

High Volume Intensive Training Course:

a New Paradigm for Video-Assisted Thoracoscopic Surgery Education

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Introduction

- Traditional attachments for Video-Assisted Thoracic Surgery (VATS) training may take up to many months
- Today, Ultra-High Volume Centers (UHVCs) perform very large numbers of operations
 - The Shanghai Pulmonary Hospital (SPH) performed over 10,390 major lung resections in 2016
- Can an UHVC provide effective training in Advanced VATS in a very short Intensive Training Course?

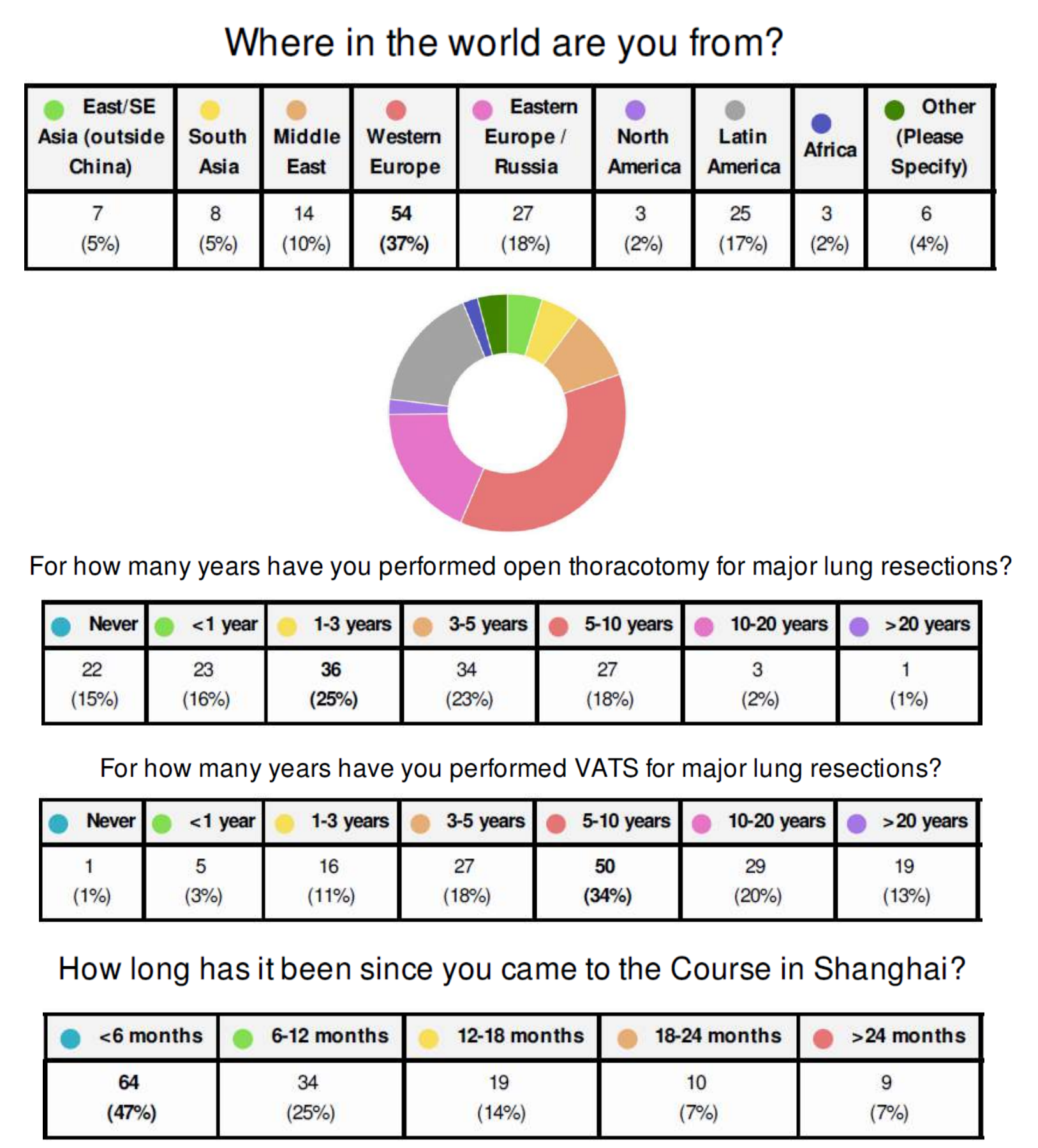
Method

- From 2013 to 2016, the SPH conducted 2-Week VATS Training Courses for international thoracic surgeons
 - Daily clinical meetings and observations of operations (SPH performs 40-50 operations/day on average)
 - Course includes one full day animal wetlab taught by expert VATS faculty
- As of Dec 2016: 230 surgeons from around the world participated in this course
- An online survey preserving responder anonymity was completed by 156 attendees (67.8% response rate)

