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TMF Management through Metrics

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Meet the Speaker

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When he's not working on that goal, Todd coaches youth baseball and plays beach volleyball.



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Agenda

1. TMF Survey Overview & Demographics
2. State of the Reference Model
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5. Next Steps



Trial Master File Survey

Overview & Demographics

Survey Purpose & History

- identify emerging TMF trends
- assess changes in industry directions
- measure the impact of TMF Reference Model

It is the only non-commercial TMF survey conducted by and for the TMF stakeholder community.

Survey History:



2024 Survey: About the (323) Survey Respondents

Mostly
North America &
Europe

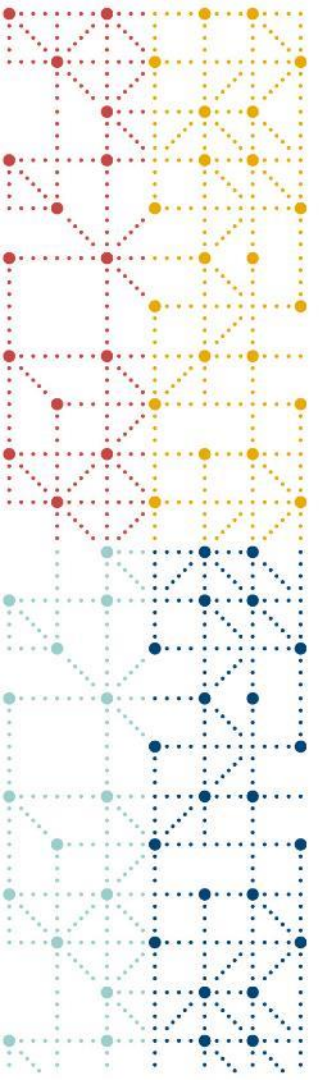
Your Region/Country		
North America	194	60%
Europe	94	29%
South-East Asia	22	7%
Western Pacific	8	2%
Africa	4	1%
South America	1	<1%

Mostly
Sponsors & CROs

Your Organization Type		
Sponsor	164	51%
CRO	77	24%
Consultant	42	13%
Vendor	21	7%
Research Site/Institution	18	6%
Regulatory Agency / Health Authority	1	<1%

Mostly
4+ years of
TMF RM awareness

When did you first become aware of the TMF RM?		
4-10 years ago	174	54%
10 or more years ago	92	28%
1-3 years ago	49	15%
Within the past year	8	2%

