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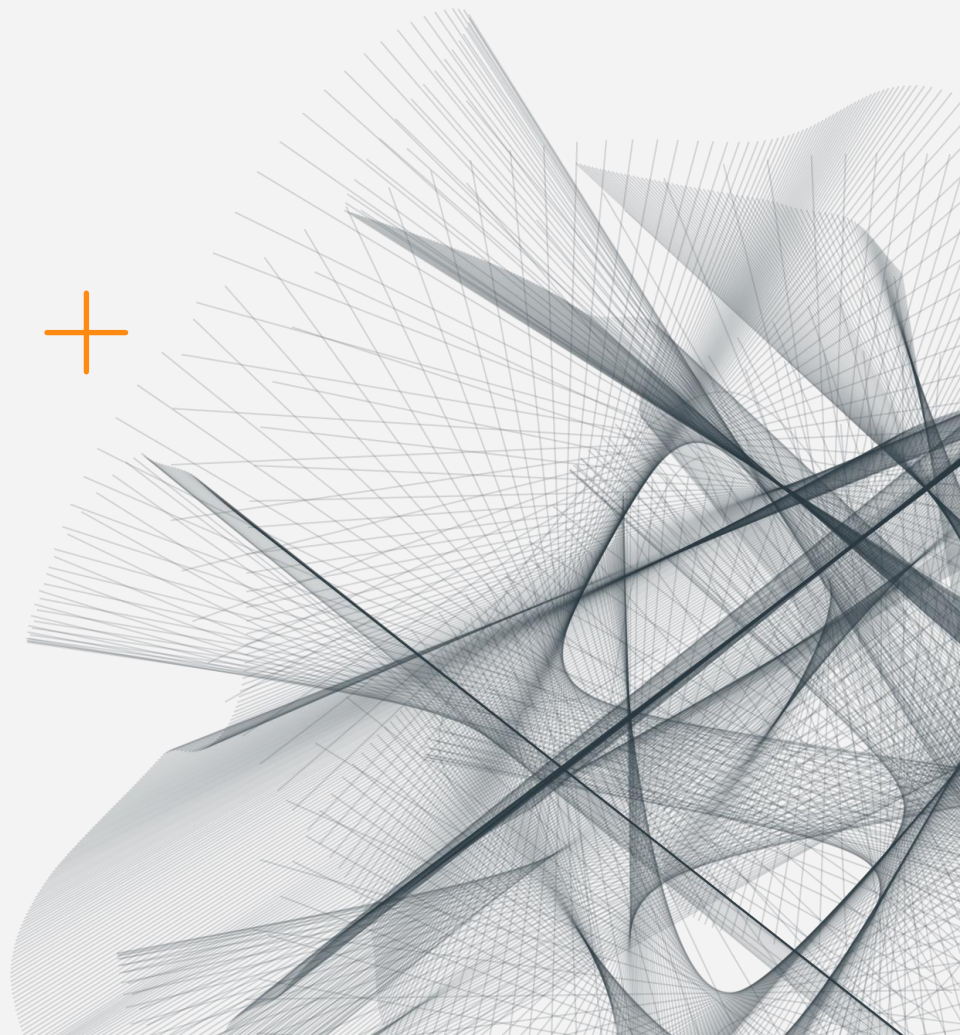


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Summary of key findings from the study

Availability in Ecuador vs LATAM region

- 57% of molecules are globally approved in at least one country in LATAM, 20% are privately available, 34% have limited availability, and 45% are fully available
- In Ecuador, 90% of molecules that are approved have at least private, limited or full availability with a majority (70% or 31 molecules) having limited availability
- More orphan molecules are approved (85 orphan vs 67 oncology) in at least one country in LATAM- this trend carries through to Ecuador (51 orphan vs 38 oncology)
- Though same number of orphan molecules are available, oncology molecules boast higher rates of availability in Ecuador
 - 92% of oncology molecules vs 86% orphan molecules that are approved in Ecuador have at least limited or full availability with a majority (67% oncology and 71% orphan) maintaining limited availability



Though many molecules face reimbursement restrictions and uncertainty surrounding systemic changes exists, Ecuador performs lower than LATAM regional averages

Availability Timelines in Ecuador vs LATAM region

Time to availability represents the length of time from both global and local market authorization until full or limited availability is reached

- Time to local approval/market authorization on average in LATAM is 953 days, where time to availability (between marketing authorization and availability is on average 1,641 days
- Ecuador is the country with the second longest regulatory approval timelines overall (for the 44 available molecules analyzed in the study), availability timelines are also relatively long
- Time to availability for orphan molecules are slightly faster in LATAM on average (1,637 days vs 1,700 days), and Ecuador follows the opposite trend with 1,233 days to availability for orphan molecules and 791 days to availability for oncology molecules

