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ITA ANNUAL REVIEW 2022

This annual review lists some of the main activities and projects that the International Testing Agency (ITA) has driven in 2022 for the benefit of fair play for athletes, our partners and the clean sport community.

Return of competitions

While the ITA focused on a flexible strategy to mitigate the impact of the Covid 19 pandemic on its partners' anti-doping programs to the greatest extent possible in 2020 and 2021, sporting events returned in full force in 2022, and with them the number of in-competition doping controls. The ITA team was ready to return to the pre-Covid epidemic level of in-competition testing and managed the anti-doping programs at over 850 events.

Major Events

The ITA successfully implemented the anti-doping program for the Olympic Winter Games Beijing 2022, which was again supported by an extensive pre-Games program, the use of ITA-designed tools and a dedicated centralised information sharing platform for the exchange of intelligence with relevant stakeholders. These efforts to maintain the quality and robustness of the Olympic anti-doping program whilst adopting enhanced solutions where needed was recognised by the very positive World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) [Independent Observer \(IO\) report](#). In addition to this, the ITA also delivered for the first time anti-doping activities for the World Games Birmingham 2022, followed by [another encouraging IO report](#).

Investing in quality education for the anti-doping workforce

After launching the [ITA International Doping Control Officer \(IDCO\) program](#) in 2020, the ITA has to date hosted training events for over 1'000 participants from more than 110 countries. Whilst this advanced course offers existing DCOs a high-quality harmonised training allowing them to confidently test athletes at the world's biggest international events, the ITA reacted to the need for quality basic training for individuals at the start of their DCO career. In August 2022, it launched the [ITA DCO Foundation Training Program](#) offering an expert-led course aimed at equipping participants with the technical and personal skills required for the role.



Responding to another growing demand within the anti-doping community, that for increased prevention and education opportunities for athletes, the ITA also launched its [Clean Sport Educator Training Program](#) in September 2022. The course offers sports and anti-doping organisations an international-level certification for their workforce.

In addition to these training initiatives for the anti-doping workforce, the Shanghai University of Sport was designated as the first ITA Academic Centre with the aim to foster and promote professional expertise in the fields of anti-doping and testing.

Education

In 2022, the ITA also invested in the scale-up of its own Education Department to match the growing demand of clean sport education and doping prevention since the introduction of WADA's International Standard for Education (ISE) in 2021. Next to continuously offering virtual anti-doping education, whether specifically prepared for IF partners or for the athlete community at large, the ITA has increased its [Athlete Education Ambassador](#) roster to cover the need for event-based clean sport activities. 19 former high-level athletes and Olympians from all continents of the world and speaking different languages, trained for this purpose by the ITA, offer interactive anti-doping education for athletes at international-level competitions.

Intelligence & Investigations

The past year marked the continuous effort to further strengthen and expand the ITA's Intelligence & Investigations (I&I) capacities in the areas of information-gathering and – sharing, data analysis, open-source data collection and confidential witness and informant handling. A focus was also put on establishing a trustworthy network of partners within and beyond the anti-doping community, especially with public investigative and law enforcement entities. To that end, the ITA entered its first official partnership with a policing body, [the French OCLAESP](#), and will pursue further such collaboration agreements with authorities in the future.

The [ITA's doping reporting platform REVEAL](#) brought over 50 reports from confidentially handled sources to the attention of the ITA's I&I experts. In order to further encourage the use of REVEAL, the ITA calls on its partners to widely promote the platform to their communities in order to make them aware of the possibility to share any suspicions with this dedicated tool.



Ensuring compliance with the World Anti-Doping Code

The ITA's dedicated Regulatory Compliance Unit managed 33 Code Compliance Questionnaires and the subsequent Corrective Action Reports on behalf of its International Federation partners 2022, a process that will continue in 2023. We are pleased to report that IF partners with a full delegation of their programs to the ITA received over 70% corrective actions less compared to partners with partial delegation, underlining the advantages of the seamless and expert-led anti-doping efforts managed by the ITA.

Digitalisation and data management

Since the beginning of its operations, the ITA has focused on the development of IT tools and innovations that enable us to deliver anti-doping programs for our partners in a more efficient, accurate, simple and cost-effective way. In 2022 we focused on the further development of ITA's Protecting Athletes and Sport System (PASS), a fully integrated platform connecting all aspects of our activities across the entire organisation. PASS also enables our partners a transparent view of their anti-doping activities, as the live data in this very dashboard is generated by the platform.

Keeping Sport Real: Today and Tomorrow

With its first Olympic cycle coming to an end in 2022, the [ITA launched its Strategic Plan 2023-2026](#) in the beginning of 2023. True to its mission to earn the trust, respect and loyalty from the sports and anti-doping community, the ITA will continue to work tirelessly to deliver high quality clean sport programs through a collaborative, professional and innovative approach. To help maximise its impact for clean sport, the ITA has defined six core objectives that it will focus on in the period 2023-2026.

These objectives will guide the organisation through the next phase of its development as it completes its initial operational stage and enters a period of consolidation and further professionalisation through efficiency and innovation. They highlight focus areas such as collaboration, quality management, building and sustaining expertise, scaling and improving efficiency, financial sustainability and further positioning the ITA as a global leader in the delivery of sport anti-doping programs. All these goals are intended to support the continued development of the ITA, but also to benefit the clean sport movement, the athletes and community at large.

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The International Testing Agency (ITA) supported the anti-doping program of IRF in 2022 within the scope of the clean sport activities delegated to it.

The yearly activity summary of the ITA Dashboards contains relevant feedback on our partners' anti-doping activities at the end of each season, as well as propositions on how to further enhance their clean sport programs.

We believe that cooperation is at the heart of all efforts to maintain the integrity of sport and that an independent approach is the right strategy to protect clean sport. If you would like further information regarding any of your delegated anti-doping activities, please contact the ITA Testing Department.



The ITA continuously monitored the delegated areas of the IRF anti-doping program to ensure compliance with the World Anti-Doping Code and the International Standards.