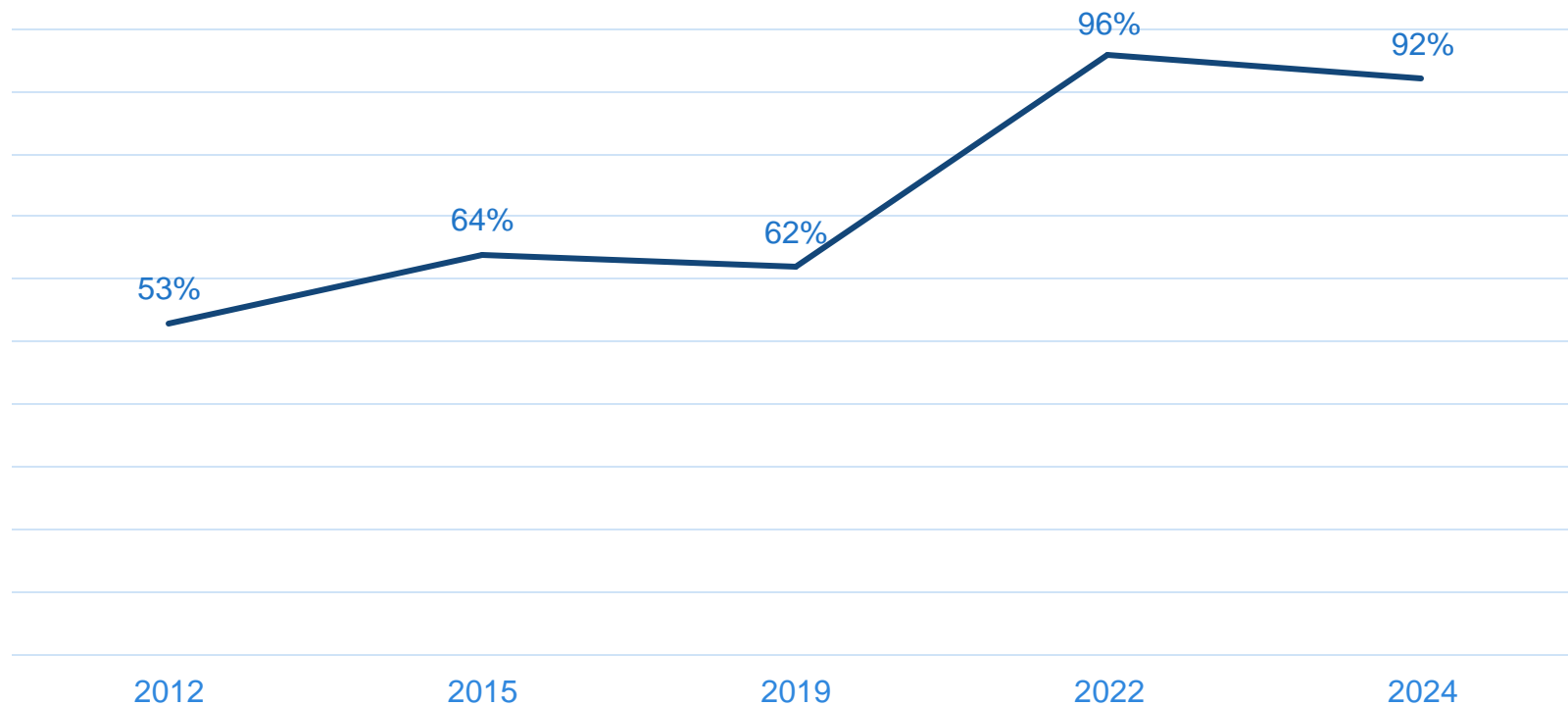


Survey Results & Implications

State of the Reference Model

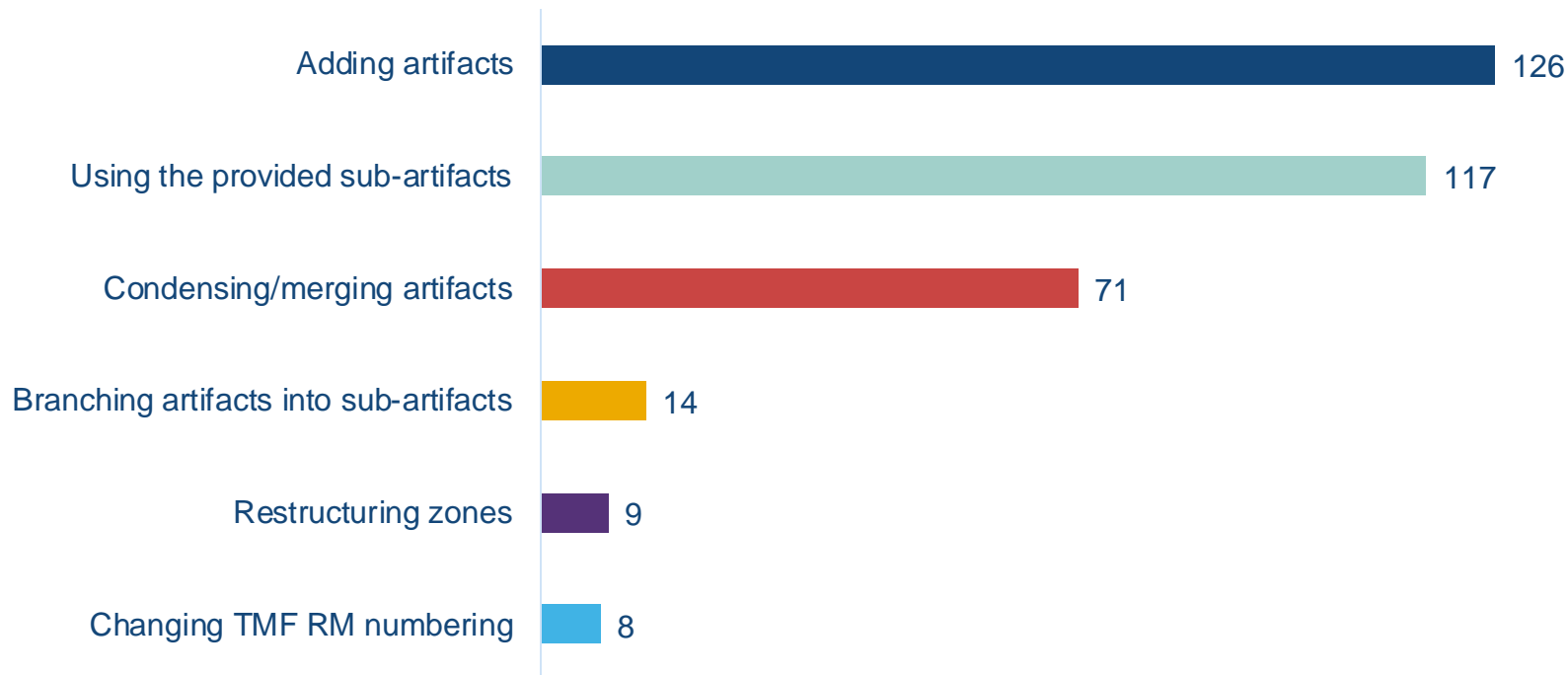
YES, my organization uses the TMF RM

323 responses



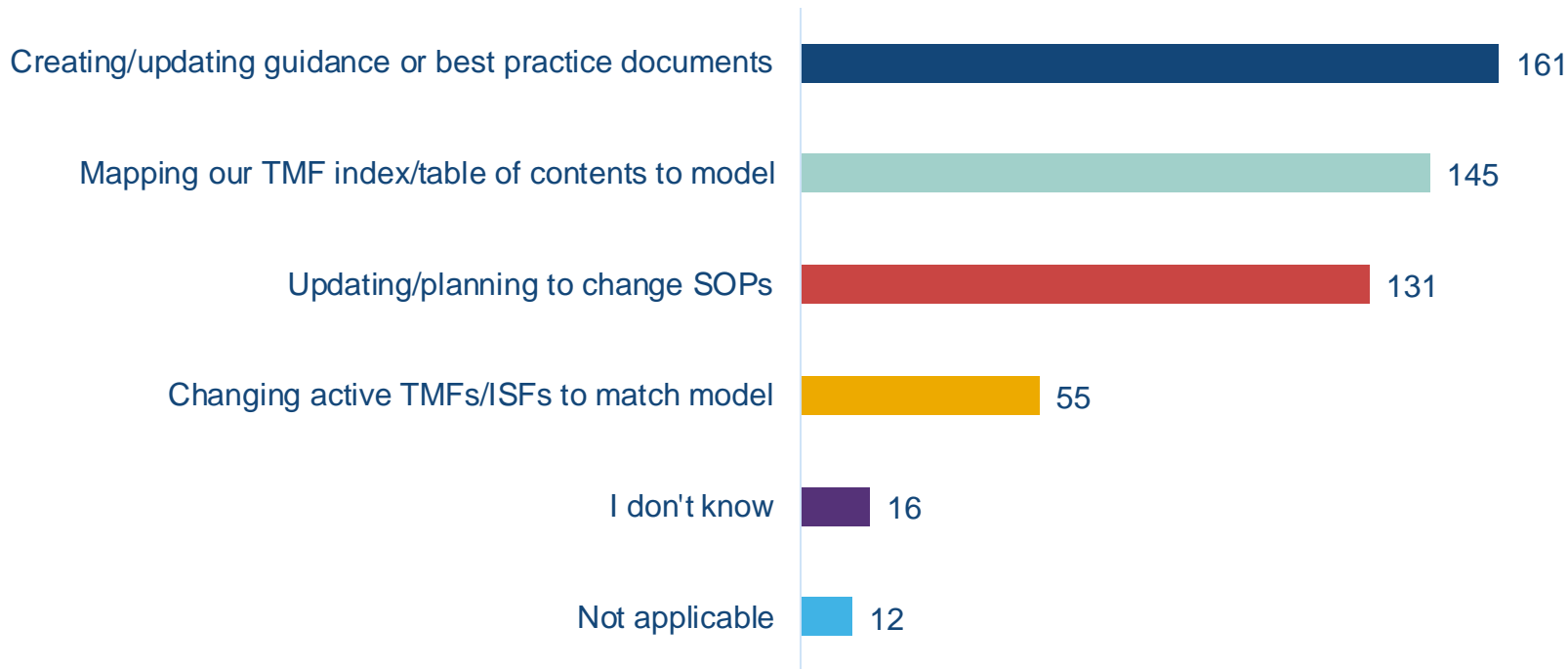
In adopting the TMF RM, my Organization is...

Sponsors, CROs, Sites only | multi-select | 250 responses



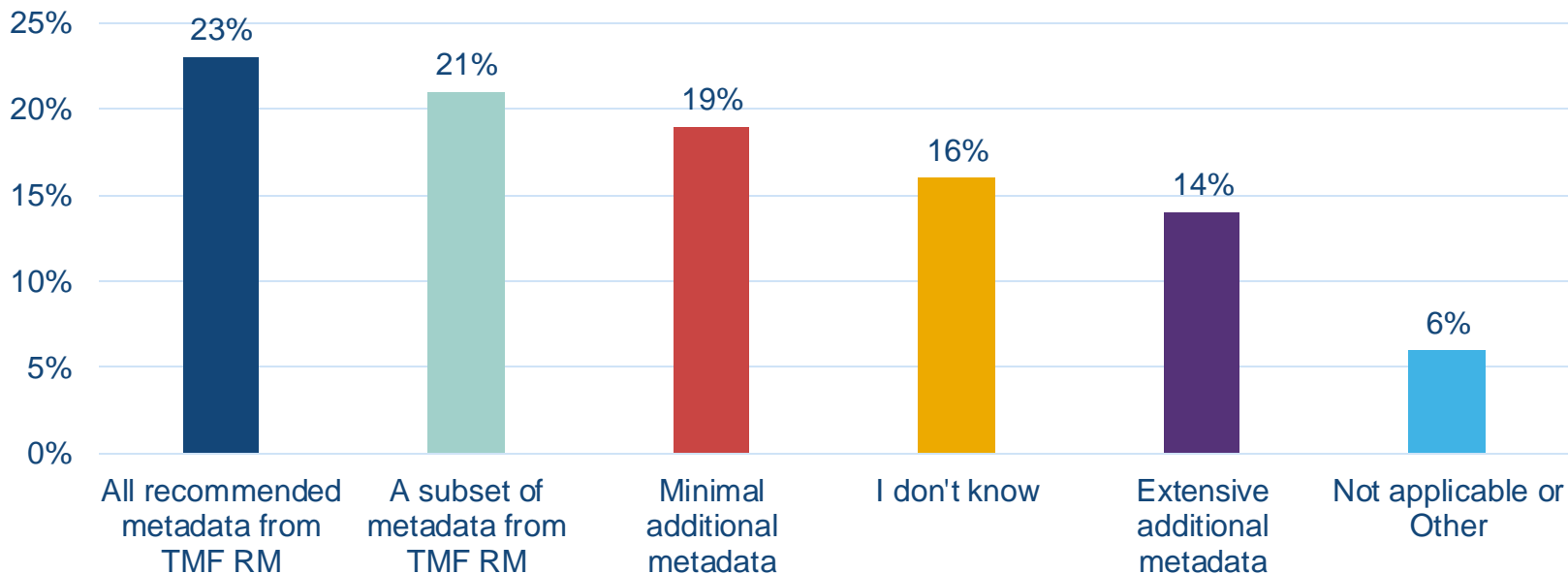
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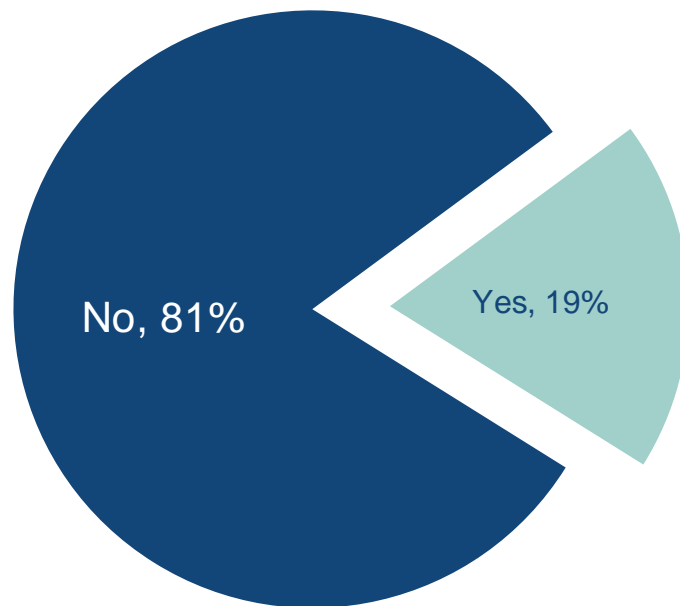
To what extent does your organization utilize additional metadata in your eTMF/eISF?

Sponsors, CROs, Sites only | 250 responses



Have you noticed any omissions from the TMF RM?

320 responses



If Yes, what omissions?

58 responses | free text

Specific record types:

- Investigator Statement
- GP letters
- (Blind) Data Review Meeting
- Site Transition CRA handoff
- Internal checklists
- Protocol deviation/IPD records

Other model considerations:

- File naming and organization
- Instructions for using the TMF RM
- Risk-score system for TMF records
- Highlighting unblinded records

Artifacts or sub-artifacts for/related to..

