

Yuma Cantaloupe Trial

Spring 2024

Syngenta Retrosal

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Planted: 3/15/24

Harvest 1: 6/11

Harvest 2: 6/14

Fertilization Plan

Phos Acid added through drip at seeding 13.3 GAL/AC

UAN-32:

Application A: 15# N, 3/25/24

Application B: 35# N, 4/9/24

Application C: 50# N, 5/16/24

Stand Count: 4/18

NDVI_1: 4/24

NDVI_2: 5/8

NDVI_3: 5/20

Photos 1: 5/20

Rye grass cover crop grown without nutrition. Mown and biomass removed.

Drip tape cut 3/18 and manifolds installed.

UAN-32 In-season (100% N values below)

App A: 15 #N

App B: 35 #N

App C: 50 #N

Cantaloupe Variety: Harris Moran Deluxe F1

Trial Details

Four Treatments:

1. UTC
2. Retrosal, 1 gal/ac, 1 app
3. Retrosal, 1 gal/ac, 2 apps
4. Retrosal, 1 gal/ac, 3 apps

Replications: 6

App dates:

A: 4/8

B: 4/30

C: 5/20

Drop 1311 for low stand count

Trial Summary

- Early canopy measurements with NDVI showed minimal differences among treatments until the final measurement where differences between treatment groups were observed.
- Abiotic stress measurements inconclusive.
- Harvest weights were similar but circumference followed similar trend as final NDVI
- Higher doses matured a little quicker (higher slip numbers)
- More marketable fruit in high rate of Retrosal

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Retrosal trial to reduce salt

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 Protocol ID: Cantaloupe Retrosal Spring2024 Location: Yuma Arizona Trial Year: 2024
 Project ID: Cantaloupe Retrosal Spring2024
 Study Director: Robert Masson Sponsor Contact:
 Investigator:

Trial Map Treatment Description

Trt	Code	Description
1	CHK	UTC
2		Retrosal, 1 app 1 GAL/A
3		Retrosal, 2 apps 1 GAL/A
4		Retrosal, 3 apps 1 GAL/A



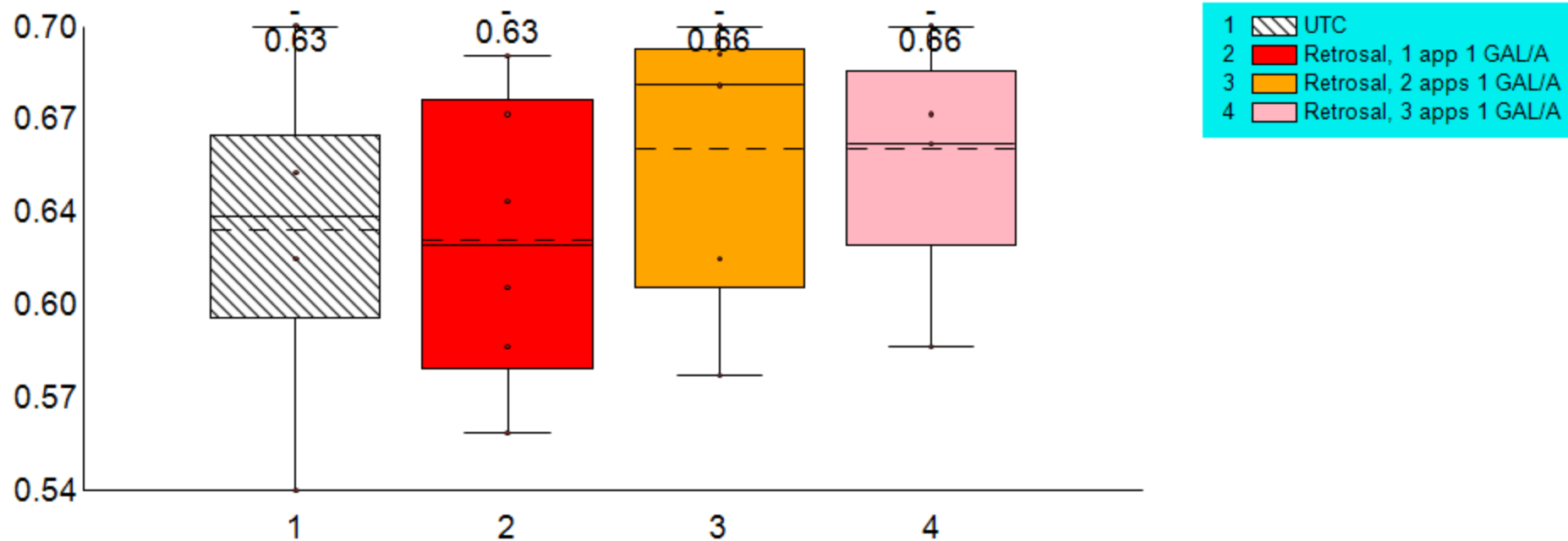
Irrigation

Irrigation Date	Amount	Unit	Method
Mar-15-2024	0.5	IN	Sprinkler (set herbicide)
Mar-18-2024	0.372	IN	Drip irrigation system (phos)
Mar-26-2024	0.465	IN	drip irrigation system
Mar-30-2024	0.18	IN	rain
Mar-31-2024	0.129	IN	rain
Apr-1-2024	0.14	IN	rain
Apr-4-2024	0.186	IN	drip irrigation system
Apr-8-2024	0.186	IN	drip irrigation system
Apr-12-2024	0.186	IN	drip irrigation system
Apr-18-2024	0.186	IN	drip irrigation system
Apr-23-2024	0.186	IN	drip irrigation system
Apr-26-2024	0.186	IN	drip irrigation system
Apr-30-2024	0.186	IN	drip irrigation system
May-7-2024	0.372	IN	drip irrigation system
May-13-2024	0.372	IN	drip irrigation system
May-14-2024	0.372	IN	drip irrigation system
May-20-2024	0.372	IN	drip irrigation system
May-21-2024	0.372	IN	drip irrigation system
May-25-2024	0.744	IN	drip irrigation system
May-28-2024	0.744	IN	drip irrigation system
May-31-2024	0.744	IN	drip irrigation system
June-1-2024	0.744	IN	drip irrigation system
June-4-2024	0.744	IN	drip irrigation system
Total Water Use	8.66	IN	

Drip tape dug on 31' increments and cut to form 30' beds one row wide
Injections made with battery pump and 15 gallon tank filled to 5 gallon mark.



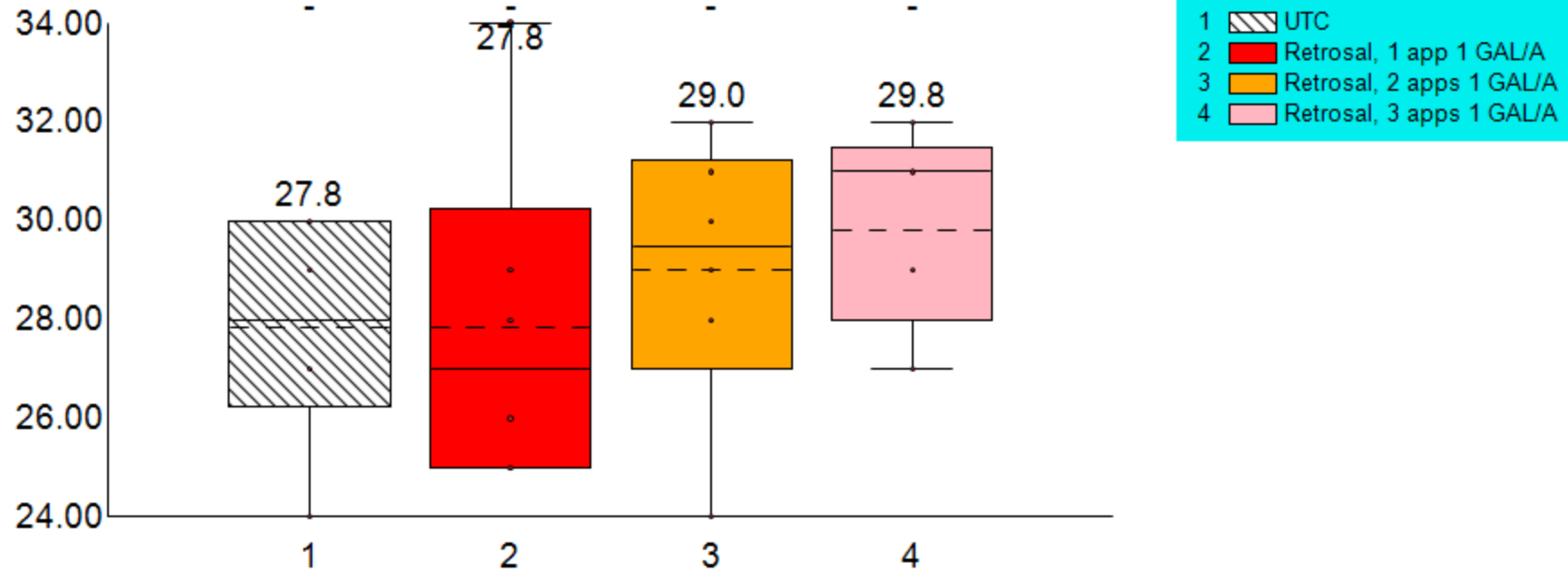
Retrosal trial to reduce salt. NDVI_1



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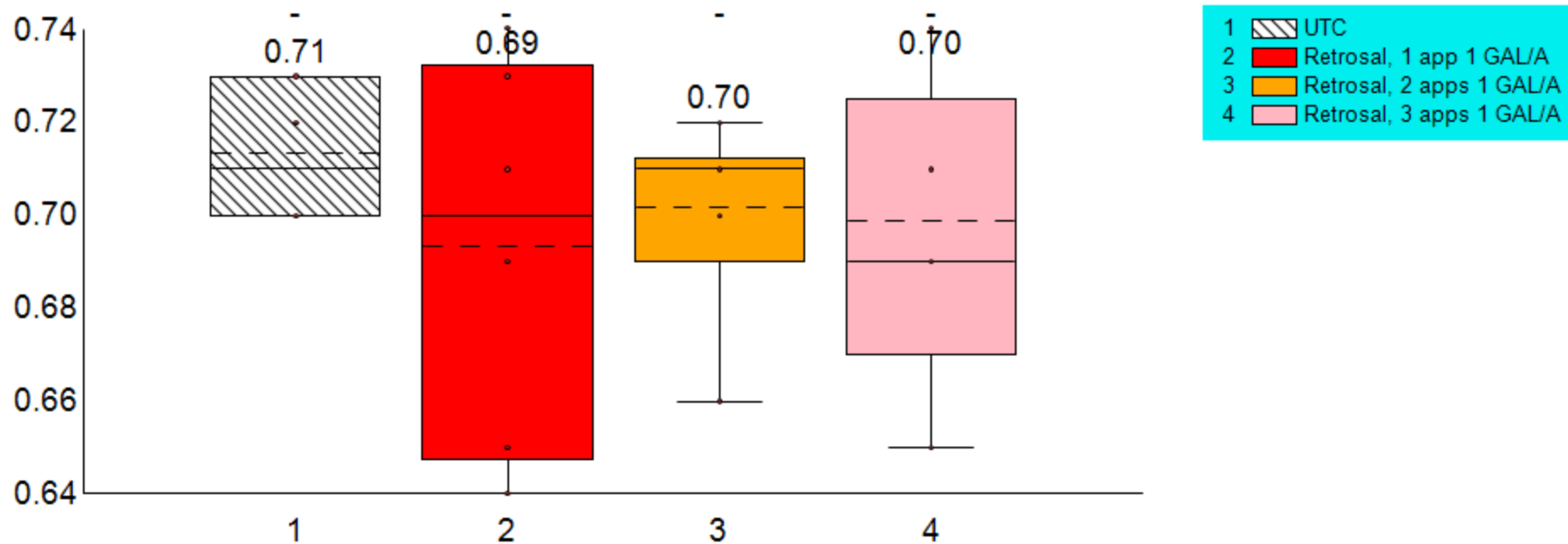
Retrosal trial to reduce salt. Stand Count

Stand Count



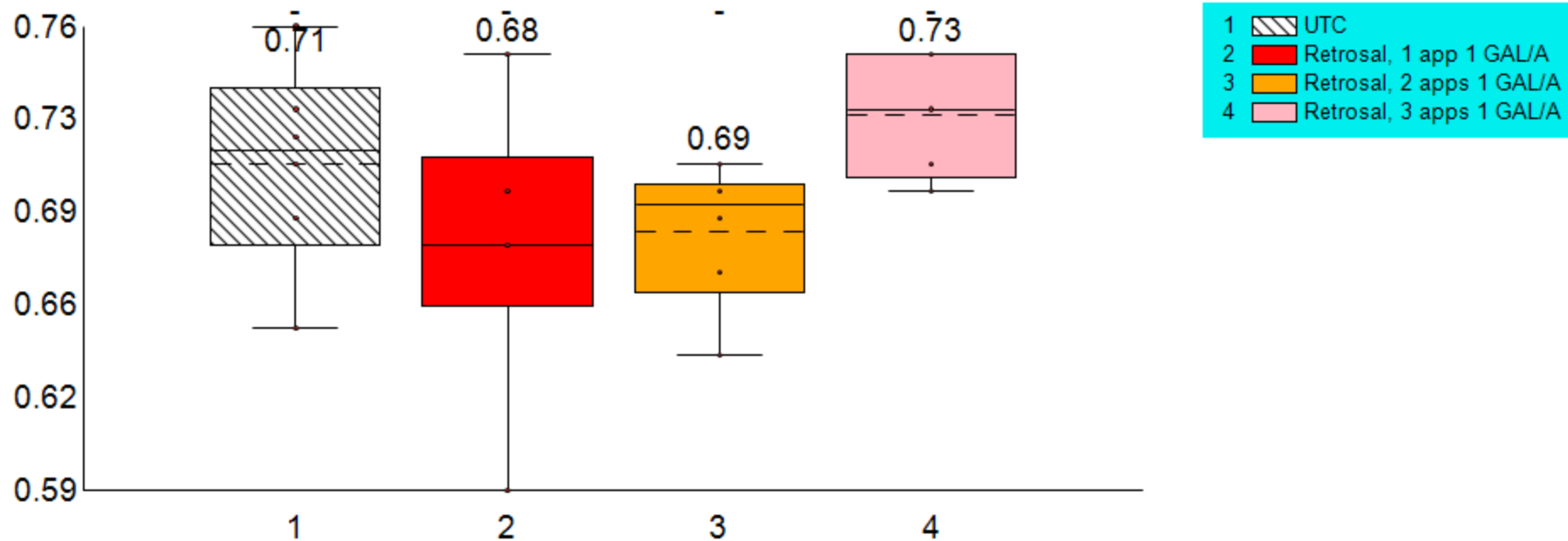
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Retrosal trial to reduce salt. NDVI_2

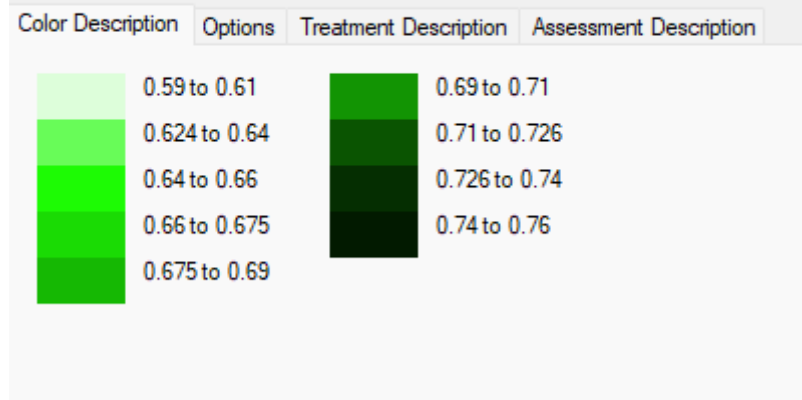
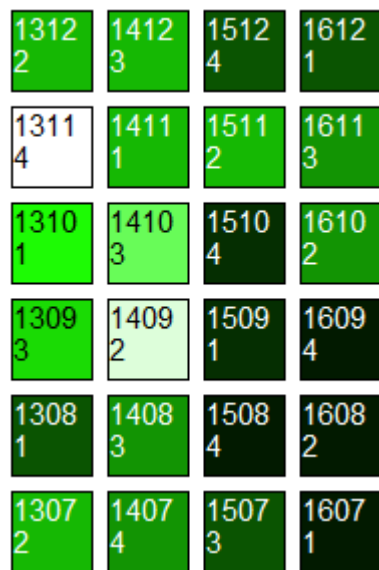


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Retrosal trial to reduce salt. NDVI_3



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NDVI_3 field distribution

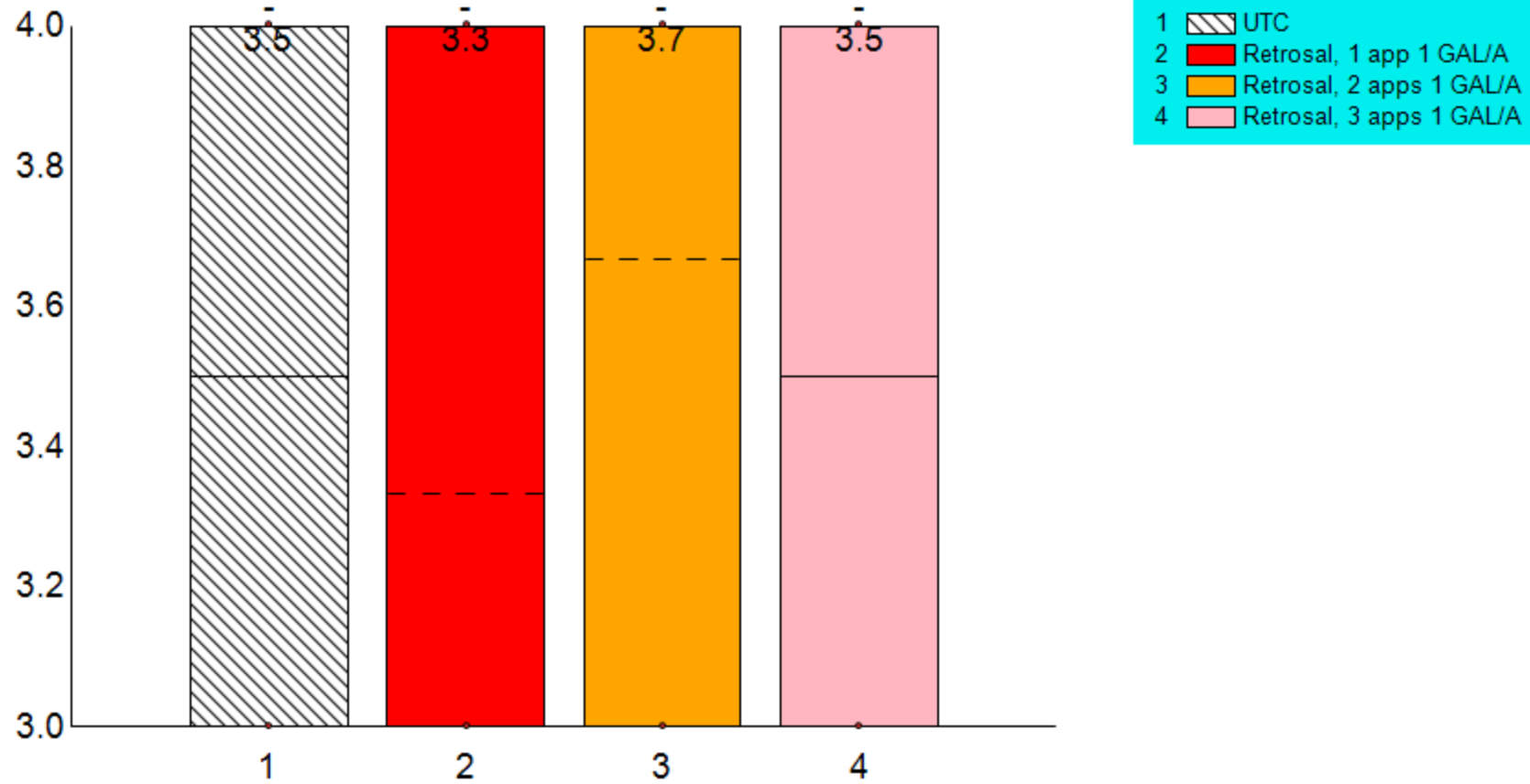
Abiotic Stress Rating

- 1-5
- 1 = No stress
- 5 = High Stress

- 4/8
- 4/22
- 5/9
- 5/22

Retrosal Yuma Cantaloupe Trial. Abiotic Stress Measurements

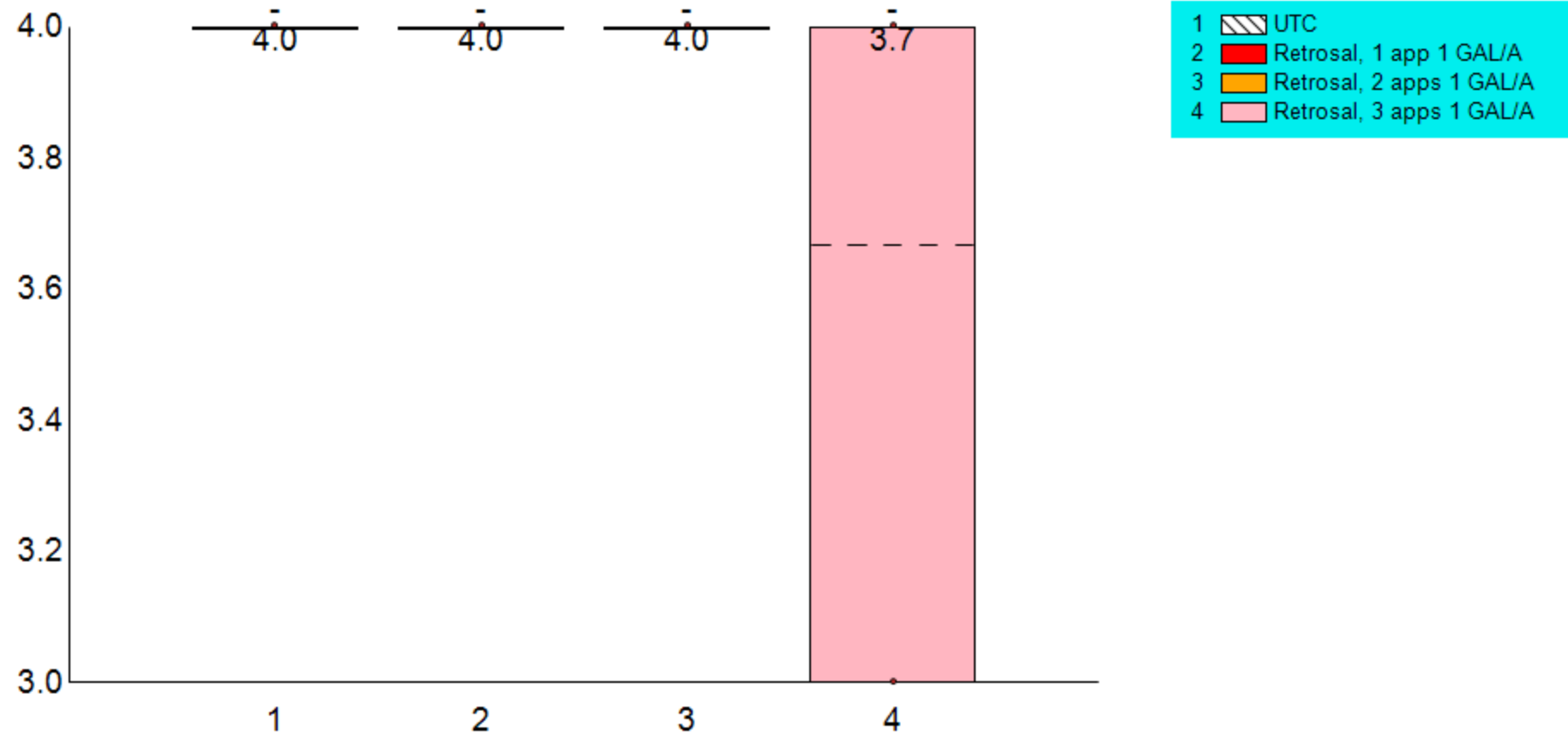
1-5 Visual Rating



Abiotic_Stress_1

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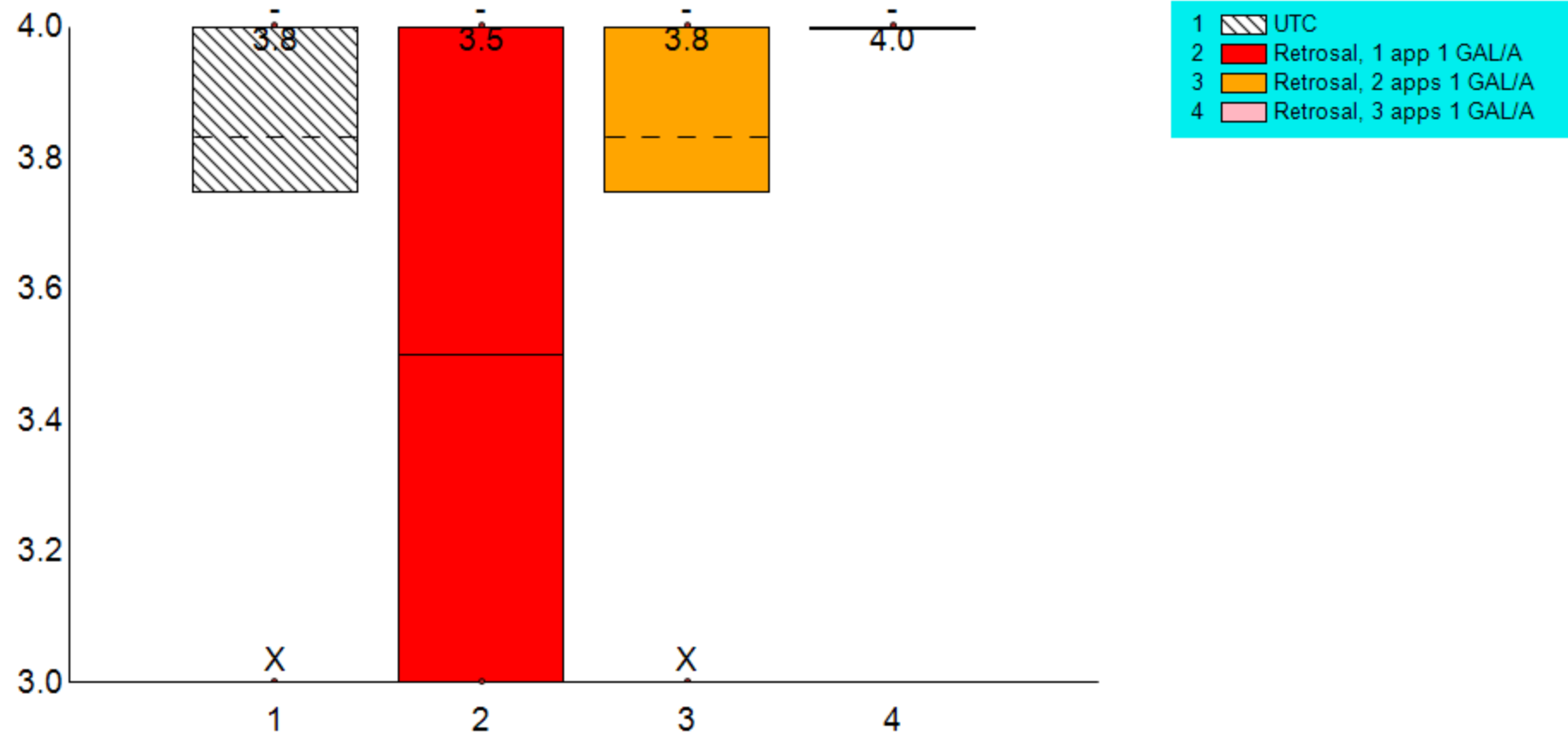
Retrosal Yuma Cantaloupe Trial. Abiotic Stress Measurements



Abiotic_Stress_2

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Retrosal Yuma Cantaloupe Trial. Abiotic Stress Measurements



Abiotic_Stress_3

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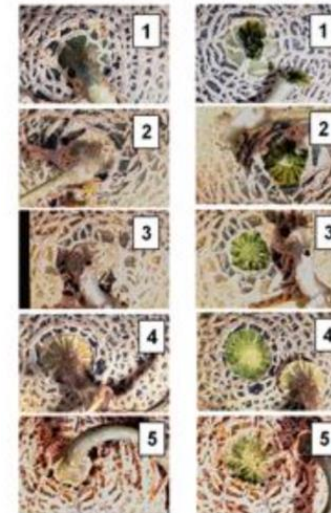
Harvest

- Two picking dates
- All ripe fruit was picked in the plot on the first harvest.
- All fruit ripe or unripe was picked on second harvest,
- Each fruit was individually weighed, sized, and rated for maturity
- A subsample of three melons per plot were tested for brix
- Yield reported as cartons per acre of marketable fruit broken into carton size grades.



Harvest (Cont.)

