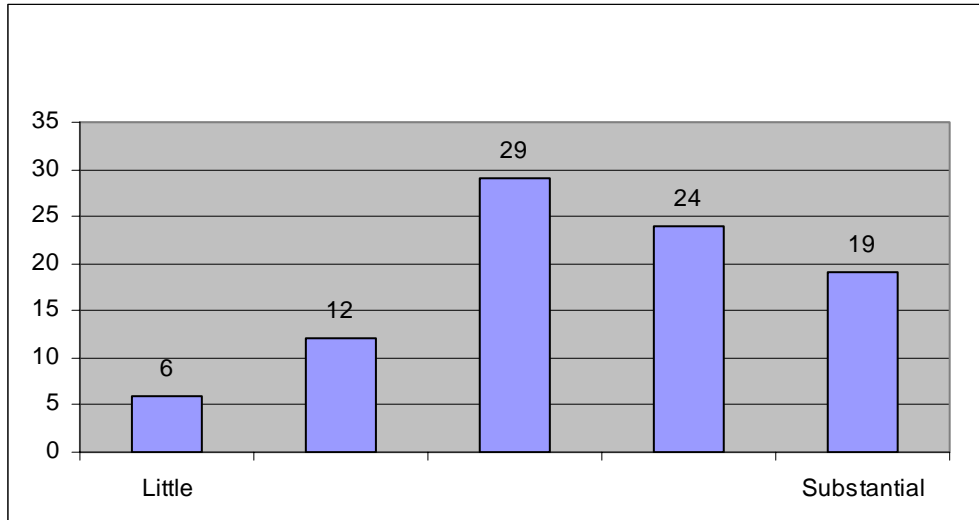
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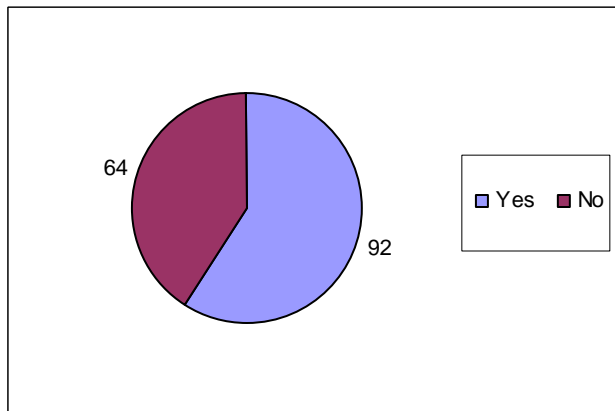
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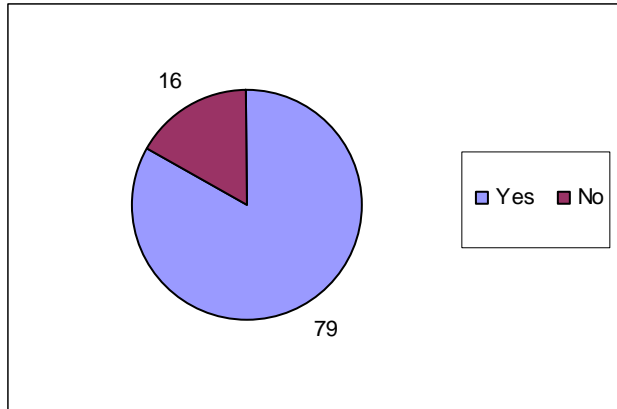
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Panel: What IS Minimally Invasive AFIB?

