



DISCONTTOOLS

Results Stakeholder survey on the use of DISCONTTOOLS database

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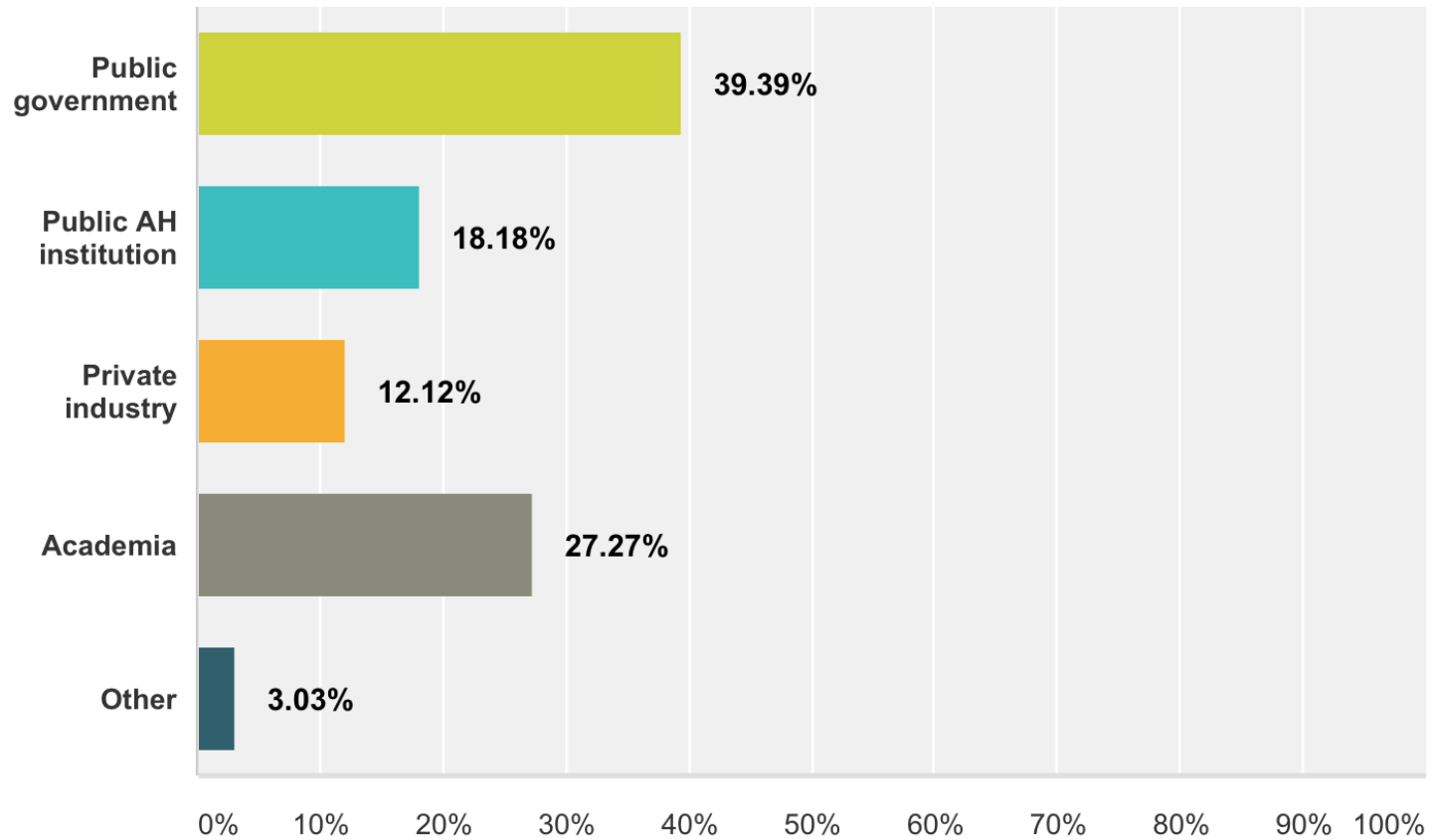
Methodology

- A 10-minute online questionnaire
- Distributed by a single e-mail to 250 interested parties
- Aim:
 - To identify usage and impact of information provided in the database
 - To identify points of improvement on how the information is provided



