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Nordic Trial Alliance

an initiative to strengthen Nordic clinical research

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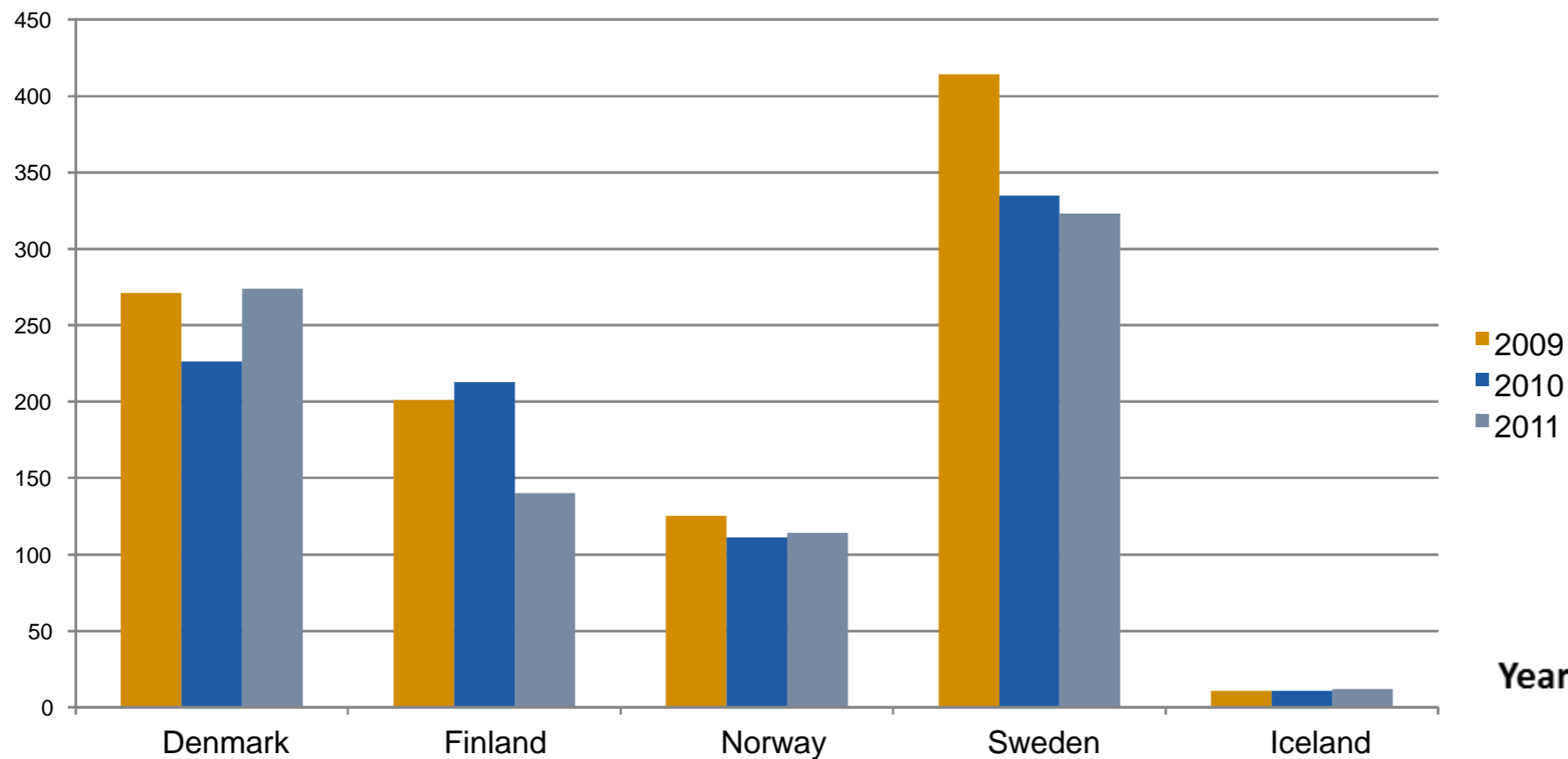
There is a decline in clinical trials leading to...