In addition, general compliance support was provided by the ITA on a punctual basis as required throughout the year.

No compliance proceedings or other types of requests by WADA in relation to the delegated areas of the IRF anti-doping program were reported to the ITA in 2022.



Based on the outcomes of the Risk Assessment, the ITA in consultation with the IRF, developed a tailor-made TDP that prioritizes appropriately between: Disciplines (physiological risk), Athletes (country, performance & testing history risks), periods during the season, types of testing, types of samples collected and types of sample analysis according to the TDSSA. This TDP was also updated regularly as and when additional and relevant information was provided such as APMU recommendations and intelligence.

In collaboration with the IRF, the ITA elaborated a Risk Assessment aligned with WADA's ISTI. This service includes:

- the collection of a large spectrum of data that influence the risk of doping in Racquetball
- the integration of this material in a structured methodology that assess the Physiological-Pharmacological / Country / Individual Risks
- the analysis and combination of all the relevant parameters to provide the prerequisites for an effective and proportionate Test Distribution Plan

The IRF Risk Assessment was delivered in November 2022



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7

of individual athletes tested

0

of completed events

8

of completed tests

8

of urine samples

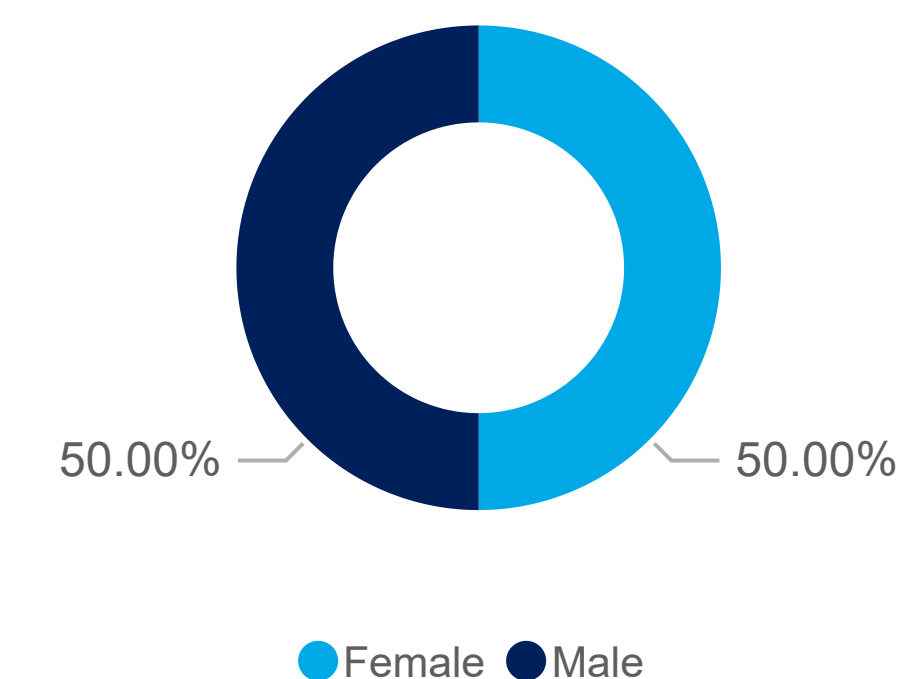
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of blood samples

