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Introduction

As the second largest country in Latin America, the development of intellectual property in Argentina is also worth paying attention to. In this context, this report will analyze the development of patents in the country over the past 20 years (Data as of December 26, 2023).

Part 1: General information

Currently, Argentina is not a member of the PCT system, and filers can apply for patents in Argentina either directly or through the Paris Convention. By analyzing the patent application volume in Argentina over the past 20 years (as shown in [Figure 1](#)), the number of patent applications in Argentina fluctuates to a certain extent, with an average annual patent application volume of around 6,000 (the significant decrease in 2022-2023 is mainly due to some patents not yet publicly disclosed). Overall, the current annual patent application volume in Argentina is relatively low.

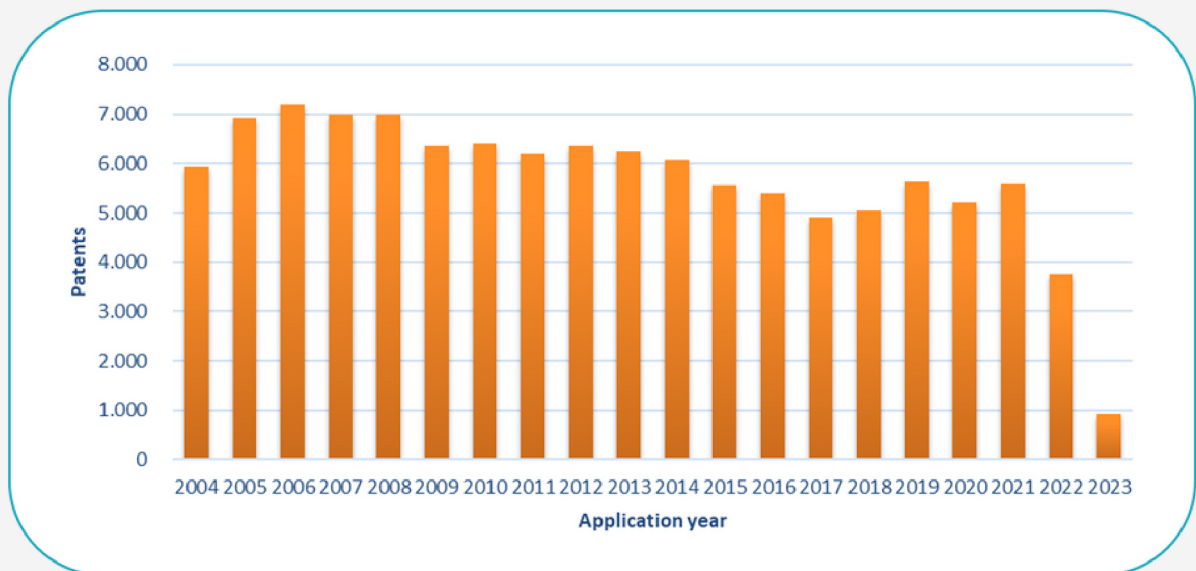


Figure 1 Patent application trend in Argentina

From the perspective of patent types, Argentina patents are mainly invention patents, accounting for 71.09%, followed by designs, accounting for 26.34% (as shown in [Figure 2](#)).