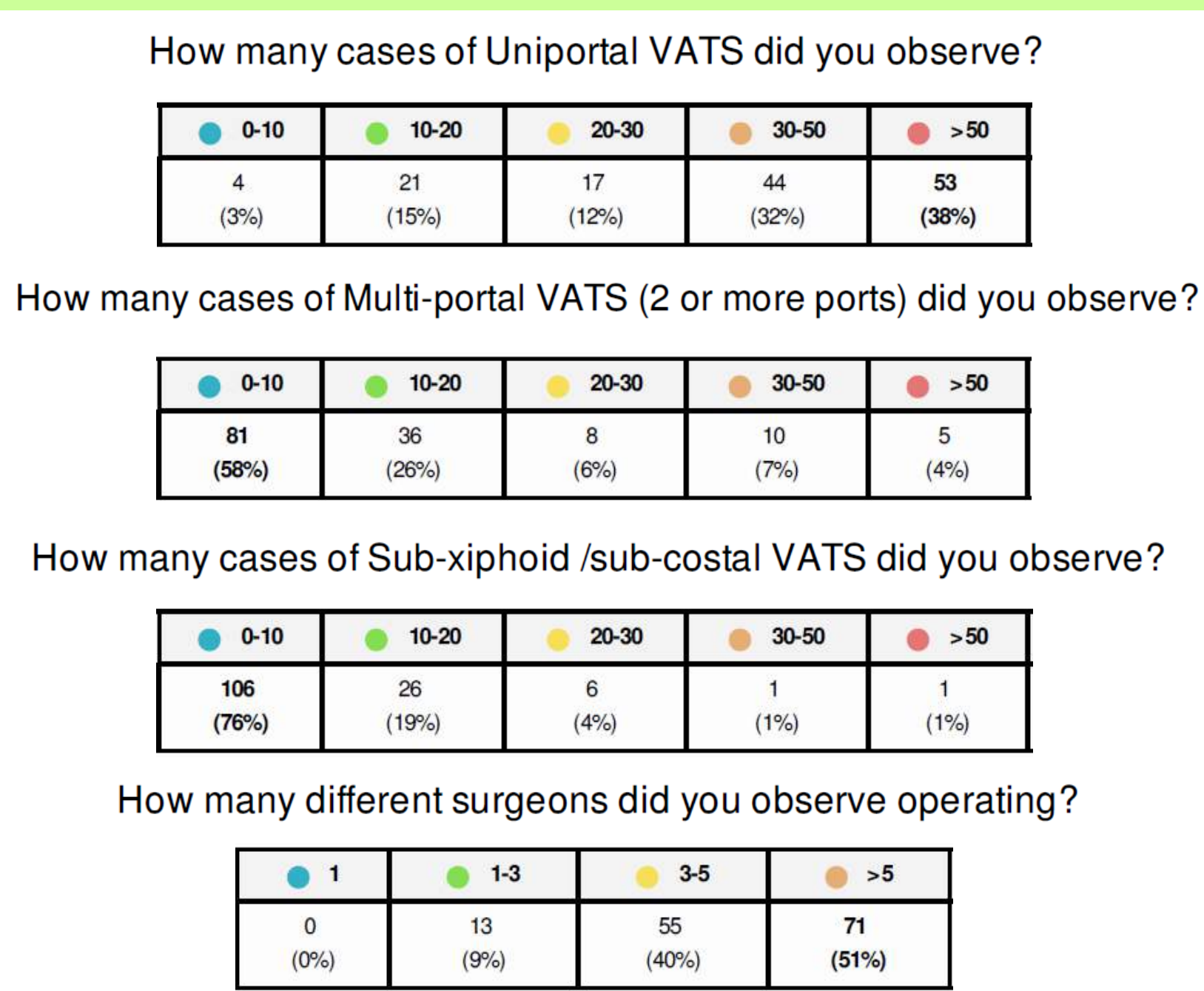


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