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Identifying nurses' attitudes towards the importance of families across the life-course in the UK & Ireland using the FINC-NA questionnaire.

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Families' Importance in Nursing Care–Nurses' Attitudes

- ▶ **FINC–NA questionnaire** – a tool for measuring attitudes about importance of families
- ▶ Developed and validated^{1,2}. in Sweden
- ▶ Used in other countries but not to our knowledge in UK & Ireland

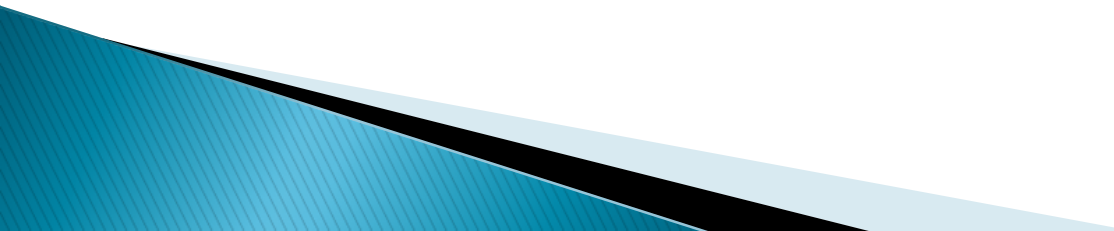
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Aims/methods of FINC-NA/UK&I study

- ▶ To amend FINC-NA and convert to e-format
- ▶ To survey attitudes using e-FINC-NA/UK&I
- ▶ To:
 - Assess feasibility of testing it in other countries
 - Refine and analyse its international relevance
 - Facilitate comparisons with other populations¹

