



# **Peer Review Guidelines and Practices: Insights from Croatian Journal Editors**

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# Introduction

- short survey
- mailing lists of the Croatian Portal of Scientific Journals (HRČAK) and the Croatian Association for Scholarly Communication (CROASC)
- 9% response rate
- quick impressions about experiences and needs



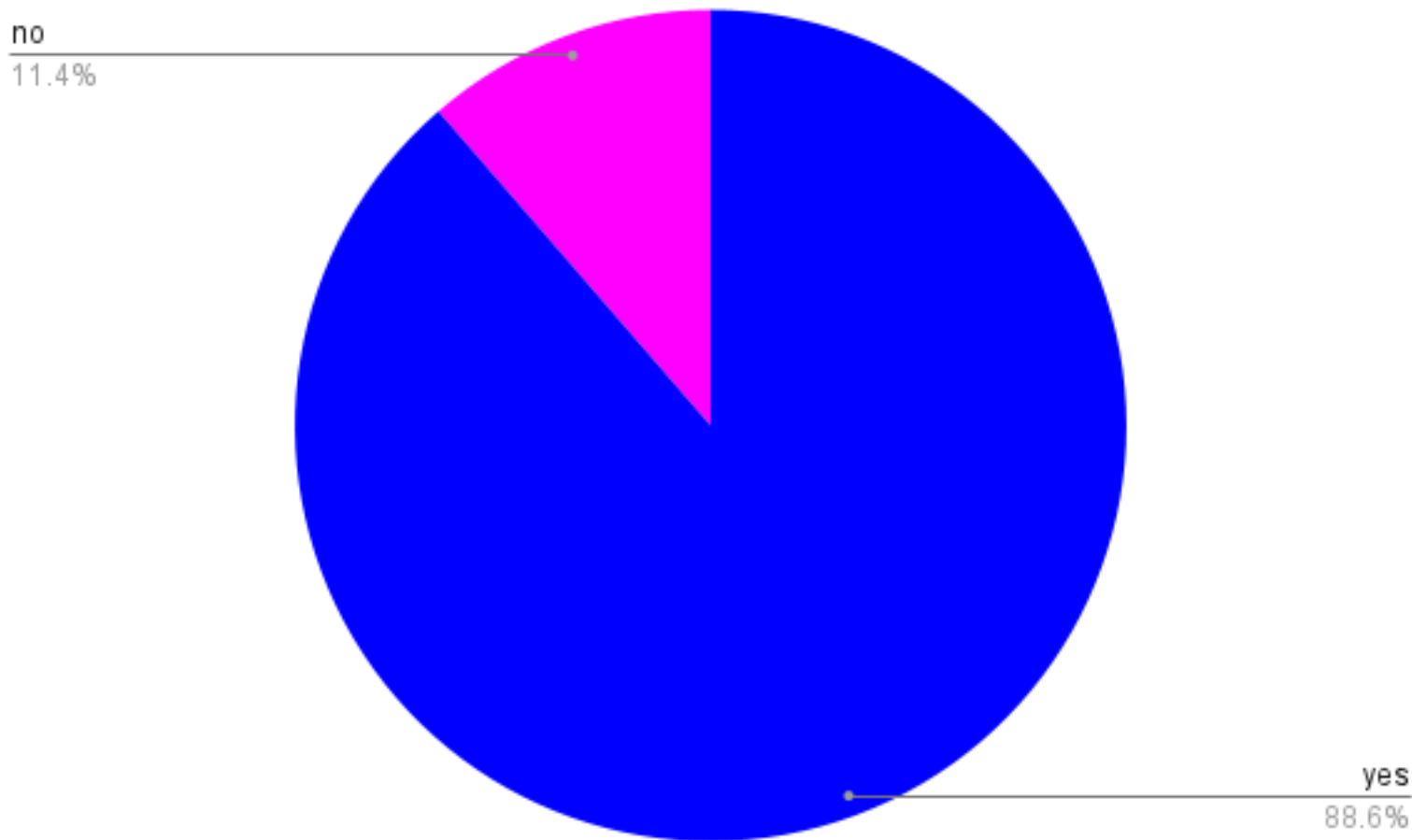
**What is your role in the article evaluation process?  
(Multiple answers possible)**



