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Comprehensive Comparative Outcomes in Children with Congenital Heart Disease: The Rationale for the Congenital Catheterization Research Collaborative

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Abstract

Clinical research in the treatment of patients with congenital heart disease (CHD) is limited by the wide variety of CHD manifestations and therapeutic options as well as the generally low incidence of CHD.

The availability of comprehensive, contemporary outcomes studies is therefore limited. This inadequacy may result in a lack of data-driven medical decision making.

In 2013, clinician scientists at two centers began a research collaboration, the Congenital Catheterization Research Collaborative (CCRC). Over time, the CCRC has grown to include nine cardiac

centers from across the United States, with a common data coordinating center. The CCRC seeks to generate high quality, contemporary, statistically robust and generalizable outcomes research which can help address important clinical questions in the treatment of CHD. To date, the CCRC has reported on multi-center outcomes in: neonates with congenital aortic stenosis, infants undergoing right ventricular decompression for pulmonary atresia and intact ventricular septum, and infants with ductal-dependent pulmonary blood flow. The CCRC has been successful at leveraging large multicenter cohorts of patients in a contemporary period to perform comparative studies. In the future, the CCRC plans to continue to perform hypothesis-driven retrospective and prospective observational studies of CHD populations where controversy exists or where novel interventions or therapies have emerged. Quality improvement efforts including lesion-specific registry development may be an additional potential future target.

Introduction

A high degree of variability attends nearly all forms of therapy for patients with congenital heart disease (CHD). This variability is inherent in medicine and reflects a number of immovable features of healthcare delivery. Temporal variability is likely due to factors such as improved understanding of pathophysiology and improved therapeutics. Technological advances have not only continued to emerge, but have been introduced at an accelerating rate over the past three decades. In areas as disparate as ventricular assist devices, stent technology, and anticoagulation therapies, innovations are introduced regularly. Regional and center-based variability reflects geographic and at times individual practitioner preferences, but may also reflect population and cultural biases, preconceptions, and vulnerabilities.

These variations make it difficult to interpret outcomes following both established, conventional therapies as well as novel interventions. The difficulty is particularly notable in the field of pediatric cardiology, where small populations with anatomically heterogenous cardiac malformations seemingly preclude comprehensive review and statistical comparison. For example, despite the fact that patent ductus arteriosus (PDA) stenting has been performed in neonates with cyanotic CHD since 1991, the largest single-center outcome studies evaluating the safety and efficacy of this procedure had been limited to small cohorts of 8-64 patients, with larger cohorts spanning broad eras (Figure 1)¹⁻⁸. Over the inclusion periods in those studies, concomitant advances in catheter and stent technology make it difficult to generalize published outcomes reflecting older technologies to contemporary practice.

Further, with no appropriate control arms in such studies, determination of superiority of therapy is not possible.

Given the relatively low incidence of particular forms of CHD, and institutional and regional practice patterns, we sought to use a multicenter approach to CHD research to mitigate these hindrances. We created a multicenter research collaborative, now termed the Congenital Catheterization Research Collaborative (CCRC), in 2013. Originally consisting of two centers, the CCRC is now comprised of nine pediatric cardiac centers from across the United States. By design, the CCRC includes both medium- and high-volume geographically diverse cardiac centers. Despite differences in treatment strategies in some areas of CHD, all centers offer comprehensive cardiac care, and importantly have complementary clinical and academic missions. The goal of the CCRC is to enhance understanding of the pathophysiology of CHD and outcomes following CHD interventions. Our research methods rely on leveraging multicenter, contemporary clinical data from our network of diverse cardiac centers. The mission of the CCRC is to improve outcomes for patients with CHD by undertaking hypothesis-driven research with a special focus on areas of innovation within pediatric and adult congenital interventional cardiology. The goal of the current paper is to describe the rationale for the creation of the CCRC, the projects achieved to date, and the future directions of our collaboration.

History

The CCRC began in 2013 when clinician scientists from Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center and Children's Healthcare of Atlanta collaborated to study the relationship between valve morphology and outcomes following balloon aortic valvuloplasty^{9, 10}. The collaboration proved successful not only academically, but because the collaborating investigators found they could reliably work together, across geographic and technological barriers. Web-based video conference calls were held where echocardiograms and catheterization angiograms were jointly reviewed and interpreted. These video conferences facilitated, for example, consistent measurements of unique, nuanced echocardiographic parameters. This allowed for a high degree of interobserver reliability even in the setting of challenging anatomic substrates. The multicenter approach led to enhanced appreciation for differing approaches to aspects of patient care with congenital aortic stenosis, including methods of valve annulus measurement and technical performance of balloon aortic valvuloplasty.