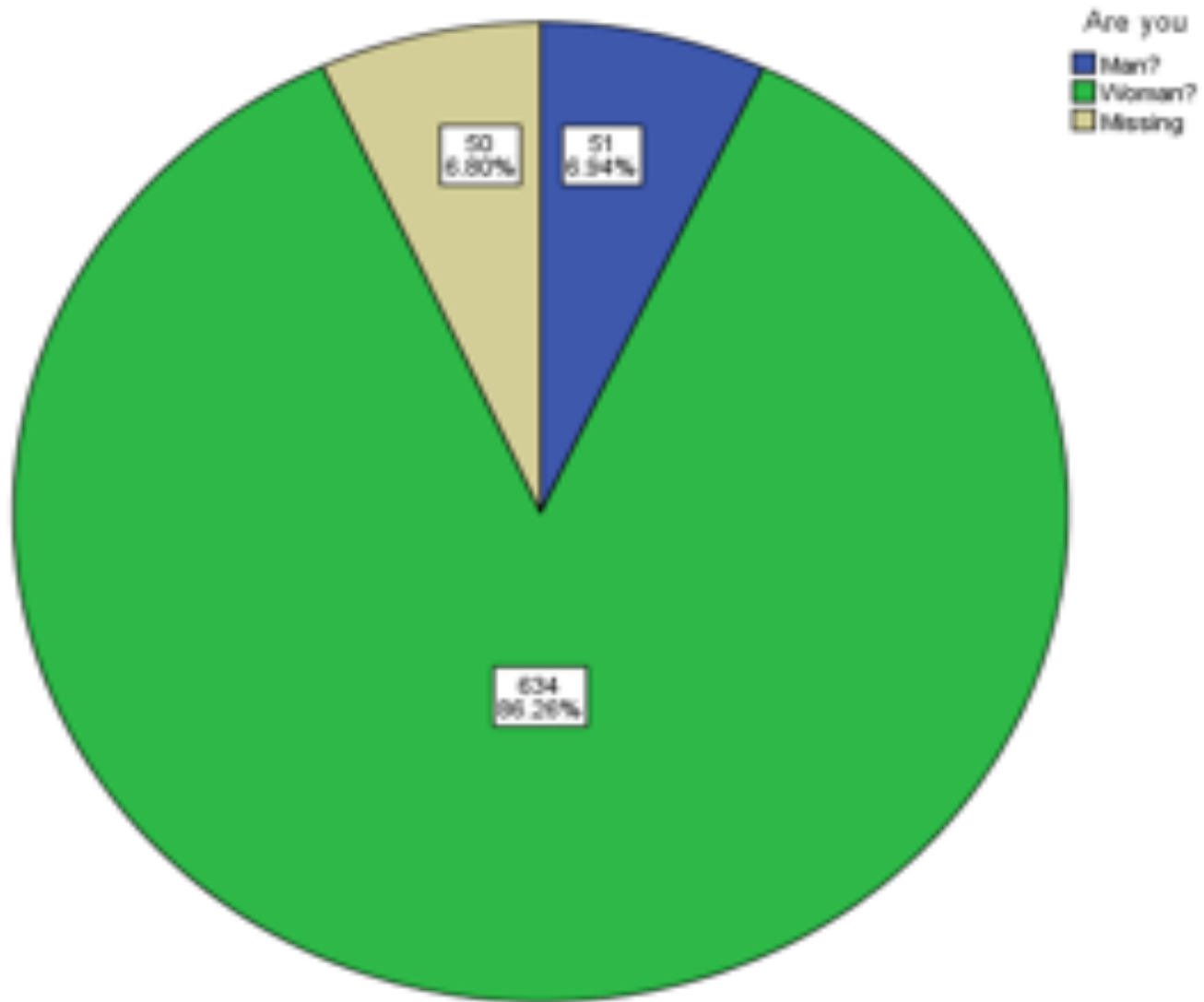
Data collection

1. **Demographic information**
 2. **Information about;**
 - Country
 - Speciality
 - Type of organisation
 - Year of qualification
 2. **Scoring of FINC–NA questionnaire**
 3. **Qualitative free text responses**
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Sample

COUNTRY	TOTAL
ENGLAND	462(62.9%)
SCOTLAND	30(4.1%)
WALES	44(6%)
NORTHERN IRELAND	9(1.2%)
IRELAND	184(25%)
OTHER	3(0.4%)
MISSING	3
GRAND TOTAL	735

Gender



Is there a general approach to the care of families at your place of work?

- ▶ Of the **735** respondents **553 (75.2%)** answered yes, **130(17.7%)** NO and **52 (7.1%)** had missing data

Has a member of your family ever been seriously ill and in need of professional care?

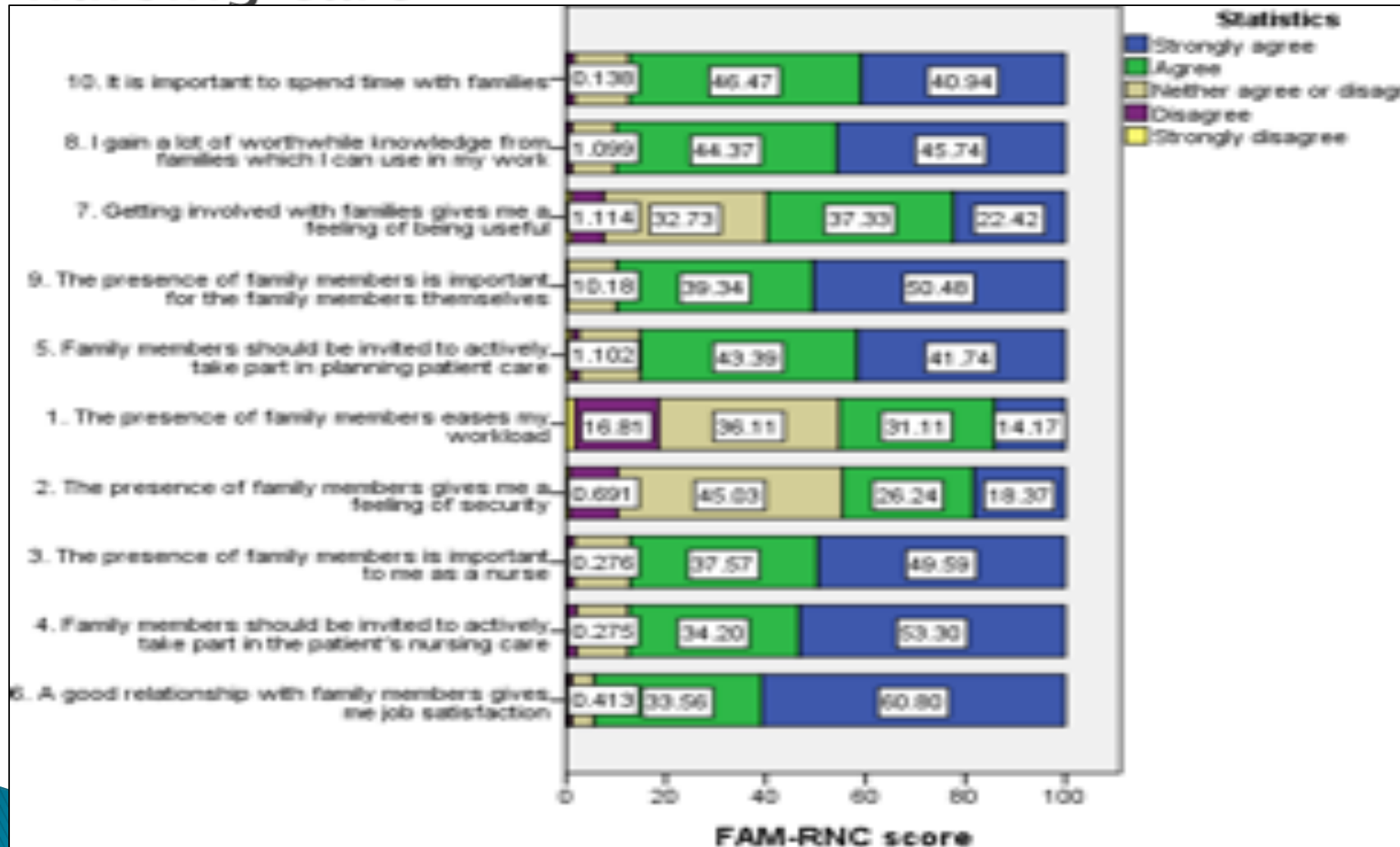
- ▶ Of the 735 respondents 651(88.6%) answered yes, 72(9.8%) NO and 12 (1.6%) had missing data

