



# Third Party Review Organization Performance Report

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## Introduction and Review Timeline Description

The Third Party (3P) Program, formally known as the Accredited Persons Program, was created by the FDA Modernization Act (FDAMA) of 1997 to improve the efficiency and timeliness of FDA’s 510(k) process. Under the program, FDA accredits Third Party Review Organizations (ROs) that are authorized to conduct the primary review of 510(k)s for eligible devices.

Under [MDUFA IV](#) and [MDUFA V](#), FDA committed to publishing the performance of accredited Third Party Review Organizations with at least five completed submissions on the Web (e.g., average number of holds, average time to final decision).

A summary of Third Party Performance Metrics will be posted on a quarterly basis. This report contains data from FY 2023, Q1 through FY 2025, Q1 (October 1, 2022, through December 31, 2024). The number of Third Party Review Organizations with at least 5 completed submissions for each Fiscal Year is shown below:

FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027
2	2	1	0	0

The cumulative number of Third Party 510(k) submissions accepted by Quarter for each Fiscal Year is shown below:

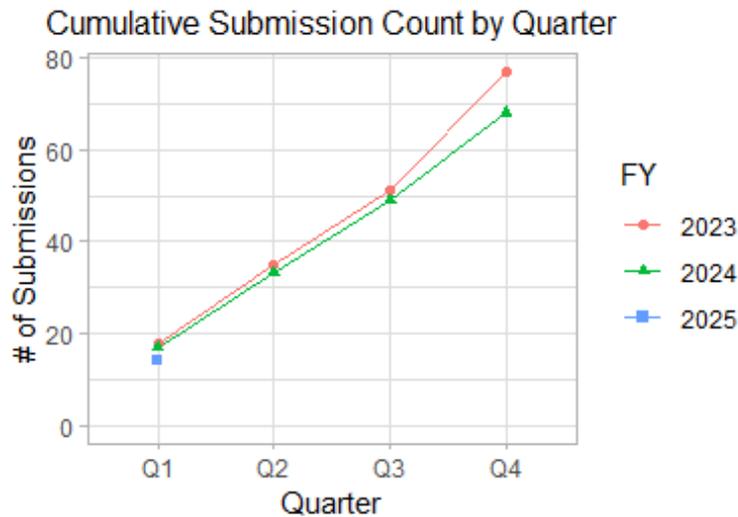
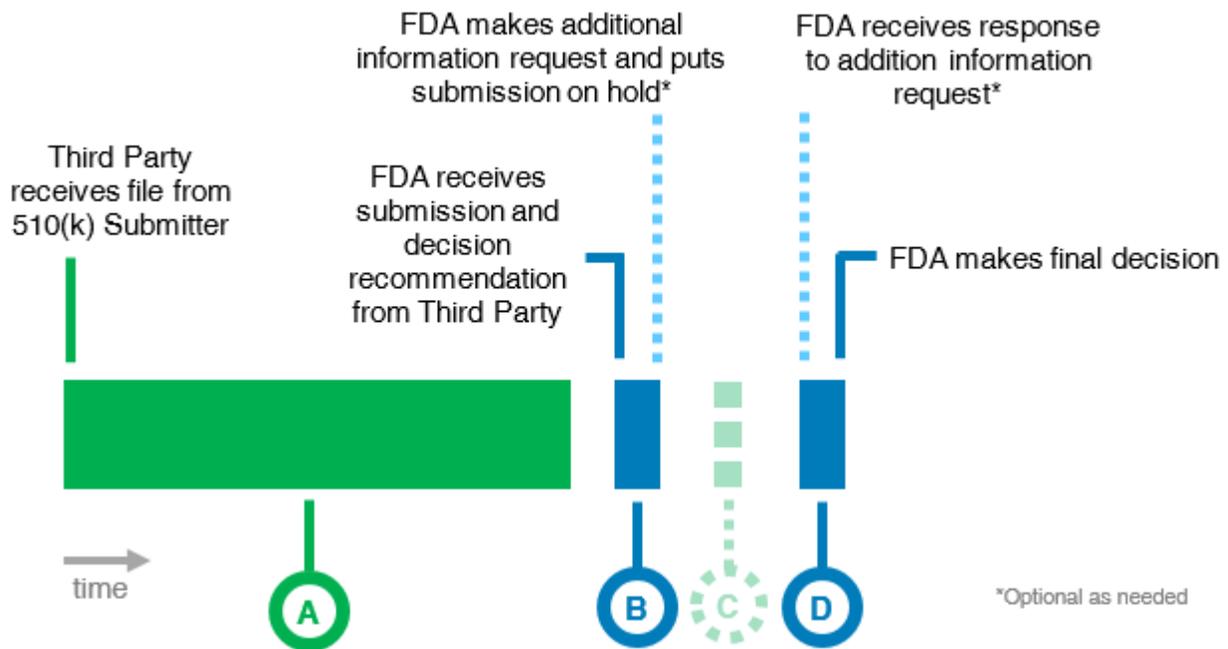


Figure 1

A Third Party 510(k) submission goes through up to four different stages before a final decision is made by FDA.

- Stage A - The Third Party Review Organization receives the file from the 510(k) Submitter, reviews the file, and sends the file and its decision recommendation to FDA.
- Stage B - FDA reviews the submission to ensure that the Third Party Review Organization has submitted all the information needed to make a final decision. If more information is needed, FDA makes a request of additional information, notifies the Third Party Review Organization, and puts the submission on hold.
- Stage C – If FDA makes a request of additional information, the Third Party Review Organization reviews FDA’s request and notifies the 510(k) Submitter. The Third Party Review Organization responds to FDA’s deficiencies, updating the review memo and submission as necessary. The submission is considered on hold until FDA receives a complete response to its request for additional information.
- Stage D - FDA reviews the additional information and makes a final decision.



## Definitions

### 1) **Initial Third Party Review Time:**

- = Date FDA receives Third Party submission
- Date Third Party receives the file from the 510(k) Submitter

Elapsed time in days for the Third Party to review the 510(k) Submitter's file and determine its decision recommendation for a final MDUFA V decision (Substantially Equivalent (SE) or Not Substantially Equivalent (NSE)). The elapsed time includes the time needed for the 510(k) Submitter to resolve deficiencies. The Third Party provides the Submitter's file, its associated Third Party review documentation and its decision recommendation to FDA.

### 2) **Third Party Hold Time:**

- = Date FDA receives response to request for additional information
- Date FDA makes decision to put submission on hold

Elapsed time in days for the Third Party to respond to a request for additional information from FDA for a final MDUFA V decision (SE or NSE). If the Third Party does not receive a request for additional information, *Third Party Hold Time* is set to 0 days. If the file is placed on hold more than once, this is the total number of days the file has been on hold.

### 3) **Total Third Party Review Time:**

- = *Initial Third Party Review Time + Third Party Hold Time*

Elapsed time in days for a Third Party to review a file from a 510(k) Submitter, including the time it is on hold for a final MDUFA V decision (SE or NSE).

### 4) **Total FDA Review Time:**

- = Date FDA makes Final Decision - Date FDA receives Third Party Submission
- *Third Party Hold Time*

Elapsed time in days for FDA to provide a final MDUFA V decision (SE or NSE) to a Third Party submission. By statute, FDA must provide a final MDUFA V decision in 30 days. *Total FDA Review Time* does not include the number of days that a submission is on hold waiting for additional information from the Third Party.

### 5) **Total Time to Decision from FDA Receipt:**

- = *Total FDA Review Time + Third Party Hold Time*

Elapsed time in days between FDA's receipt of a Third Party submission and FDA's final MDUFA V decision (SE or NSE). *Total Time to Decision from FDA Receipt* includes *Third Party Hold Time*, while *Total FDA Review Time* does not. For non-Third Party files, *Total Time to Decision from FDA Receipt* is called Total Time to Decision (TTD).



**6) Total Time to Decision from Third Party Receipt:**

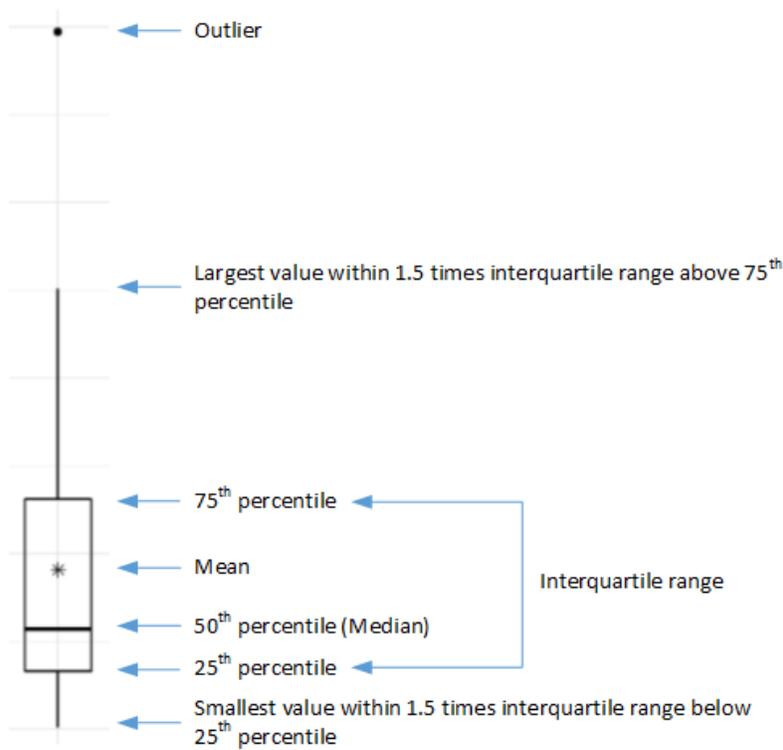
= *Total Third Party Review Time + Total FDA Review Time*

Elapsed time in days for FDA and a Third Party to provide a final MDUFA V decision (SE or NSE) to a submitter. *Total Time to Decision from Third Party Receipt* spans the entire lifecycle of a TP submission.

## Names of Third Party Review Organizations

All 3PROs	All Third Party Review Organizations
AABB	Association for the Advancement of Blood & Biotherapies
BSC	BeanStock Consulting
CMSI	Center for Measurement Standards of Industrial
COLA	COLA, Inc.
GQRS	Global Quality and Regulatory Services
RTS	Regulatory Technology Services, LLC
TPRG	Third Party Review Group, LLC

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## Third Party Performance Data