In 2015, the CCRC grew to include investigators from the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia and Texas Children's Hospital. The resultant larger CCRC group, which would go on to form the executive committee, sought to understand factors associated with poor outcomes in children with pulmonary atresia and intact ventricular septum (PA-IVS). Previous reports on PA-IVS had largely been limited to single-center, small cohort studies, and many of the larger series were hindered by a broad span of inclusion dates (some spanning multiple decades of institutional experience), or very small cohorts where more contemporary approaches were employed but statistical power was wanting (Figure 1)¹¹⁻¹⁷. The CCRC studied a contemporary, relatively large cohort of neonates with PA-IVS. We evaluated a host of echocardiographic and hemodynamic factors and identified that pre-intervention tricuspid regurgitation was associated with a host of important clinical endpoints following right ventricle decompression in neonates with PA-IVS ¹⁸. Additional analyses led to enhanced understanding of the importance of nuanced technical variables on outcomes. As an example, we reported that higher radiofrequency energy application was associated with complications such as cardiac perforation¹⁹.

The study which the CCRC pursued next was a comparison of outcomes following transcatheter PDA stenting versus surgical systemic-to-pulmonary artery shunts (i.e. BT shunts) in infants with ductaldependent pulmonary blood flow. Prior to this study, published reports were limited to small case series of PDA stenting procedures or rarely, even smaller cohorts where outcomes following PDA stenting were compared to those following BT shunt. In both types of studies, generalization of results was restricted by small cohort size, poor statistical power and institutional preferences. Particularly in the case of the comparative studies, results were confounded by indication, as neonates undergoing PDA stenting had undeniably different risk factors when compared to the BT shunt cohorts^{3, 8}. The CCRC leveraged a relatively large multicenter population, all palliated within the past 10 years, which reflects the current era of surgical and transcatheter techniques and available devices. Importantly, this cohort size allowed for propensity score adjustment to account for confounding by indication, including inherent differences in cardiac anatomy, expected physiology and other patient- and center-specific factors²⁰. Ensuing studies from this cohort were performed which again highlighted important technical factors to consider when performing PDA stenting [Bauser-Heaton], the impact of underlying PDA morphology on outcomes following PDA stenting [Qureshi CCI 2018], and the impact of palliative strategy on cost of care [Goldstein, AHA 2018].

Investigators from five additional institutions (Table 1) have since joined the CCRC including members from Vanderbilt University, University of Alabama – Birmingham, University of California San Francisco, University of Michigan, and Washington University in St. Louis. New and ongoing studies, outlined below, will include patients treated at all nine centers. With the inclusion of new members to the CCRC, the executive committee recognized a need to both formalize processes for conducting research and also to introduce the CCRC methodology to the new investigators. For this reason, we developed an onboarding structure for new members which helps each investigator to understand the roles, expectations, and mechanisms the site principal investigator assumes within the collaborative.

Whenever possible, the CCRC draws from expertise beyond the membership of the CCRC. Cardiology subspecialists in non-invasive imaging, in particular, are important collaborators and indeed leaders of research efforts²¹. In these studies, imaging specialists have played an important role in assigning anatomic risk factors^{9, 18}. Surgical colleagues were included from the outset in our first comparative study between BT shunt and PDA stent²⁰. The CCRC also places a high priority on mentoring of junior faculty and trainees, with active roles in research projects. Close collegial relationships with other important members of the congenital cardiac community help to ensure our work minimizes potential bias and reflects the best available science.

CCRC Culture

While developing our bylaws and guidelines, the CCRC executive committee conferred with representatives from established and respected collaborative organizations, in particular leaders from the Pediatric Heart Network (PHN), the Pediatric Heart Transplant Study (PHTS), the Pediatric Cardiac Critical Care Collaborative (PC⁴), and the Pediatric Acute Care Cardiology Collaborative (PAC3)²²⁻²⁵. These collaborations each have unique goals, administrative structures, and data collection instruments and yet their experiences and guidance were invaluable in creating the administrative and academic structure of our collaboration. Leaders from these collaborations are routinely invited to CCRC inperson meetings to provide ongoing advice to the executive committee. Similarly, members of the CCRC have been invited to serve on local and national career development panels – particularly focusing on the benefits academically and professionally associated with multicenter collaborative research.