Attitudes to FAM–Total score

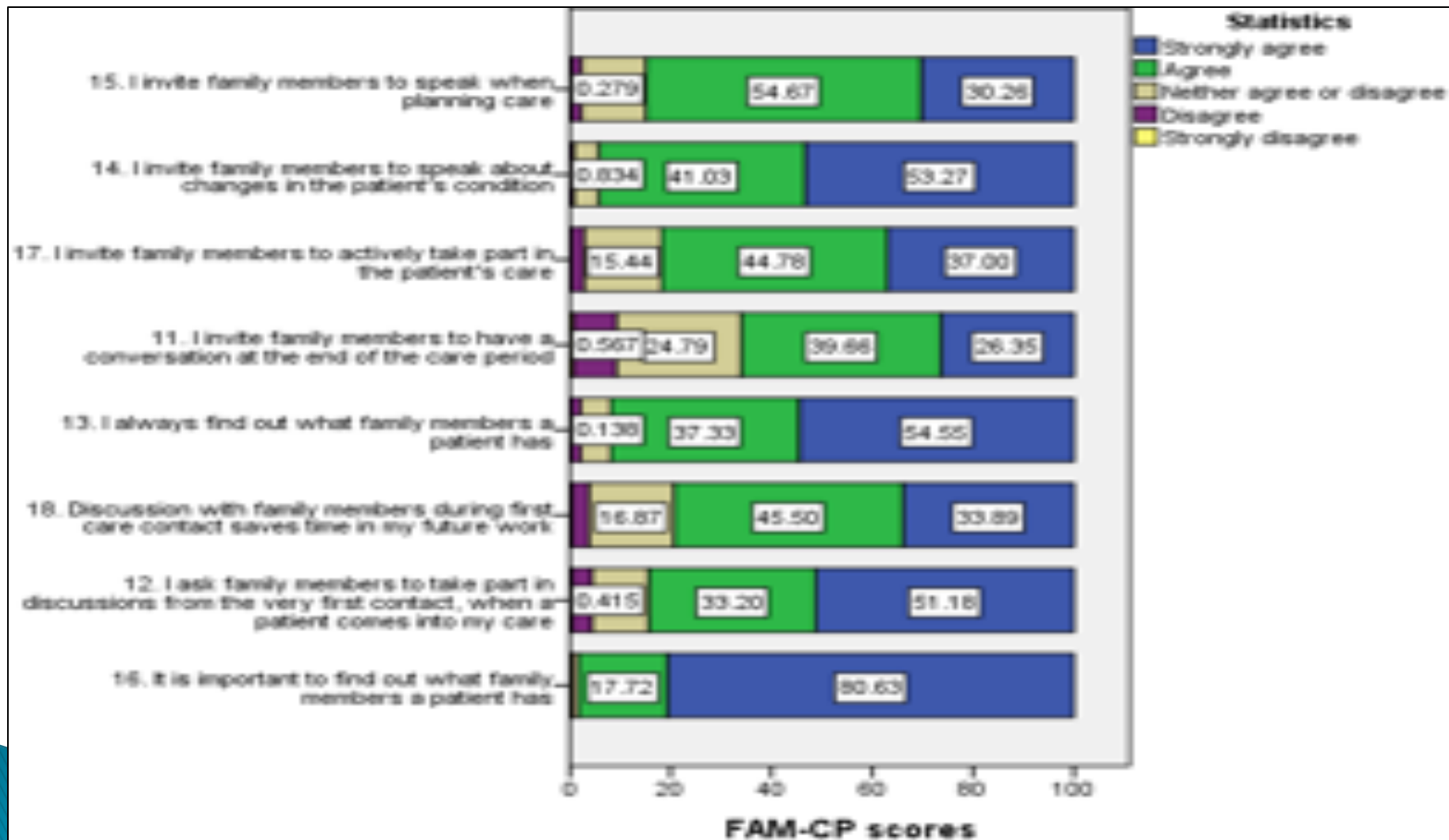
	FAM–RNC	FAM–CP	FAM–B	FAM–OR	FAM total
All participants	36(9–44)	30(5–36)	8(2–19)	16(3–20)	89(17–110)
General approach to families					
Yes	36(17–44)	30(10–36)	7(3–19)	17(3–20)	90(31–110)
No	34(9–42)	28(5–35)	8(2–17)	15(3–20)	87(17–103)
p value	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001