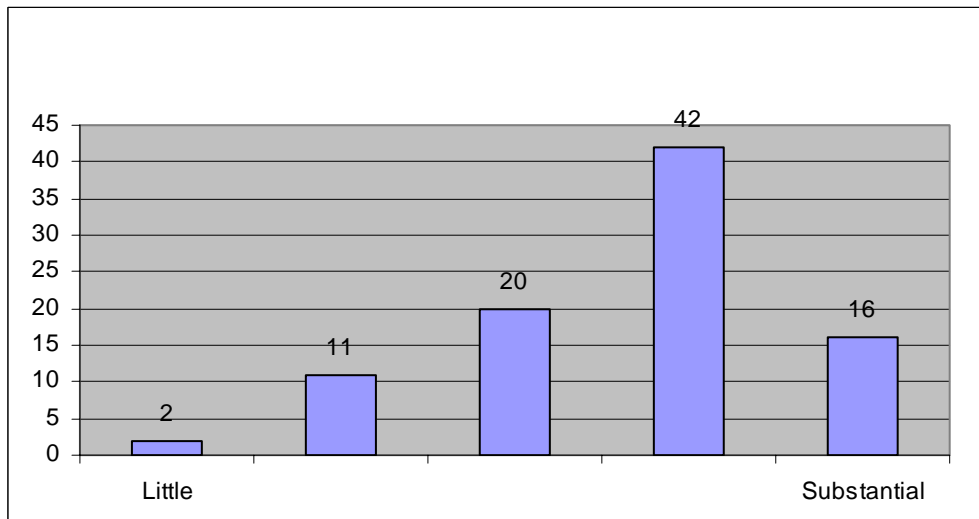
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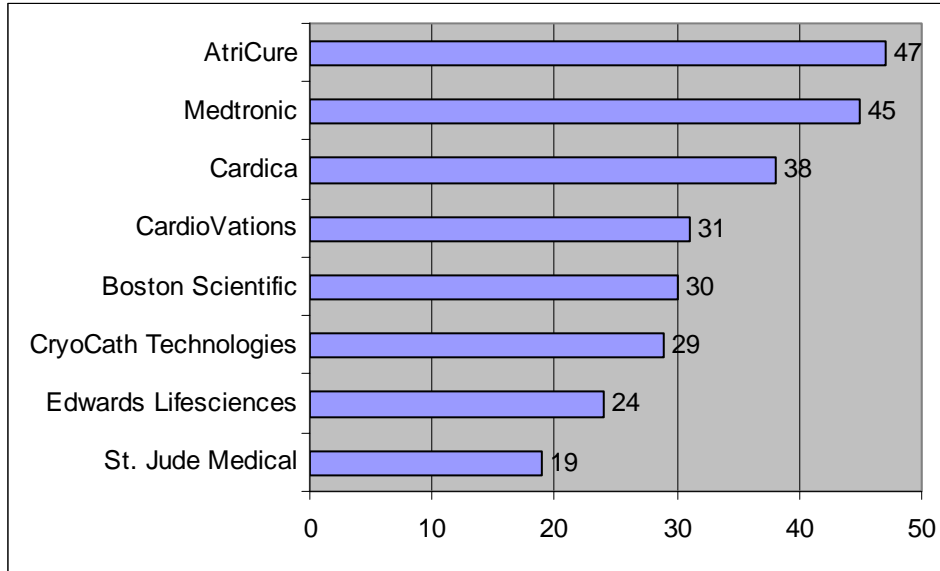


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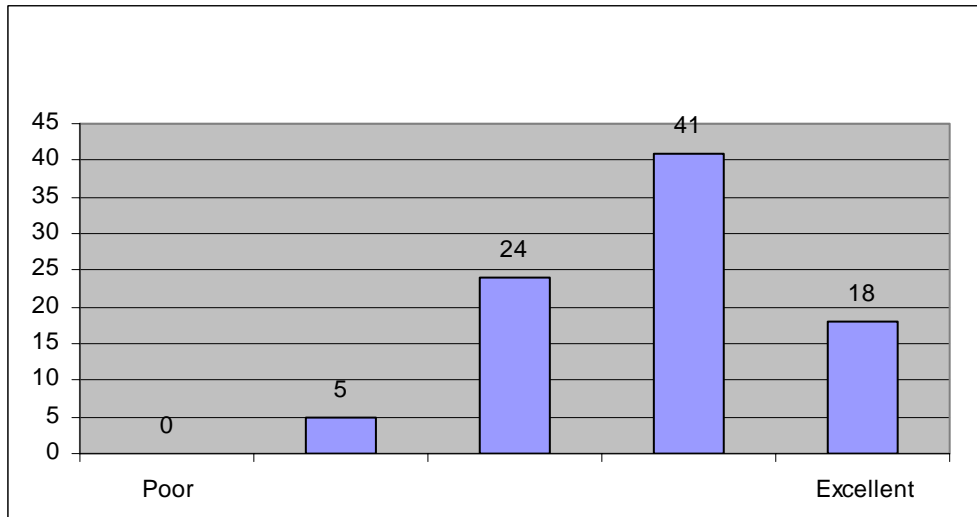


WetLabs

1. *Check all WetLabs you attended:*
 You may give more feedback on any/all WetLabs you attended, click on the company name above to access 7 questions for each. You may give feedback on one, a few or all.