Several attributes separate the CCRC from other seemingly similar groups. One important distinction is that the CCRC is not a quality improvement registry such as the Improving Pediatric and Adult

Congenital Treatments (IMPACT) Registry, Congenital Cardiac Catheterization Project on Outcomes (C3PO) or PC4^{24, 26, 27}. Rather, the CCRC undertakes hypothesis-driven retrospective and prospective observational research, the focus of which is often, although not exclusively, related to outcomes following interventional procedures.

Given the inherent limitations of retrospective research, it is imperative that the CCRC develops and adheres to rigorous methods and timely data collection to enhance the rigor, quality and value of our research. These critical methods include:

- A use of contemporary clinical data reflecting up-to-date interventional, imaging, and surgical approaches
- B highly granular and accurate data collection reflecting a comprehensive data auditing process
- C pooling of contemporary data across multiple sites, providing increased statistical power despite relatively short inclusion periods

Each study proposal undergoes review by the New Study Proposal Committee chair as well as the Executive Committee. Proposals with well-defined clinical endpoints and compelling clinical questions are prioritized. The CCRC reviews such proposals and has adopted a scoring format based upon the National Institutes of Health Study Section process²⁸. After review of proposals is undertaken, necessary data elements are provided and a case report form (CRF), data dictionary and Manual of Operations (MOO) are created. Data programming within Research Electronic Data Capture (REDCap) allows for secure web-based electronic data entry among CCRC sites²⁹. The databases are created and maintained by the CCRC data coordinating center (DCC), The Children's Healthcare of Atlanta.

Another critical aspect of the CCRC is our culture of transparency and democratic structure. Specifically, the expectation among CCRC participants is that all investigators share in the academic workload, the academic credit as well as the organizational responsibilities. Authorship responsibilities and assignments rotate so that each member of the CCRC remains fully engaged, enjoys professional growth and satisfaction, and can ultimately help mentor future CCRC members. This concept, we believe, will enable the CCRC to remain a high-quality clinically relevant research collaboration for years to come, as more junior members begin to lead CCRC academic and organizational efforts.

CCRC Organizational Structure and Finances

The CCRC has developed a number of committees, each of which focuses on a unique aspect of our mission (Figure 2). The executive committee is comprised of the four founding members of the CCRC plus 1-2 at-large members who are elected to serve 2-year terms. The role of the executive committee is to ensure the goals and mission of the CCRC are sustained, that academic roles and credit are appropriately and equitably distributed, and that studies continue to be completed efficiently but also with appropriate scientific rigor. Committees function to enhance the ability of the CCRC to undertake both large-scale and focused projects. The Finance Chair oversees the fiscal budget, oversees payment of dues and assists with philanthropic efforts. The Scientific Committee Chair advises each PI during the formulation of each new study and oversees the analytic plan. The Biostatistics Chair advises investigators on methodologic approaches which enhance the capabilities to perform rigorous statistics, to minimize selection bias, and to control for other obvious and subtle confounders. The New Studies Chair focuses on evaluating new study proposals not only to evaluate scientific merit, but also to prioritize studies, and to anticipate and promote affiliated, ancillary studies.

Finances of the CCRC are sustained through a combination of annual member dues as well as philanthropy. Each principal investigator's institution has committed to annual dues which support, to date, the majority of administrative functions of the CCRC. The costs associated with biannual in-person meetings are largely underwritten by the CCRC. Currently the CCRC enjoys important philanthropic support from generous donors who support the mission of the CCRC as well as the individual clinicians who comprise the collaborative. In many cases, these donors are parents of children or relatives with congenital heart disease. To date, philanthropic support has facilitated the hiring of a program manager, who is based at the DCC and oversees the regulatory and administrative functions of the CCRC. Grant funding sources will be considered as the collaborative focuses on larger scale prospective observational studies.

The CCRC holds a biannual in-person meeting in Atlanta, at the DCC. These 2-3 day in-person meetings are critical for both academic success and organizational momentum. The meetings allow for in-depth academic project review, including evaluation of study analyses with investigators and statisticians on site, with presentations and updates given by the principal investigator of each unique study and writing group. Further, the meetings allow for new study proposals to be presented, refined, and planned.

