



Auditing HIV Testing Rates across Europe: Results from the HIDES 2 Study

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Background

- 50% of the estimated 2,4 million people living with HIV in Europe (1,5 million Eastern Europe and Central Asia and 860,000 in Western and Central Europe) are unaware of their HIV status
- Approximately 50% are diagnosed late (CD4 < 350)*
- Studies suggest HIV testing remains cost-effective when the undiagnosed HIV prevalence is > 0.1%
- The concept of indicator condition (ID) guided HIV testing is an approach by which health care practitioners can be encouraged to offer more tests based on condition/disease.
- HIV Indicator Diseases across Europe (HIDES) is a project under the HIV in Europe initiative

*Mocroft A et al. Risk Factors and Outcomes for Late Presentation for HIV-Positive Persons in Europe: Results from the Collaboration of Observational HIV Epidemiological Research Europe Study (COHERE). PLoS Med, 2013

Feasibility and Effectiveness of Indicator Condition-Guided Testing for HIV: Results from HIDES I (HIV Indicator Diseases across Europe Study)

	Individuals having HIV test (number)	HIV positive (number)	Prevalence (95% CI)	Number of surveys
Total	3588	66	1.84 (1.42–2.34)	39
<u>Indicator condition</u>				
Sexually transmitted infection (STI)	764	31	4.06 (2.78–5.71)	4
Malignant lymphoma (LYM)	344	1	0.29 (0.006–1.61)	5
Cervical or anal dysplasia or cancer (CAN)	542	2	0.37 (0.04–1.32)	4
Herpes zoster (HZV)	207	6	2.89 (1.07–6.21)	5
Hepatitis B or C (HEP)	1099	4	0.36 (0.10–0.93)	6
Ongoing mononucleosis-like illness (MON)	441	17	3.85 (2.26–6.10)	7
Unexplained leukocytopenia/thrombocytopenia (CYT)	94	3	3.19 (0.66–9.04)	4
Seborrheic dermatitis/exanthema (SEB)	97	2	2.06 (0.25–7.24)	4

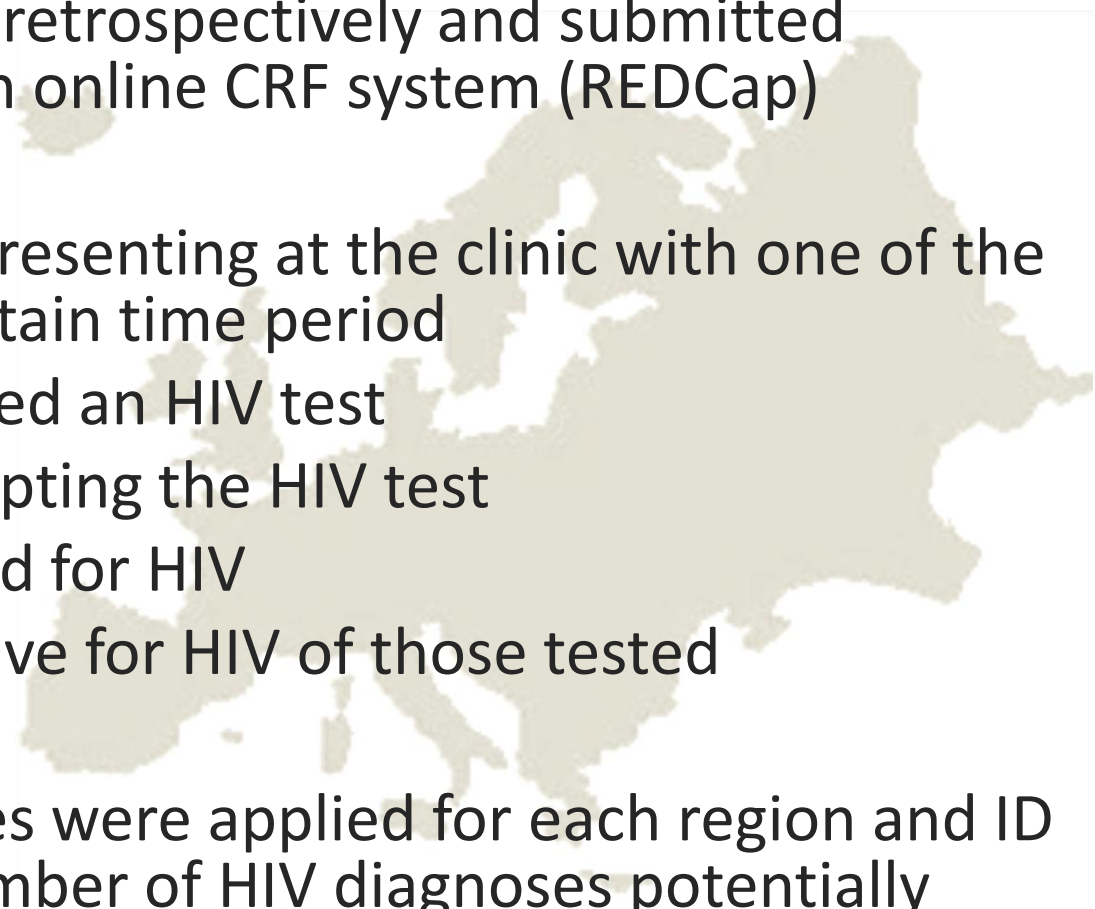
Objectives of HIDES 2

(HIV Indicator Diseases across Europe Study – phase 2)

The HIDES 2 study has 2 components:

- 1) Testing consecutive patients presenting with 11 potential indicator conditions to evaluate HIV prevalence (surveys) (2012-July 2014)
- 2) **Auditing HIV testing in already established indicator conditions**
 - Implement and evaluate an audit system of HIV testing of persons who presented with 6 IDs (tuberculosis, non-Hodgkin lymphoma, anal and cervical cancer, hepatitis B and C and Candida esophagitis) and whether they were tested for HIV

Methods

- Data was collected retrospectively and submitted electronically via an online CRF system (REDCap)
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 - No of patients presenting at the clinic with one of the IDs, within a certain time period
 - No with ID offered an HIV test
 - No offered/accepting the HIV test
 - No with ID tested for HIV
 - No testing positive for HIV of those tested
 - Observed HIV+ rates were applied for each region and ID to estimate the number of HIV diagnoses potentially missed.
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Results: characteristics