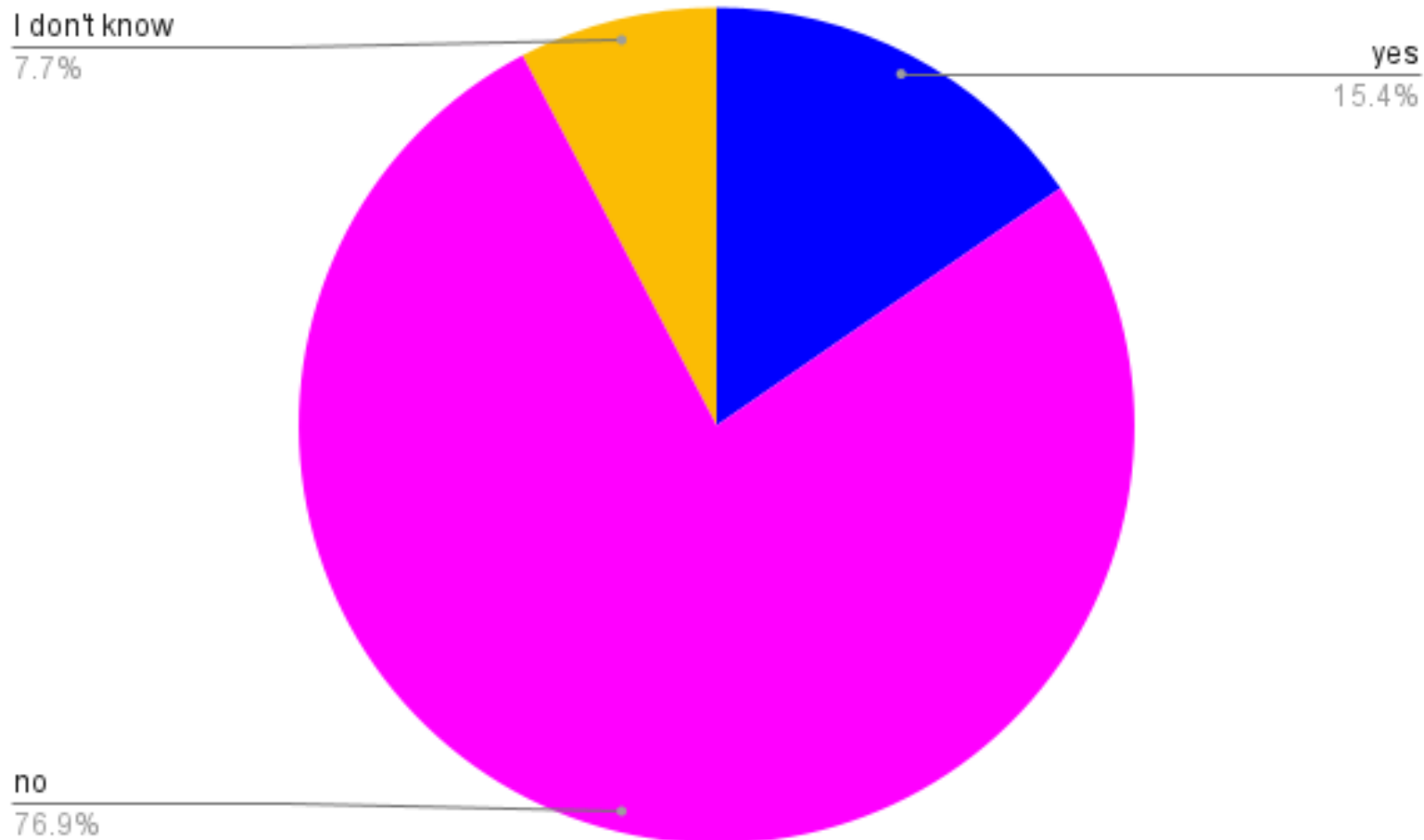
A word cloud illustrating various roles in the article evaluation process. The words are arranged in a hierarchical manner, with 'reviewer' at the bottom in large yellow font, 'editor-in-chief' above it in large blue font, and 'executive editor' above that in large blue font. Other roles like 'field editor', 'technical editor', 'scientific integrity editor', 'publisher', 'assistant editor', 'statistical editor', 'deputy editor-in-chief', 'editorial member', and 'editorial secretary' are in smaller fonts of various colors (pink, orange, green) scattered around the central words.

