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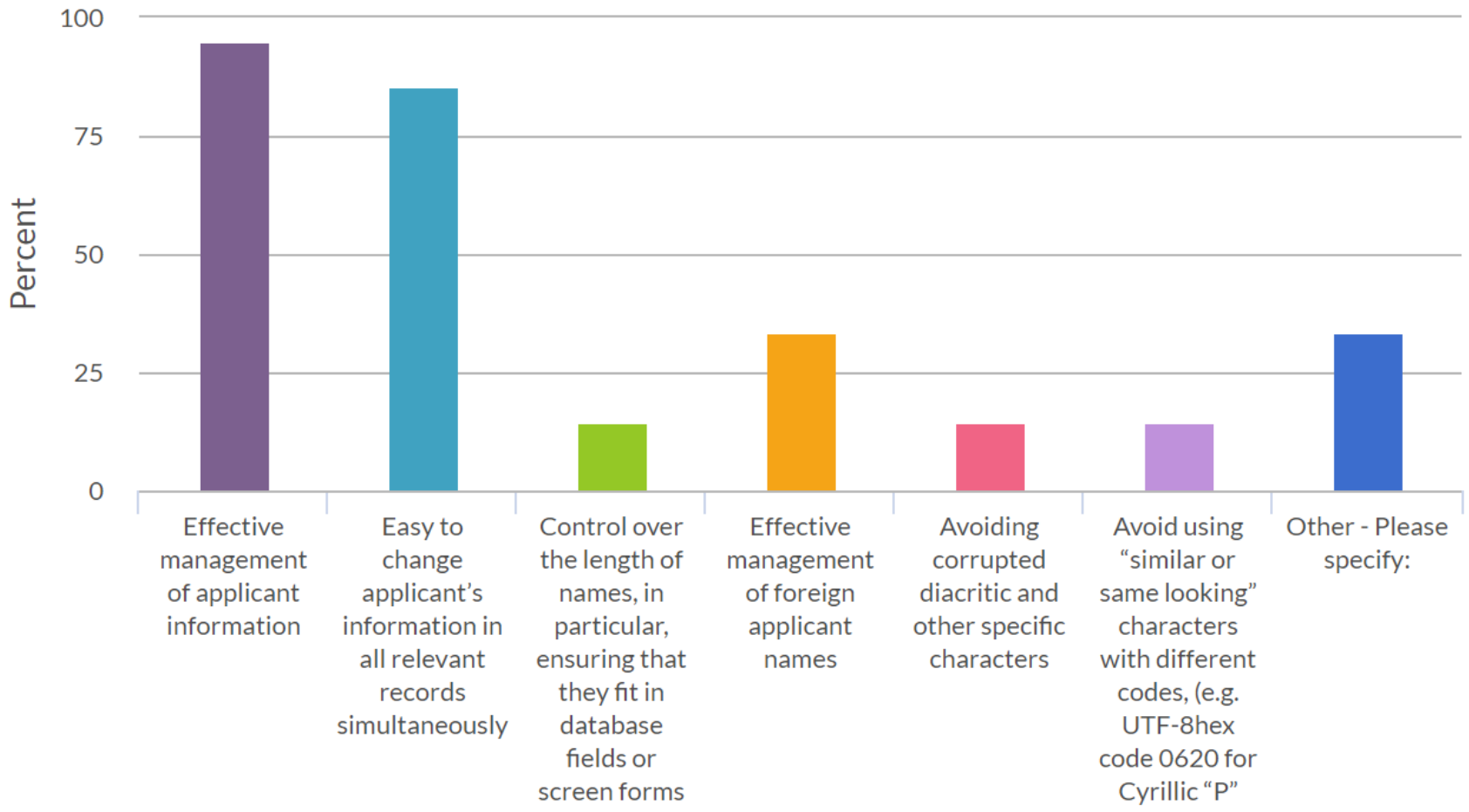
Results of CWS Survey on IPO Use of Identifiers