- **Patients not receiving the latest treatments**
- **Nordic clinical research is loosing pace and foothold in the research frontier**
- **Industry move its activities to other countries**
- **Harder for SME's in Life Sciences to develop products**

How come?



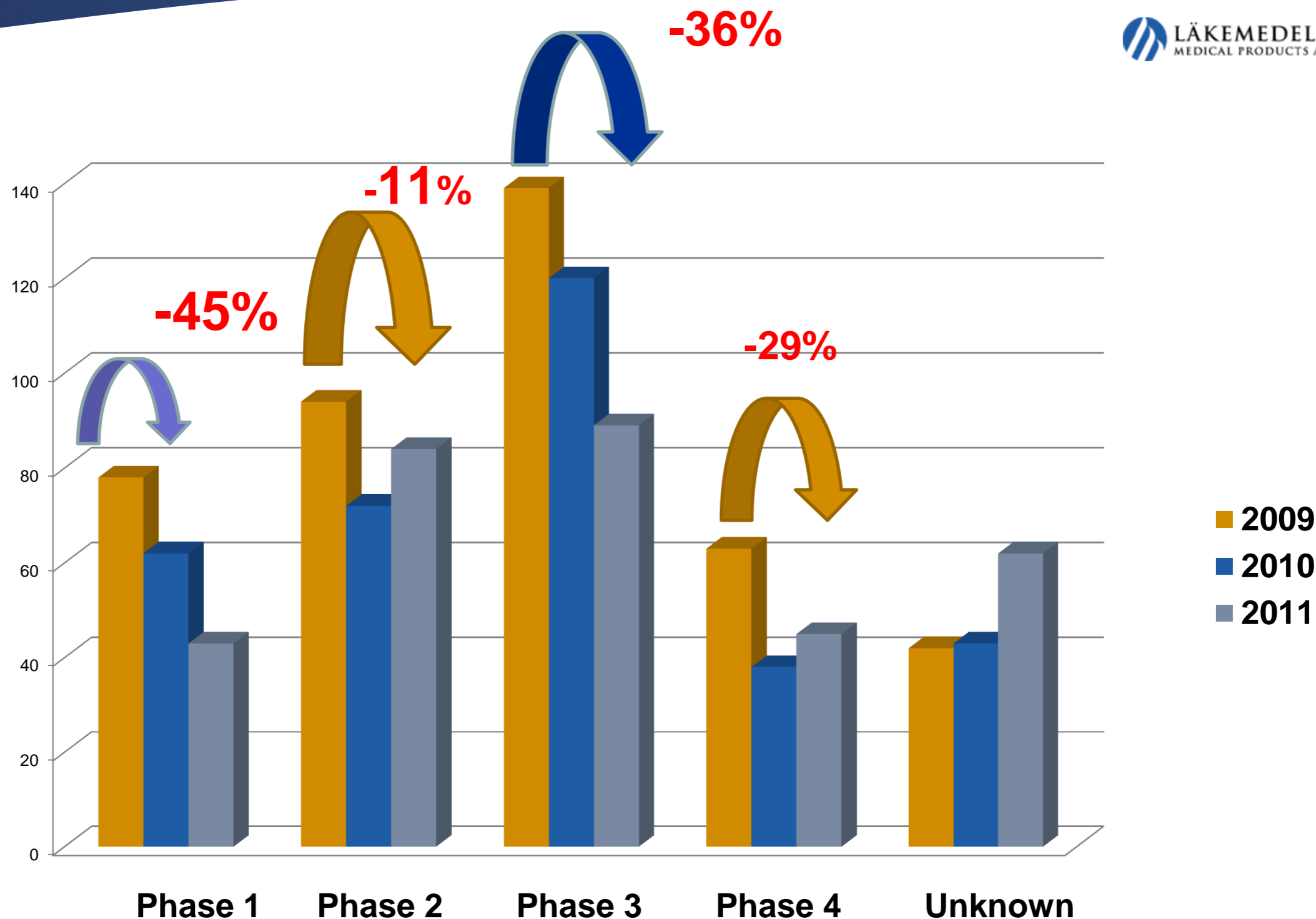
Clinical trials in the Nordic area (2009-2011)



