Economic evaluation submitted for reimbursement in the Brazilian Unified Health System: A meta-epidemiological study

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BACKGROUND

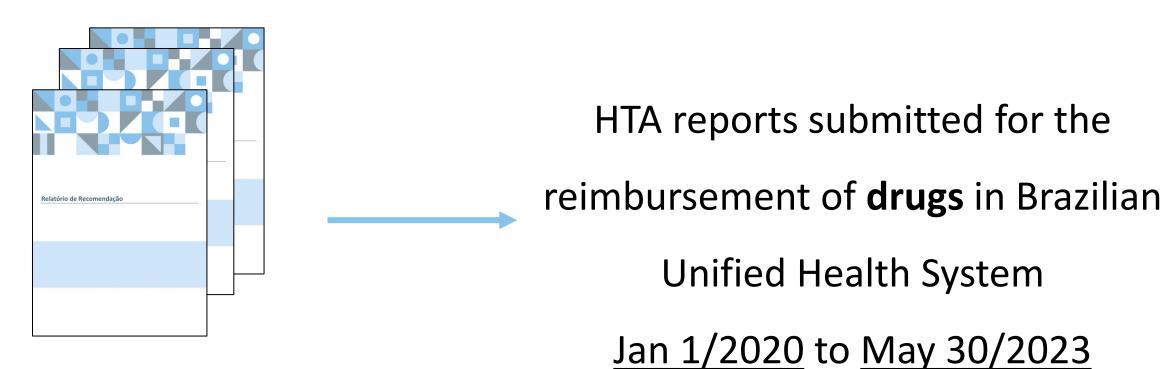
Allocating financial resources efficiently poses a significant challenge for health systems worldwide.

In this context, **Economic Evaluations** (**EE**) are **crucial** for the Health Technology Assessment (**HTA**) process, particularly in standardizing approaches **to enhance decision-making accuracy**.

OBJECTIVE

This study focuses on delineating methodological nuances of EE submissions within Brazilian Unified Health System (SUS).

METHODS



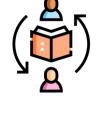
National Committee for
Technology Incorporation
(CONITEC) repository

Data acquisition regarding

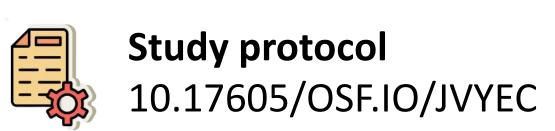
- Case base characteristics
- Type of economic analysis
- Modeling
- Health utilities acquisition
- Sensitivity analysis

Quality reporting

> CHEERS 2022



Data presented as relative frequency.