General

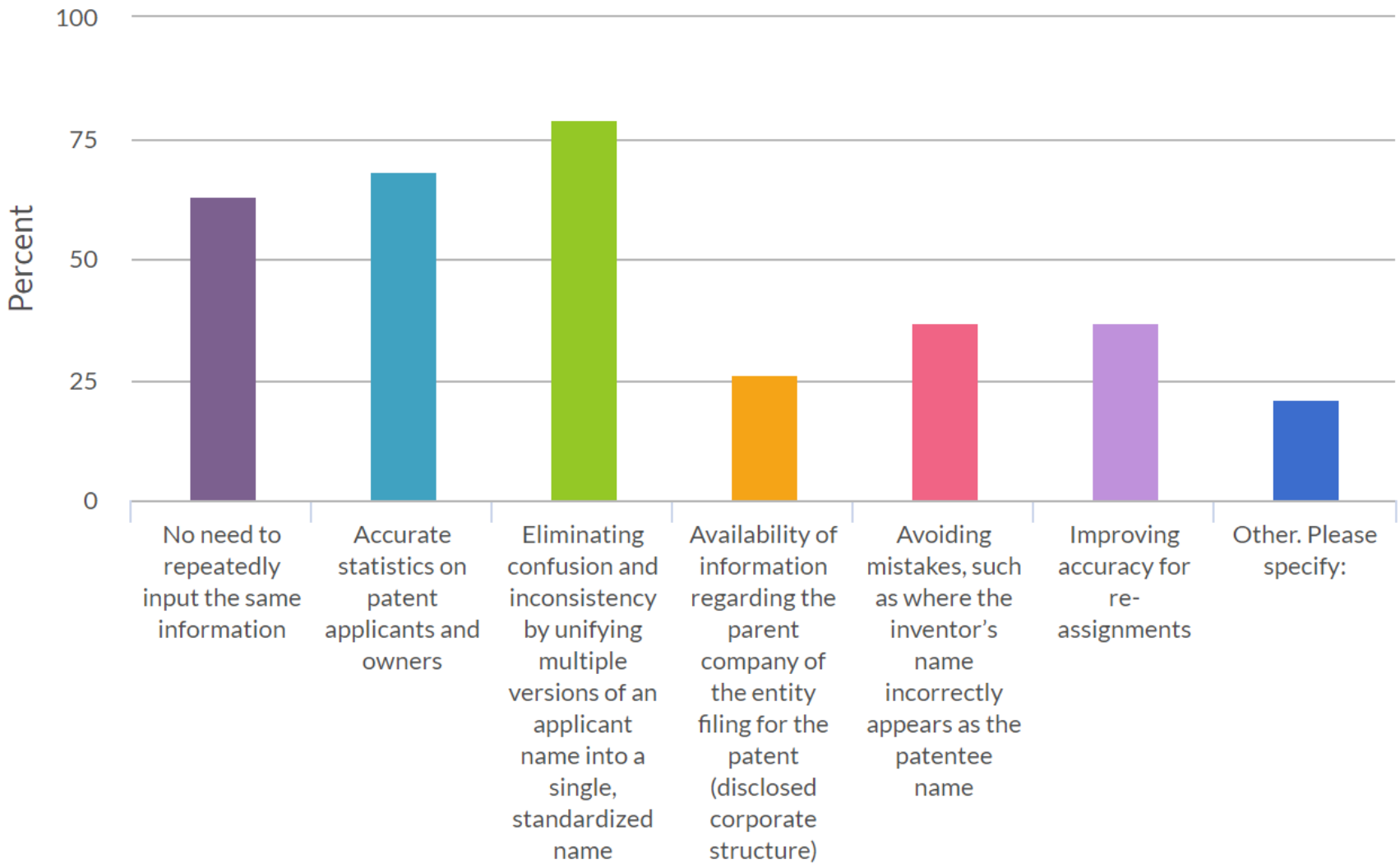
- Approved by CWS/6 in Oct 2018
- Issued in Dec 2018; results through Mar 2019
- 23 IP Offices responded

