



Impact of Drug Checking on consumers' behavior. Outreach evidence from Portuguese festivals.

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In Portugal, since 2001, possession and consumption of illegal substances is not considered a crime, but treated as a health problem.



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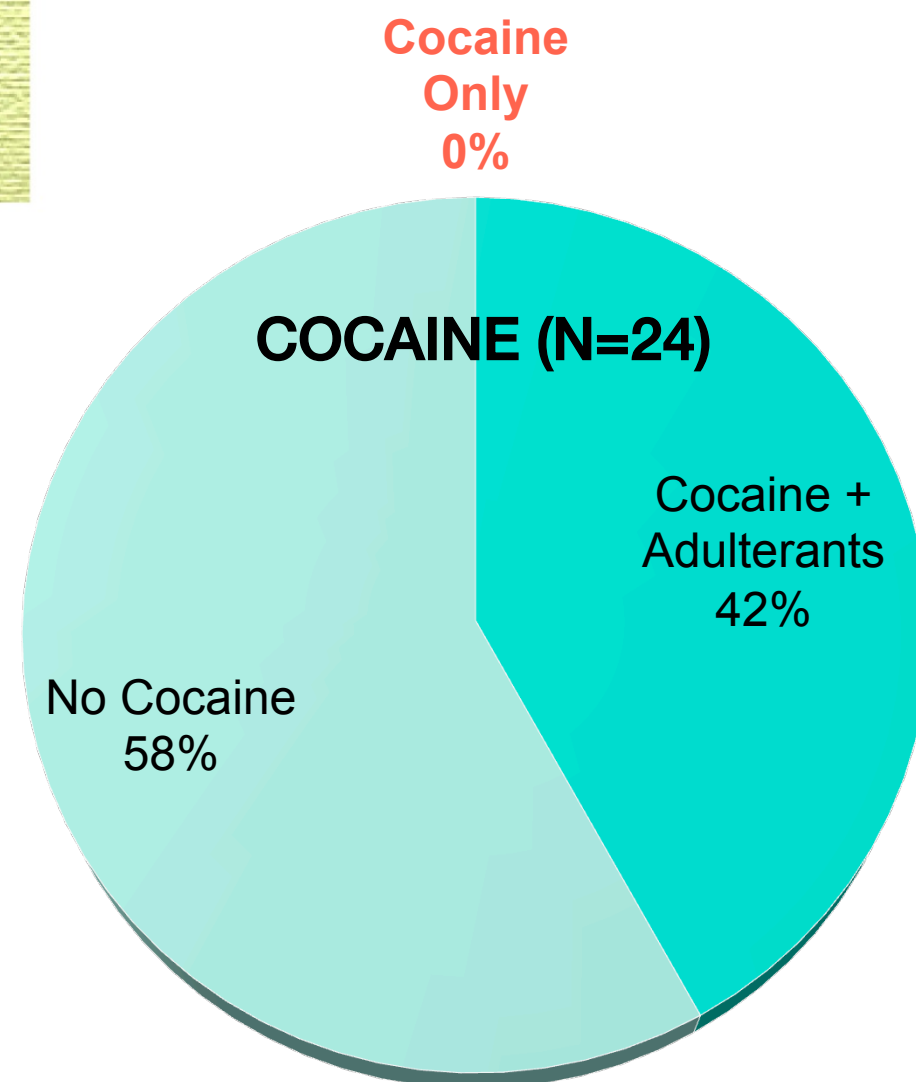
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**Results of the DC
of the samples
thought to be
cocaine in
NEOPOP Festival
2017**



What do we test?

Substances:

- MDMA
- Amphetamine
- Methamphetamine
- 2-CB
- Cocaine
- Ketamine
- LSD

Common adulterants:

- Caffeine
- Paracetamol
- Tetracaine
- Benzocaine
- Lidocaine
- Procaine
- Levamisol
- Phenacetine
- Metoclopramide
- mCPP – meta-chlorophenylpiperazine
- PMA – para-methoxyamphetamine

Methods

Colorimetric Reagents

Marquis
Mandelin
Mecke
Etc.

