

**Results of the EAOG online
publishing survey, Autumn 2000**

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EAOG online publishing survey

Here are the results of the survey into organic geochemists' views of online publishing carried out in the Autumn of 2000. I attach a few explanatory comments below, but on the whole I leave the interpretation up to you, dear reader. The results will be used as part of EAOG's efforts to ensure that Organic Geochemistry journal remains at the forefront of developments, both with regard to the science of organic geochemistry and publishing technology.

On the next page you will find the questionnaire, to remind you of the questions we asked. Thereafter come the answers in figure format. Questions 2 to 7 summarise background information about the respondents, of whom there were 182 in total. Roughly one quarter of all EOAG members replied, along with 69 non-members. These numbers are very gratifying and I thank all who took part for doing so.

Question 8. Here I have listed up every time a respondent mentioned a particular source of information. Since many people did not specify whether the source was online or paper, I have not tried to divide journals up into these two categories. However, I have created categories for online journals or search facilities in general.

Questions 9-11 inclusive. As well as summarising all replies, I have subdivided them based on background information - i.e. age, gender, affiliation, residence, EAOG membership and type of geochemist. The * and an arrow on a figure indicate a reply that differs by 10% or more from the total response (this does not imply it is a statistically valid difference). However, there are relatively few of these, indicating that answers were pretty consistent regardless of background. Given the relatively small number of women who replied (36), I have not marked any of these replies as being different, even where they are more than 10%, since the database was so small.

Question 12. The intention here was that people could reply 1,2,3 or leave it blank. However, the majority seemed to regard 1 as the minimum. Hence I feel that the results overestimate the importance of some of the features of online publishing.

Question 13. As with Q.8, I have created categories and then ticked a box every time one of the categories was mentioned. My guess is that some of the features with a low score are more important than comes across here, and would have scored higher if they had been given as options on the questionnaire.

Feedback (comments or questions) are welcome and should be sent to rp@statoil.com.

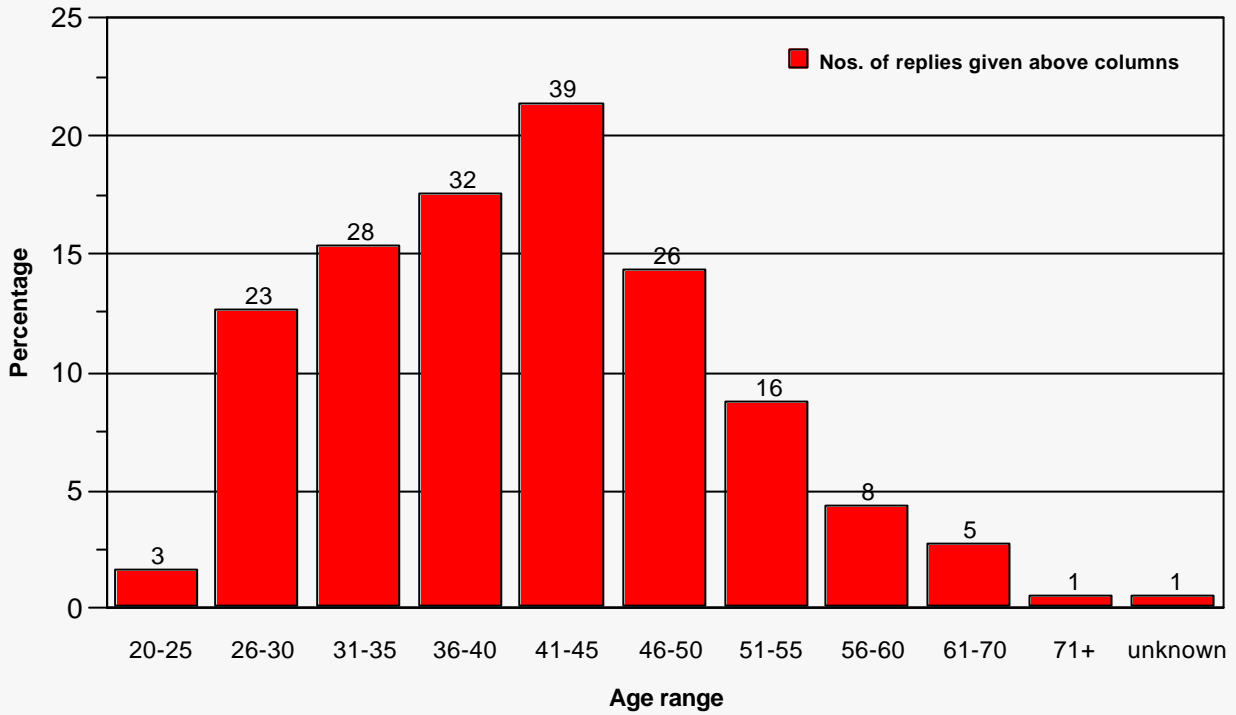
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Q. no.	Question	Guidance to answering question
1	Name	optional
2	Age	please answer this!
3	Sex	answer "male" or "female"
4	Country of residence	NB NOT citizenship
5	Type of employment	choose from "academic", "industry", "government", "consultant", "student" or "other" (specify)
6	EAOG member?	answer "yes" or "no"
7	Are you a "fossil fuel" or a "bio/environmental" geochemist?	answer "fuel" or "bio"
8	Pls specify your main source(s) of information about publications dealing with organic geochemistry	e.g. journals (name key ones), search engines, abstracting services etc, specify if thro' online or paper sources
9	Do you currently prefer to read journals on screen or on paper?	answer "on screen" or "paper"
10a	Are you aware that Organic Geochemistry journal (OGJ) is available online?	answer "yes" or "no"
10b	Do you currently read OGJ (paper copy)?	choose from "regularly", "occasionally" or "never"
10c	Do you currently read OGJ (online)?	choose from "regularly", "occasionally" or "never"
10d	In 2 years time do you expect to be reading OGJ i) online or ii) the paper publication?	answer "online" or "paper"
11a	Would you submit a paper through choice to an online-only journal?	answer "yes" or "no"
11b	In 2 years time would you expect to submit a paper through choice to an online-only journal?	answer "yes" or "no"
11c	Do you subscribe to an online journal?	answer "yes personally", "yes thro' library" or "no"
11d	In 2 years time would you expect to subscribe to an online journal?	answer "yes personally", "yes thro' library" or "no"
12	What features of online publication would you most appreciate?	rank as many as you wish from 1 to 3 (1 = of interest; 2 = important; 3 = very important)
a	- rapid publication	
b	- electronic submission and handling of manuscripts	
c	- search features for relevant articles	
d	- access to abstracts online	
e	- access to full papers online	
f	- hyperlinked figures, tables and references in manuscripts	
g	- cut and paste options for figures and tables	
h	- "rotating molecules" and other 3D effects	
i	- links through figures to original data sets	
j	- online discussion with authors	
k	- access to conference presentation material	e.g. Powerpoint files or posters
l	- others (specify)	
13	What are the disadvantages of online publication?	brief text as keywords