AU: Australia
CA: Canada
CH: Switzerland
CN: China
CO: Colombia
CR: Costa Rica
CZ: Czech Republic
DE: Germany
EE: Estonia
ES: Spain
GB: United Kingdom
HR: Croatia
IT: Italy
JP: Japan
KR: Republic of Korea
MD: Republic of Moldova
NZ: New Zealand
DO: Dominican Republic
RU: Russian Federation
SE: Sweden
SK: Slovakia
UA: Ukraine
US: United States of America

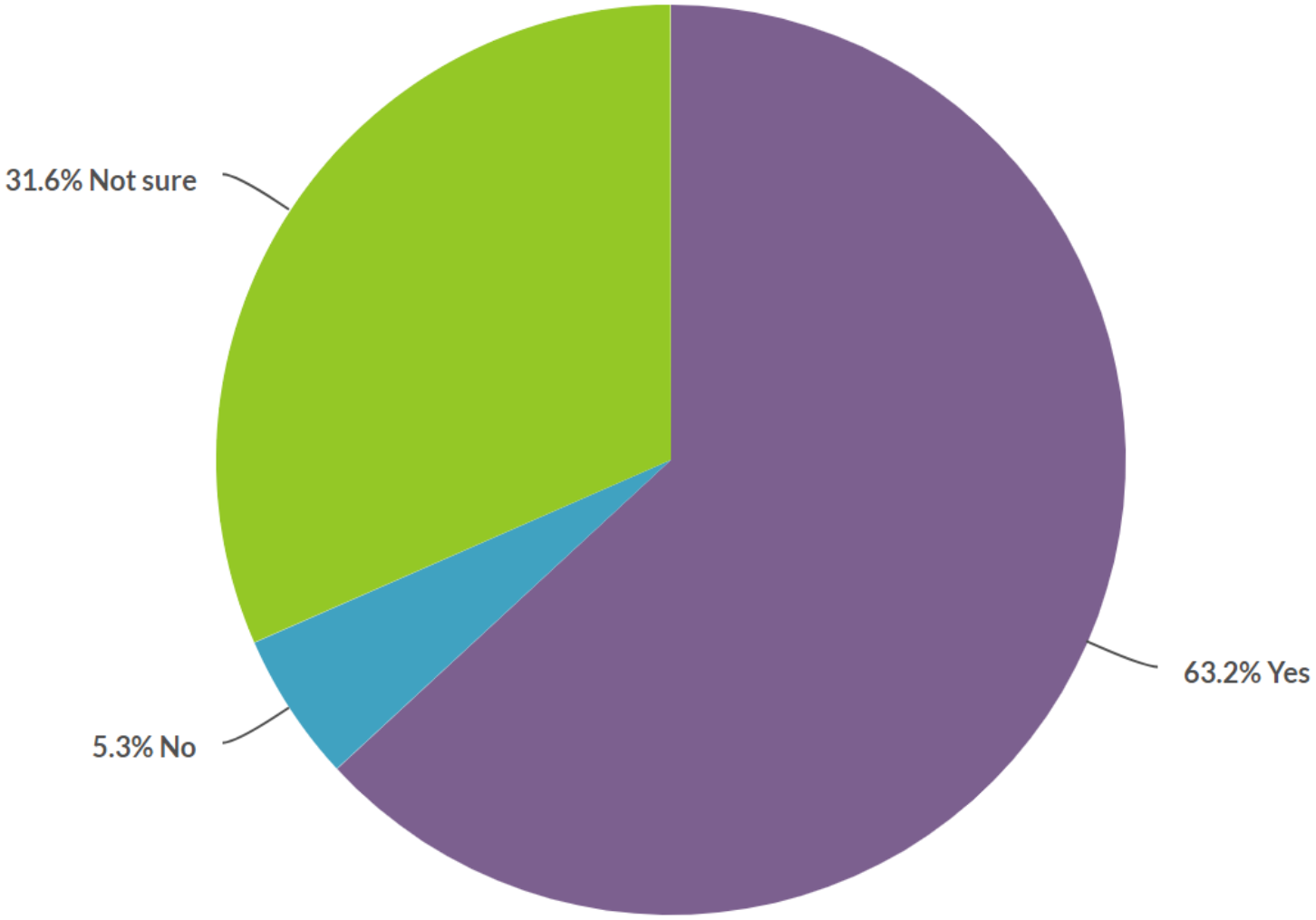
Perceived advantages of using Applicant Identifiers in your Office?