Thin Layer Chromatography

Standards and
samples dissolved
in methanol,
applied on a
silica plate



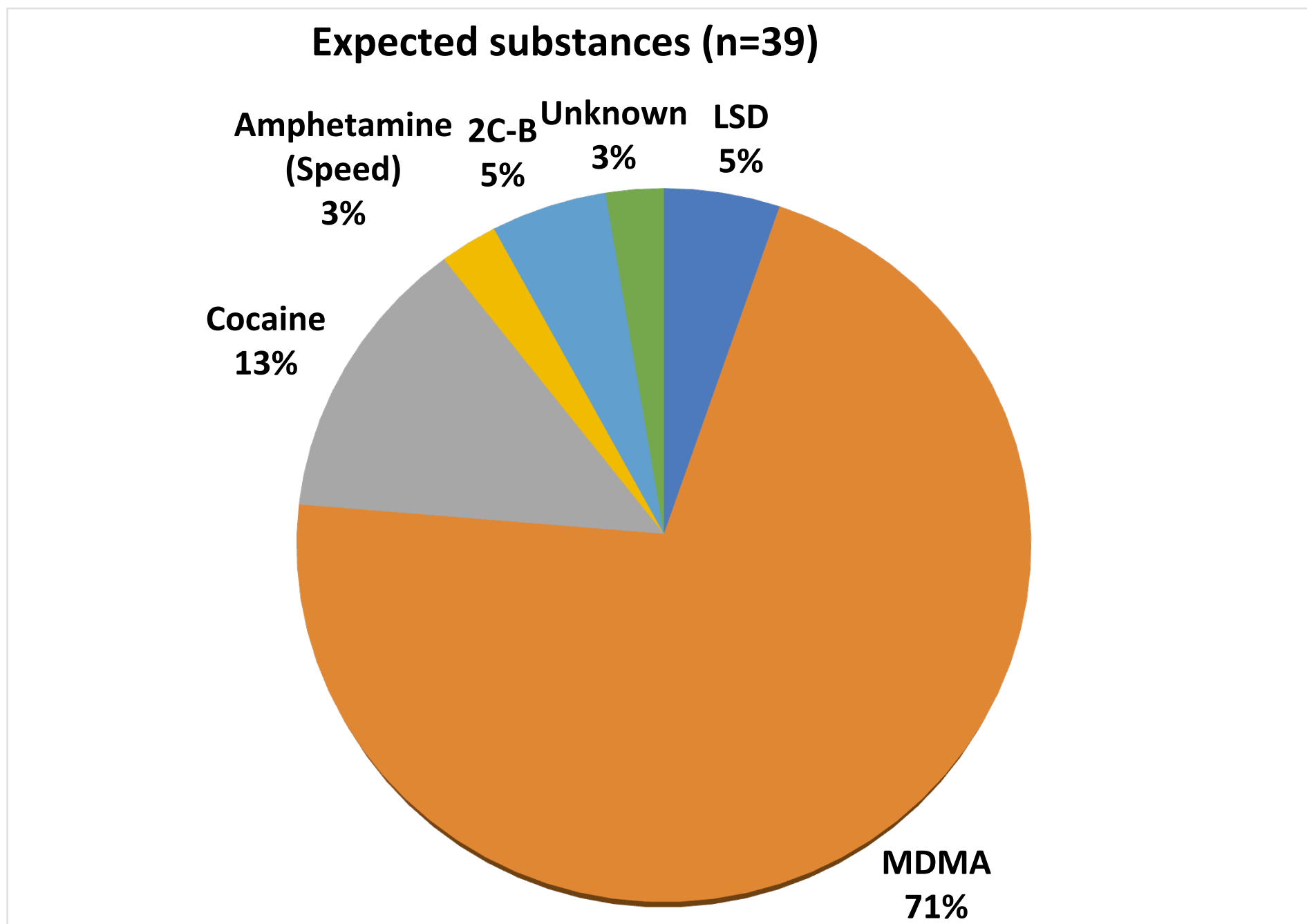
Lisbon Dance Festival 2018

First Drug Checking in Lisbon