CCRC members also use the meetings to discuss the organizational strategic vision, review CCRC finances, and plan for introduction of new members when appropriate. The in-person meetings, combined with monthly conference calls and webinars, ensure regular communication and an open culture where ideas, criticisms and disagreements are shared, and a durable collegial relationship among members is both established and maintained. Importantly, the professional and social network which has developed within the collaborative over time among the CCRC investigators has facilitated an ongoing dedication to career development, professional support, and leadership development for all CCRC members.

CCRC Data Quality and Auditing

The data auditing process has matured over the initial years of CCRC existence. With larger cohort studies involving an increasingly broad span of data points, it became necessary to introduce a thorough auditing process. The executive committee, again, discussed the issue of data quality with leaders of other multicenter collaboratives, notably the PC⁴ registry. Ultimately, we utilize a two-step approach to ensure data quality: data entry training and interval data auditing.

Prior to opening of new study REDCap databases, the CCRC Program Manager and Biostatistics Chair develop a study-specific training module for all CCRC principal investigators, study coordinators, and affiliated data entry personnel from each site. REDCap data entry is reviewed, with Data Dictionary elements and the MOO explained. Each site enters 2-3 sample patients and then these are reviewed with the CCRC Program Manager. Once the entries are reviewed and the data entry personnel from a given site understand the data elements and nature of data entry, the site is then permitted to proceed with complete data entry for that study.

The program manager, study biostatisticians as well as the study lead investigator with assistance from the Scientific Committee chair will conduct audits of data on regular intervals. Random cases (10-20% of total cohort per site), assigned by the Biostatistics Chair will be reviewed by: (a) notification of the site principal investigator so that primary documents (e.g. operative reports, echocardiogram reports, catheterization reports) can be electronically captured and uploaded into REDCap and (b) primary document review at the DCC. Auditors will then adjudicate entered data with the primary source documents to ensure completeness and accuracy of data entry. Discrepancies will then be resolved. When systematic, recurring errors are noted, retraining of the involved site personnel may be necessary.

Errors in data extraction and entry are recorded and these challenges in data entry discussed during monthly conference calls to ensure maximal efficiency and mutual benefit across all sites.

Whenever possible, data extraction for specific studies will be enhanced by utilizing site-specific data warehouses – e.g. Lumedx (Cardiovascular Data Intelligence, Oakland CA) or CardioAccess (CardioAccess Inc, Fort Lauderdale FL) – which offers the benefit of prior review and confirmation of all datapoints by each site's internal bioinformatics team. Use of institutional data warehouses is achieved using common diagnostic or procedural codes derived from either the Improving Pediatric and Adult Congenital Treatment (IMPACT) registry or the Society of Thoracic Surgeons (STS) Congenital database^{27, 30}. Use of these common codes across the registries (and therefore across CCRC centers, all of which participate in these registries) ensures standardization, appropriate patient inclusion, and common procedure definitions. The CCRC has also linked patient identifiers at the center-level to Pediatric Health Information System (PHIS) data to perform healthcare cost comparison analysis. These finance data are then deidentified and reviewed and analyzed in a blinded manner.

CCRC Future Directions

To date the CCRC has undertaken strictly retrospective, comprehensive outcomes studies (Table 2). Our current study will compare midterm and late outcomes in symptomatic (cyanotic) neonates with tetralogy of Fallot (TOF), based upon initial treatment strategy. The two main cohorts will be those undergoing primary neonatal TOF repair and those neonates undergoing palliation (including BT shunt, PDA stent, right ventricular outflow tract stent, and balloon pulmonary valvuloplasty) with subsequent complete TOF repair. We anticipate that after the creation of this large multicenter database, multiple derivative studies will be undertaken to answer more focused clinical questions.

We also aim to undertake prospective, observational studies involving populations with CHD – including cohorts previously studied in a retrospective manner. Future potential studies include evaluation of neurodevelopmental outcomes following catheter-based palliation for infants with CHD, comparative studies based on intention-to-treat analysis (which is unachievable in a retrospective study), and observational cohort studies of high-risk CHD lesions. For these prospective studies, we anticipate considerably increased work burden at each site, which will require additional coordinator support to facilitate sustained success. In an effort to mitigate this added effort, we plan to develop center-level

data linkages to existing registries, including PC⁴, PAC³, STS and IMPACT, to reduce the work burden of chart abstraction.