### Initial Third Party Review Time

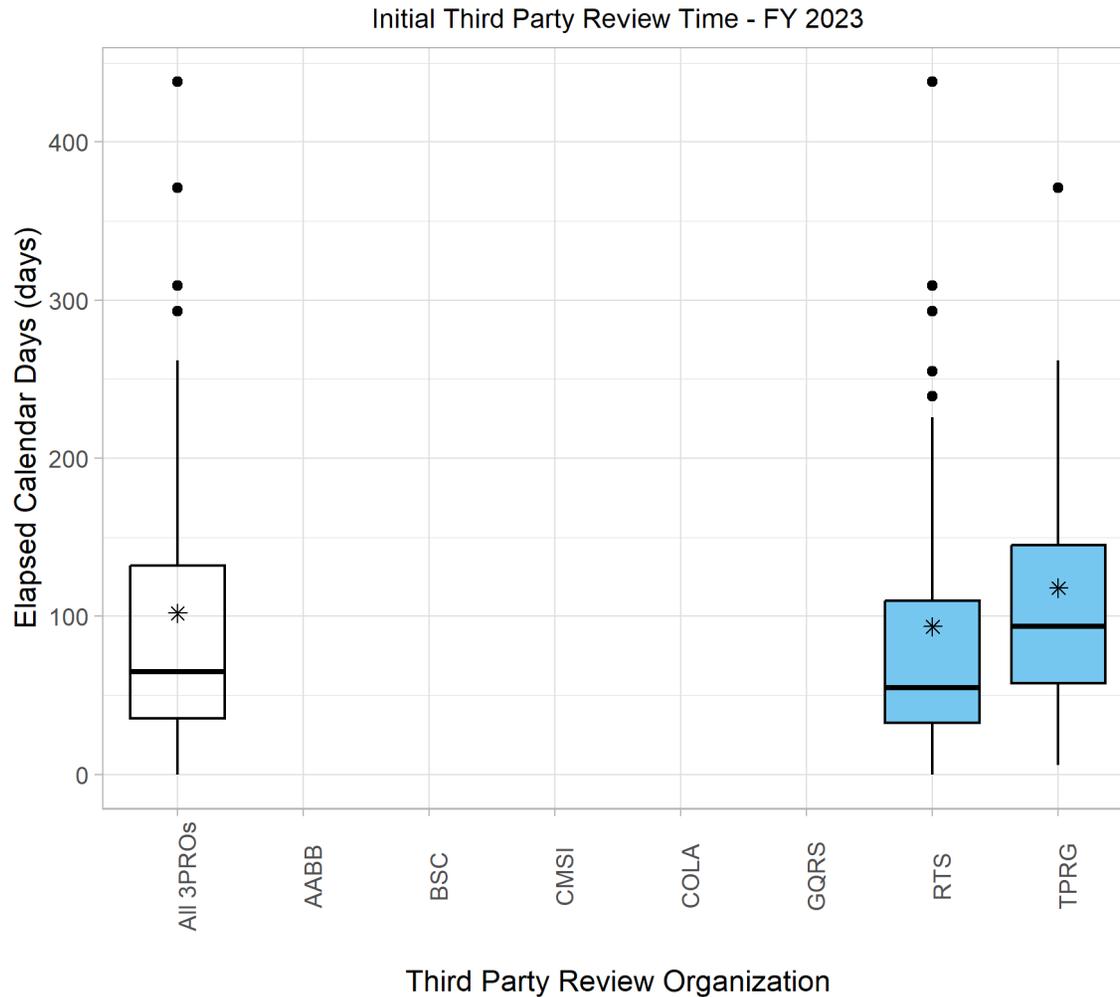


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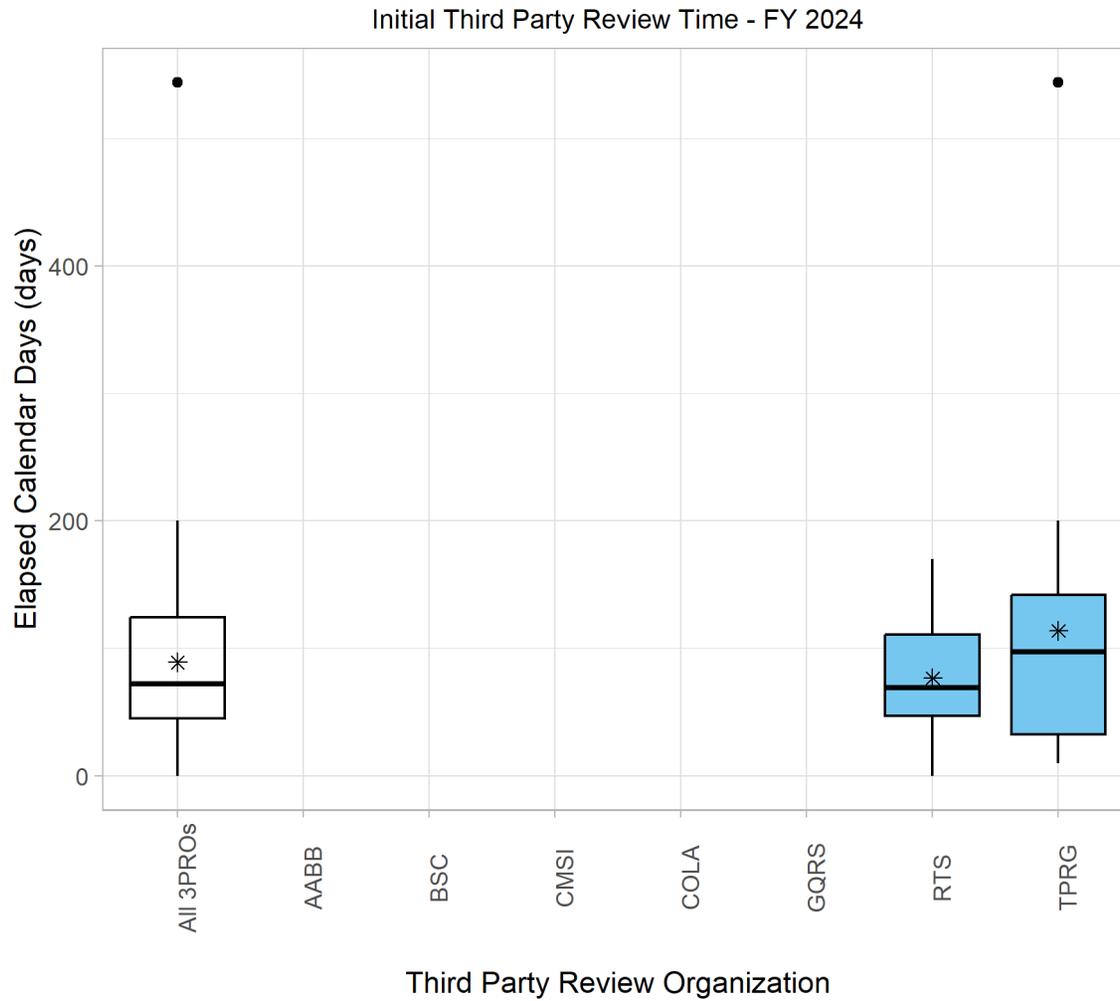


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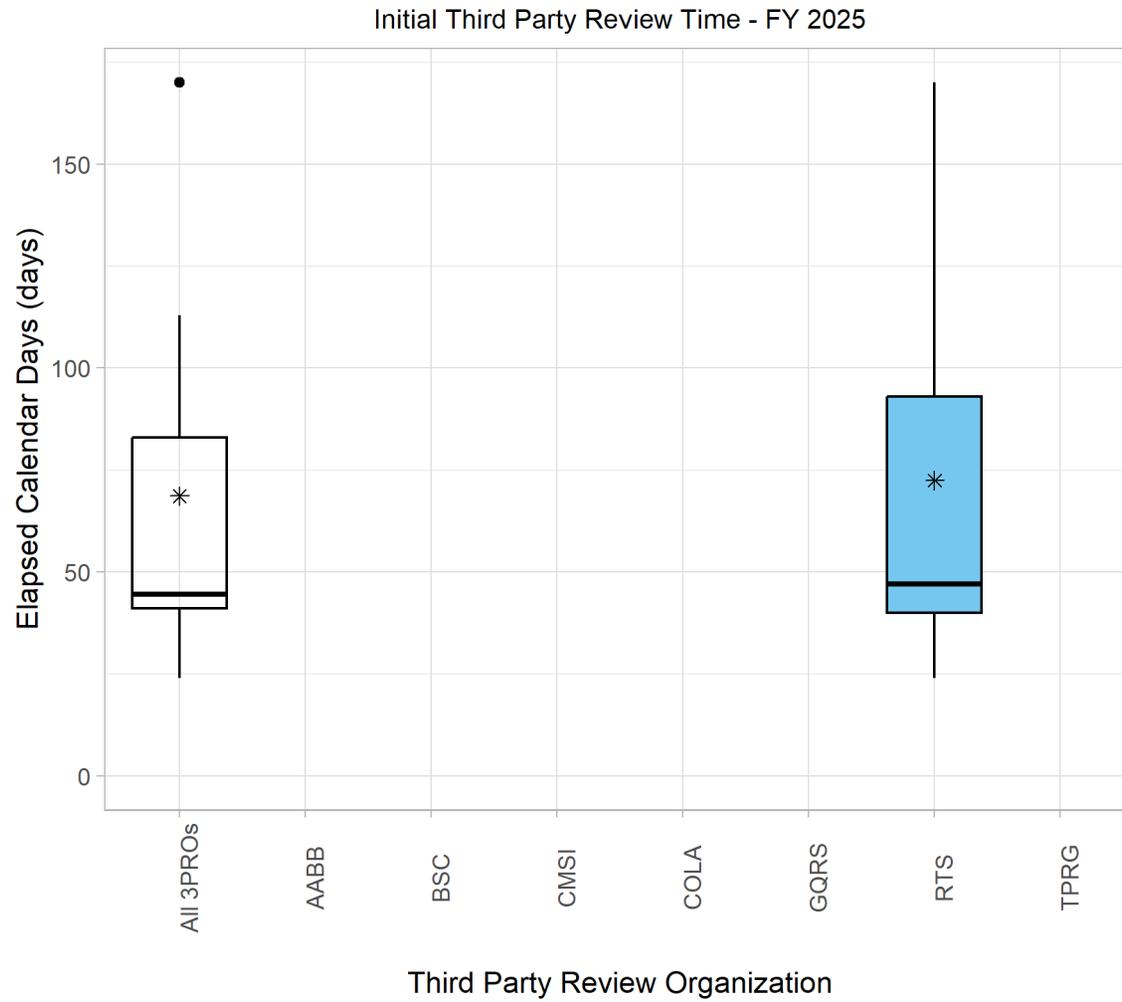


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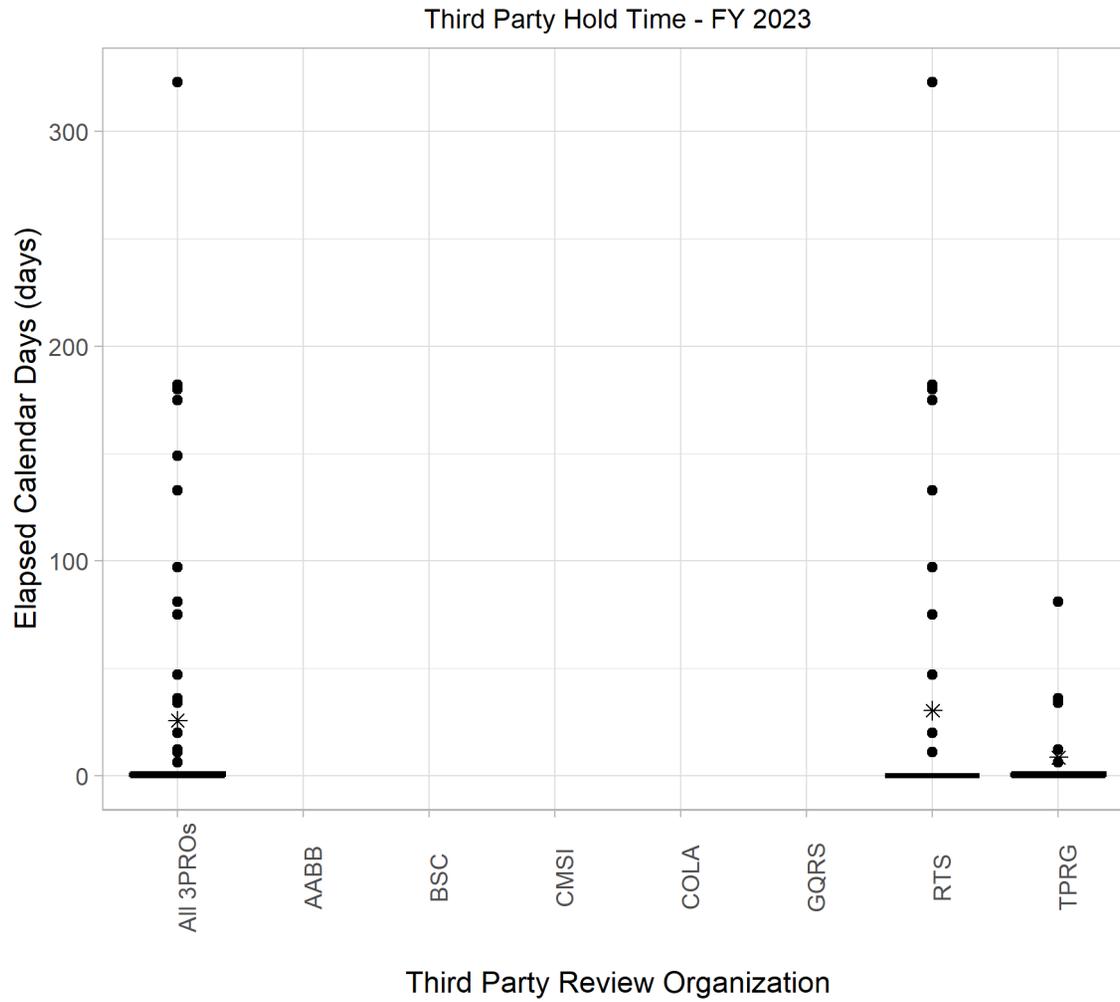