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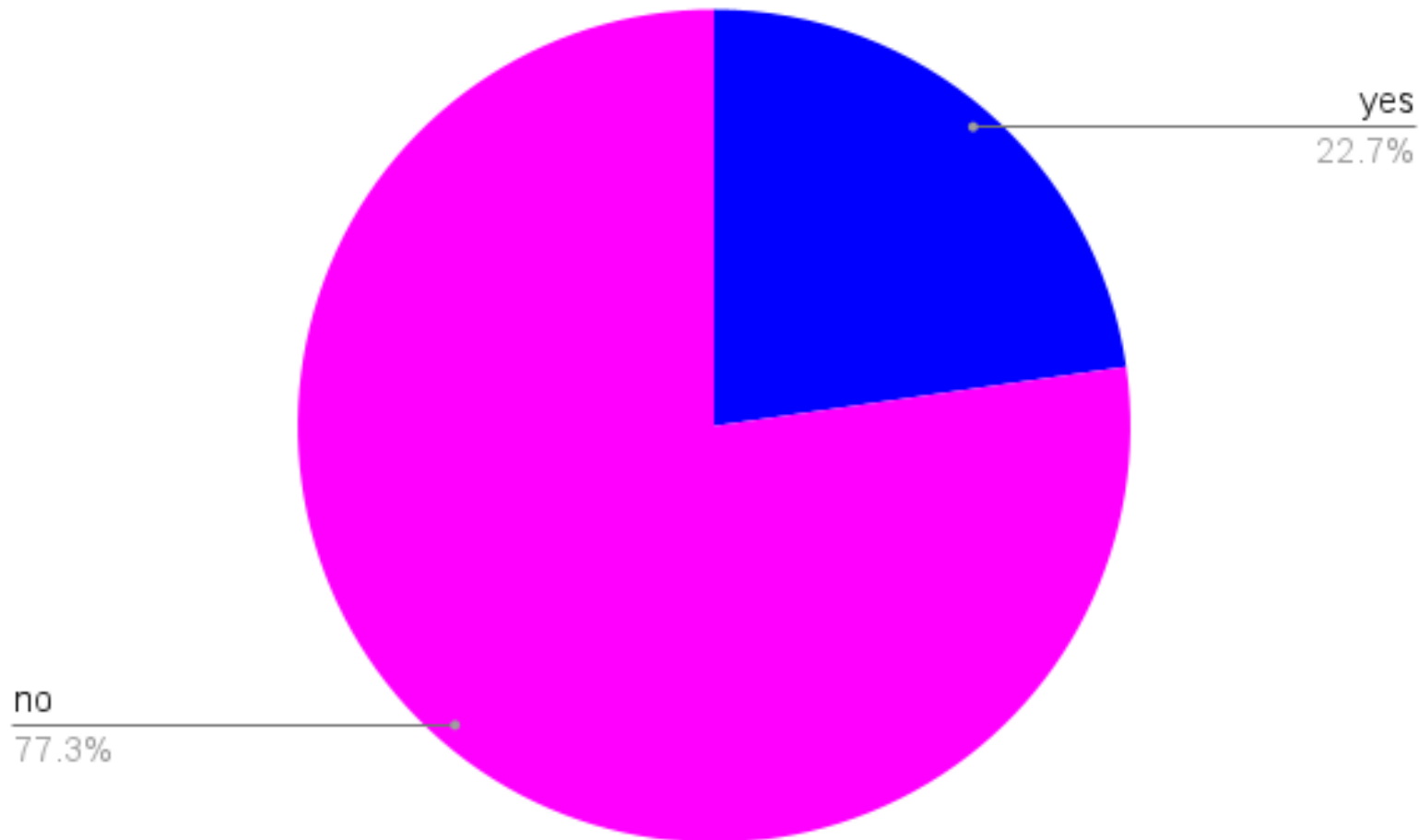
**Does the journal you edit or are most involved with (as one of the editors or as a reviewer) have guidelines for reviewers?**