Lastly, we recognize the increasing role – and at times overlap – of discipline-specific large multicenter collaboratives within the field of pediatric and adult congenital cardiology. In order to offer value not just to investigator members, but to the hospitals and academic institutions which financially sustain these organizations, many of these collaboratives operate within the sphere of quality improvement work. Quality improvement initiatives further institutional missions, and therefore registry-based multicenter efforts are perceived as directly applicable in this light. With the development of prospective research projects, as detailed above, we intend for the CCRC to offer similar value, with access to continuous feedback on patient outcomes as well as highly-technical procedural details, in part to facilitate the introduction of novel treatment strategies. Lesion-specific registry development may also be a focus of future CCRC work, to facilitate discrete quality improvement efforts related to interventional procedures and their outcomes. We also plan to study patient-reported outcomes in future studies, taking advantage of existing and ensuing identified populations. We anticipate that the CCRC will continue to evolve, from a retrospective-based research collaborative into a multicenter prospective research group focusing on improving outcomes, establishing procedural benchmarks, and performing comparative research. We believe that hypothesis-driven research is a critical tool for quality improvement, and data driven clinical decision making leads to optimized care of patients with CHD.

Conclusion

The CCRC is a multicenter research collaborative which aims to improve the health and well-being of patients with CHD. Our approach of utilizing highly granular clinical data allows us to evaluate patient-specific and procedural factors and their effect on outcomes following interventions. Our goal is to provide scientific data to optimize clinical decision making, particularly where controversy or disagreement exists. We believe that the CCRC, through partnerships with existing cardiac registries and with our institutional colleagues, will help improve our understanding of outcomes following CHD interventions.

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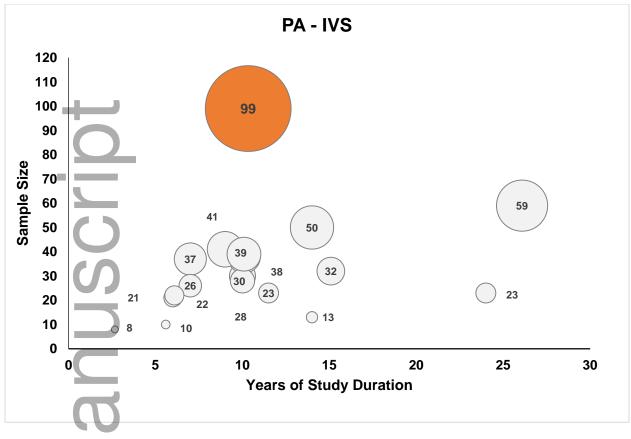
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Figure 1. Pediatric Cardiology Studies Compared by Span of Years and Size of Cohort Included These scatterplots demonstrate the range of studies reporting outcomes on pulmonary atresia with intact ventricular septum (PA-IVS) in Panel A, and on stenting of the patent ductus arteriosus (PDA) in Panel B. Size of cohort is indicated on the vertical axes, and span of study (years) is indicated on the horizontal axes. Previous publications in PA-IVS spanned many years, up to 28 years, in order to achieve cohorts of 40-60 patients. Conversely, the CCRC PA-IVS study included 99 patients in a span of 10 years (orange circle) (A). Studies evaluating outcomes following PDA stenting (B) likewise included small cohorts or conversely achieved larger cohorts by including procedures performed >10 years earlier. However, the CCRC PDA stent study included 106 neonates in an 8-year span (orange circle).

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This graph details the leadership and administrative structure of the Congenital Catheterization
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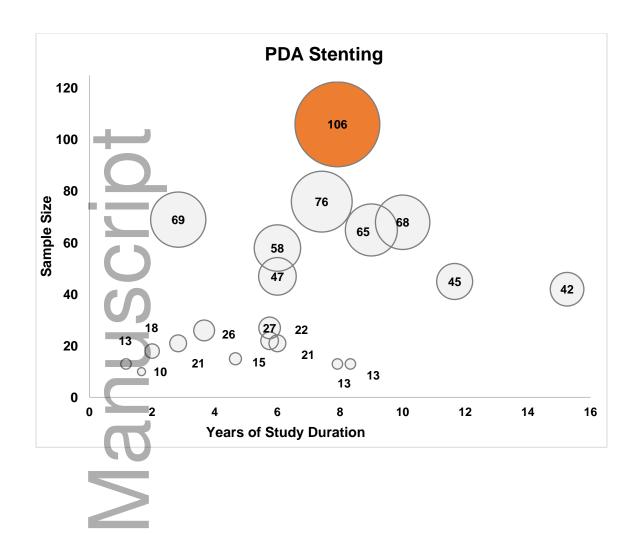