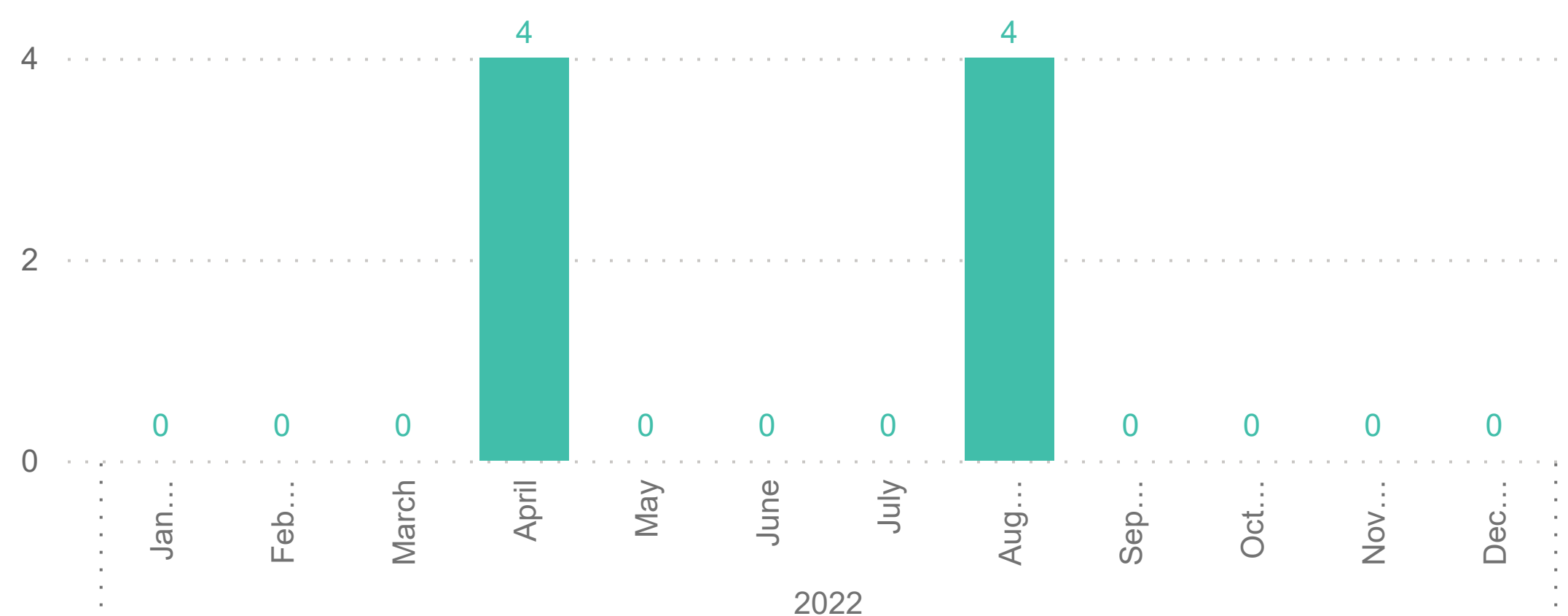
Events

| Event | Country | City | Start date | End date | Discipline | Tests at event | Urine samples | Blood samples |
|--|---------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|
| Pan American Racquetball Championships | BOL | Santa Cruz | 9 April, 2022 | 16 April, 2022 | Racquetball | 4 | 4 | 0 |
| XXI IRF WORLD RACQUETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP | MEX | SAN LUIS POTOSI | 19 August, 2022 | 27 August, 2022 | Racquetball | 4 | 4 | 0 |
| Total | | | | | | 8 | 8 | 0 |