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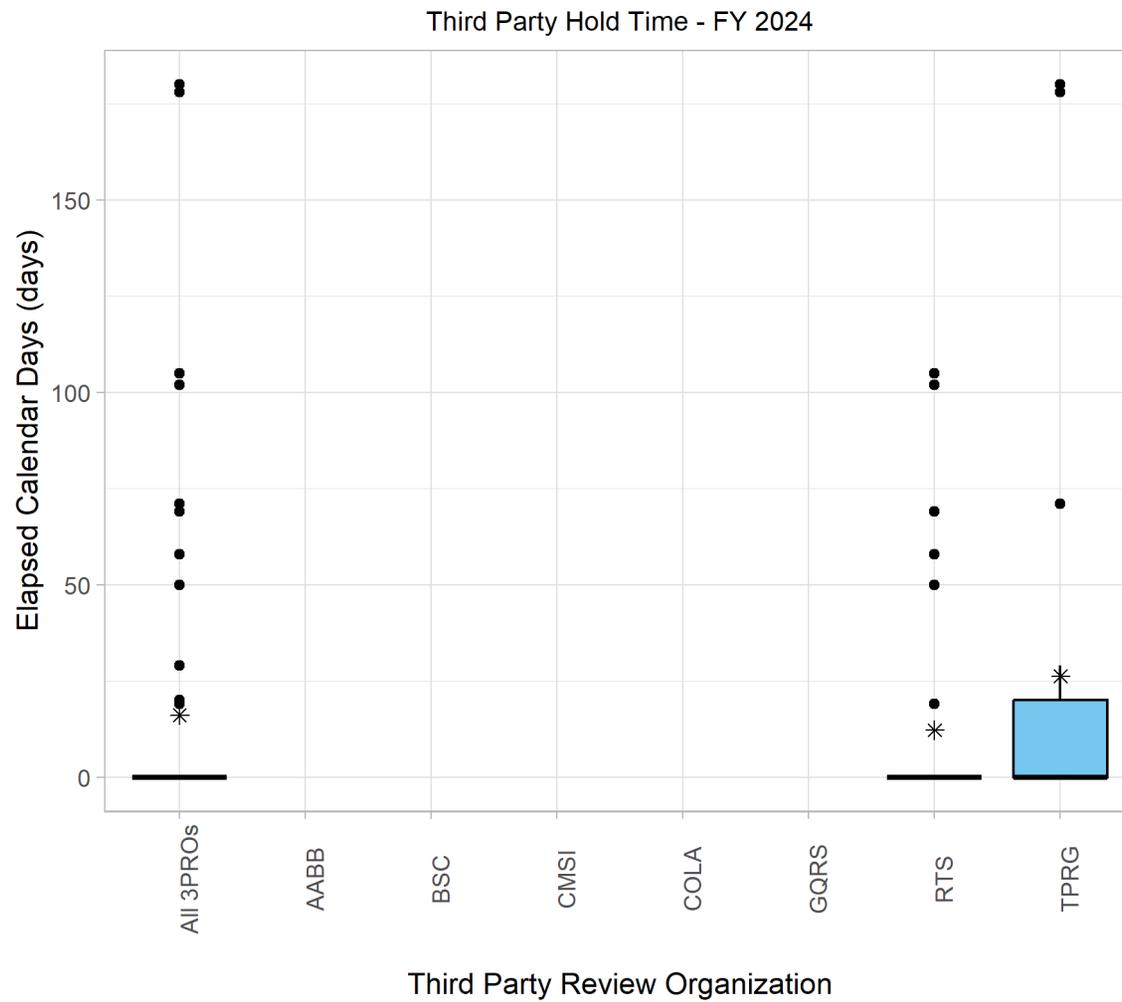


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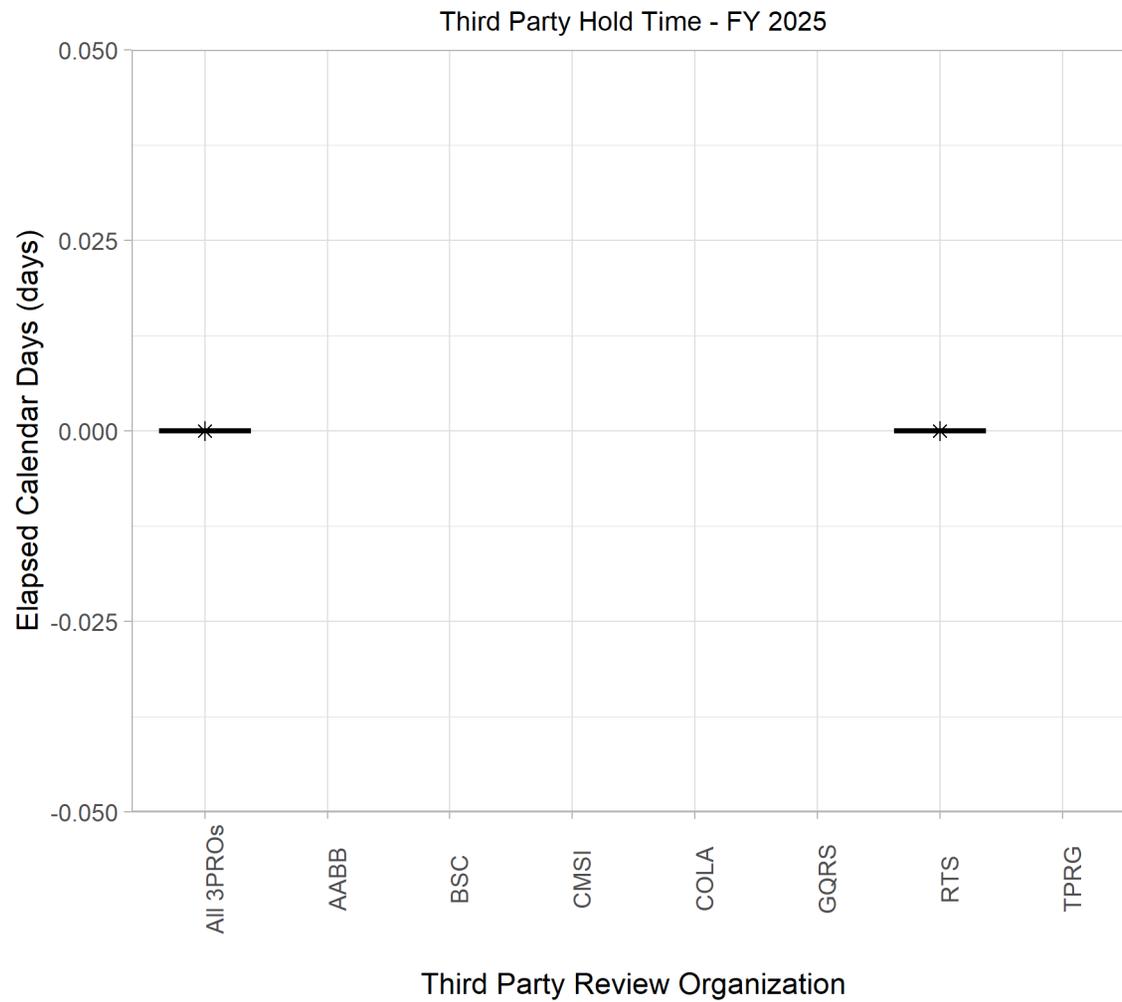


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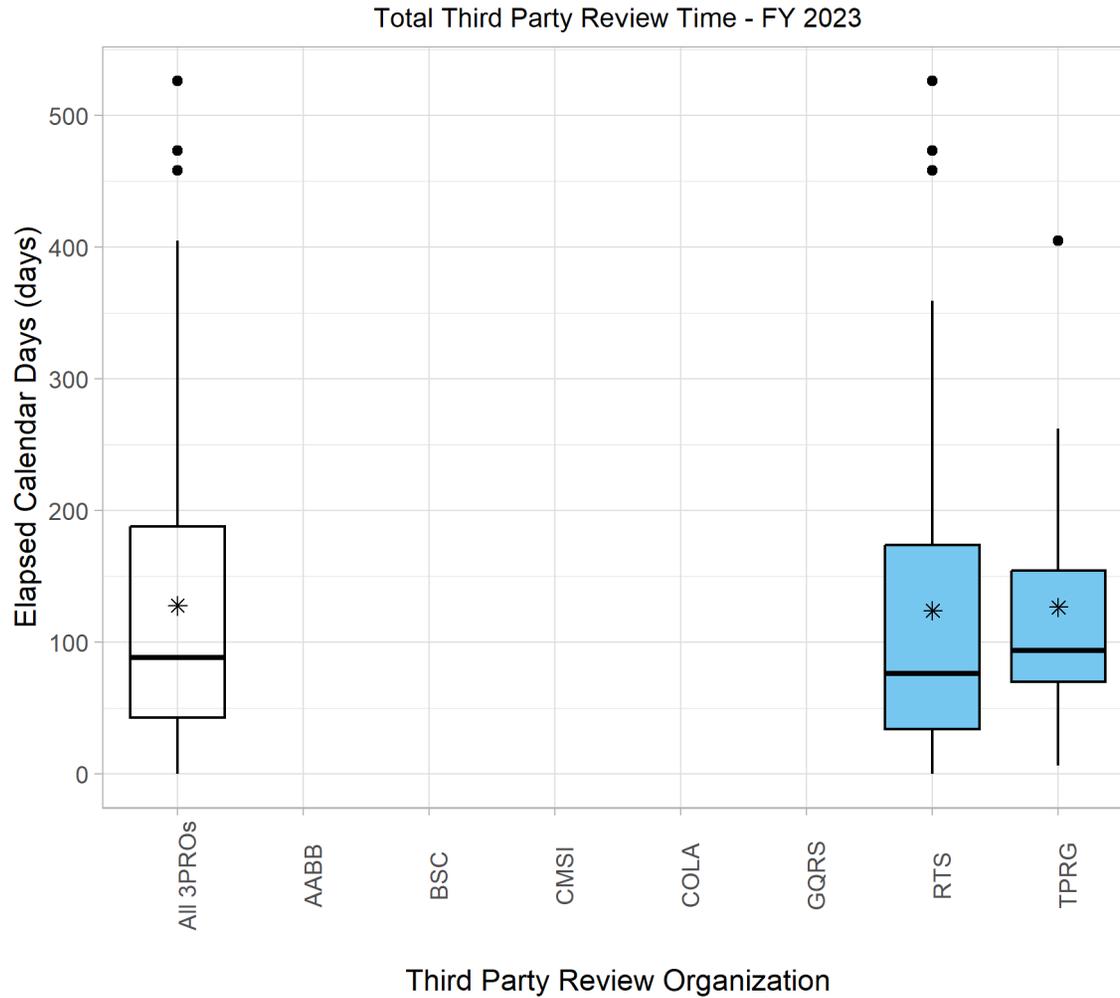


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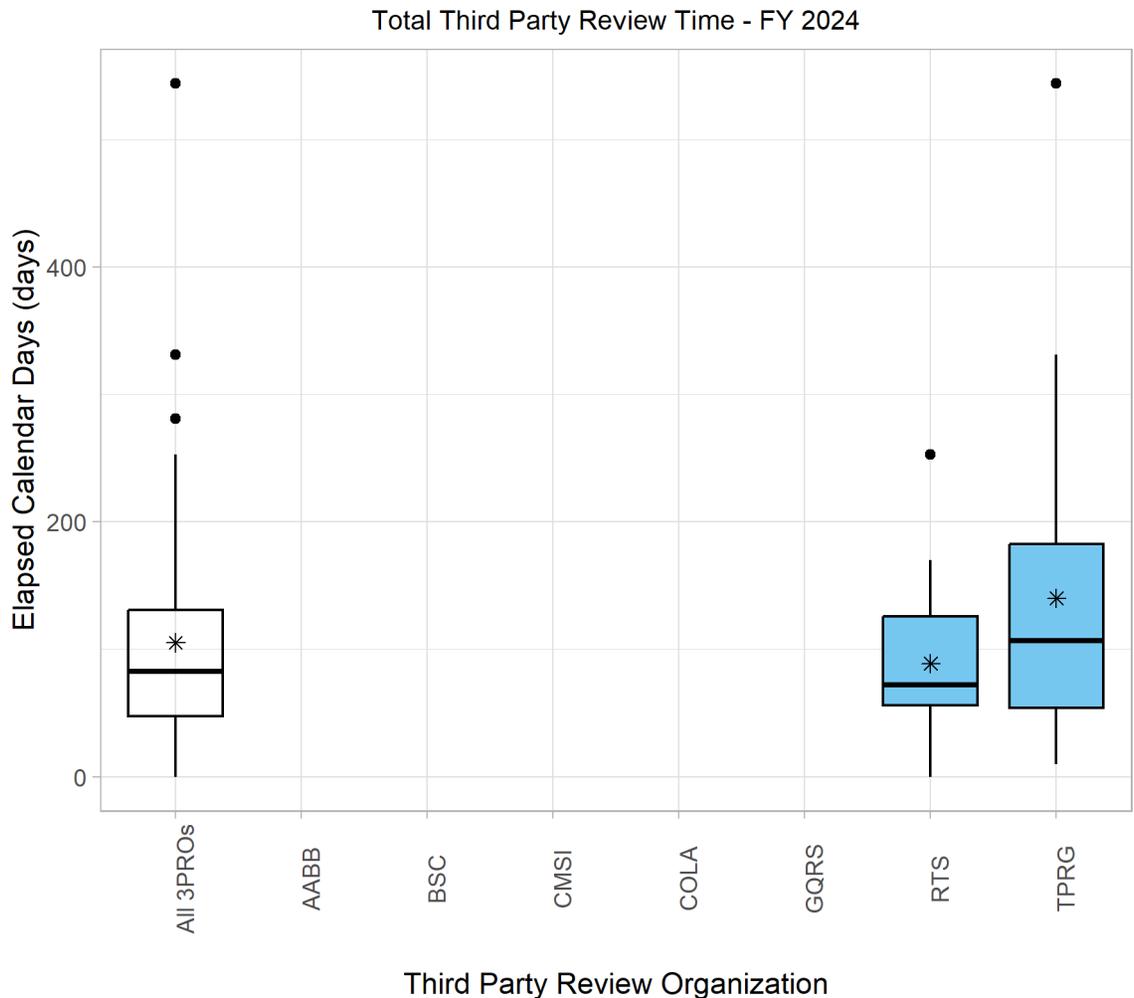


