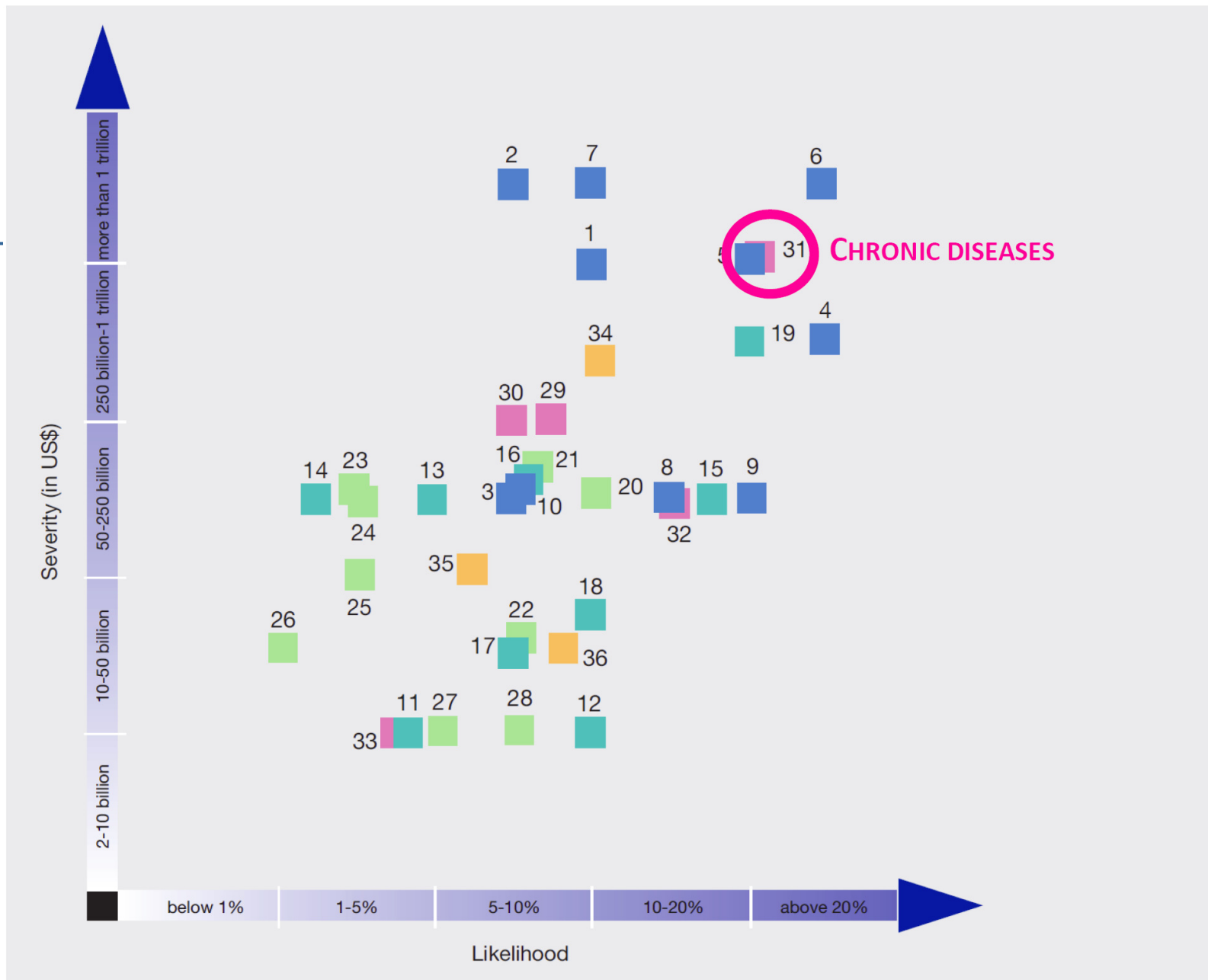


Epidemiology of alcohol-related harm

**WHO meeting of National Counterparts for Alcohol
Policy in the WHO European Region and