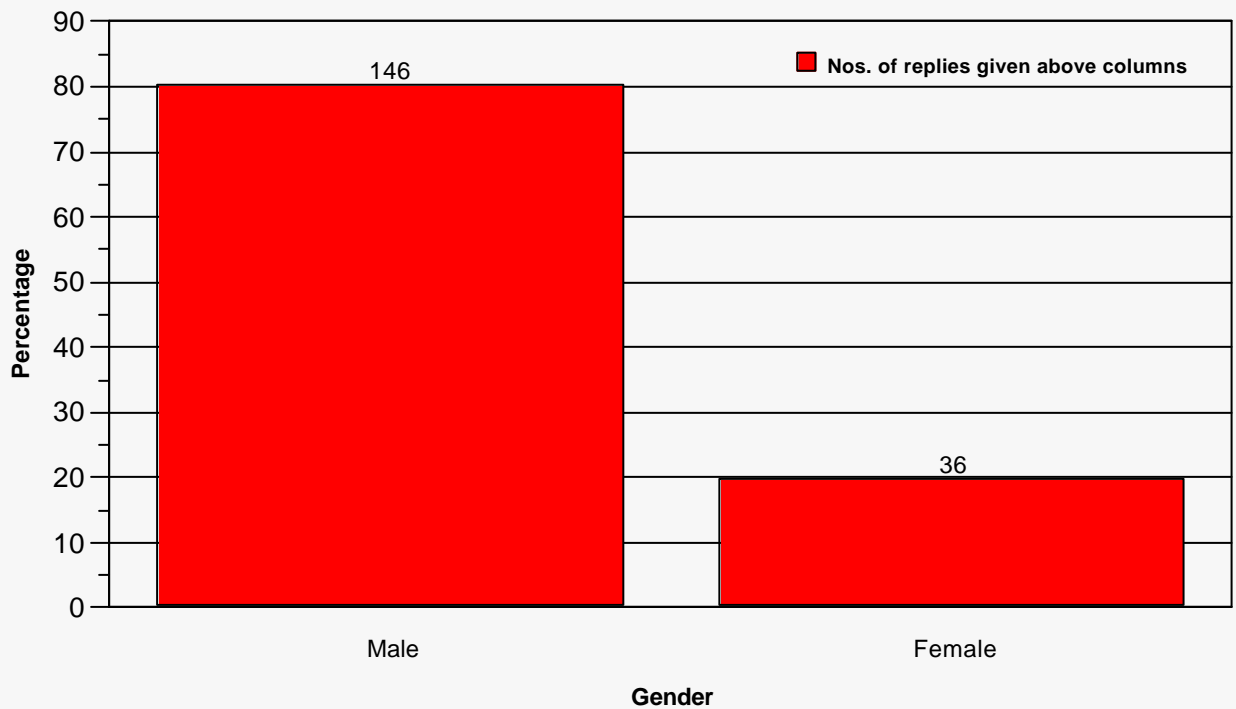
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Q2. AGE



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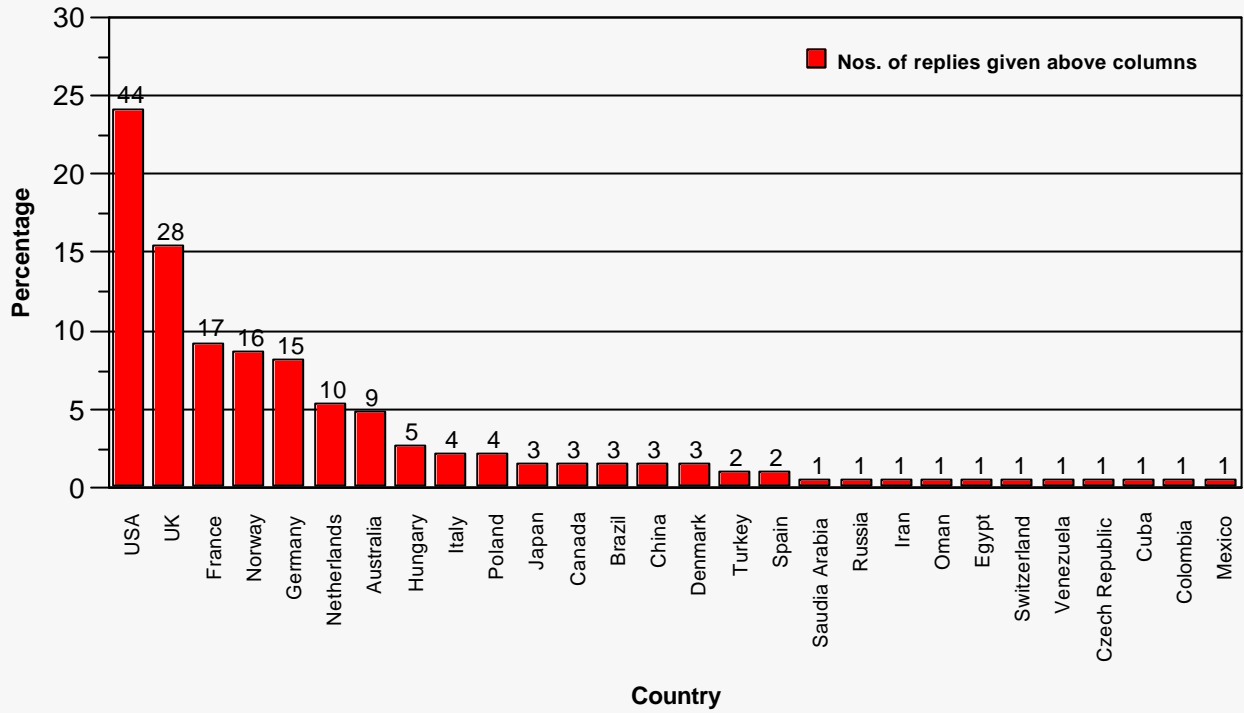
Q3. GENDER



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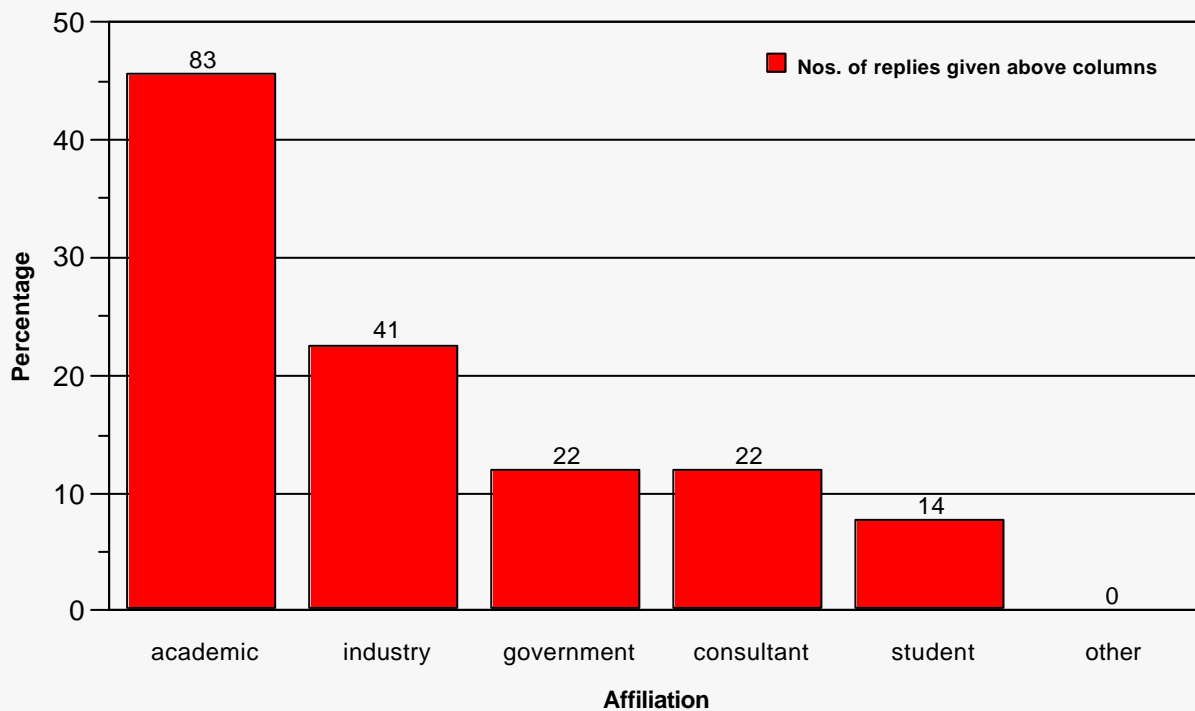
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Q4. RESIDENCE