48 audits were completed in 14 countries across the 4 regions of Europe:

NORTH

United Kingdom
Sweden
Denmark

EAST

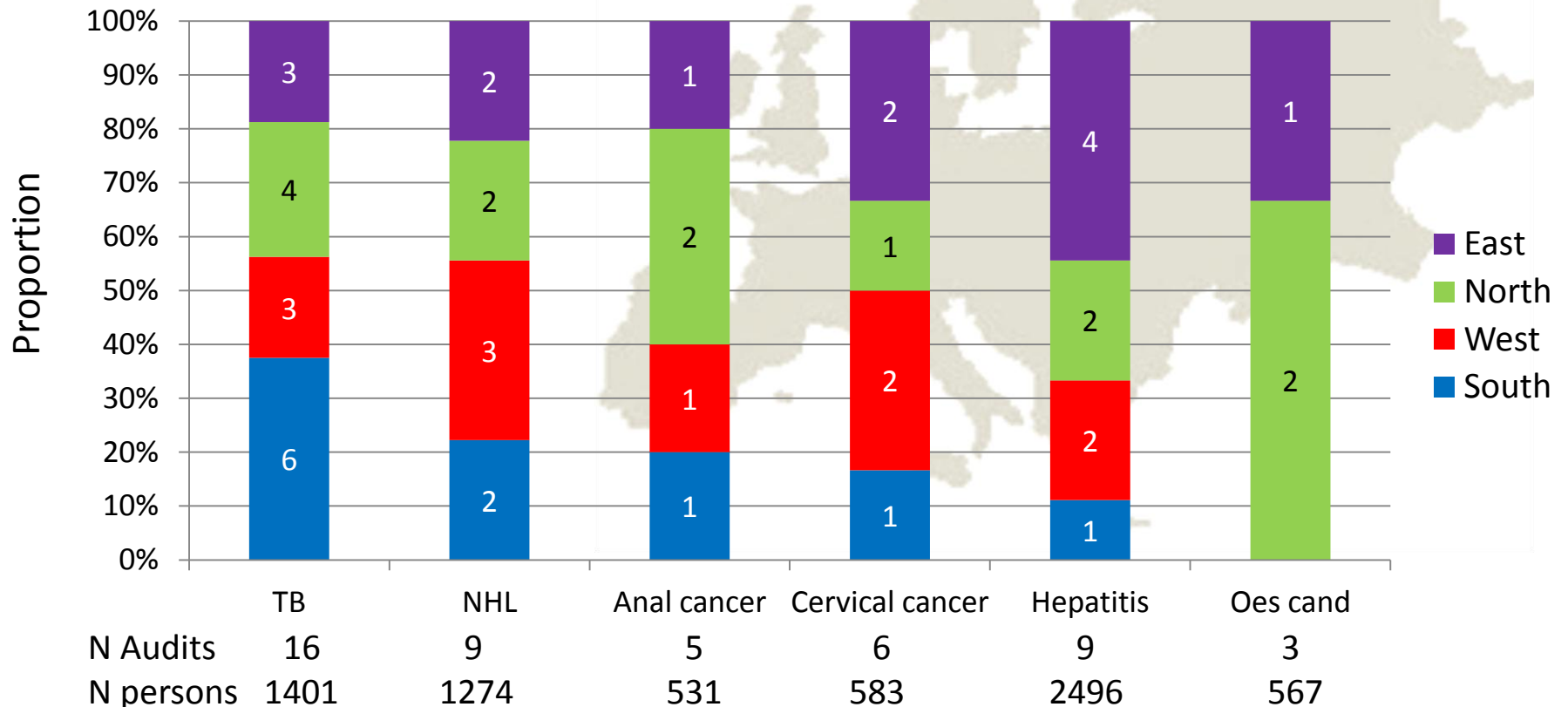
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Poland
Croatia
Bosnia & Herzegovina

SOUTH

Italy
Spain
Portugal
Israel

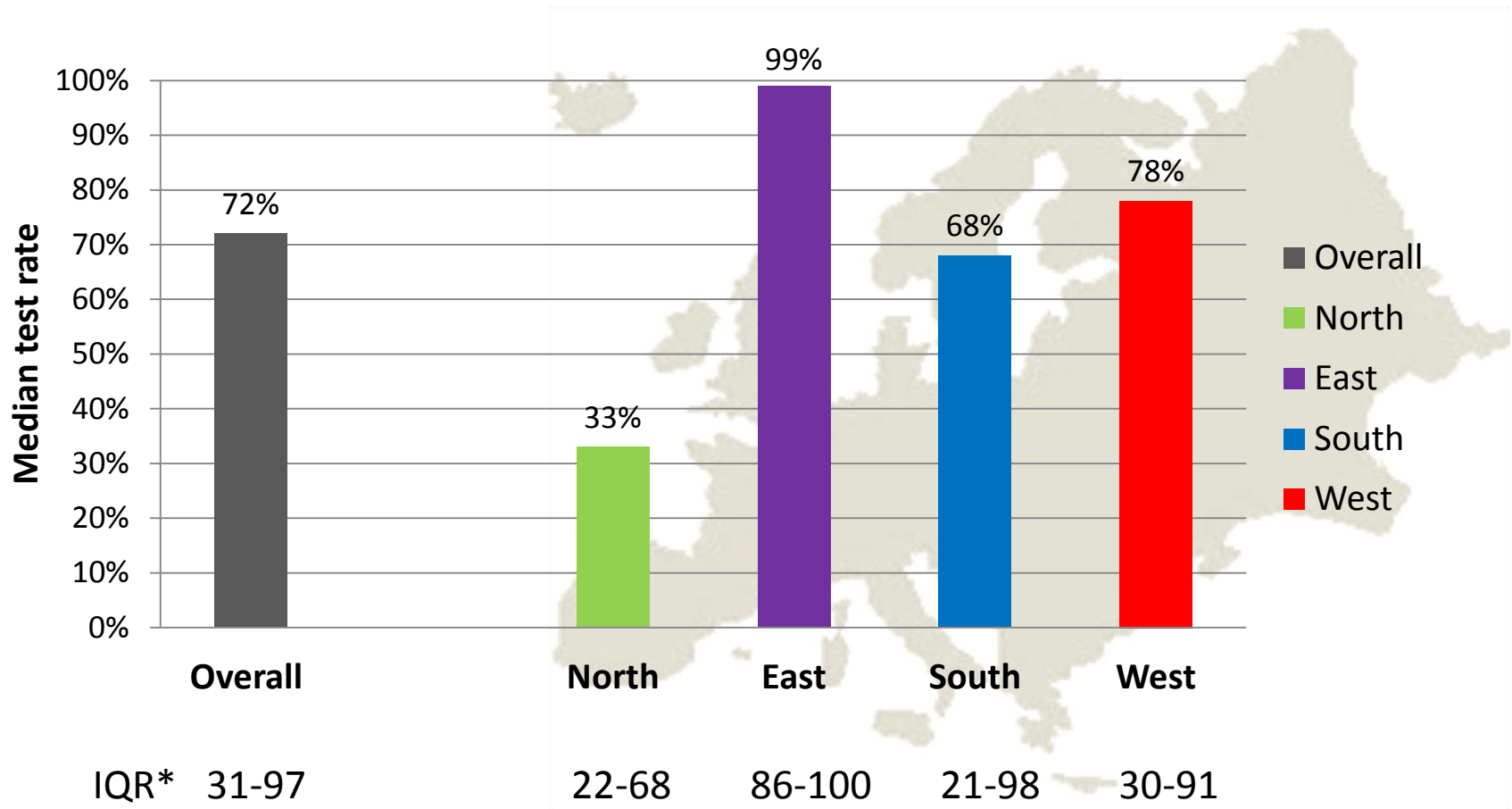
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Austria
France