Perceived advantages for Applicants and Patent Information Users?



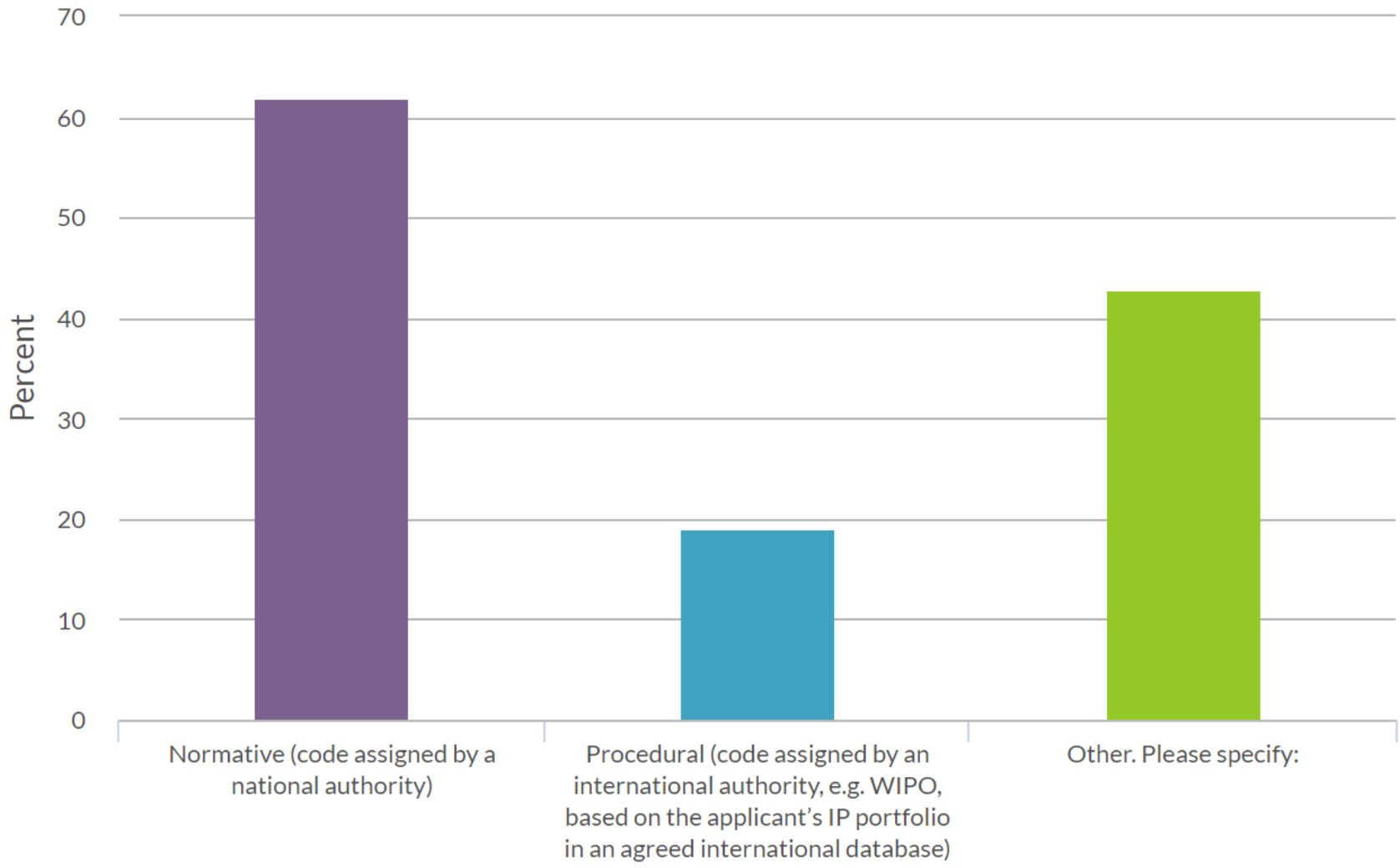
Do you consider global identifiers a desirable solution?