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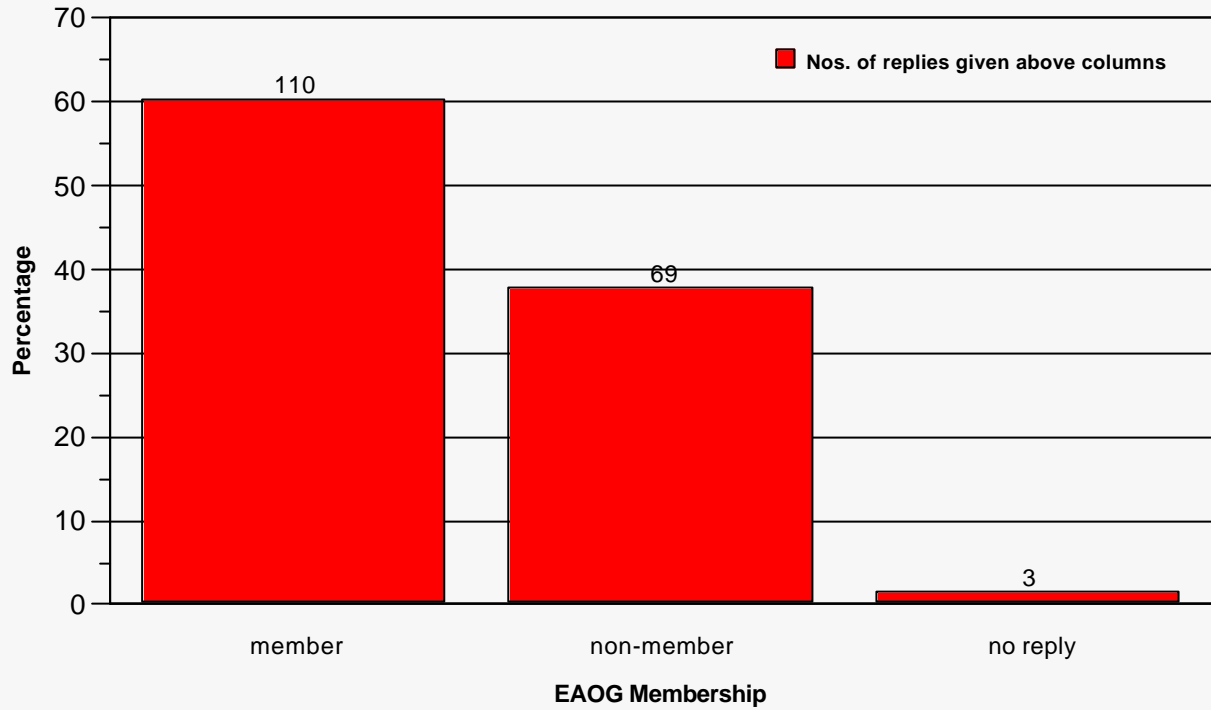
Q5. AFFILIATION



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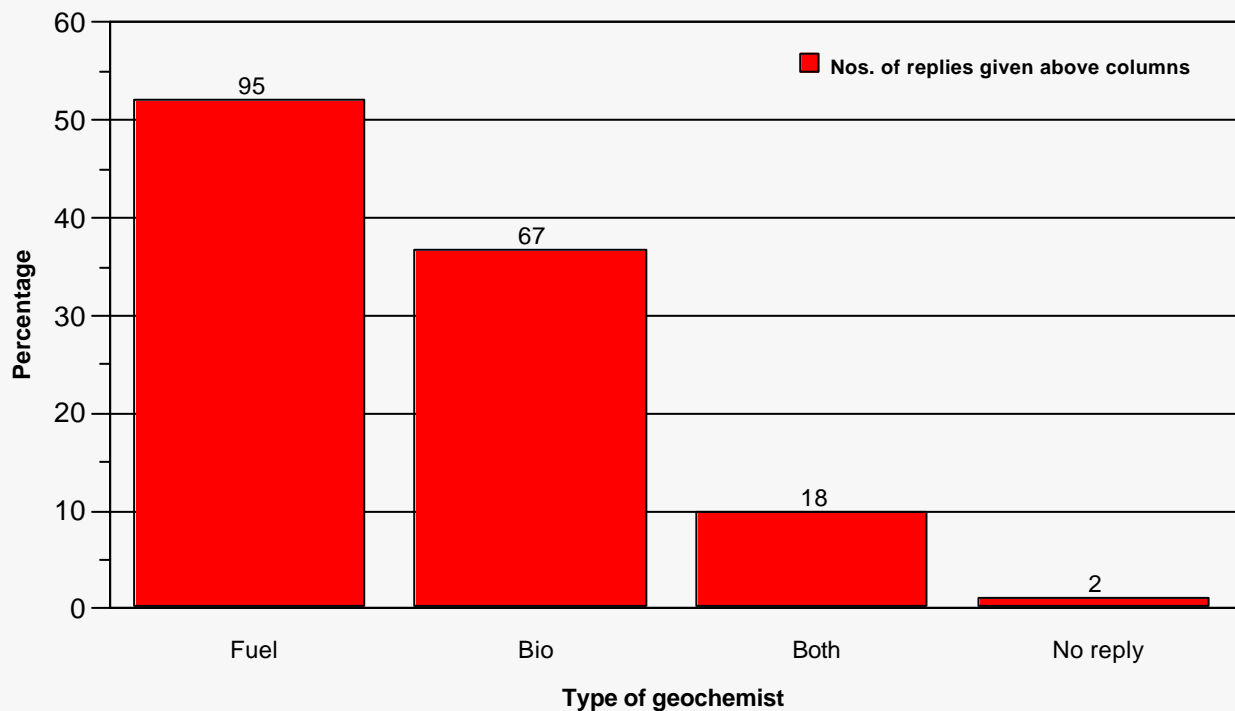
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Q6. EAOG MEMBERSHIP



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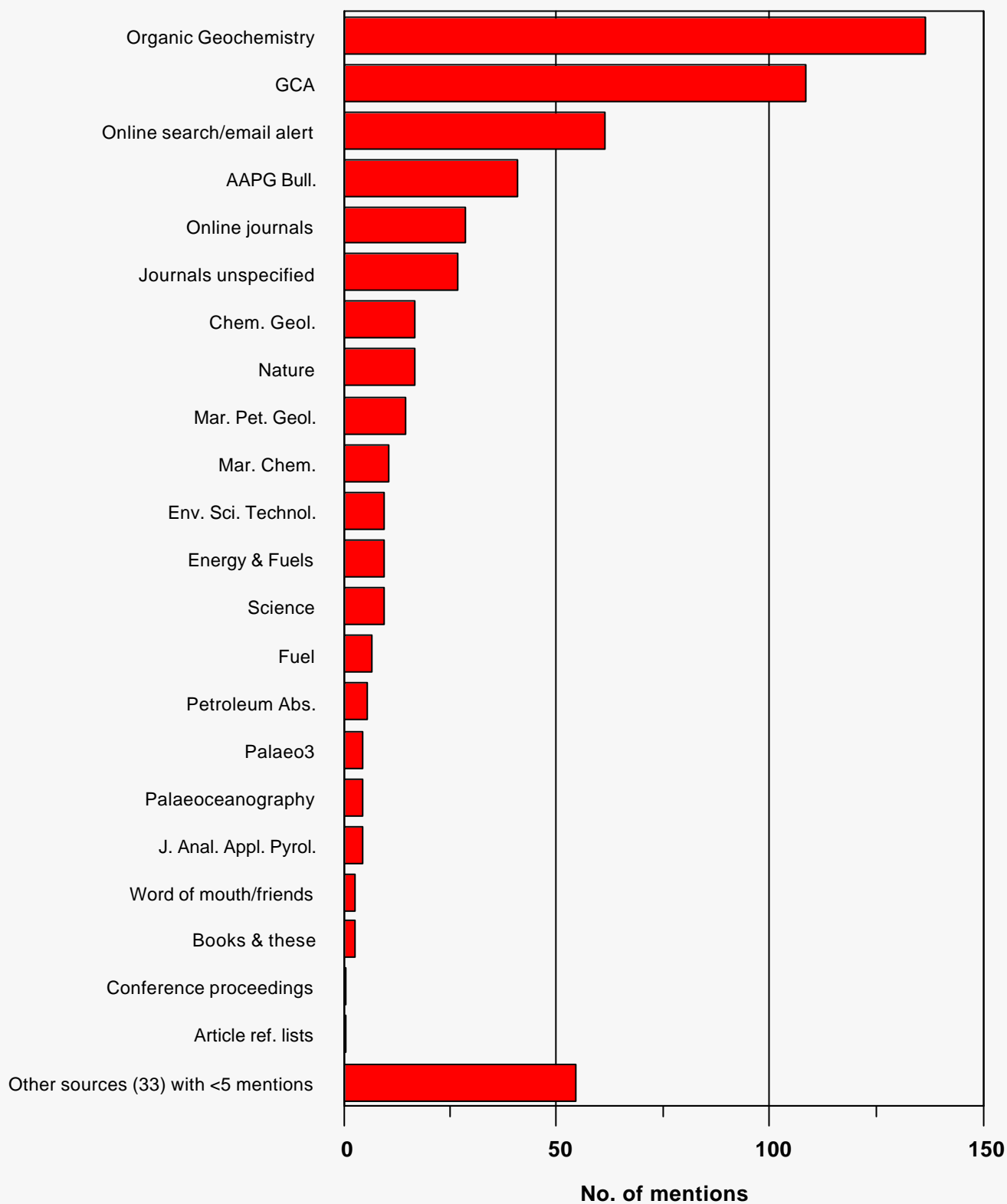
Q7. FUEL OR BIOGEOCHEMIST