Median test rate per audit per region

P=0.011 comparing regions

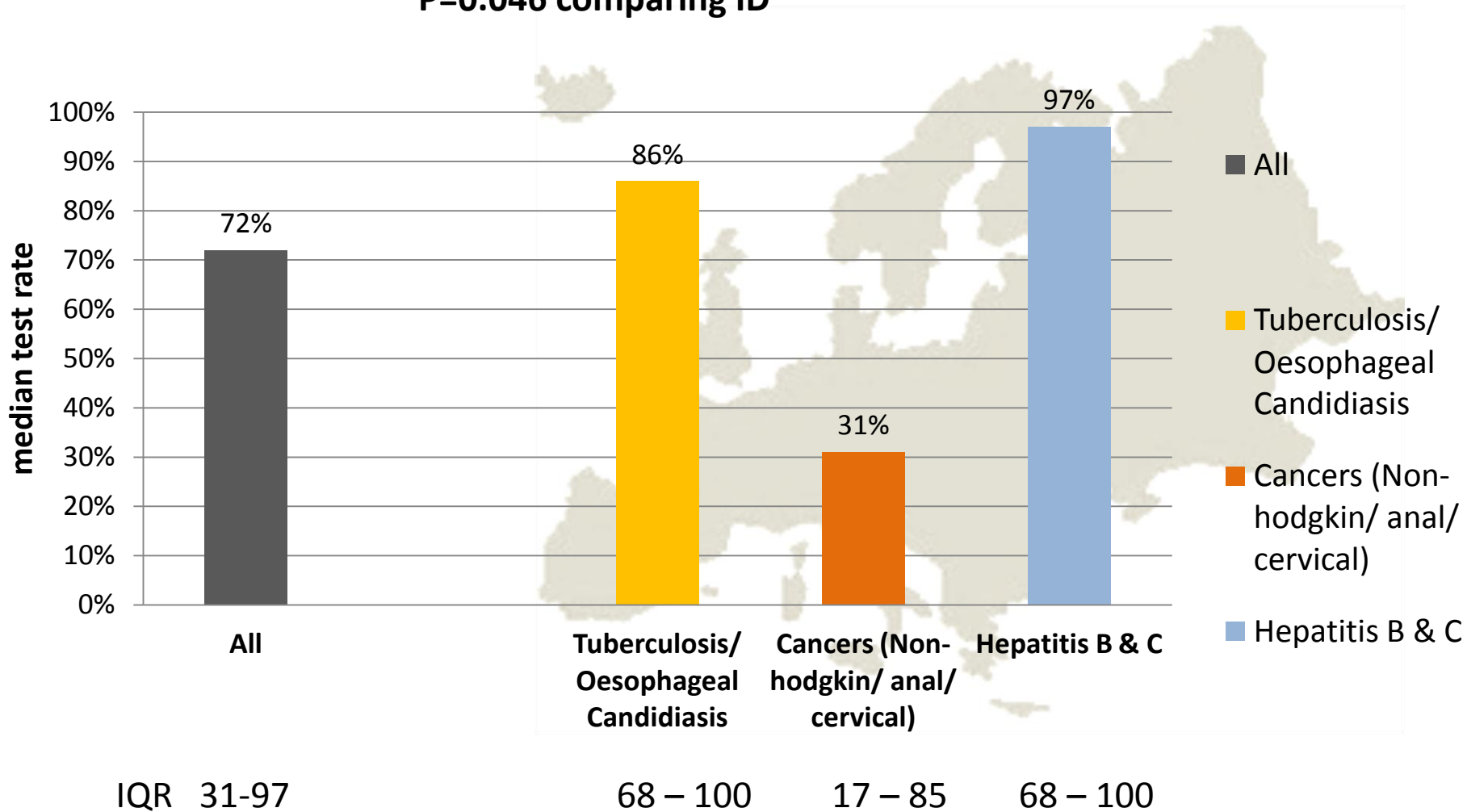


*IQR; interquartile range

Test rate was defined as the number of persons tested for HIV/ number of patients with ID.