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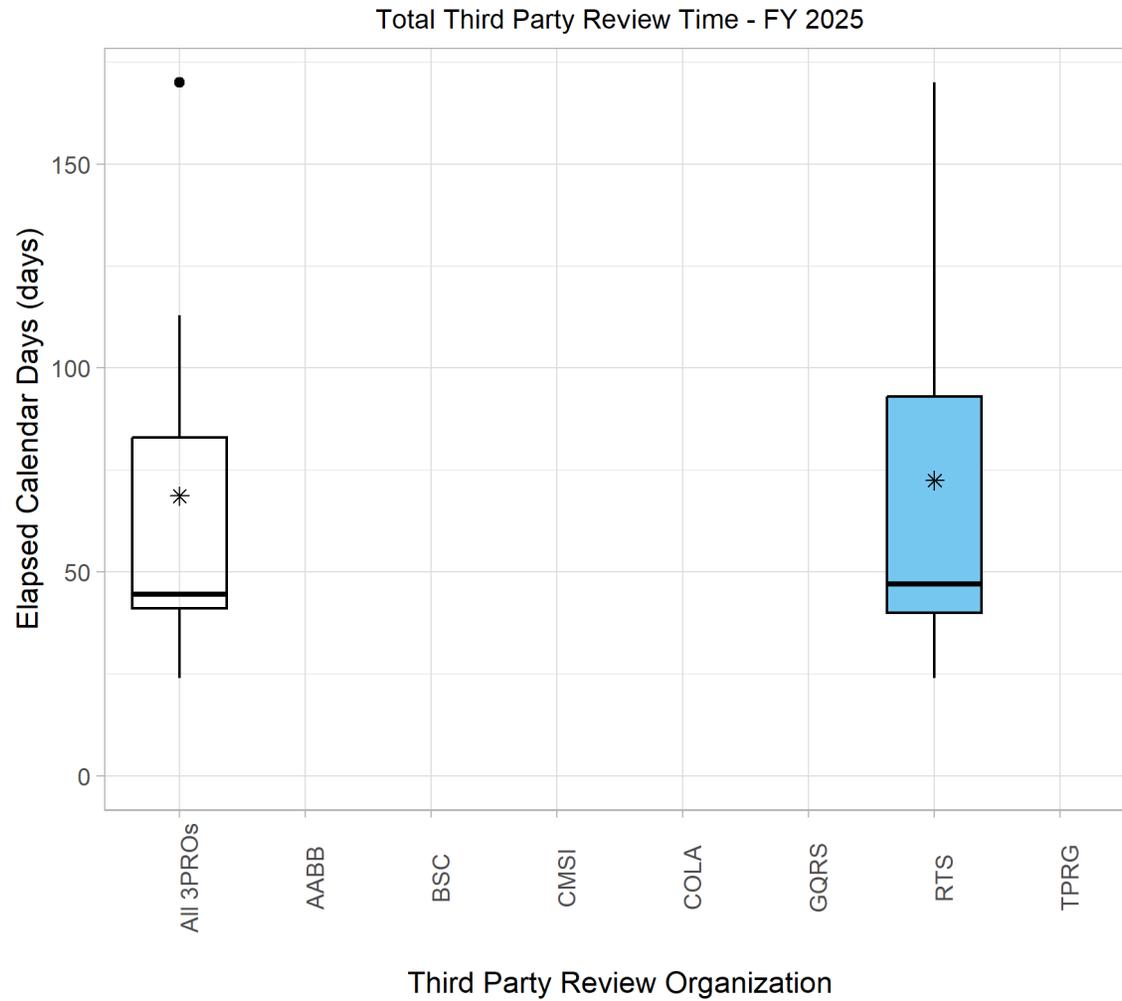


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## Total FDA Review Time

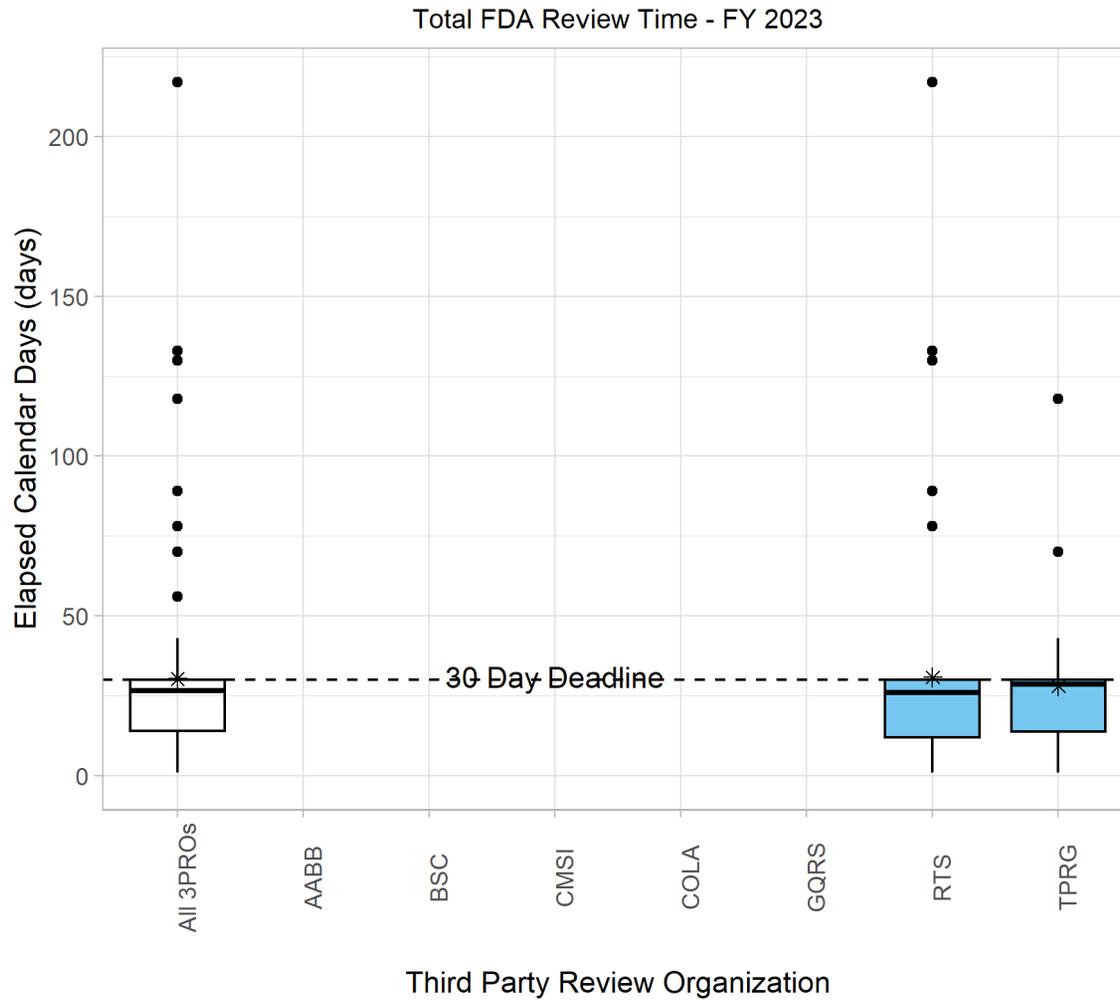


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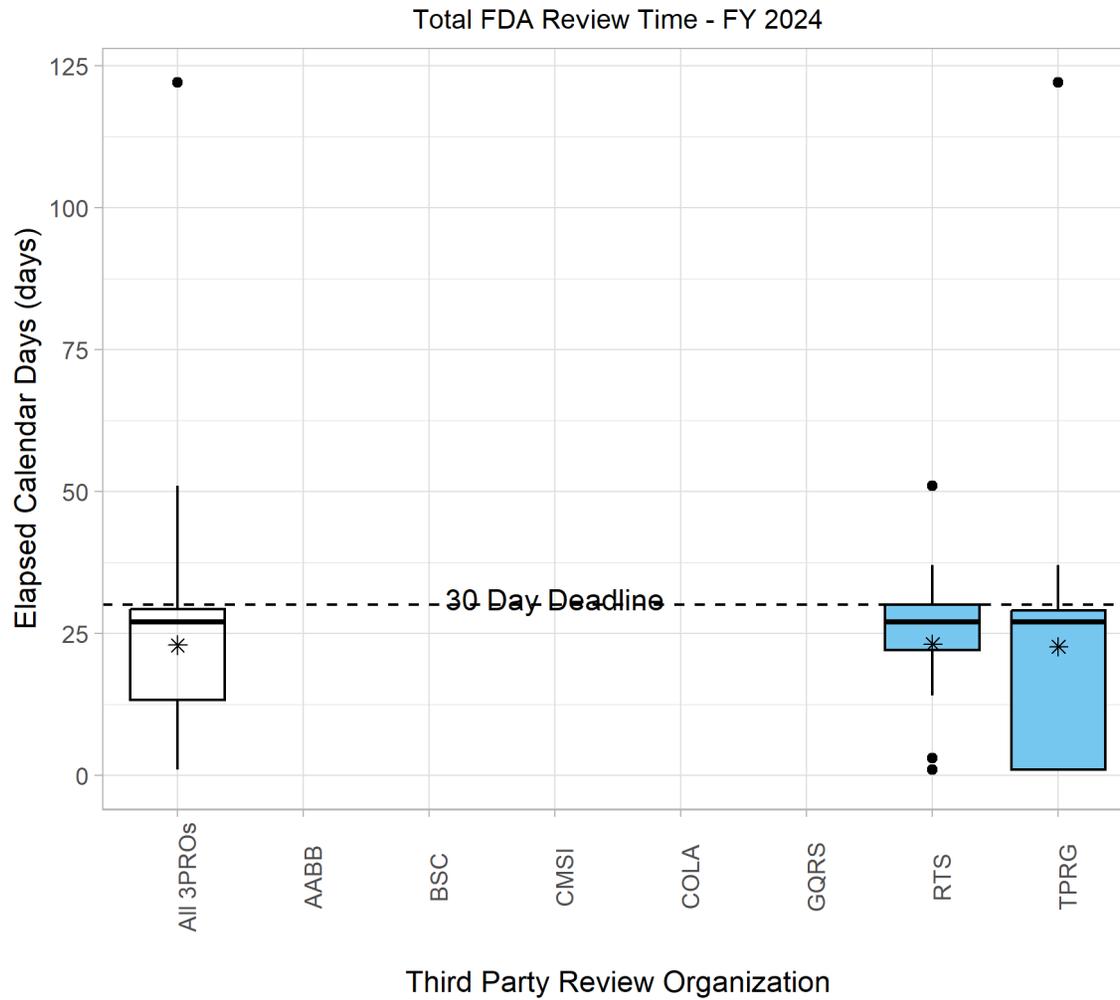