My professional activities can be described as

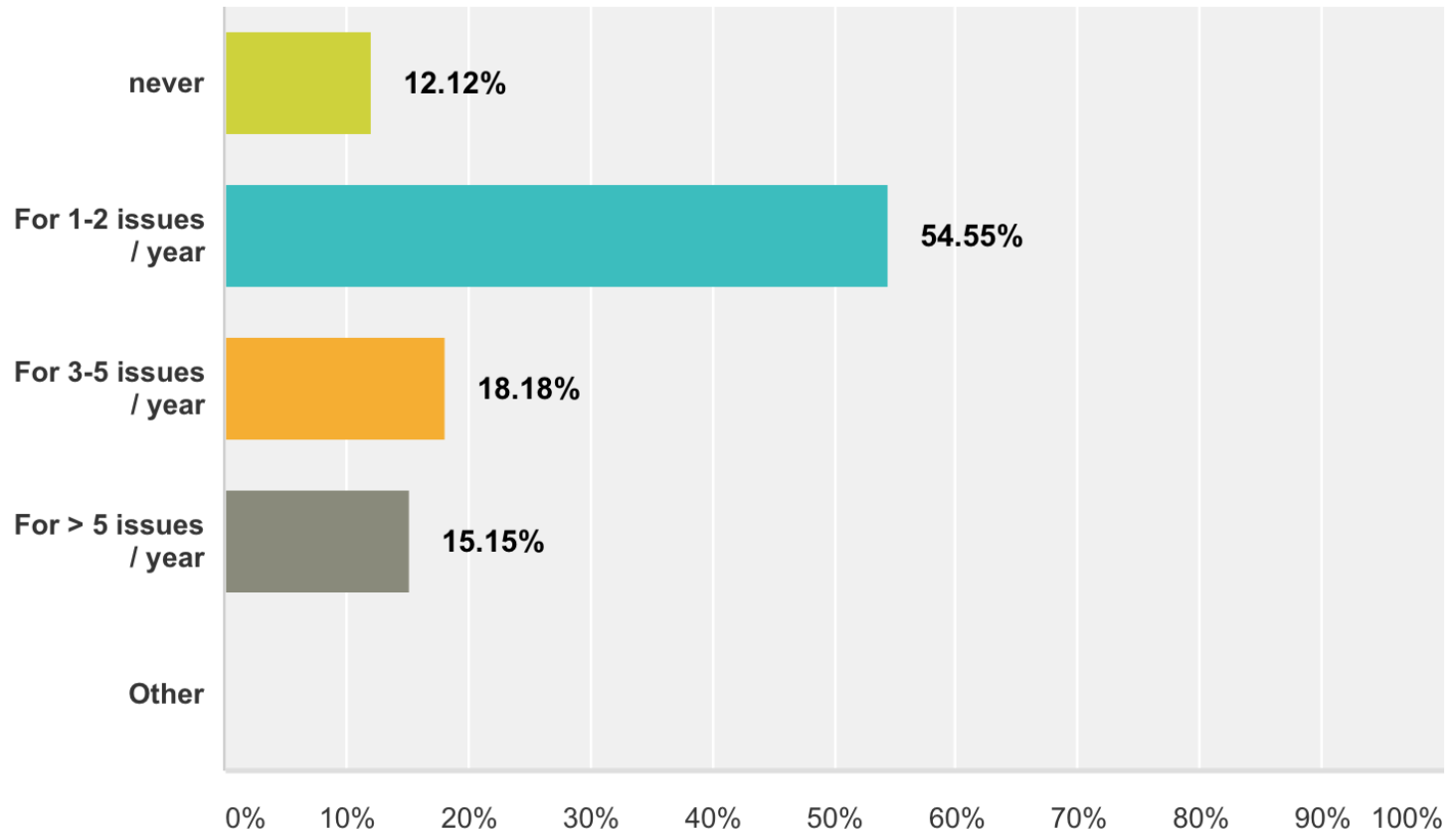
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During my professional activities, I use the DISCONTTOOLS database