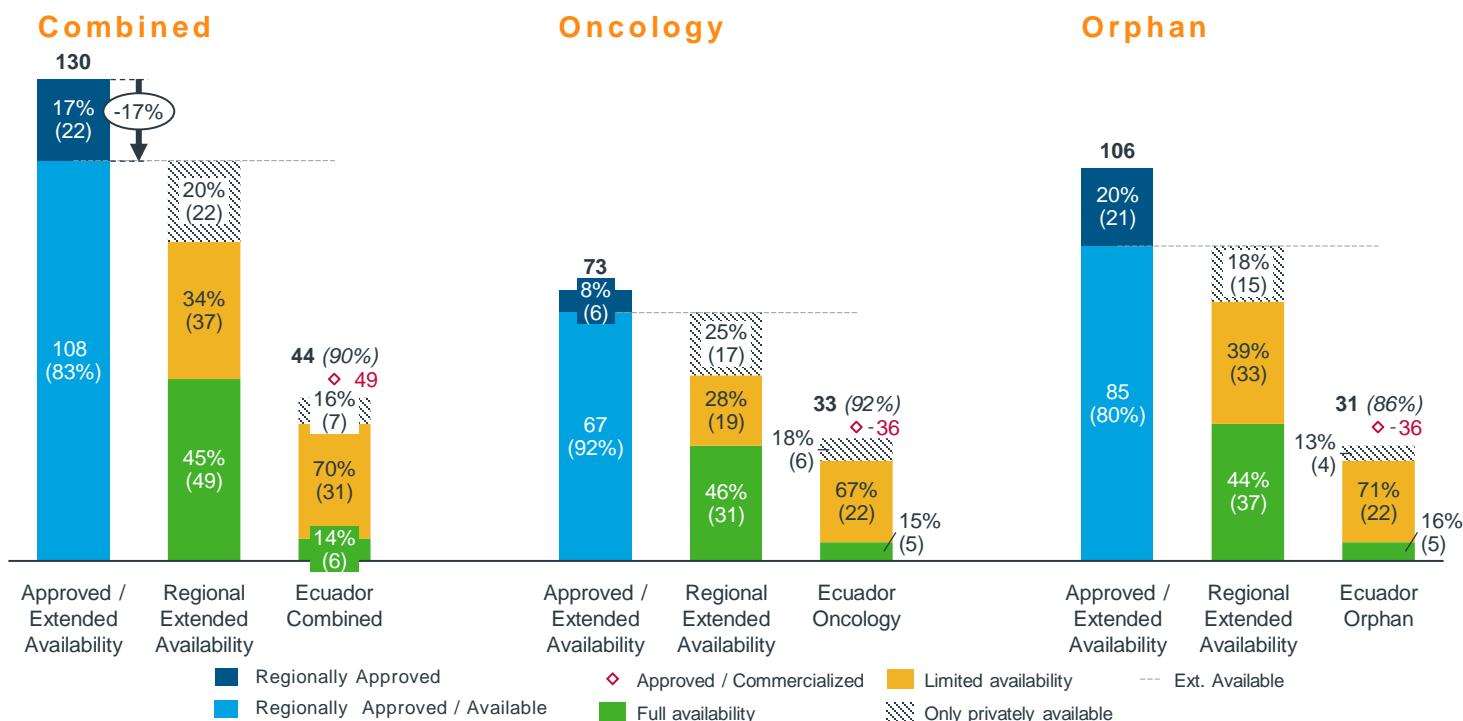
Availability over time pinpoints the degree of availability according to global market authorization year to estimate the maturity of available molecules

- Availability over time reflects these trends and is likely to also have been affected by COVID: most molecules with full availability status were approved in Ecuador between 2014-2017 (86%) and similar trends are seen for at the oncology (15%) and orphan (16%) level



Ecuador boasts a higher number and higher percentage of oncology molecules available vs orphan molecules

Regional extended availability (2014-2021) – Regional and Ecuador



- Of the 108 molecules approved in at least one country in LATAM, 20% are privately available, 34% have limited availability, and 45% are fully available
- In Ecuador, 90% of molecules that are approved have at least private, limited or fully availability with a majority (70% or 31 molecules) having limited availability
- 67 oncology molecules are approved in at least one country in LATAM, while 25% are privately available, 28% have limited availability, and 46% are fully available
- 92% of oncology molecules that are approved in Ecuador have at least private, limited or full availability with a majority (67% or 22 molecules) having limited availability
- More orphan molecules are approved (85 orphan vs 67 oncology) in at least one country in LATAM, while 18% are privately available, 39% have limited availability, and 44% are fully available
- Unlike LATAM regionally, there are more oncology molecules available than orphan molecules (33 vs 31) and higher rate of available oncology molecules as well (92% vs 86%)