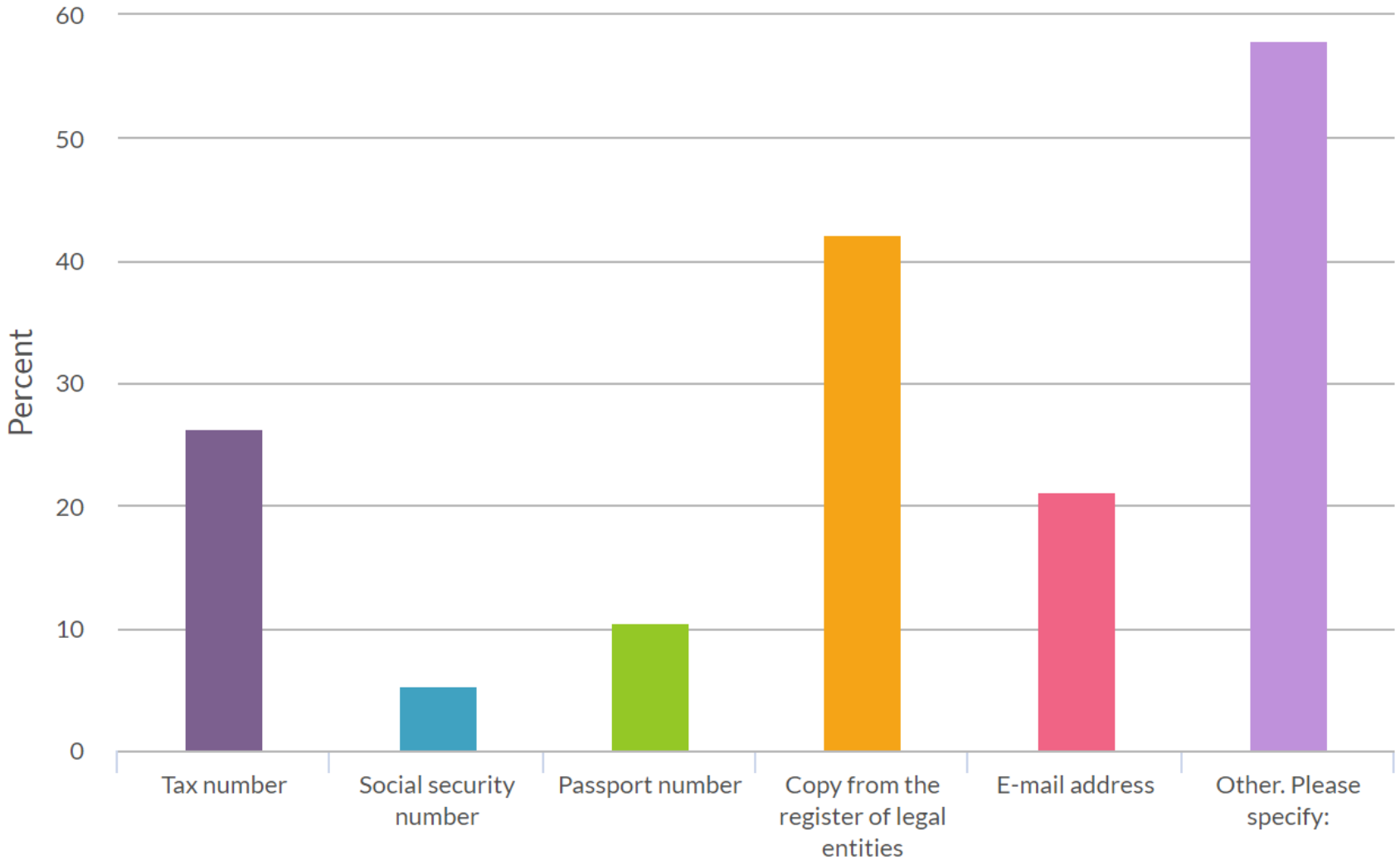
Which options would you consider for investigation in your Office?