- Slip measures ripeness:
 - 0 = No slip (not ripe)
 - 1 = $\frac{1}{4}$ slip
 - 2 = $\frac{1}{2}$ slip
 - 3 = $\frac{3}{4}$ slip
 - 4 = full slip (very ripe)



“Slip” & Cantaloupe Ripeness

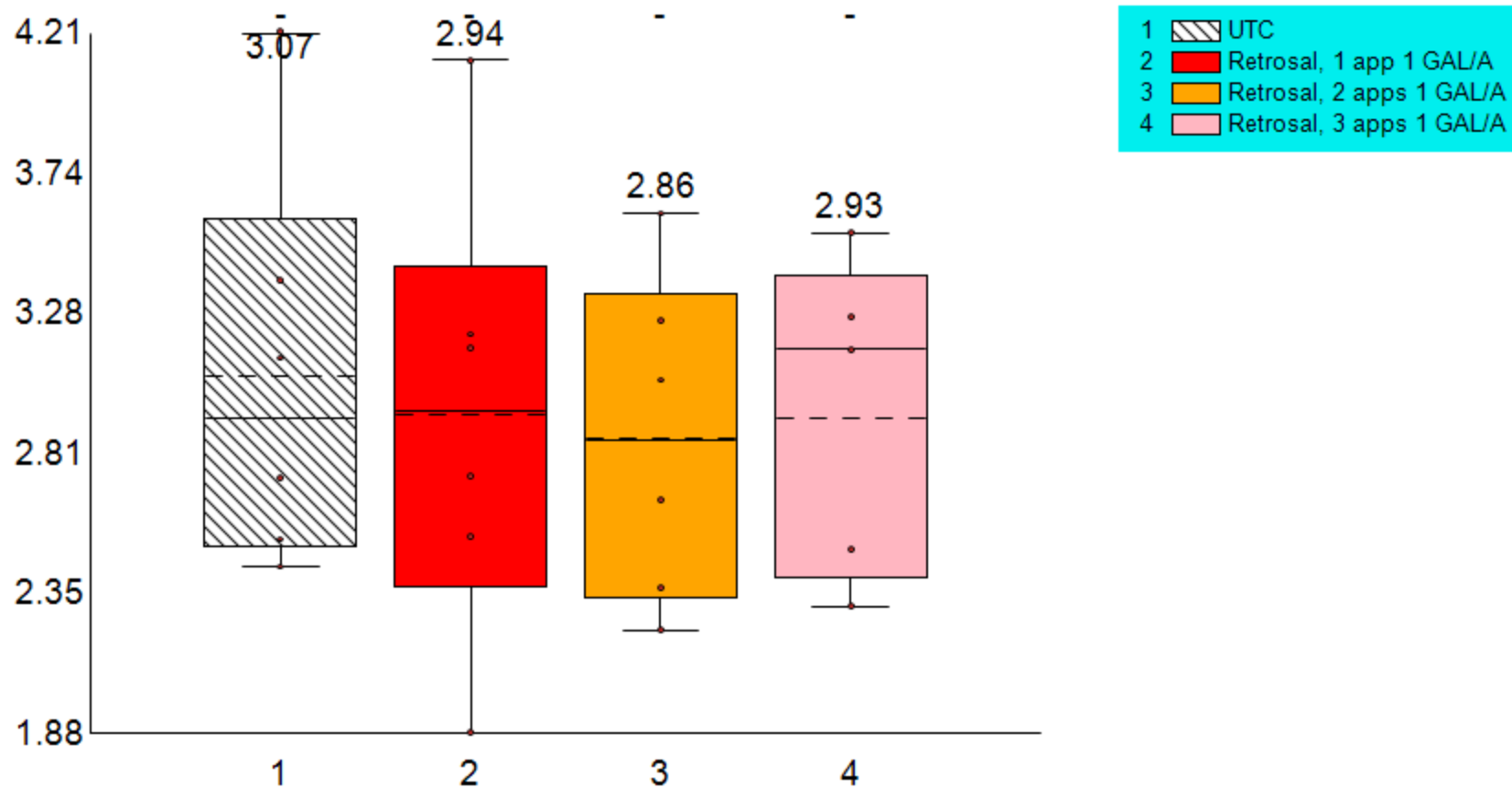
1. Full size melon, no slip; “pull” fruit.
2. Slip just starting, near $\frac{1}{4}$ slip. Requires high thumb force to push stem from fruit
3. $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{3}{4}$ slip; melon can be pushed with moderate thumb pressure from stem.
4. Full slip; stem scar with fresh appearance; stem easily pushed from fruit
5. Slip occurred day prior; very dry stem end; melon may be soft.

<https://postharvest.ucdavis.edu/produce-facts-sheets/cantaloupe>

- The number of fruit with blemishes on them, either ground spots or sunburn, were counted and reported as sunburn
- The number of visually marketable fruit was counted and reported as ‘keepers’
- The final carton yield was calculated based on formula that converted melon circumference into carton grade size.

Retrosal Yuma Cantaloupe Trial. Individual Melon Weights

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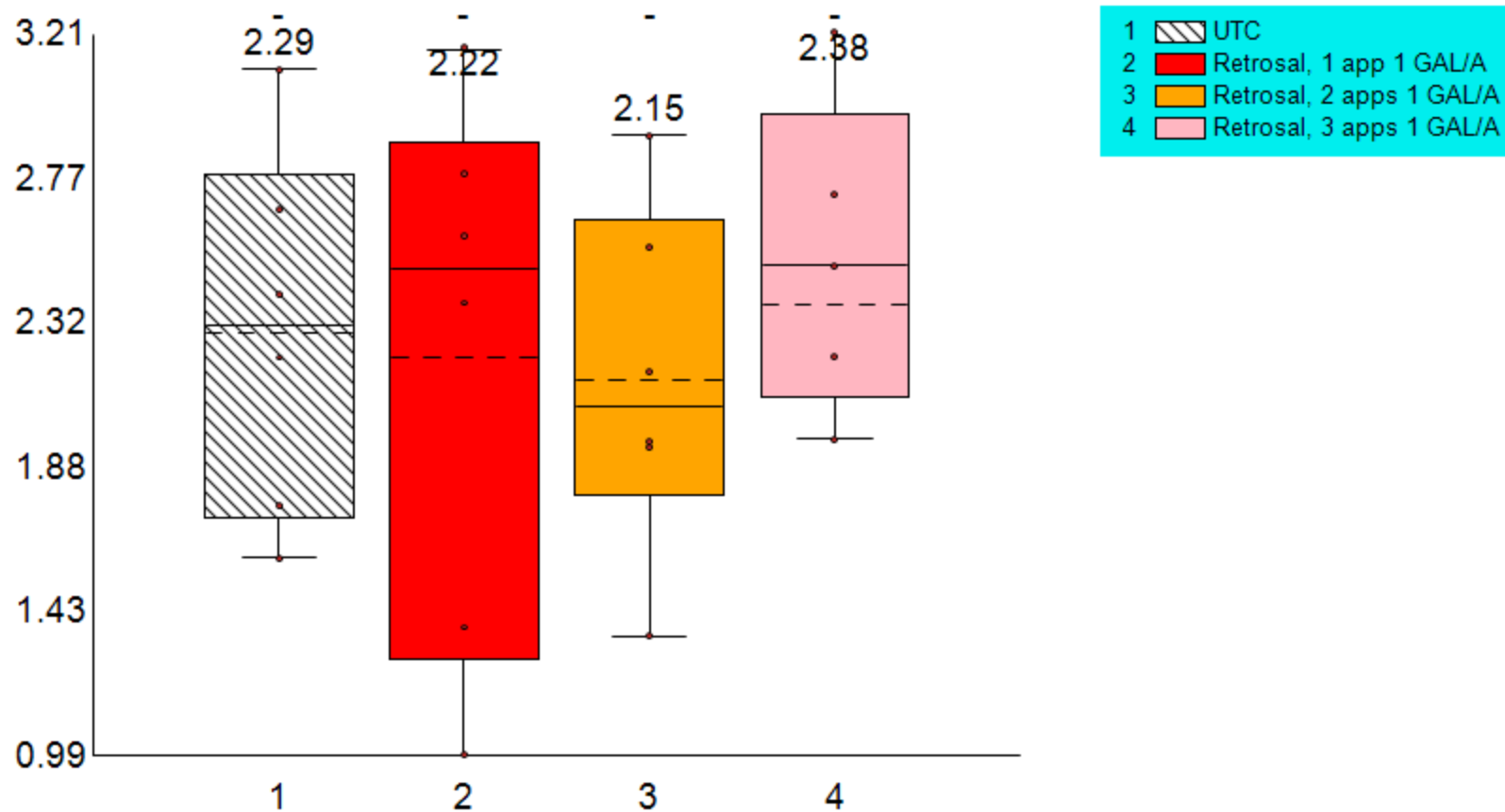


First_Har_Weight

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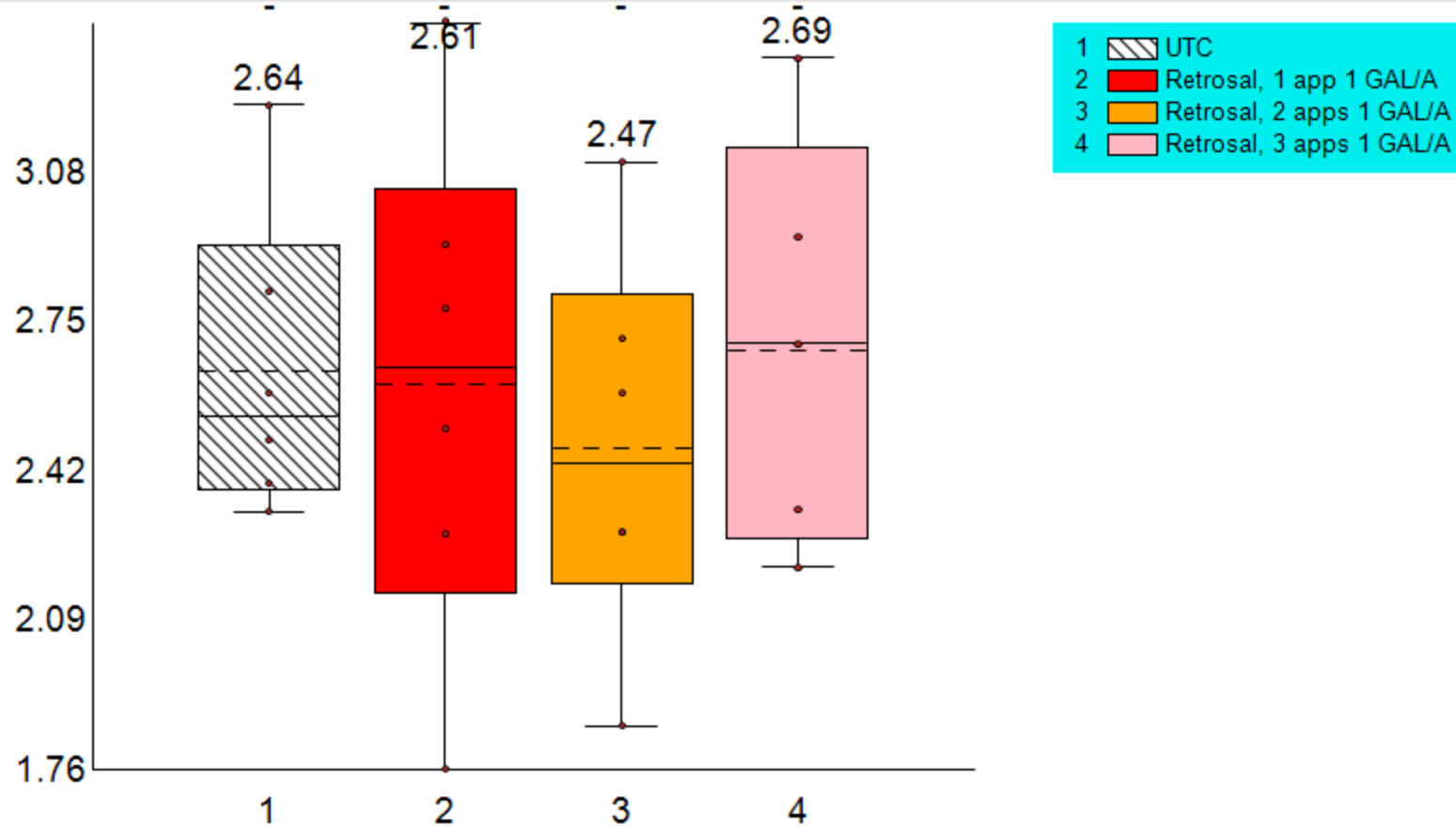


Second_Har_Weight

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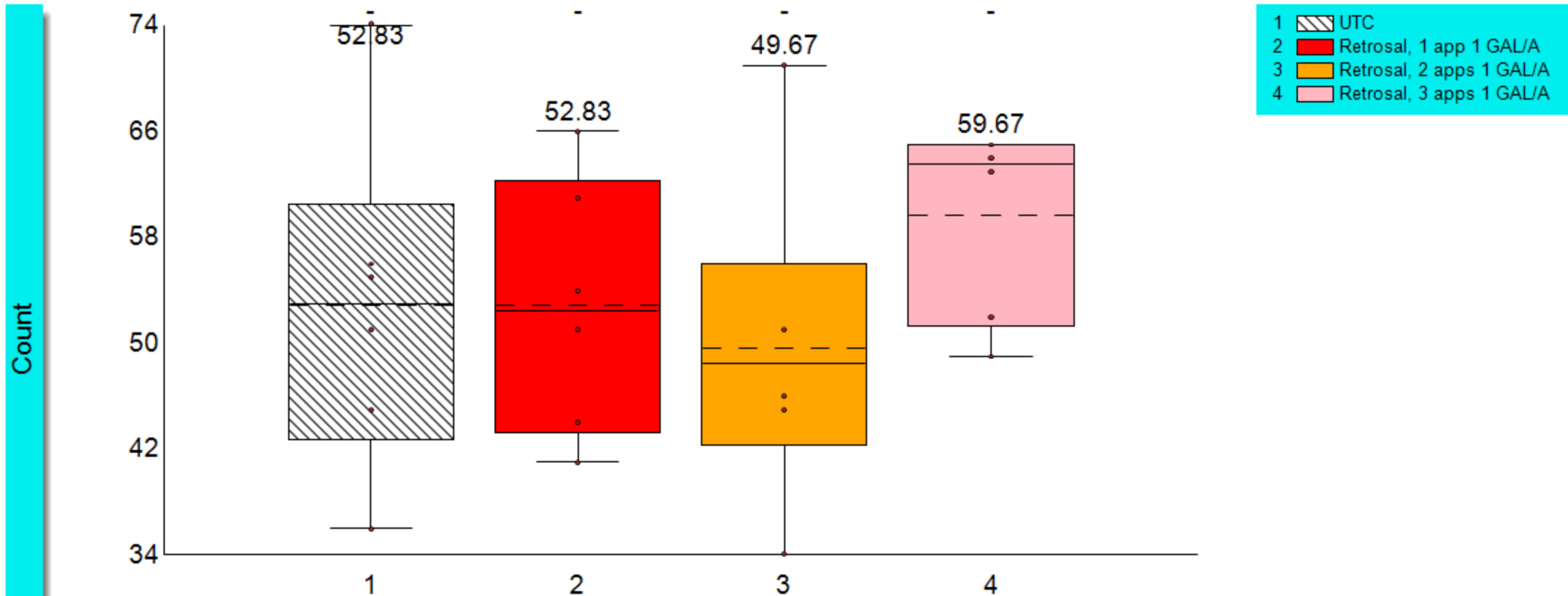
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Combined_Har_Weight

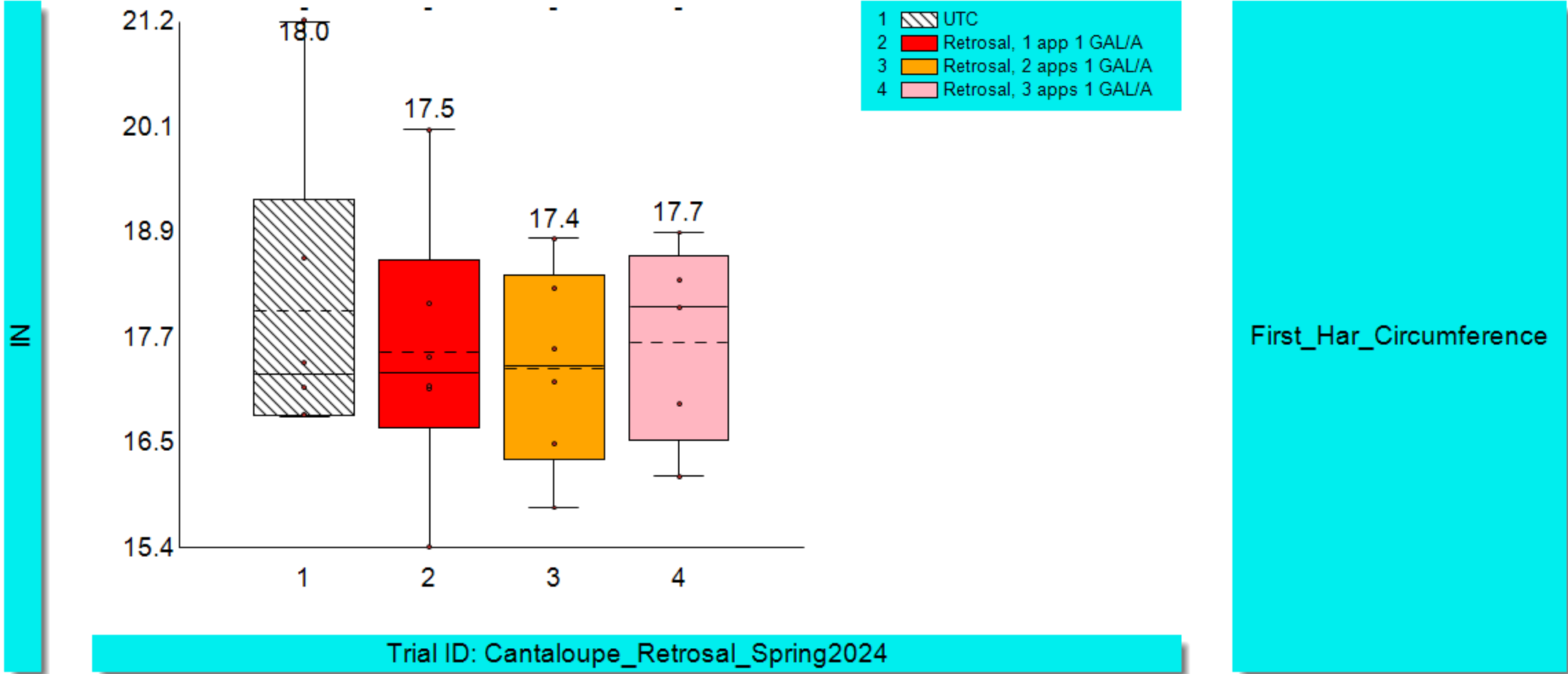
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Retrosal Yuma Cantaloupe. Count of Melons per Plot (count of combined weights)



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Retrosal Yuma Cantaloupe Trial. Individual Melon Size

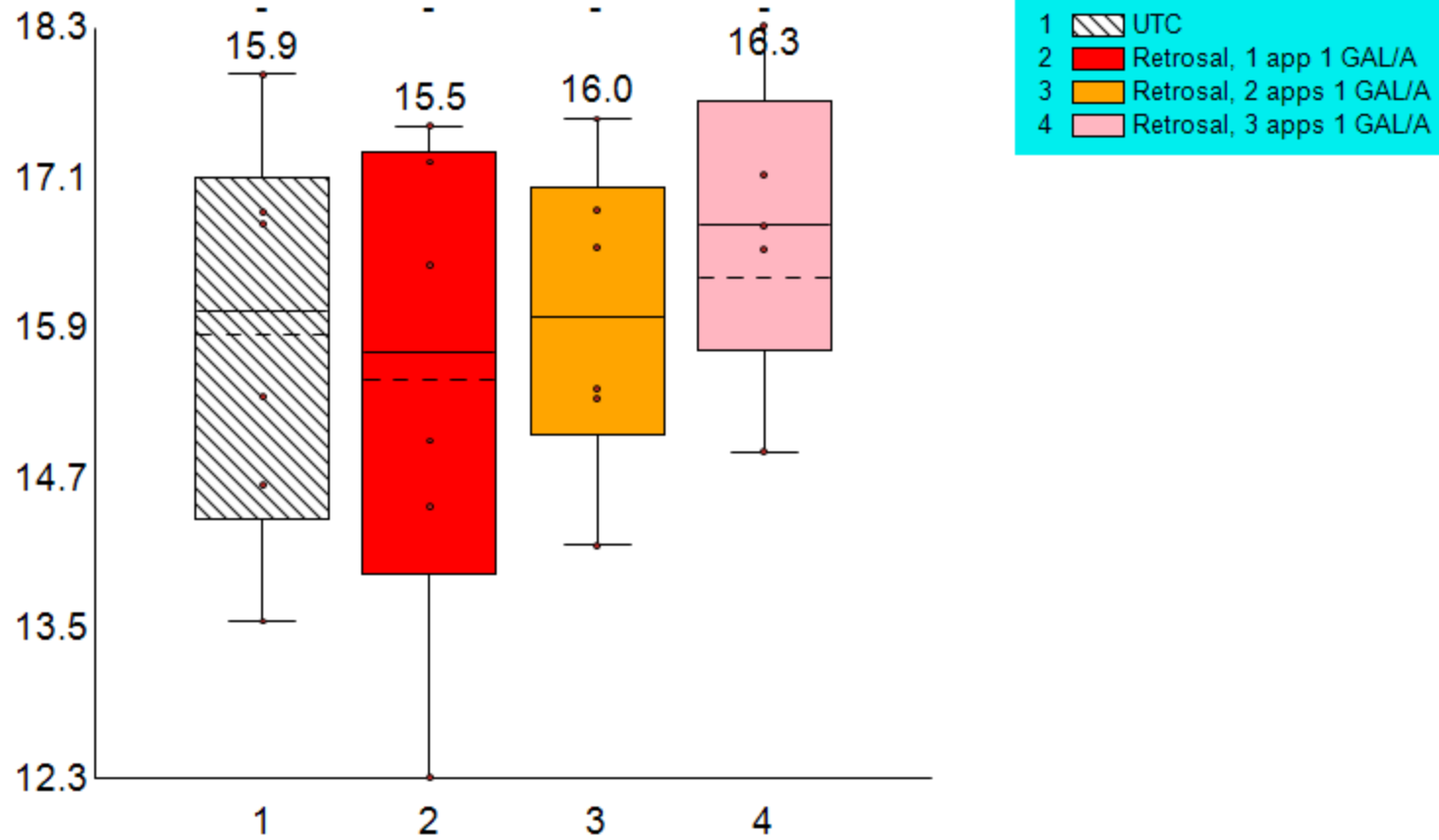


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First_Har_Circumference

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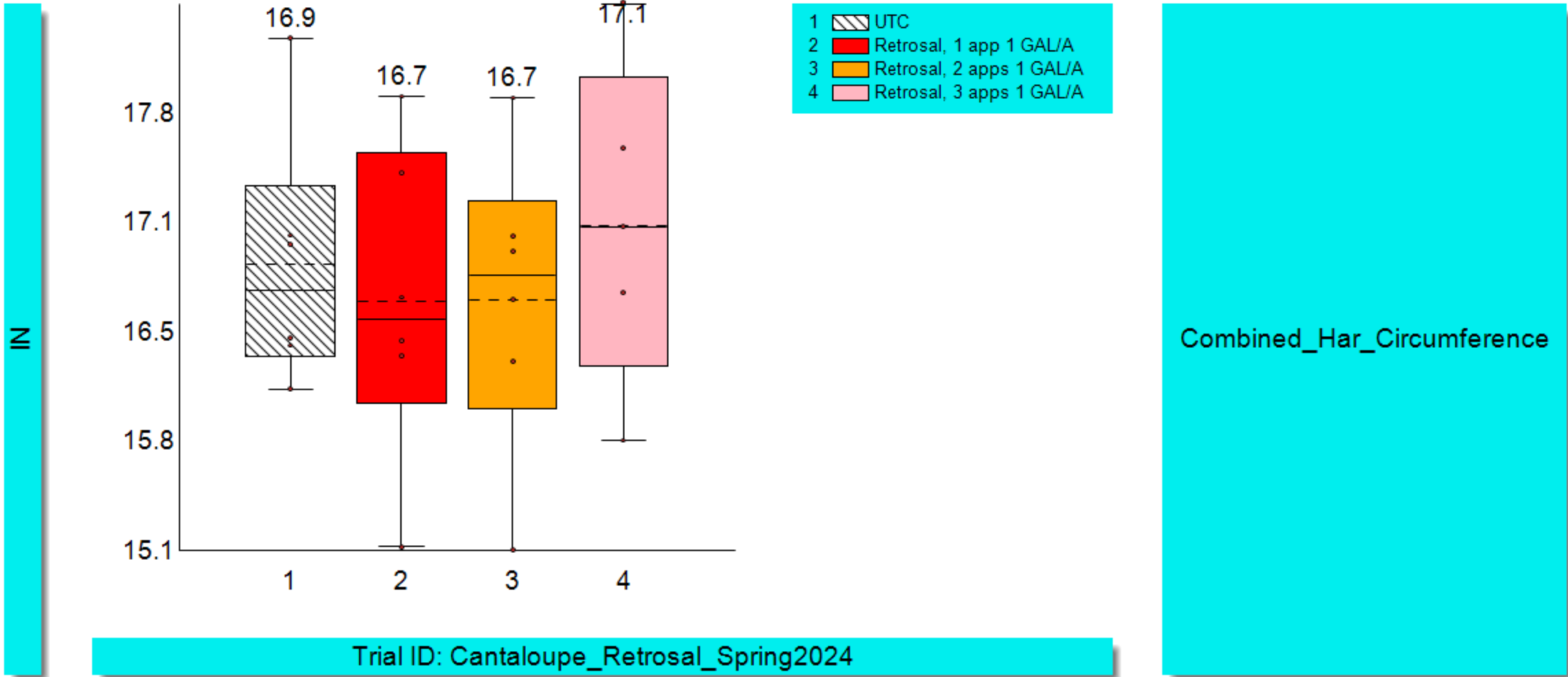
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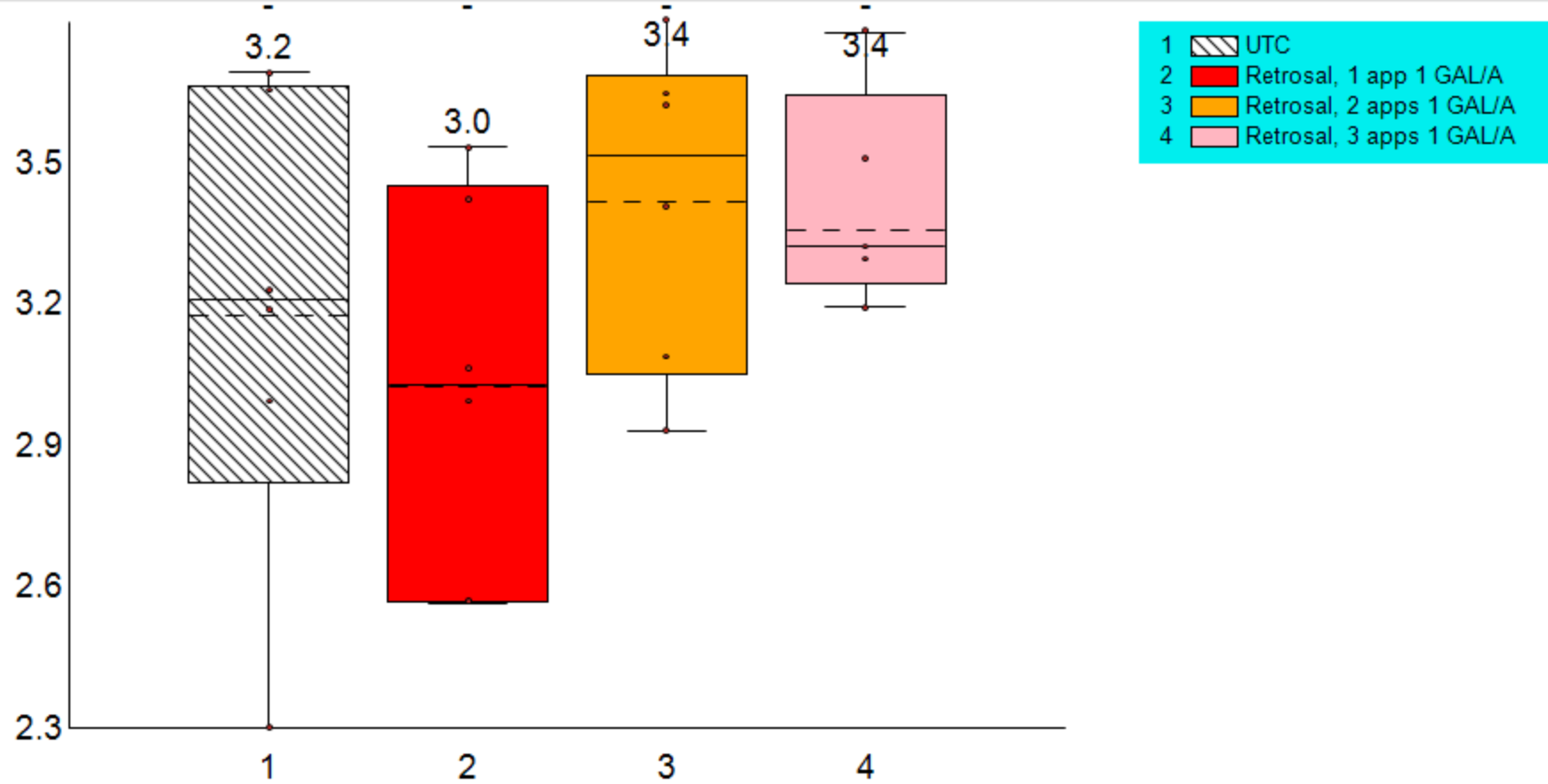
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Retrosal Yuma Cantaloupe Trial. Individual Melon Maturity