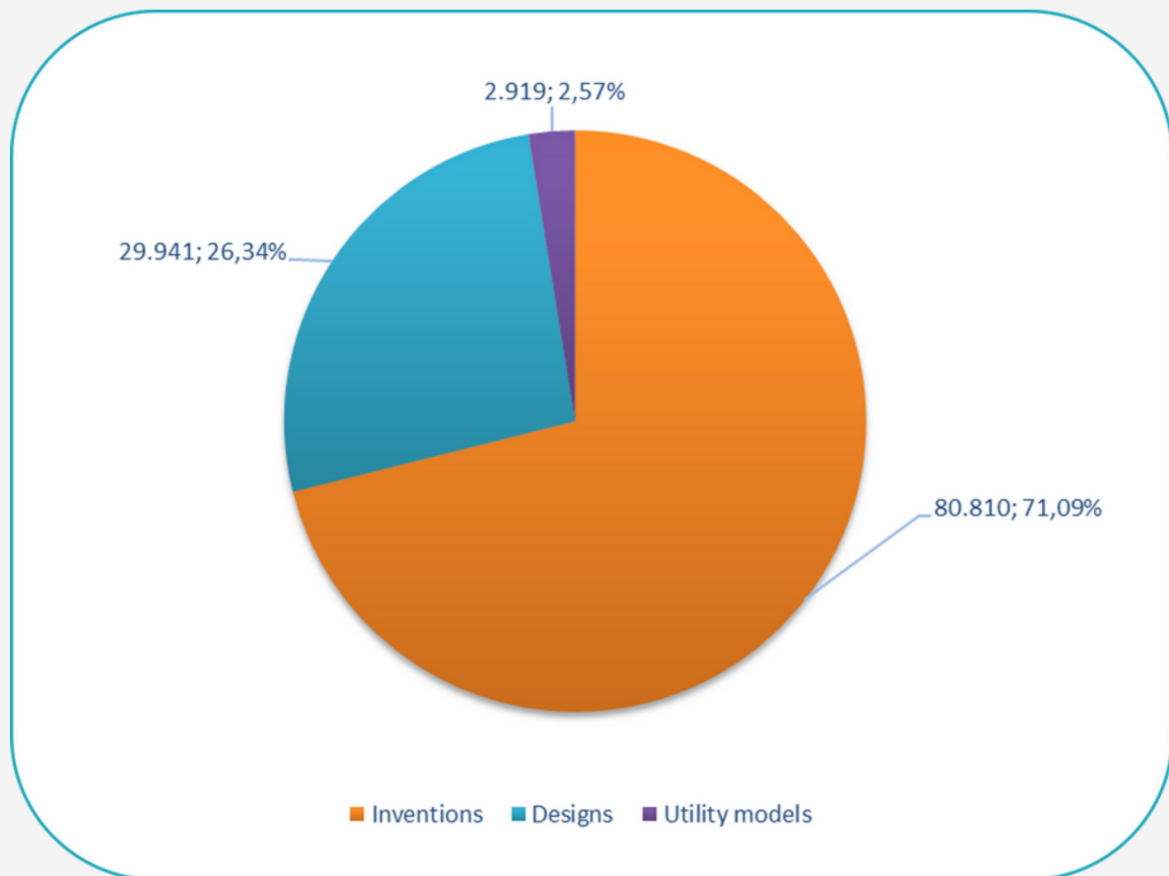


Figure 2 Patent types

From the perspective of legal status, most patents in Argentina are not in force, with a relatively low proportion of patents in force, and 12.51% of patents are pending (as shown in [Figure 3](#)). To understand the reasons for the numerous patents not in force in Argentina, further analysis was conducted (as shown in [Figure 4](#)). The highest proportion was withdrawn, reaching 50.22%. The proportion of Non-payment, cased, and abandoned was also relatively high.