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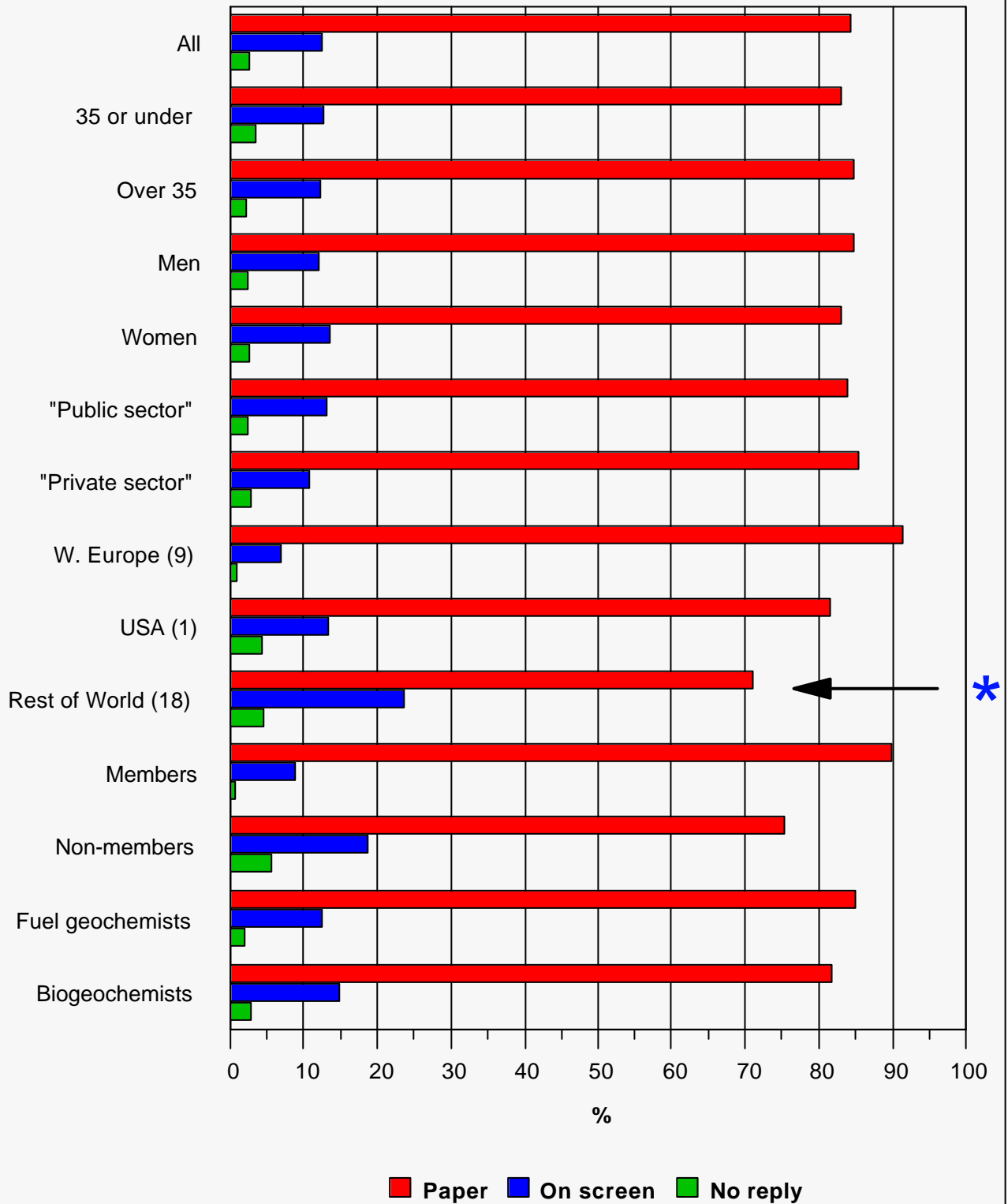
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Pls specify your main source(s) of information about publications dealing with organic geochemistry
Q. 8



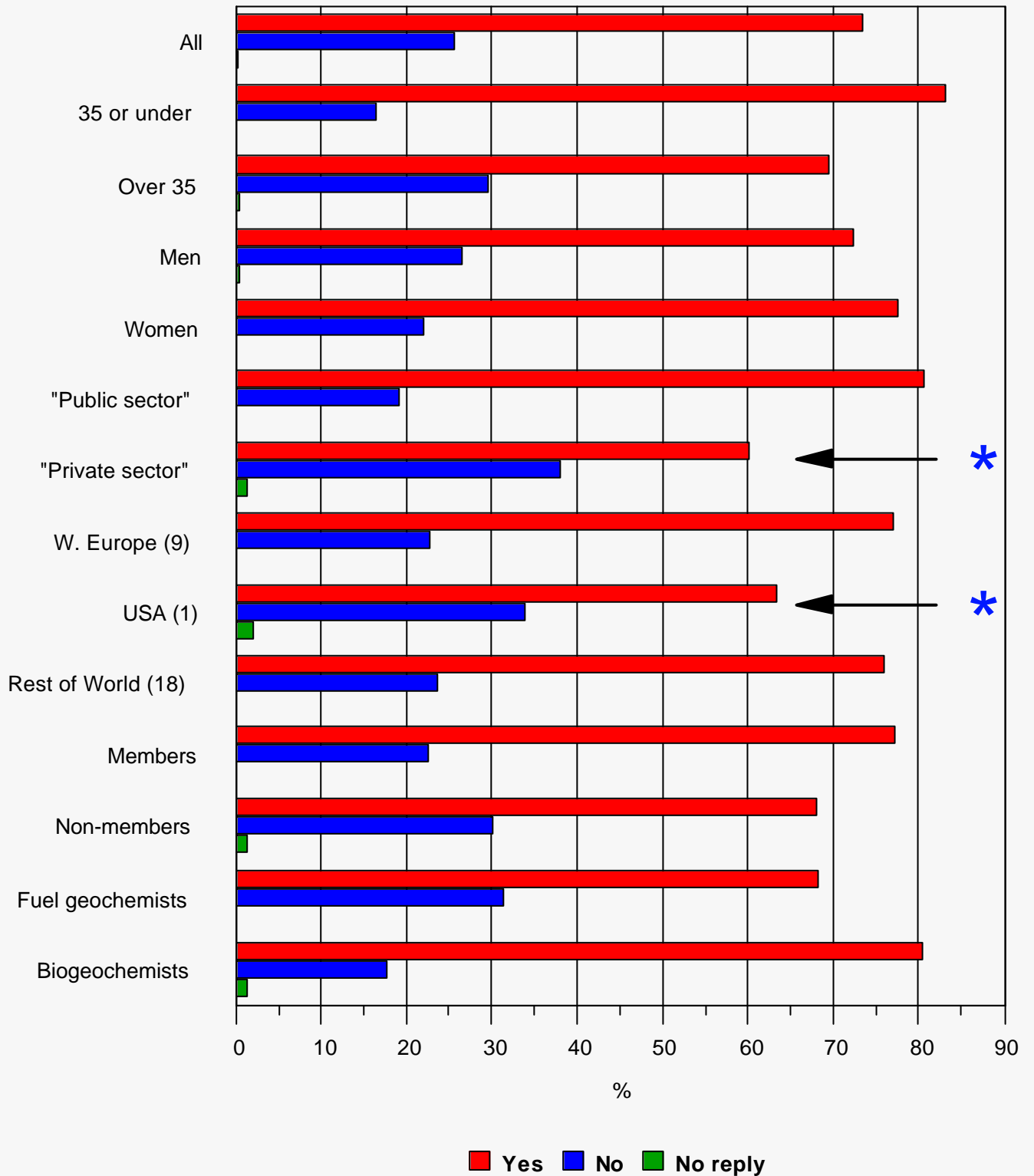
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Do you currently prefer to read journals on screen or on paper?
Q.9