Median test rate per audit per indicator disease

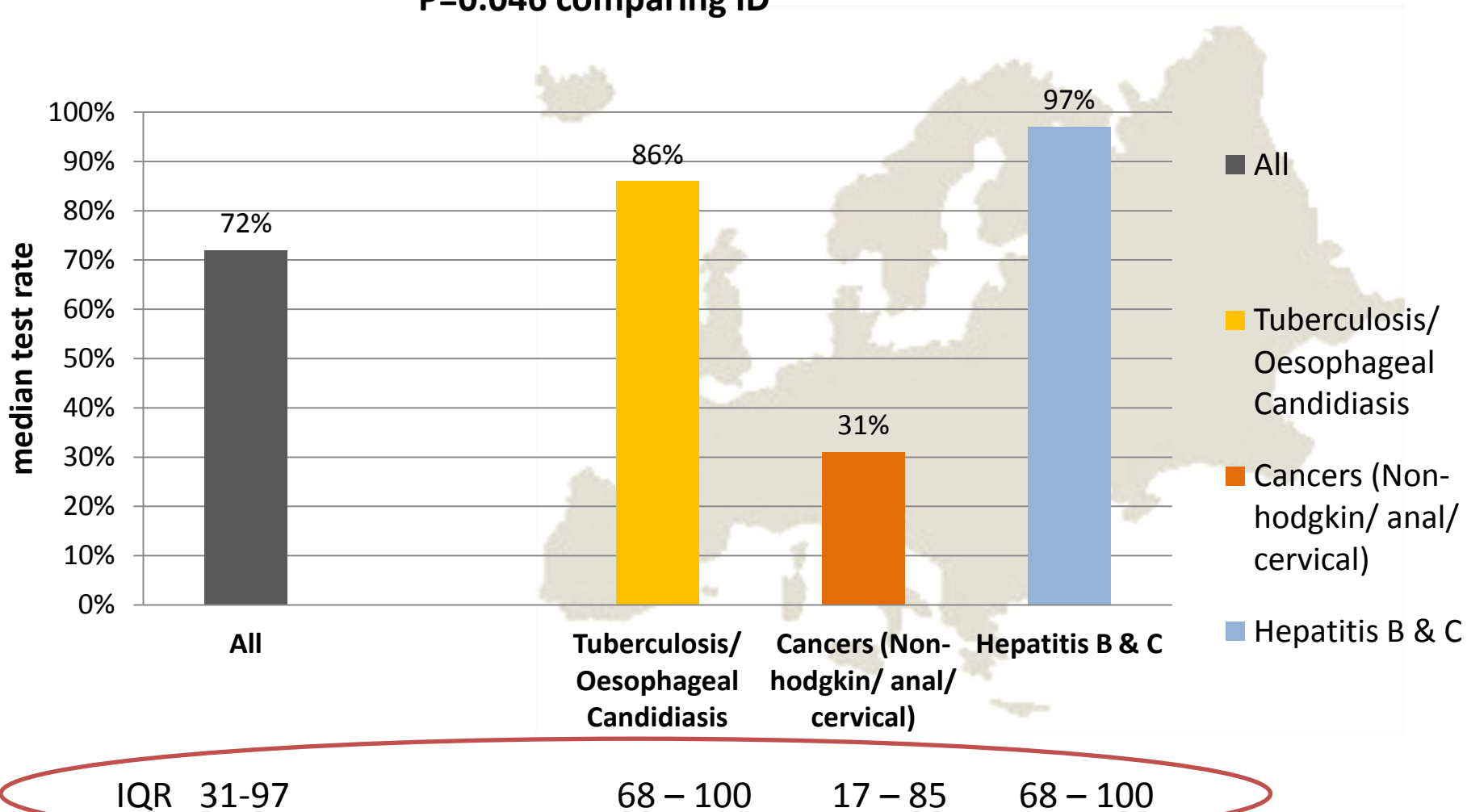
P=0.046 comparing ID



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