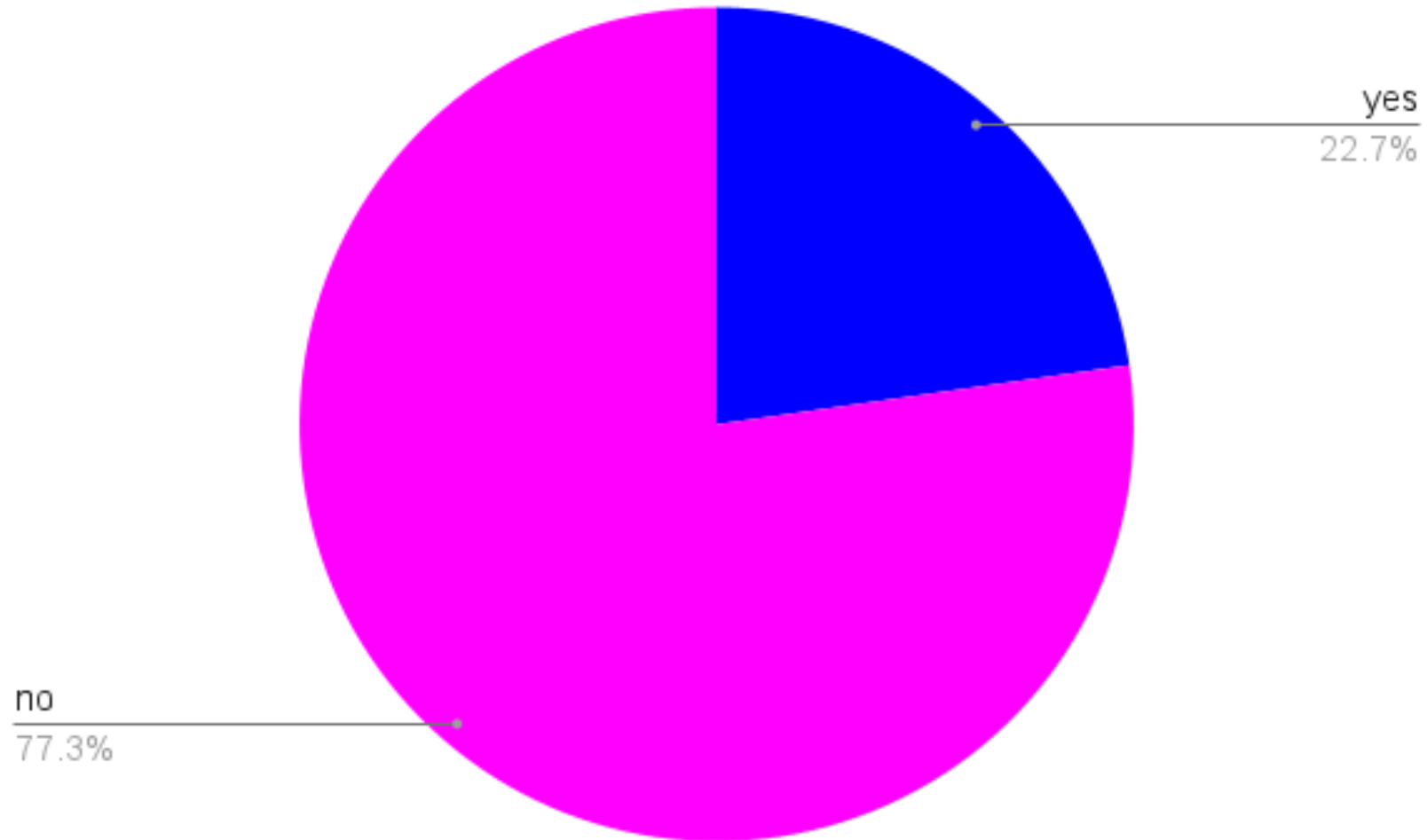
# Do those reviewer guidelines include instructions for the use of artificial intelligence tools?