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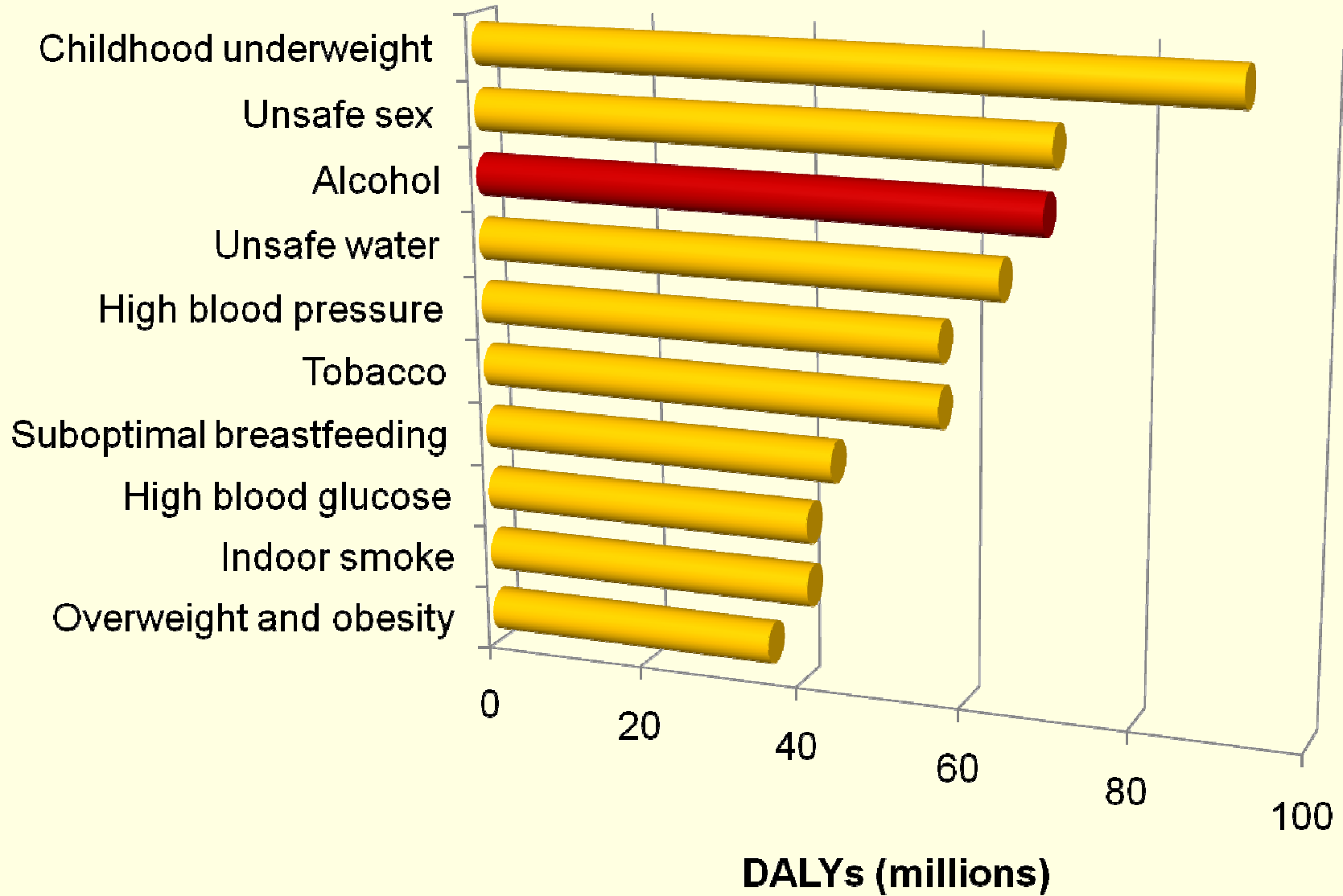


Global risks landscape 2010: Likelihood with severity by economic loss.
 Source: Global Risks 2010. World Economic Forum, 2010.

