

Drugs shortages are getting more and more important. It is relevant to gather specific data in order to mitigate them.

## DATAS

National purchasing group

## TIME

2014

2018



## CRITERIA

ATC classification



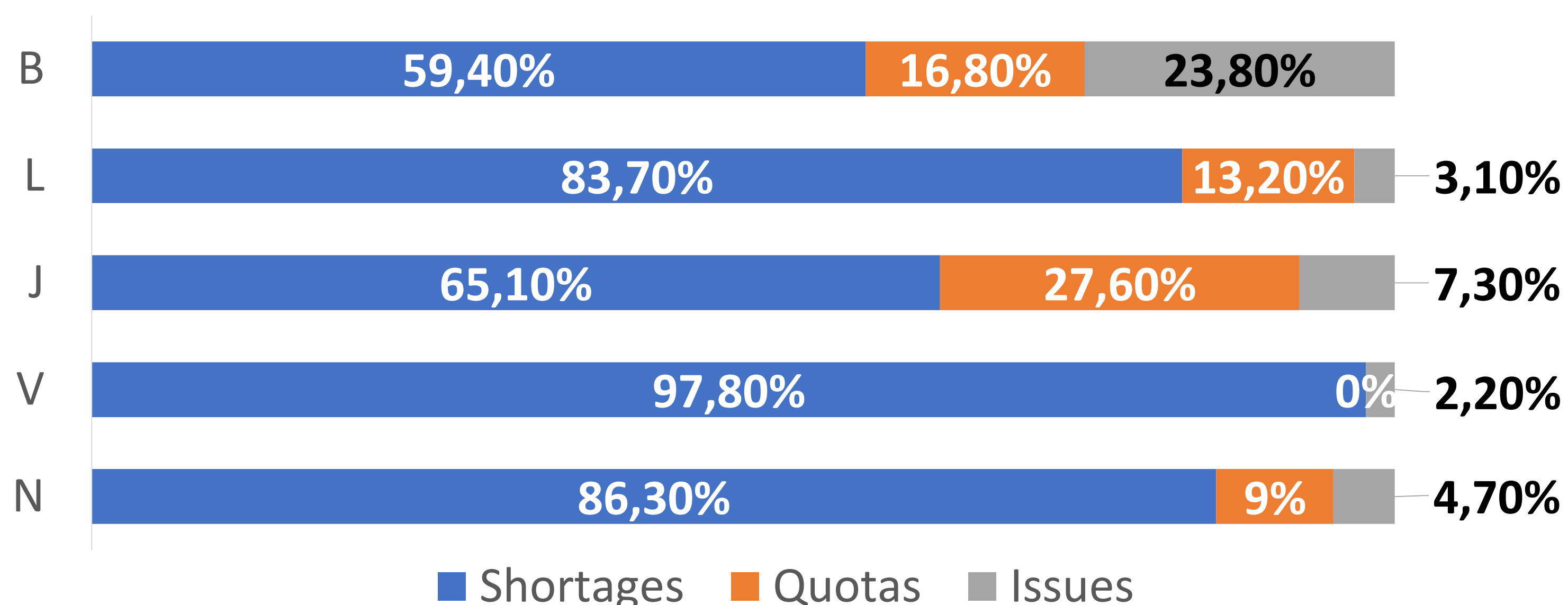
## INDICATORS

Unavailability profile (*shortage, quota, issues*)  
Number of recurrences  
Median duration  
Unavailability rates (*number of shortages divided by number of drugs available in an ATC class*)