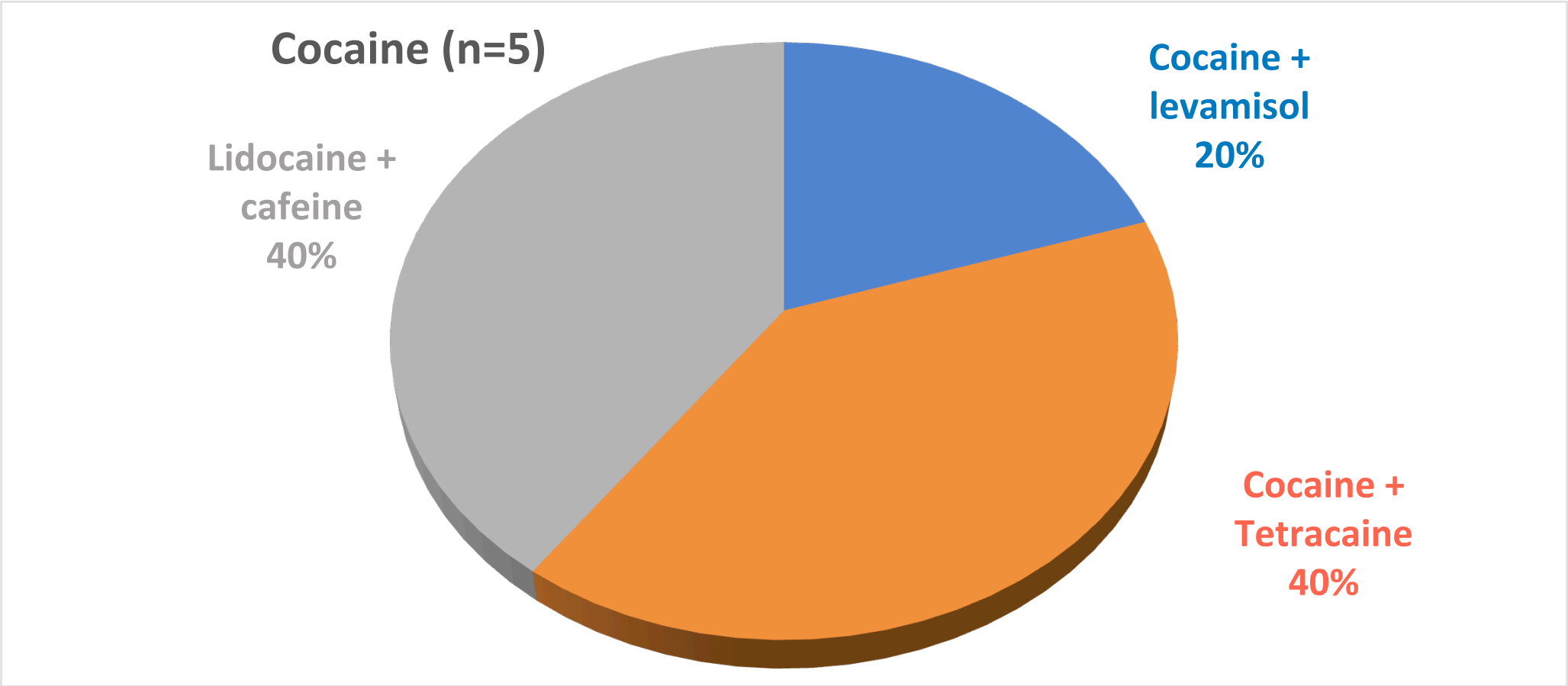
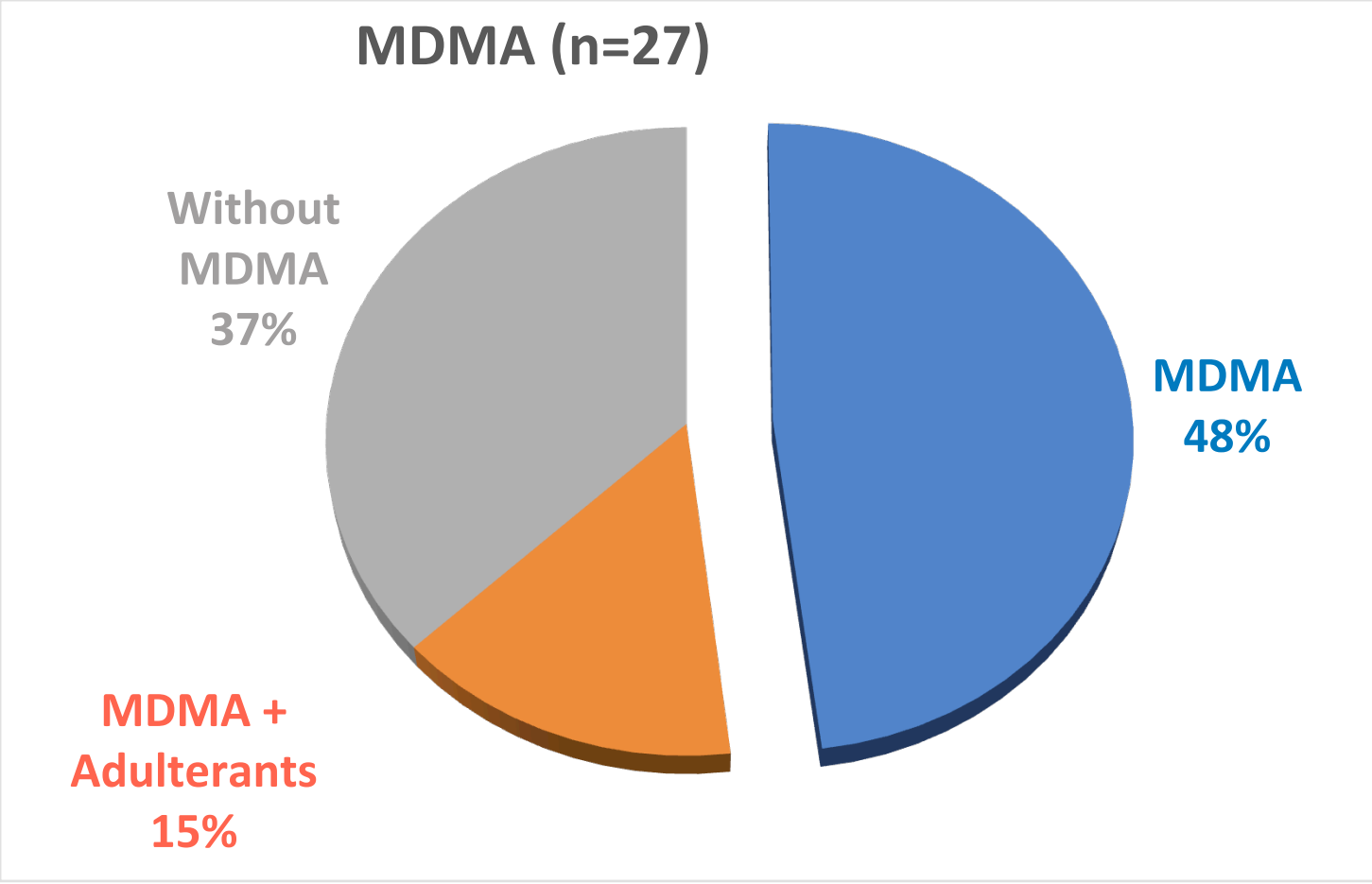
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DANCE
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Lisbon Dance Festival 2018