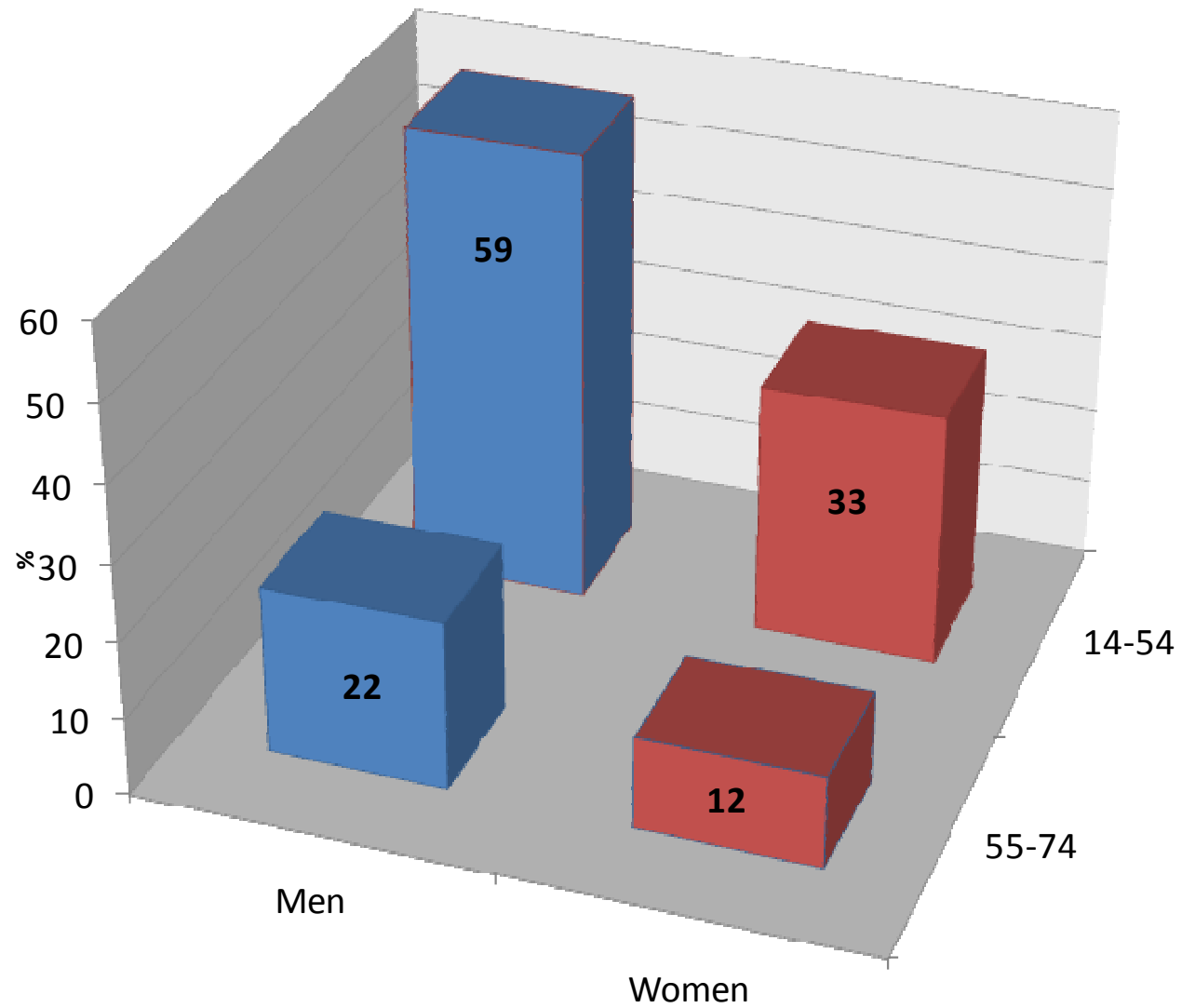
Across Europe, one year of lost life is
valued at over 1/3 of GDP

Suhrcke et al 2008

Top 10 risk factors for DALYs (world)