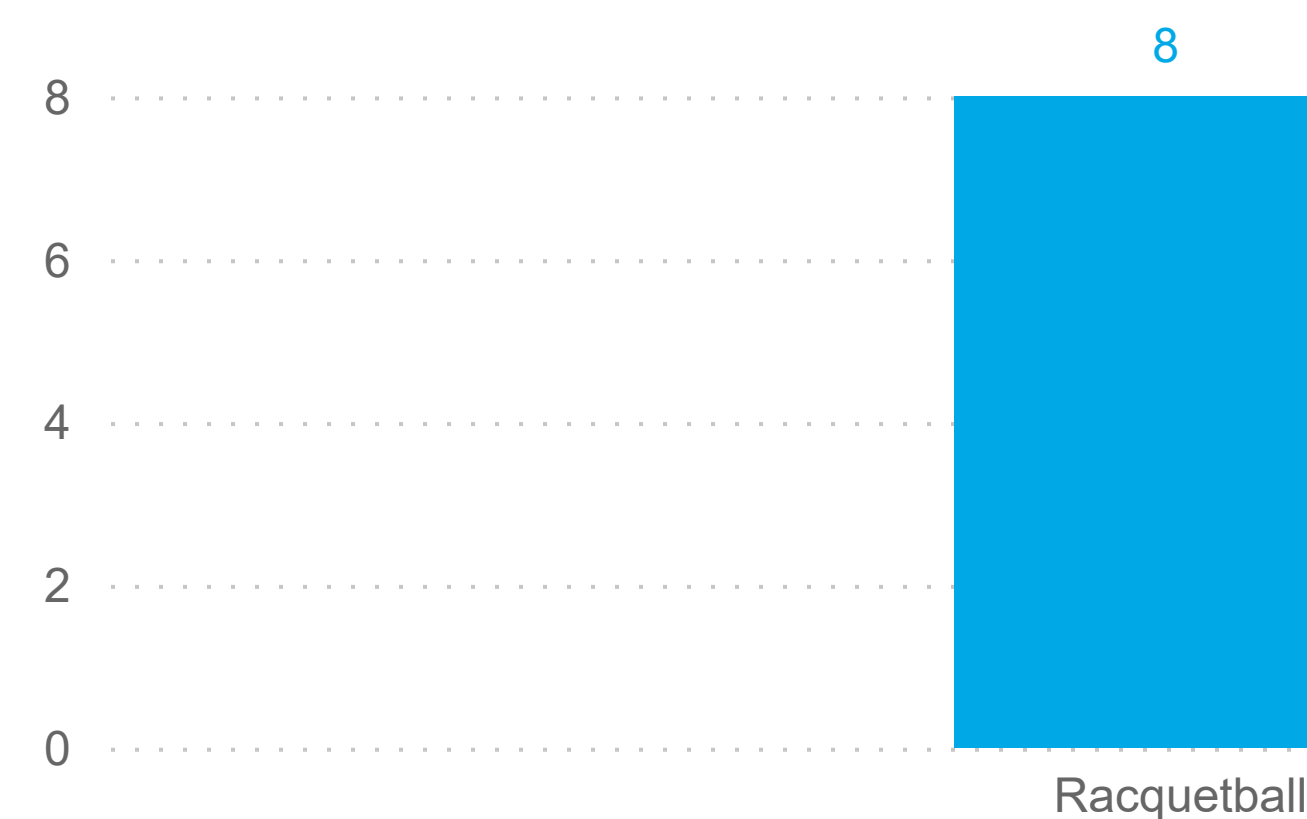
Gender distribution



Distribution in time of tests



In-Competition testing figures per discipline





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8

of individual athletes tested

15

of completed tests

11

of successful tests