Rating

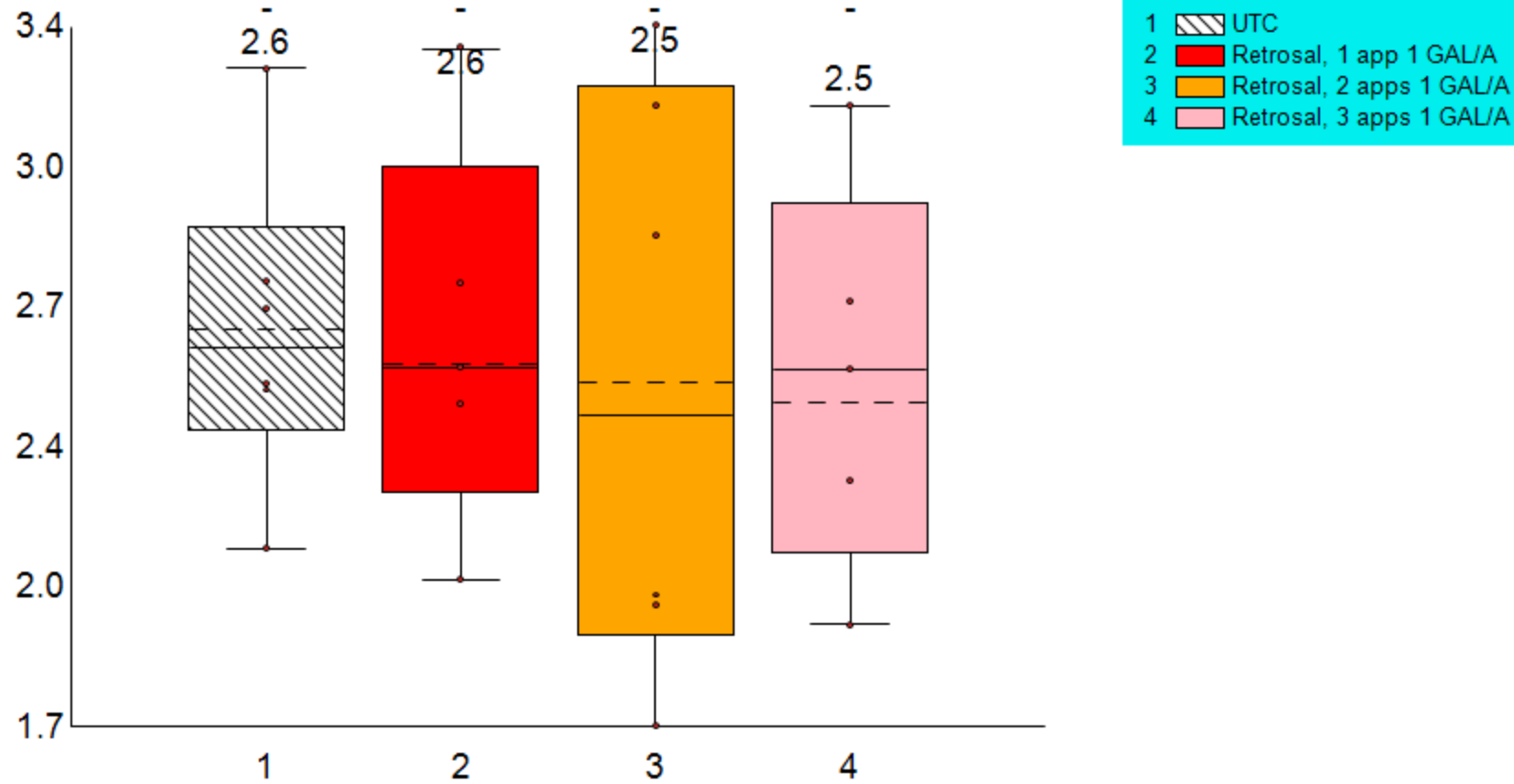


First_Har_Slip

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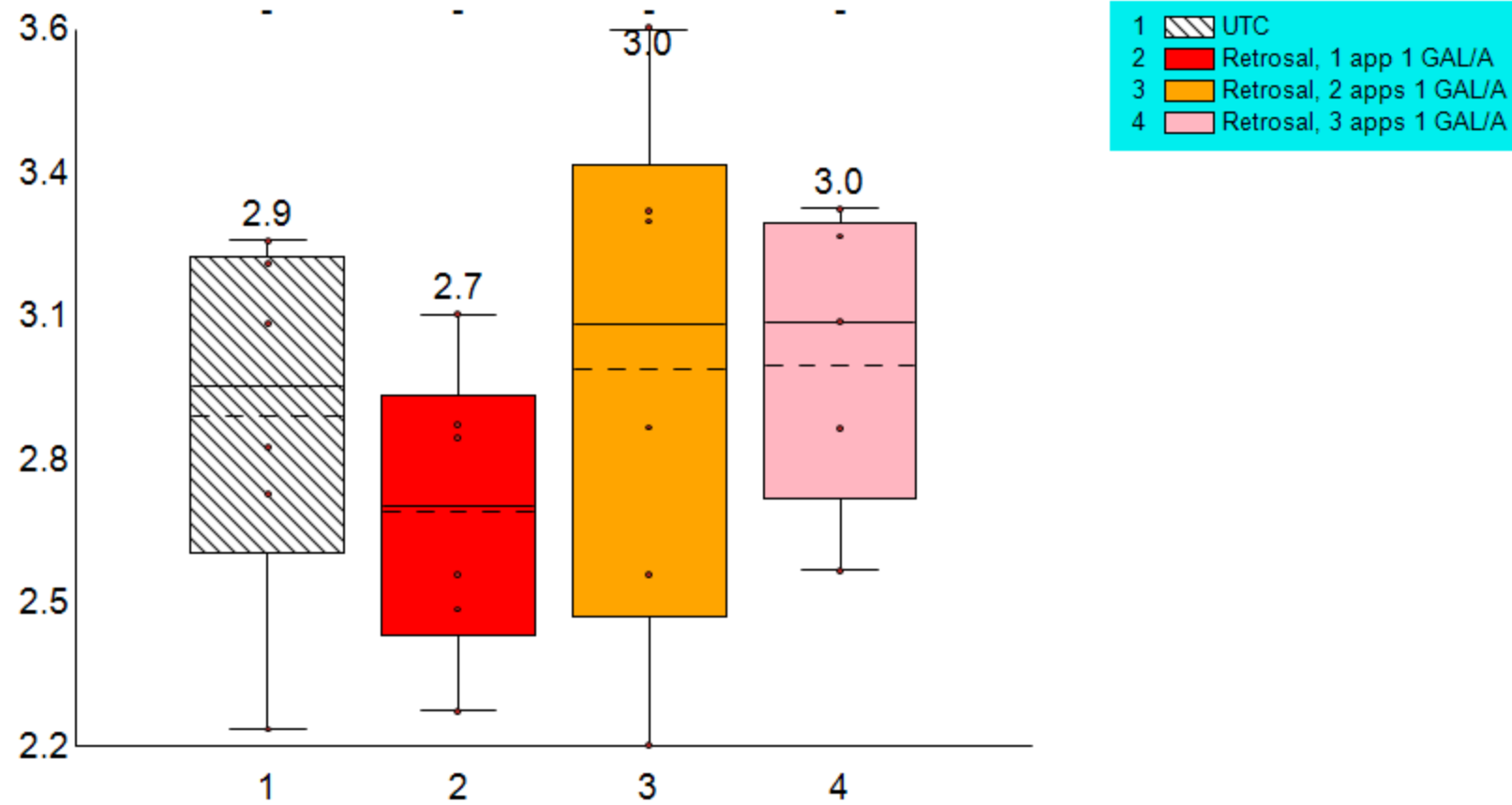


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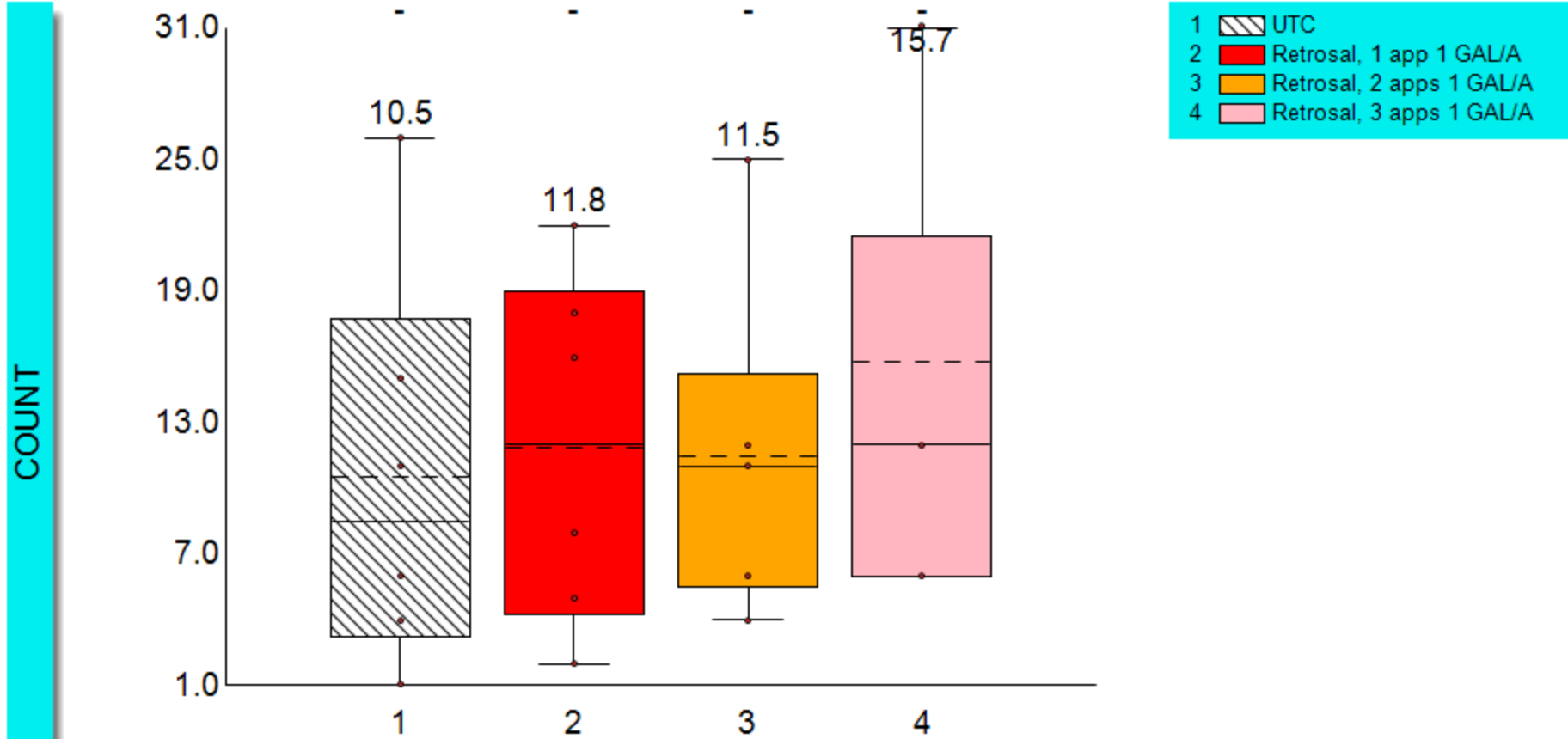
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Combined_Har_Slip

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Retrosal Yuma Cantaloupe Trial. Number of Sunburned per Plot

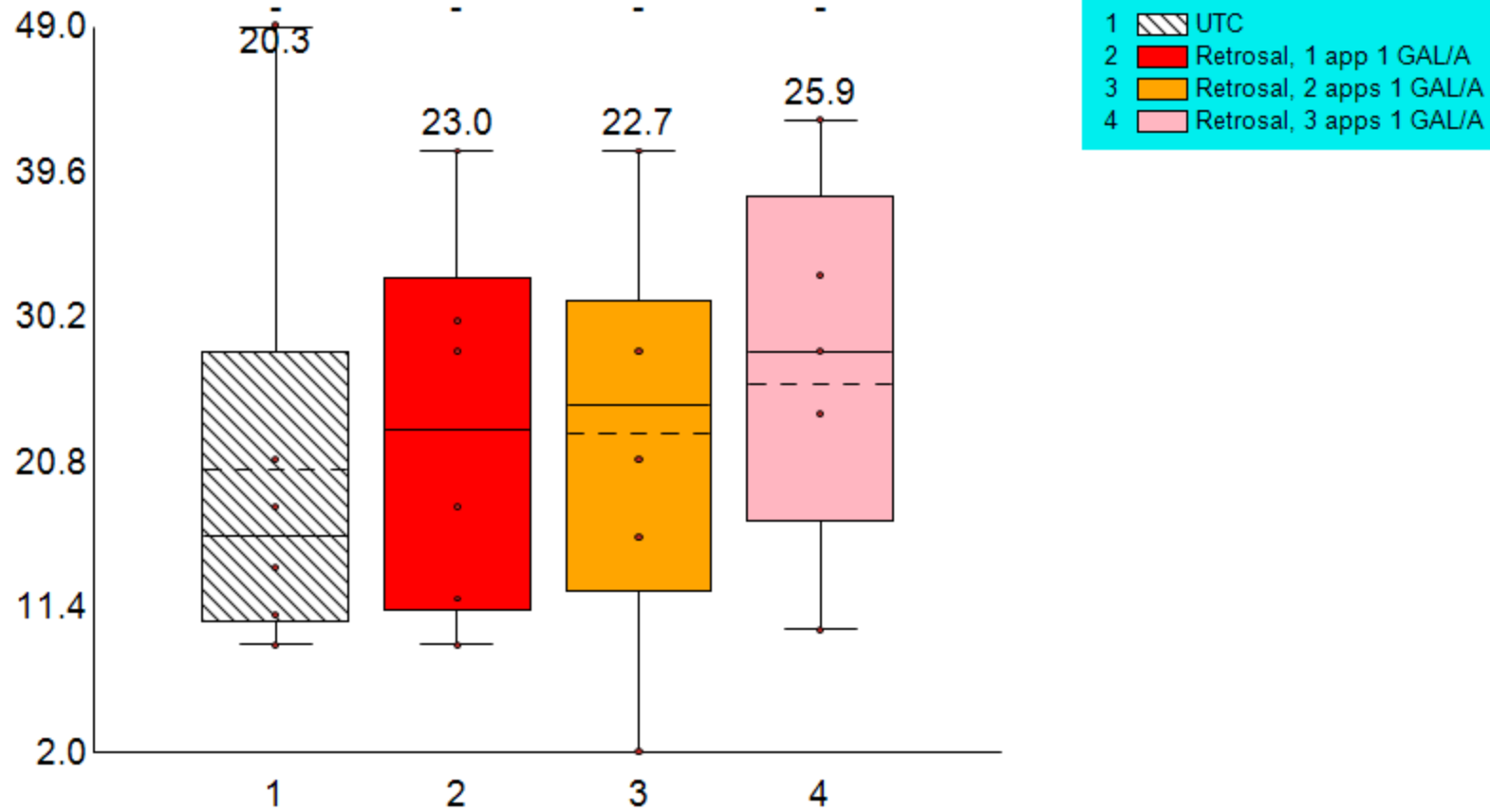


First_Har_Sunburn

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COUNT

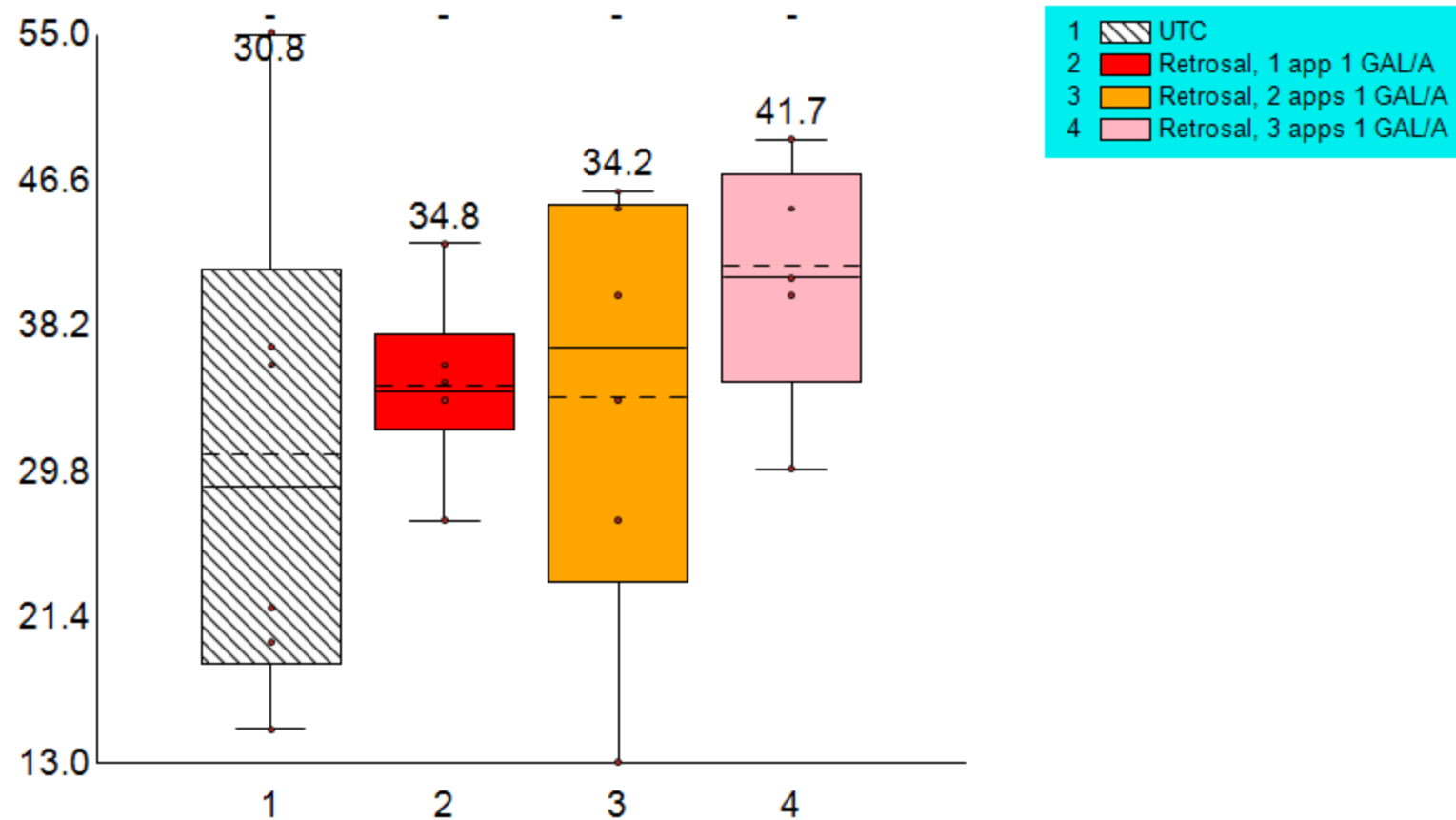


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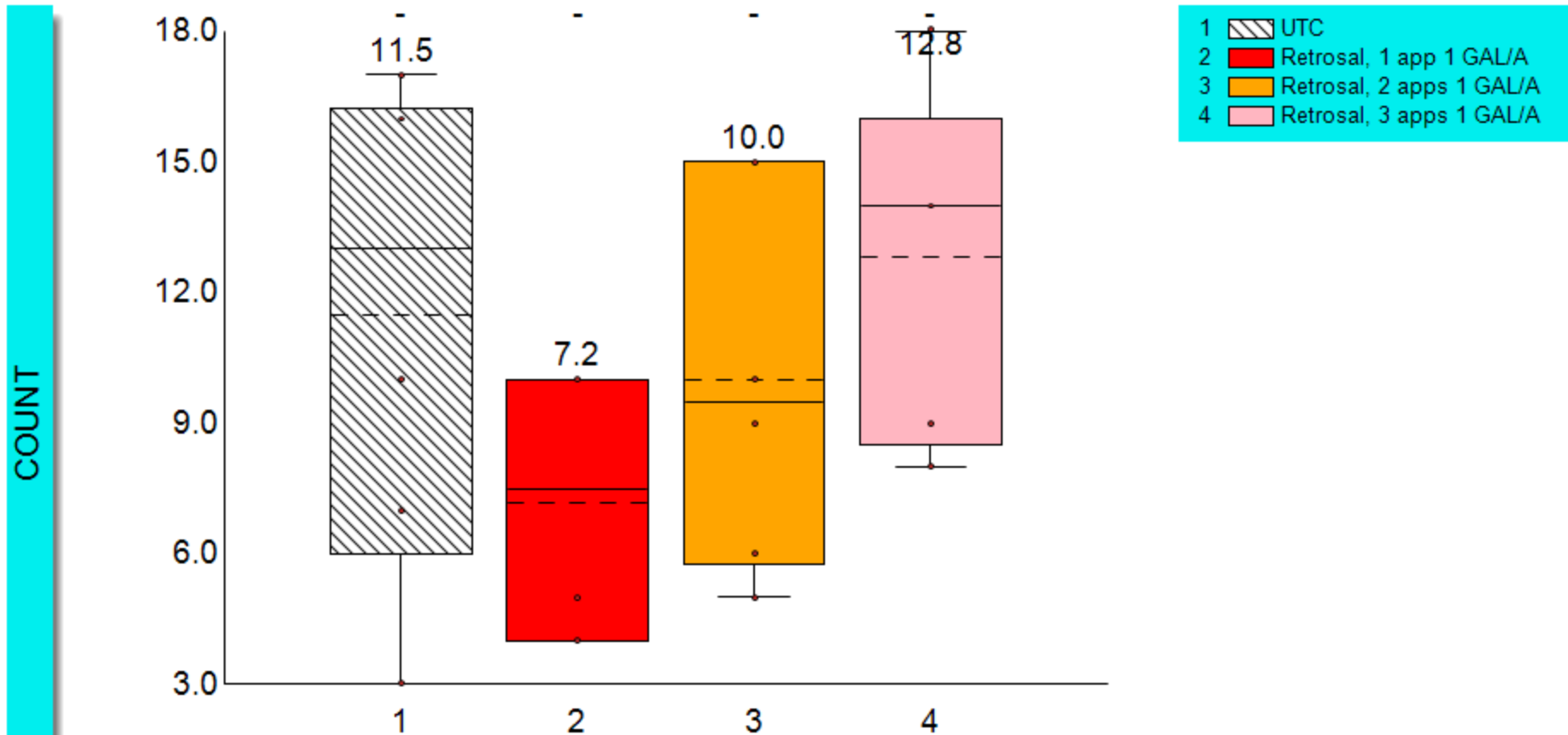
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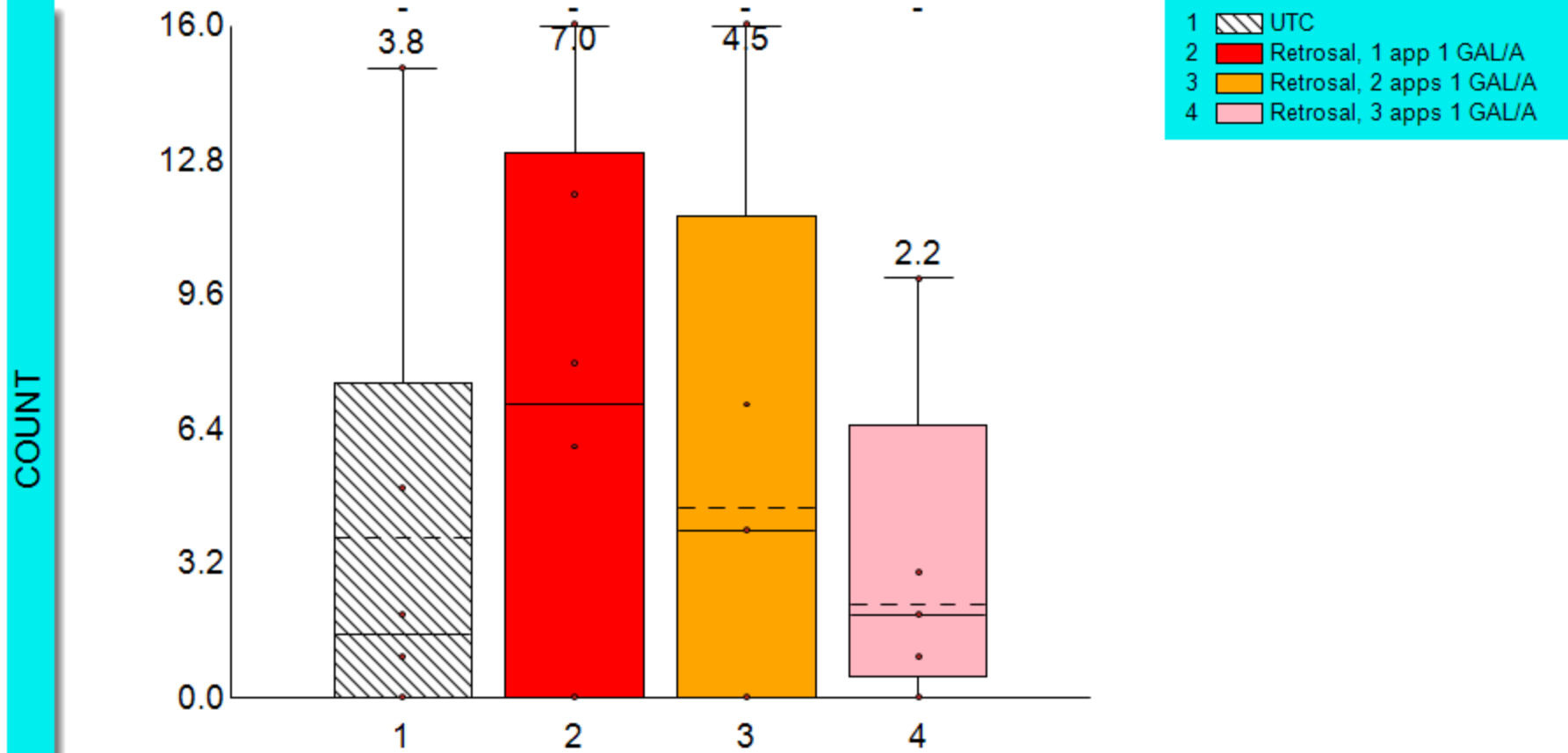
Retrosal Yuma Cantaloupe Trial. Number of 'Keepers' per Plot



First_Har_Keeper

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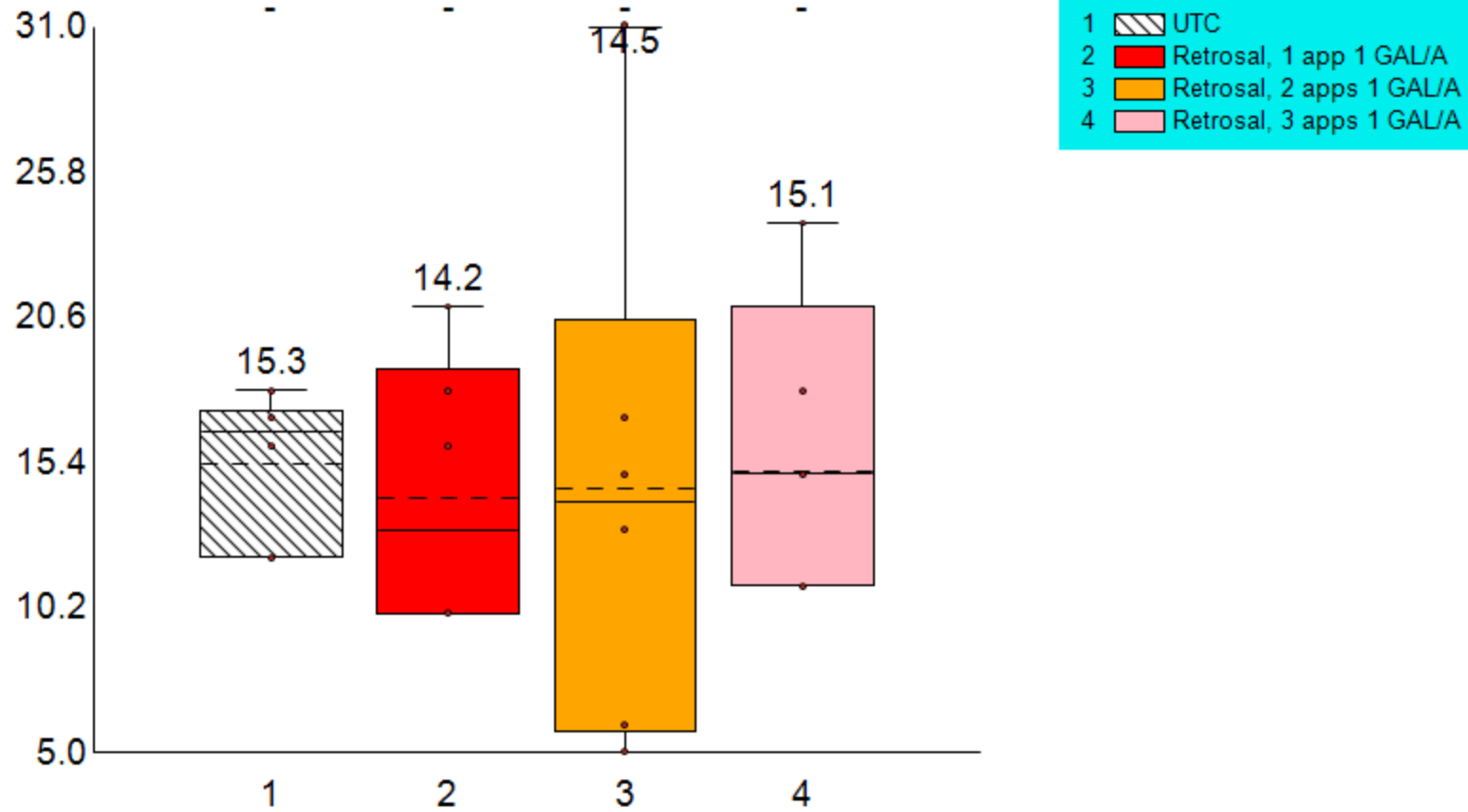