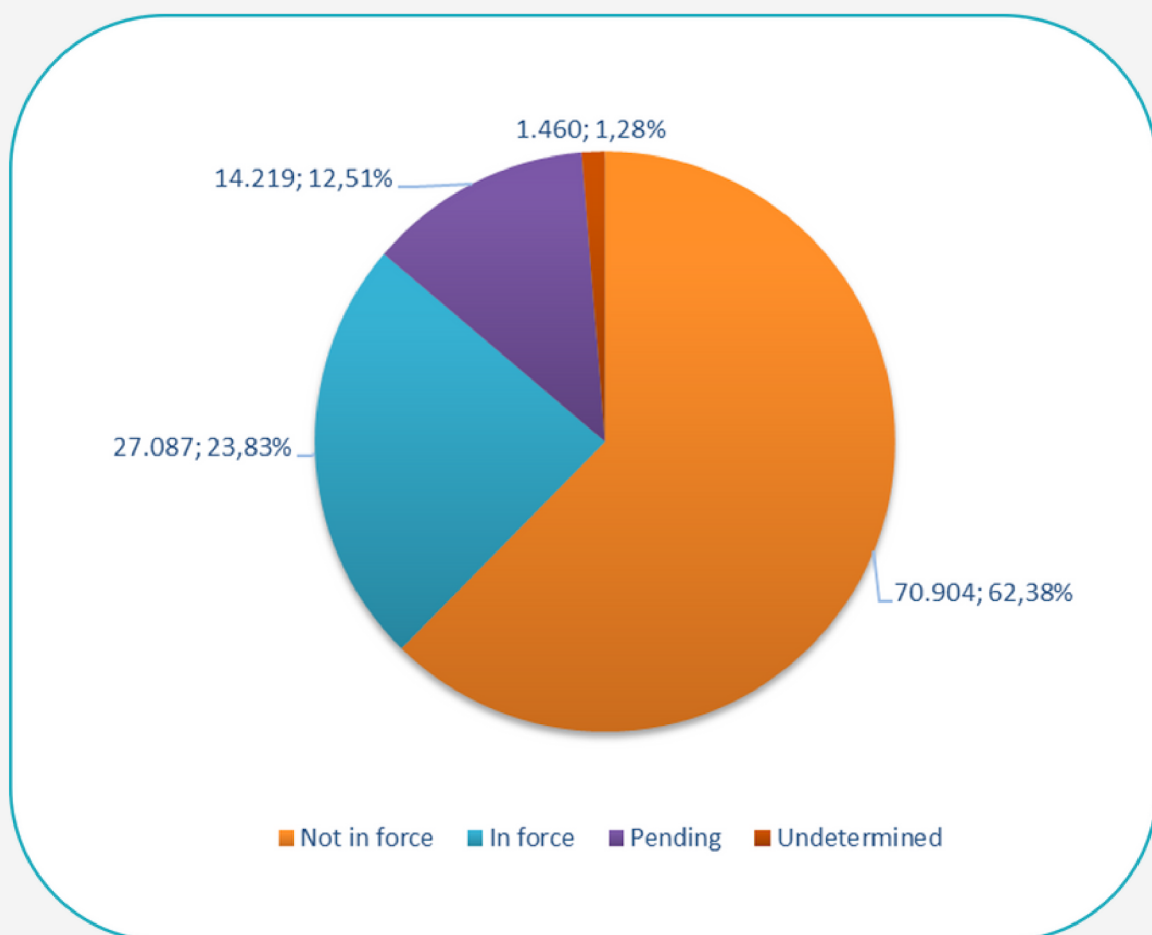


Figure 3 Legal status

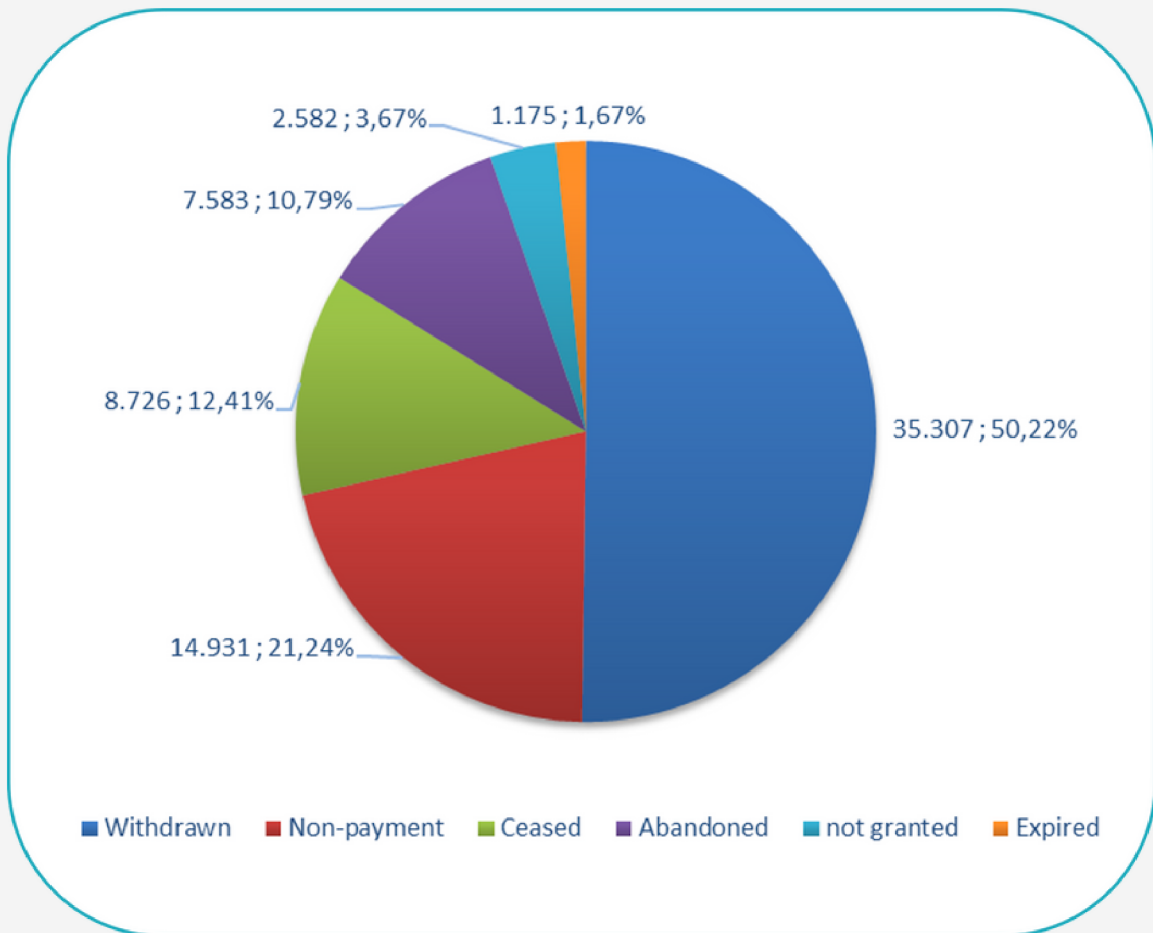


Figure 4 Categories of patents not in force

Part 2: Geographic Territories

In terms of patent technology origin, Argentina's patents mainly come from the United States, followed by domestic filers. Germany and Switzerland filers also hold a significant proportion of patents (as shown in [Figure 5](#)).

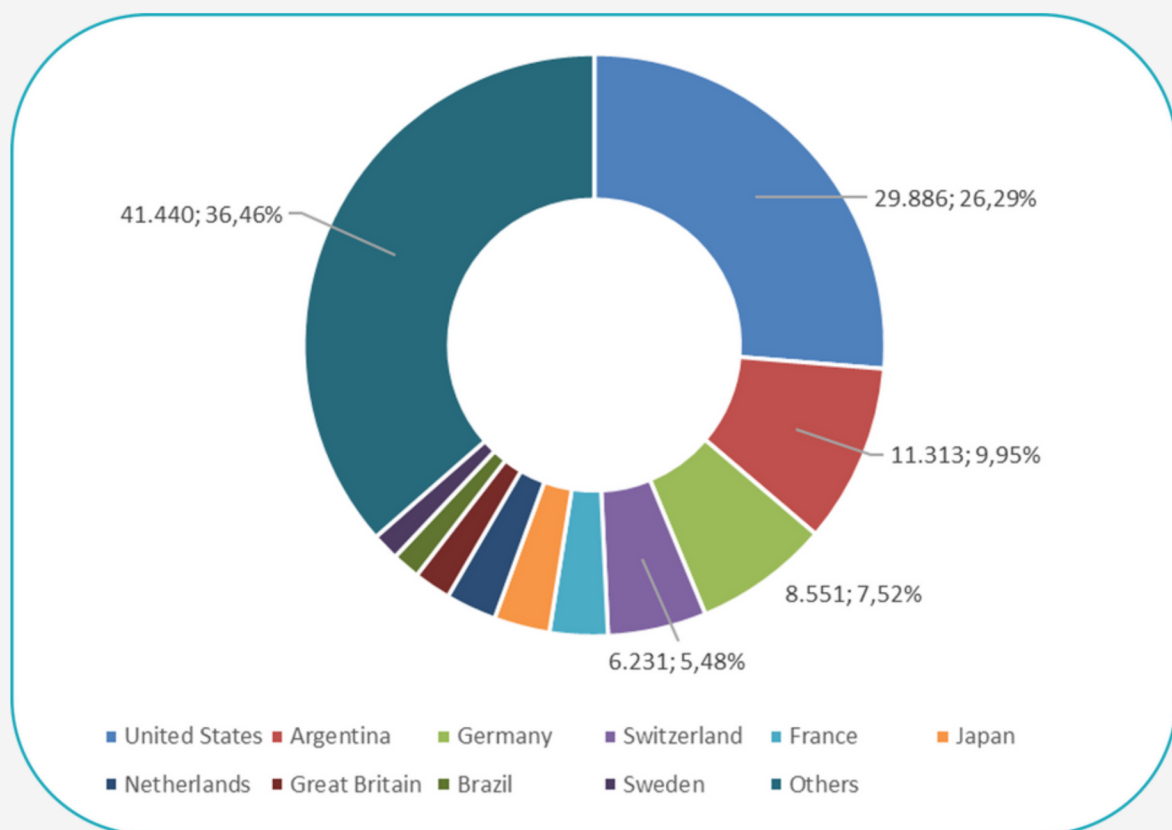


Figure 5 Top regions of origin

Analyzing the trend of patent applications from the United States and Argentina, it can be seen that the volume of patents applied by the United States in Argentina is showing a downward trend, while the volume of patents applied by Argentina began to surpass that of the United States in 2021 (as shown in [Figure 6](#)). But it is worth noting that, there is no upward trend in number of filings from Argentina.