Representation of the samples submitted during 2 days of the festival



RESULTS

Sample **contained**
the expected
substance

46,6%

Sample **contained** the
expected substance,
but adulterated

10,7%

Sample **didn't**
contain the expected
substance

42,8%

The survey was made on a group of people between 19 and 50 years old with the mean age of 26.

75,7% of them were man and 24,3% women.

84,5% of them were foreigners, 15,5% Portuguese.

63,2% declared to have a higher education degree.

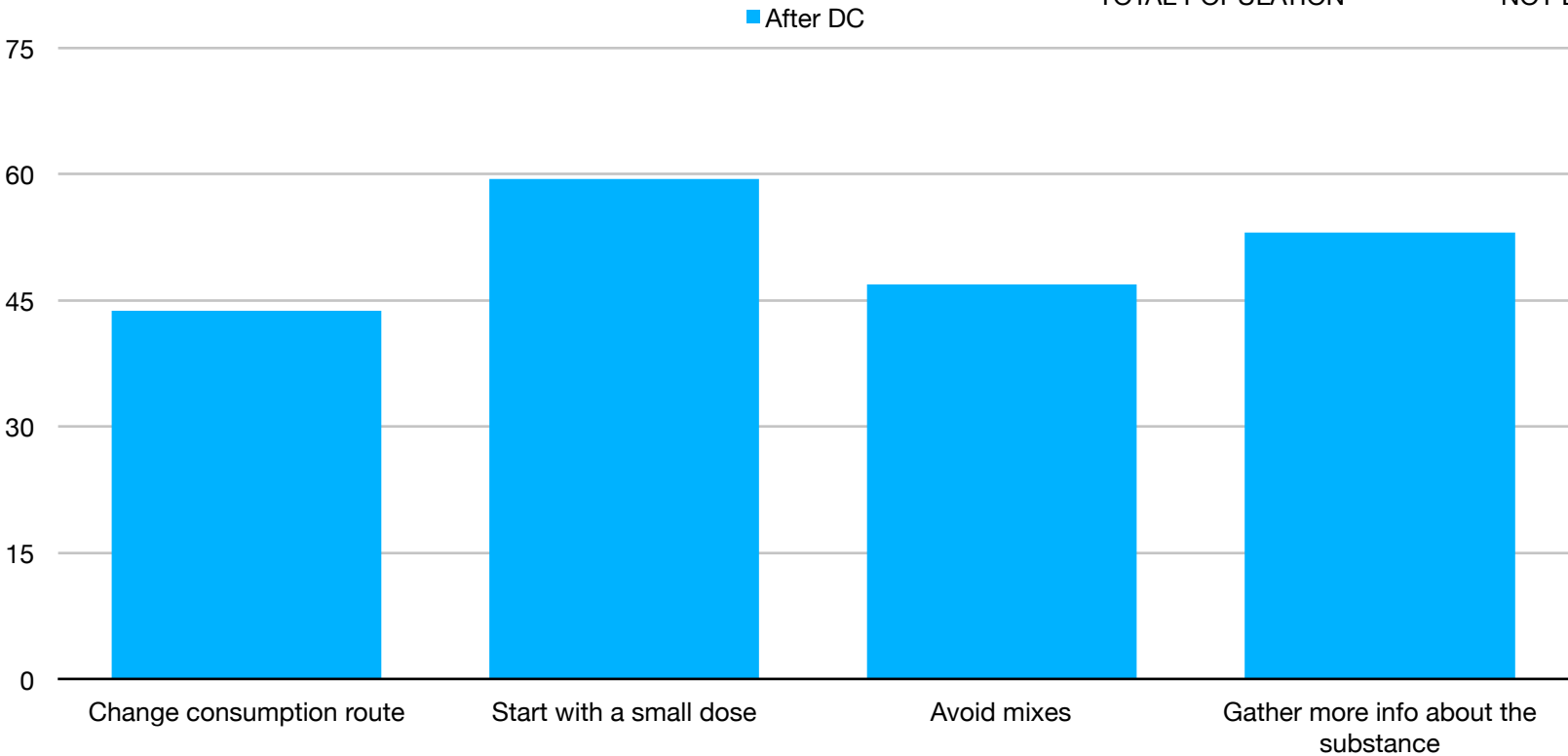