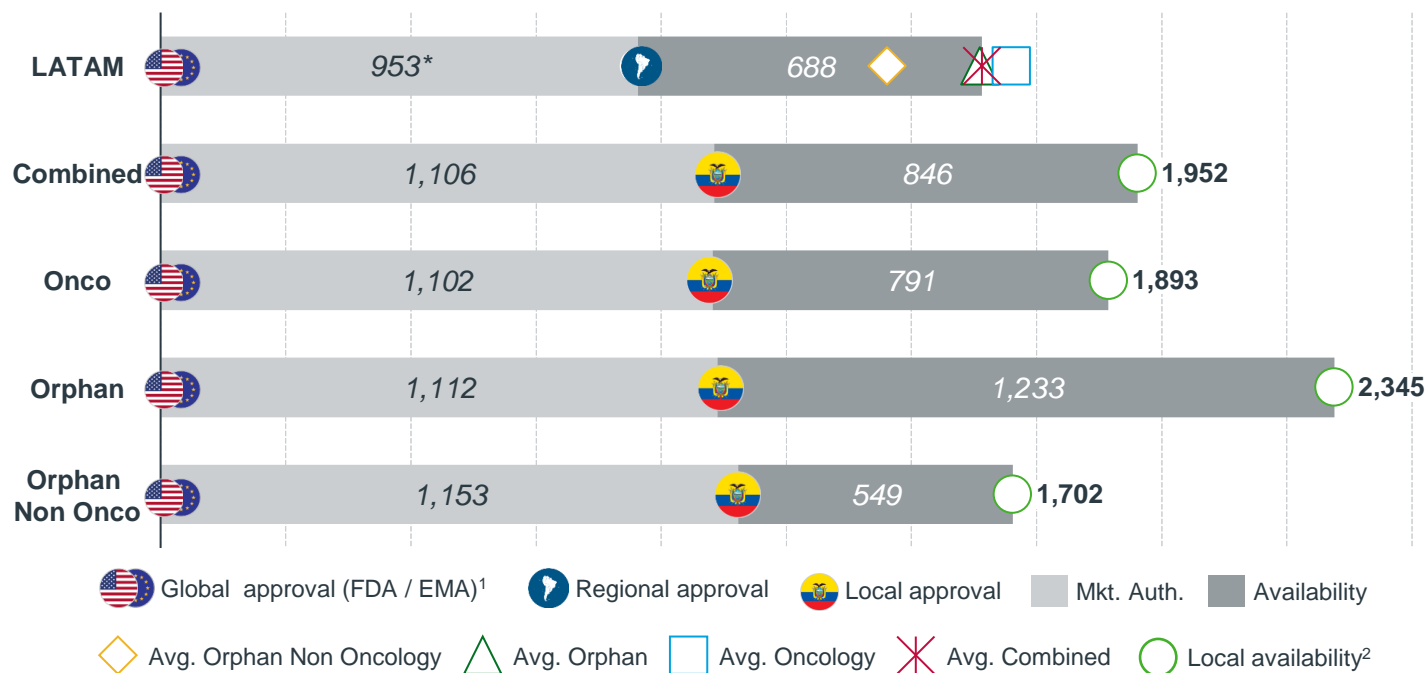


*The number of available molecules regionally **reaches 108***; Ecuador has a relatively low number of available molecules: 44 available*

Note: Global availability is defined as a molecule that has regulatory approval in the USA, or in Europe; *Approved in at least one LATAM country
 1 Not considering Argentina extended availability as a result of its fragmented private market based on case-by-case decisions
 (*) See Page 11: Molecules were selected from US/EU approvals for novel oncologics and molecules indicated in rare disease from 2014-2021

Length of time to availability varies regionally in LATAM, with Ecuador having long regulatory and availability timelines

Average time to availability (2014-2021) – Regional and Ecuador, FDA / EMA, marketing auth., and local availability dates



- Wide disparities exist between countries in terms of time to availability, with Argentina on the low end at an average of 966 days, Ecuador towards the middle with 1,184 days, Brazil with 1,826 days and Mexico on the high end, with an average of 2,703 days, which reflects the total of time to marketing authorization and time to reimbursement (pub / pri), as of FDA/EMA approval

- Time to local approval/market authorization on average in LATAM is 953 days, where time to availability (between marketing authorization and availability is on average 1,641 days)

- Ecuador is the country with the second longest regulatory approval timelines overall, with availability timelines also longer than the LATAM average, this is likely the result of limited local

presence from manufacturers, and public resources

- Time to availability for orphan molecules are slightly faster than oncology molecules in LATAM on average (1,638 days vs 1,700 days), and Ecuador follows the opposite trend with 1,233 days to availability for orphan molecules and 791 days to availability for oncology molecules