Second_Har_Keeper

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Retrosal Yuma Cantaloupe Trial. Number of 'Keepers' per Plot

COUNT

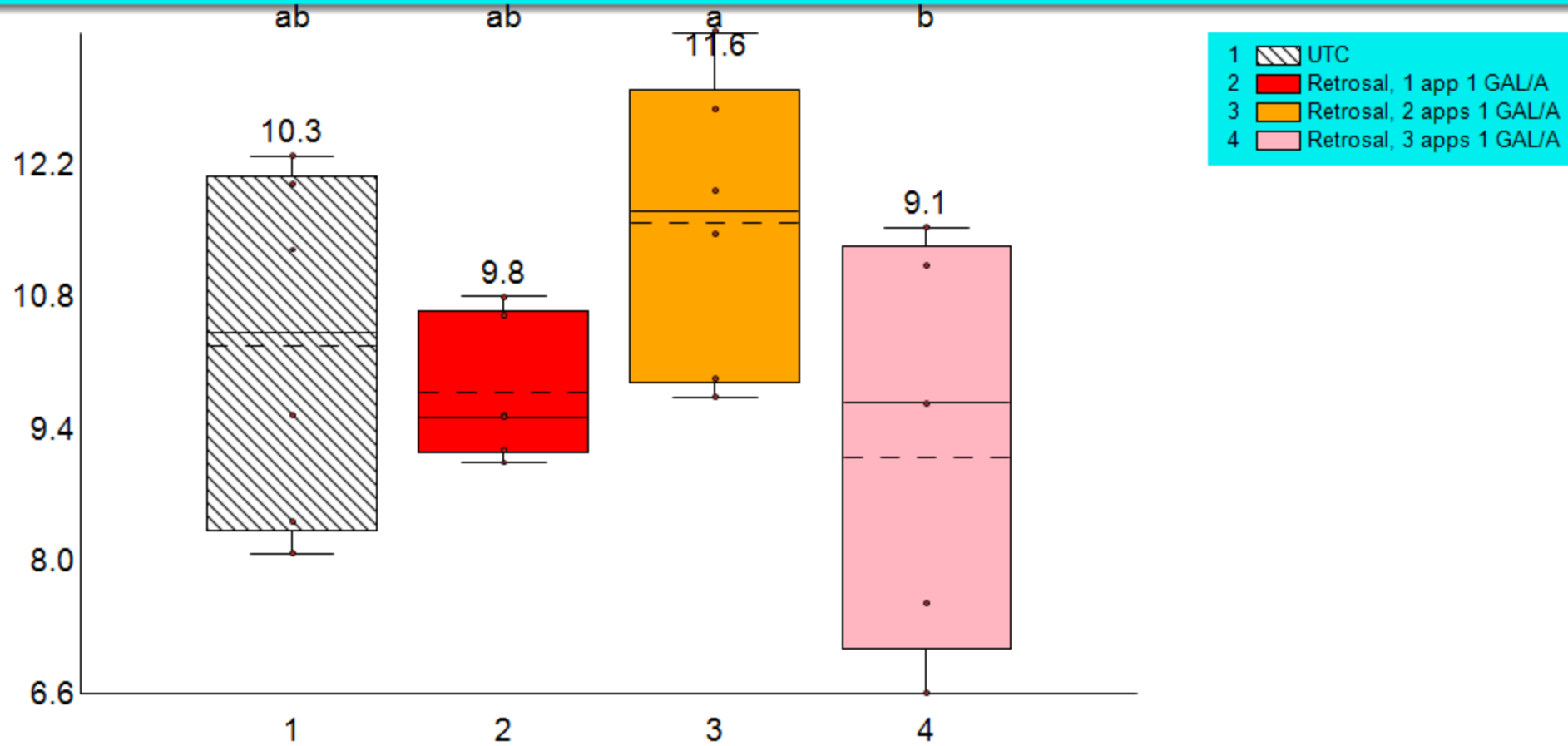


Combined_Har_Keeper

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Retrosal Yuma Cantaloupe Trial. Sugar for 3 Melons per Plot

BRIX



Brix

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Carton Size Grade Yield

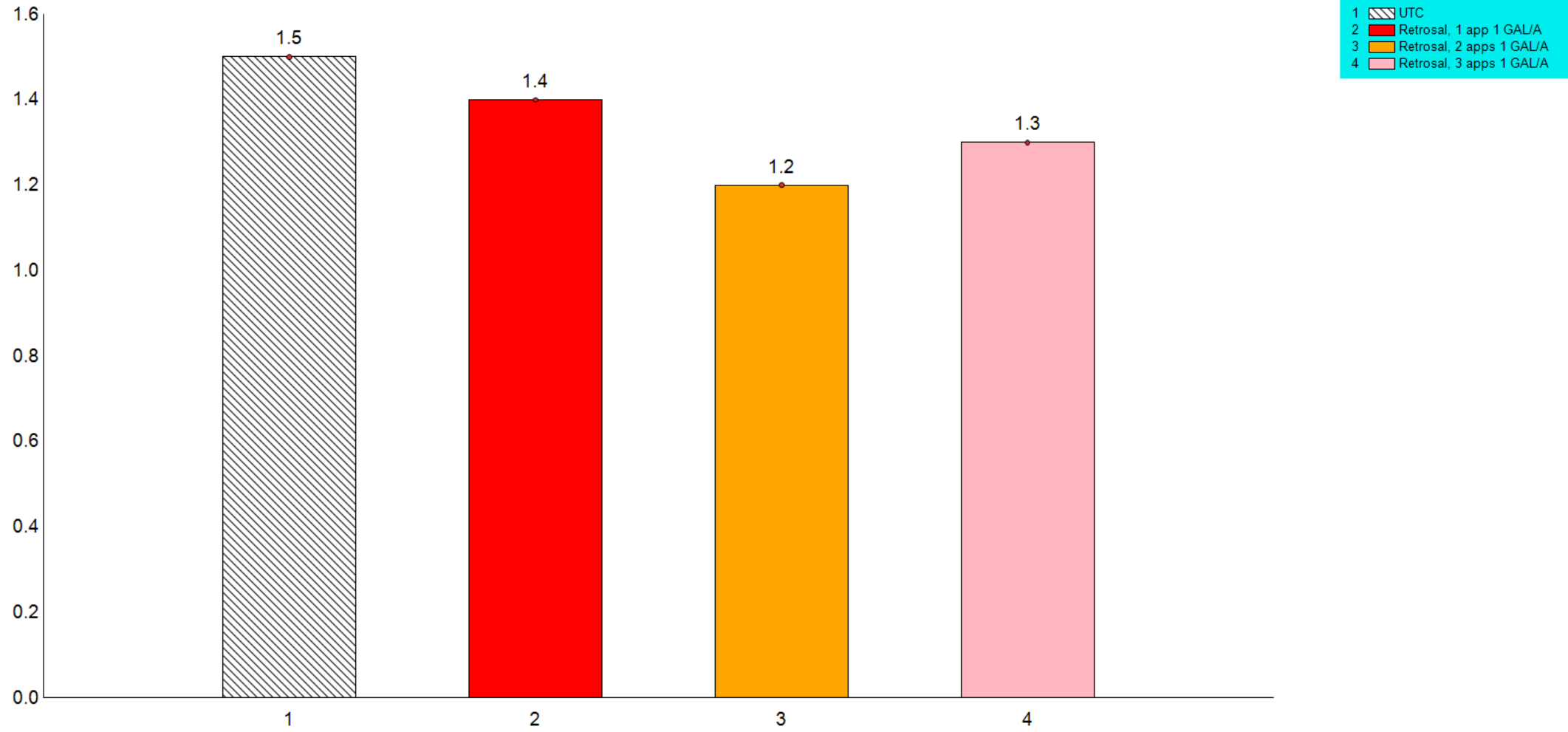
Carton Size Grades	Circumference (IN)	
	min	max
above std	24.38	.
5	22.81	24.35
6	20.45	22.78
9	18.47	20.42
12	16.9	18.44
15	15.74	16.87
18	14.95	15.71
22	14.17	14.92
under std		14.137

T1-UTC	abv_std	5	6	9	12	15	18	22	under_std	0.028926	Acres per trt
Number per Trt	2	1	15	68	91	51	35	6	48	317	Total number per trt
Cartons per Trt	NA	0.2	2.5	7.6	7.6	3.4	1.9	0.3	NA	23.5	Marketable Cartons per trt
Cartons per AC	NA	7	86	261	262	118	67	9	NA	811	T1: Marketable Cartons per ac
T2-Low Rate Retrosal	abv_std	5	6	9	12	15	18	22	under_std	0.028926	Acres per trt
Number per Trt	0	0	22	71	90	38	24	6	65	316	Total number per trt
Cartons per Trt	NA	0.0	3.7	7.9	7.5	2.5	1.3	0.3	NA	23.2	Marketable Cartons per trt
Cartons per AC	NA	0	127	273	259	88	46	9	NA	802	T2: Marketable Cartons per ac
T3-Mid Rate Retrosal	abv_std	5	6	9	12	15	18	22	under_std	0.028926	Acres per trt
Number per Trt	0	0	12	67	95	42	29	5	48	298	Total number per trt
Cartons per Trt	NA	0.0	2.0	7.4	7.9	2.8	1.6	0.2	NA	22.0	Marketable Cartons per trt
Cartons per AC	NA	0	69	257	274	97	56	8	NA	761	T3: Marketable Cartons per ac
T4- High Rate Retrosal	abv_std	5	6	9	12	15	18	22	under_std	0.028926	Acres per trt
Number per Trt	0	0	24	96	122	33	40	5	39	359	Total number per trt
Cartons per Trt	NA	0.0	4.0	10.7	10.2	2.2	2.2	0.2	NA	29.5	Marketable Cartons per trt
Cartons per AC	NA	0	138	369	351	76	77	8	NA	1019	T4: Marketable Cartons per ac

Soil Test Results

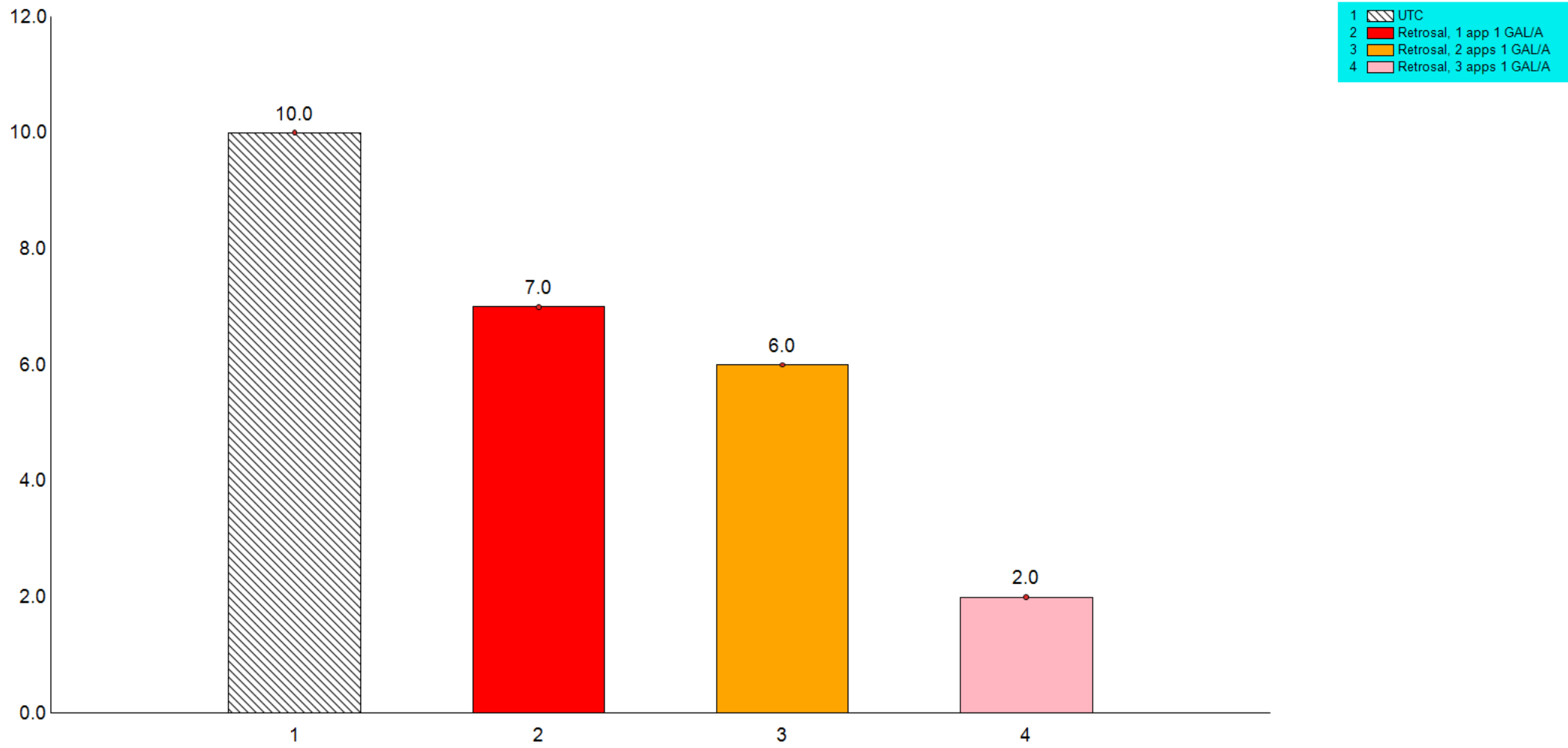
- Single composite sample per treatment
- First Set “Early” as in early season
- Second set is the post harvest values minus the early.