- Human factors testing
- Retrospective study types
- IVDR and CTIS regulations
- eCOA and ePRO data collection technologies
- Clinical events classifications
- Clinical systems validation
- Vendor governance, oversight, and management
- Data management & statistics
- CRO-specific considerations
- Medical device studies
- Sponsor oversight

Survey Findings: State of the Reference Model

1. Has been very broadly adopted
2. Process & SOP changes still common
3. Opportunities for improvement remain



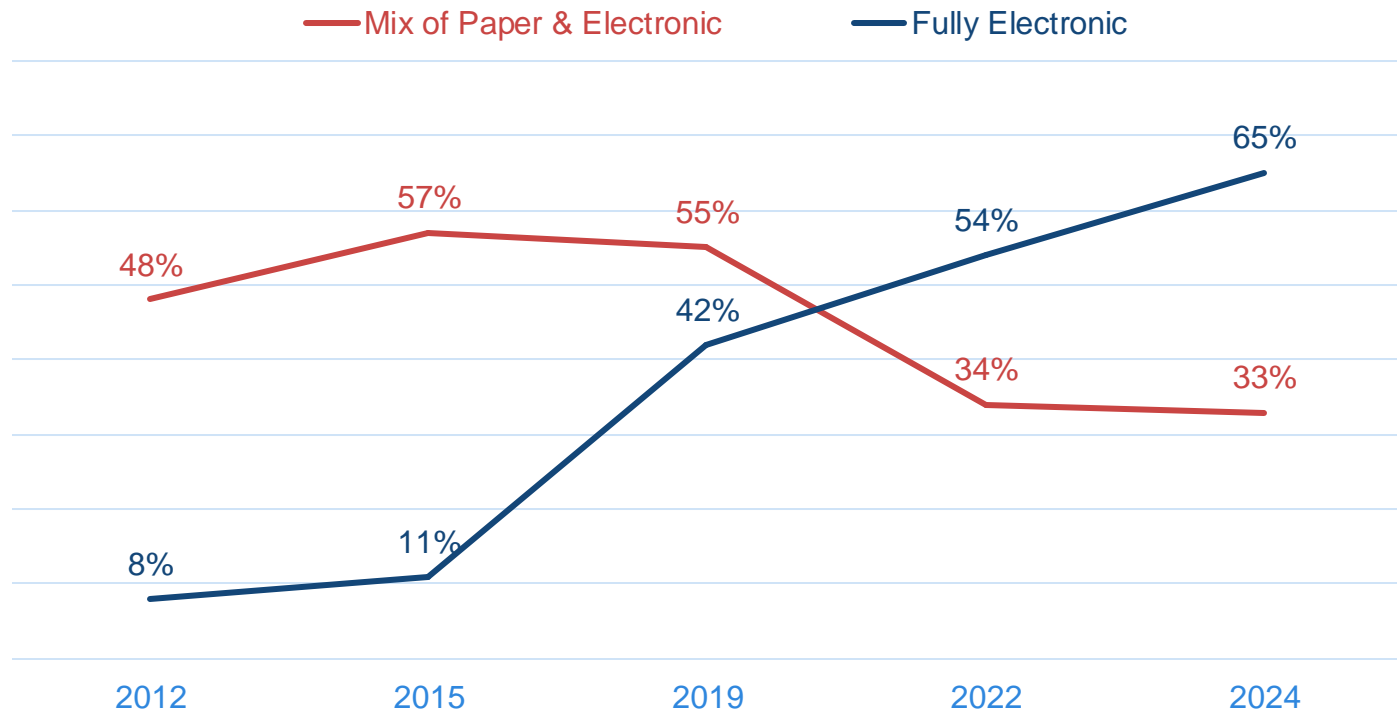


Survey Results & Implications

State of the Industry: Processes

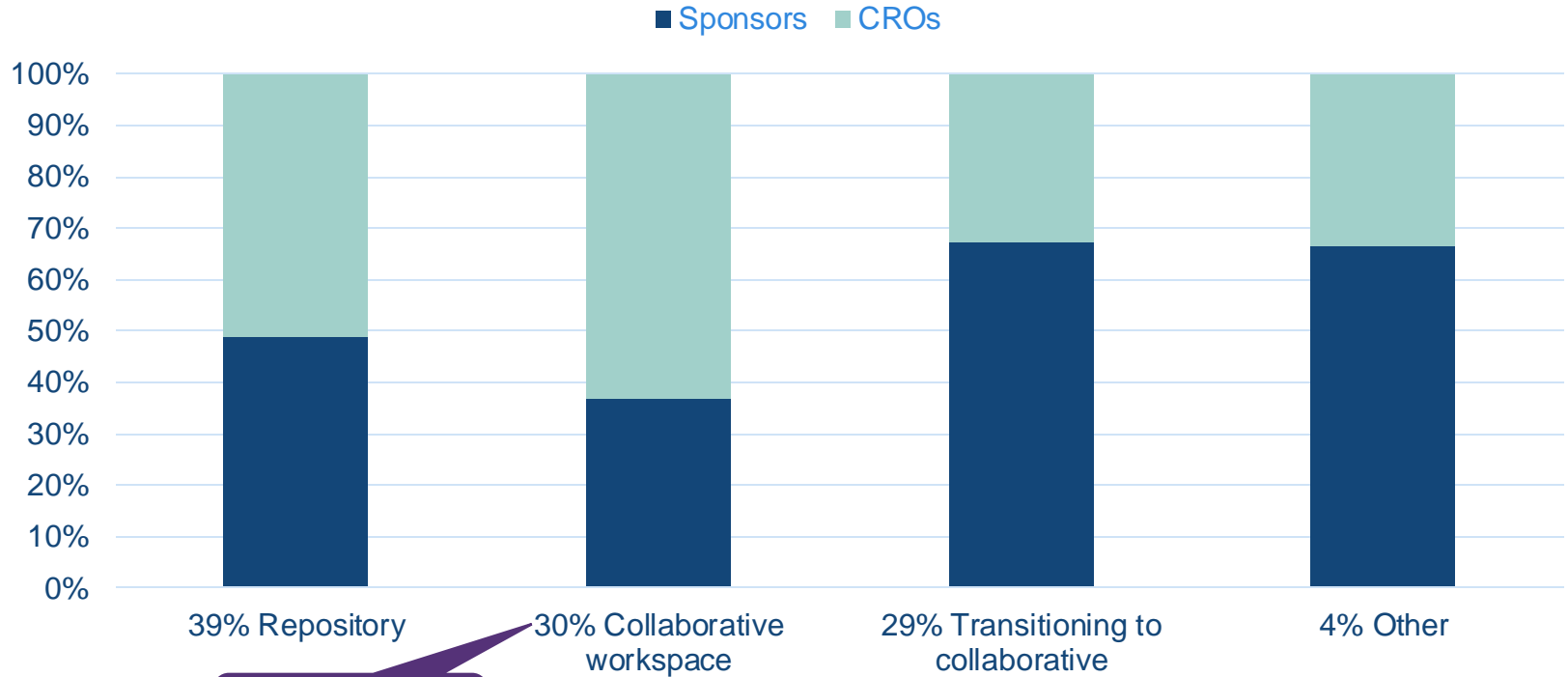
In which format are your organization's TMFs/ISFs?

Sponsors, CROs, Sites only | 249 responses



Which most closely describes your organization's view of TMF/ISF?

Sponsors, CROs, Sites only | 246 responses

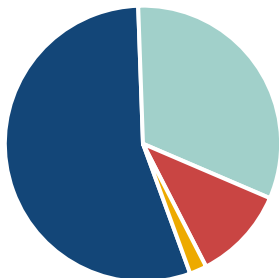


2022 = 28%
2019 = 18%



Centralization of TMF Management: a pendulum?

Is your TMF/ISF managed centrally or disparately across functions/departments?

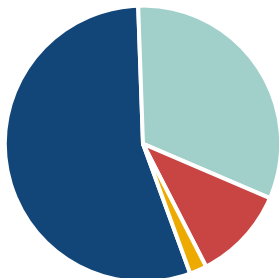


- Centrally (55%)
- Combination (32%)
- Functionally (11%)
- I don't know (2%)

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2019 = 55%
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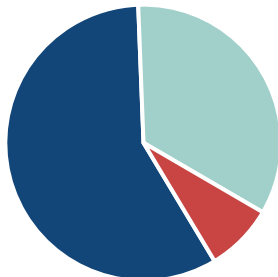
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Who is accountable for assessing the TMF/ISF completeness at your organization?