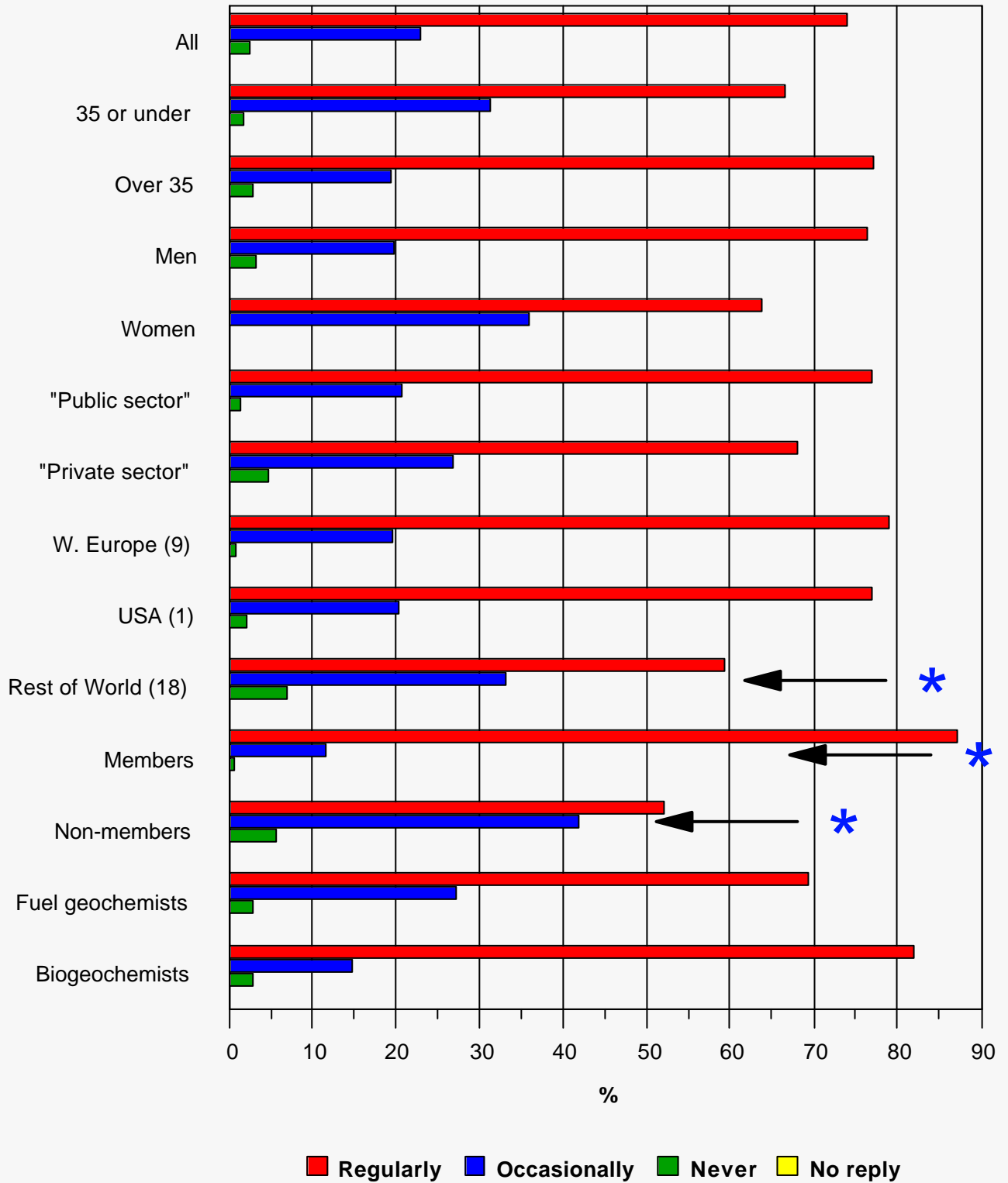
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Are you aware that Organic Geochemistry journal (OGJ) is available online?
Q.10a



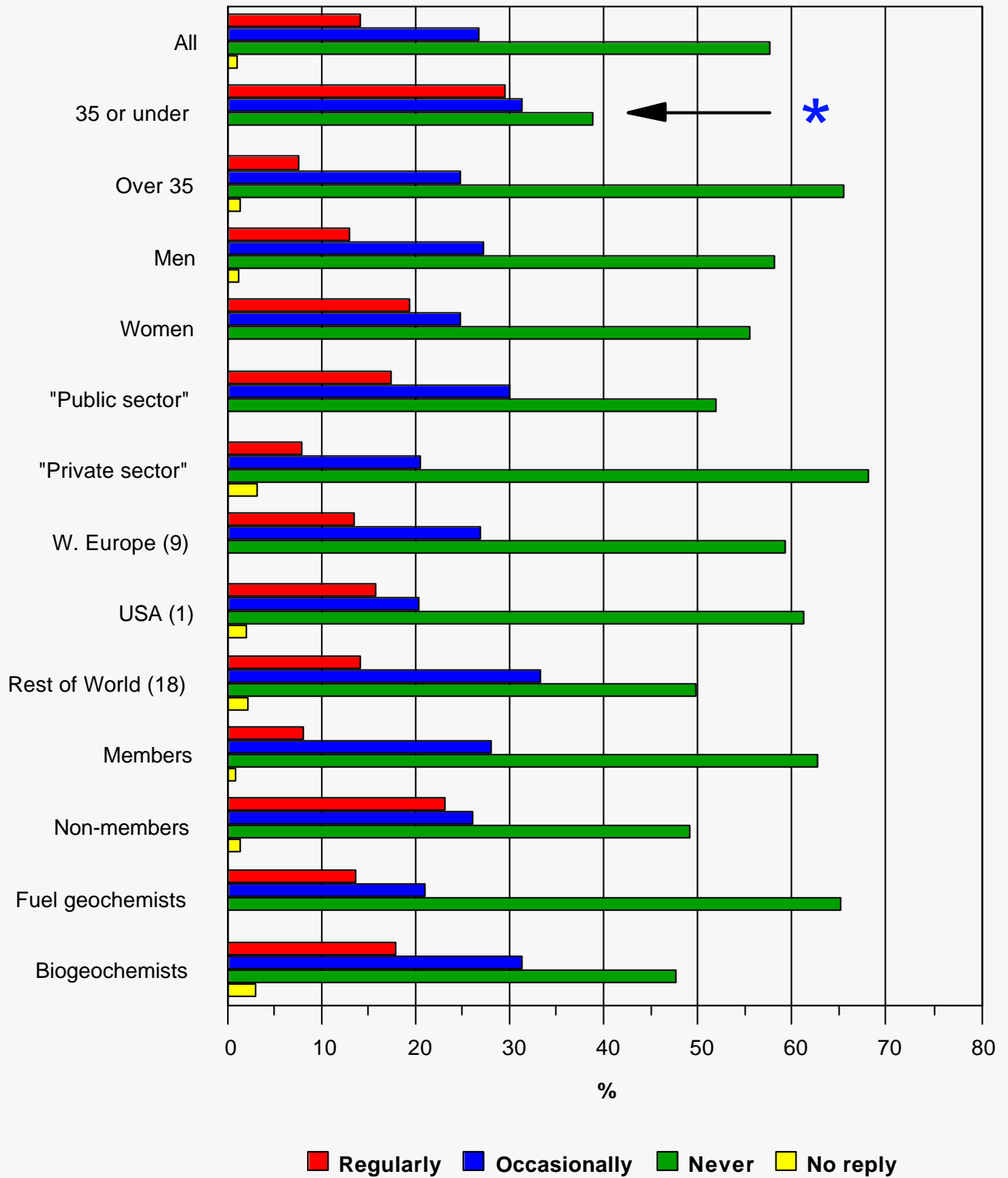
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Do you currently read OGJ (paper copy)?
Q.10b