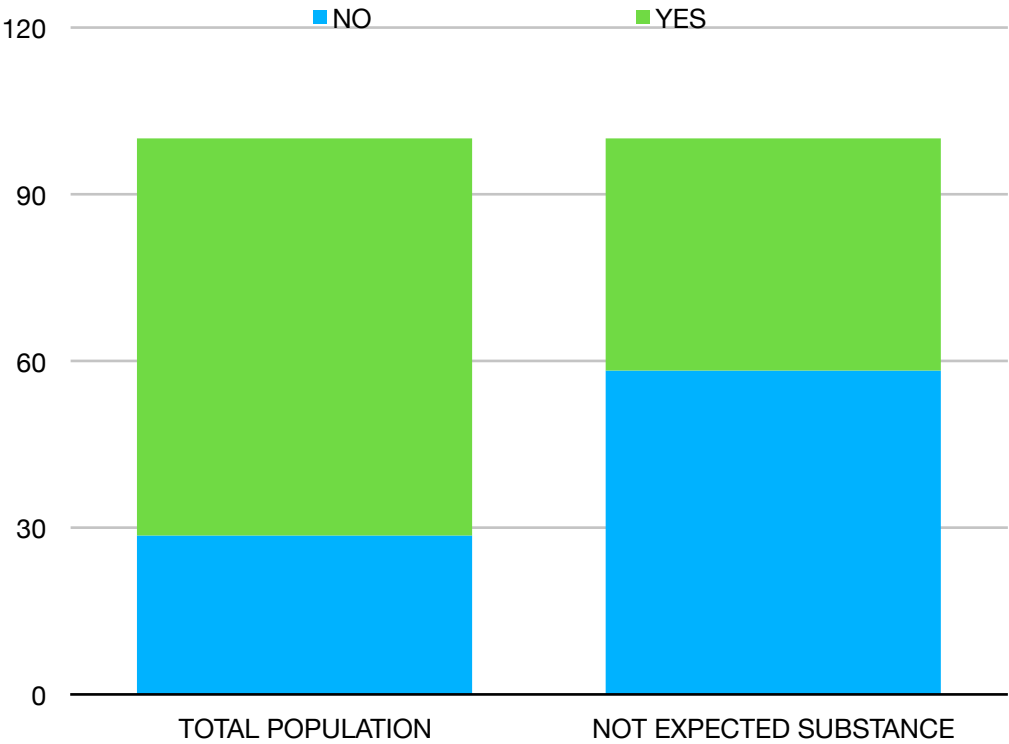


BEHAVIOUR

Consumers reporting sharing substances with friends

71% of the Total users	Users	Reached
Unspecified	*9	?
1 friend	8	8
2 friends	3	6
3 friends	4	12
5 friends	2	10
6 friends	1	6
14 friends	1	14
Total	28	>65

Will you consume this substance?



EVALUATION

Rating of DC

	Very good	Good	Bad
Use	90,3	9,7	3,2
Quality of info	80,6	9,7	3,2
Truthful info	77,4	22,6	0
Waiting time	58,1	41,9	6,5

100% would suggest the service to a friend



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