2. *Please rate the overall quality of the WetLab experience*



3. *What techniques/procedures will you use in your practice in the next 12 months?*

- A Fib surgery
- Ablation/ port access
- AF + thoracoscopic cab
- AF ablation
- AF Ablation, anastomotic device
- AF new surgical approaches
- AF, Facilitated anastomosis

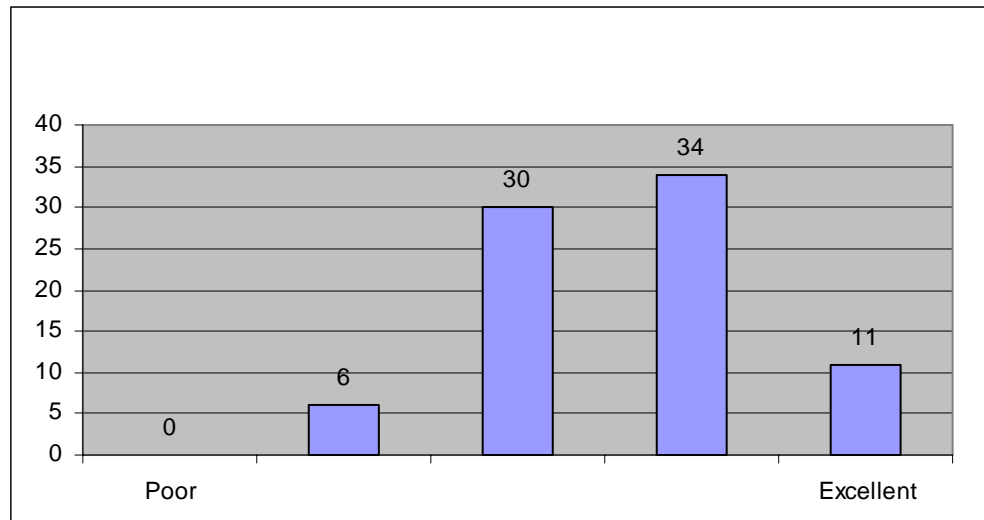
- Afib
- Anastomotic device
- Atrial ablation, anastomotic devices
- Atrial fib ablation
- Atrial fibrillation ablation
- Atrial fibrillation
- Atrial fibrillation surgery
- C-PORT
- Cardia anastomotic devices
- Cardica
- Cardica and atricure
- Cardica c-port, LAA clip
- Cardica distal anastomotic device, stricture mini-maze
- Cryo maze IV
- Cryocath for afib ablation
- Cryomaze
- Currently use Medtronic, Atricure and Guidant. Will try St Junde in next 12 months
- Differing
- Differing Afib modalities and mini-invasive valve techniques
- Distal anastomosis
- Distal anastomotic connector?
- Distal anastomotic devices
- Edwards, bsx, novadaq
- Endocardial
- Endoscopic ablation therapy
- Estech hook/sucrer for MVR Port Access, Portapleg device
- ESVH
- EVHS
- Laser, use of bipolar stimulation to check for complete block
- Midcab, afib surgery
- Mini-maze, cardica connector
- Minimally invasive A fib surgery
- Minimally invasive afib treatment
- Minimally invasive atrial ablation, thoracoscopic harvesting of the internal mammary artery.
- Minimally invasive mase
- Minimally invasive PV ablation for lone af
- None
- RF ablation
- Robotic cab, LVAD, cab, avr minnially invasive, MAZE procedures
- Robotic,anastomotic device
- Robotics, minimally-invasive AF
- Thoracoscopic pulmonary vein isolation
- Thoracoscopic valve surgery
- U clips af ablation
- Will continue improving minimally invasive techniques

4. *Please use this space to comment on the value of specific WetLab sessions:*

- Adequate
- Average
- Boston scientific simulator was of great value
- C port
- Cardioventions
- Enjoyed
- Excellent