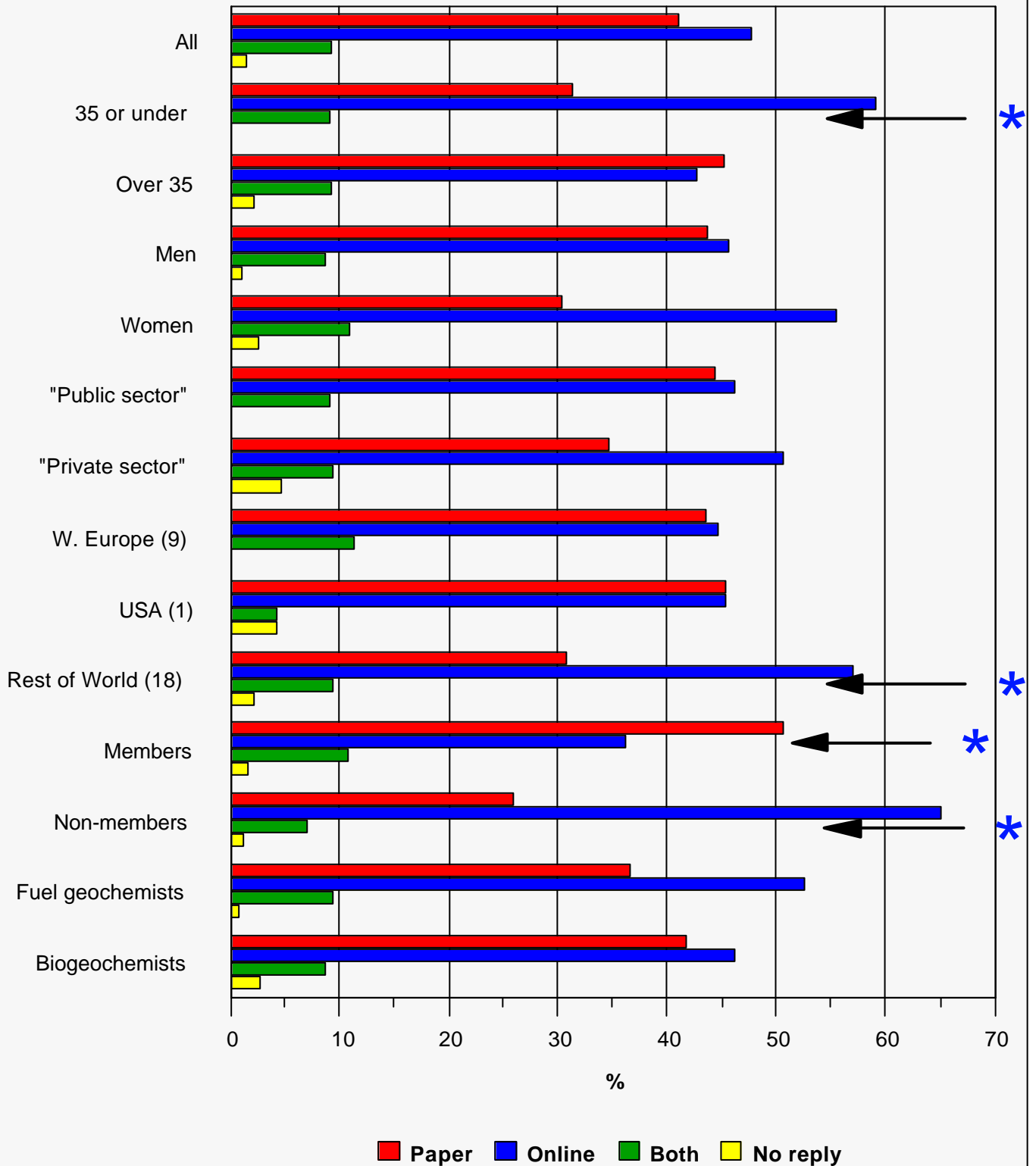
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Do you currently read OGJ (online)?
Q.10c



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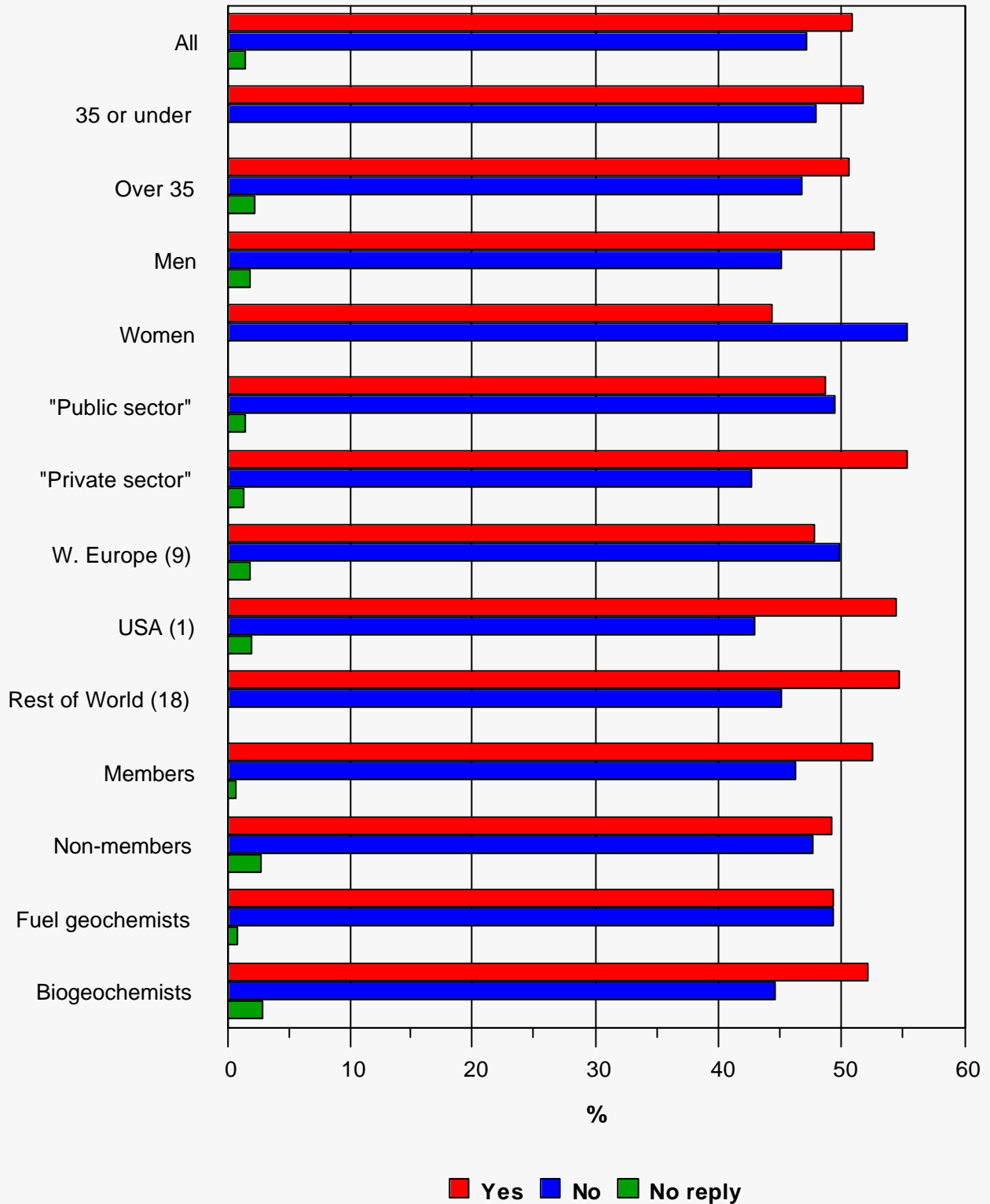
In 2 years time do you expect to be reading OGJ i) online or ii) as the paper publication?
Q.10d