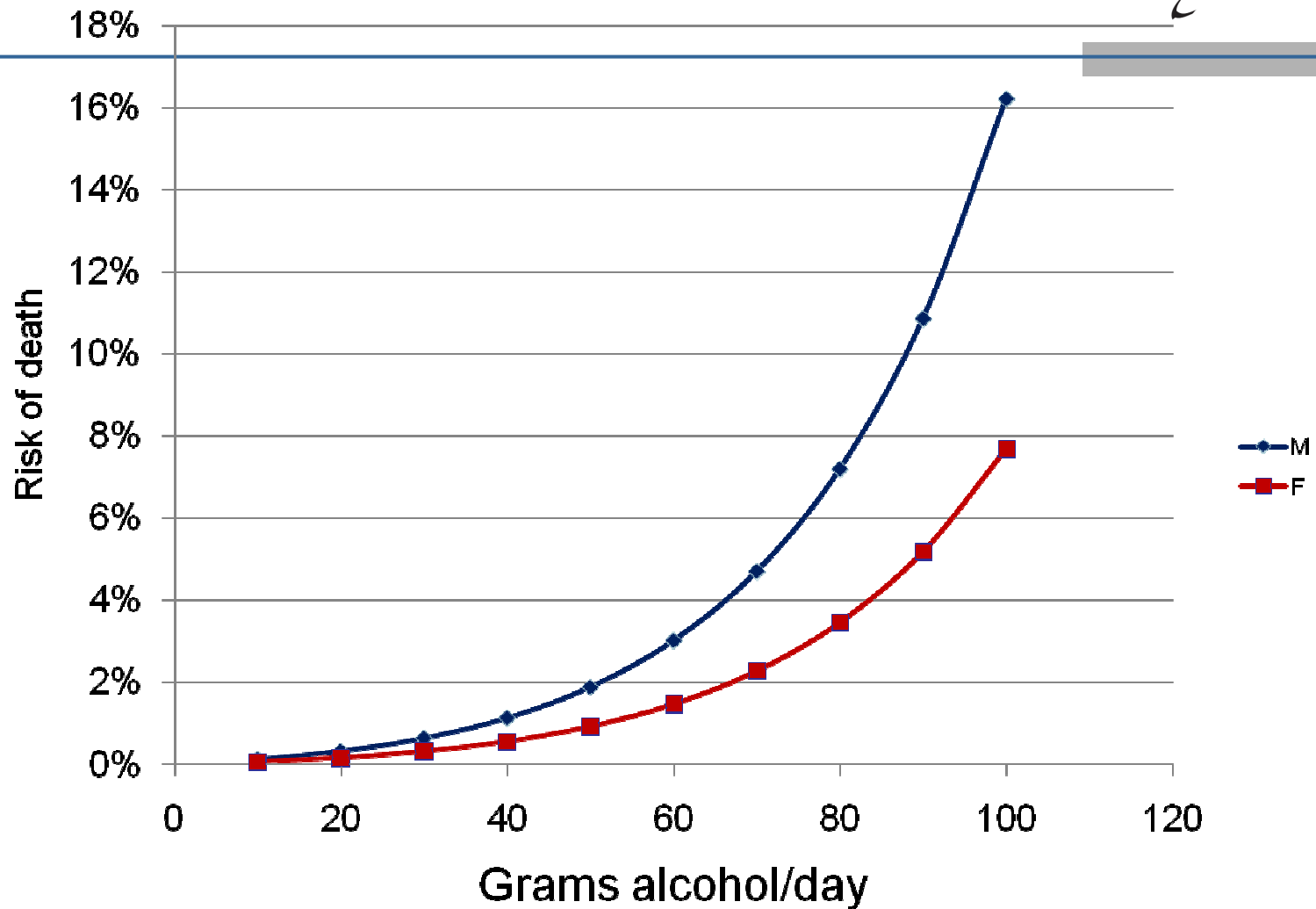


Per cent of all deaths due to alcohol



Zaridze et al 2009

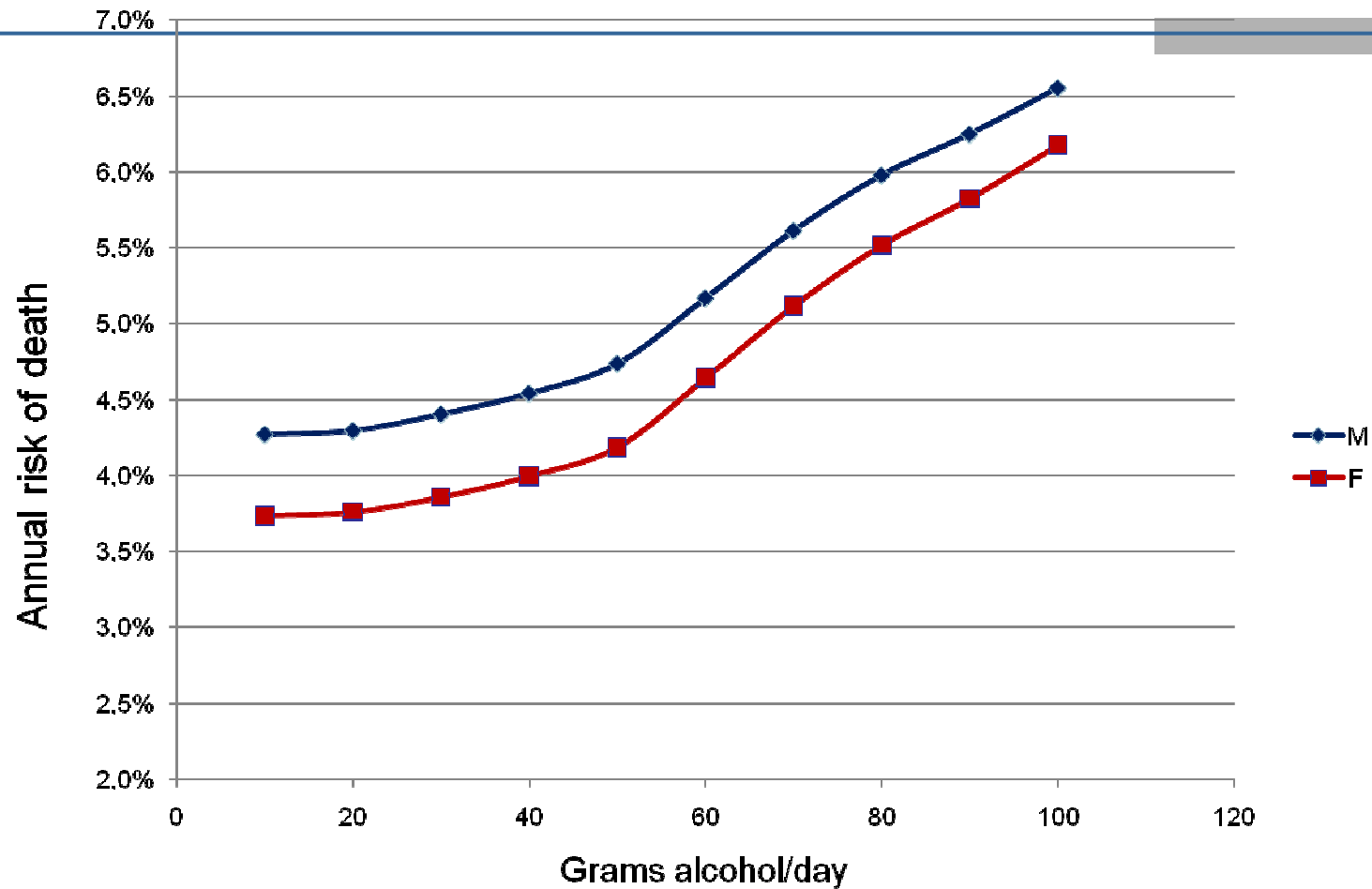
Adult life-time risk of death from intentional and unintentional injuries, EUR A&B countries



Rehm et al 2010, Addiction supplement, AMPHORA project



Adult annual risk of death from alcohol dependence, liver cirrhosis and alcohol-related cancers and cardiovascular diseases, EUR A&B countries



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Conclusions for alcohol policy

- The importance of chronic diseases to global risk is often grossly underestimated
- The value an extra year of healthy life is often grossly underestimated
- The importance of alcohol as a risk factor is often under recognized
- Alcohol increases the risk of death in a dose dependent manner
- The harm done by alcohol is, in principle, preventable
- Let us start!