4

of UA tests

11

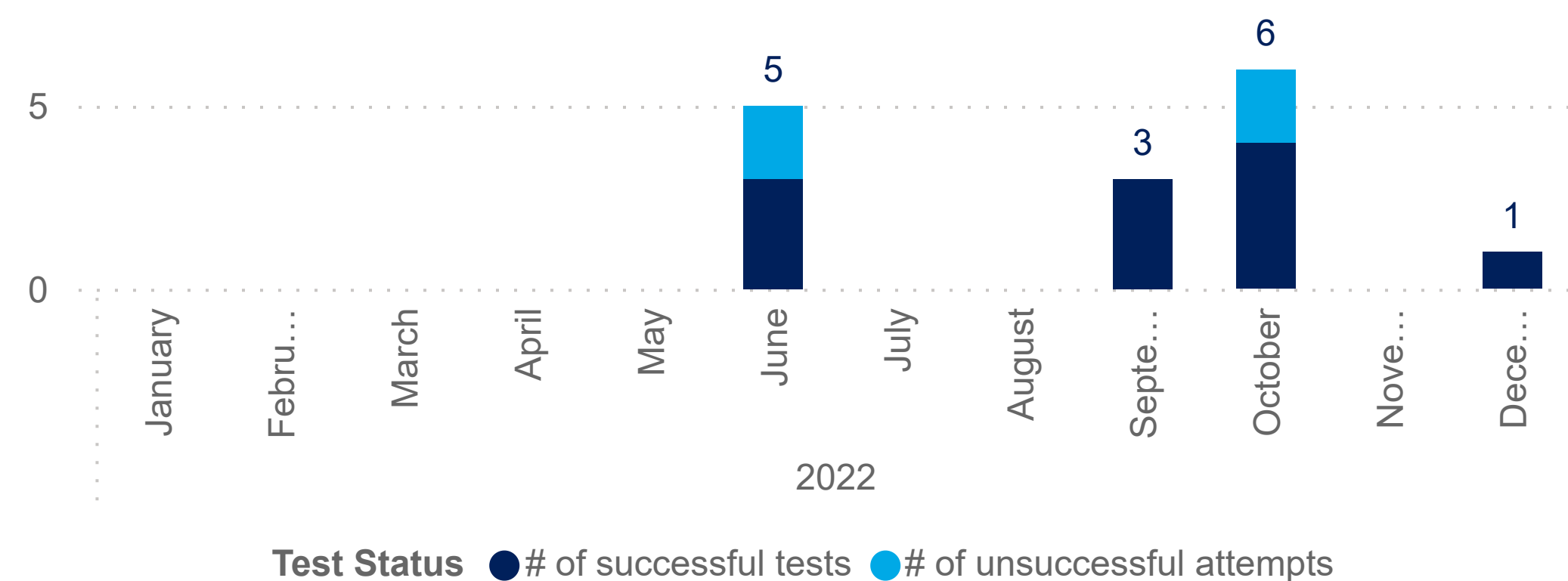
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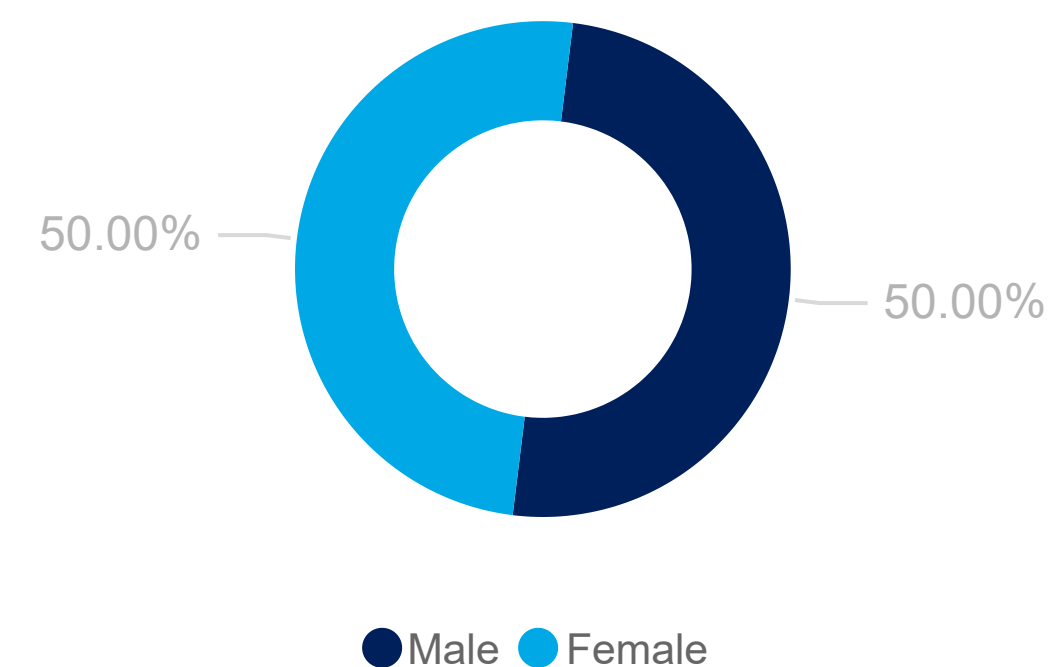
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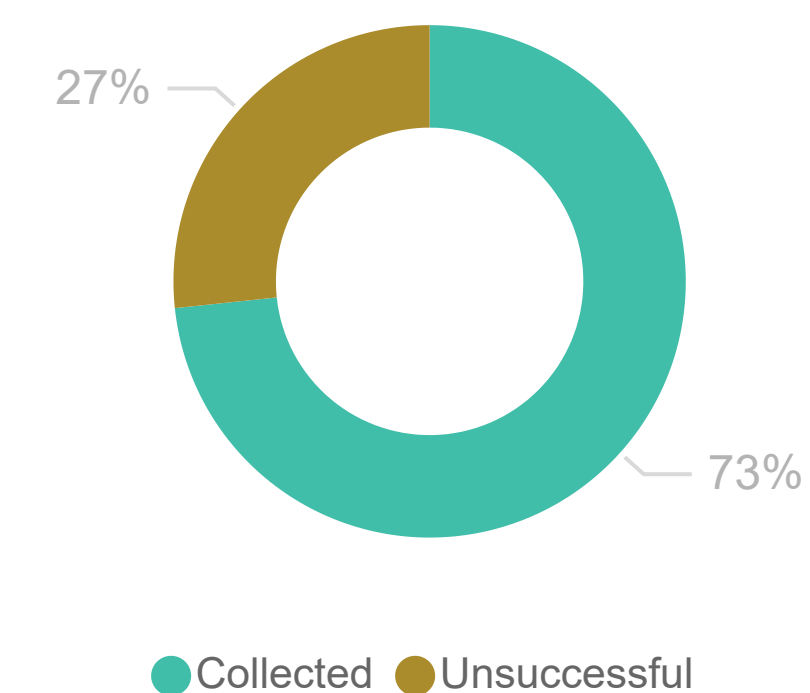
OOC distribution in time of tests