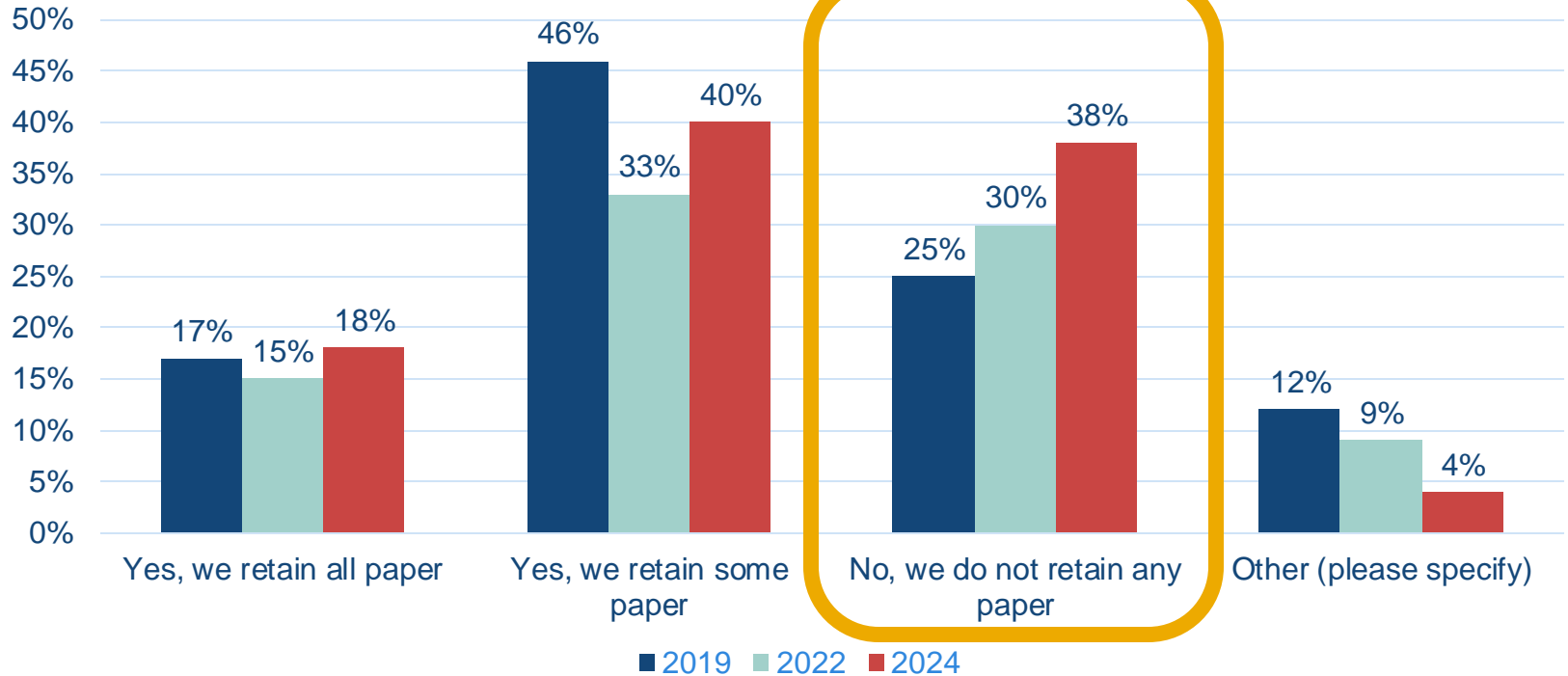


- Each function/department (58%)
- A central group (34%)
- I don't know/Other (8%)

2022 = 19%
2019 = 33%

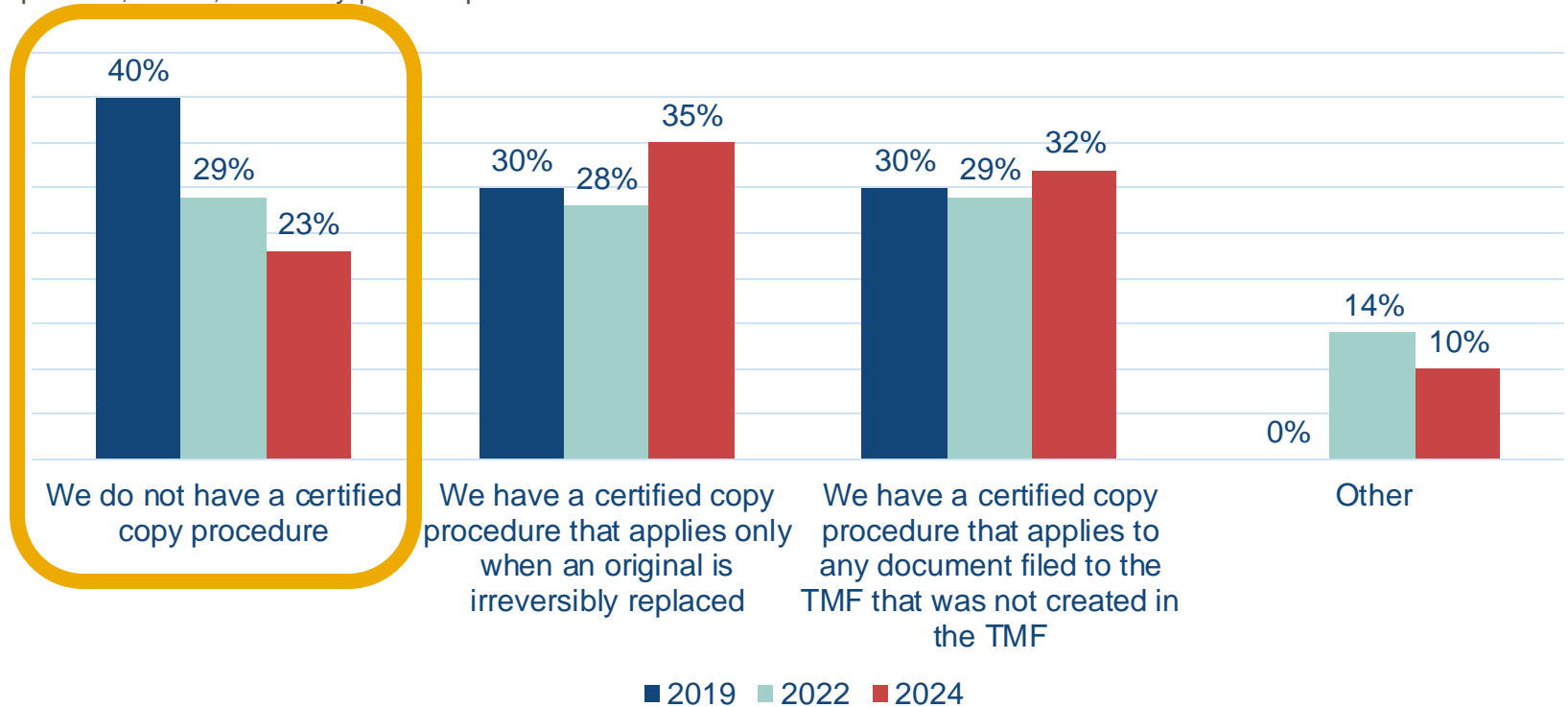
Does your organization retain paper records that have been scanned into your eTMF/eISF?

Sponsors, CROs, Sites only | 232 responses



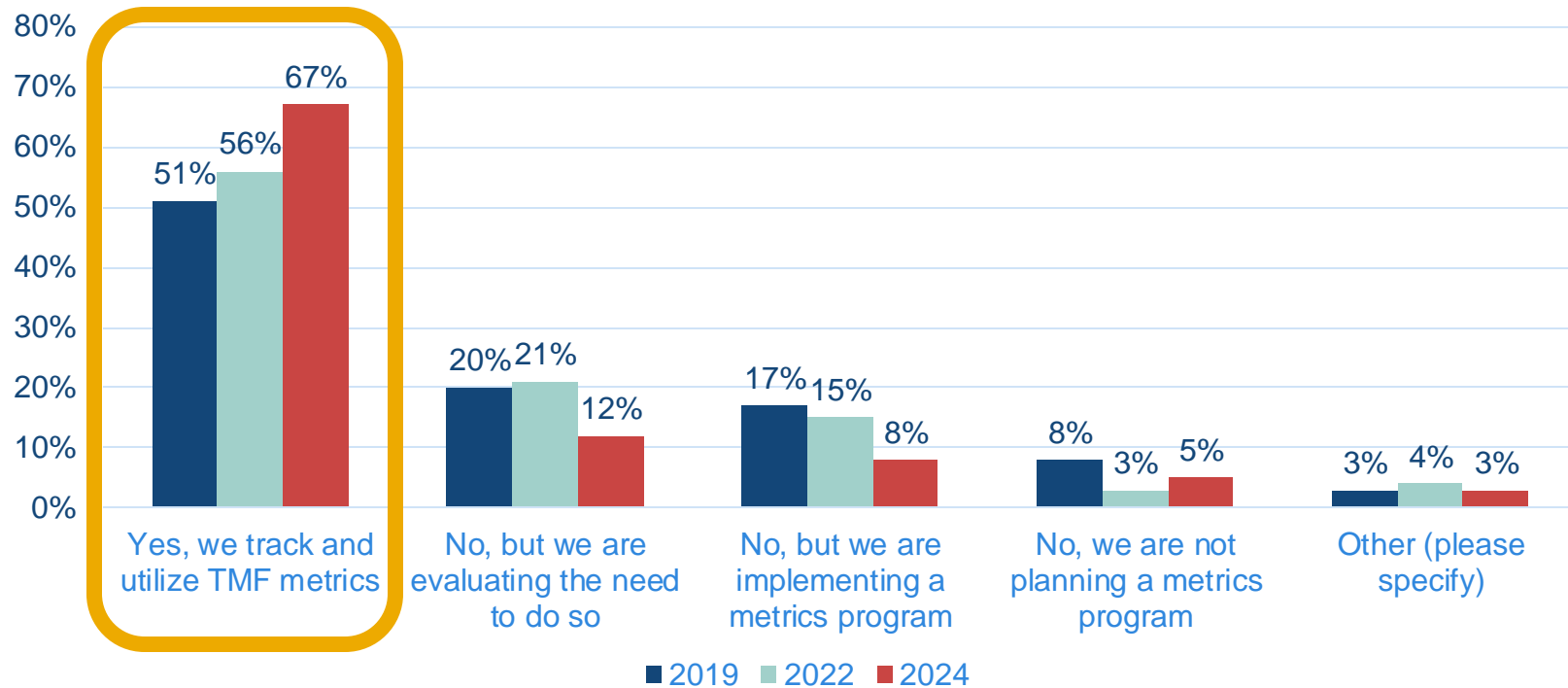
Which type of certified copy policy does your organization promote?

