



# **Risks for HIV among Croatian MSM\* –**

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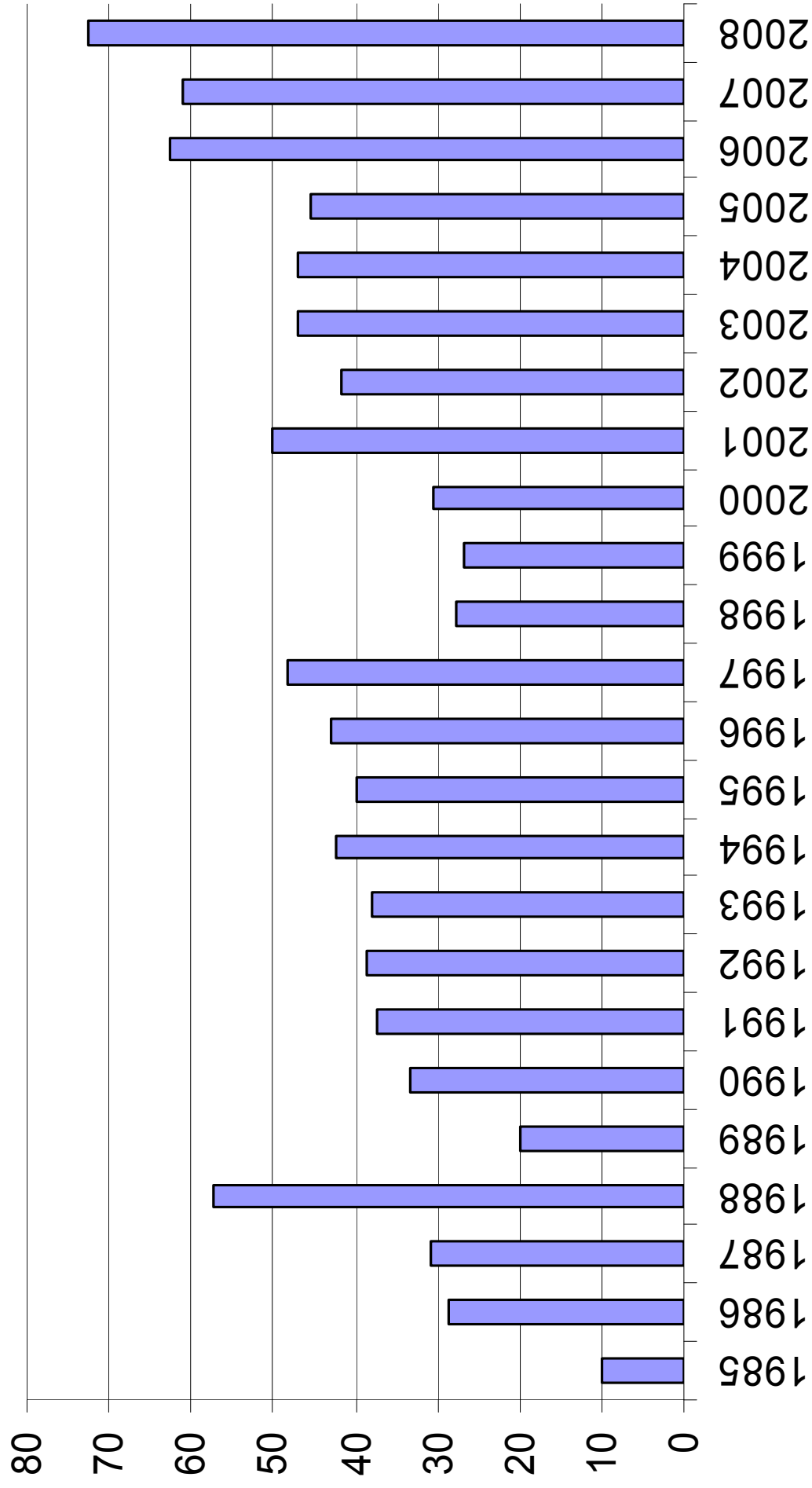
\*the results presented are in the peer-review process in Collegium Antropologicum

# ECDC 2007



Main HIV transmission route in Europe:  
homosexual intercourse

# MSM transmission (%), Croatia 1985 - 2008



# Survey 2007



- ✦ Objective: assess HIV risk behaviors among Croatian MSM
- ✦ 820 respondents (7 meeting places in Zagreb and Rijeka + web-site)
- ✦ Response rate: 17.6%

# Results



- ⌘ Never HIV test: **49%**
- ⌘ Never condom during oral sex: **80%**
- ⌘ Never condom during anal sex: **20%**  
(40% every time)

# Results



- ⌘ No condom during last anal i: **47%**
- ⌘ Non-water-based lubricant: **31%**
- ⌘ Condom regularly with women: **27%**

# Conclusions

- ⌘ (Too) high rate of sexual risks
- ⌘ Discrete trend in declining in some risks comparing with 2005



# Stigma - the reason behind?



- ⌘ Sexual shame?
- ⌘ Normality – morality?
- ⌘ Auto-destructive behavior?



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