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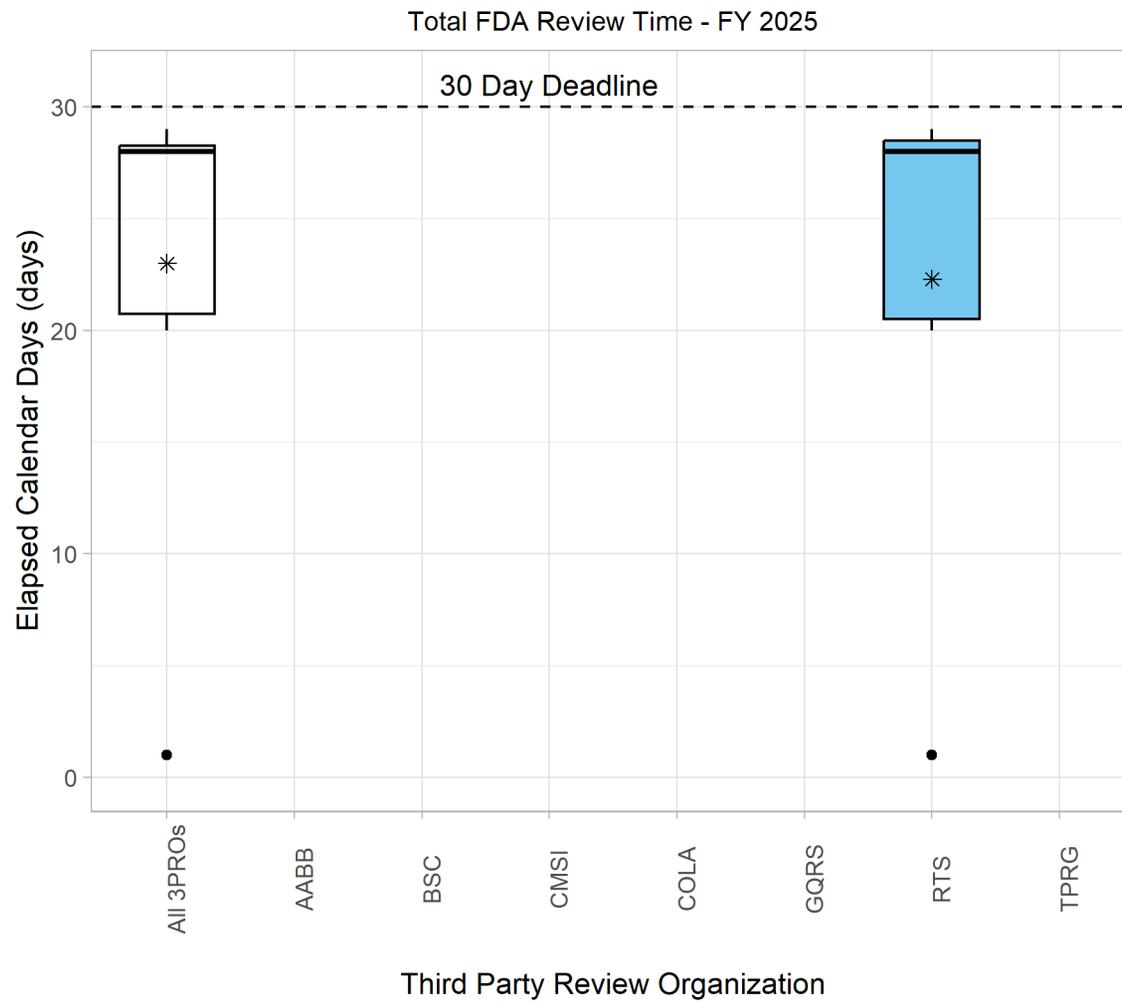


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## Total Time to Decision from FDA Receipt

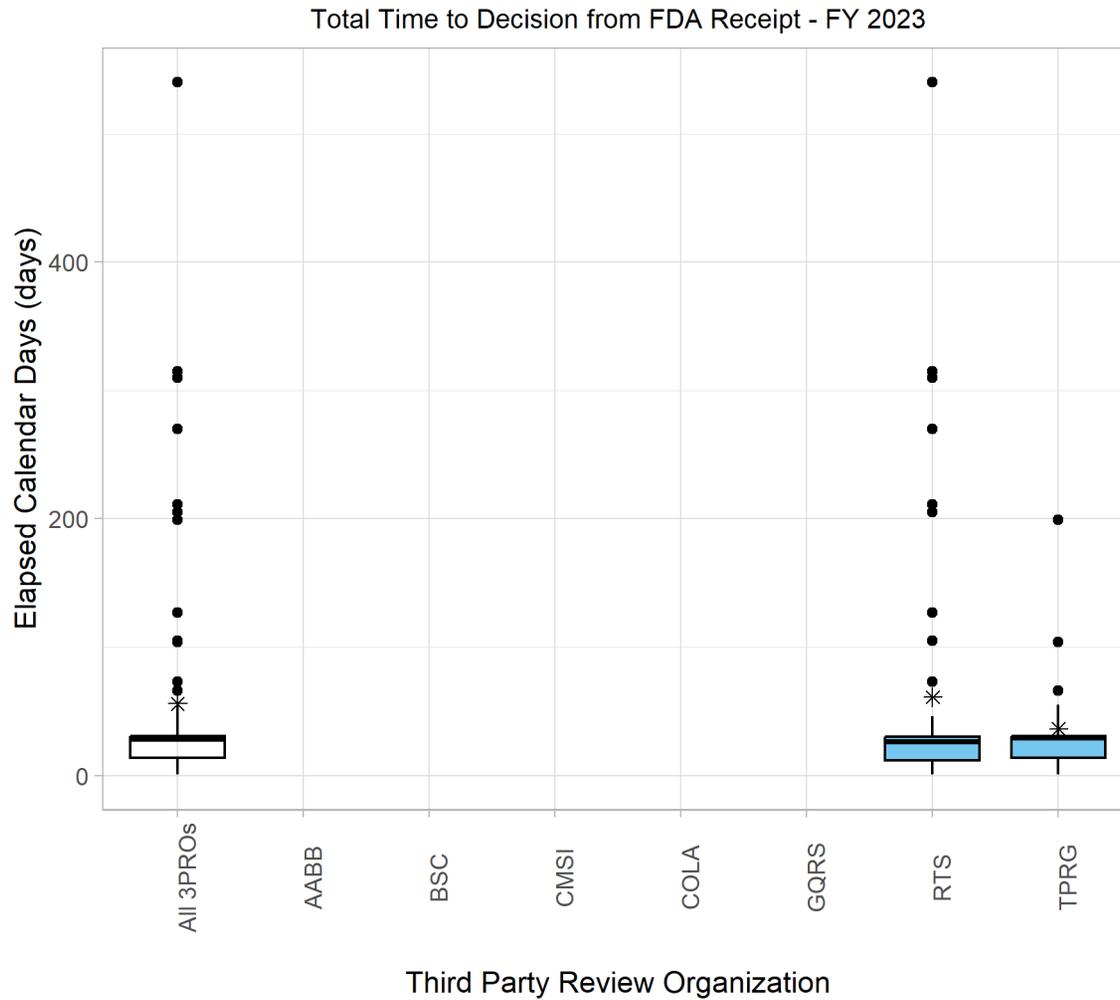


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Total Time to Decision from FDA Receipt - FY 2024

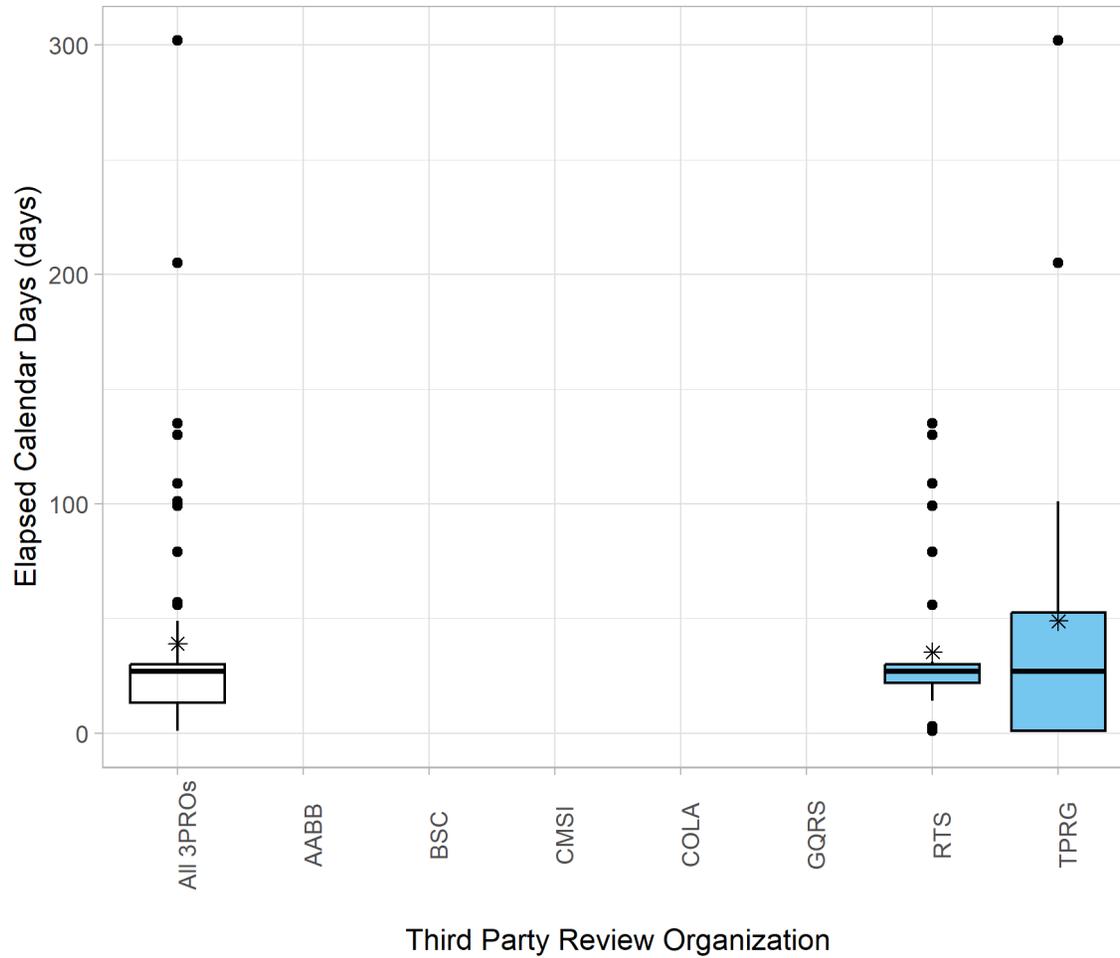


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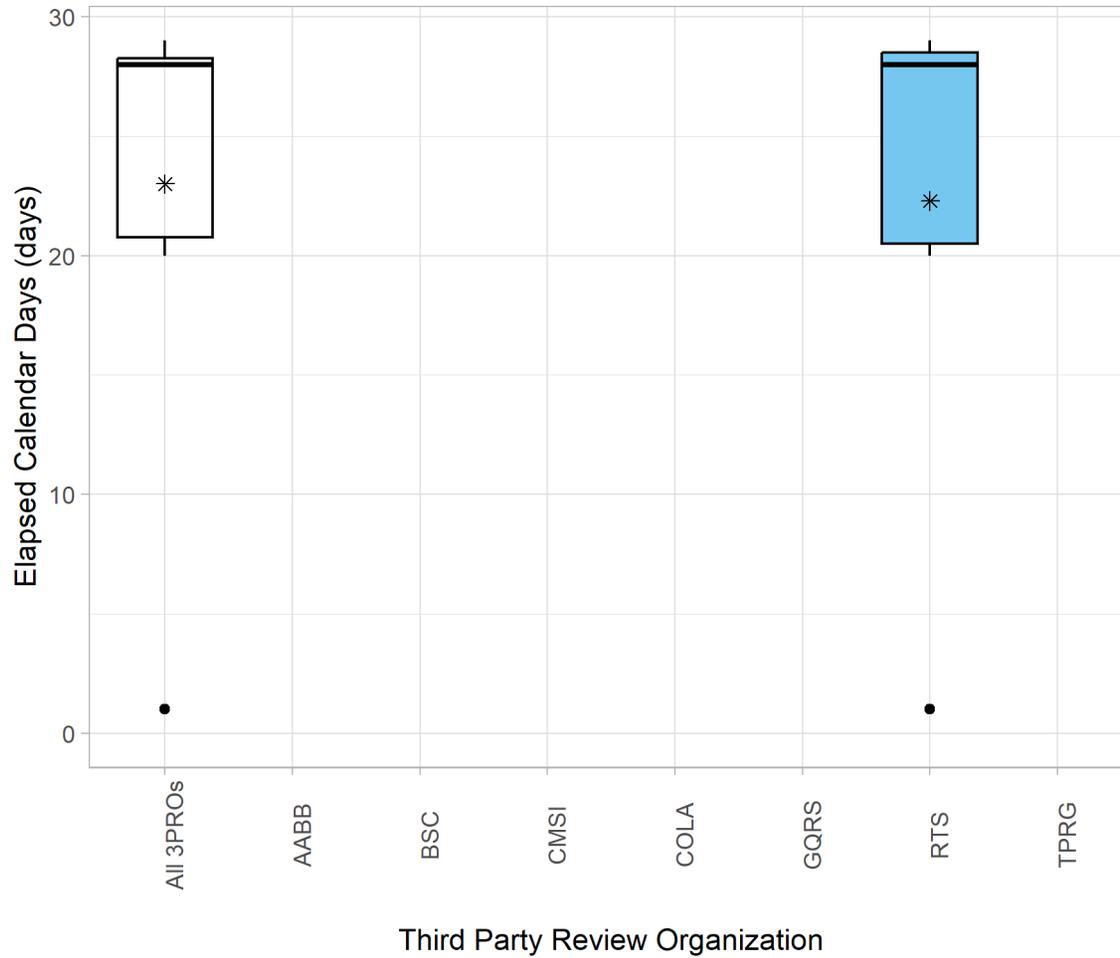