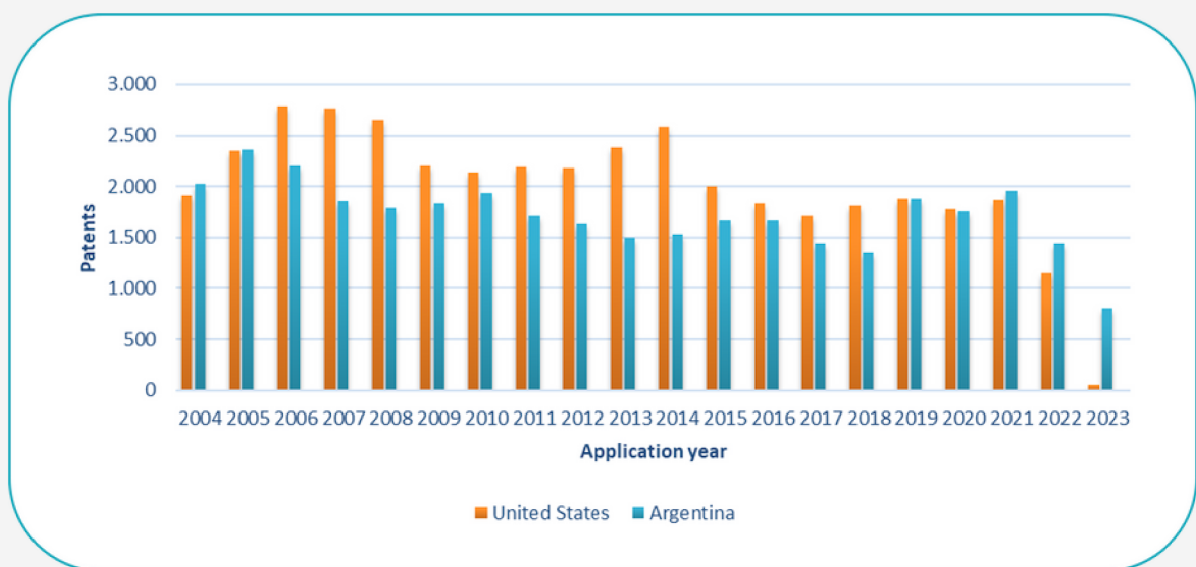


Figure 6 Patent application trend of top countries

Part 3: Key Technologies

From a technical perspective, in the past two decades, Argentina's patents have mainly been concentrated in the fields of medicine and chemistry, with many of the top ten IPC classification numbers corresponding to these two technical fields (as shown in [Figure 7](#)).