RESULTS

Characteristics of HTA reports submitted to CONITEC between 2020 and 2023

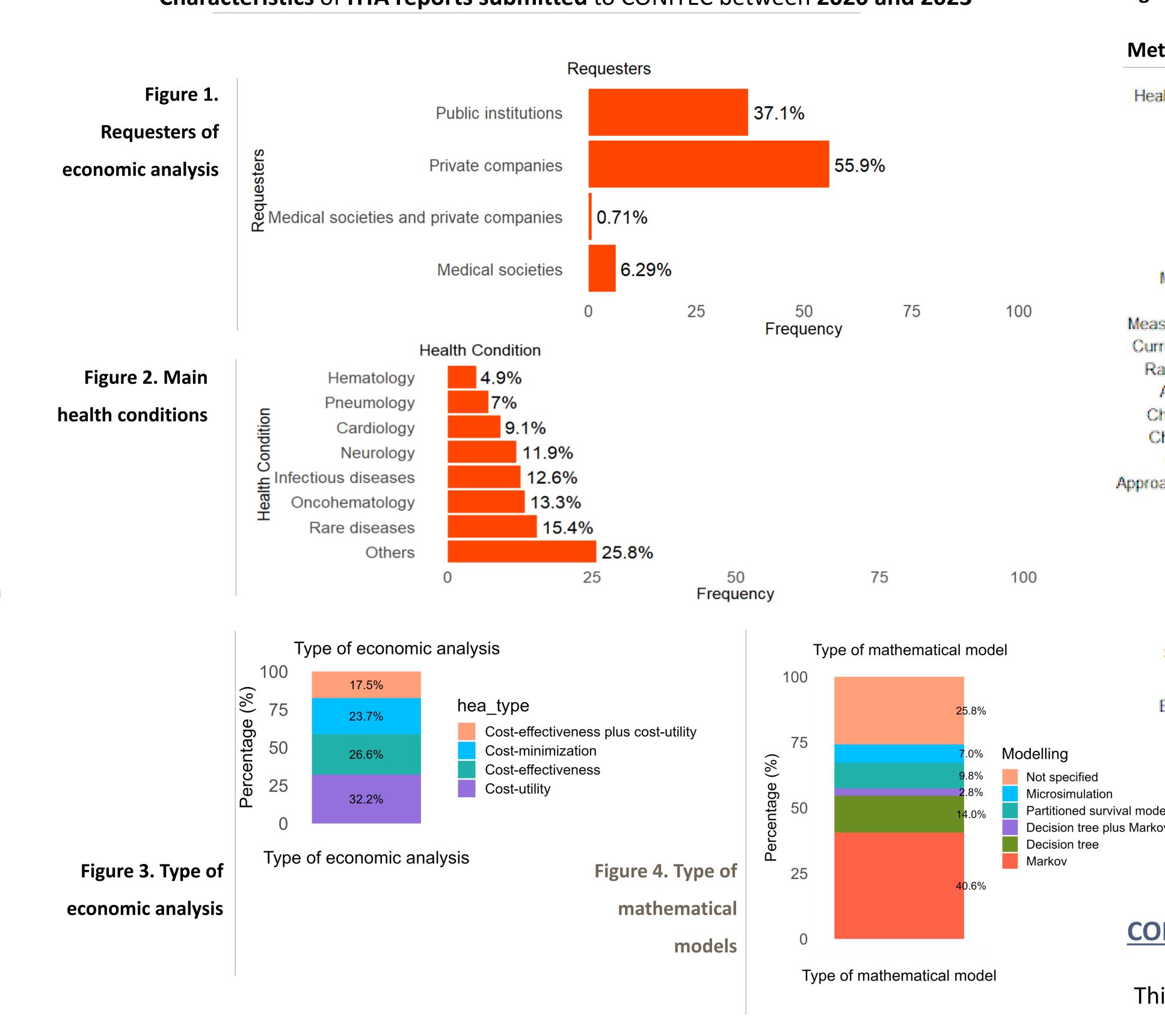
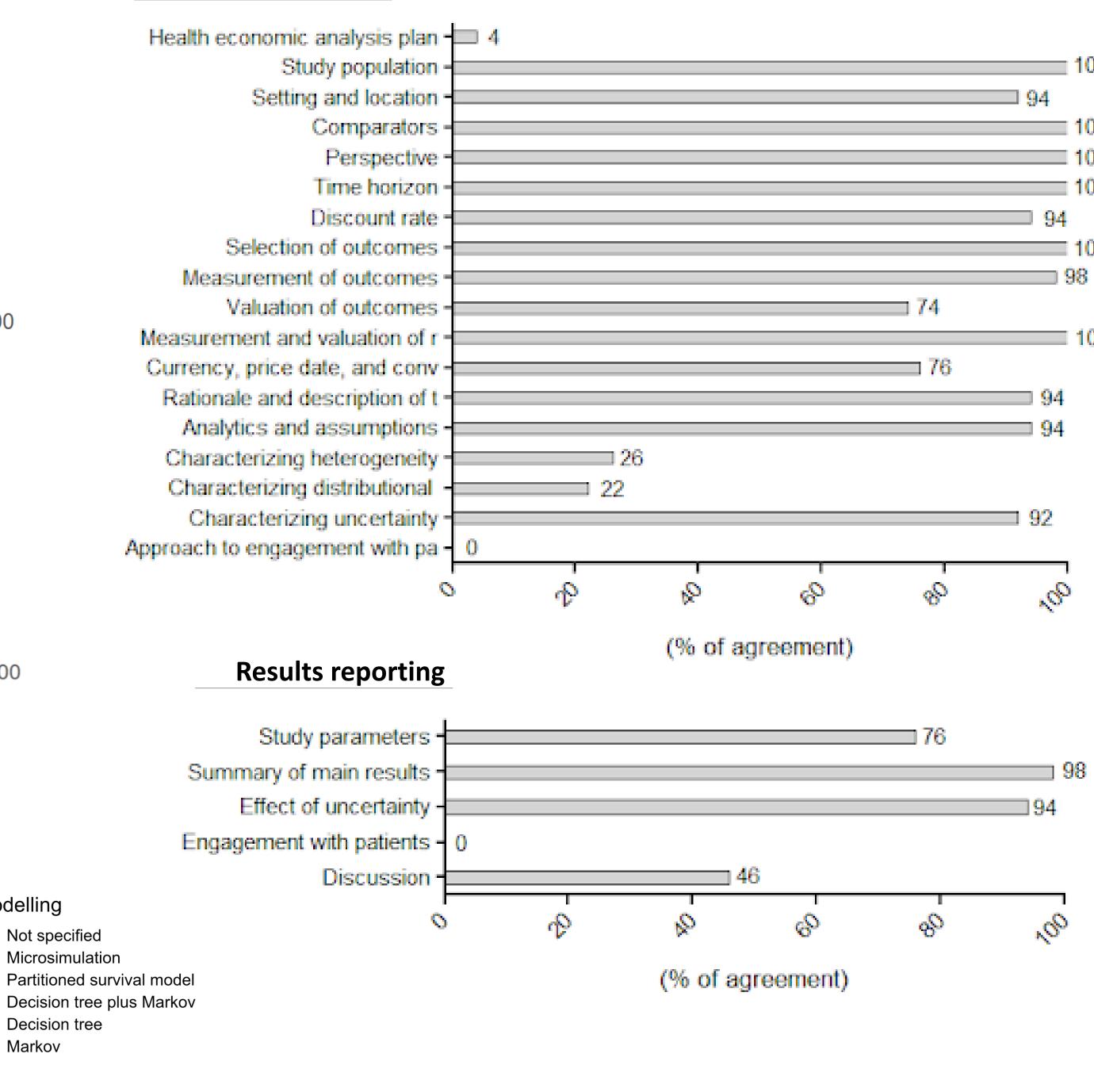


Table 1. Health outcome data in cost-effectiveness/utility analysis in HTA reports of drugs submitted to CONITEC

Main health outcomes	37
QALYQALY and life-years gained	34
 Life-years gained 	6
Utilities for the main states of health	86.2
Disutility for adverse events	19.7
Disutility for caregiver	4.6
Adoption of national data for utilities	10.4
Correction of utility data by the mean age of base case population	12.8
Systematic review to identify utilities	18.6
Certainty of evidence assessment	0
Data presented as relative frequency (%).	

Figure 5. Quality reporting by CHEERS 2022





CONCLUSION

This study highlights the need for more standardized and refined methods in the EE submitted to CONITEC. The existing EE methodological guidelines, dating from 2014, are currently under revision. This update is crucial to integrate recent advancements in health technology assessment and to better address contemporary requirements, particularly in light of the newly defined willingness-to-pay threshold.

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