Sponsors, CROs, Sites only | 250 responses



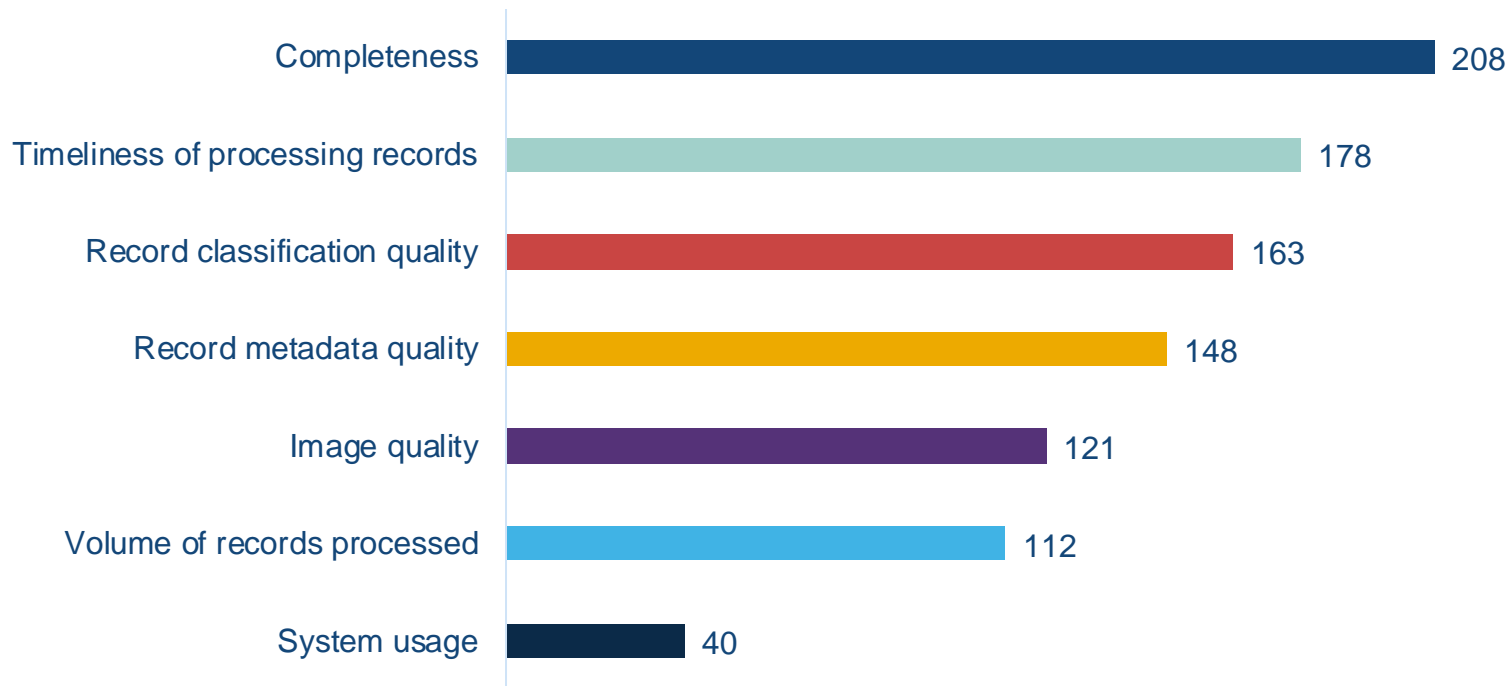
Does your organization have a metrics program to track and utilize TMF metrics in a systematic way?

Sponsors, CROs, Sites only | 250 responses



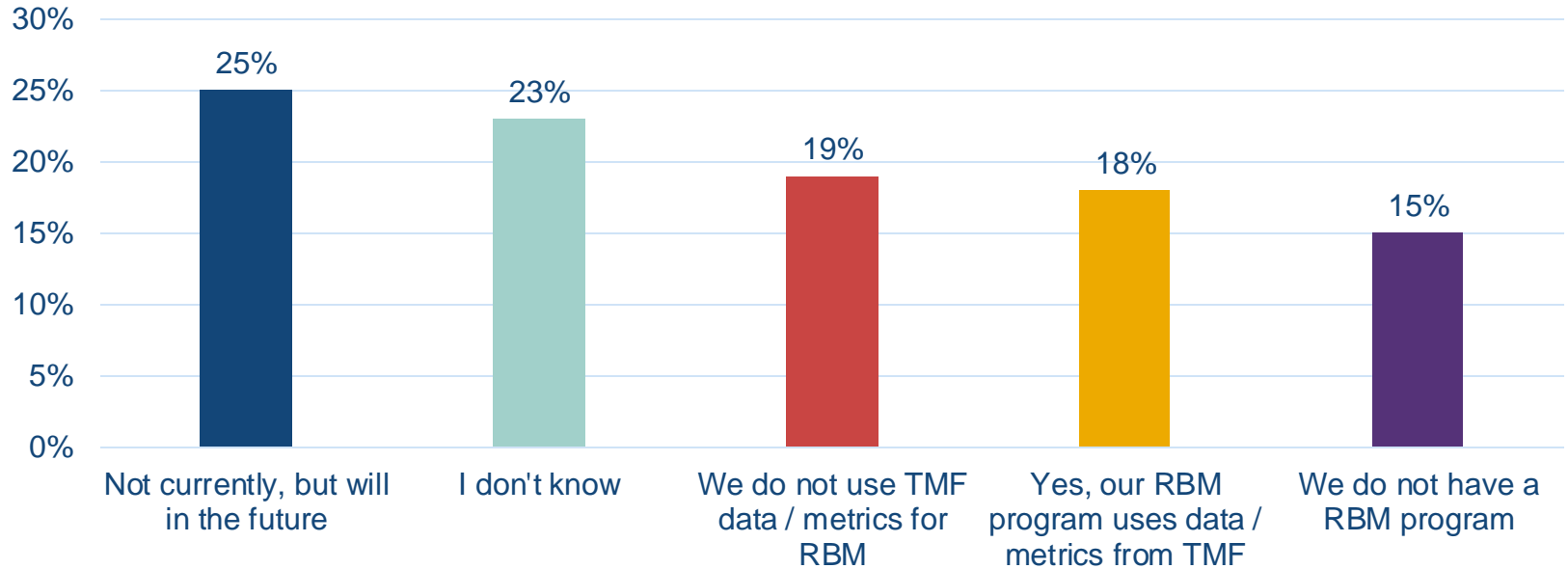
What does your organization track in your TMF Metrics?

Sponsors, CROs, Sites only | multi-select | 235 responses



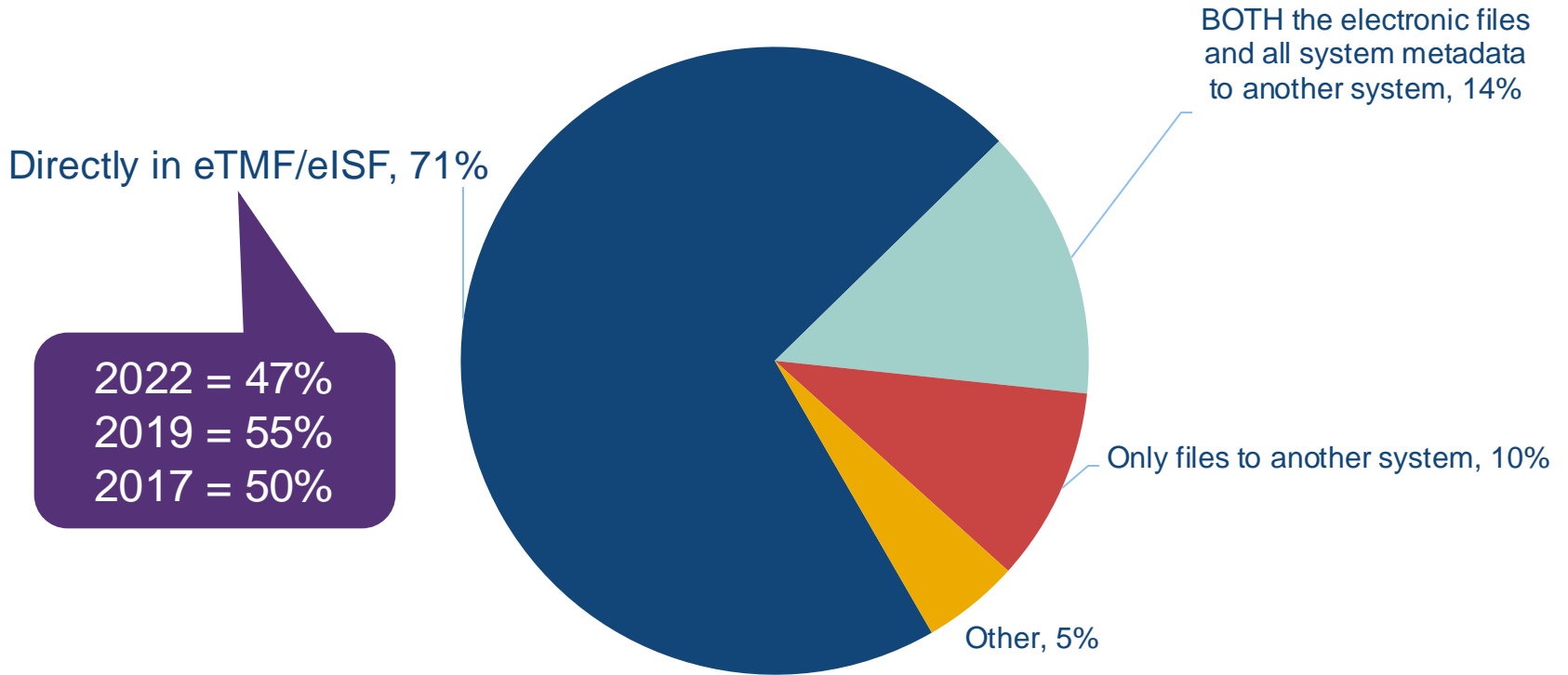
Are TMF data or metrics used by your organization's Risk Based Monitoring program?