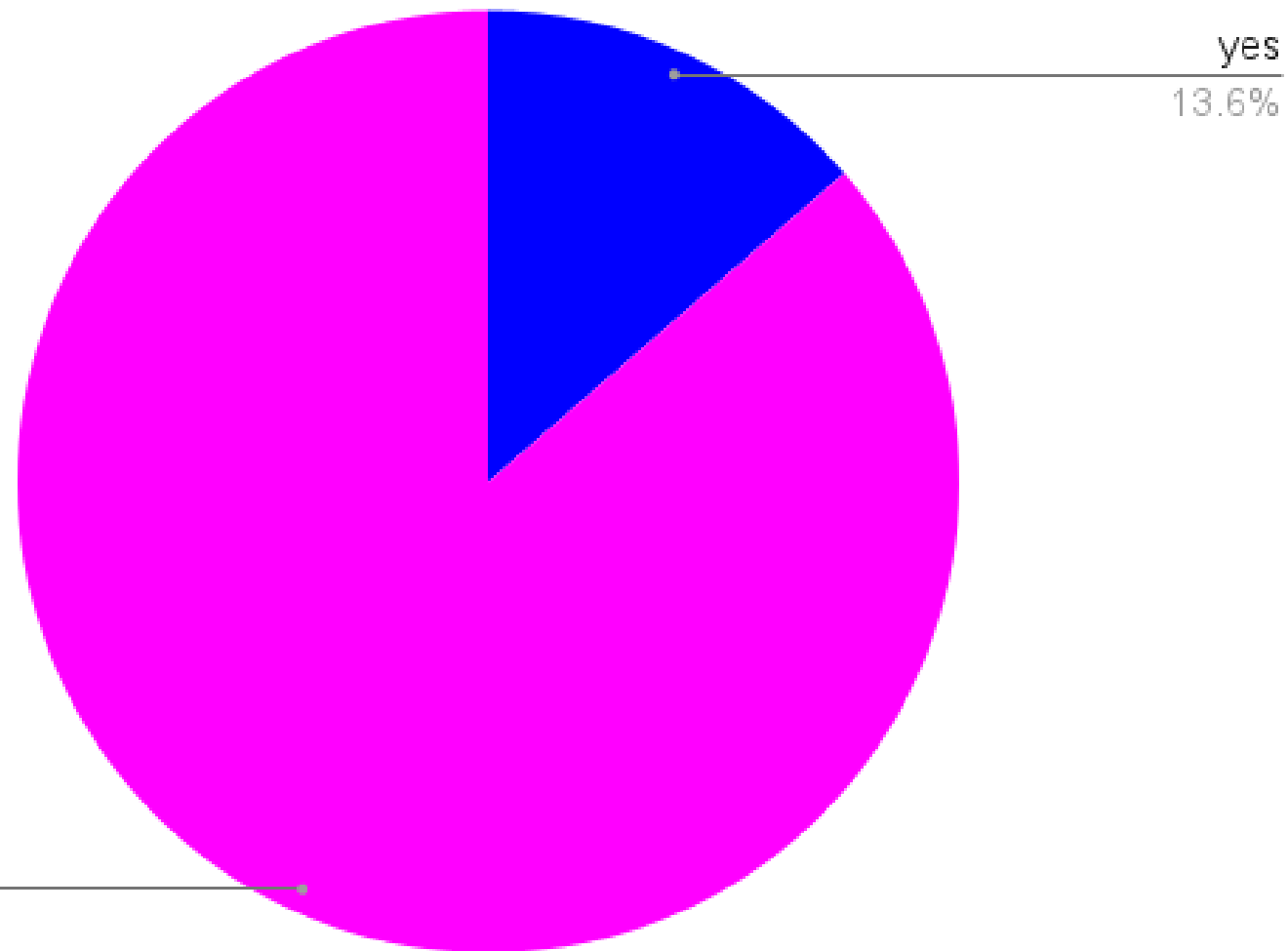
# Are you a member of the European Association of Science Editors (EASE)?