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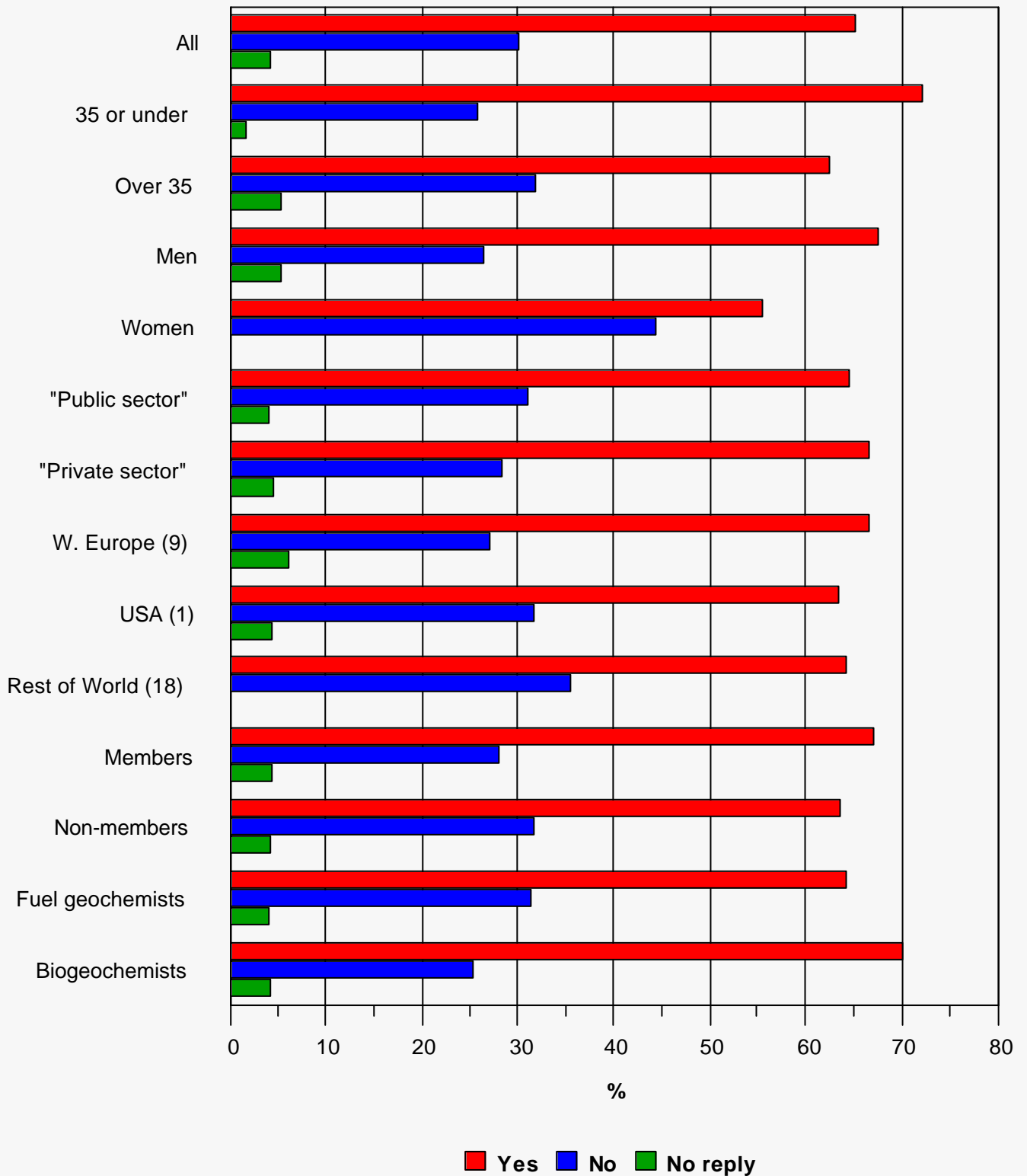
Would you submit a paper through choice to an online-only journal?

Q.11a



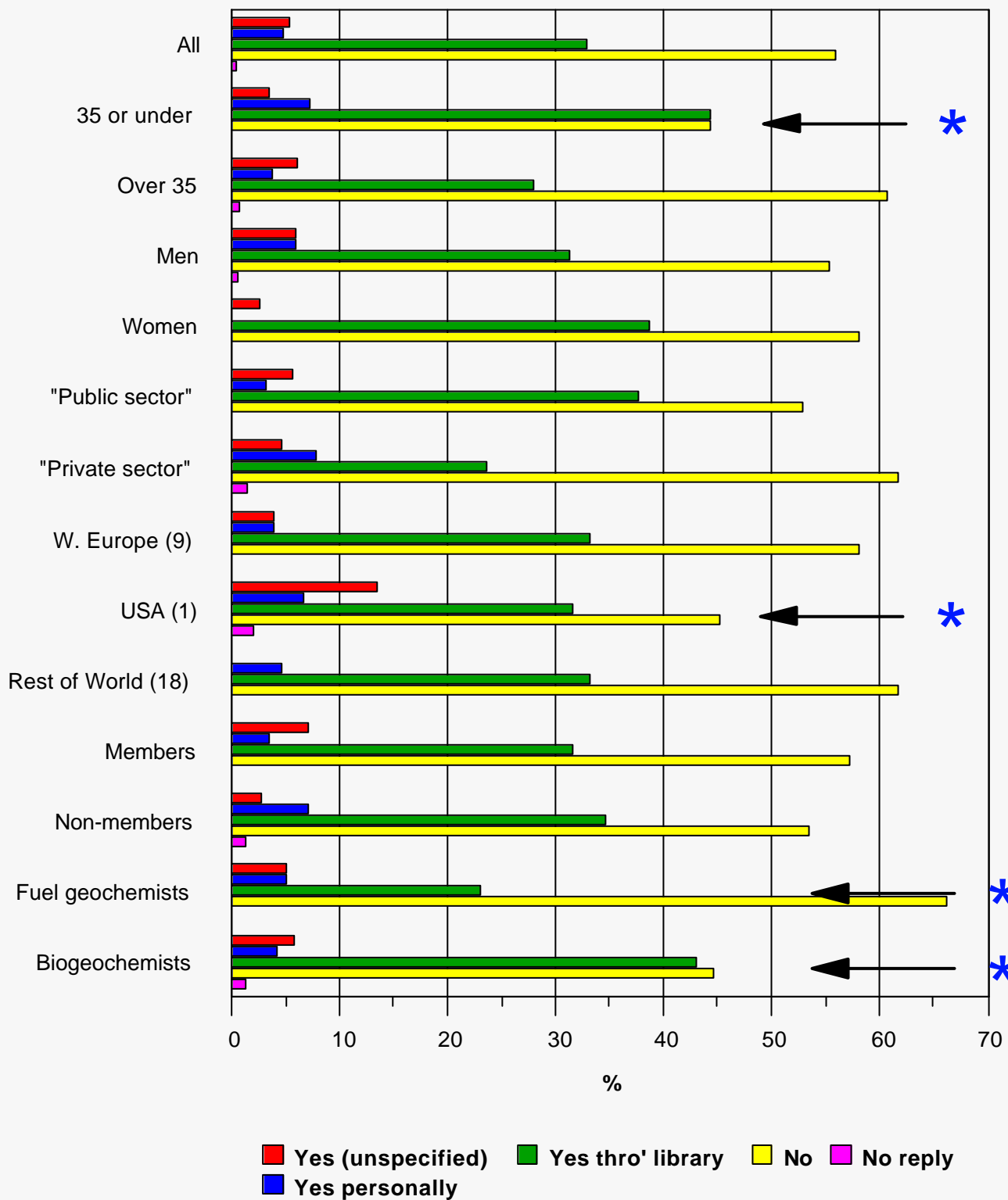
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In 2 years time would you expect to submit a paper through choice to an online-only journal?
Q.11b