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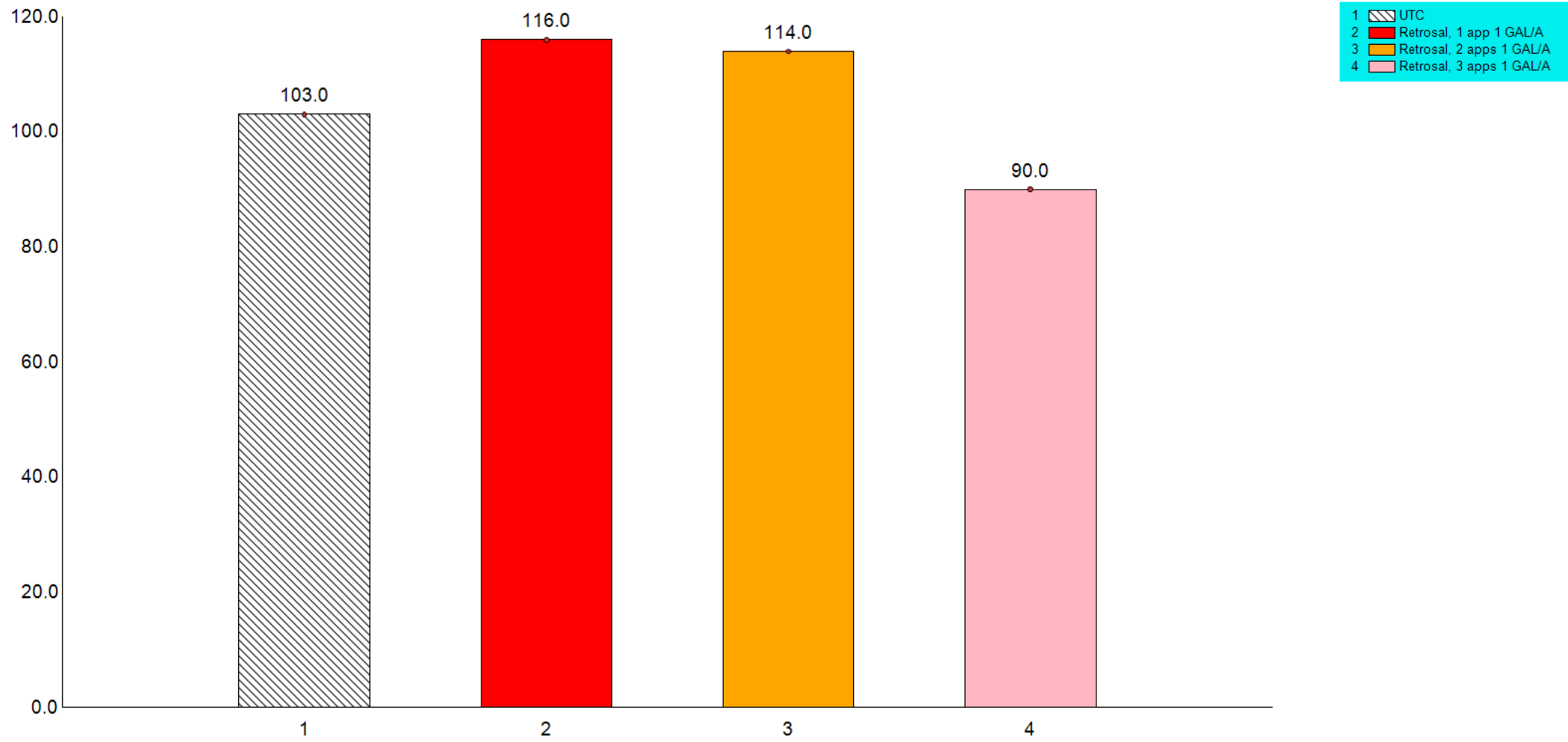
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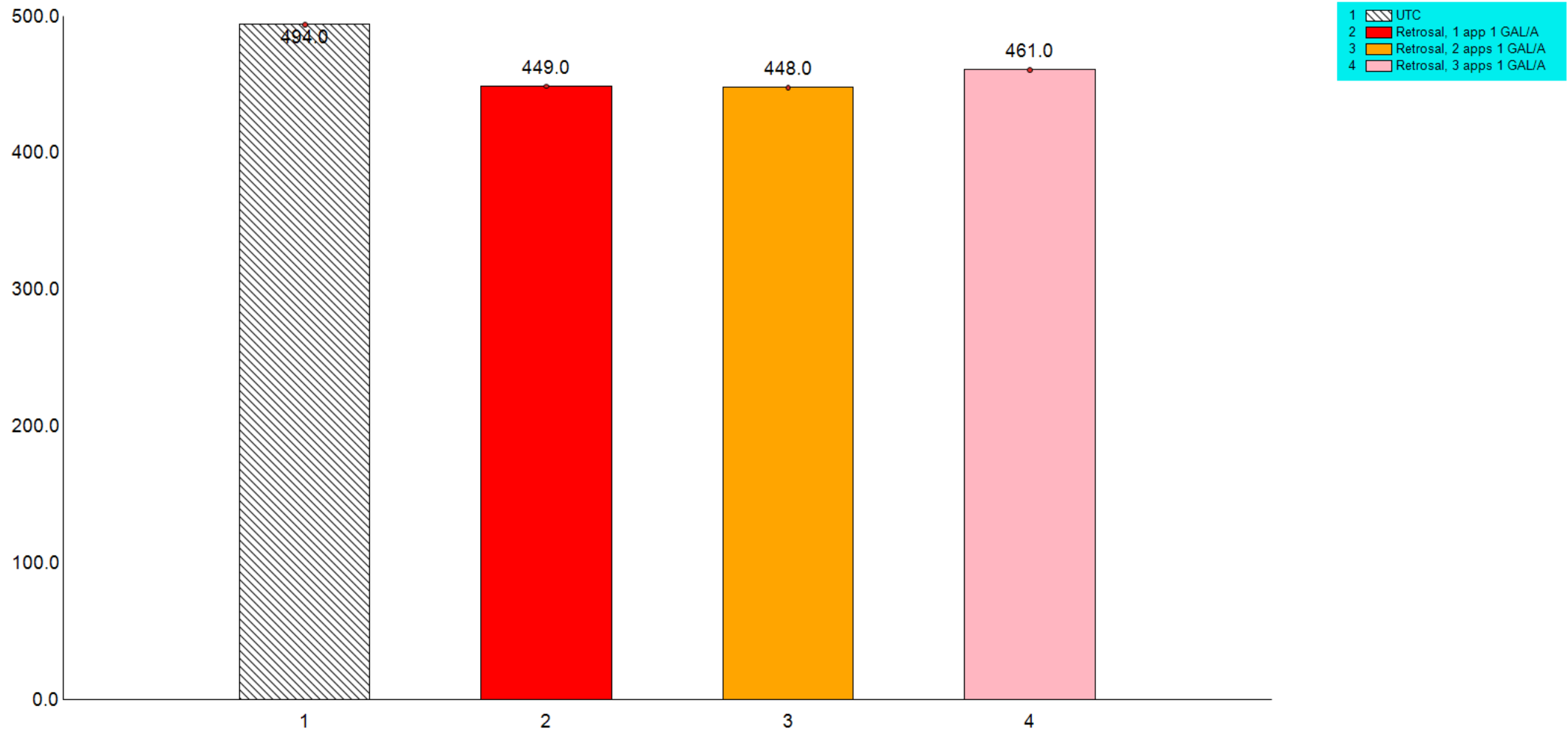
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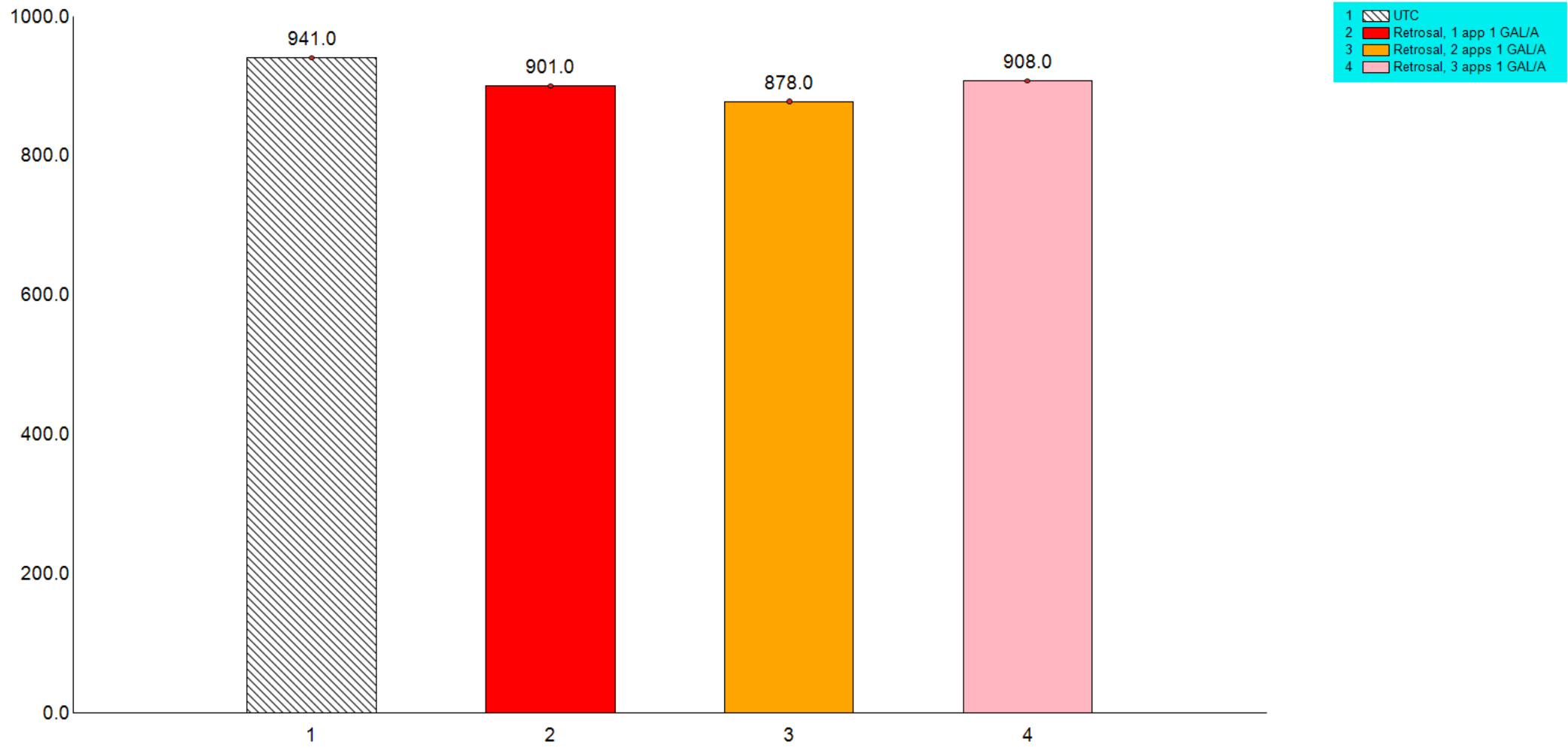
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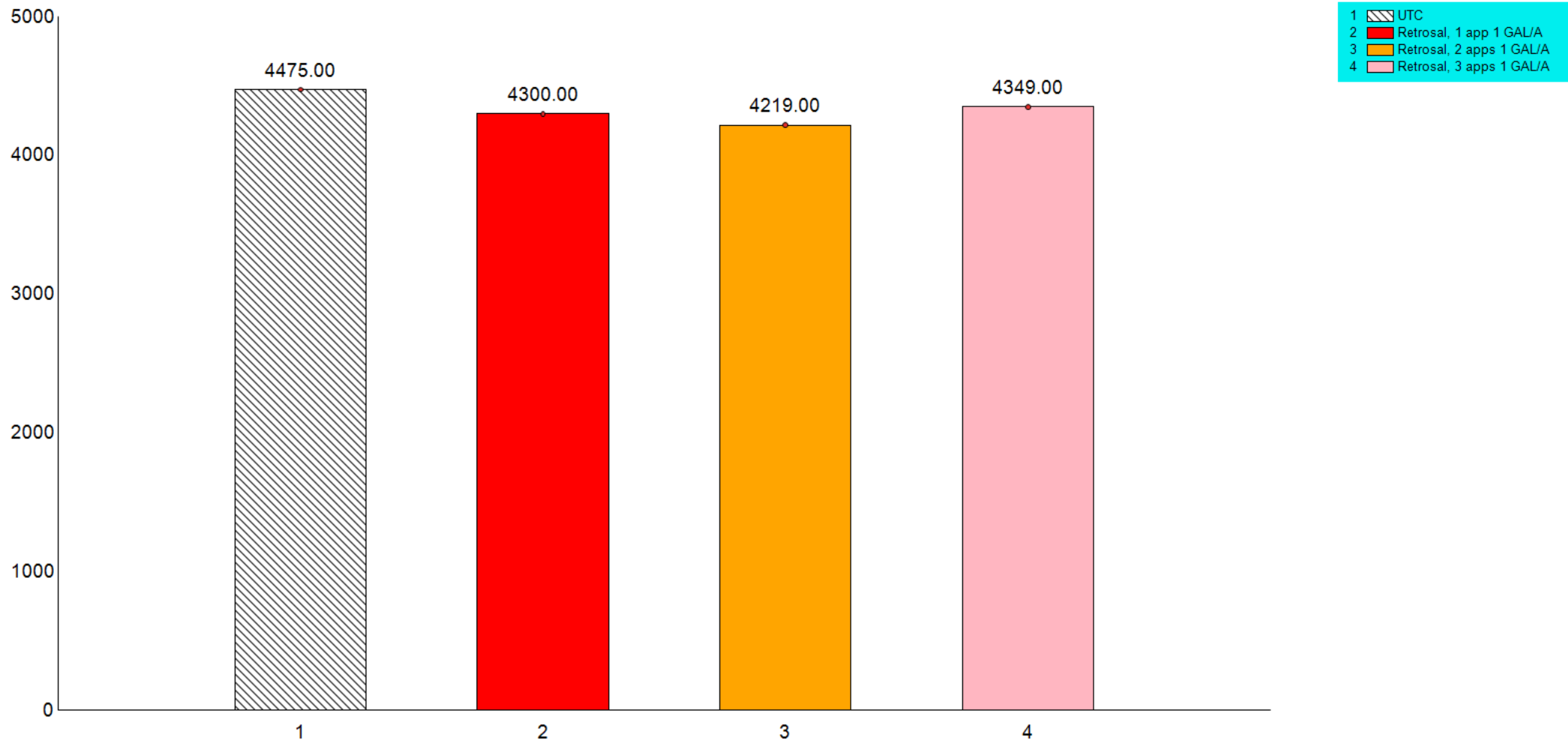
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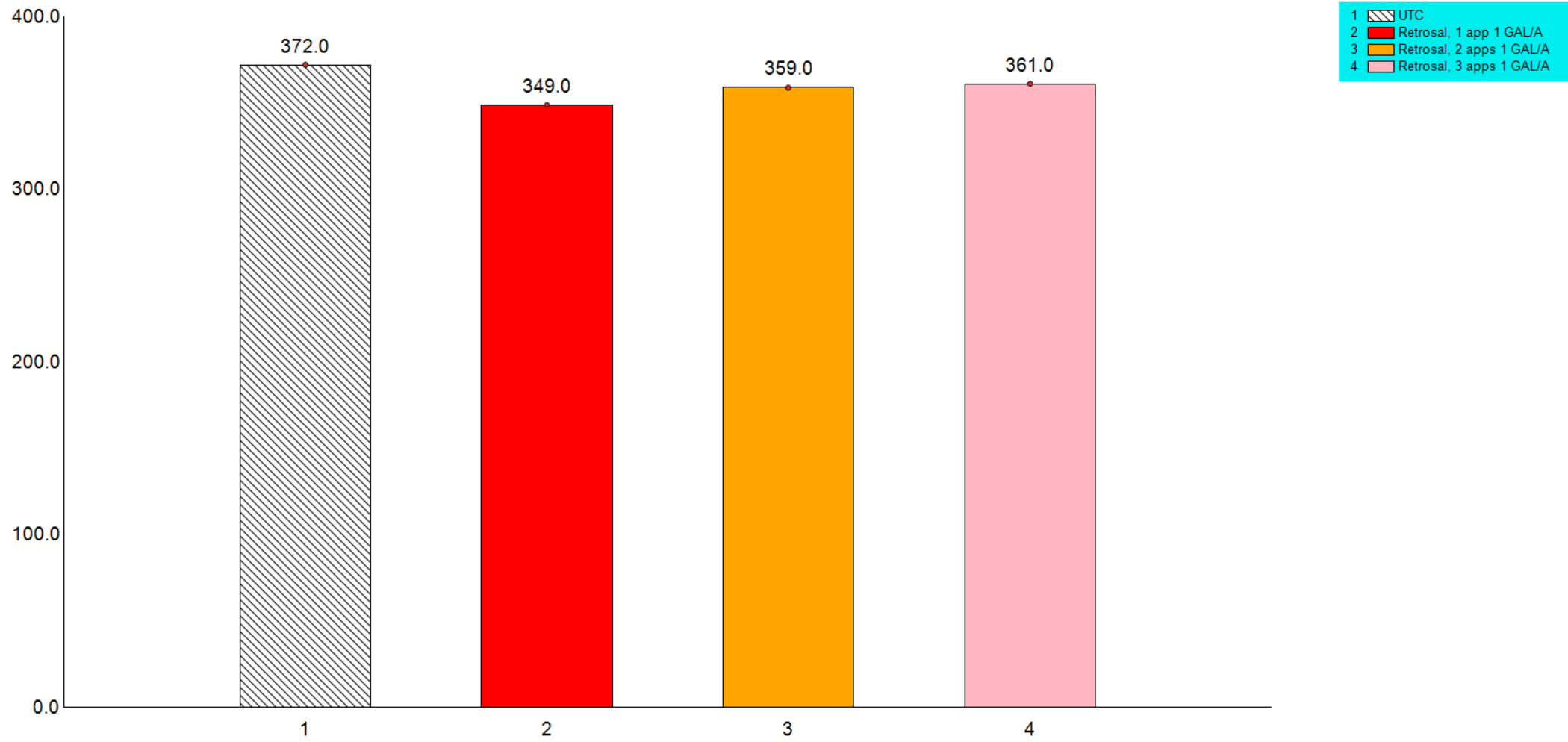
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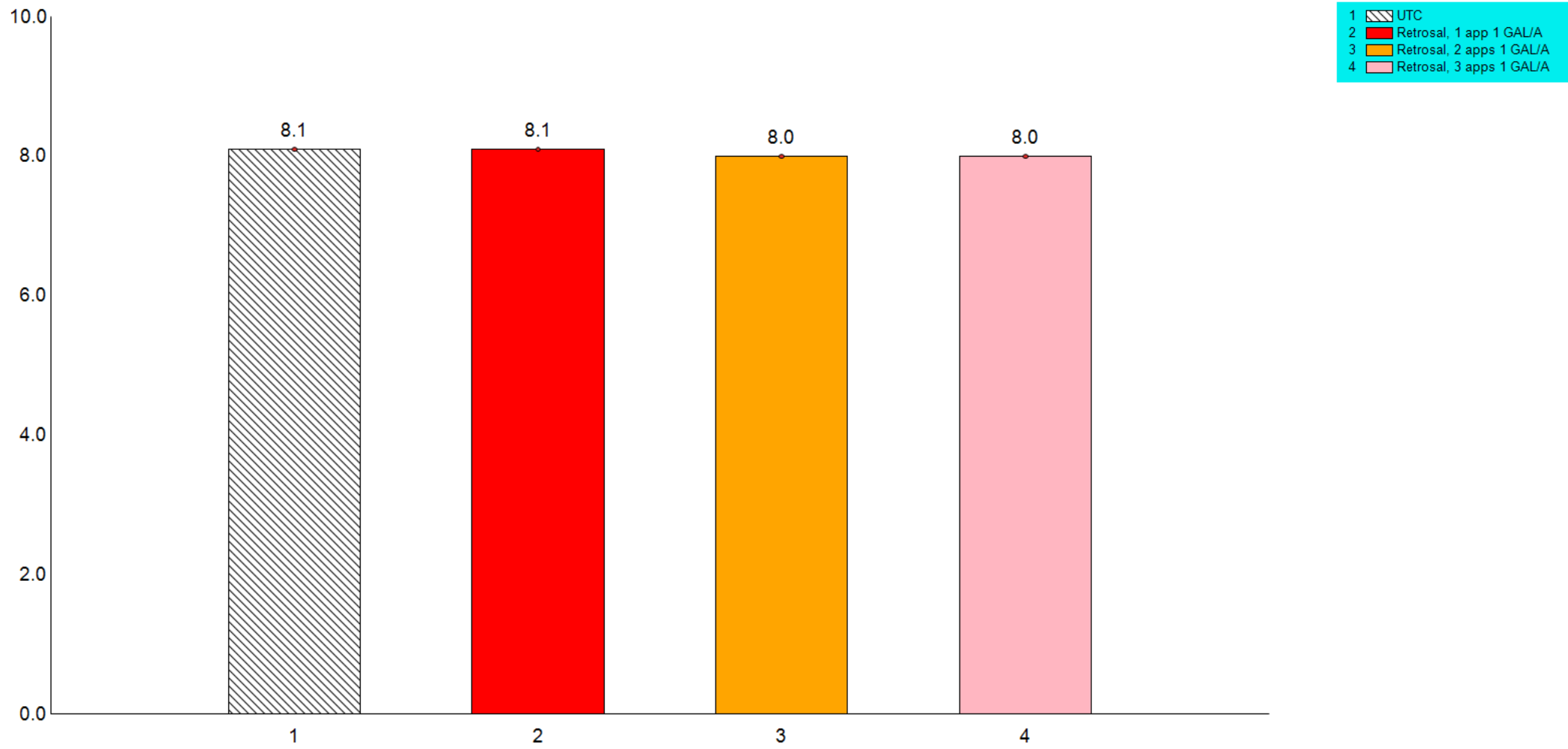
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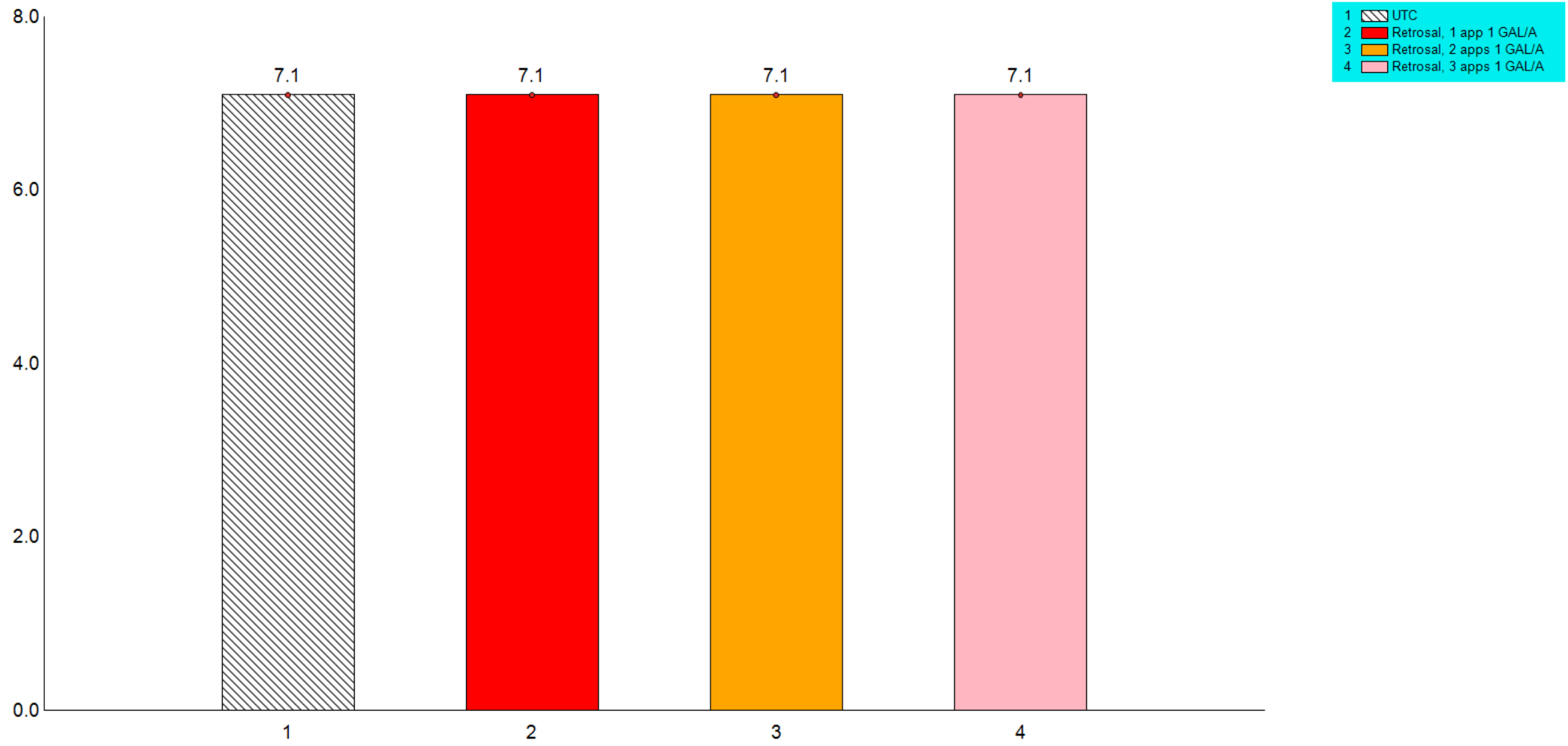
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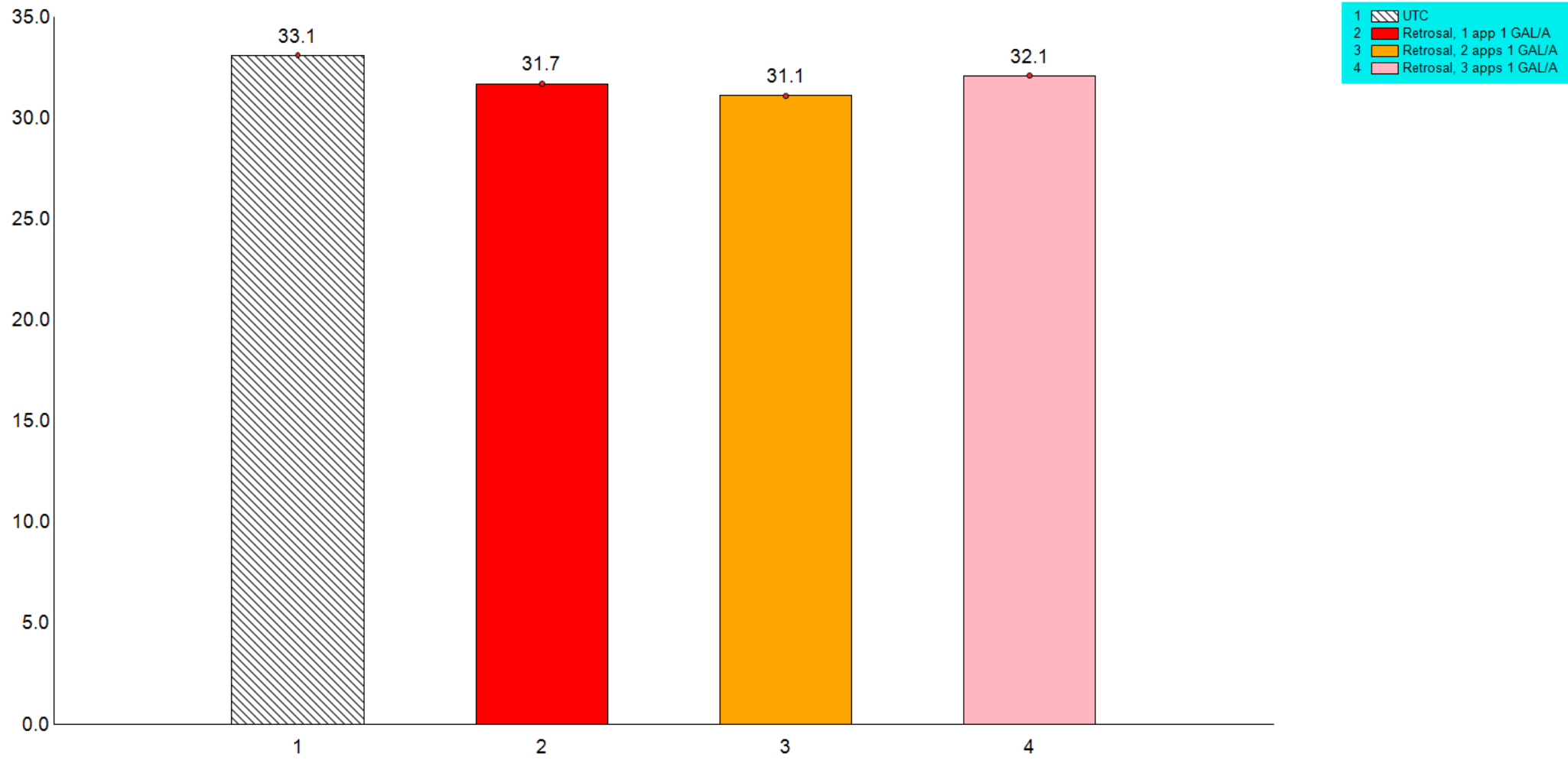
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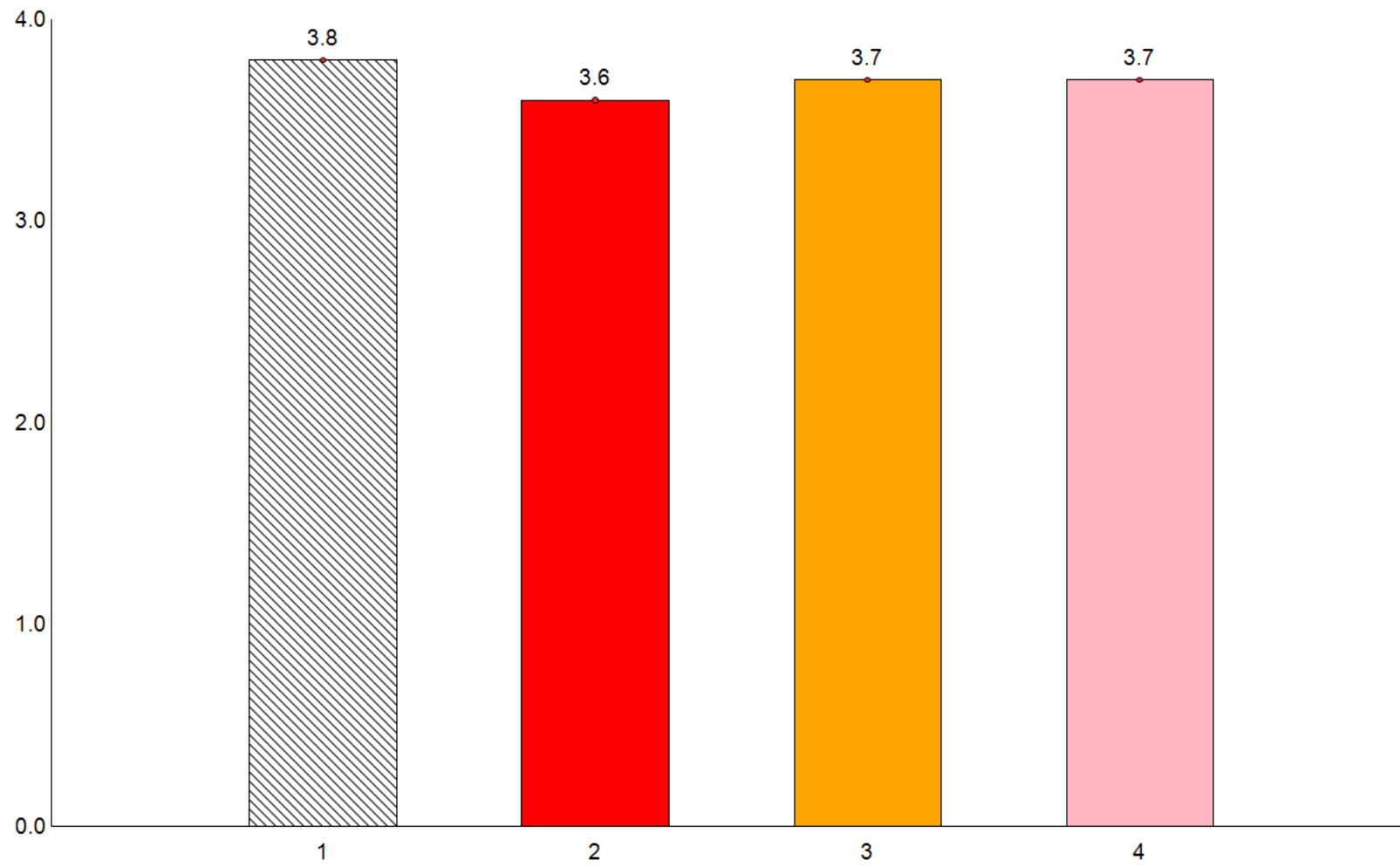
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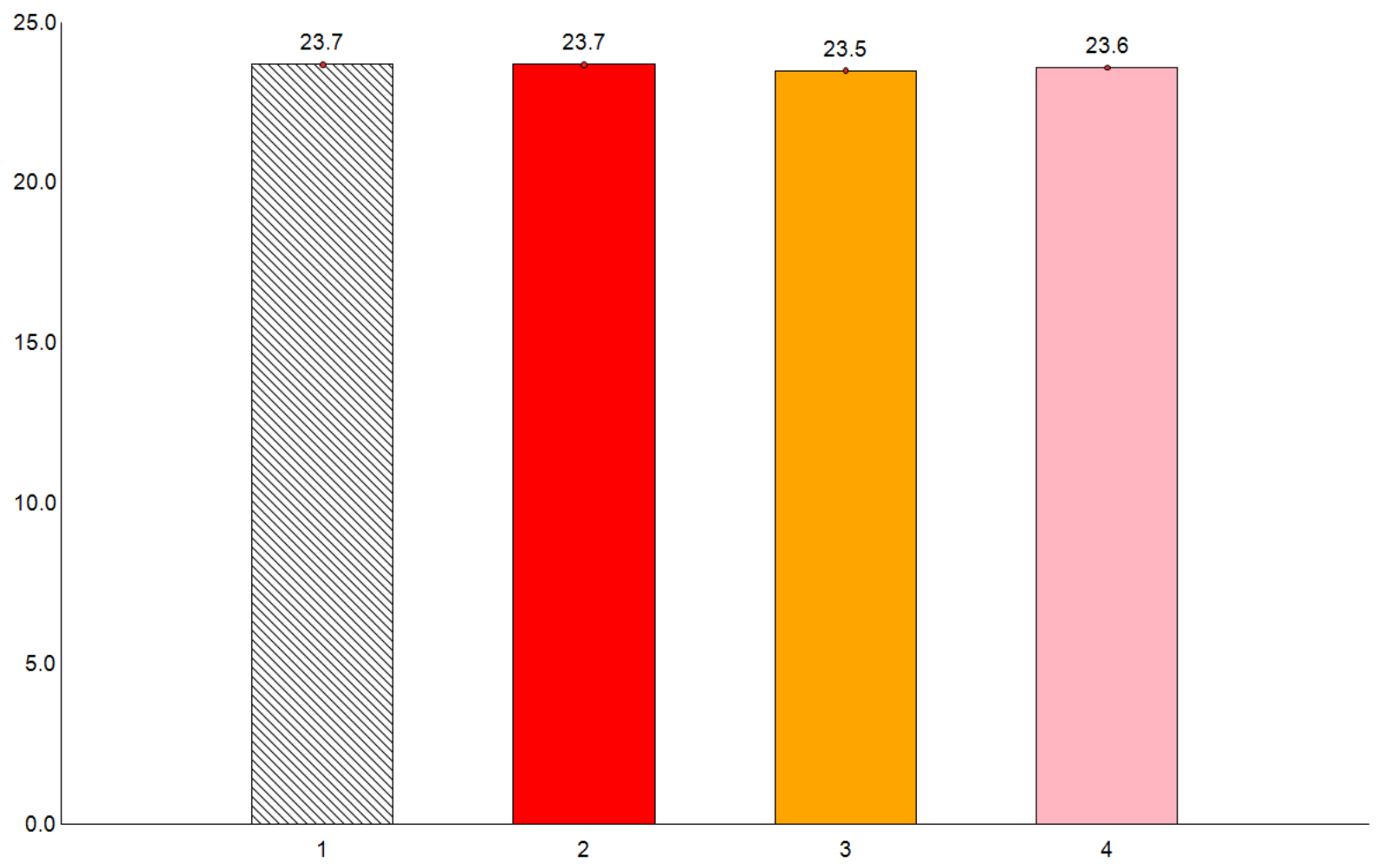
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% Early_PERCENT K