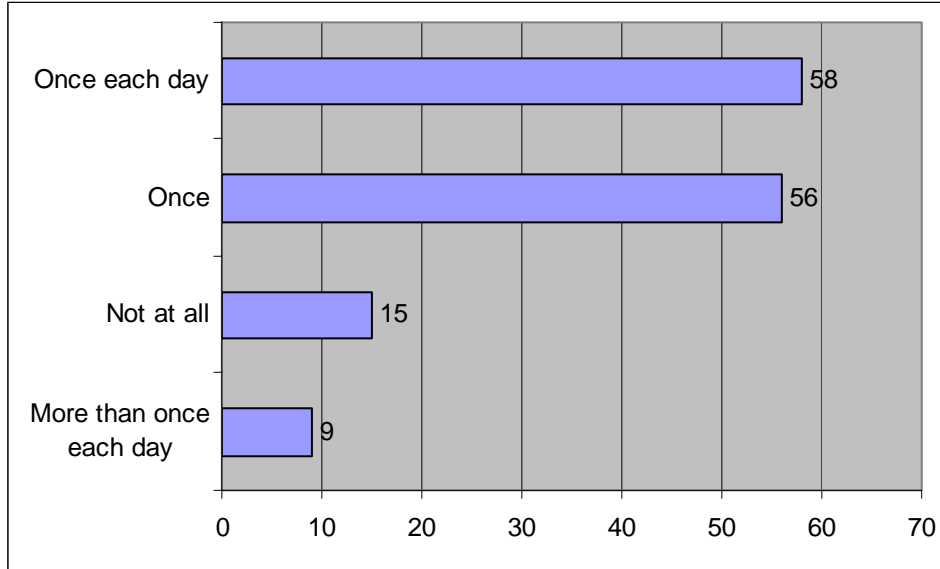
- Excellent opportunity to see the effects/ gross limits of technology
- Extreme value
- Extremely valuable
- Fair
- Good and informative. The lighting in the hall could be better
- Good to have hands on exoerince and learn from the experts and the developers of the technology
- Good!
- Great
- It is very important to make the first contact with new technology.
- More indepth interface with industry
- New equipment seen
- Reasonablly good
- They show the proper application of Cryocath.
- Too many people
- Useful, but poorly organized. Need better lighting
- Valuable
- Valuable part of ISMICS meeting
- Very basic
- Very helpful best part of industry exhibits
- Very important. O.R. surgeons/nurses want to praxise new things, not only discuss them!
- Very valuable
- Virtual Training