Sponsors, CROs, Sites only | 250 responses



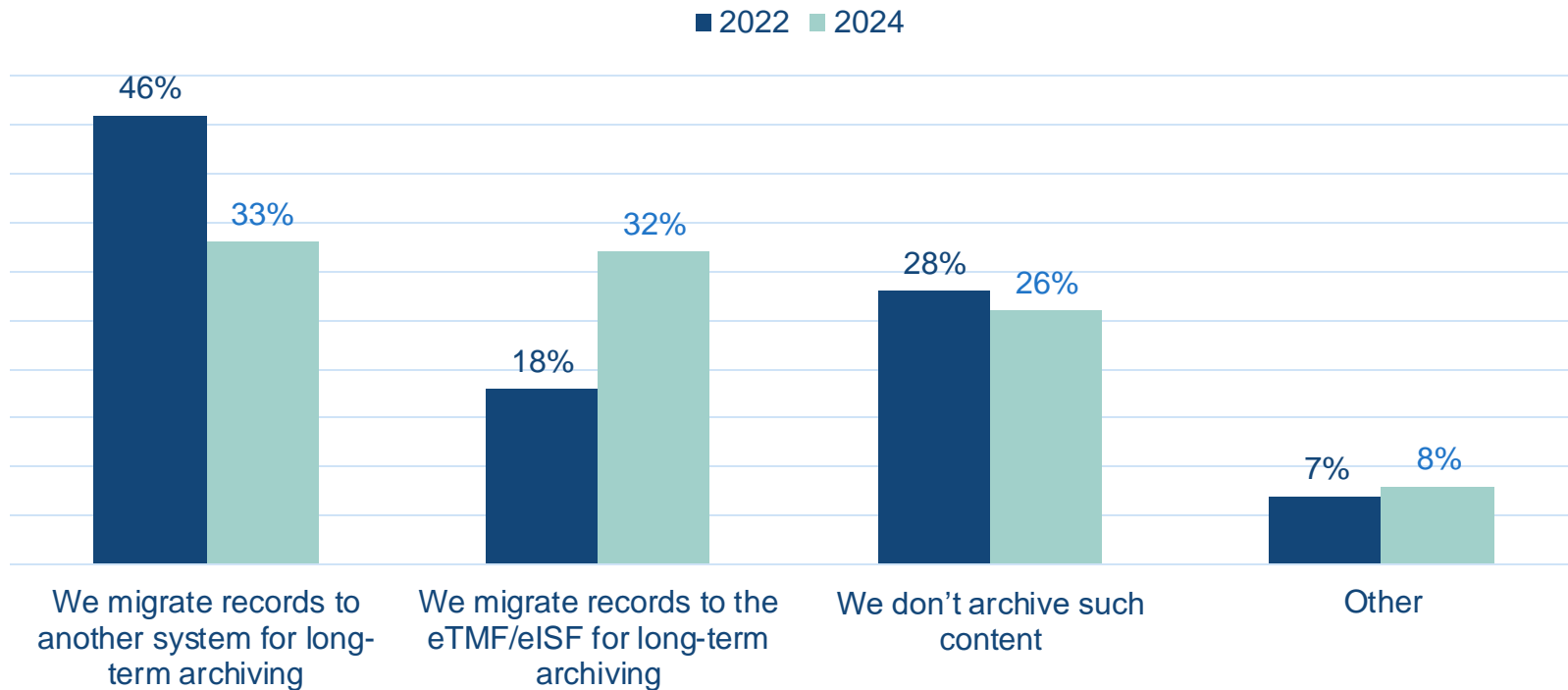
How do you archive records managed in your primary eTMF/eISF system?

Sponsors, CROs, Sites only | 221 responses



How do you archive content that was managed outside of the primary eTMF/eISF system during study conduct?

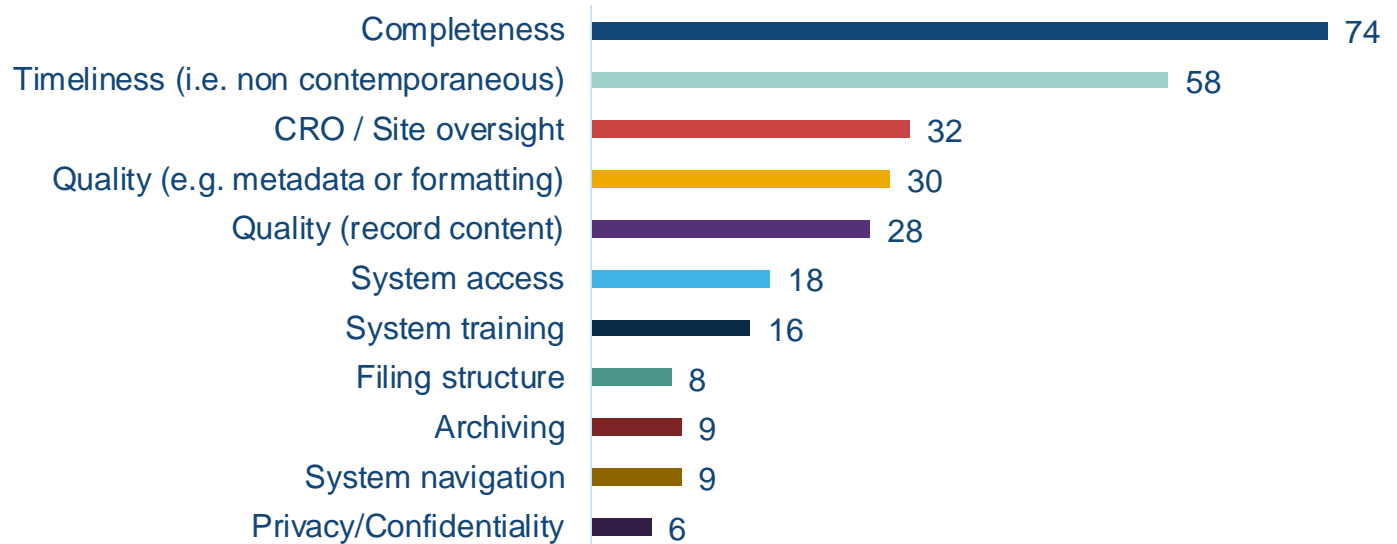
Sponsors, CROs, Sites only | 180 responses (excluding "I don't know" answers)



In the previous 2 years, what types of findings have you received following an audit/inspection of your TMF/ISF?

- 48% of respondents have had an on-premise inspection
- 41% have had a **remote** inspection

Sponsors, CROs, Sites only | multi-select | 111 responses





Survey Findings: State of the Industry – Process

1. eTMFs rule, but process/operating models still vary
2. Certified copy holdouts remain
3. Metrics are tracking the most important things
4. Archiving-in-place becoming easier and more common
5. Remote inspections should be expected