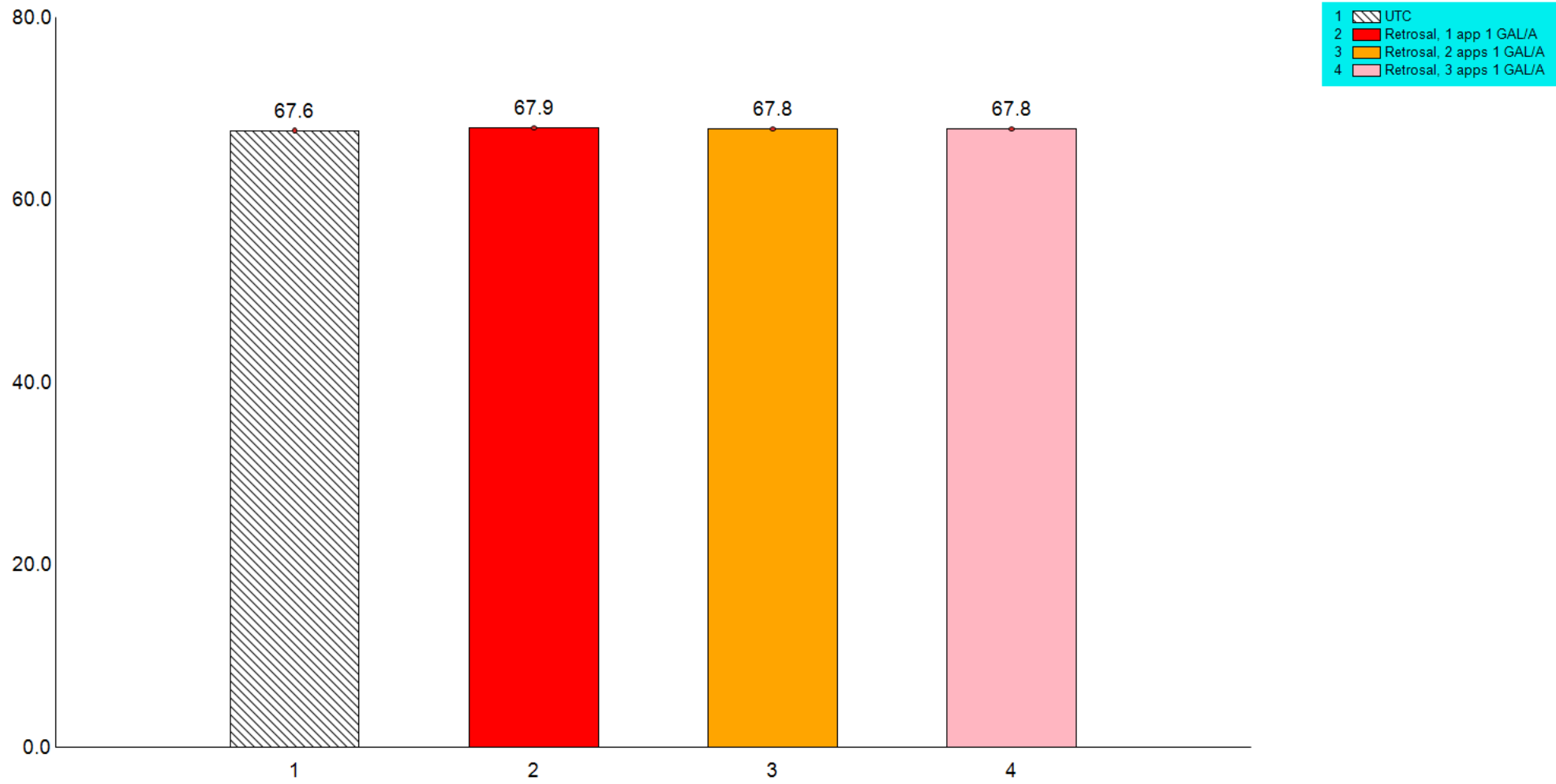
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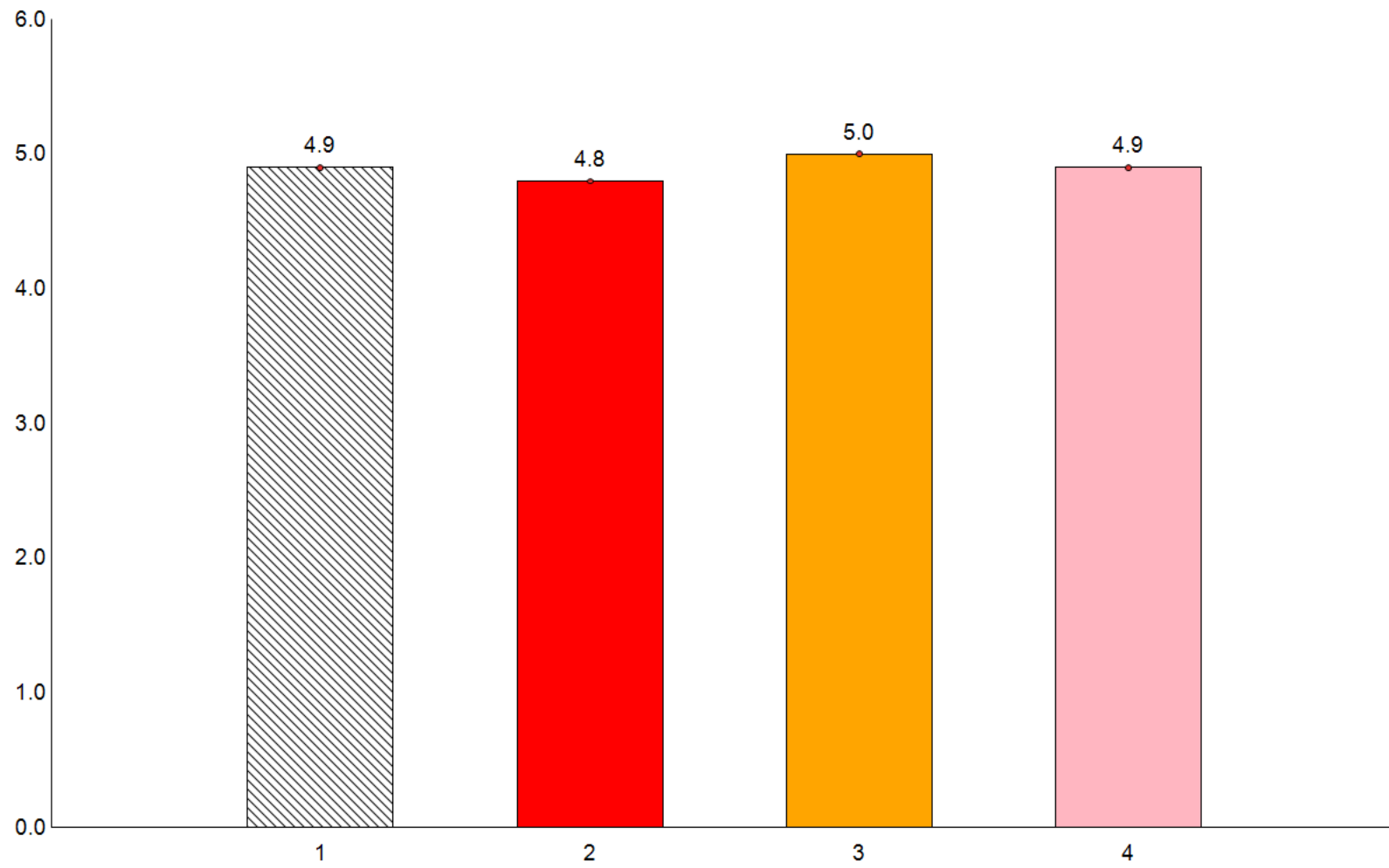
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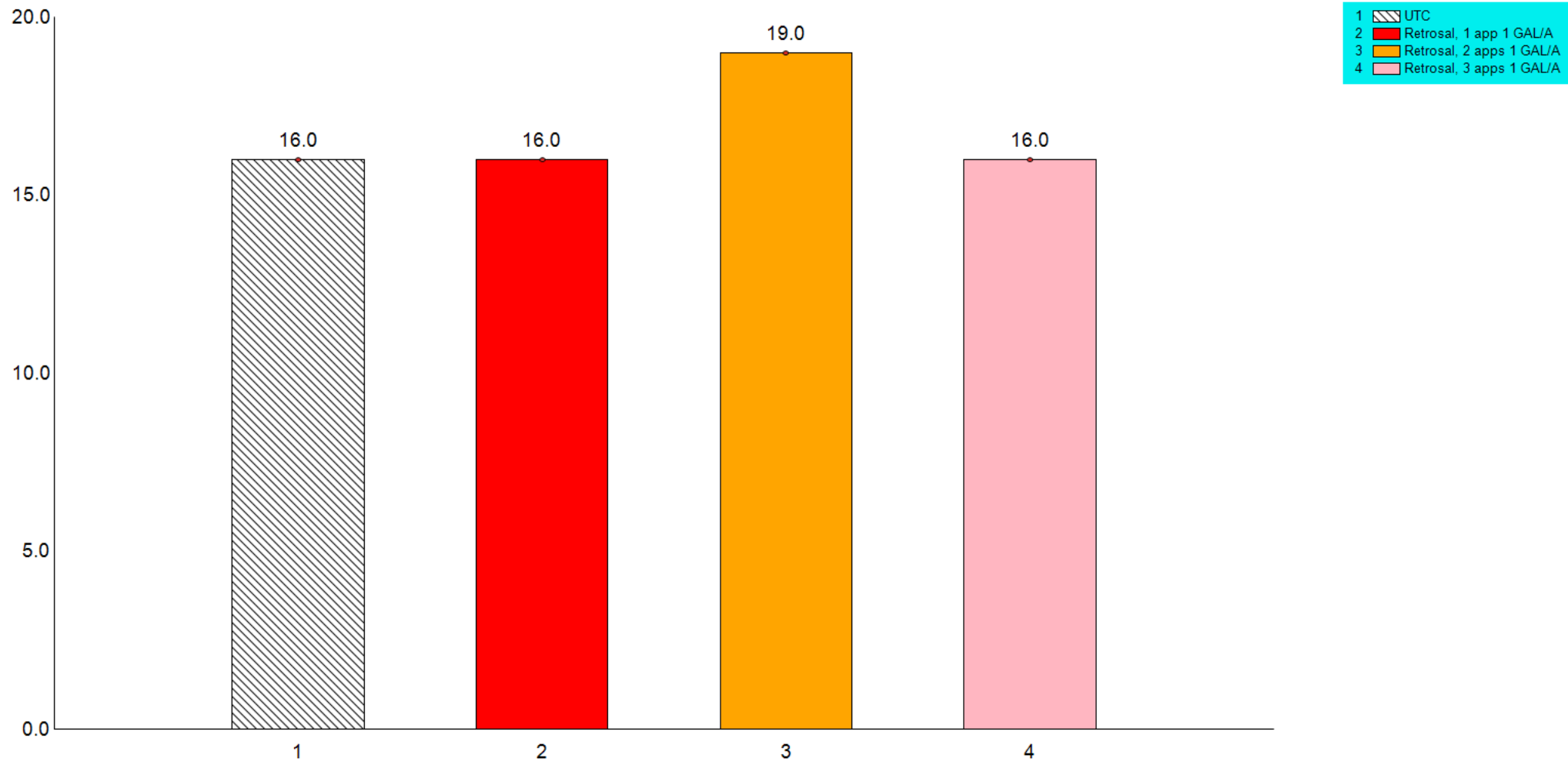
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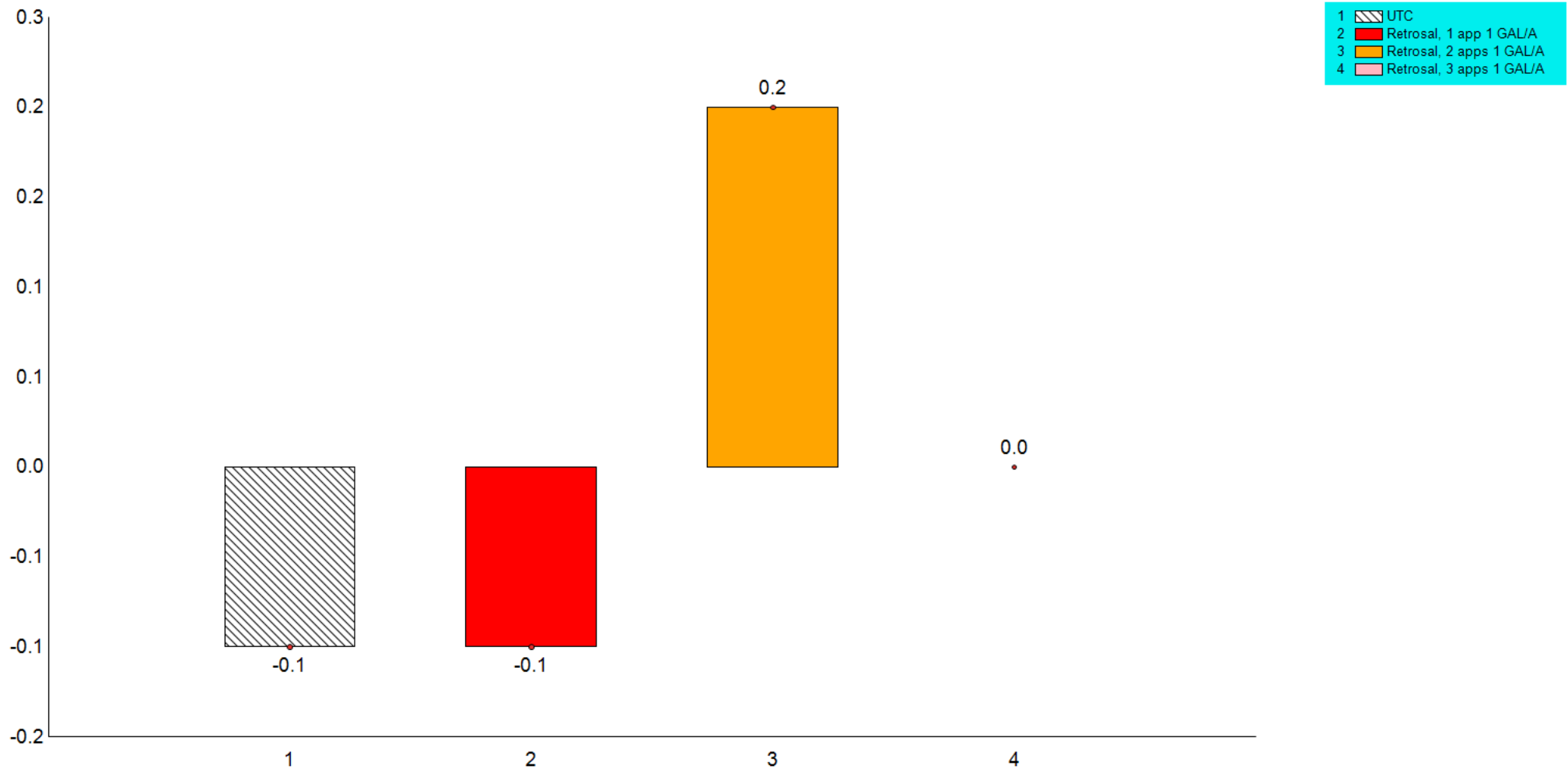