5. How would you rate the effectiveness of the equipment/models used in the WetLabs

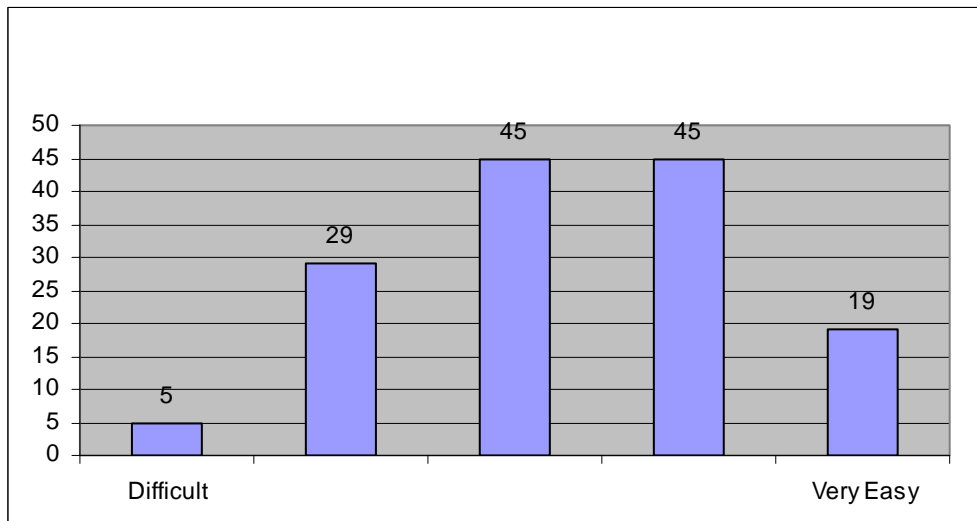


Exhibition Hall

1. Over the next 12 months do you expect to apply specific knowledge/skills gained from this session?



2. How would you rate the ease of navigating the Hall and finding the companies of interest to you?

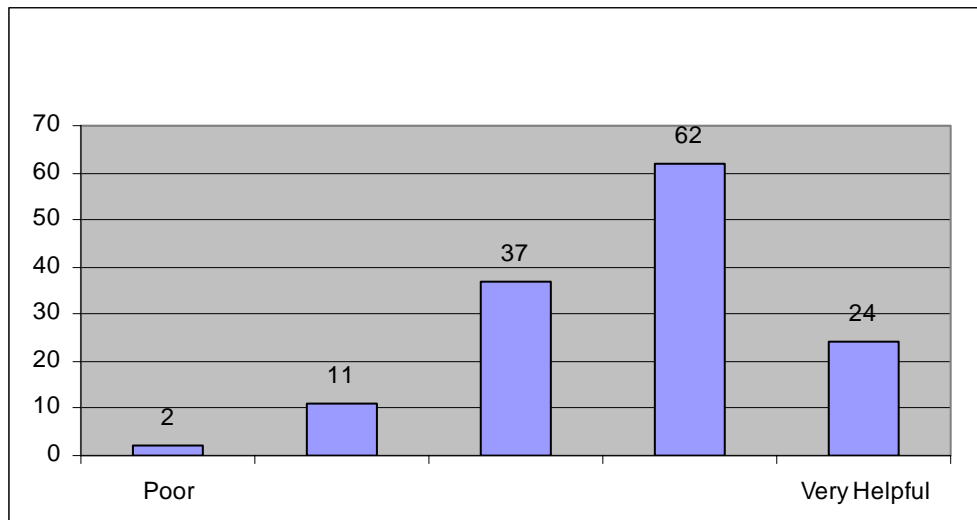


3. Please list any products/devices not on exhibit that you wanted to see and that did not exhibit.

- Castlewood Surgical Inc. Pentalon proximal tool
- Computer assisted stapling
- Cooper Surgical
- Endoscopic technology, heart valves, anastomotic devices
- Hands on ROBOTICS
- Intuitive robot
- J and J

- Latest model of da Vinci robot
- MECC products
- Medical book store
- MIDCAB devices
- More robotic and virtual reality displays
- N/A
- None
- Perfusion mini circuits
- Simulators
- The exhibit hall was too far from the speakers room
- Thoracoscopic instruments for thoracic surgery
- Very new products portaclamp, portapleg, devices for aut. Anastomosis, gel peacing leads

4. How would you rate the helpfulness of the exhibit hall representatives



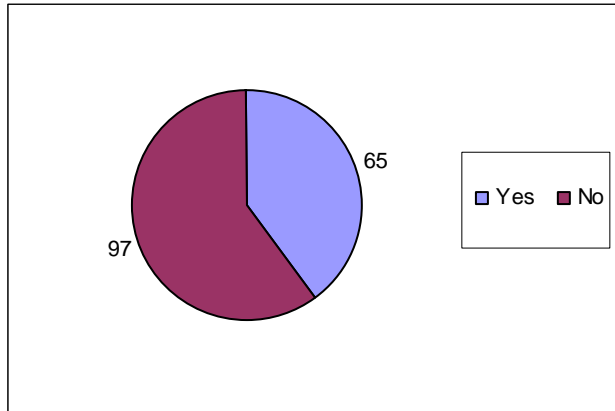
5. Please use this space to make any suggestions you have regarding the Exhibition component of the meeting

- All the latest technology should be available especially in the field of minimally invasive cardiac
- Better maps
- Did not like that exhibitors were split into 2 areas and distance from main hall
- Have it all in the same floor if possible
- It's better to have the exhibit in one area rather than multiple halls
- Liked the use of the entire grounds at the fairmount
- N/a
- No suggestions
- None
- Poor participation of leading companies!!!
- Rooms too far apart
- Should all be on the same floor
- Split space is very bad. All vendors should be in one place. I hate walking all over the place.
- The exhibit halls were too far away from the ballroom.
- The two locations were difficult to orient to
- They seemed to be moroe disjointed, being on different floors.
- To show material for general thoracic surgery
- Too few exhibitions, may be a lot more