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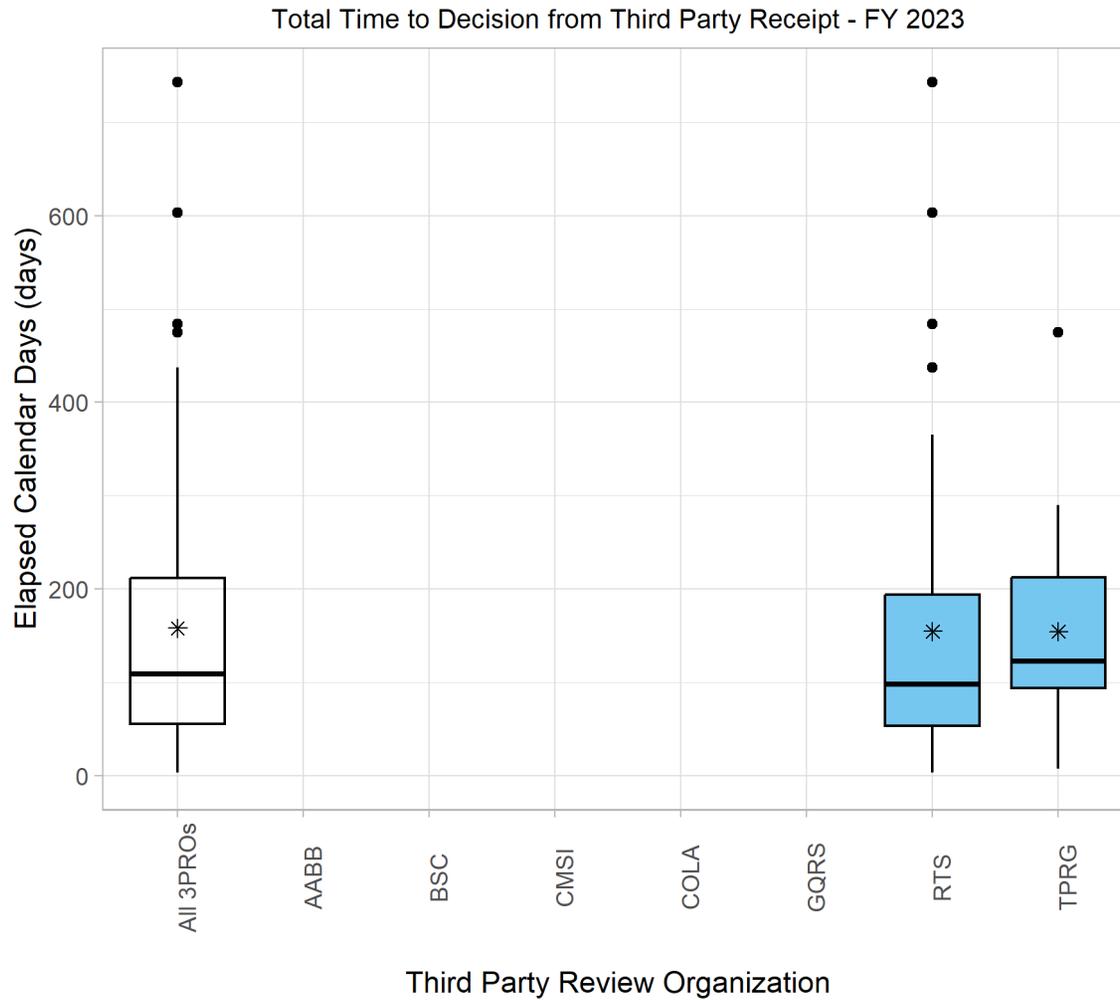


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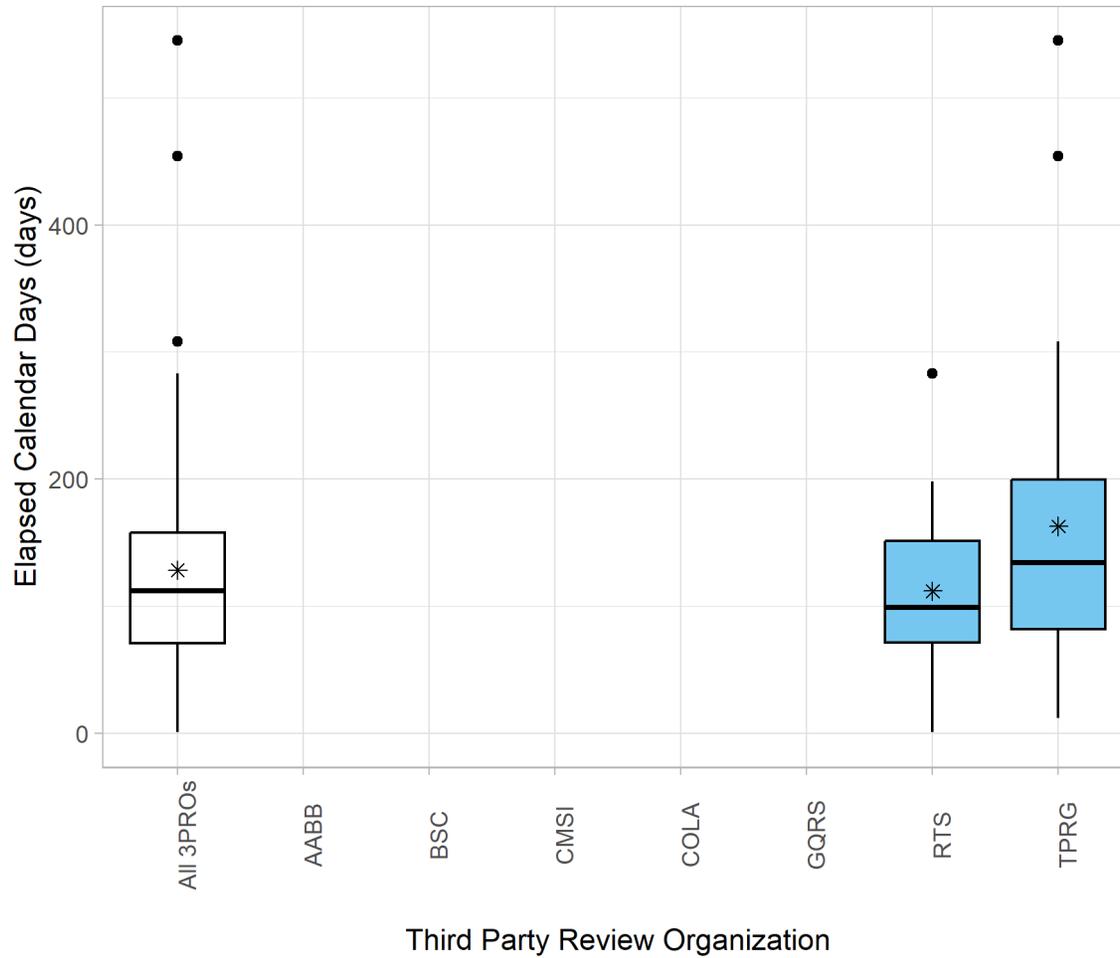


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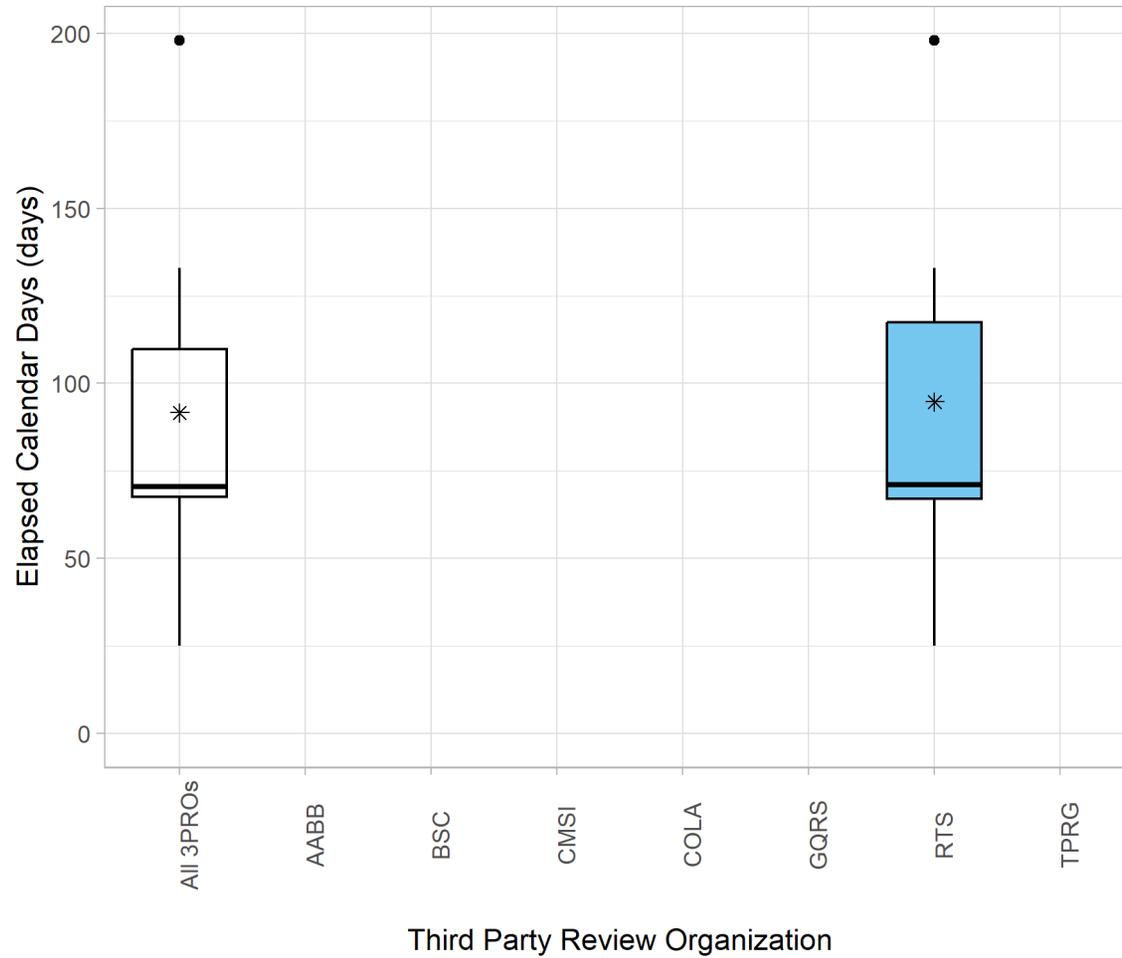


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## All Third Party Review Organizations

