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## The advantage of using barcodes on semen straws

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Since its creation in 1952 and the first Universal Product Code (UPC) found on a commercial product in 1974, barcodes have become an ubiquitous element of modern civilization. It consist of parallel lines varying in the widths and spacings and is a visual, machine readable, representation of data.

The advantages of using barcodes on semen straws are unequivocal but may not come without technical challenges.

The purpose of this presentation is to address the difficulties that might be encountered in the field but also to highlight the benefits of printing a barcode on semen straws.