Ecuador faces long regulatory approval times for its 44 available molecules, and performs better than LATAM regional averages in terms of availability; oncology molecules become available faster than oncology molecules

¹ Global approval date considered the earliest date between FDA or EMA

² Considering molecules with Full and / or Limited Availability

² ARG / CRI: Limited number of Fully / Limited Availability date of reimbursement information resulted in shorter timelines

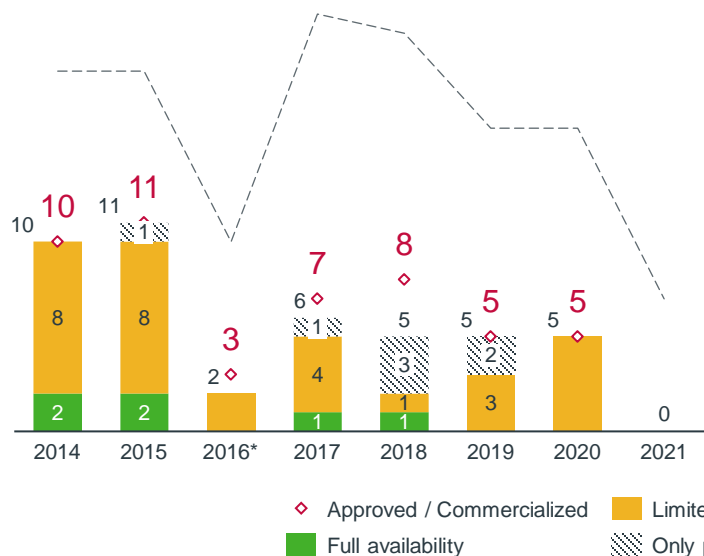
*Orphan category includes Orphan Oncology molecules

The overall trend observed regionally in LATAM remains similar in Ecuador for both oncology and orphan molecules over time

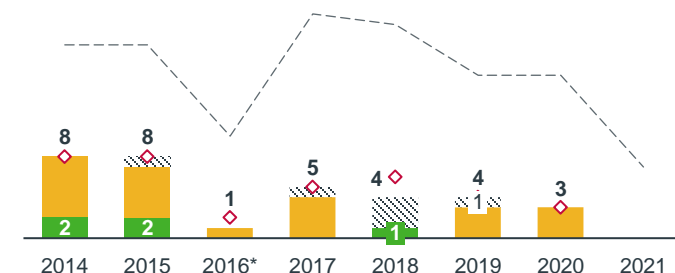
Extended availability over time (2014-2021) – Regional and Ecuador

Combined

As seen regionally in LATAM, most molecules with full availability status were approved in Ecuador between 2014-2017



Oncology



Orphan



- As was observed regionally in LATAM, most molecules with full availability status were approved in Ecuador between 2014-2017 (83% of the total molecules with full availability)
- Similar trends are seen for molecules that are fully available between 2014-2017 in Ecuador at the oncology (80%) and orphan (100%) level
- A number of potential drivers can explain this; in addition to the generally long, fragmented path to availability, three additional potential issues are:
 - The COVID-19 pandemic and associated strain on healthcare system likely

exacerbating underlying systemic challenges e.g., budget impact

- Increases in investment coupled with clinical innovation in oncology/rare disease in recent years has led to new standards of care e.g., PD1s, CDK4/6 inhibitors (2014-2015), but also more gradual increments of clinical benefit, and lesser priority for reimbursement
- Expanding indications, going from most niche or smallest patient population to broader more prevalent conditions

In recent years, the number of fully available molecules has decreased, together with molecule approvals

Key drivers of availability in Ecuador

Four main drivers emerge when analyzing availability of orphan and oncology molecules in Ecuador



1

Ecuador is a mid-sized market in the LATAM region, with varying levels of manufacturer presence locally; many companies group Ecuador within a cluster in the region and market access functions are outside of Ecuador, or they are outsourced.

2

Ecuador has a highly centralized healthcare system, with a relatively low percentage of private/cash-pay market, which has been stable though the study period, but where limited funding and local presence of manufacturers combine to cause delays in access to innovative medicines.

3

Recently, there have been updates to the drug evaluation submission process, increasing the complexity of the annexations required for evaluation and reimbursement, though this may revert to its original form in the coming months.

4

The Ecuador public policy agenda 2022-2031 (Plan Decenal de Salud) has identified several challenges in the healthcare sector, and performance-based financing as a part of the suggested solutions, though it is unclear how and to what extent changes may impact the access to innovative medicines.