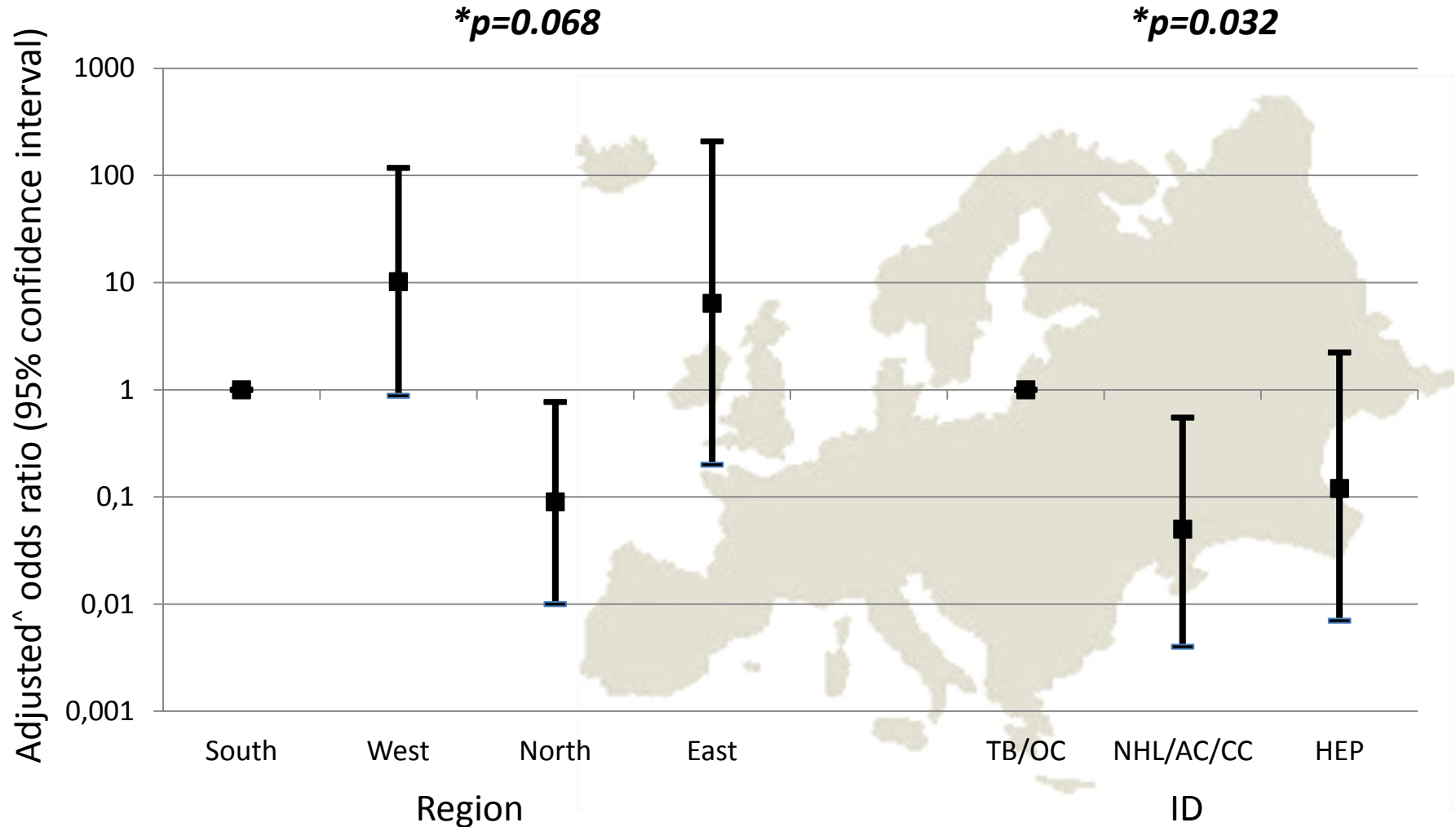
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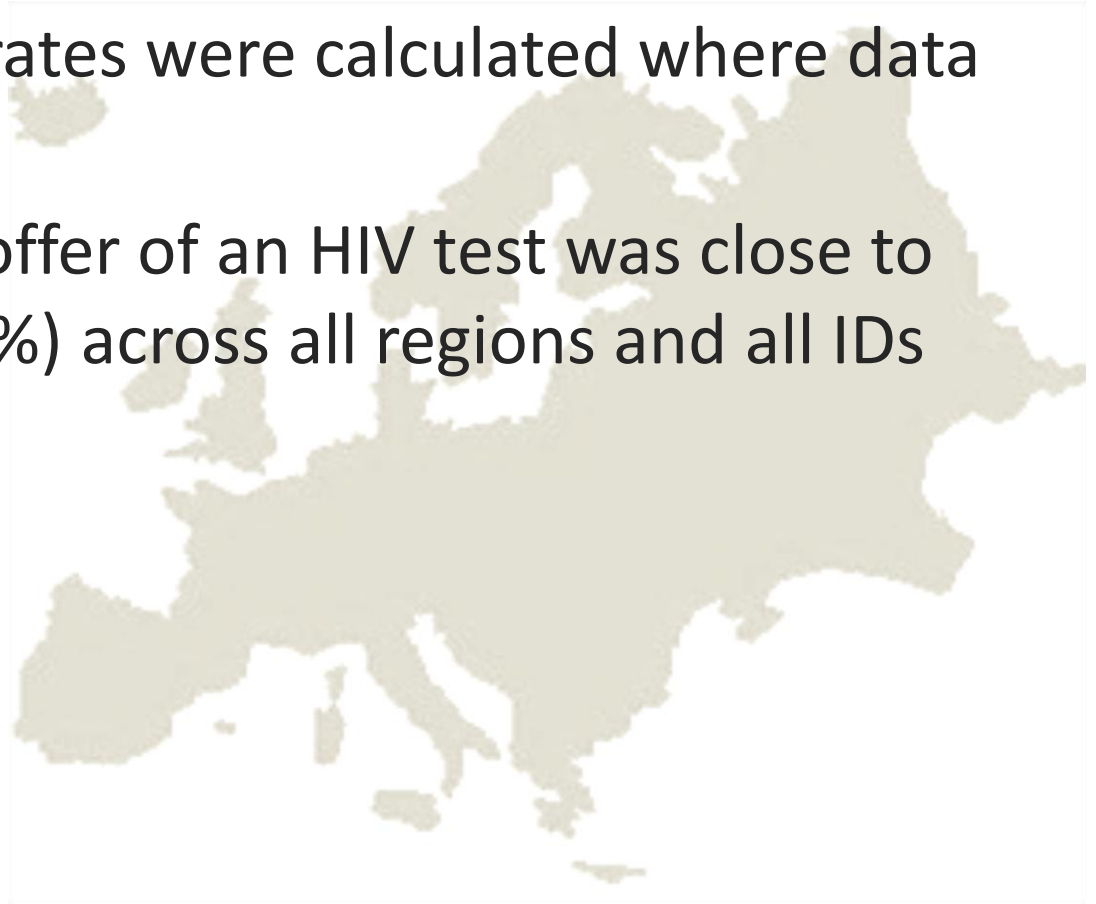
Adjusted[^] odds ratio of high test rate (>72%)