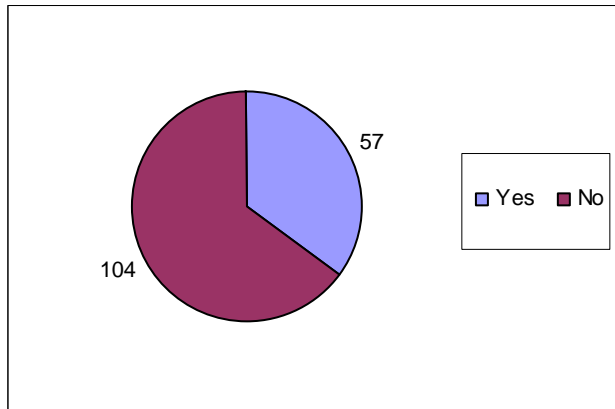
- Try and put it in 1 room

Social Functions

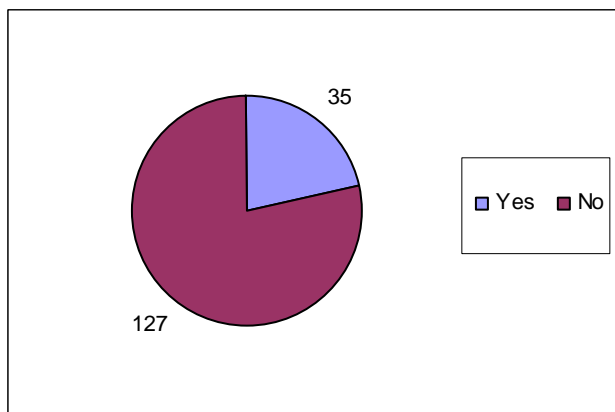
1. Did you attend the Welcome Reception held in the Exhibition Hall Wednesday evening?