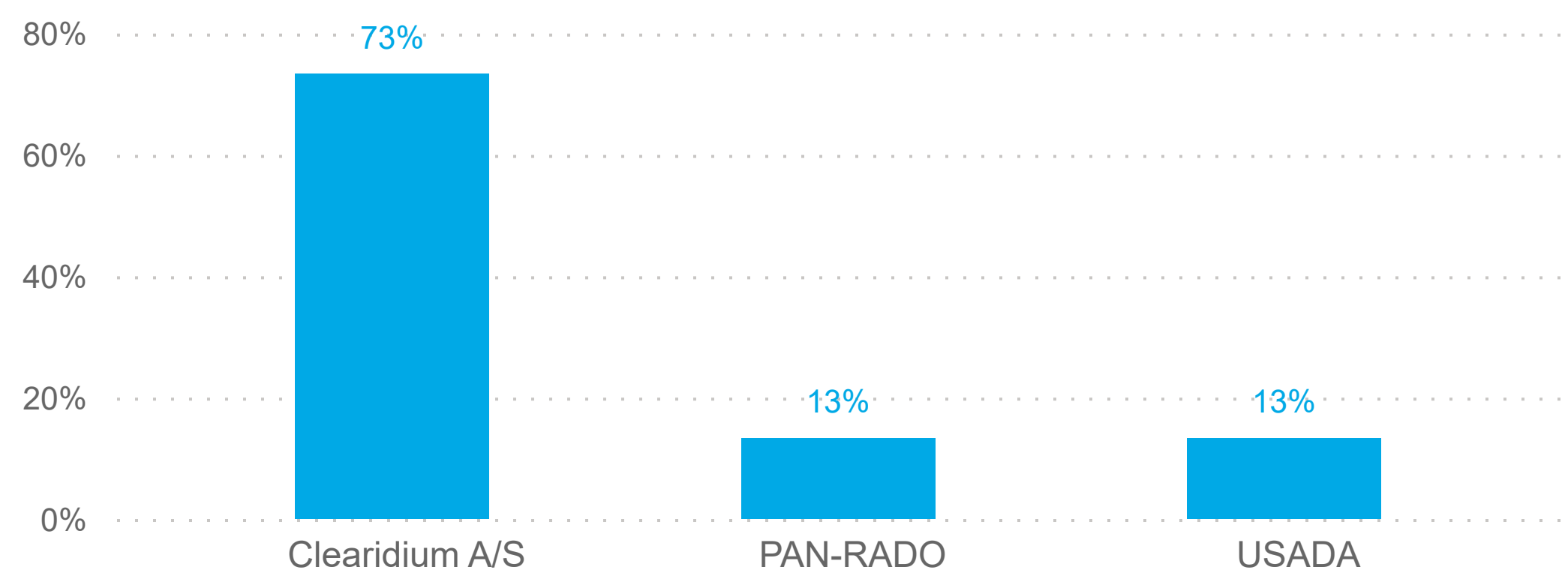
Gender distribution



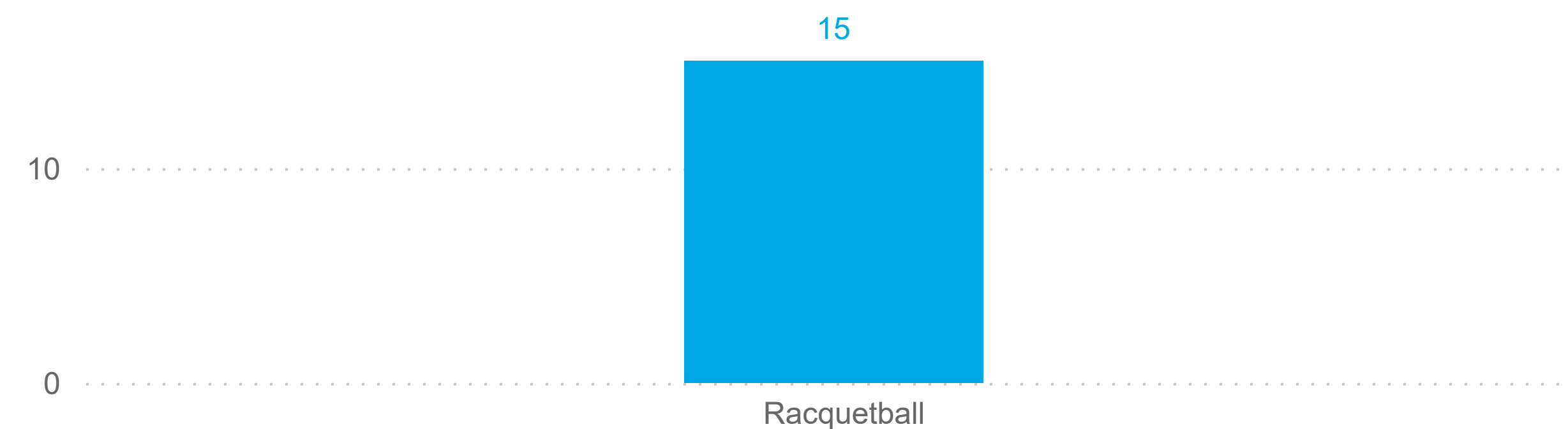
Tests collected versus UAs



Test distribution by SCA



Testing figures per discipline





8

of individual athletes tested

15

of completed tests

11

of successful tests

4

of UA tests

11

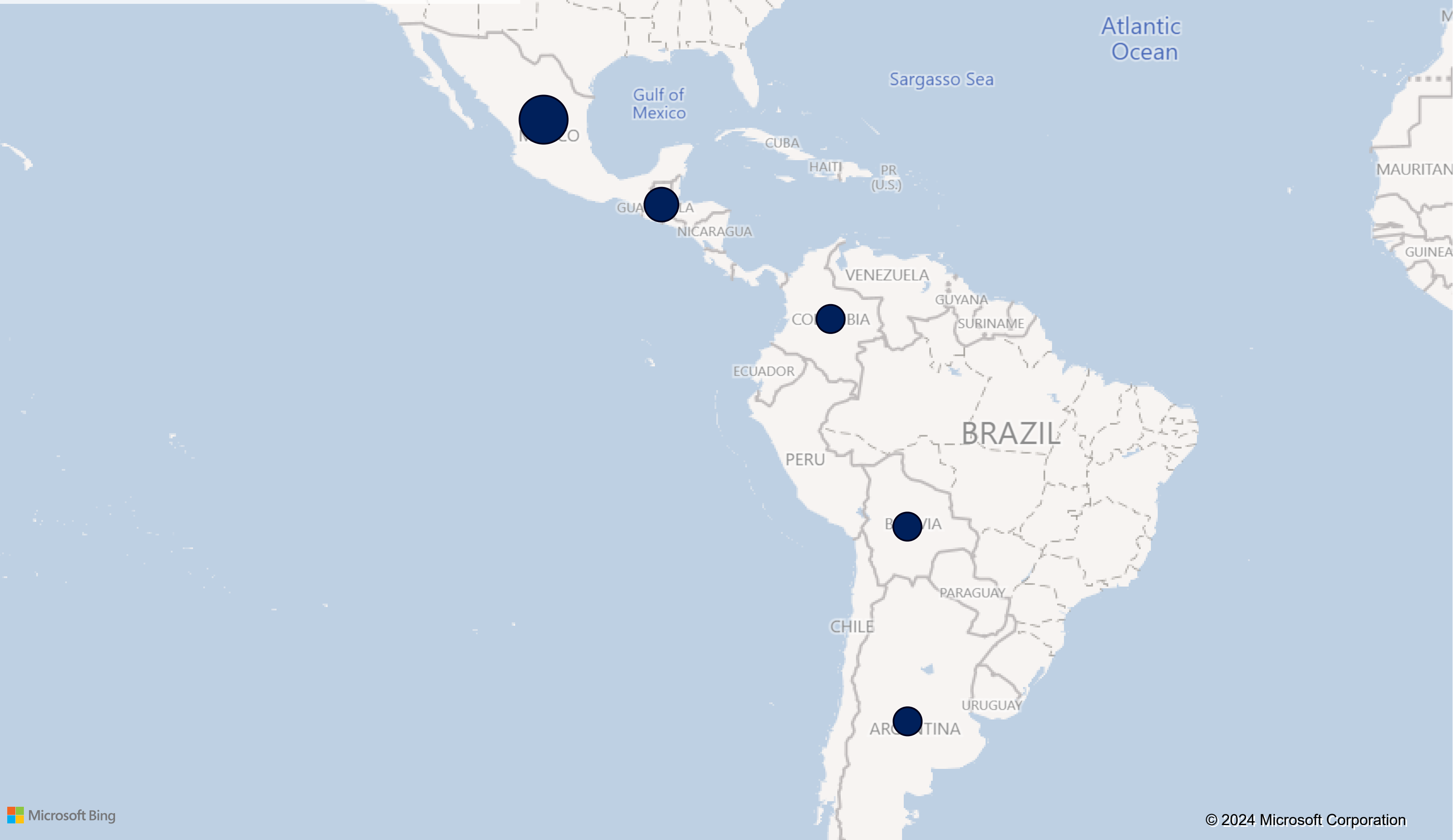
of urine samples

0

of blood samples



Nationality of athletes tested



Top 20 nationalities tested

| Athlete nationality | % tested |
|---------------------|----------|
| MEX | 54.55% |
| GUA | 18.18% |
| ARG | 9.09% |
| BOL | 9.09% |
| COL | 9.09% |
| Total | 100.00% |