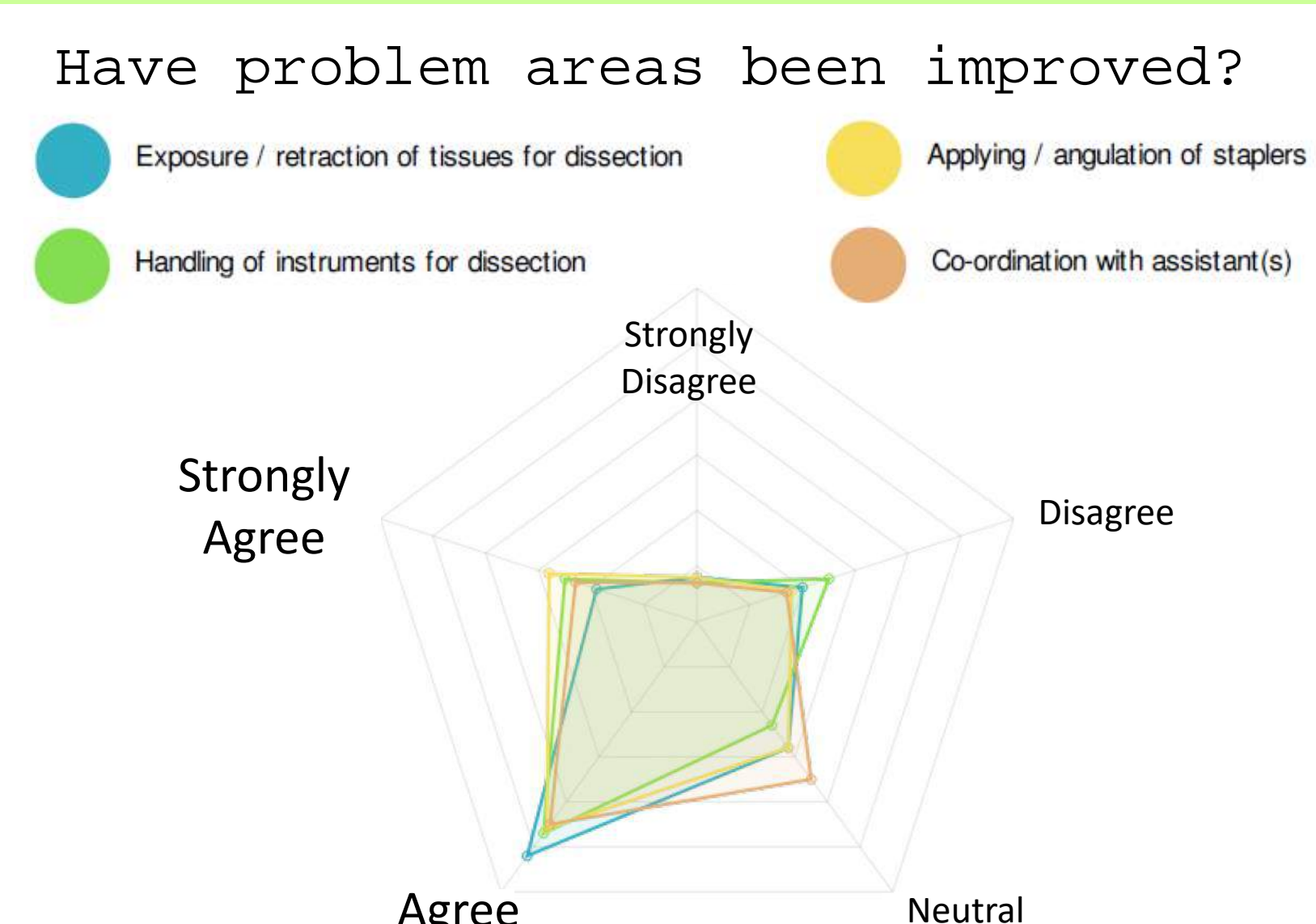
1. The Participants