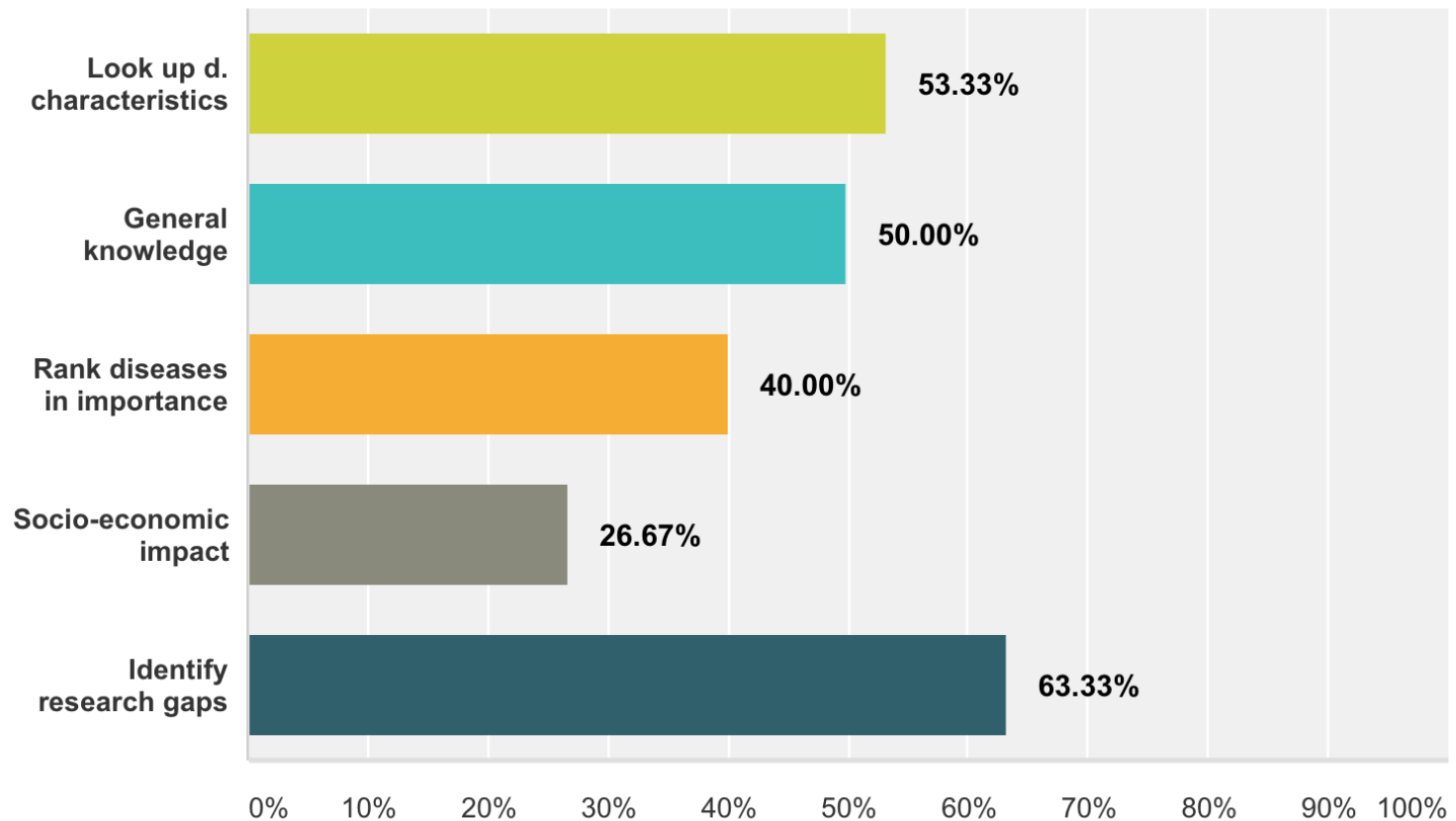
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I use the DISCONTTOOLS database for the following reasons (more than 1 answer is possible)

Answered: 30 Skipped: 3





Examples where DISCONTTOOLS has been used – general (1)

- Planning and writing new (EU) research proposals
- Project funding prioritisation
- Debates about future research strategies in university
- Review of scientific proposals and papers



Examples where DISCONTTOOLS has been used – general (2)

- Quick look on situation regarding concrete disease
- To prepare presentation at workshop and conference
- Aid during preparation scientific papers



Examples where DISCONTTOOLS has been used – specific (1)

- For delivering guest lecture on BTB - Millennium India Education Foundation & Division of Clinical Microbiology and Molecular Medicine, All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi on 6th July 2016.
- VectorNet (EFSA and ECDC funded)
- To deal with requests from EMA regarding MUMS policy
- PARAGONE and HeHope H2020 project applications (helminths of ruminants)



Examples where DISCONTTOOLS has been used – specific (2)

- NERC project [NE/G002827/1] through the ERA-ENVHEALTH network McIntyre M, Christian Setzkorn C, Hepworth P, Morand S, Morse A, Baylis M (2014) A quantitative prioritisation of human and domestic animal pathogens in Europe. PLoS One 9(8): e103529
- LSD project proposal
- *E. coli* BBSRC grant



Examples where DISCONTTOOLS has been used – specific (4)

- Livestock Vaccine Innovation Fund (Canada, B&M Gates Foundation)
- H2020 proposal on BRD
- GLOWORM project
- Veterinary Public Health Master course, U Vienna
- IFAH-Europe's Innovation Task Force
- Animal Task Force – White paper



Usability of the website/database could be improved by (1)

- More publicity, evidence and project structure among researchers
- I miss the updating date on the public documents
- The criteria applied to rank the diseases are not easy to find or not transparent
- Updating
- More user-friendly landing page. Better search engine



Usability of the website/database could be improved by (2)

- Not clear to which extent policy makers and public funders use it to address their strategies
- Keep up with latest technologies to avoid to become looking outdated
- Providing updates on research concerned with practical or on clinical aspects
- By making it more graphical and less tabular. Opening up search terms to allow any text and then using a visual hit map to portray results



Usability of the website/database could be improved by (3)

- OK as is
- Easier access of filter choices



Thank you!

- DISCONTTOOLS thanks the respondents for their time answering the survey
- The comments will be taken up during future updates of the website and project management.