2. Did you attend the Awards Reception held in the Tonga Room Foyer Friday evening?

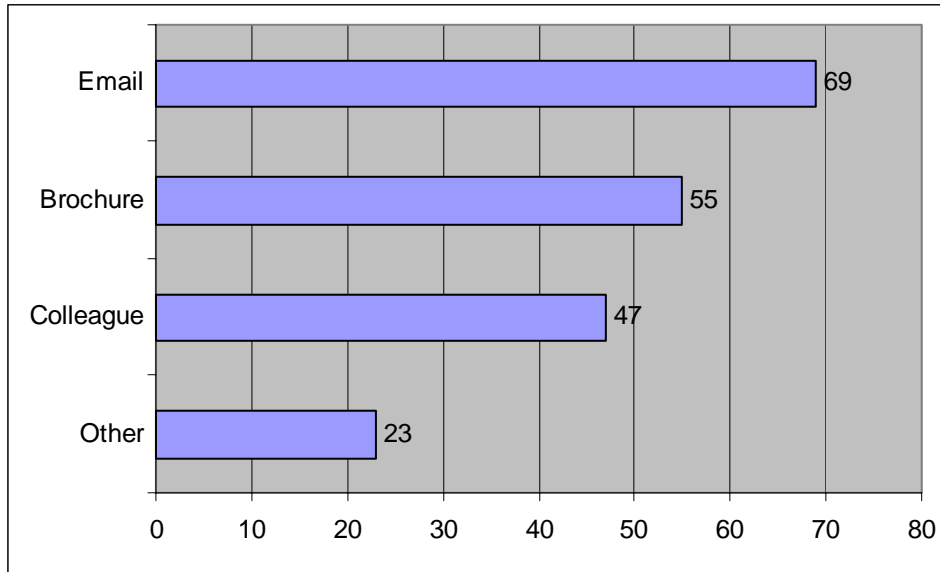


3. Did you visit the President's Nightcap later Friday evening?



Other Factors

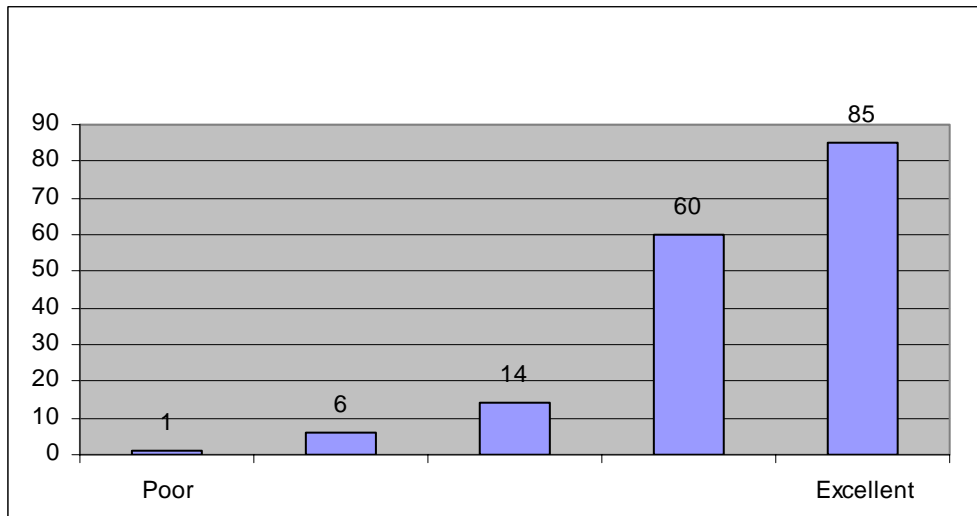
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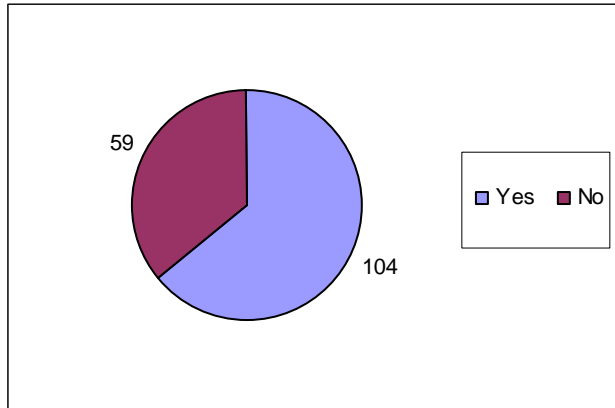
Other:

- Board of Directors
- Cardioventions Company
- CTS.Net
- I am a member
- Invited
- ISMCIS officer
- ISMICS website
- Member mail
- Membership
- SMIT Conference Website
- Web site

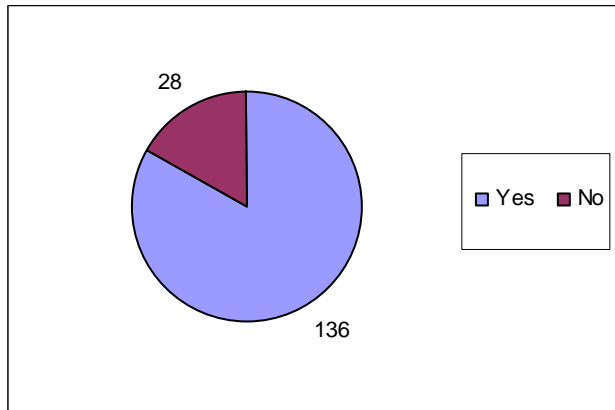
2. Please rate the quality and comfort of the meeting space used at the Fairmont San Francisco



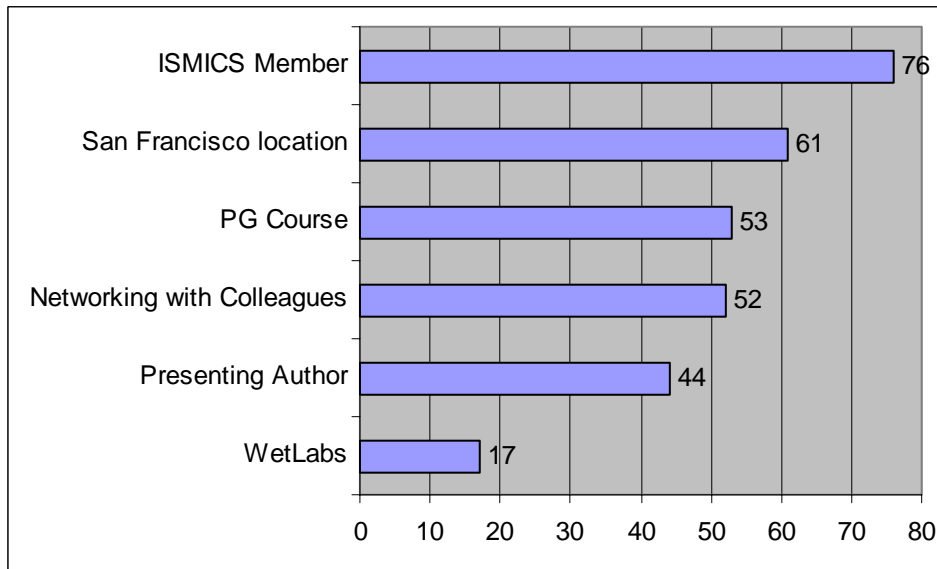
3. Did you stay at the headquarters hotel (Fairmont)?