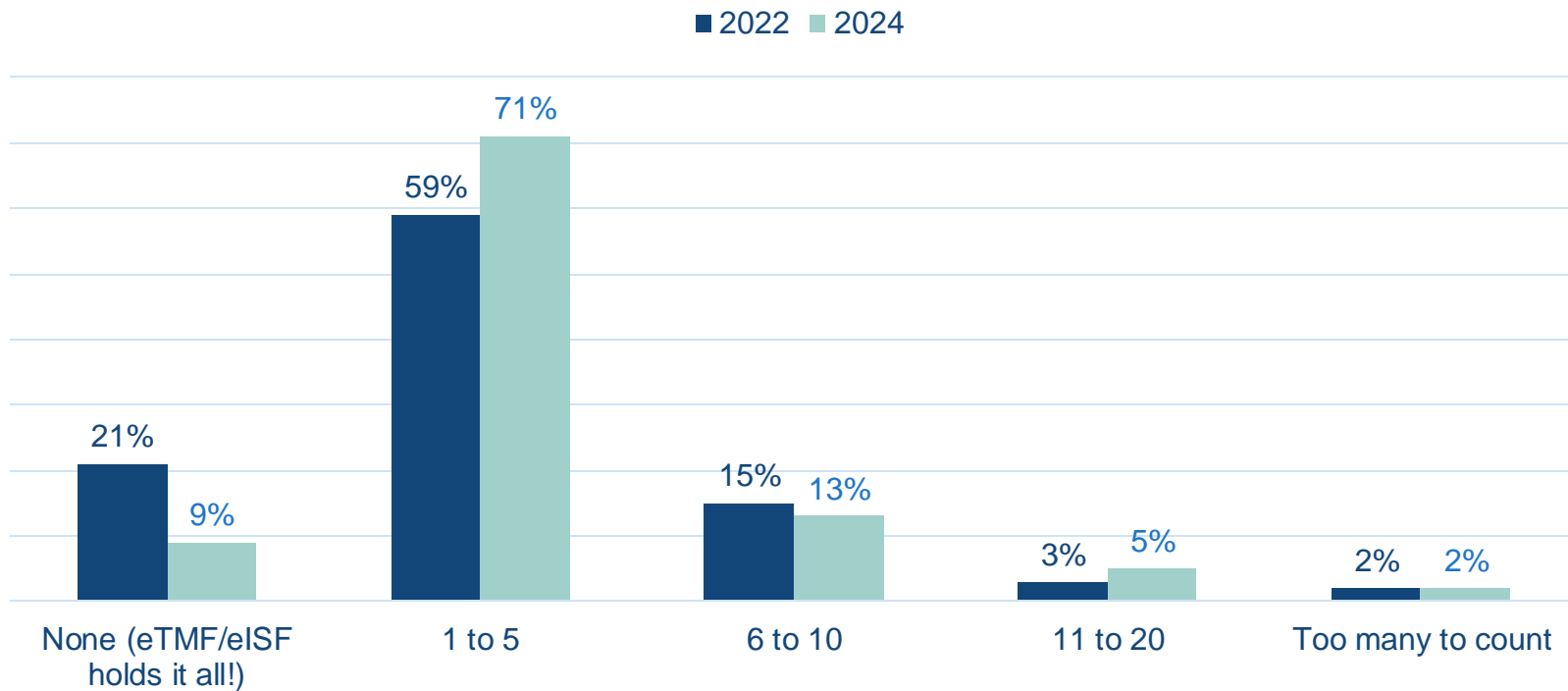


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State of the Industry: Technology

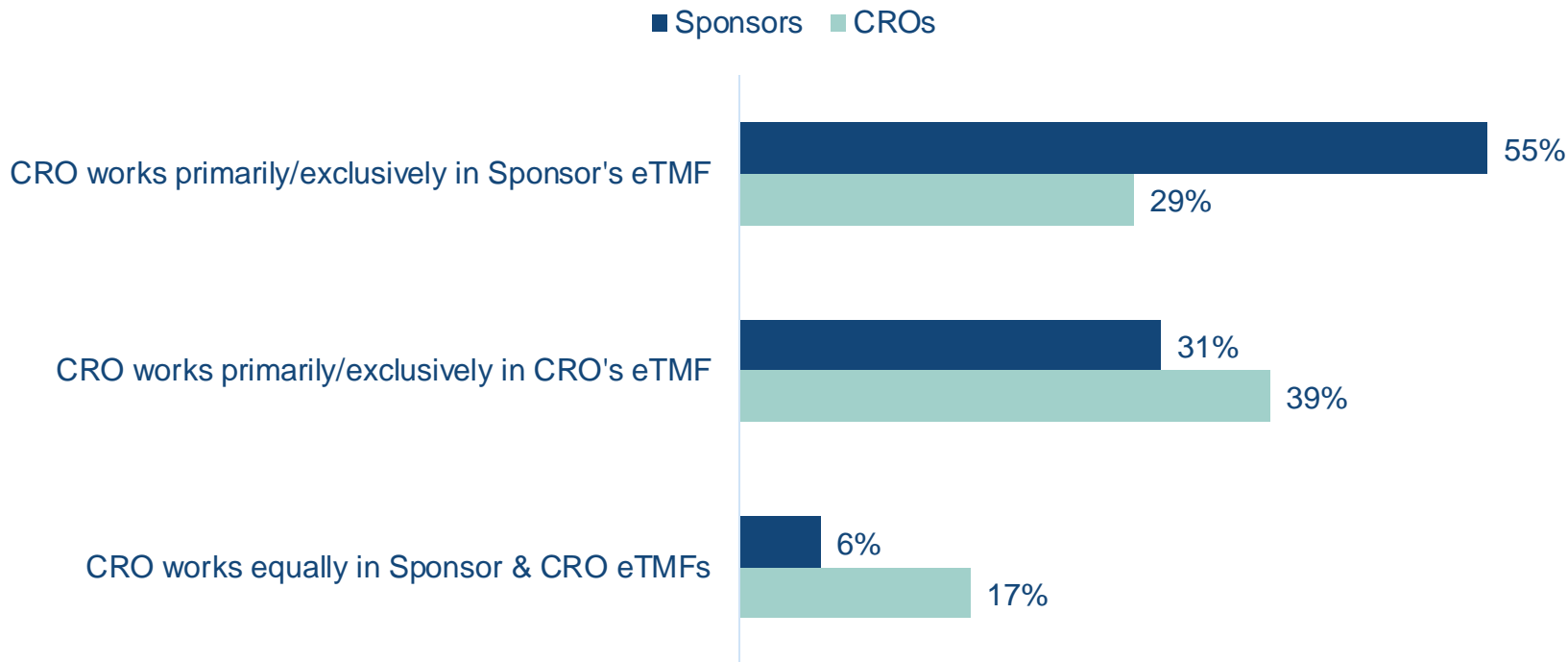
How many other systems (besides eTMF/eISF) does your organization use to hold authoritative source records that would be subject to inspection?

Sponsors, CROs, Sites only | 231 responses (excluding “I don’t know” answers)



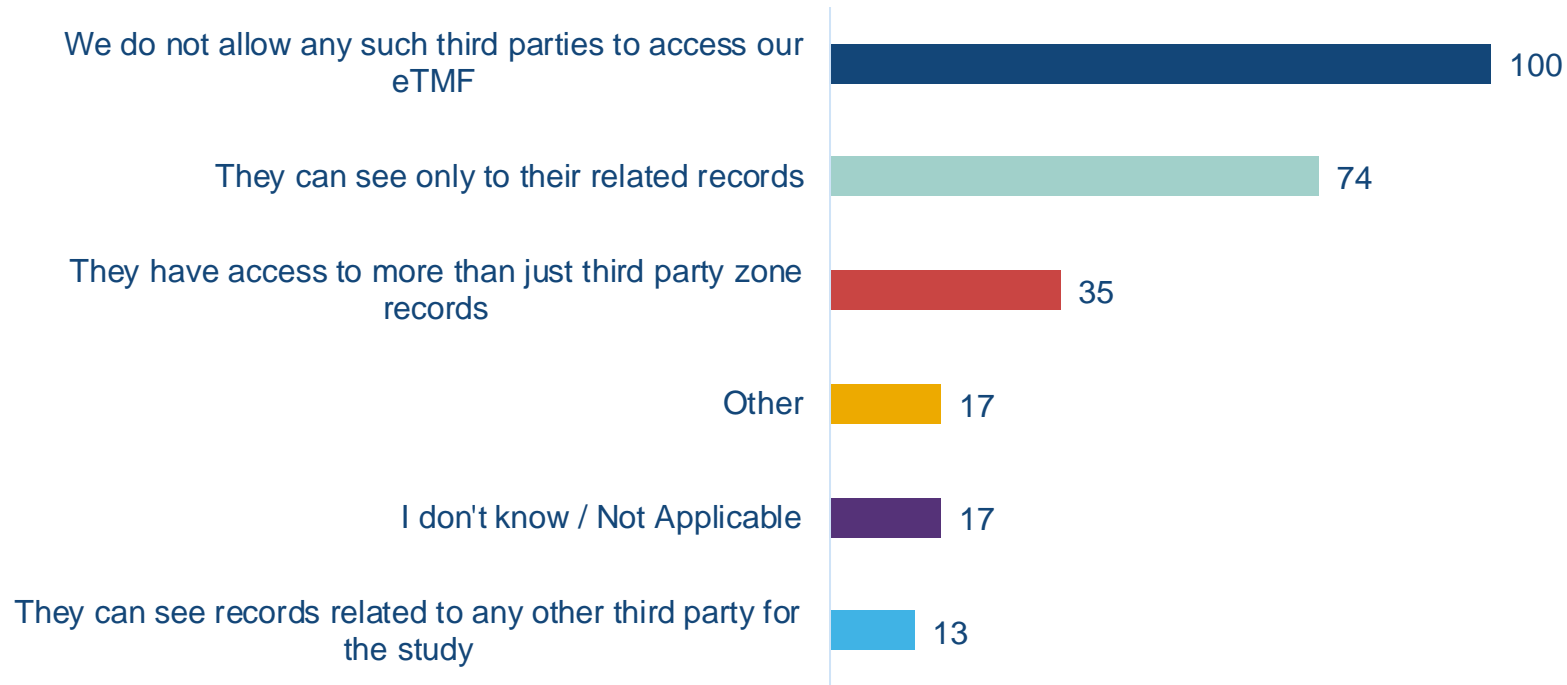
Which of the following best describes CRO use of eTMF systems during study conduct?