	L: Low	M: Medium	H: High
Use of identifiers			
Count	2	3	16
Row %	9.5%	14.3%	76.2%
Normalized* names			
Count	9	6	5
Row %	45.0%	30.0%	25.0%
Use of “dictionaries” of patentee names by patent information			
Count	9	7	0
Row %	56.3%	43.8%	0.0%
Use of standardized** names designated by applicants			
Count	10	5	4
Row %	52.6%	26.3%	21.1%

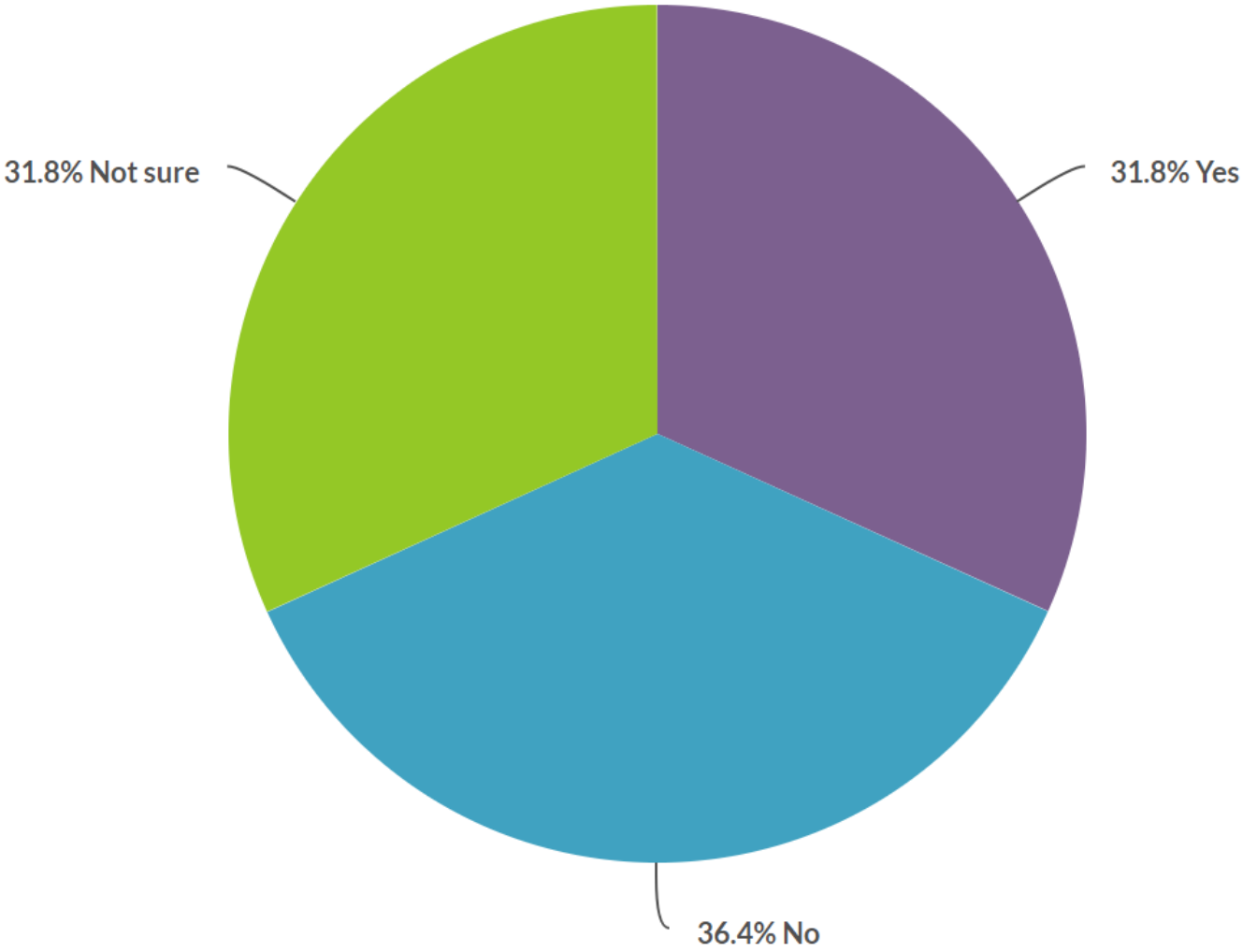
Which approach to assigning identifiers does your Office (plan to) use?