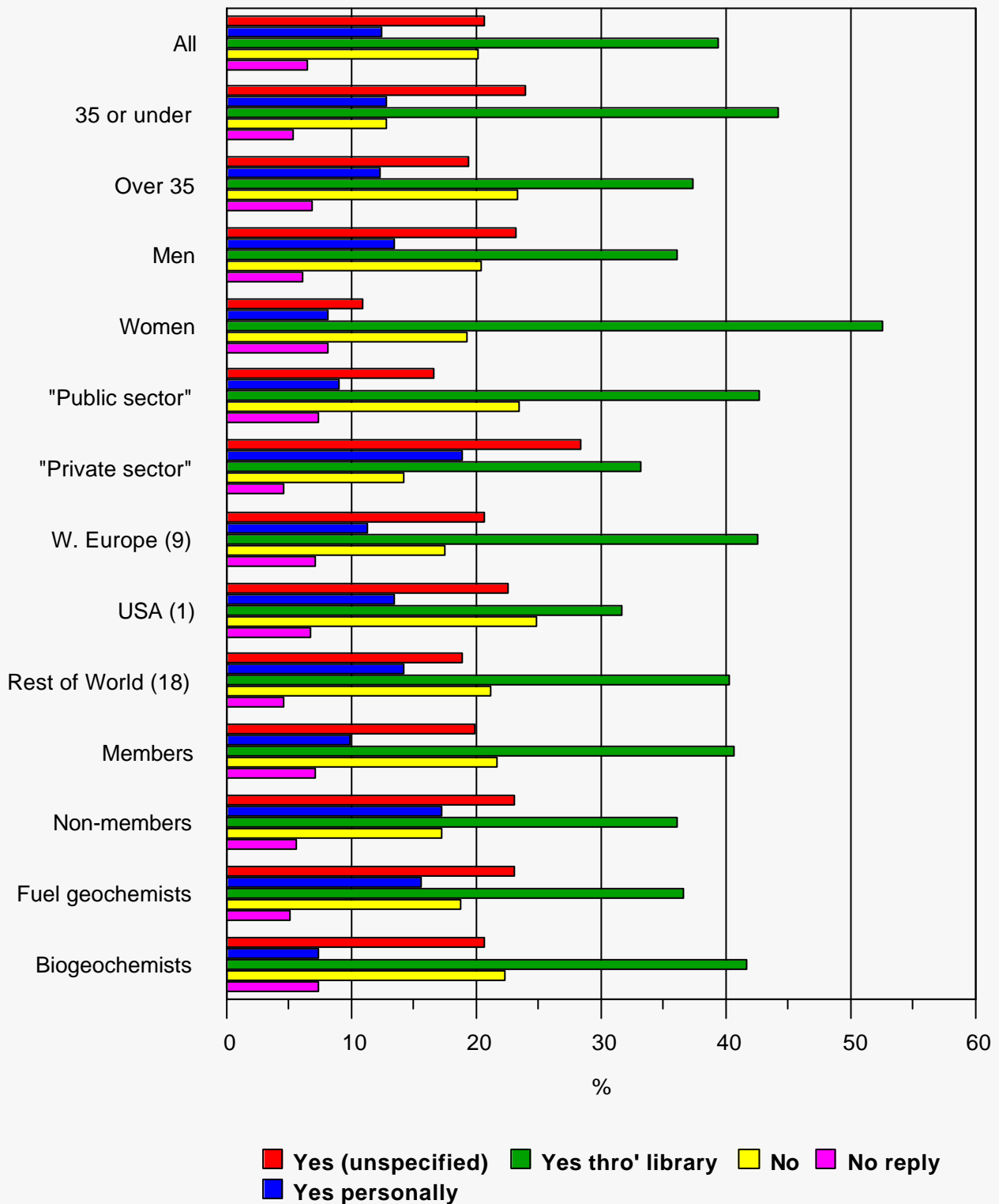
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Do you subscribe to an online journal?
Q.11c



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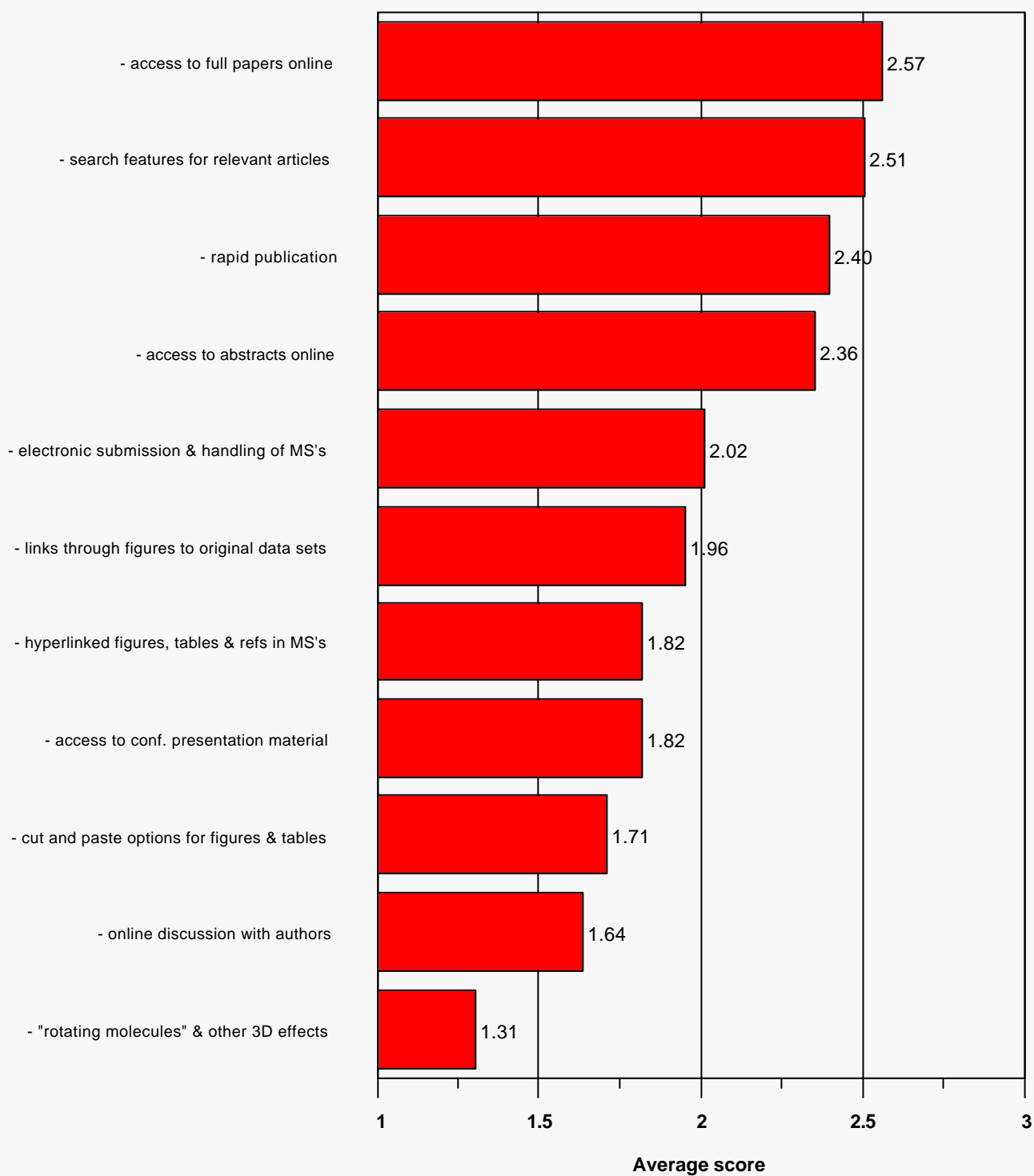
**In 2 years time would you expect to subscribe to an online journal?
Q.11d**



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What features of online publication would you most appreciate:

Q. 12



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What are the disadvantages of online publication?

Q. 13