4. Did you use the online registration process to sign-up for this meeting?



5. What was the key factor in your decision to attend the meeting? (check all that apply)



Other:

- Board of Directors
- Co author

- Co chairing the session
- Co-Author
- Contributing author for poster in competition
- Course content
- Directed efforts of clinical rsrch projs presented
- Easy access to authors. Intimacy of the meeting
- Educational opportunity
- Emphasis on robotics
- Focus on A Fib
- Interest in min. approaches
- Interest in minimal invasive surgery
- Interest on this type of surgery
- Invited lecturer
- Invited speaker
- ISMICS meeting
- Need to fulfill CME for recertification.
- Presentations
- Resident
- Resident with minimally invasive interests
- Specific interest in MICS
- To see what is evolving
- To see what is going on and what is possible
- Topics

6. *What topics/content would you like to see on the 2007 program?*

- A fib further discussion
- AF, beating heart surgery, anastomotic devices
- Ao valve min inv
- Continue atrial fibrillation post graduate course
- Coronary angiography for surgeons
- Doesn't matter too far away and expensive to attend.
- Economic and reimbursement issues, governmental policy changes, p4p
- Facilitated anastomotic devices, hybrid, percutaneous valves, mini-aortic valves
- Future valve surgery
- Heart failure therapies
- Hybrid cardiac procedures
- Hybride procedure/flow measurement opcab
- I liked the present content.
- Imaging techniques,
- Innovative technologies and less of a fib surgical techniques most of it is repetitive.
- Interventional valves
- Intraluminal prosthetic heart valves
- Less AFib
- Less of atrial fibrillation
- LVAD & aortic endoprothesis & mecc
- MECC
- Mechanisms by which a CT surgeon can get training and credentialling in catheter skills.
- Mic valve orcedures
- Mini-invasive valve
- Minimally invasive and robotic cardiac surgery
- Minimally invasive aortic valve surgery (percutaneous and trans-apical) : results, evolutions

- Minimally invasive approaches/thoroscopic for coronary revascularization without robotics.
- Minimally invasive valve surgery, robotic application for distal anastomosis,
- Mitral valve repair
- More AF, less robotics
- More congenital topics
- More endoscopic thoracic surgery
- More everyday items. The strong emphasis on cutting edge should be preserved but we need to have so
- More followup on AF surgery and results, more on robotics and 3d vision
- More followup on arrhythmia surgeries and their results
- More on robotics and LVAD's
- More on the surgical treatment of atrial fibrillation
- Neurocognitive events in clampsless proximal anastomosis technologies - real data.
- Non cardiac thoracic surgery
- Off-pump and vat-pv isolation PG course
- Op CAB and midcab surgery, hybrid procedures , minimal invasive mitral valve surgery
- Percutaneous valve procedures
- Port access/ cardioversion techniques.
- Practical experience with the da Vinci roboter: showing the complete procedure of the robotic MVR
- Robotic and minimally invasive cardiac surgery
- Robotic assisted CABG
- Robotics, hybrid, percutaneous/endovascular applications
- Surgery for atrial fibrillation, off-pump and minimally invasive CABG
- Surgical versus myocardial revascularization procedures considering surgical and cardiological trials
- Surgical vs. catheter ablation of AFIB: where do we go?
- Updates/ review on Afib Rx and techniques. More business/marketing techniques for CV surgical practice
- Valve surgery, endoscopic lung surgery, endo ACAB
- Whatever is innovative and possible to perform in less developed countries
- Yearly update on AFib ablation