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13

of individual athletes tested

23

of completed tests

19

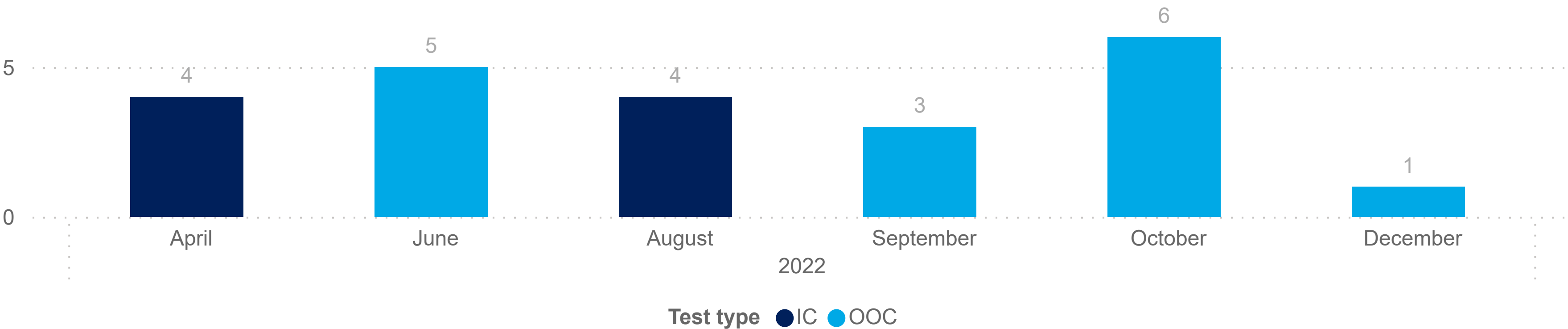
of urine samples

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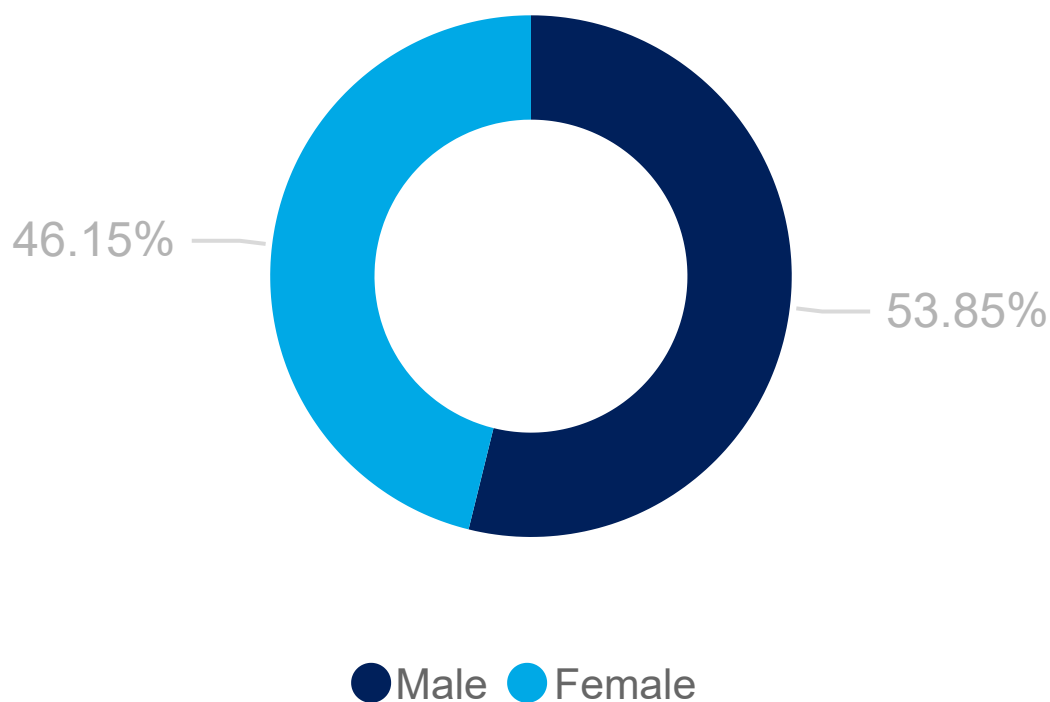
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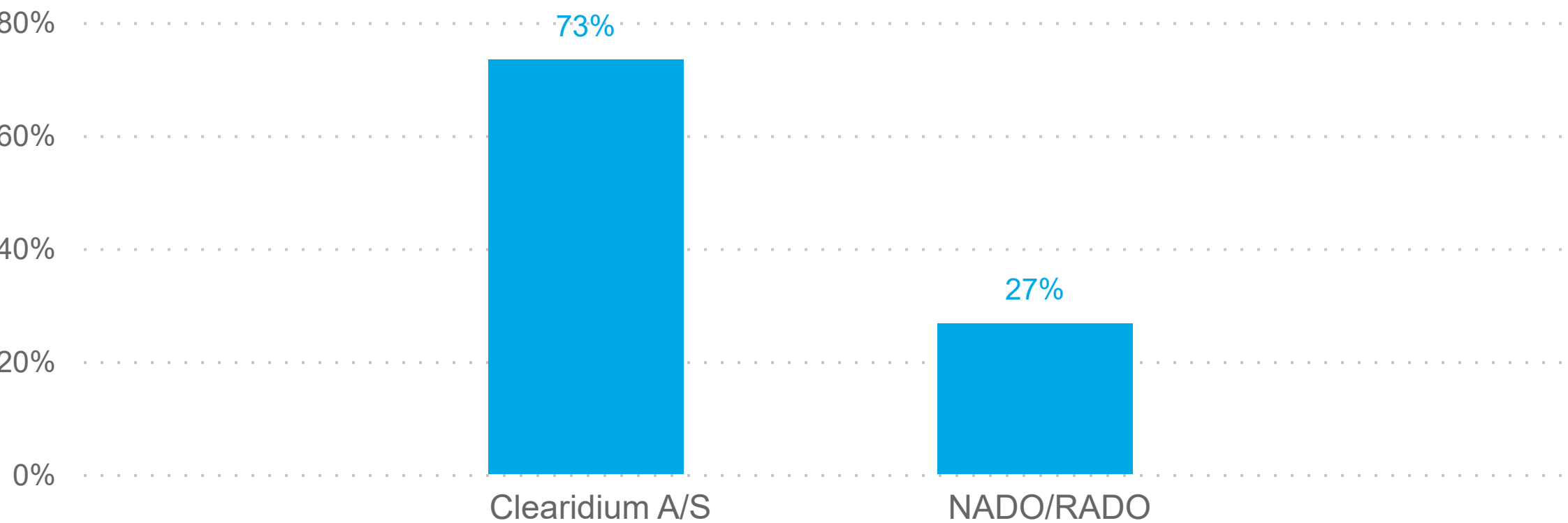
Distribution in time of tests