What info do you request to determine identifiers for national applicants?



Do you (plan to) use a computer algorithm to normalize or standardize applicant names?



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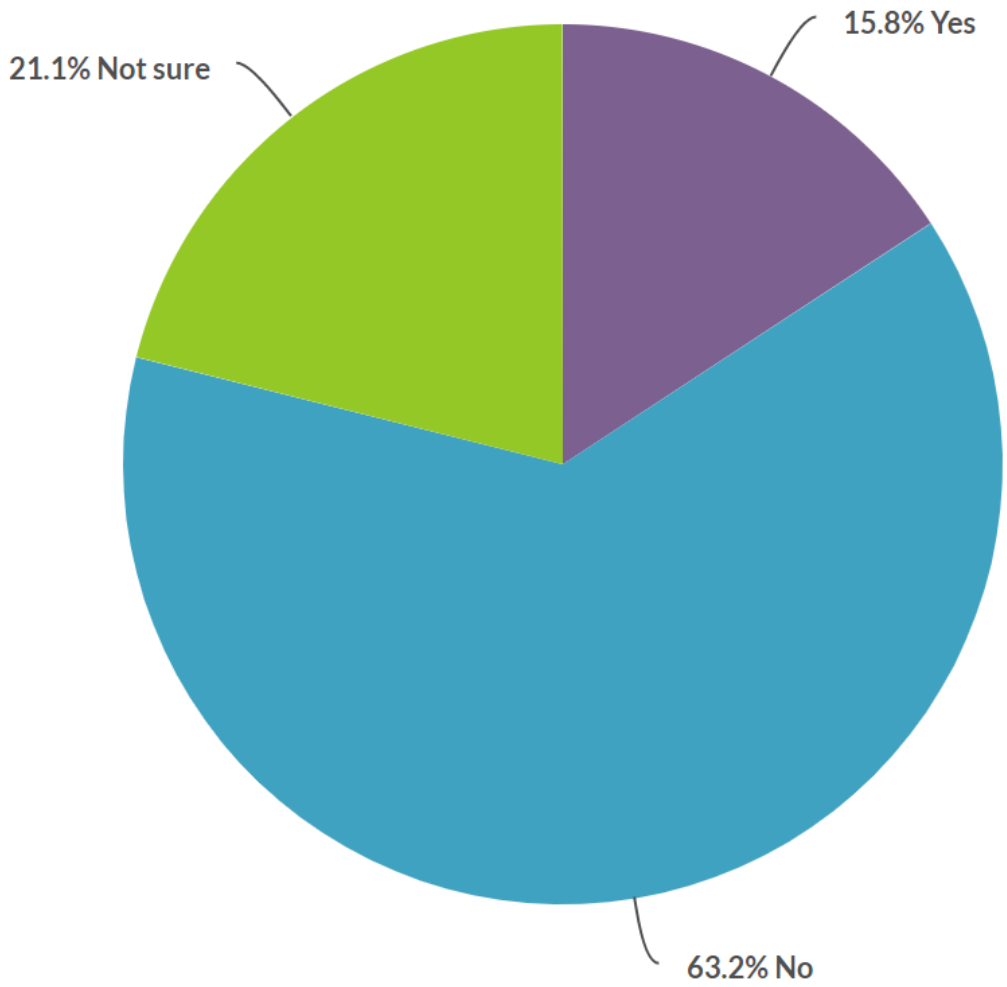
Plan to include identifiers in data exchanged with other IPOs?



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- Thank you for your attention!