Key: FAM–RNC: Family as a resource in nursing care; FAM–CP: Family as conversation partner; FAM–B Family as a burden; FAM–OR: Family as own resource.

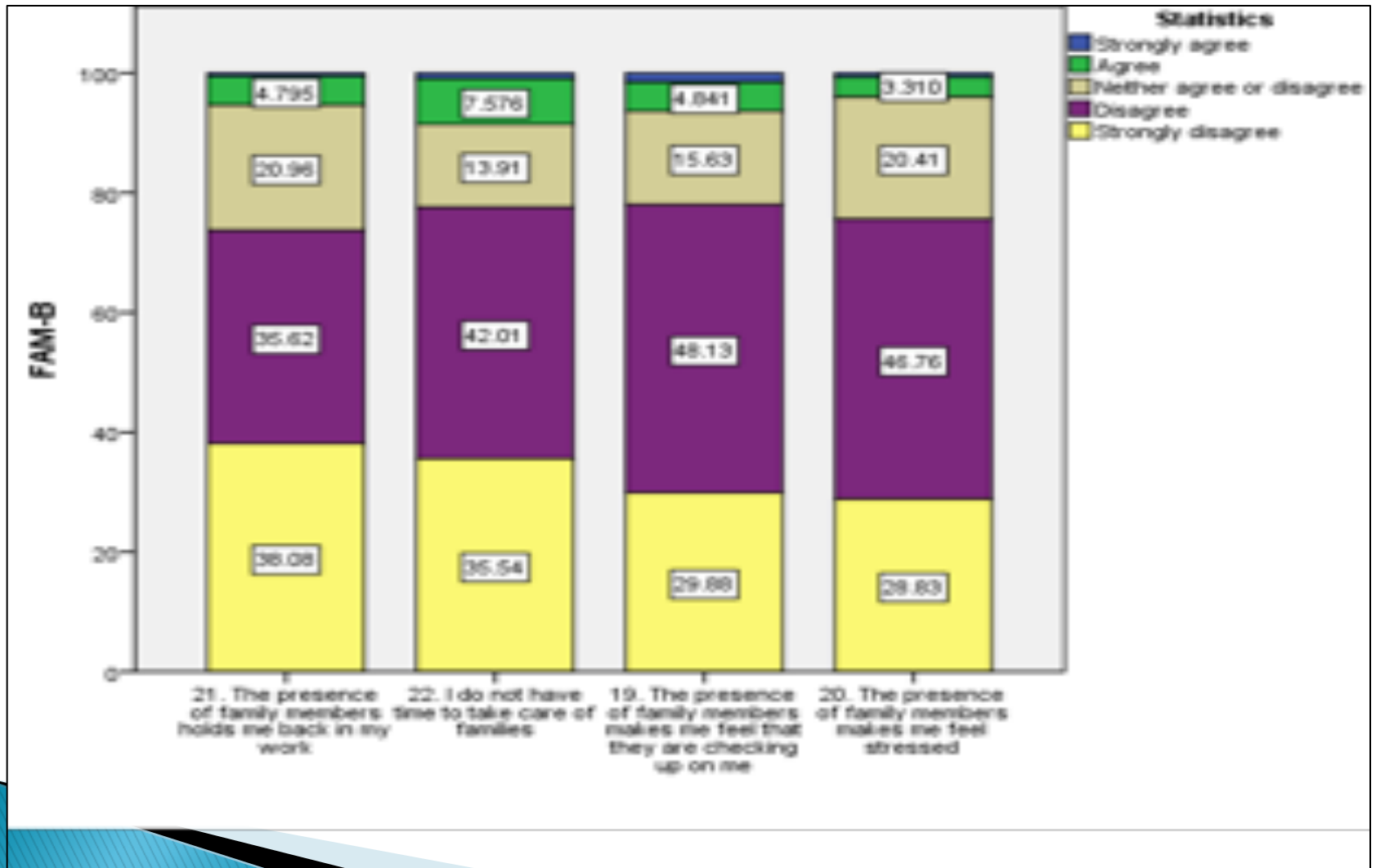
FAM-RNC Family as a resource in nursing care