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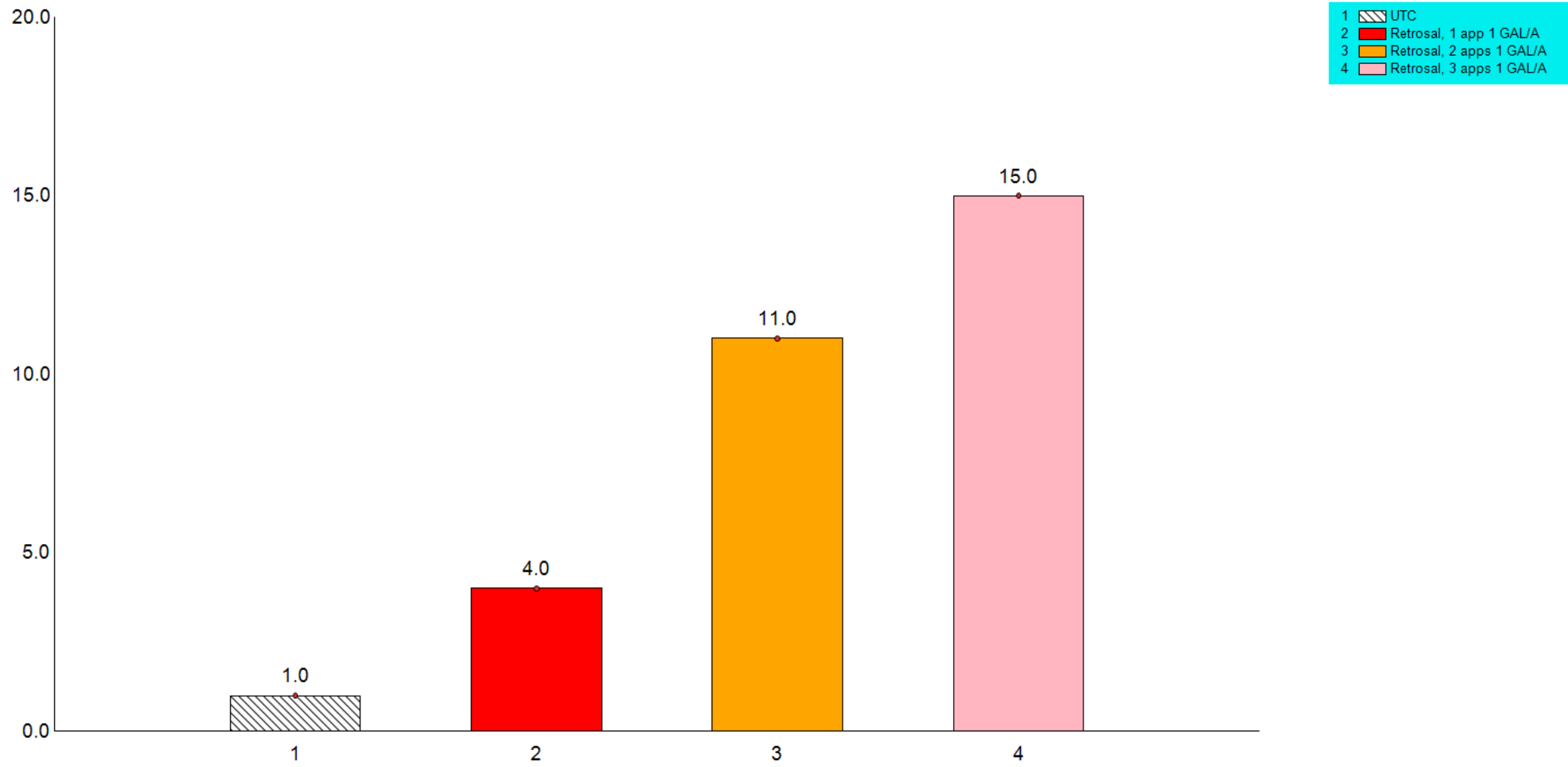
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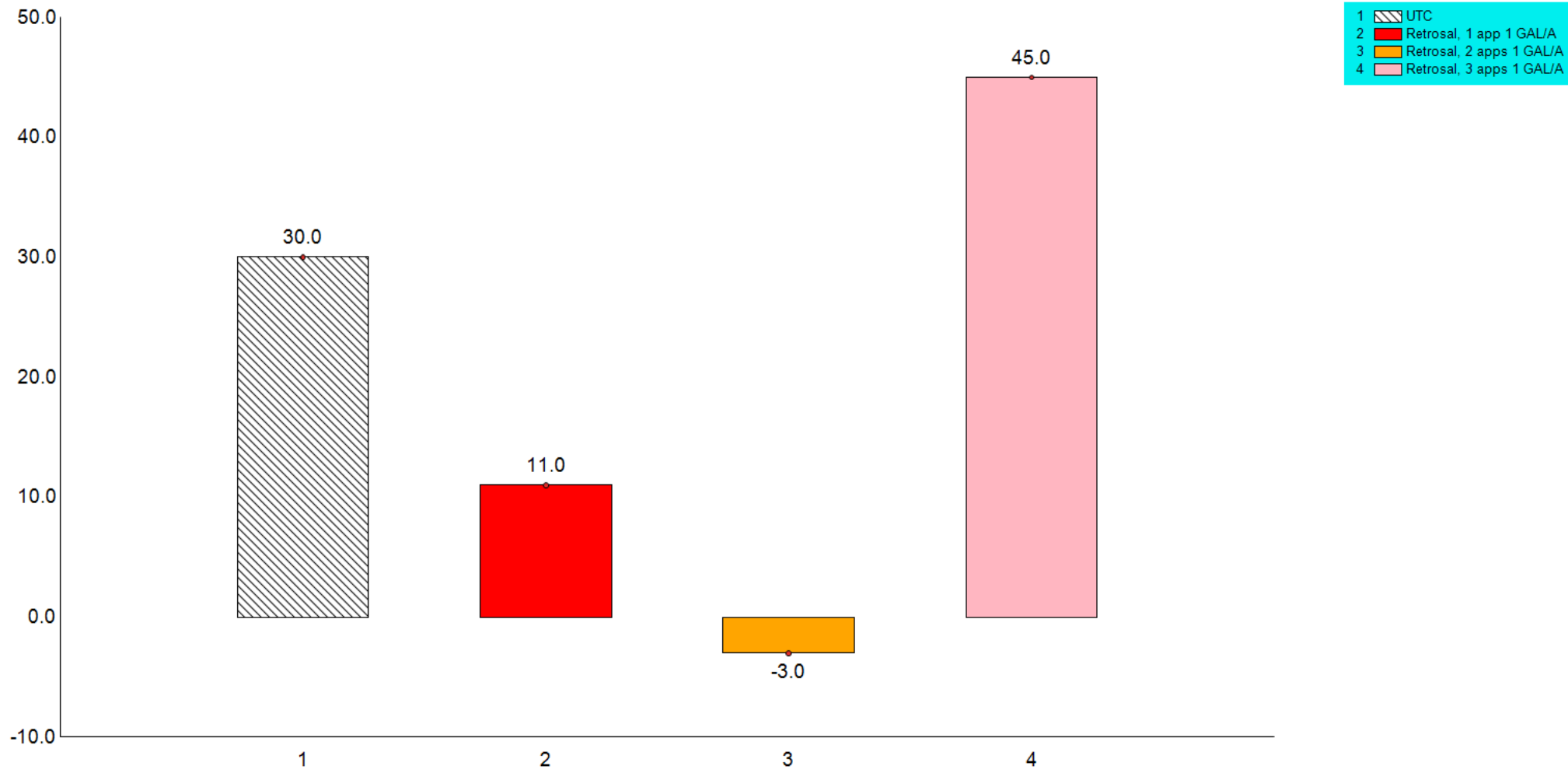
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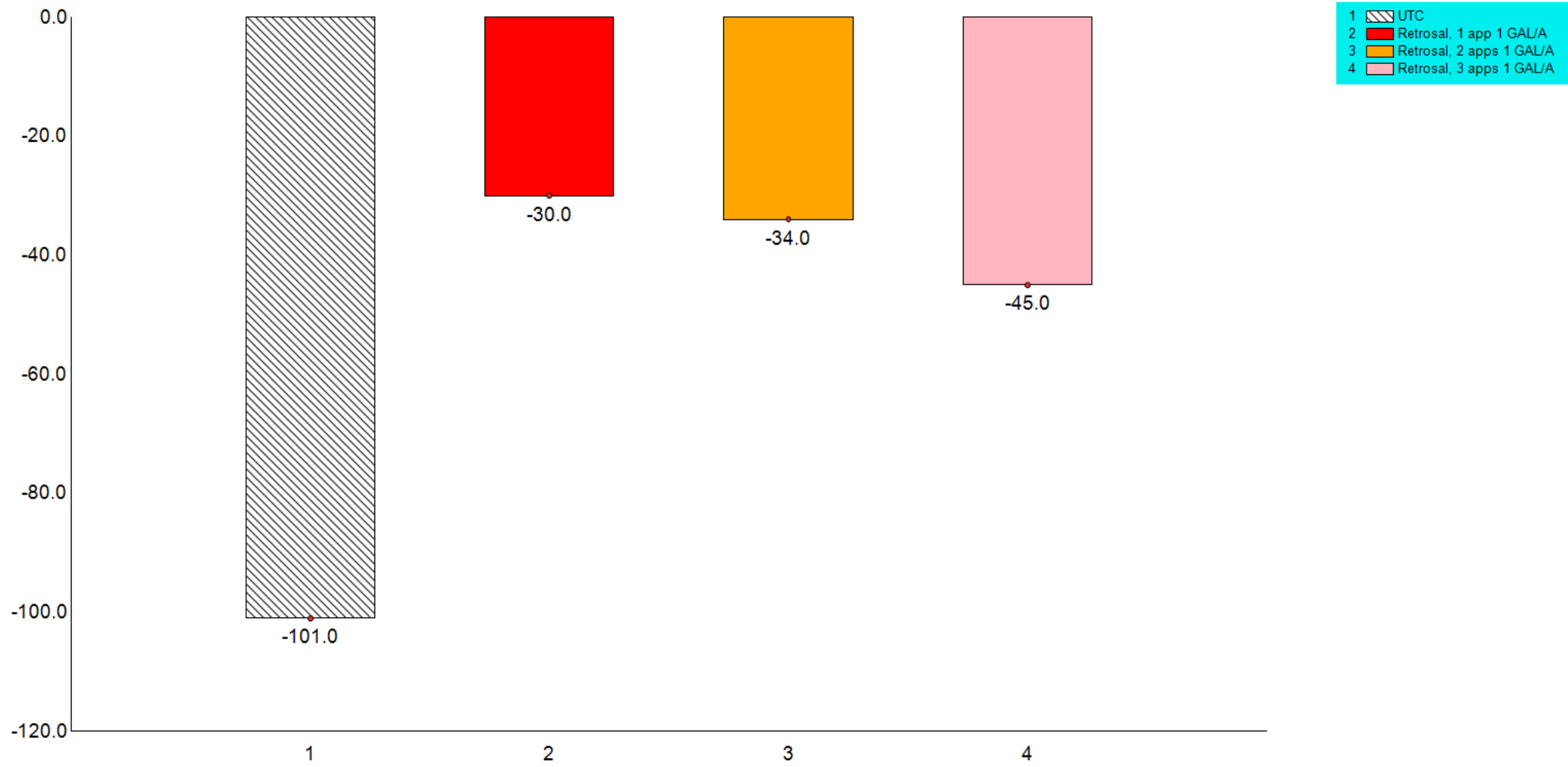
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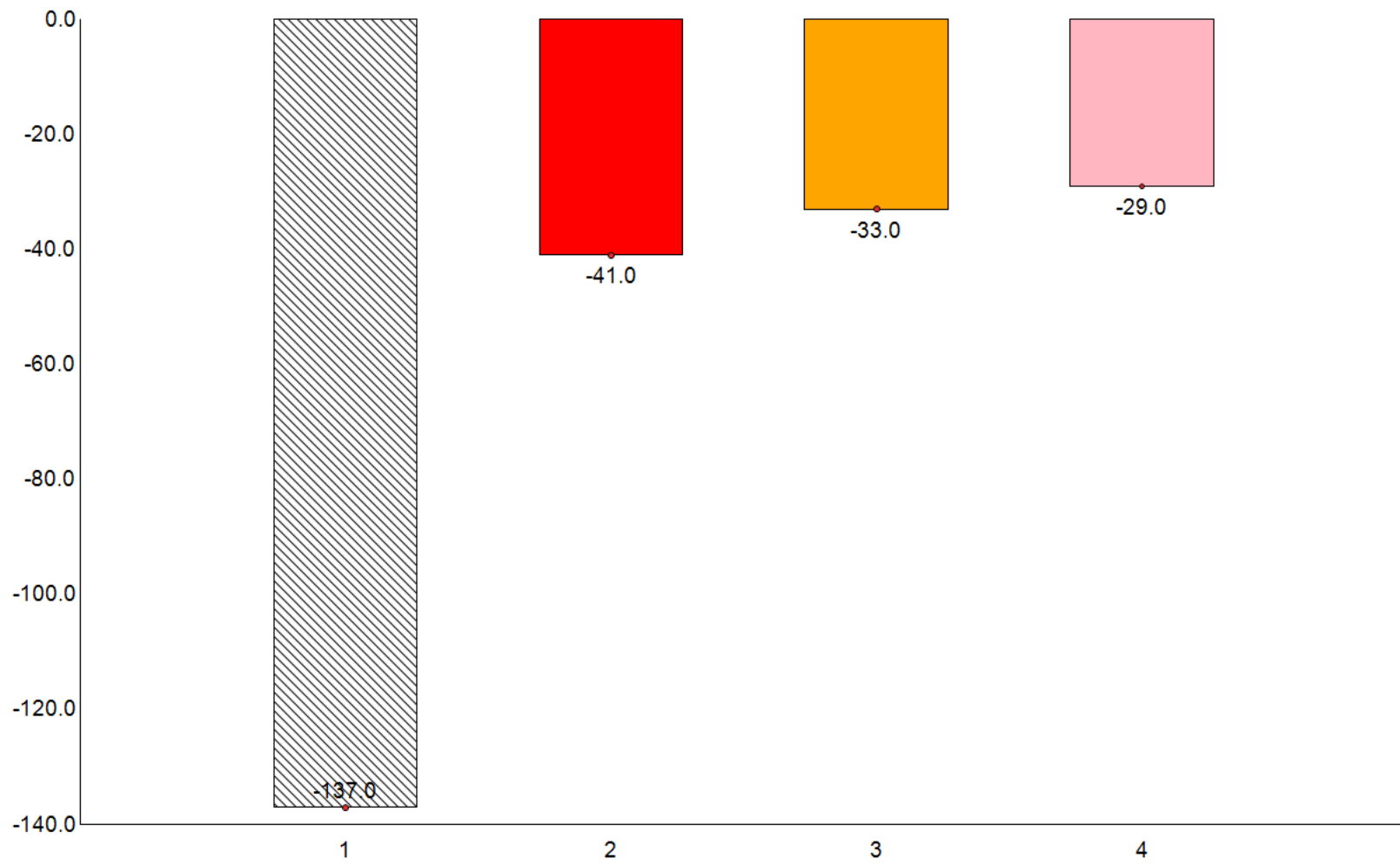
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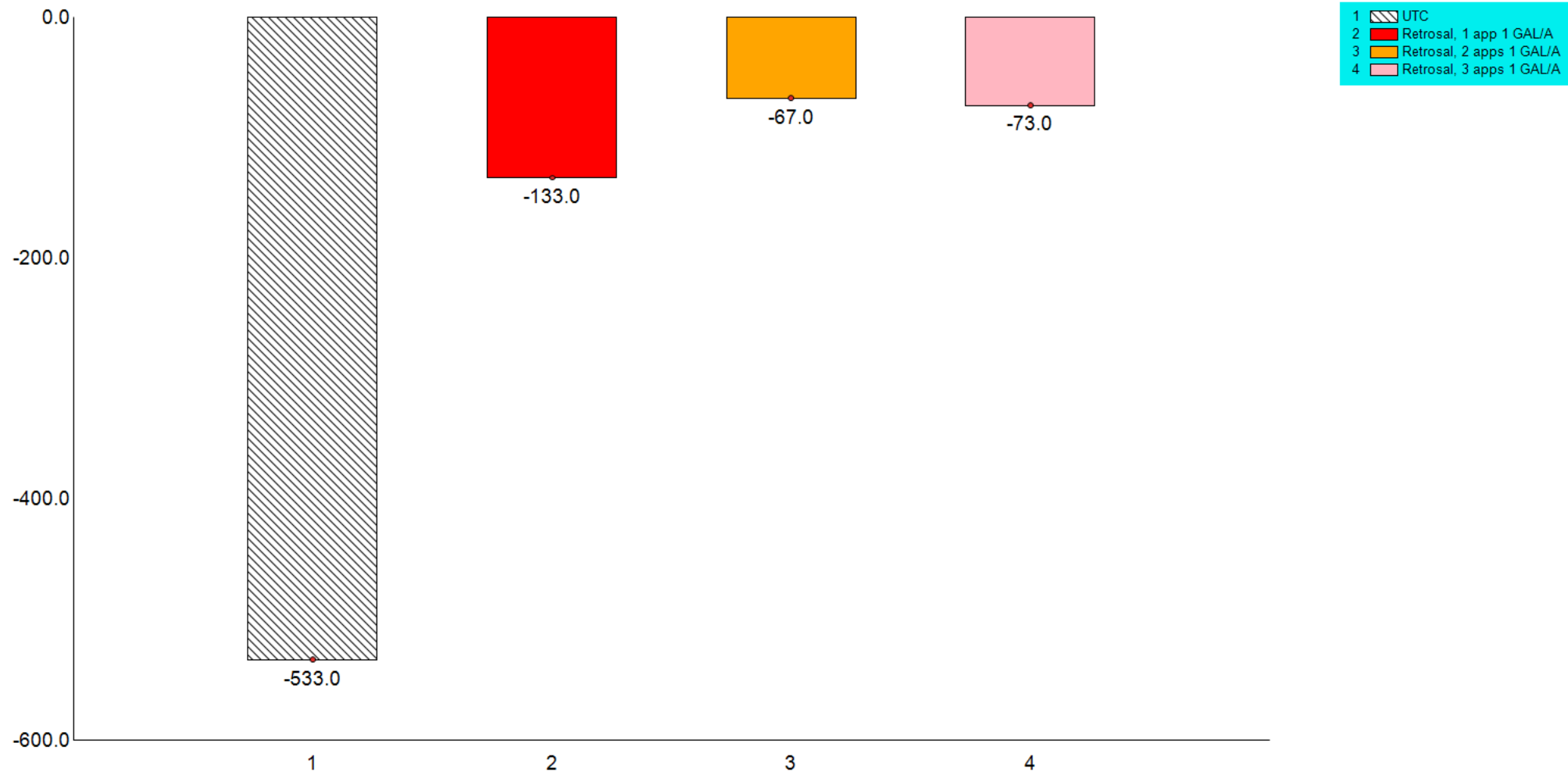
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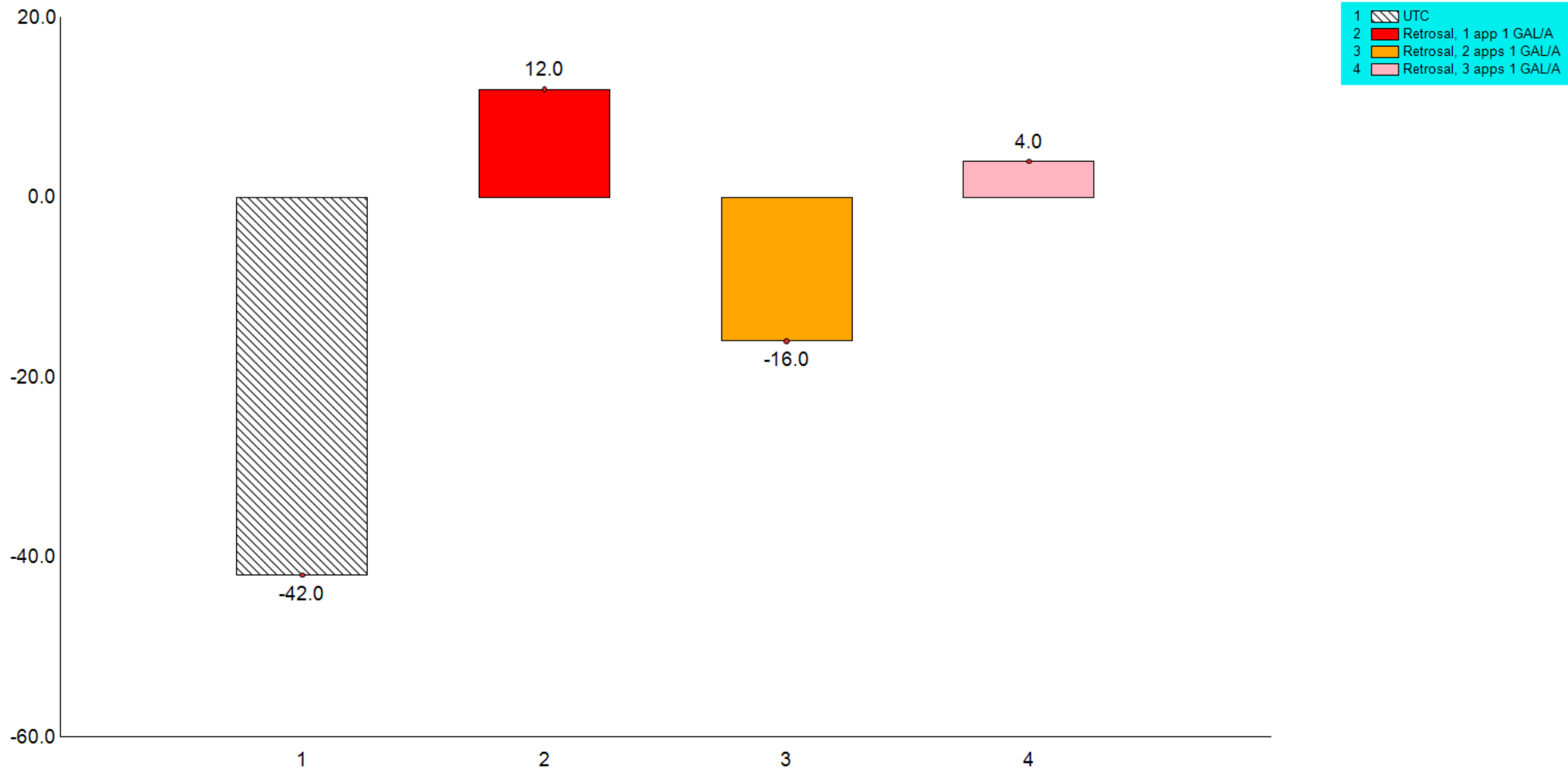
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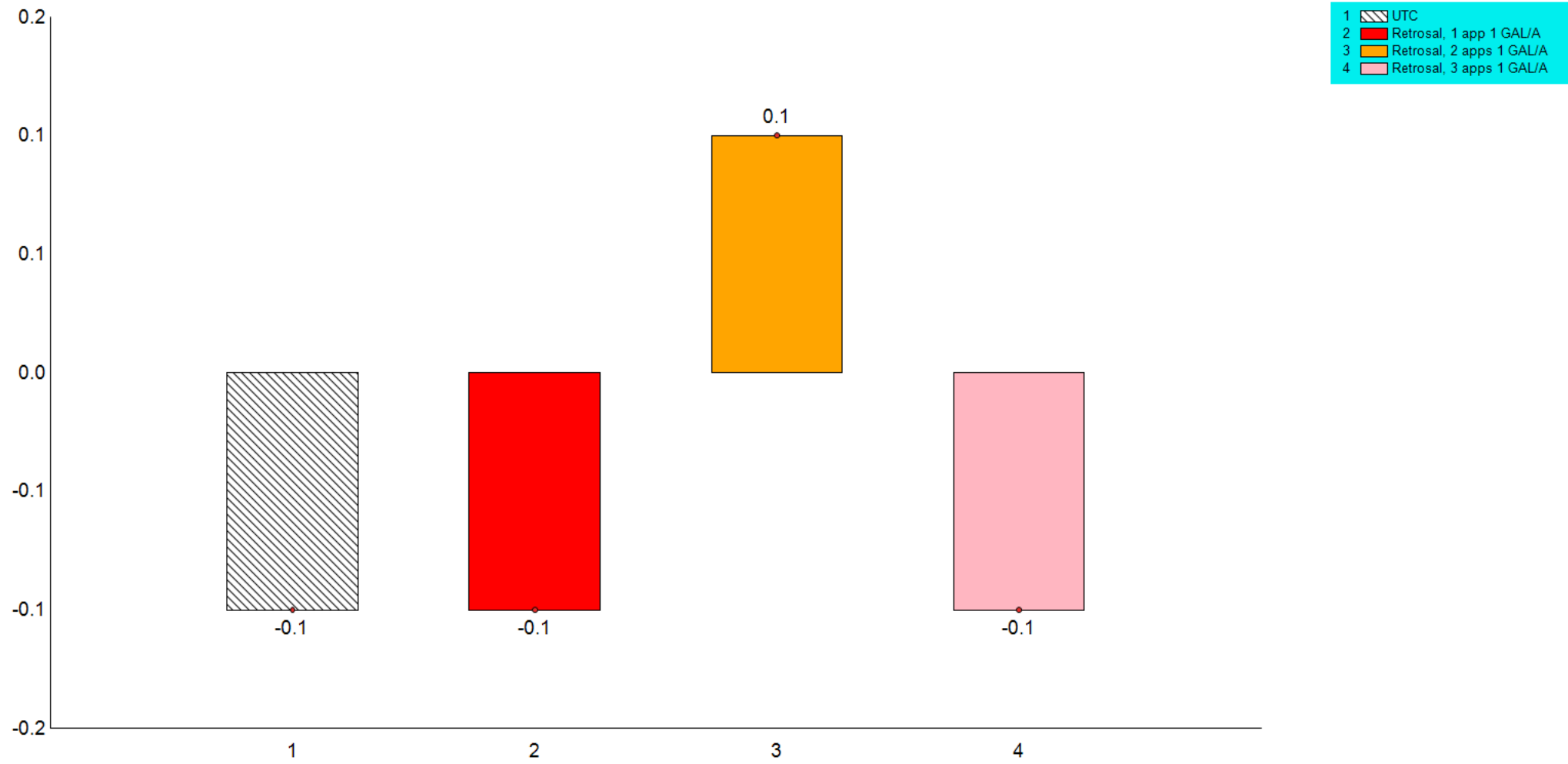
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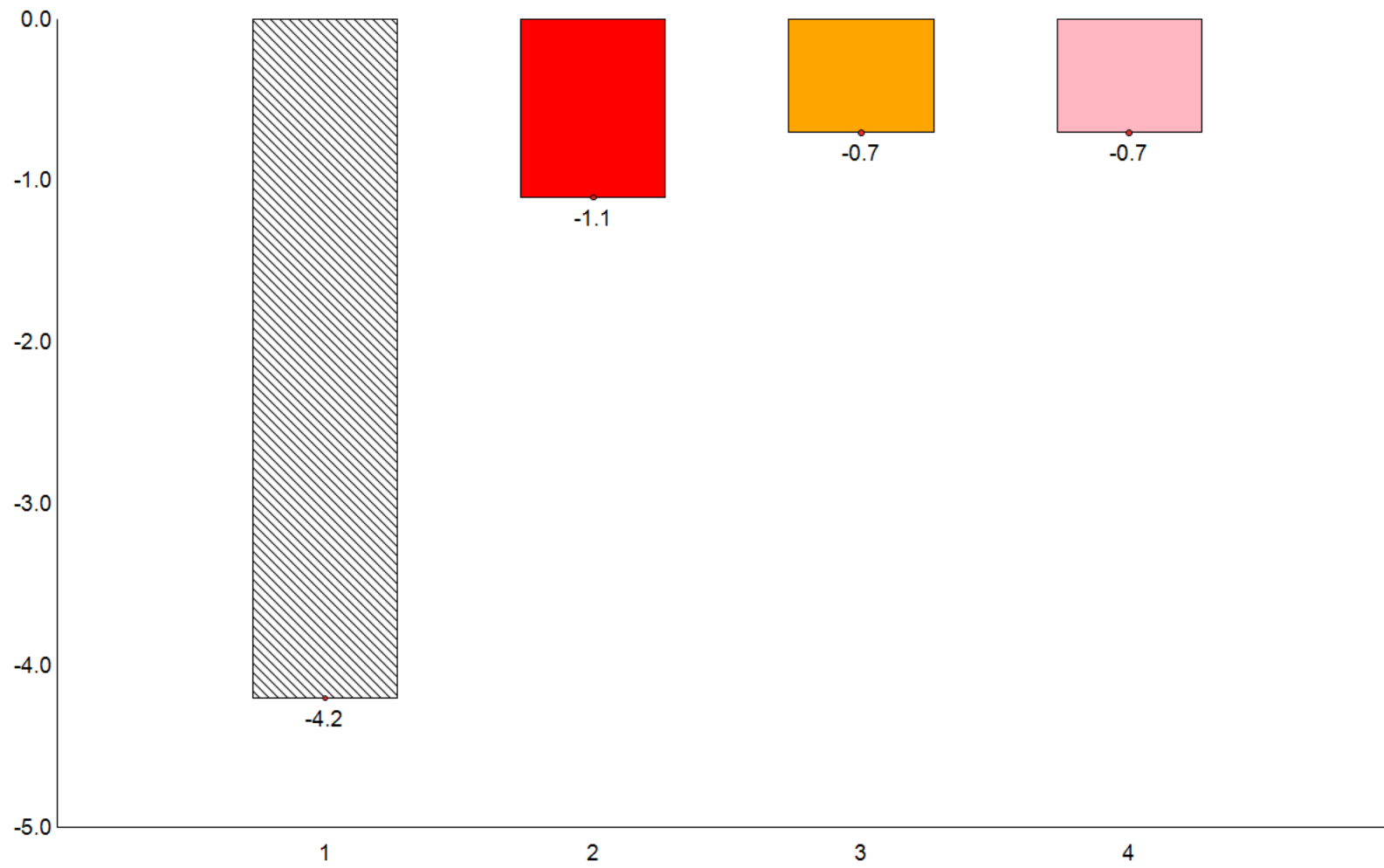
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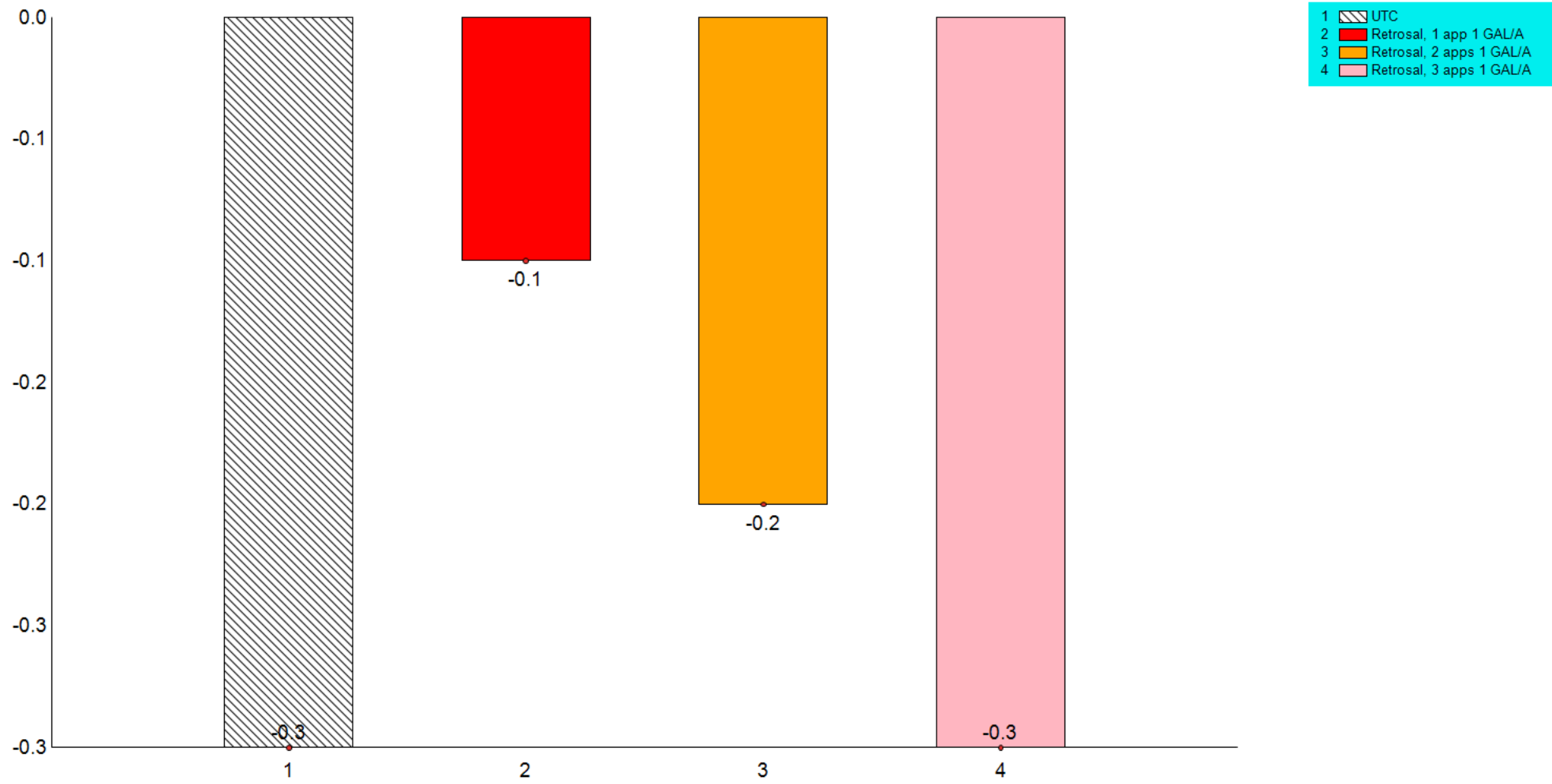
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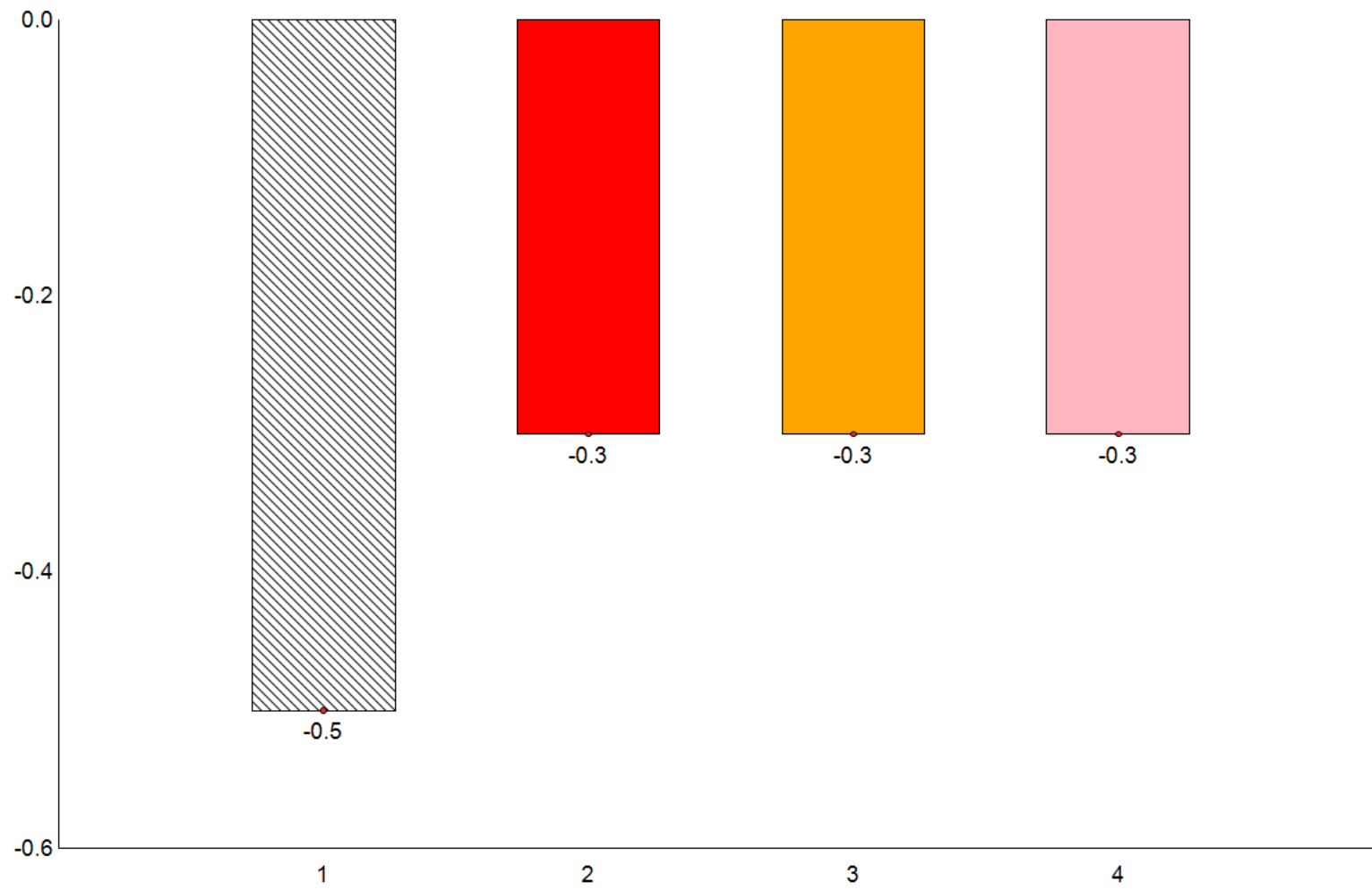
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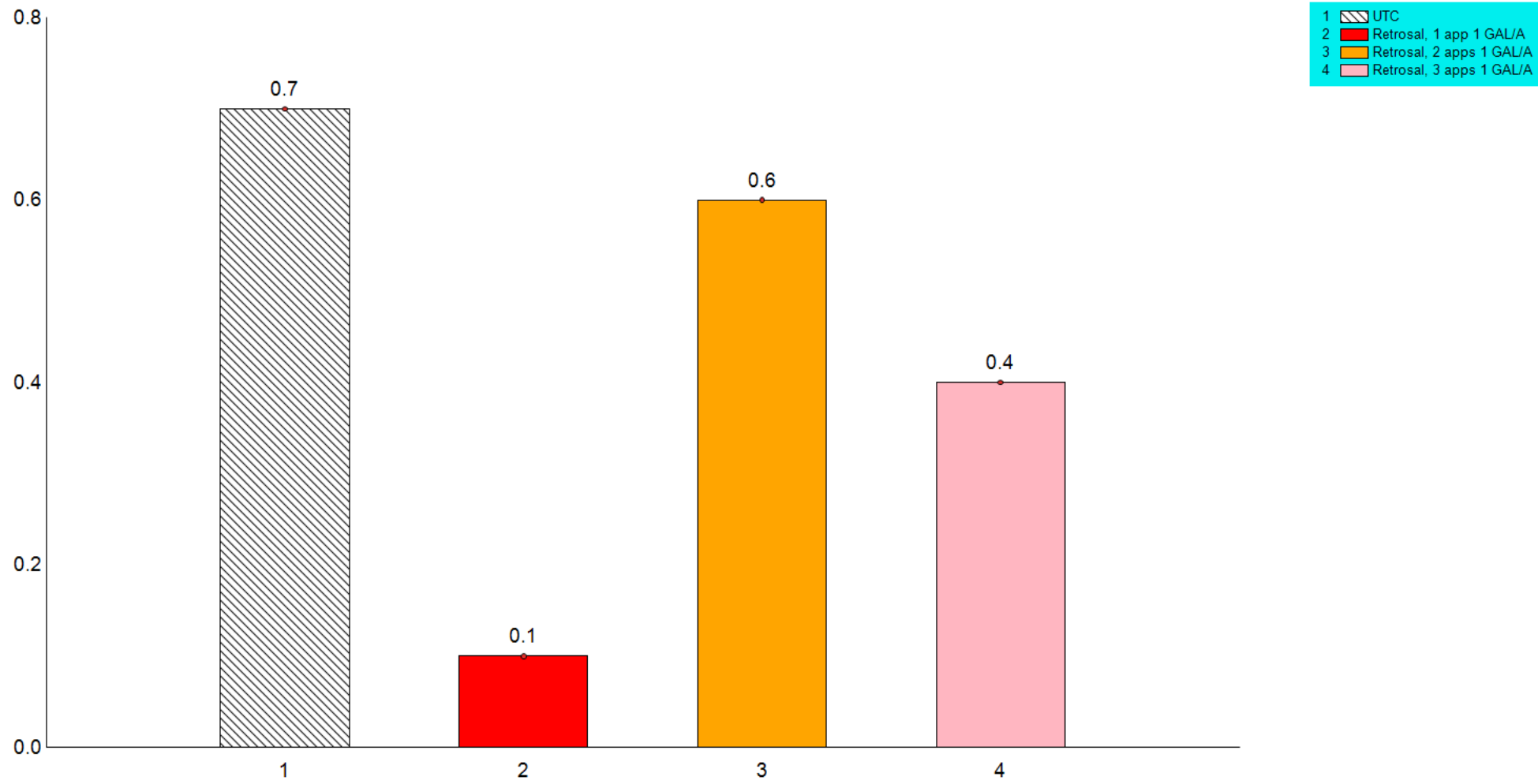
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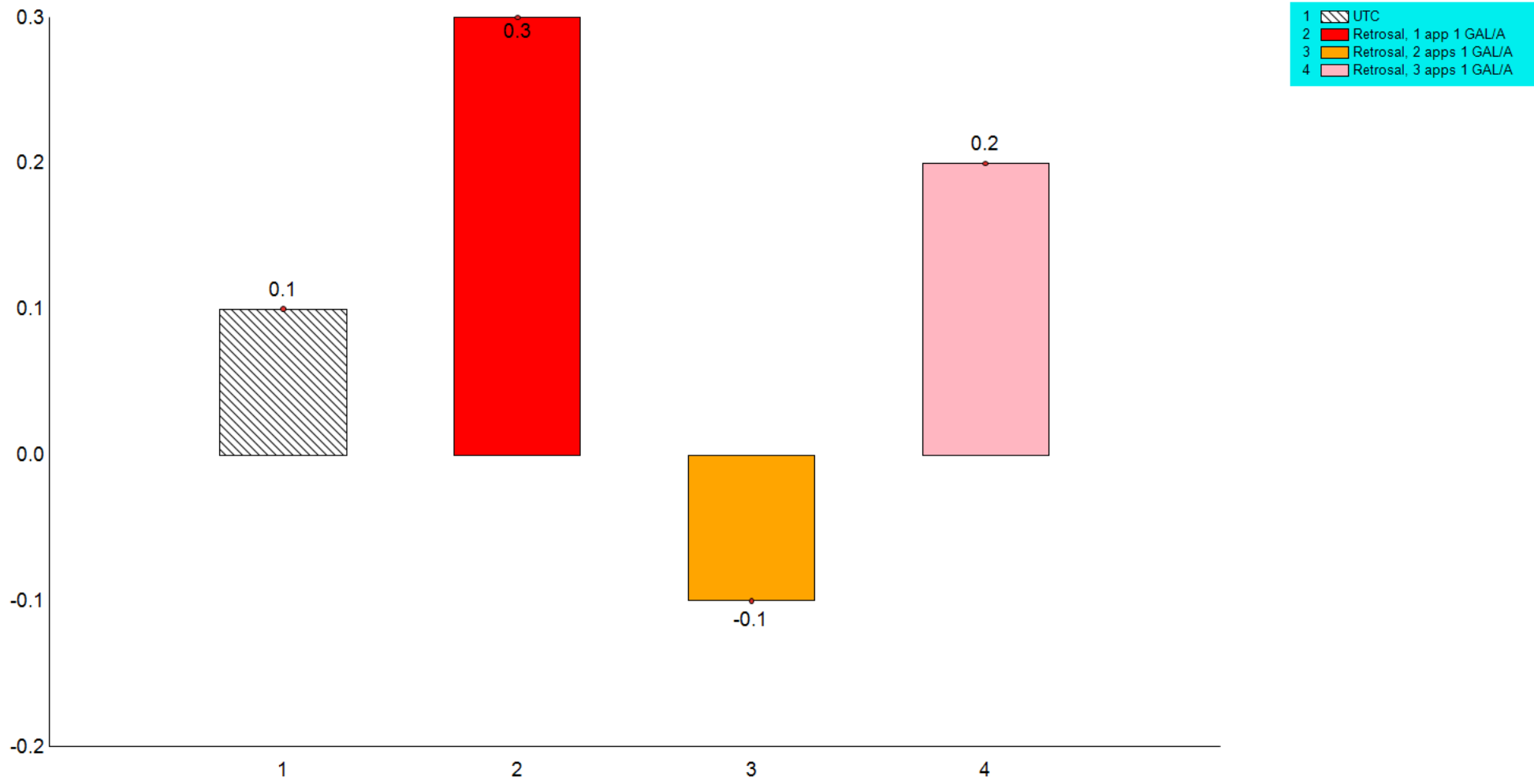
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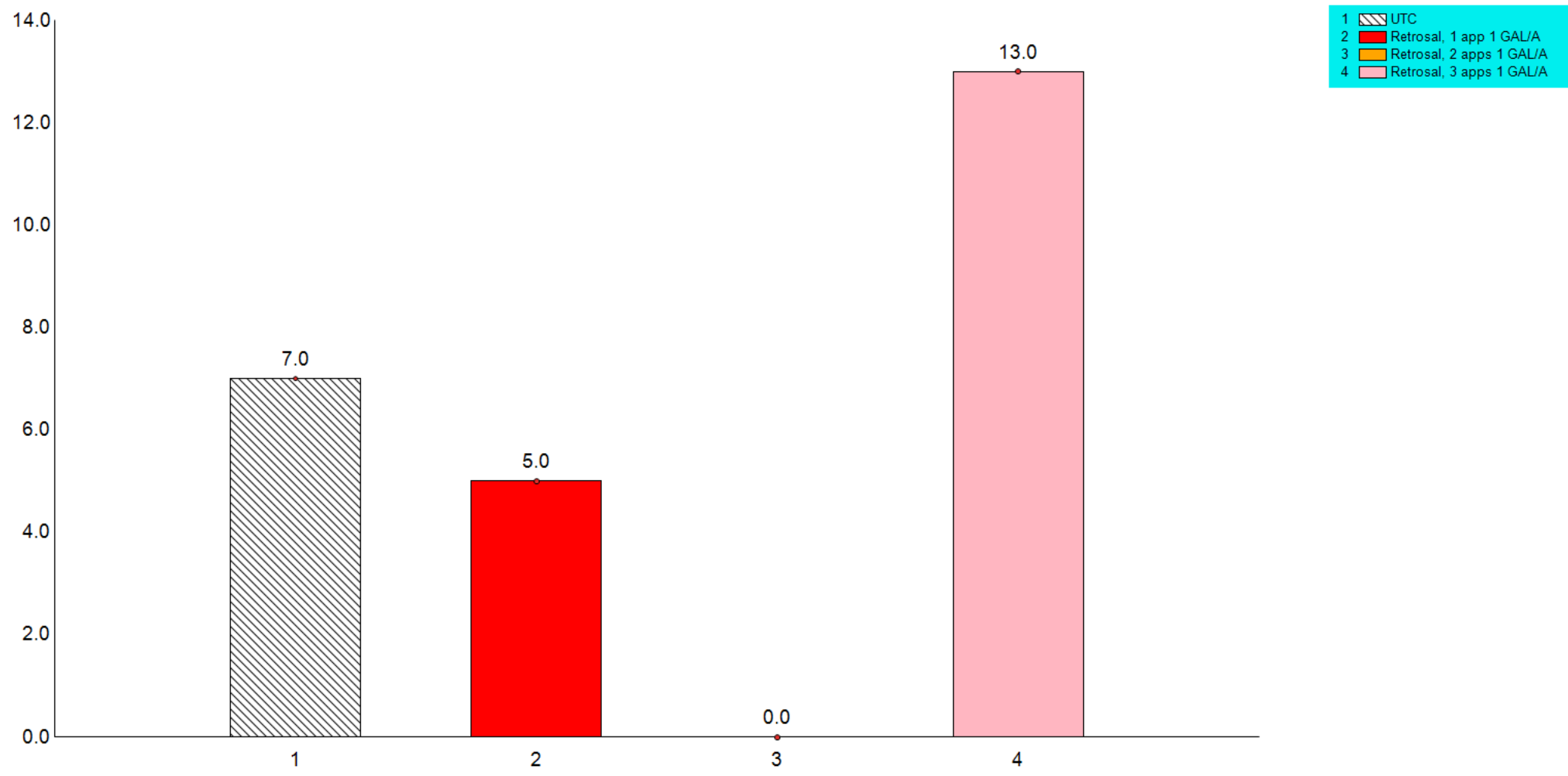
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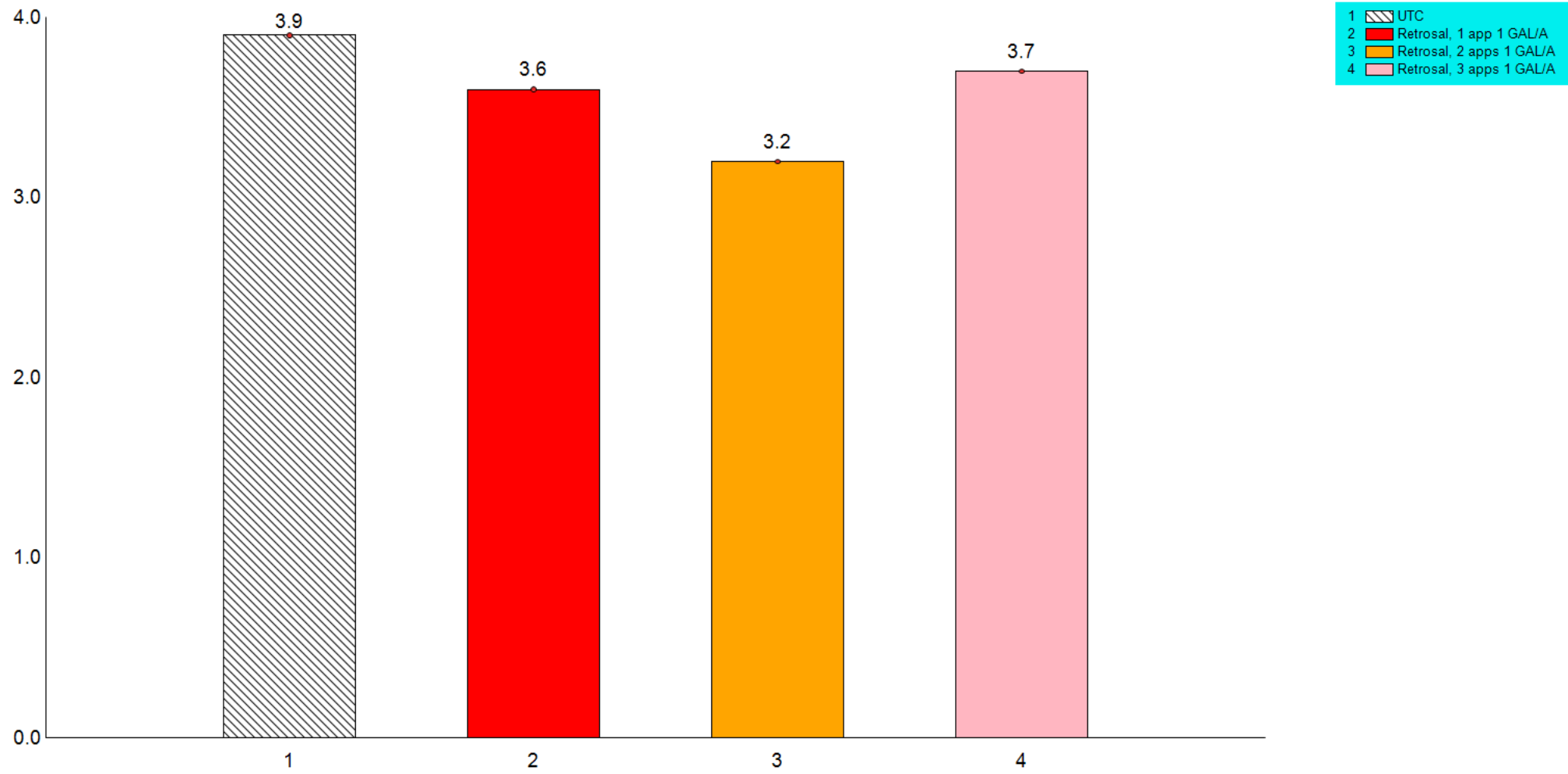