# Are you familiar with the EASE Peer Review Toolkit?

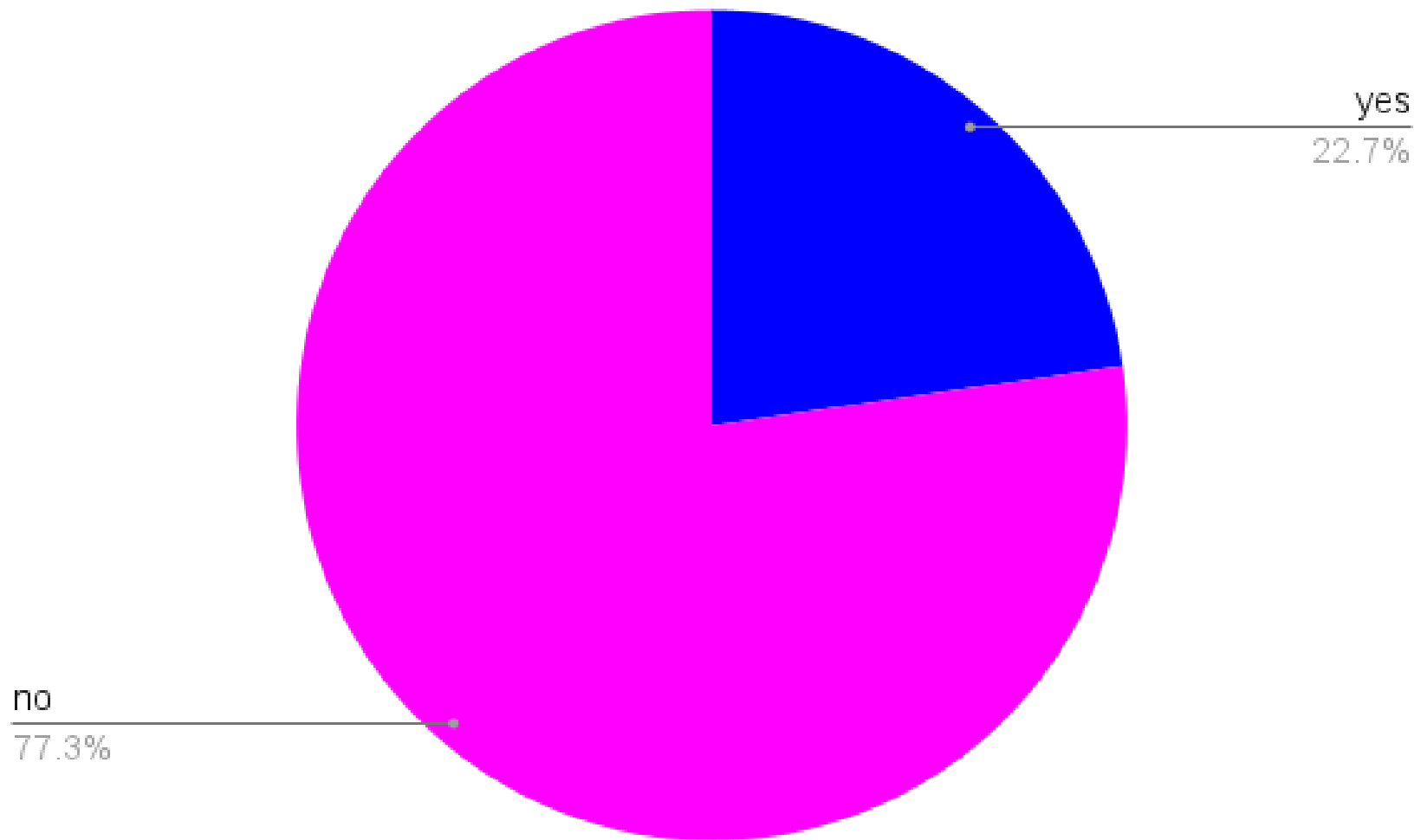


# Do you use the EASE Peer Review Toolkit in your work?

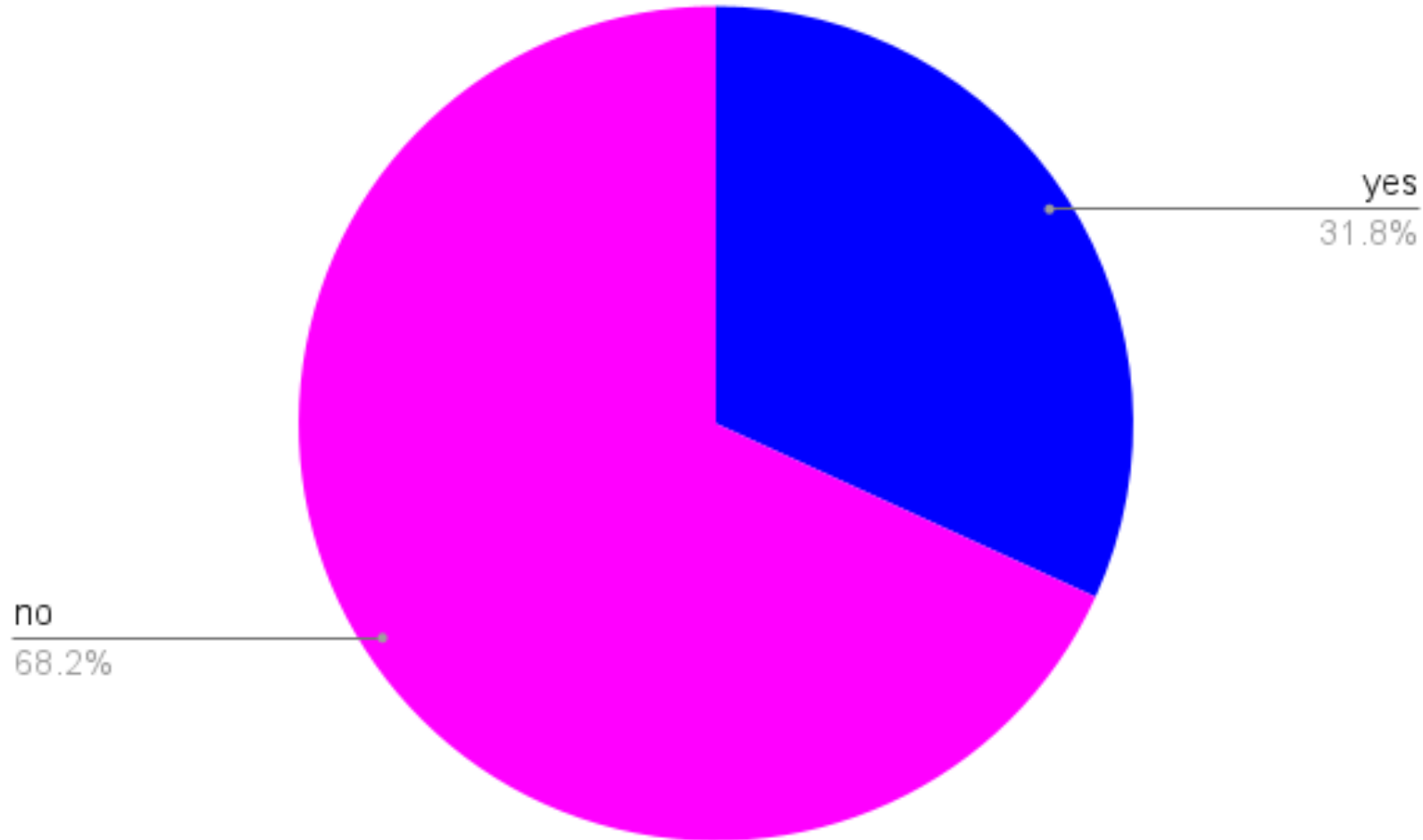