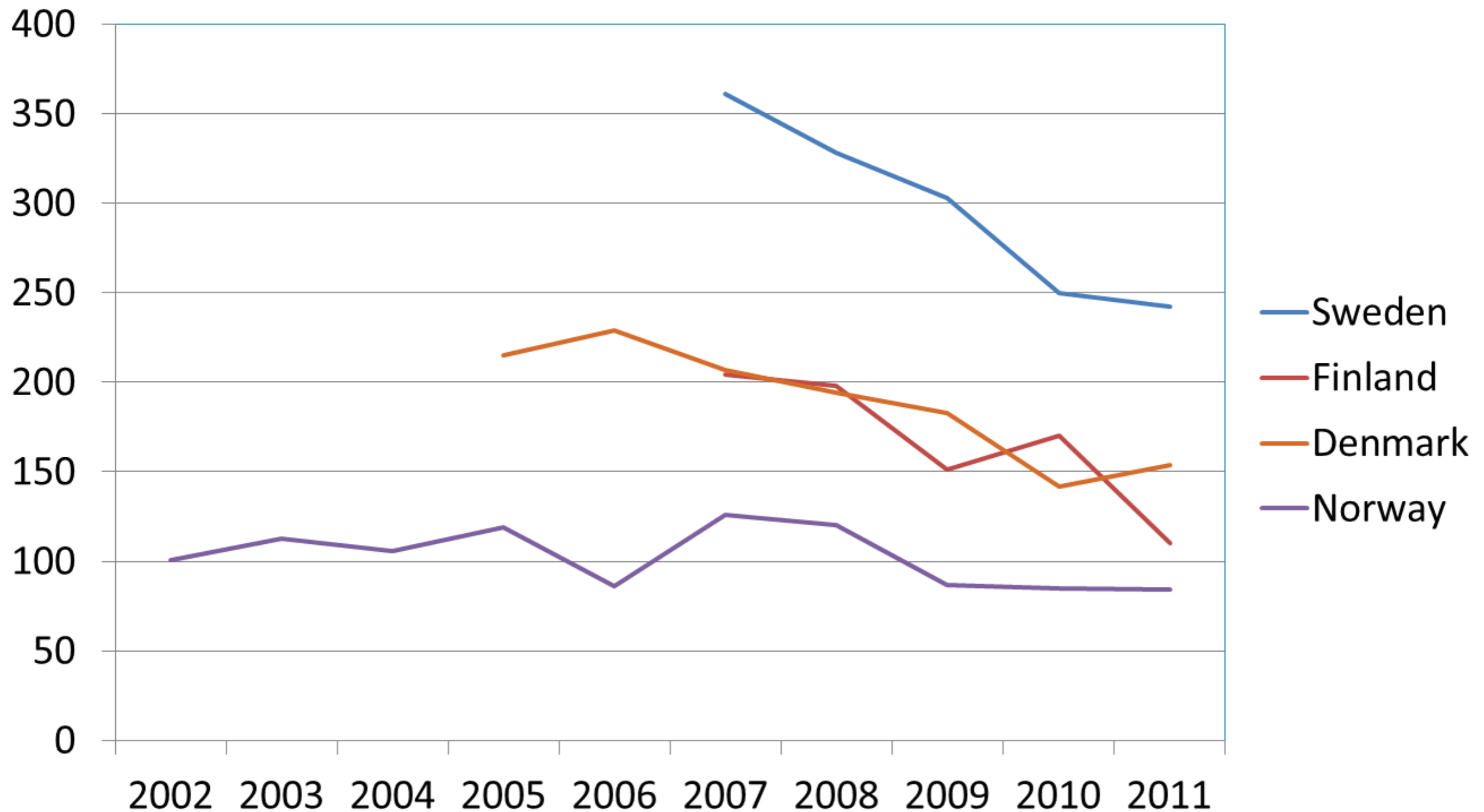
Year No of approved studies

2006	25
2009	11
2010	13
2011	9
2012	9

Reduction of clinical trials related to clinical phase (2009-2011)



The number of clinical trial applications from commercial sponsors to Regulatory Authorities