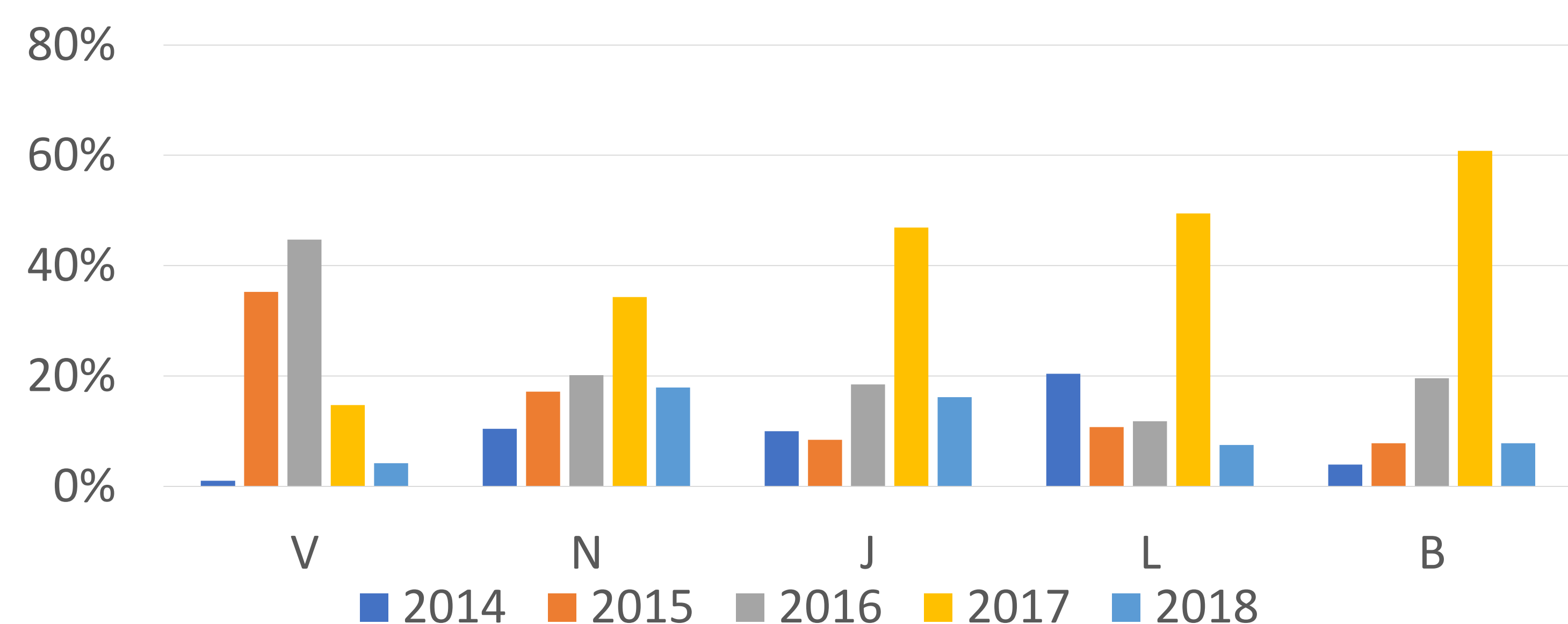
→ Each ATC class has been concerned (1 305 drugs). **Five** were more impacted :

| ATC class                  | Nervous system<br><i>N class</i> | Various<br><i>V class</i> | Antimicrobial agents<br><i>J class</i> | Oncology<br><i>L class</i> | Haematology<br><i>B class</i> |
|----------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------|--|----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Median duration (weeks)    | 4,57                             | 3,79                      | 5,29                                   | 4,43                       | 3,79                          |
| Rate of unavailability (%) | 9,2%                             | 38,1%                     | 17,7%                                  | 15,6%                      | 8,4%                          |

Unavailability profile regarding ATC classification

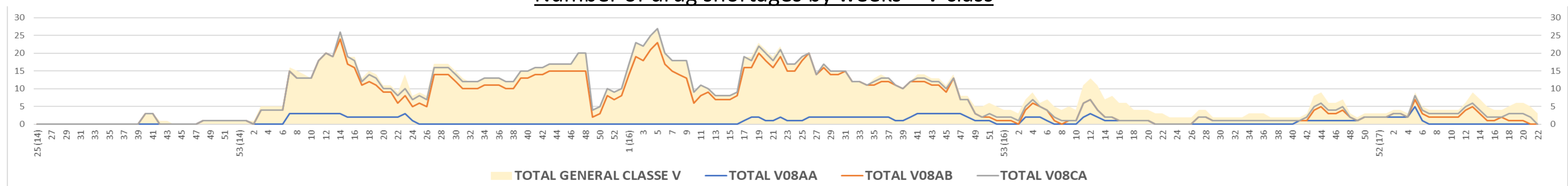


Number of recurrences per year and ATC class



→ 4 years chronology

Number of drug shortages by weeks – V class

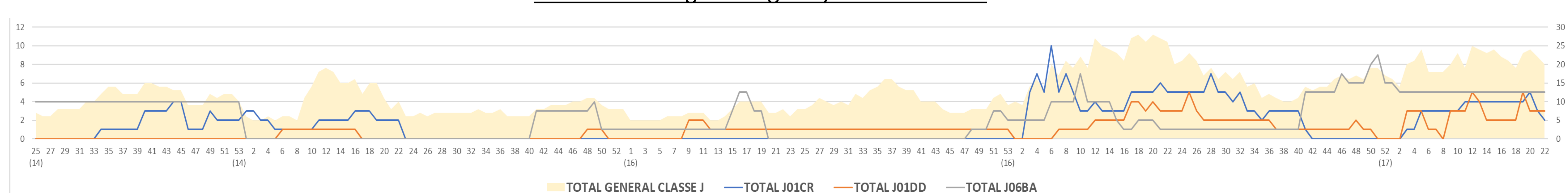


**V08AA** = Watersoluble, nephrotropic, high osmolar X-ray contrast media

**V08AB** = Watersoluble, nephrotropic, low osmolar X-ray contrast media

**V08CA** = Paramagnetic contrast media

Number of drug shortages by weeks – J class



**J01CR** = Combinations of penicillins, incl. beta-lactamase inhibitors

**J01DD** = Third-generation cephalosporins

**J06BA** = Immunoglobulins, normal human

All classes affected

Evolution of drugs shortages  
Rippling effects



Worse consequences  
Antibiotic resistance

Disruption in patient care