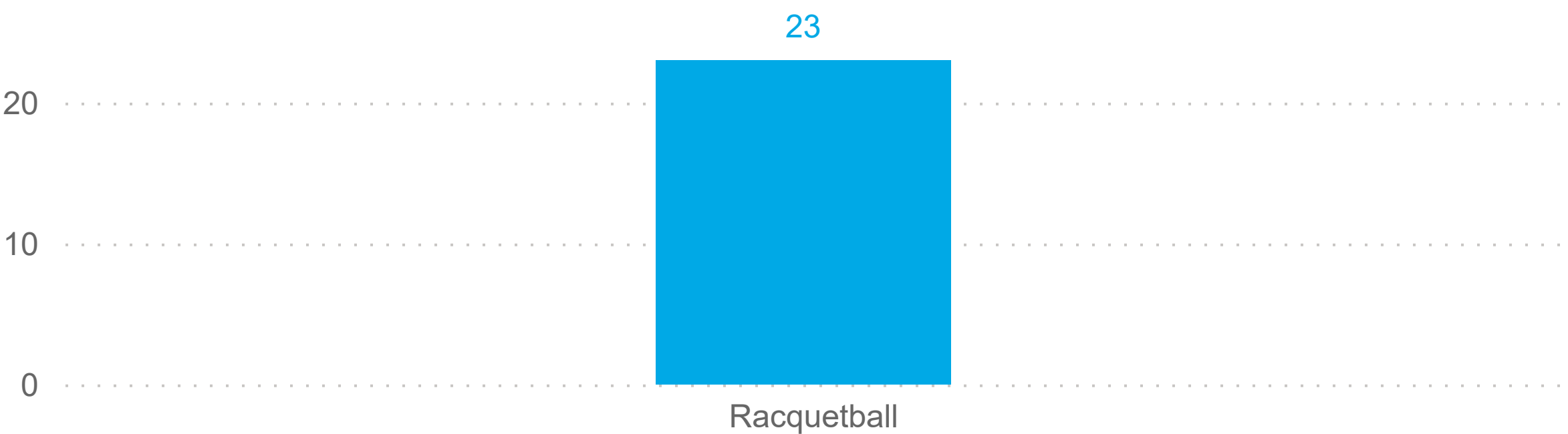
Gender distribution



Test distribution by SCA



Testing figures per discipline





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of blood samples

Nationality of athletes tested



Top 20 nationalities tested

| Athlete nationality | % tested |
|---------------------|----------|
| MEX | 42.11% |
| BOL | 21.05% |
| ARG | 10.53% |
| GUA | 10.53% |
| CAN | 5.26% |
| COL | 5.26% |
| CRC | 5.26% |
| Total | 100.00% |



Total passport notifications

35

Overall yearly activity

APMU

Lausanne

Number of processed APMU recommendations

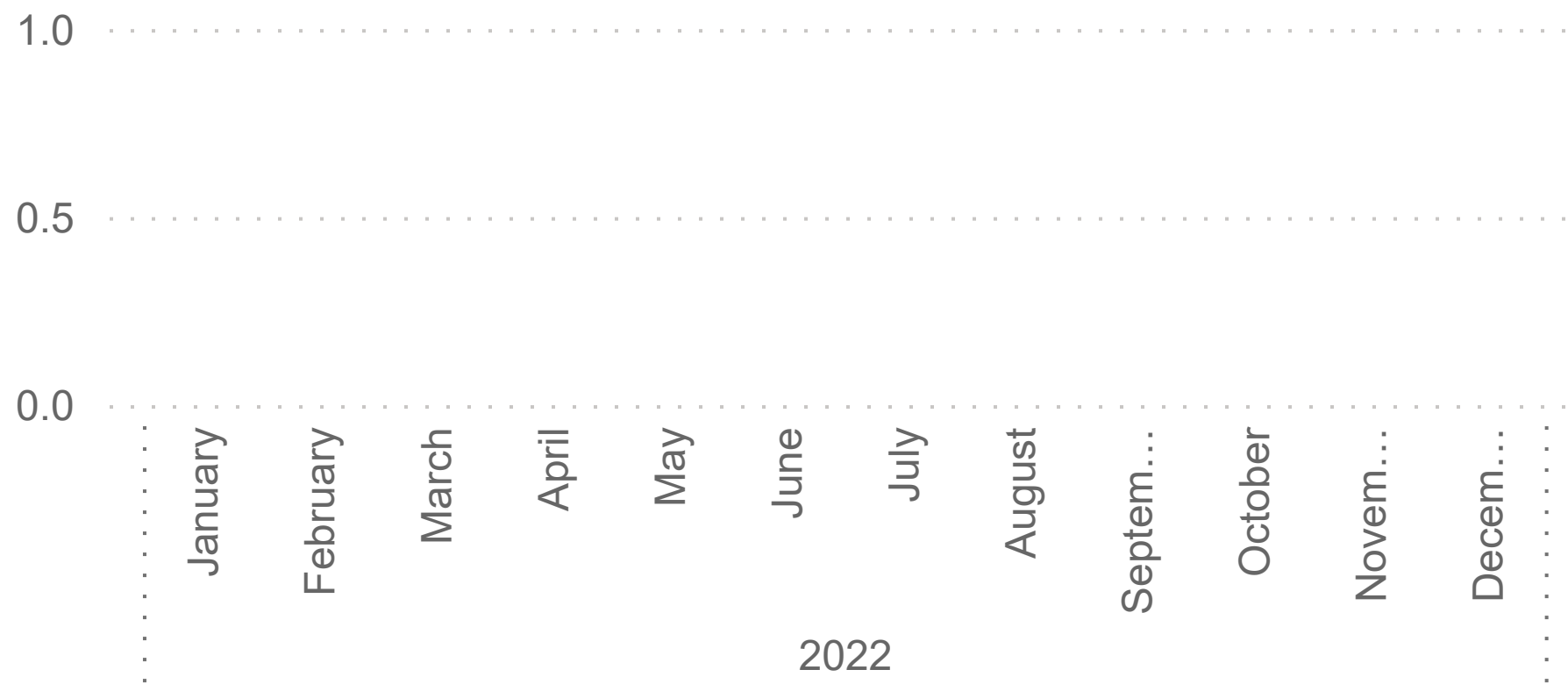
Distribution of follow-up actions



0
TUEs



TUEs by month



TUEs by status

- Status of TUE
- Approved/Rec...
 - Closed
 - Denied
 - Other
 - Pending

TUEs by discipline

Discipline TUEs

TUEs by substance class

S1. Anabolic agents ; S3. Beta-2 agonists ; S4. Hormone and metabolic modulators ; S5. Diurectis and masking agents ; S6. Stimulants ; S7. Narcotics S8. Cannabinoids ; S9. Glucocorticoids ; M1. Manipulation of blood and blood components ; M2. Chemical and physical manipulation

TUEs by substance

Substance name TUEs



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9,976
2022 balance

-27,650
Total costs paid by ITA

37,626
Total payment

The costs are displayed in CHF

Cost breakdown in CHF

| Service | Total Value of Service |
|-------------------------|------------------------|
| 2022 Prepayment | 32,200 |
| 2021 Balance | 5,426 |
| Total Payment | 37,626 |
| Others | 0 |
| RM | 0 |
| TUE | 0 |
| APMU | -396 |
| ICT | -755 |
| OOCT | -9,499 |
| Mgt fee (if applicable) | -17,000 |
| 2022 Costs | -27,650 |
| 2022 Balance | 9,976 |

Cost breakdown in CHF