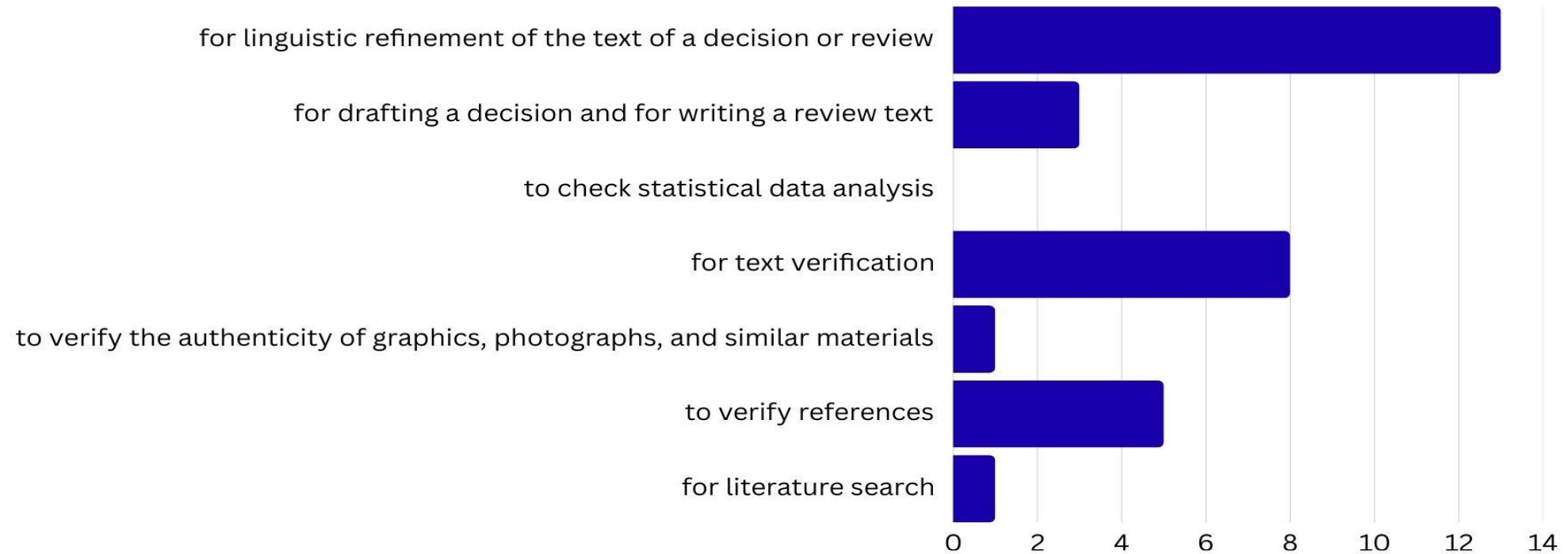
# Are you familiar with the EASE guidelines for the use of artificial intelligence tools in scientific publishing?