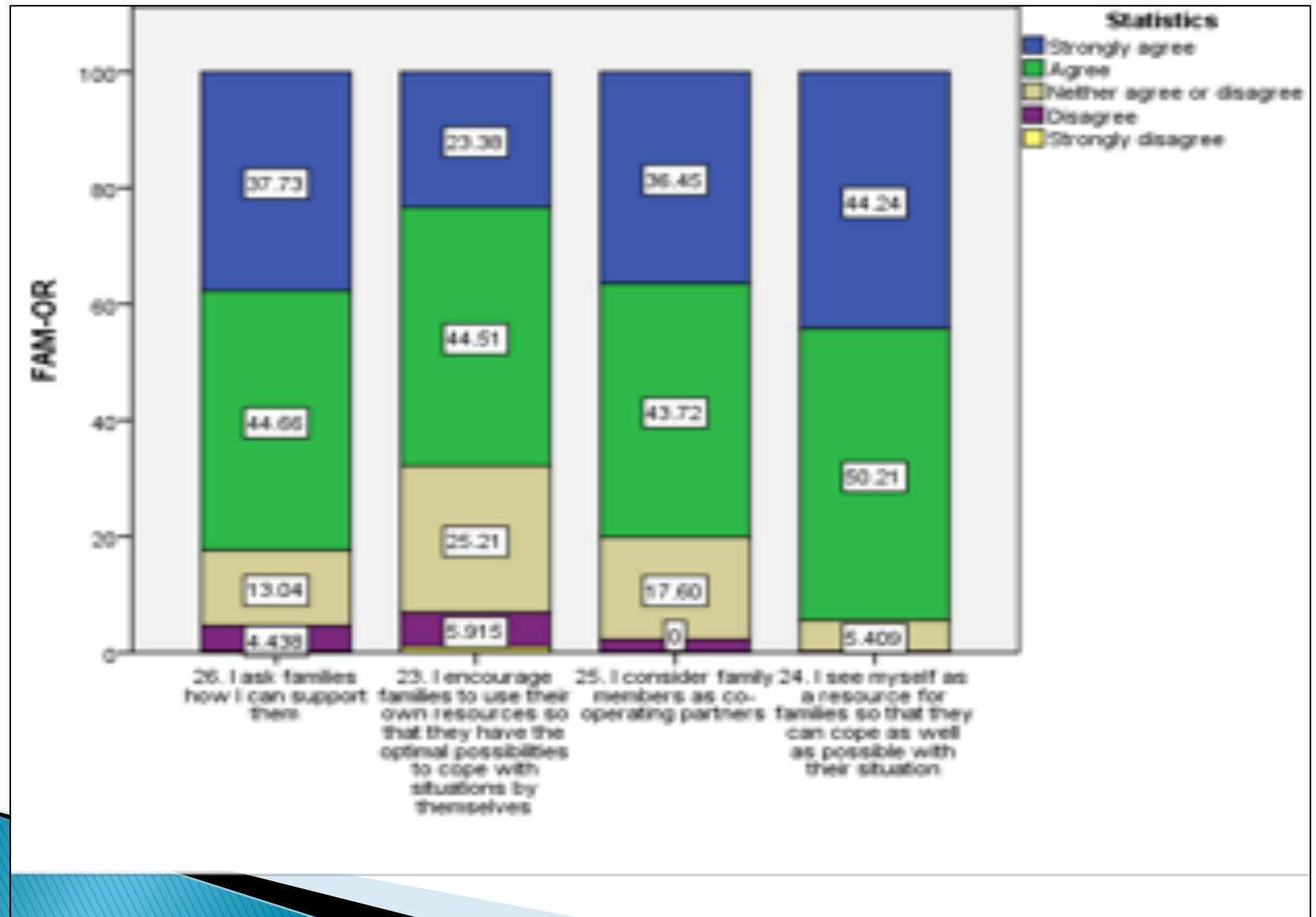
FAM-CP: Family as a conversation partner