Sponsors, CROs only | 240 responses



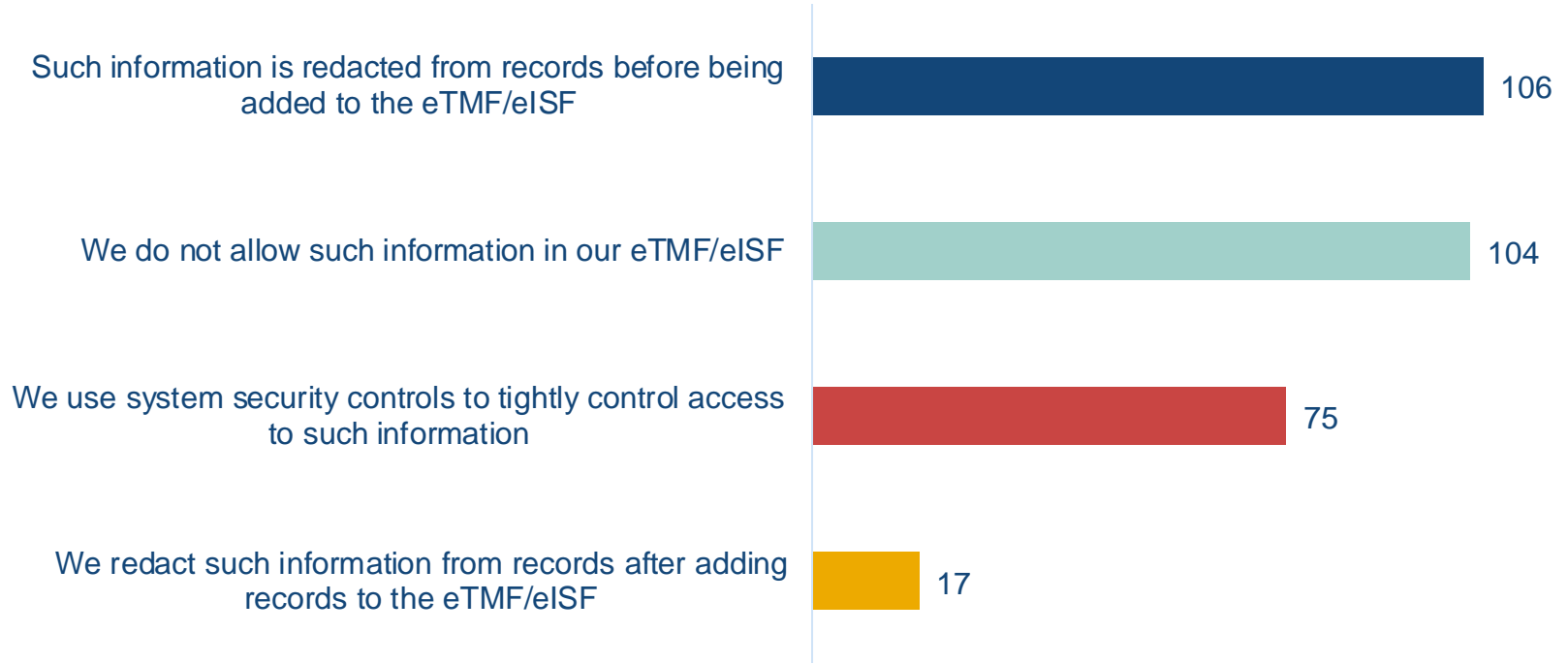
What eTMF access permissions are granted to "third parties" outside of your Sponsor/CRO & your study sites?

Sponsors & CROs only | multi-select | 222 responses



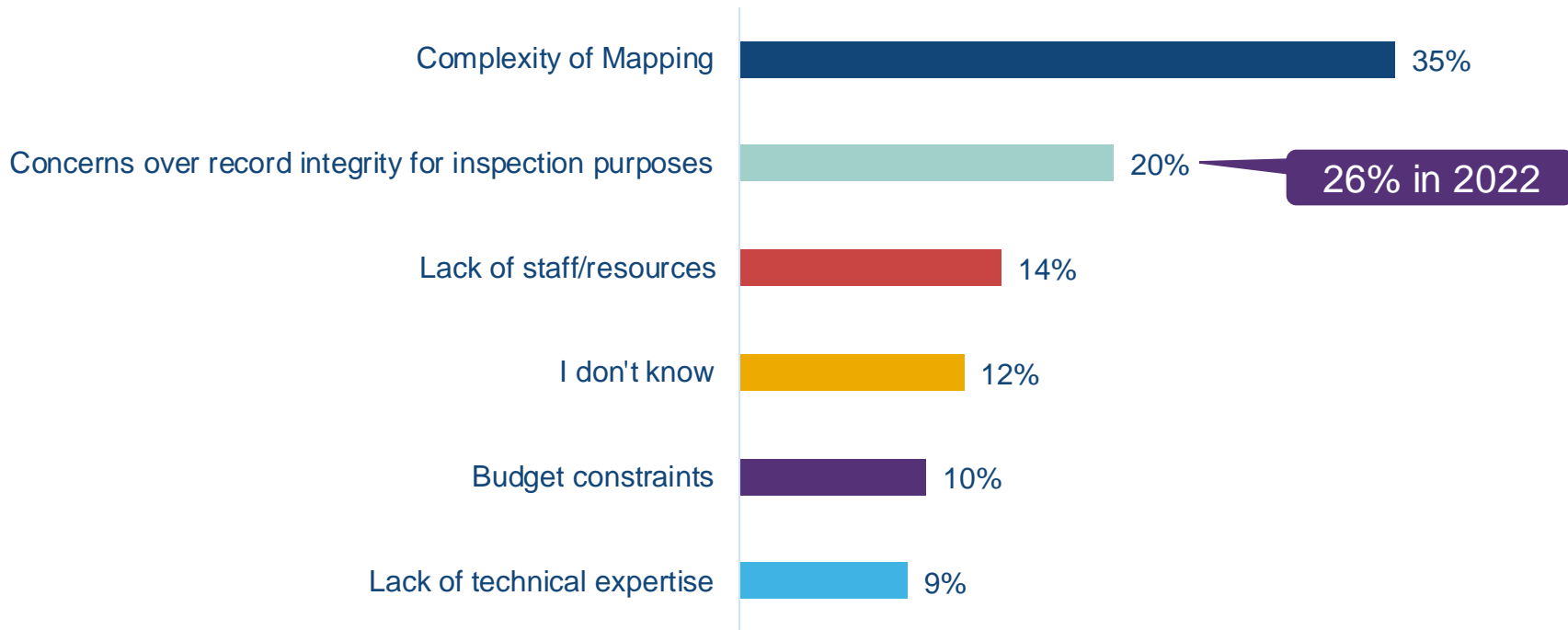
How does your organization handle confidential or sensitive information in your eTMF/eISF?

Sponsors, CROs, Sites only | multi-select | 232 responses



If you have transferred TMF/ISF content between systems or organizations, which of the following factors impacted most on the transfer?

Sponsors, CROs, Sites only | 232 responses

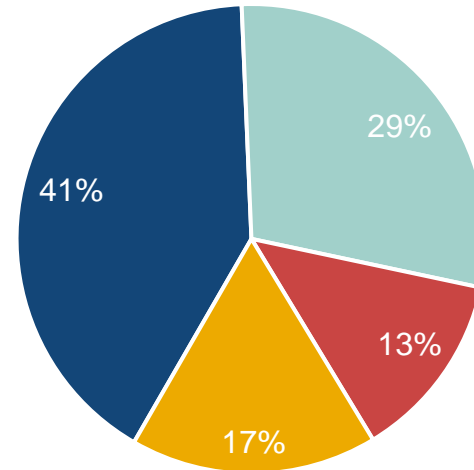


Does your organization conduct proactive/ongoing reviews of your eTMF/eISF audit trail?

Sponsors, CROs, Sites only | 232 responses

- This question is based on the “*EMA Guideline on computerised systems and electronic data in clinical trials*” (9 Mar 2023).
- We were curious if any organizations consider eTMF/eISF systems high risk enough to warrant such procedures.

- Yes
- No, but planning to do this in the future
- No, and no plans to do so
- I don't know or not applicable





Survey Findings: State of the Industry – Technology

1. Source records in more than just eTMF/eISF
2. Spectrum of experience sharing eTMF/eISF with partners & vendors
3. Interoperability still seen as biggest hurdle to TMF/ISF transfers



Next Steps



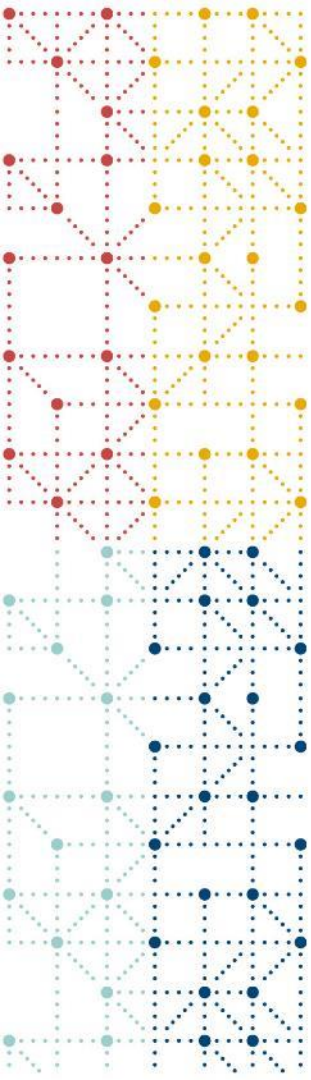
Coming soon to the CDISC TMF RM Resources Page:

- PowerPoint summary of 2024 questions and responses

Available by request: raw 2024 survey response data

Coming in 2025: TMF Reference Model Version 4

Next Survey: 2026 ???



Thank You!

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