Total Time to Decision from FDA Receipt - All 3PROs

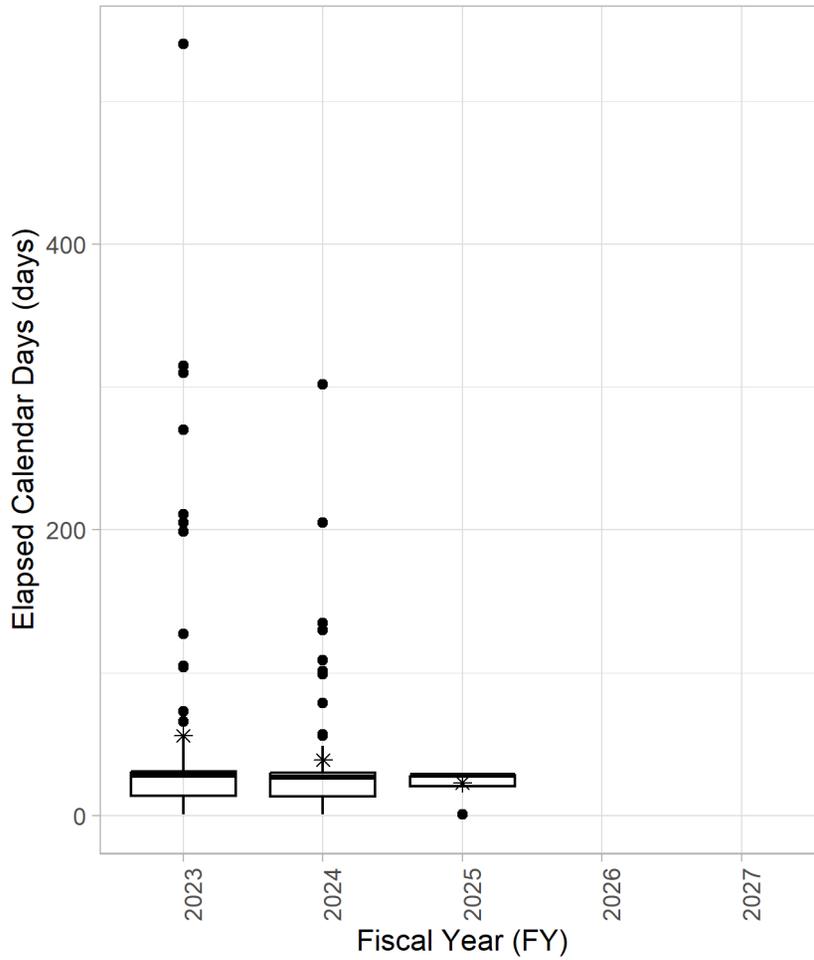


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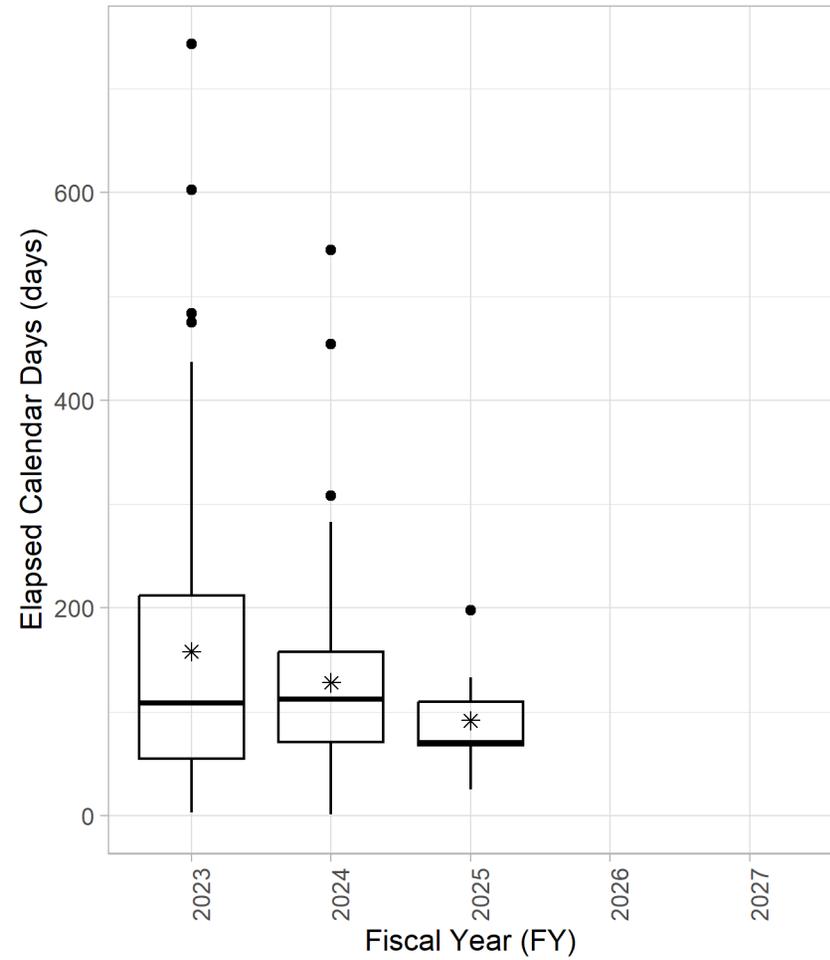


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**Table 1.1:** Third Party 510(k) MDUFA V Decision Performance Goals - All Third Party Review Organizations.

Performance Metric	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027
Total Third Party 510(k) Submissions Accepted	77	68	14		
Non-MDUFA V Final Decisions: Withdrawn, Deleted, or Other (%)	9 (12%)	6 (9%)	1 (7%)		
MDUFA V Final Decisions: SE or NSE (%)	68 (88%)	56 (82%)	8 (57%)		
Pending Final Decision for less than 30 days (%)	0 (0%)	2 (3%)	5 (36%)		
Pending Final Decision for more than 30 days (%)	0 (0%)	4 (6%)	0 (0%)		
Current Performance: Third Party Submissions that received MDUFA V Final Decisions (SE or NSE) within 30 Days (%)	87%	92%	100%		
<i>Average Holds</i>					
Third Party Submission with a Final Decision	77	62	9		
Total # Requests for Additional Information (Holds)	19	14	0		
Average # Requests for Additional Information per Submission	0.25	0.23	0		
<i>Third Party Recommendation and Final Decision Agreement</i>					
Third Party Submissions with a Final Decision	77	62	9		
Third Party SE Recommendations	77	62	9		
Third Party NSE Recommendations	0	0	0		
Third Party SE Recommendations with a Final Decision	77	62	9		
<i>MDUFA V Final Decision</i>					
SE	64	55	8		
NSE	4	1	0		
<i>Non-MDUFA V Final Decision</i>					
Withdrawn	5	6	1		
Deleted	3	0	0		
Other	1	0	0		
Third Party NSE Recommendations with a Final Decision	0	0	0		
<i>MDUFA V Final Decision</i>					
SE	0	0	0		
NSE	0	0	0		
<i>Non-MDUFA V Final Decision</i>					
Withdrawn	0	0	0		
Deleted	0	0	0		



**Table 1.2:** Third Party 510(k) MDUFA V Decision Performance Goals - All Third Party Review Organizations.

Performance Metric	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027
Average Initial Third Party Review Time (Days)	102	90	69		
25th Percentile Initial Third Party Review Time	35	44	40		
50th Percentile Initial Third Party Review Time	65	72	45		
75th Percentile Initial Third Party Review Time	136	125	93		
Maximum Initial Third Party Review Time	438	544	170		
Average Third Party Hold Time (Days)	26	17	0		
25th Percentile Third Party Hold Time	0	0	0		
50th Percentile Third Party Hold Time	0	0	0		
75th Percentile Third Party Hold Time	3	0	0		
Maximum Third Party Hold Time	323	180	0		
Average Total Third Party Review Time (Days)	128	106	69		
25th Percentile Total Third Party Review Time	42	48	40		
50th Percentile Total Third Party Review Time	88	83	45		
75th Percentile Total Third Party Review Time	189	132	93		
Maximum Total Third Party Review Time	526	544	170		
Average Total FDA Review Time (Days)	31	23	23		
25th Percentile Total FDA Review Time	12	13	21		
50th Percentile Total FDA Review Time	27	27	28		
75th Percentile Total FDA Review Time	30	30	29		
Maximum Total FDA Review Time	217	122	29		
Average Total Time to Decision from FDA Receipt (Days)	56	39	23		
25th Percentile Total TTD from FDA Receipt	12	13	21		
50th Percentile Total TTD from FDA Receipt	28	27	28		
75th Percentile Total TTD from FDA Receipt	32	30	29		
Maximum Total TTD from FDA Receipt	540	302	29		
Average Total Time to Decision from Third Party Receipt (Days)	158	129	92		
25th Percentile Total TTD from Third Party Receipt	55	71	67		
50th Percentile Total TTD from Third Party Receipt	109	112	71		
75th Percentile Total TTD from Third Party Receipt	214	158	118		
Maximum Total TTD from Third Party Receipt	743	545	198		



Version 1 of FY2025, Q1

## **Association for the Advancement of Blood & Biotherapies (AABB)**

This Third Party Review Organization had fewer than 5 completed submissions for each Fiscal Year in the current reporting period.



Version 1 of FY2025, Q1

## **BeanStock Consulting (BSC)**

This Third Party Review Organization had fewer than 5 completed submissions for each Fiscal Year in the current reporting period.



Version 1 of FY2025, Q1

## **Center for Measurement Standards of Industrial (CMSI)**

This Third Party Review Organization had fewer than 5 completed submissions for each Fiscal Year in the current reporting period.



Version 1 of FY2025, Q1

## **COLA, Inc.**

This Third Party Review Organization had fewer than 5 completed submissions for each Fiscal Year in the current reporting period.



Version 1 of FY2025, Q1

## **Global Quality and Regulatory Services (GQRS)**

This Third Party Review Organization had fewer than 5 completed submissions for each Fiscal Year in the current reporting period.



## Regulatory Technology Services, LLC (RTS)

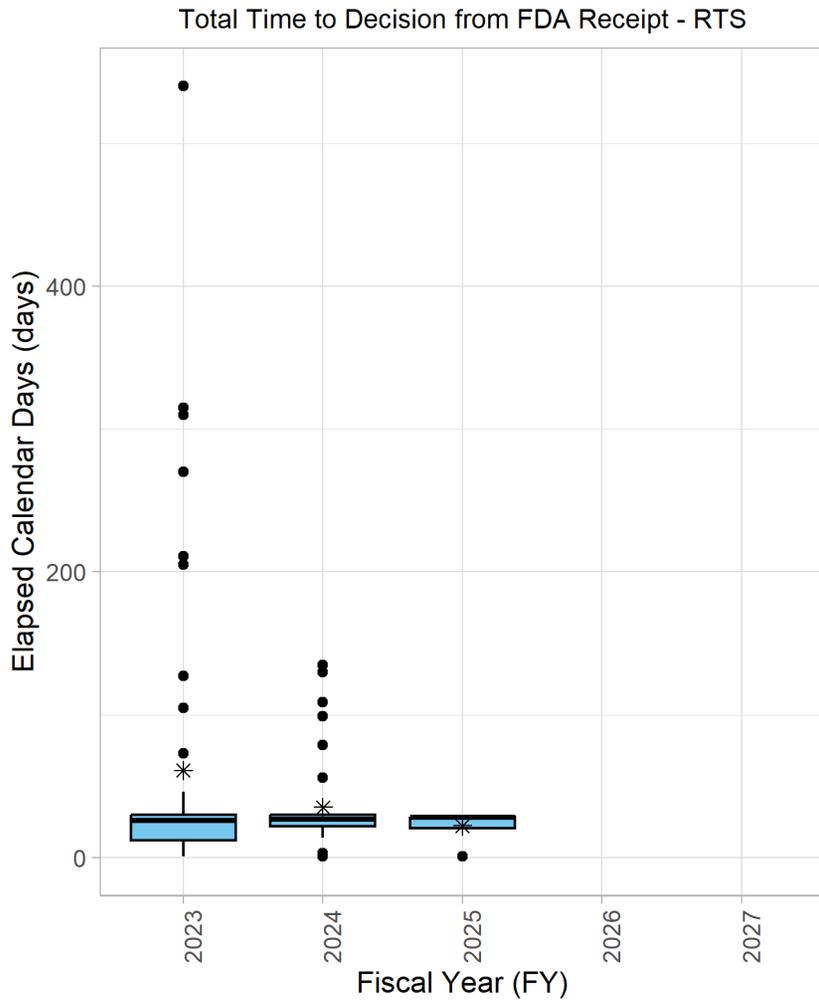


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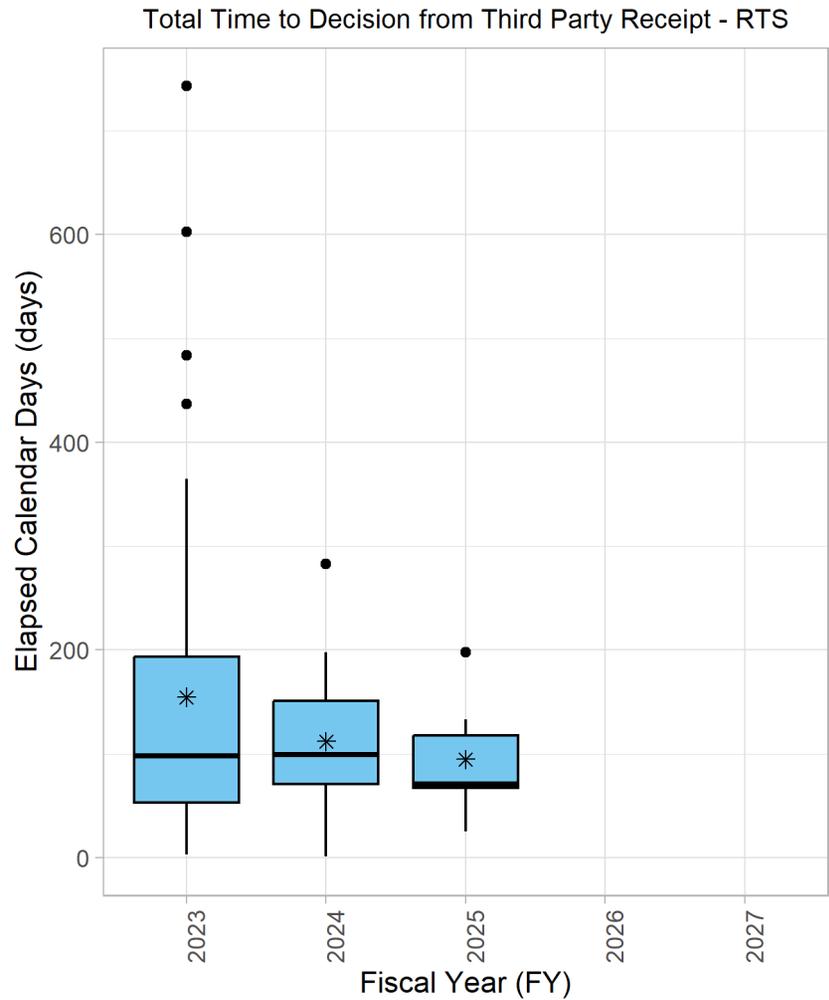


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**Table 2.1:** Third Party 510(k) MDUFA V Decision Performance Goals - Regulatory Technology Services, LLC (RTS).