2. Experience at SPH

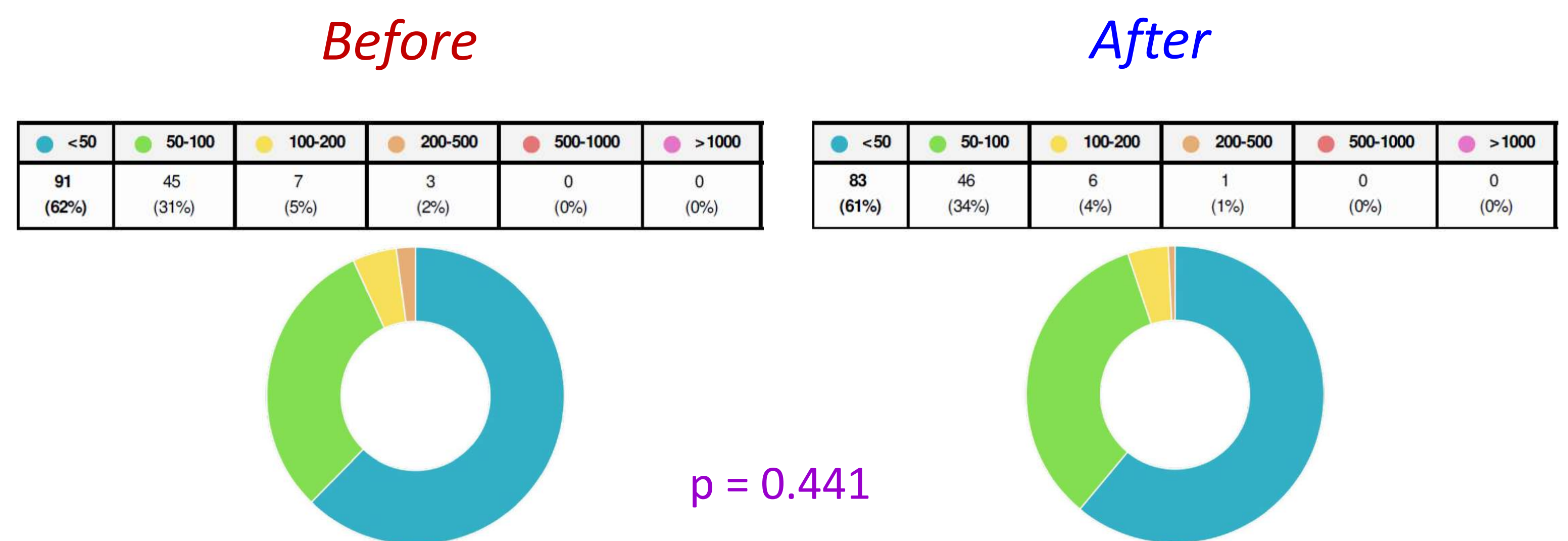


3. Problem solving

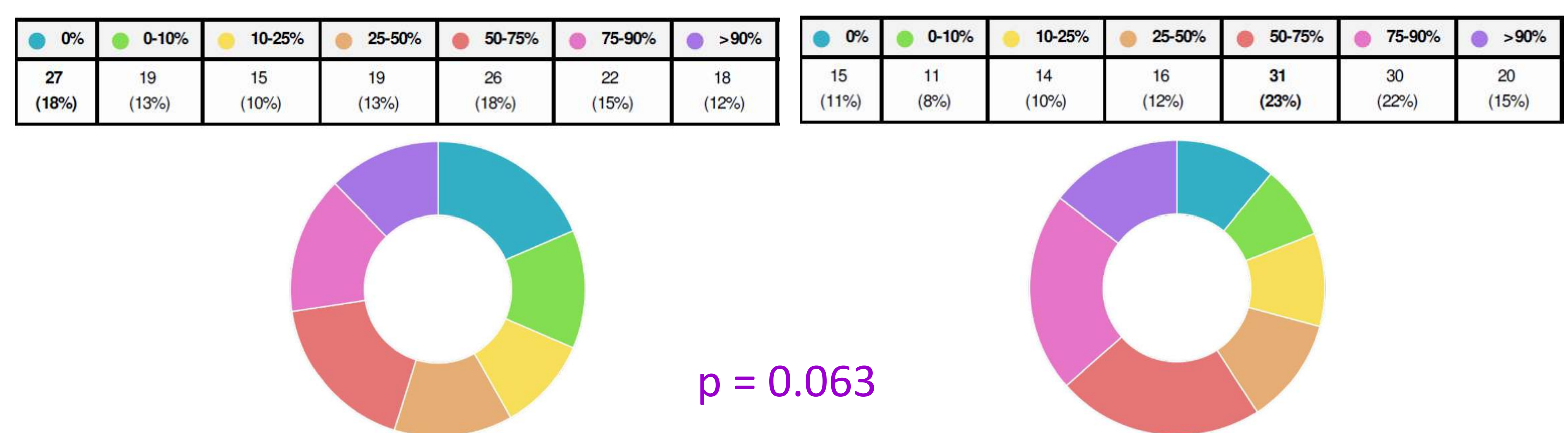


4. Effect of High Volume Intensive Training Course

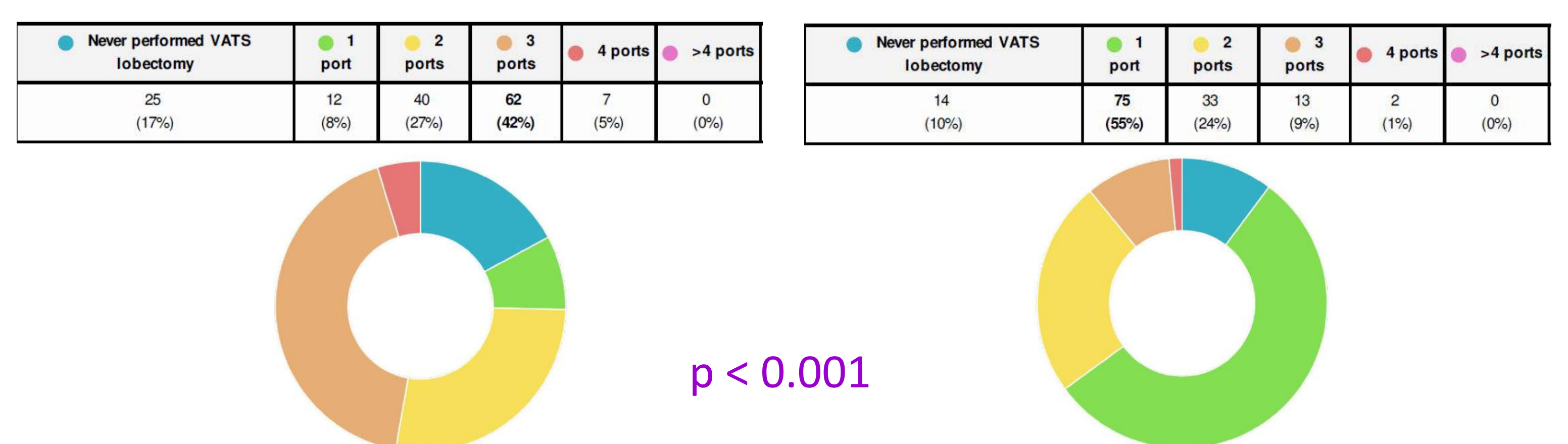
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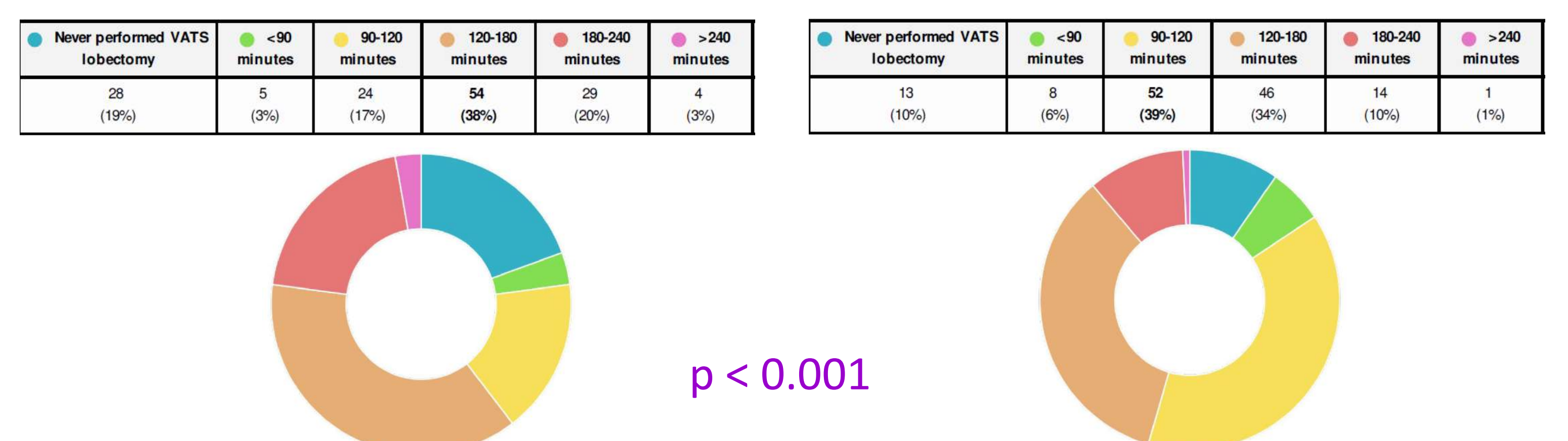
Approximately what percentage of the lobectomies performed by you personally are done by VATS?



When performing VATS lobectomy, how many ports do you most commonly use?



Approximately what is the average time you require to complete a VATS lobectomy (skin-to-skin)?



Approximately what percentage of your VATS lobectomy operations require conversion to open thoracotomy?



Conclusion

An Intensive Training Course at an UHVC can effectively improve VATS proficiency in a short period of time.

This may represent a new, resource-efficient model for future training of young surgeons.



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