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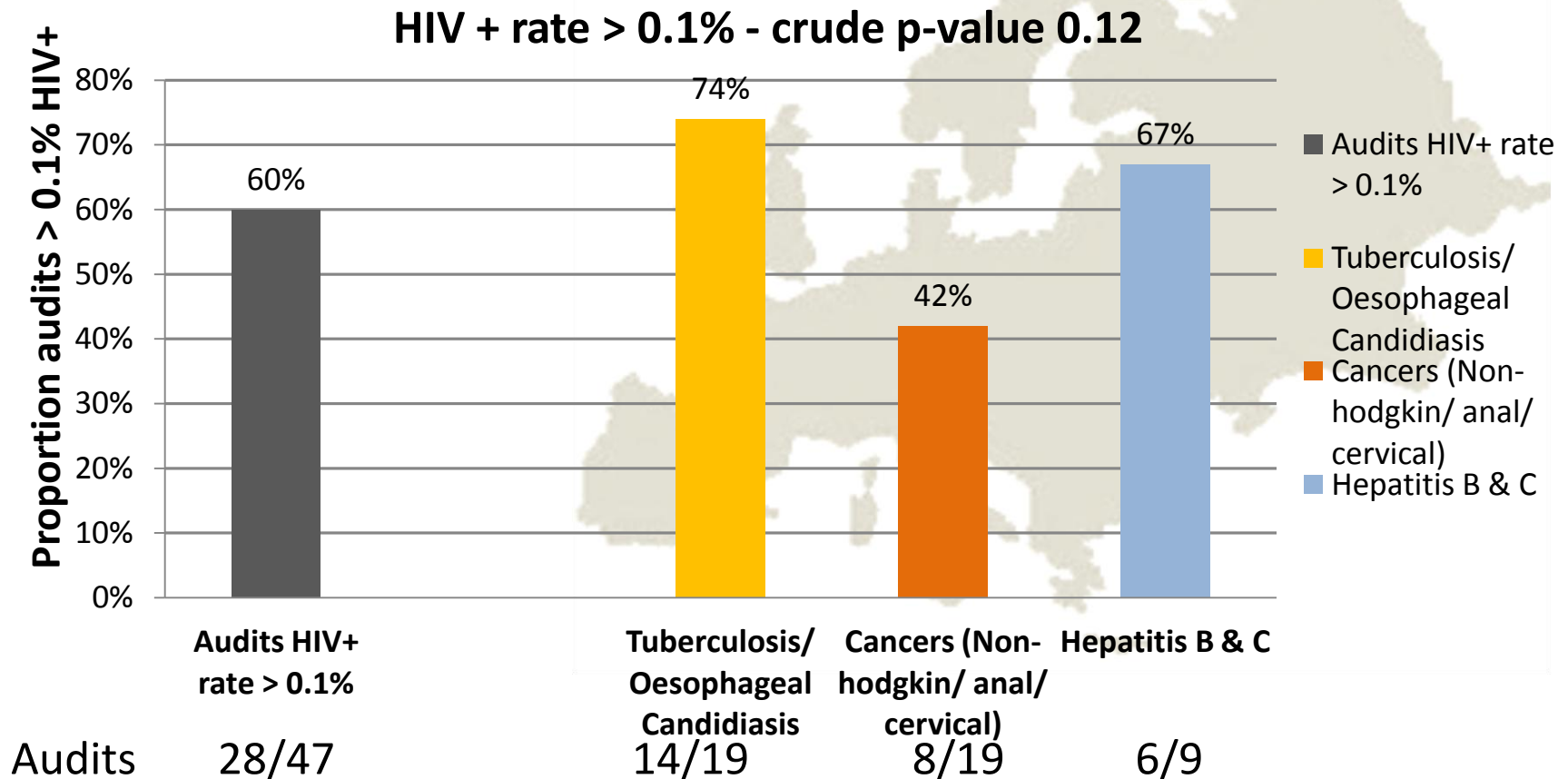
Offer and uptake rates

- Offer and uptake rates were calculated where data was available
- The uptake of an offer of an HIV test was close to complete (95-100%) across all regions and all IDs



Median HIV positivity rate per Indicator disease

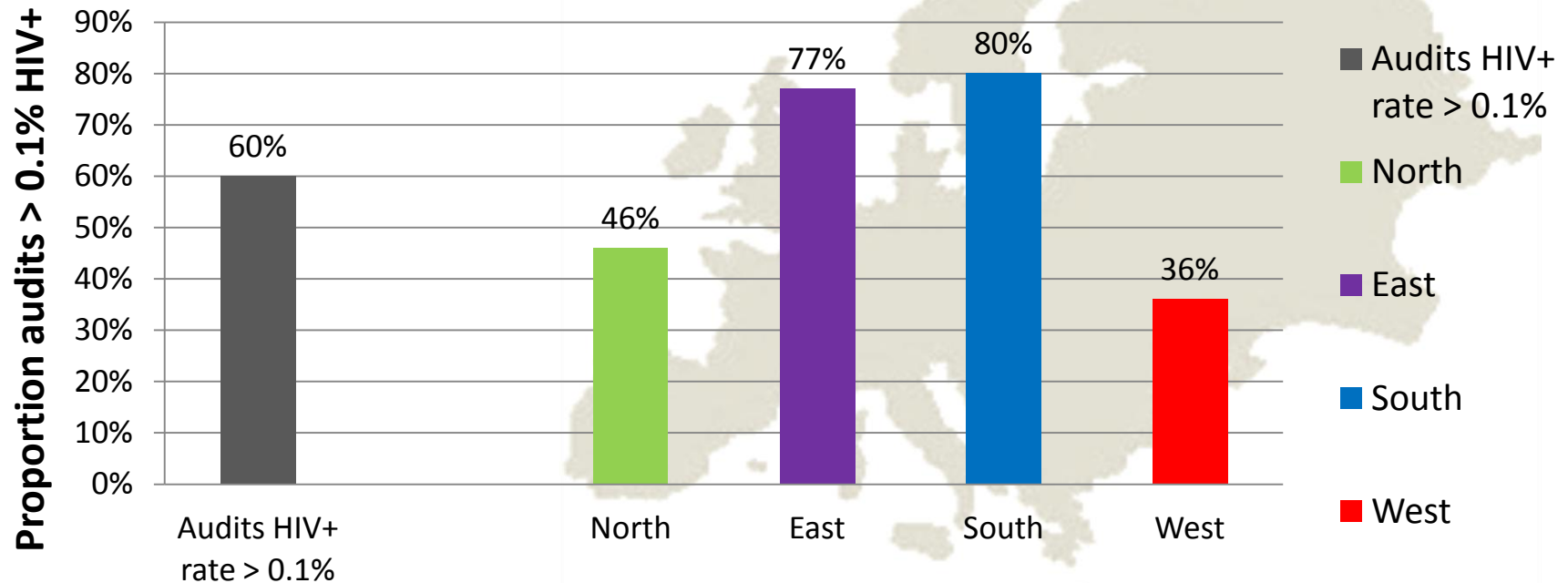
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HIV + rate > 0.1% - crude p-value 0.079