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IQVIA MIDAS™ is a unique platform for assessing worldwide healthcare markets. It integrates IQVIA's national audits into a globally consistent view of the pharmaceutical market, tracking virtually every product in hundreds of therapeutic classes and provides estimated product volumes, trends and market share through retail and non-retail channels. MIDAS data is updated monthly and retains 12 years of history. IQVIA MIDAS was used by each local IQVIA team to provide the existing data

PUBLIC AVAILABLE INFORMATION for each market was incorporated in the study from HTA agencies and regulatory bodies

Ecuador: [EC Ministry of Health Registry](#)

MANUFACTURERS' INTERNAL DATA was asked via a Smartsheet survey and collected from each of the manufacturers included in the study

MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATIONS' DATA as well as MNFs data, was asked and collected from associations included in the study. Associations also participated in the local definition's alignment. Associations that participated are:

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2022 W.A.I.T INDICATOR STUDY data was also leveraged to include and validate for the 2023 W.A.I.T Indicator results. Data was included in order to expand the cohort to 7 years (2014-2021)

Data was validated and QCed across all sources by a data analysis model generating comprehensive and visual results

Definitions & Methodologies

Molecules were selected from US/EU approvals for novel oncologics and molecules indicated in rare disease from 2014-2021

1. Molecules with global approval from 2014-2021 were first identified via IQVIA's global list and EFPIA WAIT list
2. List was narrowed to include only orphan and oncology molecules
3. Some molecules were further excluded if they fell into the following categories: diagnostic tools, vaccines, drugs used in symptom relief (e.g., nausea) associated with oncologic treatment, molecules launched outside of the US/EU
- A few additional points were noted: (a) Molecules can have up to three marketing authorization dates: FDA, EMA, and (b) local Orphan status may be determined by either the FDA or EMA

Results from the study are shown in terms of different levels of availability and compared across countries

1. **No Availability: Not submitted, or in regulatory evaluation process**
 - Time required by local regulatory bodies evaluating market authorization submissions to make a final approval publicly available.
2. **Approved, not available: Commercially available, but not reimbursed**
 - As being approved by regulatory bodies, medicines are authorized to be commercialized in the country. In this stage, there is reimbursement from neither private nor public payers; patients typically pay full OOP. This is inclusive of managed access schemes.
3. **Privately available: Private market reimbursement**
 - Medicines available only in the private market for a limited number of patients. Typically, medicines are reimbursed by private payers (e.g., HMOs) or have total or partial coverage by private insurance policies.
4. **Limited availability: Reimbursement but not for a broad population**
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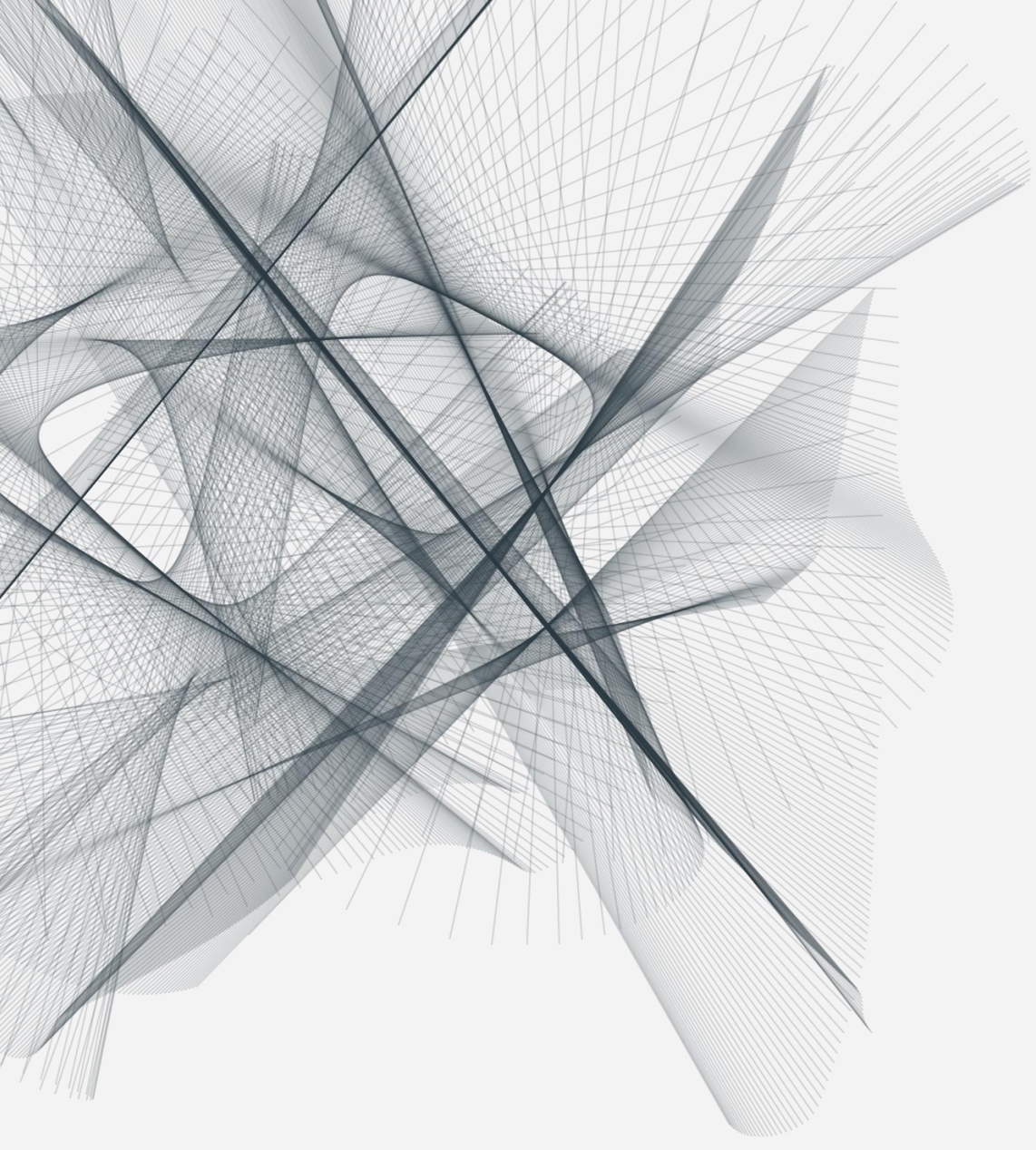
by private insurance policies.