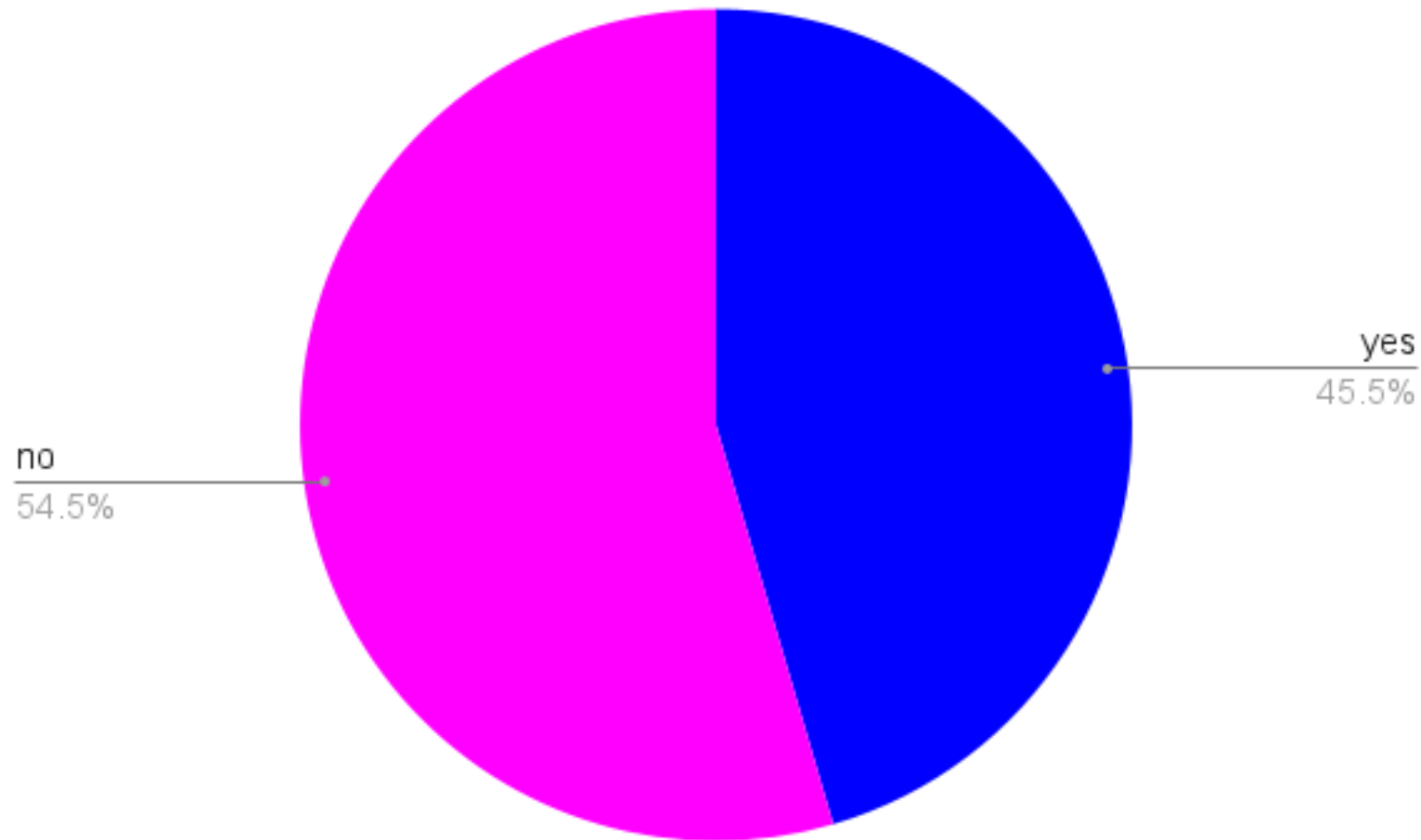
# Do you use any artificial intelligence tools in your editorial or review work?



# If yes, for what purpose?



# Do you follow any other guidelines in your editorial or review work?





If yes, which ones?

Turnitin  
authenticity check  
COPE  
WAME  
the journal's policy guidelines  
Guidelines of the Ministry of Science, Education and Youth  
Guidelines published in the hrčak.hr database  
I don't know how to specify  
different search engines  
common sense



# Conclusion

- many Croatian editors and reviewers are still not familiar with the EASE tools
- further promotion and training on available resources are needed
- plan to extend the survey to EASE members to gain a more comprehensive insight.



# Thank you!

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