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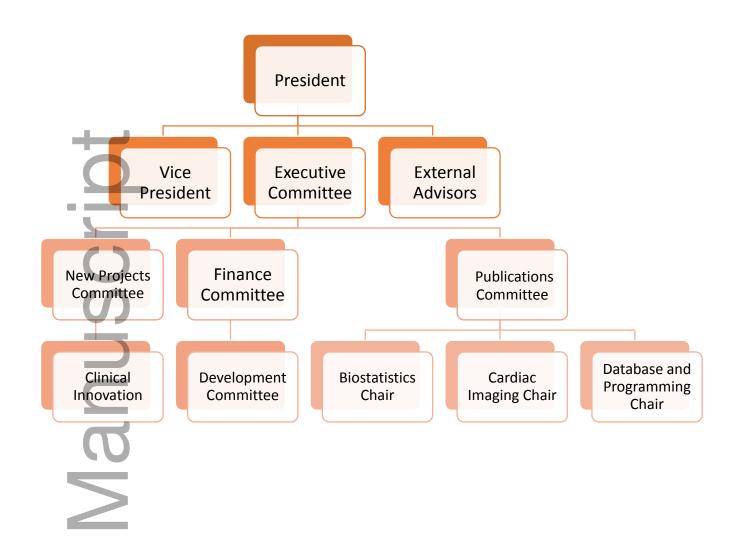


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MD MSCE	Philadelphia PA	Philadelphia	Committee
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MD	Arbor, MI	Hospital	
Shabana	Washington University, St.	St. Louis Children's	Member since 2018
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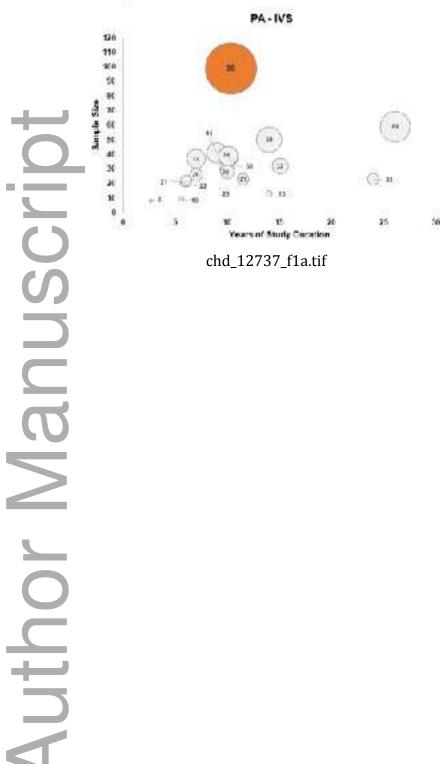
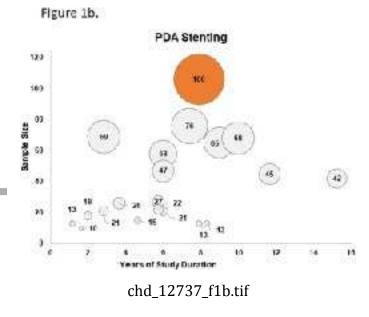


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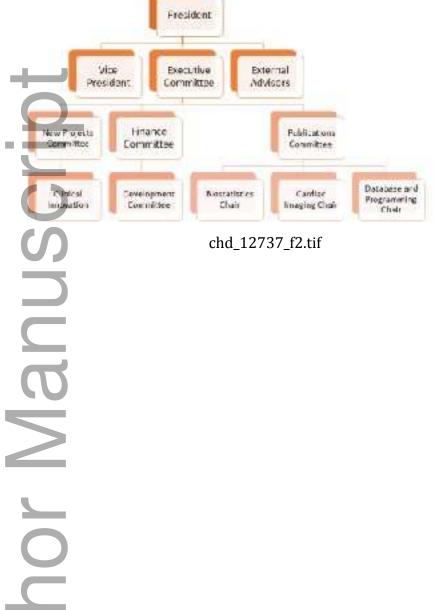


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