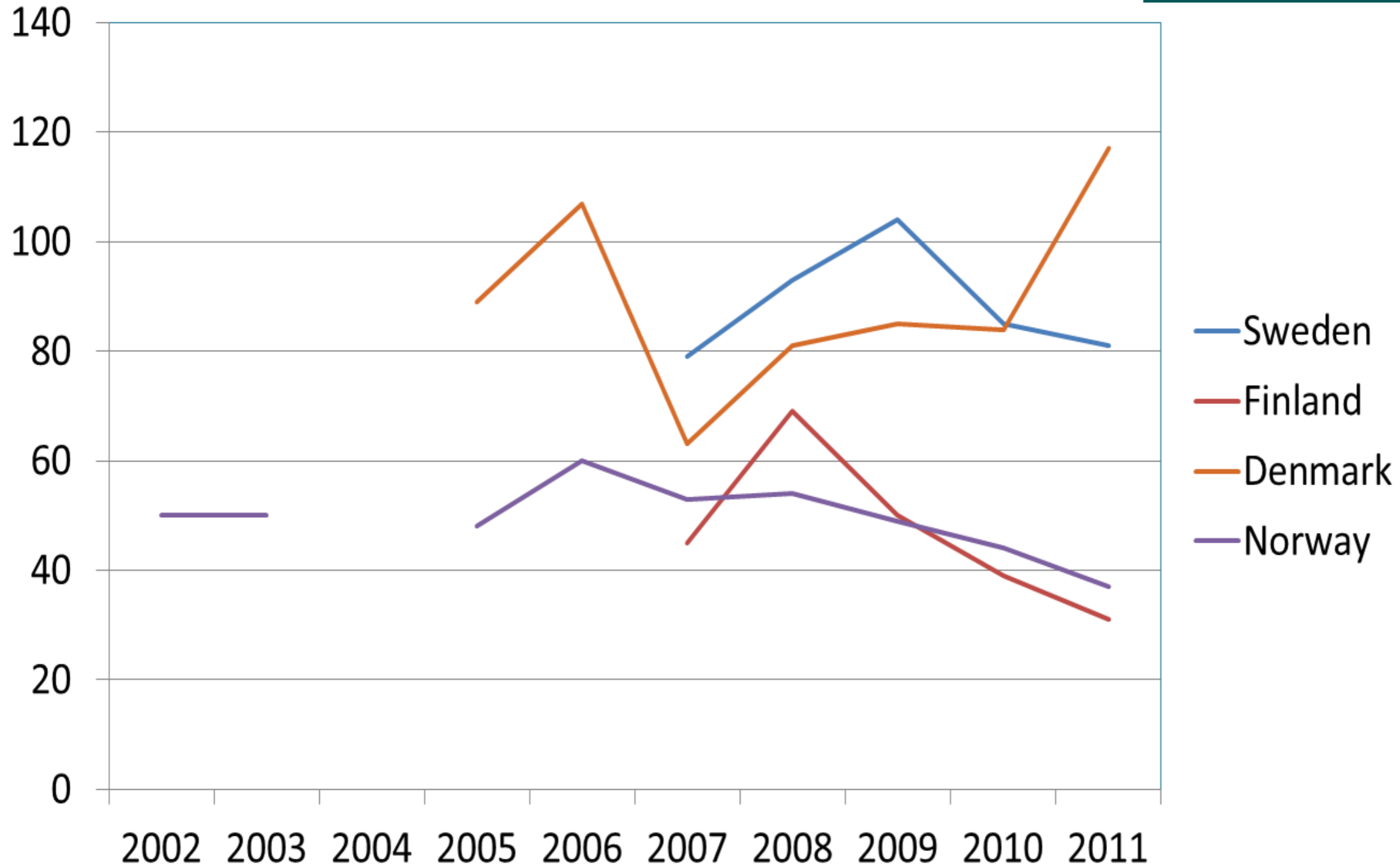


The number of clinical trial applications from academic sponsors to Regulatory Authorities