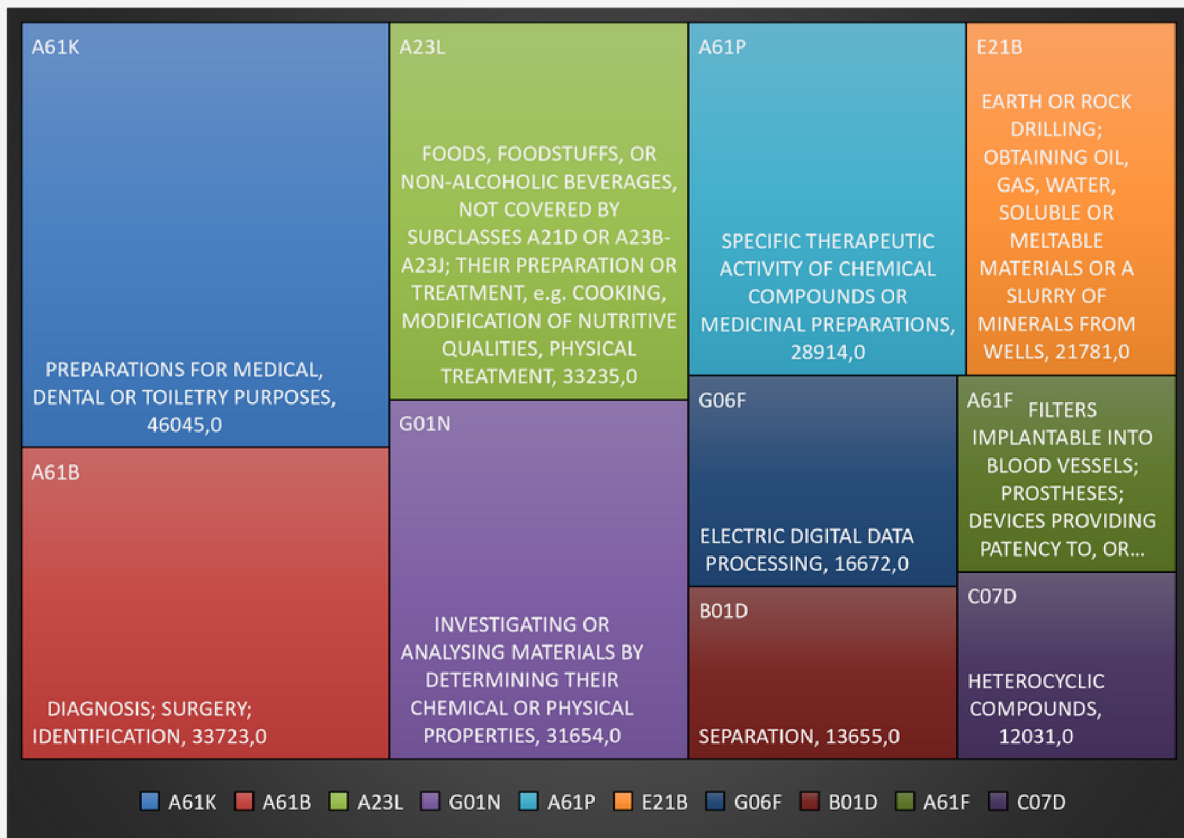


Figure 7 The top 10 IPC classification numbers

Part 4: Standardized Current Assignees

Analysis of the filers who have applied for the most patents in Argentina shows that the top ten applicants mostly come from Europe and America, and there are no local companies in Argentina (as shown in [Figure 8](#)). Meanwhile, even BASF SE, which has the highest number of applications, has only applied for 1,480 patents in Argentina.

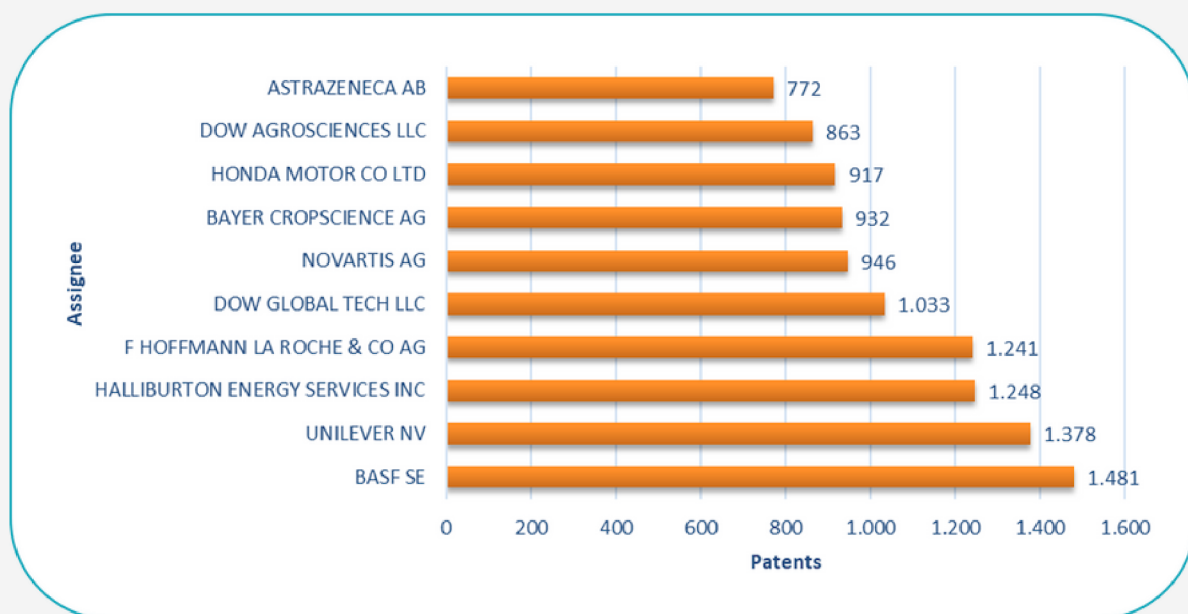


Figure 8 The top 10 standardized current assignees

Conclusion

Currently, both in terms of the volume of patent applications and the patents laid out by the main filers, the patent market in Argentina has not received sufficient attention.

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