5. **Full availability: Broad and national reimbursement**

- Medicines are fully available at national level for a broad population in both public and private market. Full availability is frequently tied to national formulary listing, positive HTA recommendations, or central procurement.

Each geography in scope has a local definition of availability such that, to the extent possible, results can be compared regionally

- **Ecuador Definitions of availability:** full: Essential list e.g., MSP, IESS; limited: Typically exception processes; private: n/a



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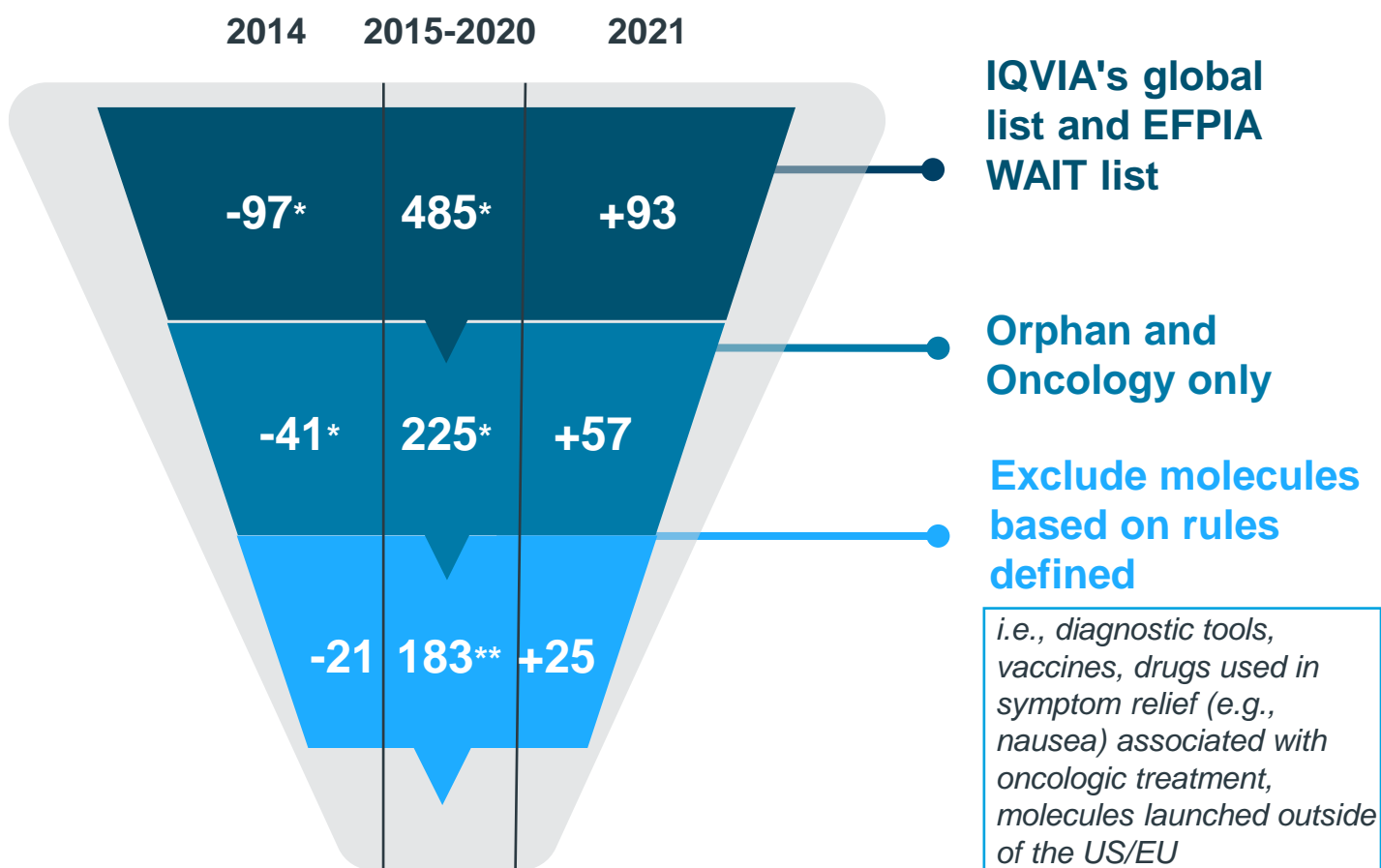
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Study Cohort Selection Criteria