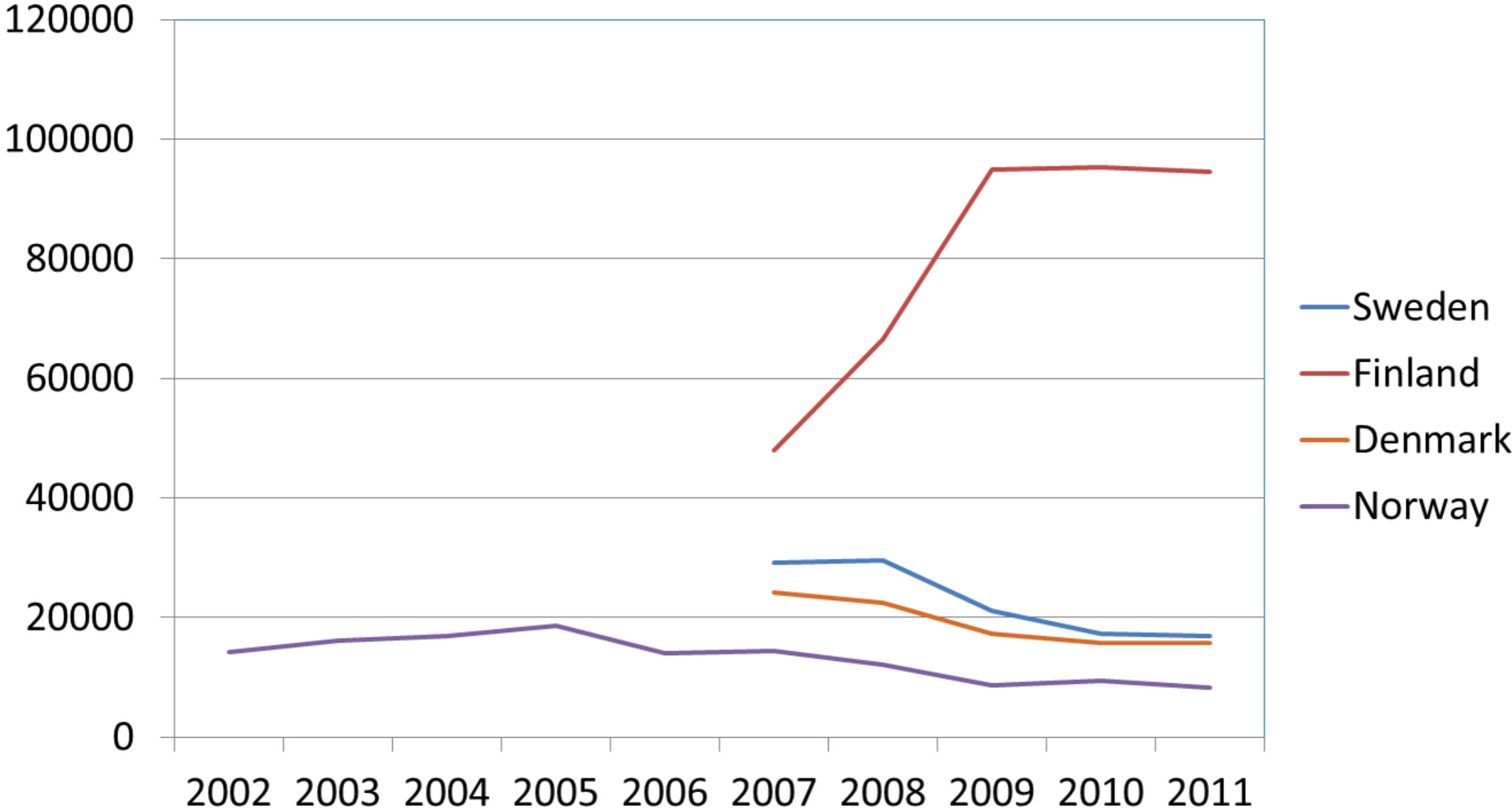


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Trial participants in ongoing clinical trials conducted by members of LMI, PIF, LIF Sweden and LIF DK (vaccine trials in Finland are included)



Nordic Strengths.....