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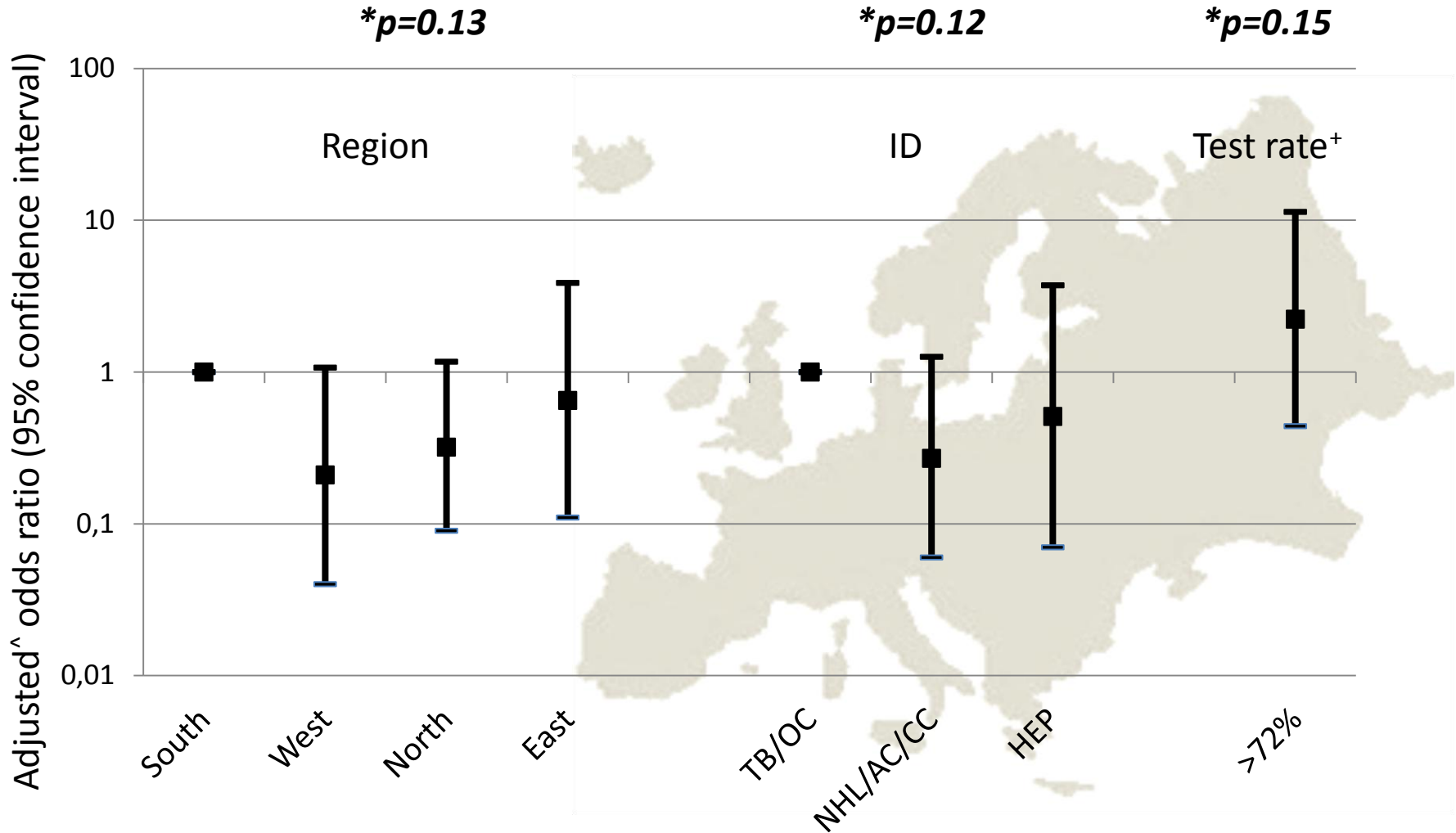
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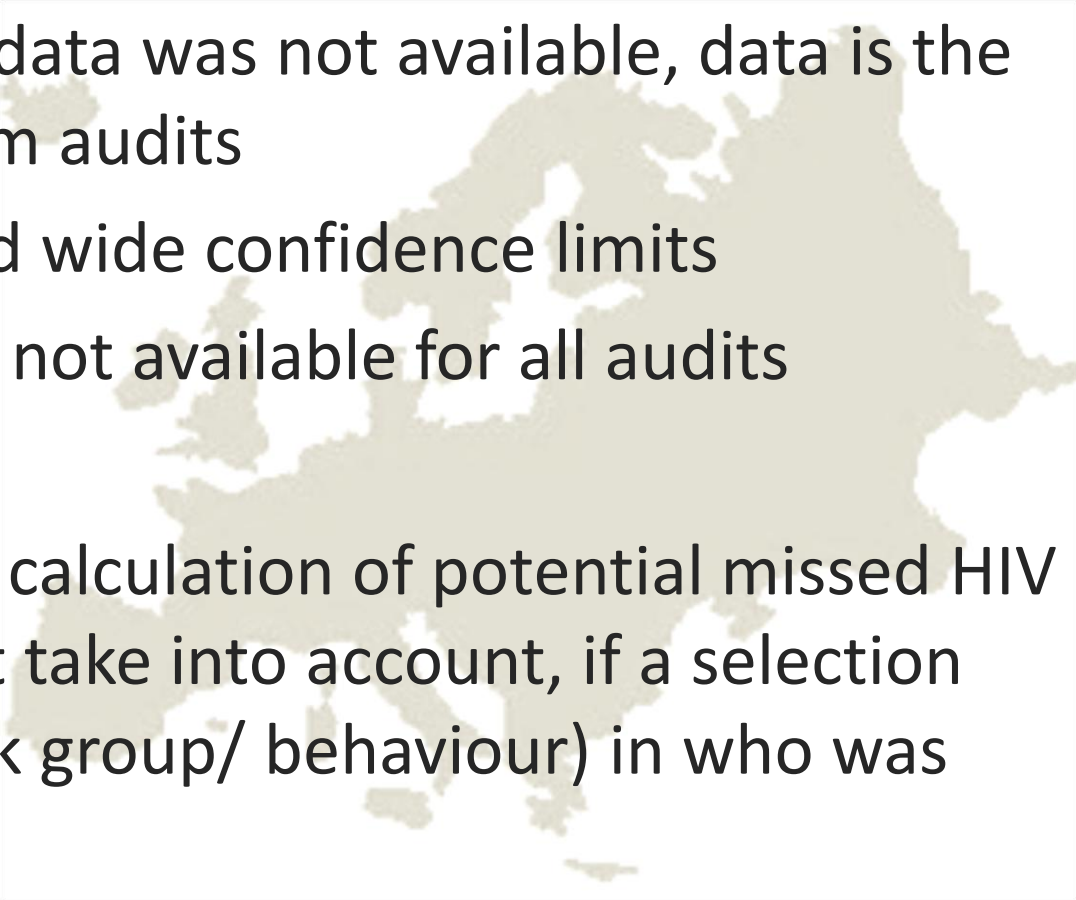
Potential missed HIV diagnosis

