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Dear Sir/Madam

You asked:

1. For the 4 months from September to December 2022, how many patients received the following anti-VEGF treatments for any eye condition:

Aflibercept - 1275

Bevacizumab - 22

Brolucizumab - 25

Dexamethasone – 27 (intravitreal implants)

Faricimab - 13

Ranibizumab – Lucentis – 461

Ranibizumab – Ongavia – 0

Answers are the total number of packs issued – if patients revisit within the period, then this figure would count them multiple times

2. For the patients above, how many were new to anti-VEGF therapy? Please provide the patient numbers by the treatments listed below, excluding patients who previously had any anti-VEGF therapy

Treatment	Total Patient	New Patient
Aflibercept (Eylea)	720	63
Bevacizumab (Avastin)	36	<5
Brolucizumab (Beovu)	12	0
Dexamethasone	<5	0
Dexamethasone (Ozurdex)	46	<5
Ranibizumab (Lucentis)	319	13

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Yours sincerely,



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