Molecules were selected from a universe from IQVIA's global and EFPIA WAIT list. Filters were used to identify only orphan and oncology molecules. Further exclusions were based on rules defined and aligned with FIFARMA



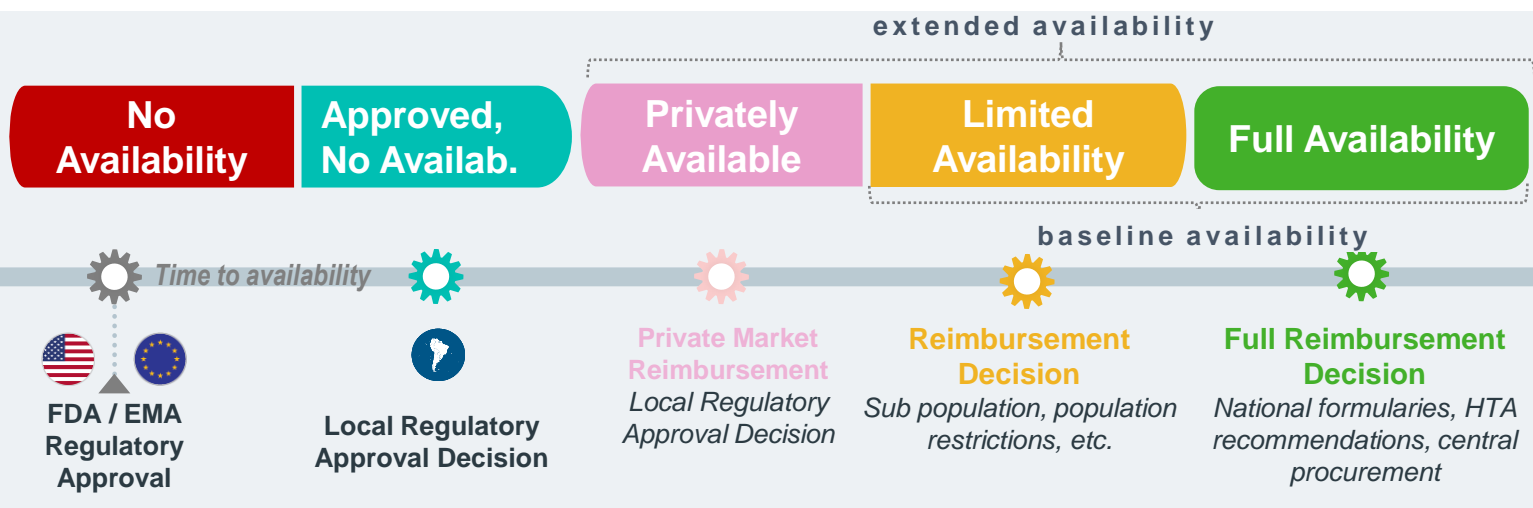
- Molecules can have up to three marketing authorization dates: FDA, EMA, and local
- Orphan status may be determined by either the FDA or EMA

*Numbers used are for illustrative purposes only; ** Reflects the total after inclusions (+27) and exclusions (-9) based on updated exclusion rules

Acronyms: EFPIA: European Federation of Pharmaceutical Industries and Associations; WAIT: Waiting to Access Innovative Therapies; FDA: Food and Drug Administration; EMA: European Medicines Agency

Results from the study are shown in terms of different levels of availability

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Privately available:

Private market reimbursement

- Medicines available only in the private market for a limited number of patients. Typically, medicines are reimbursed by private payers (e.g., HMOs) or have total or partial coverage by private insurance policies.