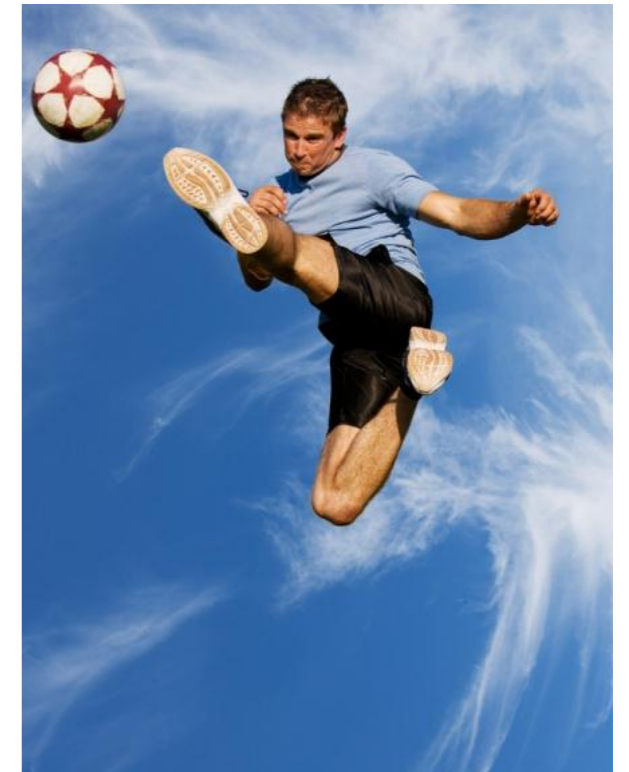


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- **Democratic and distributed health care**
- **Stable patient populations**
- **Common treatment modalities**
- **High quality registers**
- **High quality biobanks**
- **Highly competent research environments
both public and in the industry**



Nordic cooperation on clinical trials

- **Funded within the "Sustainable Nordic Welfare Programme" of the Nordic Council of Ministers***
- **Decision based on Nordic prestudies****
- **Pilot project between 2013-2015**
- **Additional funding from NordForsk**



* Nordic Committee of Senior Officials for Health and Social Affairs and Nordic Committee of Senior Officials for Education and Research

** "Konkretisering av förslag Nordiskt samarbete om kliniska multicenter studier"

Nordic Trial Alliance (NTA)



- **NordForsk hosts the cooperation**
- **Total indicative budget is 8 MNOK for the three year pilot**
- **The operation of Nordic cooperation on clinical trials is called Nordic Trial Alliance (NTA)**

A concerted action!



- **Small, non-bureaucratic**
- **”One stop shop” website**
- **Hosted by NordForsk**
- **1-2 persons in addition to NordForsk administration**



Objectives of Nordic Trial Alliance



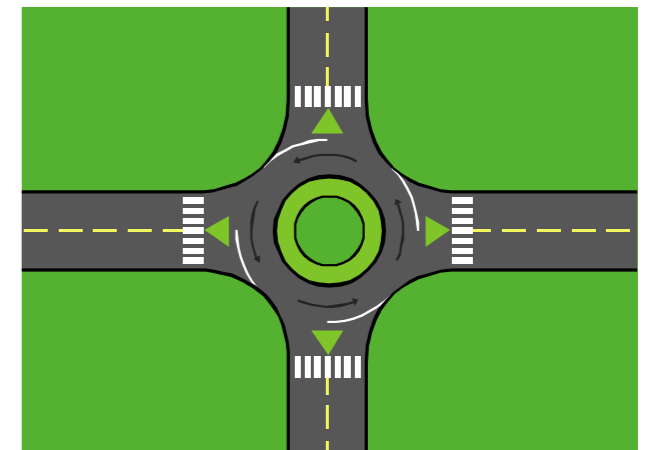
- **Create, initiate and support Nordic infrastructure and networks where needed**
- **Communicate the strengths of the Nordic research market to attract clinical research**
- **Support patients involvement and access to new technologies**
- **Create information and support to SME's for Nordic access to clinical research for enhanced product development**
- **Support access to biobanks, registers and relevant patient population for clinical research**
- **Communicate on national initiatives to the Nordic countries for effective bench marking**



What we hope to achieve today

- **Input from stakeholders on the initiative and way forward**
- **Prioritization of objectives and directions**
- **Identification of communication and reporting to stakeholders**
- **Electronic, F2F meetings?**

Way forward?



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