Performance Metric	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027
Total Third Party 510(k) Submissions Accepted	54	40	11		
Non-MDUFA V Final Decisions: Withdrawn or Deleted (%)	7 (13%)	3 (8%)	0 (0%)		
MDUFA V Final Decisions: SE or NSE (%)	47 (87%)	33 (82%)	7 (64%)		
Pending Final Decision for less than 30 days (%)	0 (0%)	1 (2%)	4 (36%)		
Pending Final Decision for more than 30 days (%)	0 (0%)	3 (8%)	0 (0%)		
Current Performance: Third Party Submissions that received MDUFA V Final Decisions (SE or NSE) within 30 Days (%)	90%	91%	100%		
<i>Average Holds</i>					
Third Party Submission with a Final Decision	54	36	7		
Total # Requests for Additional Information (Holds)	12	7	0		
Average # Requests for Additional Information per Submission	0.22	0.19	0		
<i>Third Party Recommendation and Final Decision Agreement</i>					
Third Party Submissions with a Final Decision	54	36	7		
Third Party SE Recommendations	54	36	7		
Third Party NSE Recommendations	0	0	0		
Third Party SE Recommendations with a Final Decision	54	36	7		
MDUFA V Final Decision					
SE	44	33	7		
NSE	3	0	0		
Non-MDUFA V Final Decision					
Withdrawn	4	3	0		
Deleted	3	0	0		
Third Party NSE Recommendations with a Final Decision	0	0	0		
MDUFA V Final Decision					
SE	0	0	0		
NSE	0	0	0		
Non-MDUFA V Final Decision					
Withdrawn	0	0	0		
Deleted	0	0	0		



**Table 2.2:** Third Party 510(k) MDUFA V Decision Performance Goals - Regulatory Technology Services, LLC (RTS).

Performance Metric	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027
Average Initial Third Party Review Time (Days)	94	77	73		
25th Percentile Initial Third Party Review Time	33	47	40		
50th Percentile Initial Third Party Review Time	55	69	47		
75th Percentile Initial Third Party Review Time	110	111	93		
Maximum Initial Third Party Review Time	438	170	170		
Average Third Party Hold Time (Days)	31	13	0		
25th Percentile Third Party Hold Time	0	0	0		
50th Percentile Third Party Hold Time	0	0	0		
75th Percentile Third Party Hold Time	0	0	0		
Maximum Third Party Hold Time	323	105	0		
Average Total Third Party Review Time (Days)	124	89	73		
25th Percentile Total Third Party Review Time	34	56	40		
50th Percentile Total Third Party Review Time	76	72	47		
75th Percentile Total Third Party Review Time	174	126	93		
Maximum Total Third Party Review Time	526	253	170		
Average Total FDA Review Time (Days)	31	24	23		
25th Percentile Total FDA Review Time	12	22	21		
50th Percentile Total FDA Review Time	26	27	28		
75th Percentile Total FDA Review Time	30	30	29		
Maximum Total FDA Review Time	217	51	29		
Average Total Time to Decision from FDA Receipt (Days)	62	36	23		
25th Percentile Total TTD from FDA Receipt	12	22	21		
50th Percentile Total TTD from FDA Receipt	26	27	28		
75th Percentile Total TTD from FDA Receipt	30	30	29		
Maximum Total TTD from FDA Receipt	540	135	29		
Average Total Time to Decision from Third Party Receipt (Days)	155	112	95		
25th Percentile Total TTD from Third Party Receipt	53	71	67		
50th Percentile Total TTD from Third Party Receipt	98	99	71		
75th Percentile Total TTD from Third Party Receipt	194	151	118		
Maximum Total TTD from Third Party Receipt	743	283	198		



## Third Party Review Group, LLC (TPRG)

This Third Party Review Organization had fewer than 5 completed submissions for the FY25 Q1.

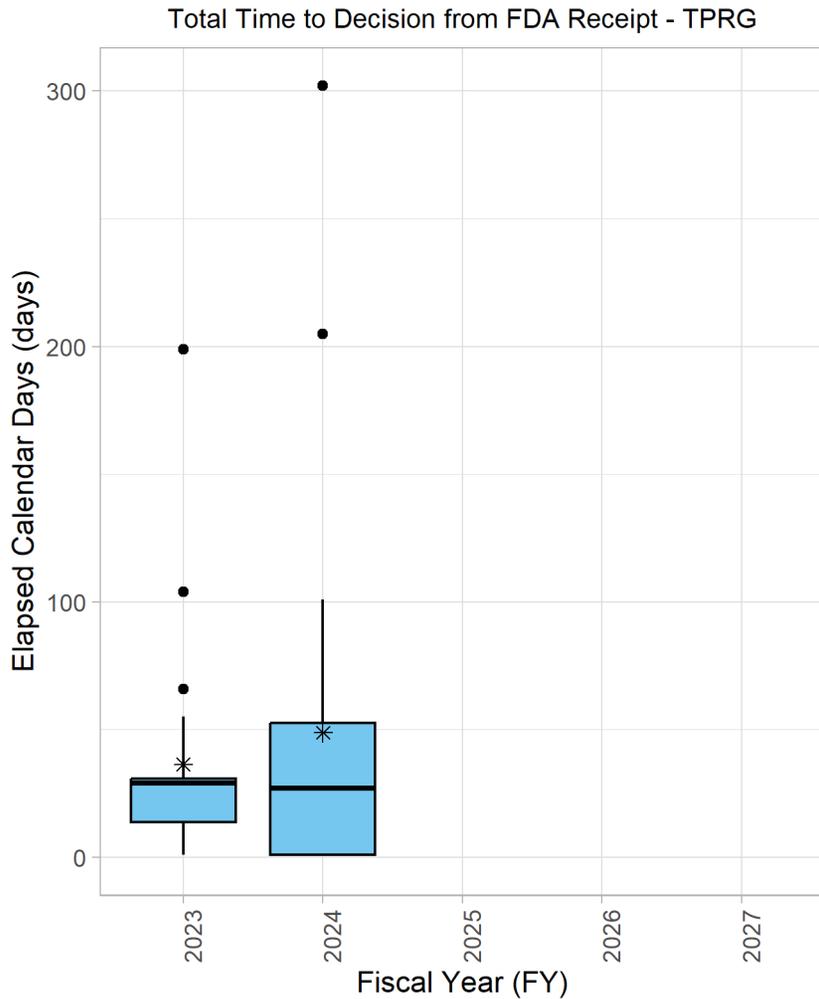


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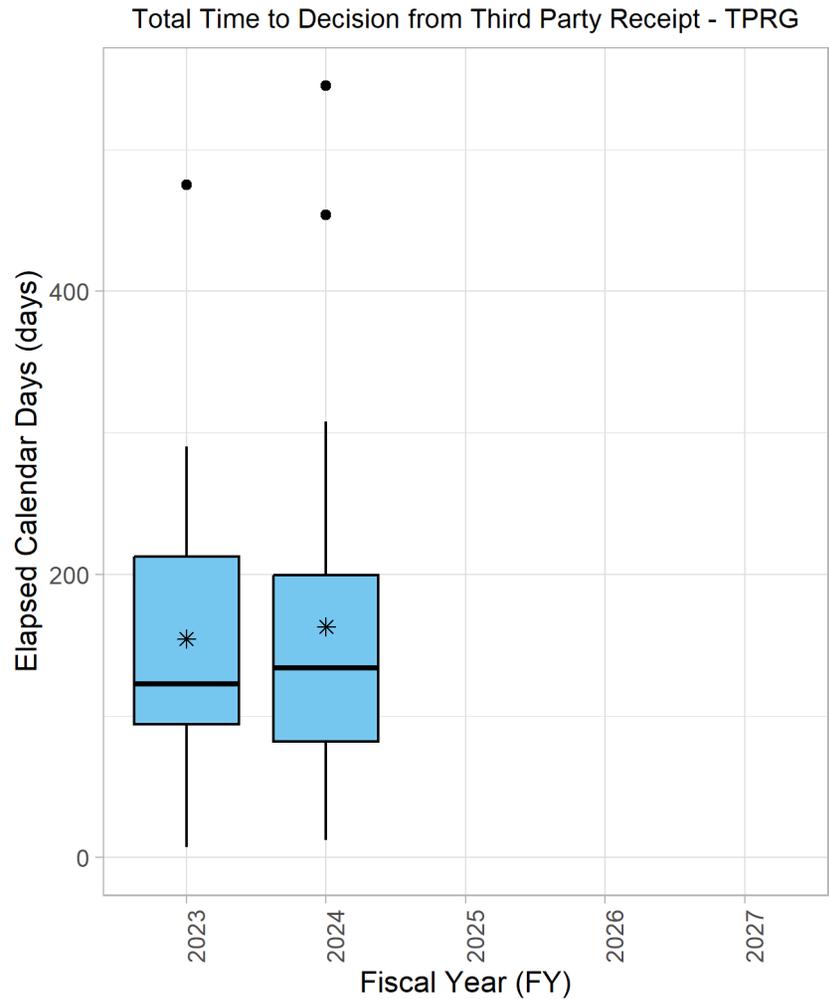


Figure 25



**Table 3.1:** Third Party 510(k) MDUFA V Decision Performance Goals - Third Party Review Group, LLC (TPRG).

Performance Metric	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027
Total Third Party 510(k) Submissions Accepted	21	24			
Non-MDUFA V Final Decisions: Withdrawn or Deleted (%)	1 (5%)	3 (12%)			
MDUFA V Final Decisions: SE or NSE (%)	20 (95%)	19 (79%)			
Pending Final Decision for less than 30 days (%)	0 (0%)	1 (4%)			
Pending Final Decision for more than 30 days (%)	0 (0%)	1 (4%)			
Current Performance: Third Party Submissions that received MDUFA V Final Decisions (SE or NSE) within 30 Days (%)	85%	90%			
<i>Average Holds</i>					
Third Party Submission with a Final Decision	21	22			
Total # Requests for Additional Information (Holds)	6	7			
Average # Requests for Additional Information per Submission	0.29	0.32			
<i>Third Party Recommendation and Final Decision Agreement</i>					
Third Party Submissions with a Final Decision	21	22			
Third Party SE Recommendations	21	22			
Third Party NSE Recommendations	0	0			
Third Party SE Recommendations with a Final Decision	21	22			
MDUFA V Final Decision					
SE	19	18			
NSE	1	1			
Non-MDUFA V Final Decision					
Withdrawn	1	3			
Deleted	0	0			
Third Party NSE Recommendations with a Final Decision	0	0			
MDUFA V Final Decision					
SE	0	0			
NSE	0	0			
Non-MDUFA V Final Decision					
Withdrawn	0	0			
Deleted	0	0			



**Table 3.2:** Third Party 510(k) MDUFA V Decision Performance Goals - Third Party Review Group, LLC (TPRG).

Performance Metric	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027
Average Initial Third Party Review Time (Days)	118	114			
25th Percentile Initial Third Party Review Time	58	33			
50th Percentile Initial Third Party Review Time	94	97			
75th Percentile Initial Third Party Review Time	148	142			
Maximum Initial Third Party Review Time	371	544			
Average Third Party Hold Time (Days)	9	27			
25th Percentile Third Party Hold Time	0	0			
50th Percentile Third Party Hold Time	0	0			
75th Percentile Third Party Hold Time	3	20			
Maximum Third Party Hold Time	81	180			
Average Total Third Party Review Time (Days)	127	140			
25th Percentile Total Third Party Review Time	69	54			
50th Percentile Total Third Party Review Time	94	107			
75th Percentile Total Third Party Review Time	166	183			
Maximum Total Third Party Review Time	405	544			
Average Total FDA Review Time (Days)	28	23			
25th Percentile Total FDA Review Time	10	1			
50th Percentile Total FDA Review Time	29	27			
75th Percentile Total FDA Review Time	30	29			
Maximum Total FDA Review Time	118	122			
Average Total Time to Decision from FDA Receipt (Days)	37	49			
25th Percentile Total TTD from FDA Receipt	10	1			
50th Percentile Total TTD from FDA Receipt	29	27			
75th Percentile Total TTD from FDA Receipt	32	53			
Maximum Total TTD from FDA Receipt	199	302			
Average Total Time to Decision from Third Party Receipt (Days)	155	163			
25th Percentile Total TTD from Third Party Receipt	91	82			
50th Percentile Total TTD from Third Party Receipt	123	134			
75th Percentile Total TTD from Third Party Receipt	215	200			
Maximum Total TTD from Third Party Receipt	475	545			