Limited availability:

Reimbursement but not for a broad population

- The availability of medicines is limited to specific patient sub-populations, restricted to a limited number of treatment centers, or otherwise not granted access according to the full registered therapeutic indication.

Full availability:

Broad and national reimbursement

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METHODOLOGICAL CONSIDERATIONS

Each geography in scope has a local definition of availability such that, to the extent possible, results can be compared regionally

	AR 	BR 	CL 	CO 	CR 	EC 	MX 	PE 	
Availability Def.	Full	PAMI/ SURGE or PAMI and PMO	CONITEC and centralized purchases	Ley Ricarte Soto or GES	PBS-UPC	CCSS (LOM)	Essential list e.g., MSP, IESS	Compendium, and federal inst. purchases	PNUME, and RENETSA /RM purchases
	Limited	1+ country formulary and broad coverage by OSN / prepaid	CONITEC, no centralized purchasing	Limited FONASA reimbursement, special programs	ADRES / MIPRES	Special purchases	Typically exception processes	Decentralized formularies	Not listed but with limited access
	Private	Broad prepaid coverage	ANS ROL placement	CAEC, ISAPRES	n/a	Prepaid plans	n/a	Large private formularies	n/a
Data	Public	SURGE, Drug Banks	CONITEC, ANVISA, ANS ROL	National websites, tenders	MinSalud, respective circulars	MOH, CCSS	MSP, IESS	Compendium, INEFAM, tenders	PNUME, IETSI, INEN
	IQVIA*	Retail, non-retail	Across channels	Retail, non-retail	Across channels	Retail, non-retail	Retail, non-retail	Across channels	Retail, non-retail
Caveats	Data coverage for sub-national plans not comprehensive	Relatively high visibility through available data	Private coverage data through CAEC is highly limited	Relatively high visibility through public data	Public data on approvals not available	Relatively high visibility through available data	Relatively high visibility through available data	Recent changes i.e., RENETSA and RM included	

Definitions were aligned on and refined by the working group of local associations and IQVIA local teams

Where not otherwise stated, date of first sale was used to indicate time to reimbursement

Acronyms: PAMI: Programa de Asistencia Médica Integral; SURGE: Sistema Único de Reintegros por Gestión de Enfermedades; PMO: Programa Médico Obligatorio; CONITEC: National Committee for Technology Incorporation; FONASA: Fondo Nacional de Salud; PBS-UPC: Plan De Beneficios En Salud Con Cargo A La UPC; CCSS: Caja Costarricense De Seguro Social; LOM: Lista Oficial de Medicamentos; MSP: Ministerio de Salud Pública; IESS: Instituto Ecuatoriano De Seguridad Social; PNUME: Petitorio Nacional Único de Medicamentos Esenciales; RENETSA: Red Nacional de Evaluación de Tecnologías Sanitarias; ANVISA: Agencia Nacional de Vigilancia Sanitaria; MOH: Ministry of Health; IETSI: Instituto de Evaluación de Tecnologías en Salud e Investigación; INEN: Instituto Nacional de Enfermedades Neoplásicas; CAEC: Cobertura Adicional para Enfermedades Catastróficas; GES: Garantías Explícitas en Salud

Factors influencing availability across markets

Though this report does not aim to exhaustively identify and assess the impact of the multiple **factors that can influence availability across countries in LATAM**, there are several recurring themes that emerged through the research



Commercial Partnerships

Oncology and Orphan drugs have a high number of emerging biotech's that have limited presence in the region, and typically require a local commercial partner to launch



Indication Sequencing

The study considers the approval and reimbursement date of the first indication to arrive in each market; but the first indication may not fully represent the availability status of a molecule



Role of the Private Market

Reimbursement in LATAM is bottoms-up, starting with private HMOs, then public sector before broad national formularies. In markets such as Brazil and Chile, a private market often delays public subnational access before broad public access




COVID Impact

During the COVID period, a decrease in high cost / specialty care HTA activity was observed, resulting in fewer molecules being included in both subnational and national formularies



Detailed Country Availability Definitions, as developed by IFI Promesa - Ecuador

Country	Availability	Definitions	Public Data	IQVIA Data
	Full	<i>Essential list including national institutions (e.g., MSP, IESS, Army)</i>	MSP IESS (where data is available)	Retail: Available Hospital / Non-Retail: Not broadly available
	Limited	<i>Not listed but with limited access, typically evaluated through an exception process</i>		
	Only Private	<i>Products covered OOP with no possibility for reimbursement, no essential listing</i>	Not Available	
	Not Available	<i>Pending or not approved by ARCSA, no listing or other access</i>	ARCSA Website	