FAM-B: Family as a burden



FAM-OR: Family as own resource



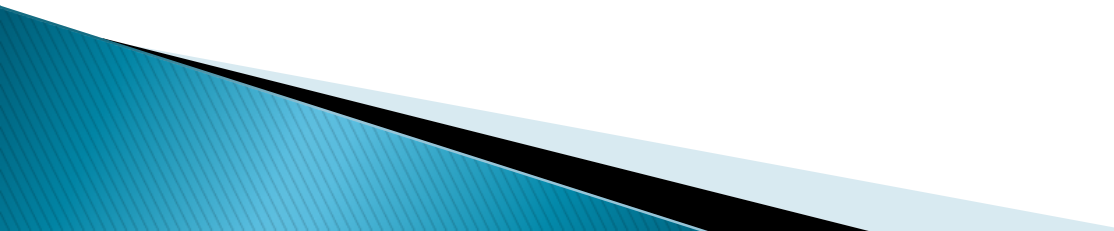
Free text comments

- ▶ N=229 free-text responses
- ▶ Emerging themes:
 - Context
 - Consent
 - Level involvement/assessment
 - Benefits
 - Challenges to involvement
 - Time
 - Negative outcomes
 - Variability in definition and interpretation

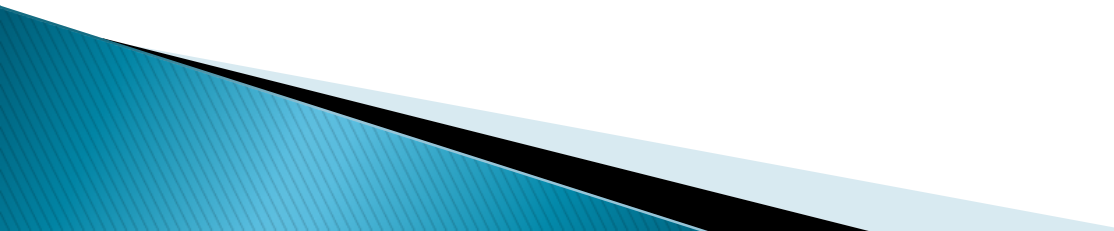
Key quotations

- ▶ *[1]it depends on the wishes of the patient as to what input the family give. However I equally see my role in meeting all family members' needs.*
- ▶ *[2]The patient must be comfortable with family involvement in their care and therefore the patient should identify who their "family" is and the level of family involvement they desire*
- ▶ *[3]My assessment of the family dynamics is therefore important in the way I can rely on their co-working with me or need to protect my patient from them.*
- ▶ *[4]"I only sometimes feel 'checked up on' by families or stressed in the presence of certain people .The majority of the time I see them as partners in care"*

Discussion/conclusions

1. It is feasible to convert to local context and e-version for administration in 5 countries
 2. A supportive attitude was held by majority of nurses
 3. Future research needed to develop an intervention to promote family nursing
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Questions?

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