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Salt Paste Extract Testing

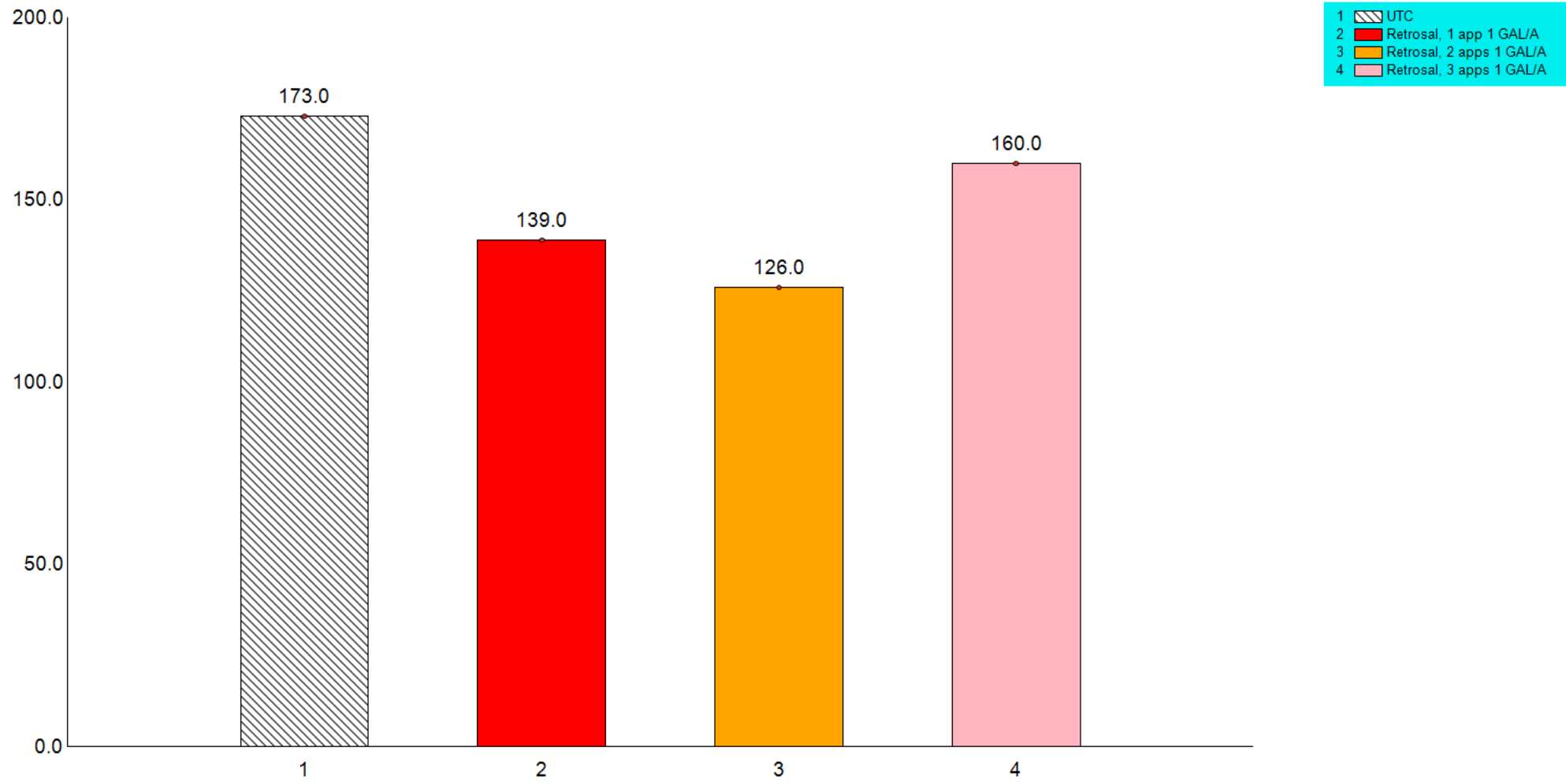
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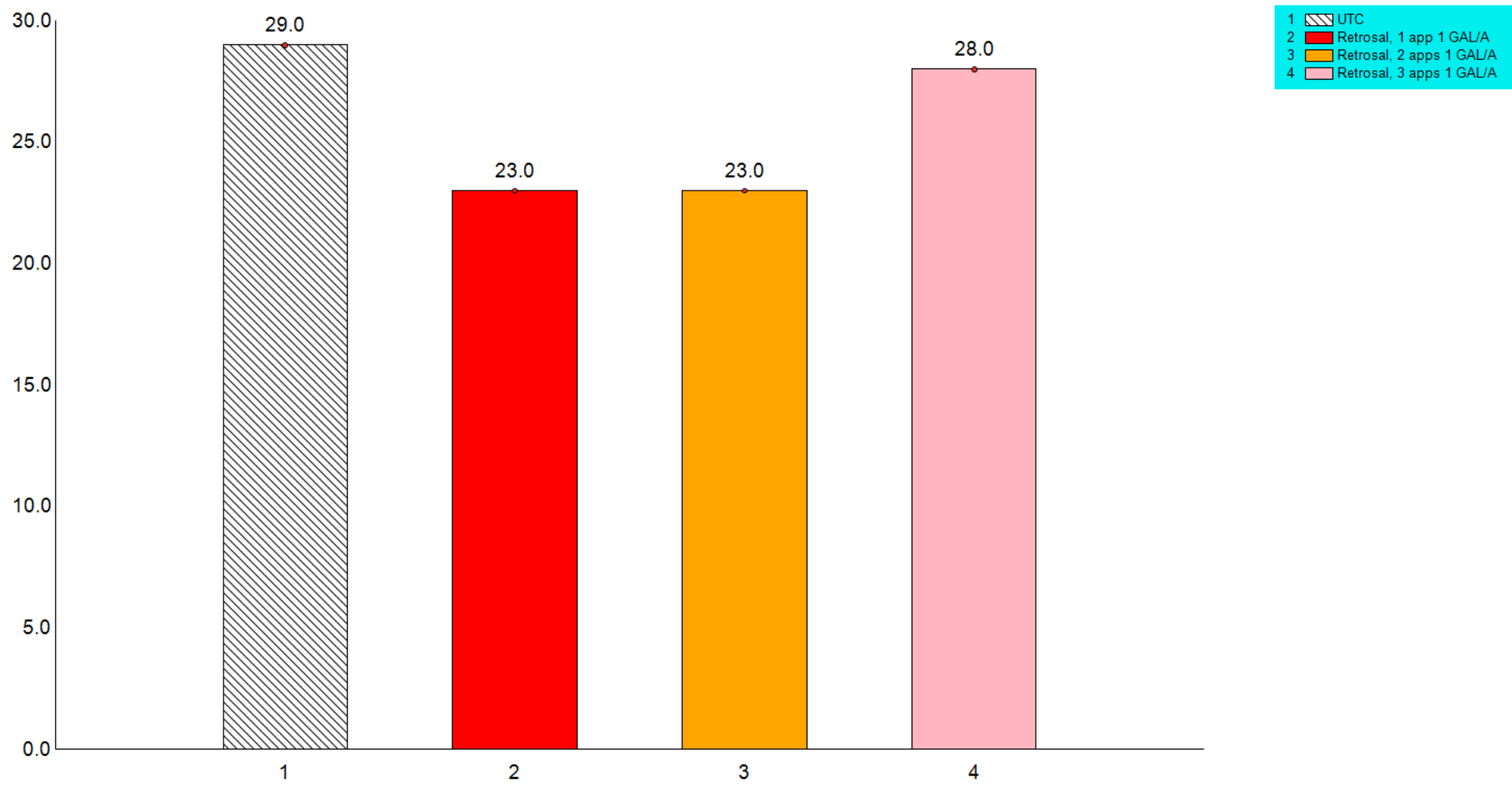
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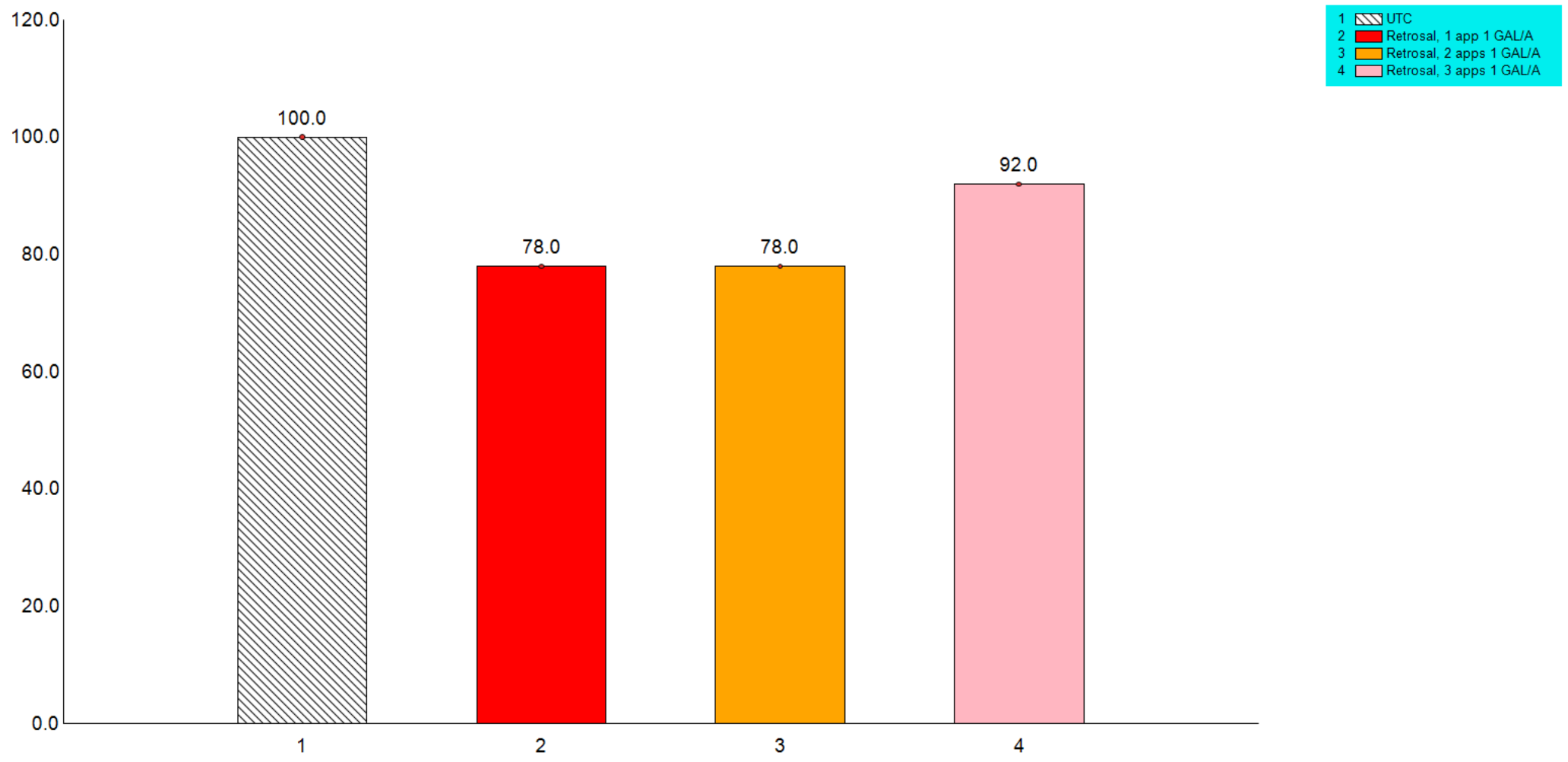
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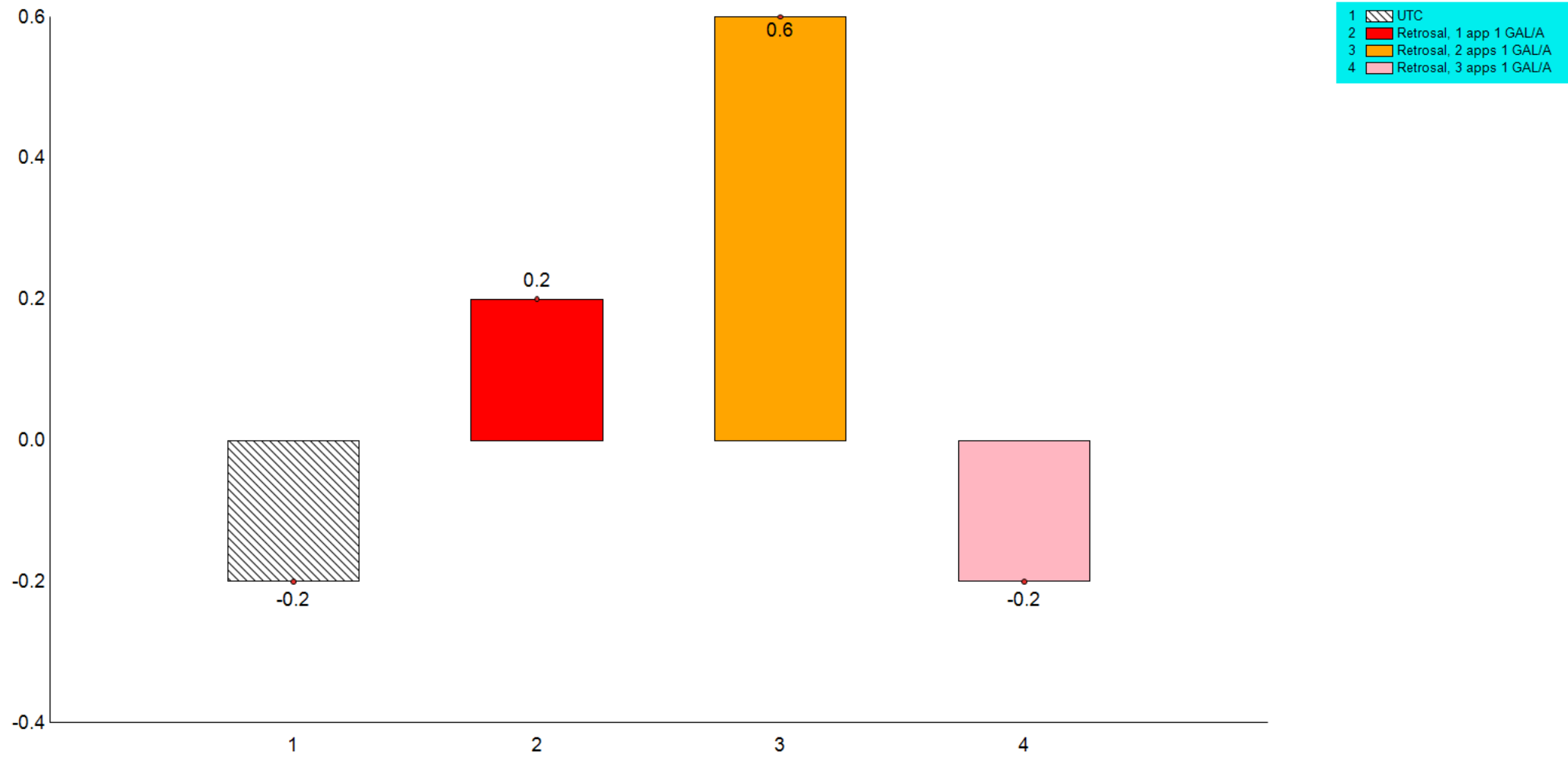
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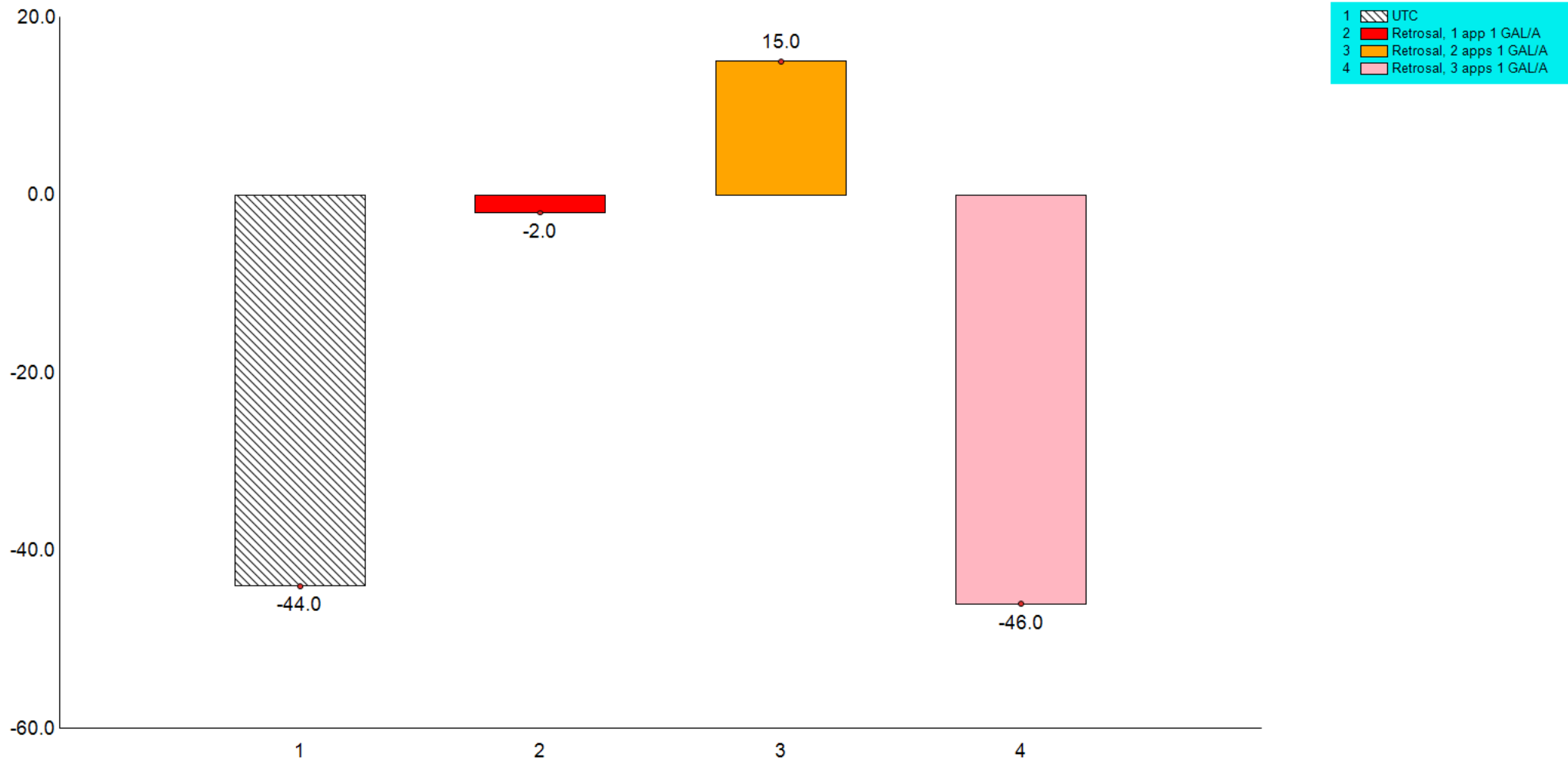
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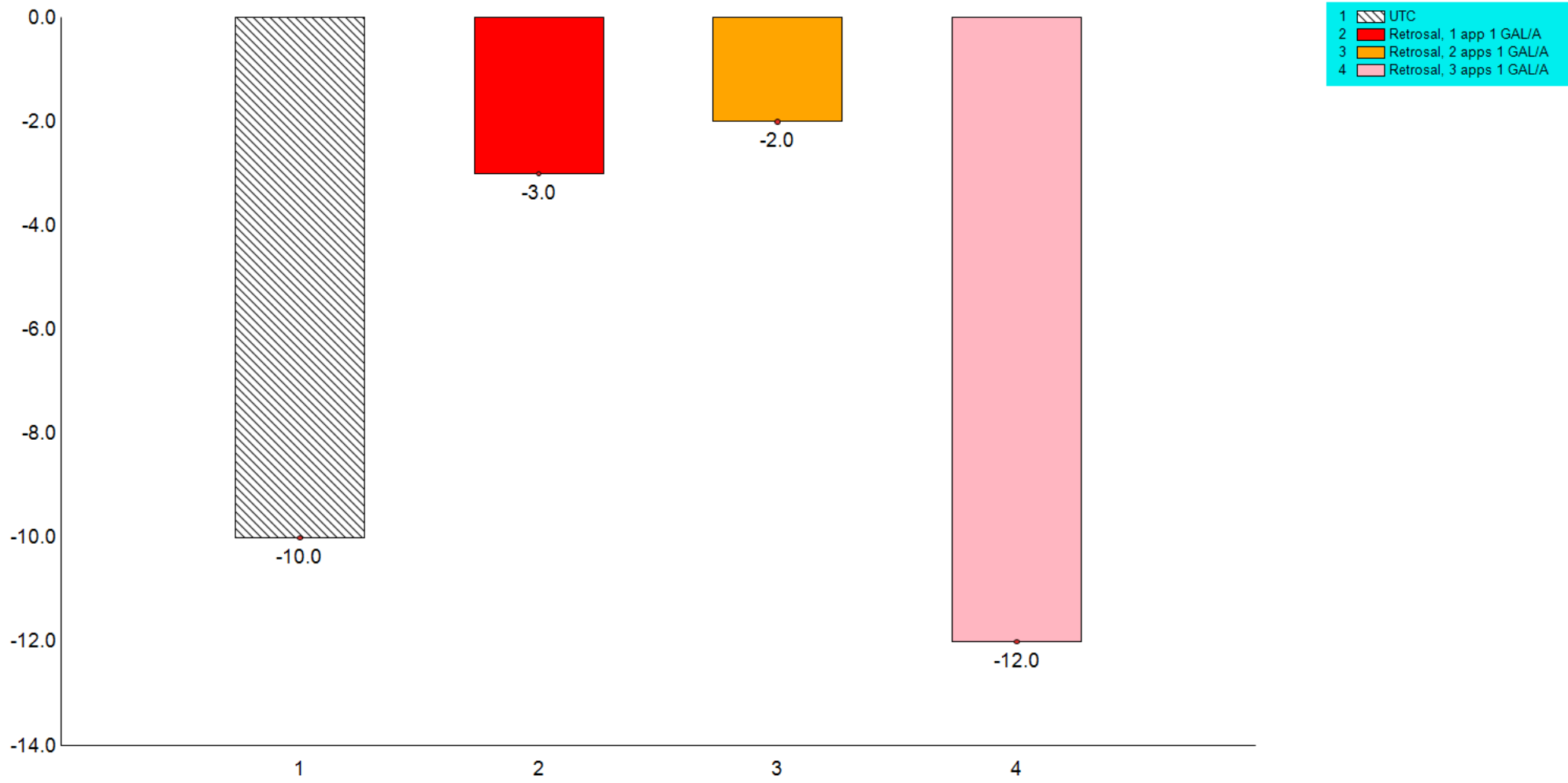
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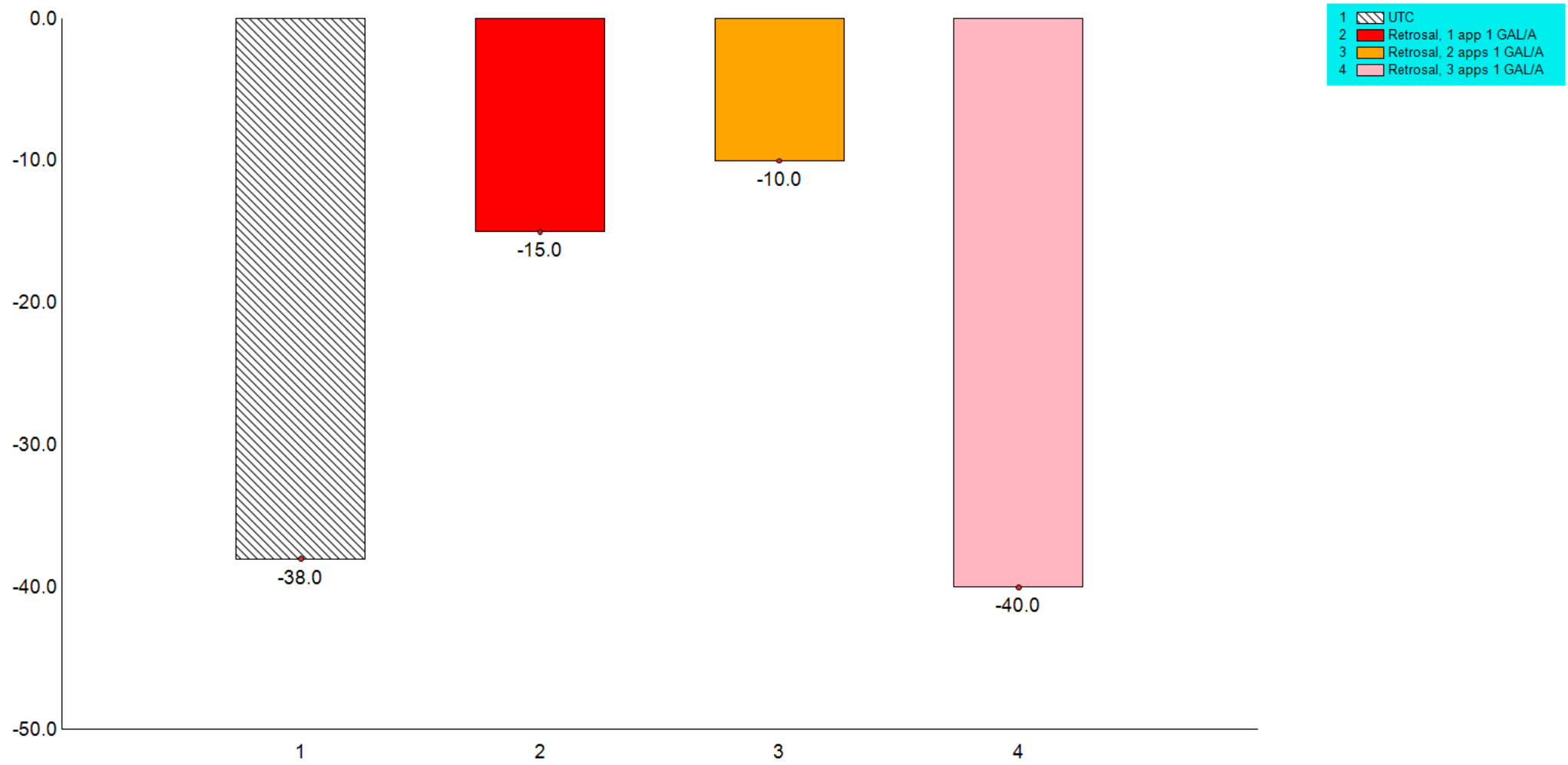
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Post-Early_Magnesium

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Post-Early_Calcium

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