N (LL, UL)	Total	South	West	North	East
Tuberculosis	8 (-32, 50)	1 (-10, 15)	1 (-5, 8)	1 (-8, 7)	5 (-9, 20)
Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma	53 (21, 84)	42 (28, 53)	0 (-3, 4)	10 (-2, 24)	1 (-2, 3)
Anal cancer	0 (0, 0)	0 (0, 0)	0 (0, 0)	0 (0, 0)	0 (0, 0)
Cervical cancer	0 (-1, 2)	0 (0, 0)	0 (0, 0)	0 (0, 0)	0 (-1, 2)
HBV/HCV	2 (-17, 24)	1 (-2, 5)	0 ((0, 0)	1 (-1, 3)	0 (-14, 16)
Oesophageal candidiasis	41 (22, 59)	0 ((0, 0)	0 (0, 0)	41 (28, 53)	0 (-6, 6)
Total	104 (-7, 219)	44 (16, 73)	1 (-8, 12)	53 (17, 87)	6 (-32, 47)

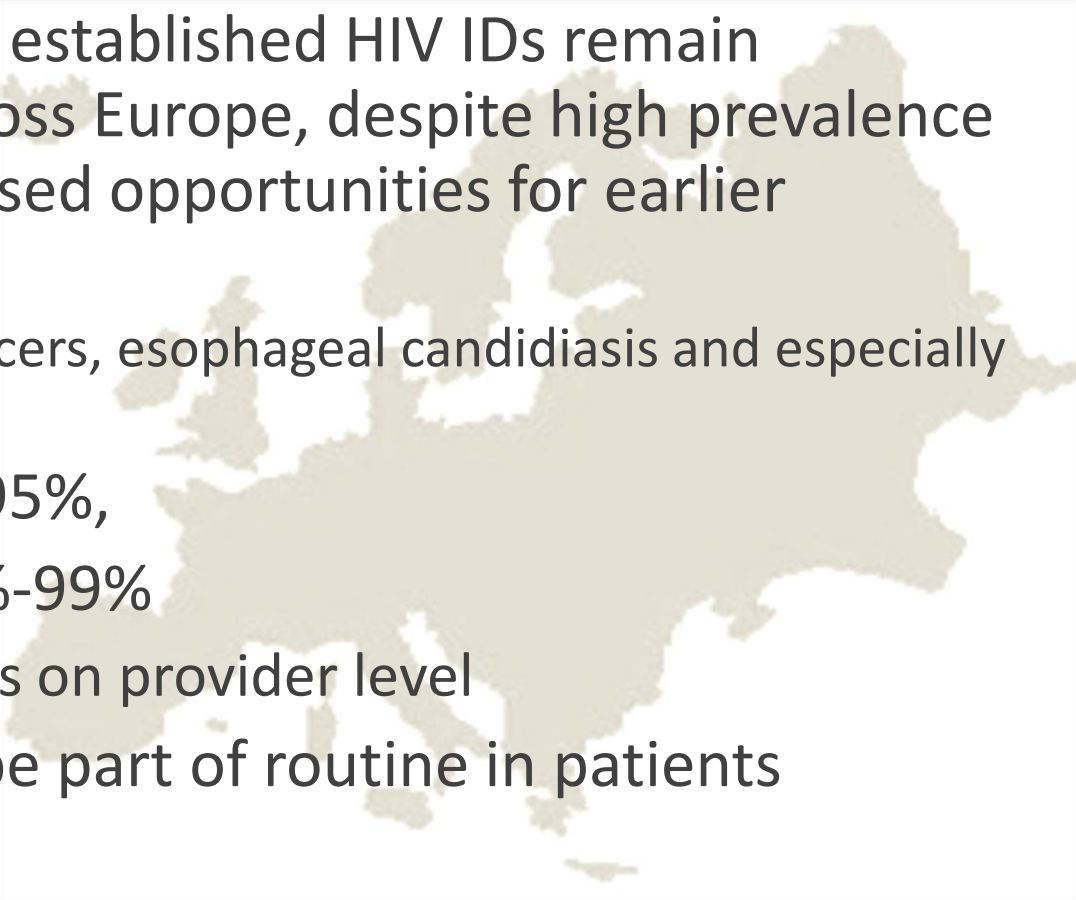
- **104 HIV+ diagnoses potentially missed**

HIV+ rate (lower 95% CL, upper 95% CL) within each region and ID was applied to all persons included in audit (i.e. not just those tested) to estimate number HIV+ potentially missed and the range missed

Limitations and potential bias

- Individual patient data was not available, data is the summary data from audits
 - Small numbers and wide confidence limits
 - Uptake rates were not available for all audits
 - Potential bias: the calculation of potential missed HIV diagnosis does not take into account, if a selection was made (e.g. risk group/ behaviour) in who was offered a test.
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Conclusions

- Testing rates in well established HIV IDs remain surprisingly low across Europe, despite high prevalence rates, reflecting missed opportunities for earlier diagnosis and care
 - In particular for cancers, esophageal candidiasis and especially in Northern Europe
 - Uptake of testing >95%,
 - Offer/test rates 31%-99%
 - Suggesting barriers on provider level
 - HIV testing should be part of routine in patients presenting with IDs
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HIV Indicator Conditions:

Guidance for
Implementing
HIV Testing in
Adults in Health
Care Settings



Available at
www.hiveurope.eu

Next Steps

- Prospective surveys on 14000 patients with 11 potential IDs to be finalised for analysis by mid 2014
- For more information about HIDES and the HIV in Europe initiative, please contact Marie Louise Jakobsen mlj@cphiv.dk and Dorthe Raben dra@cphiv.dk, Copenhagen HIV Programme
- Sign up your department to the European HIV Testing Week and encourage other departments outside infectious diseases to do so!

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