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## ABSTRACT

**Introduction:** Identification of occult hypovolemia in trauma patients at admission can be difficult without additional laboratory evaluation or advanced imaging. We hypothesized that in acute trauma patients, the response of ultrasound-measured minimum inferior vena cava diameter (IVCD<sub>MIN</sub>), IVC Collapsibility Index (IVCCI) or minimum internal jugular diameter (IJVD<sub>MIN</sub>) or IJV Collapsibility Index (IJVCI) in repeated ultrasound examinations (USA-IVC) during up to 1 hour of standard-of-care intravenous fluid resuscitation would predict 24-hour resuscitation intravenous fluid requirements (24FR).

**Methods:** An NTI funded, AAST-MITC group prospective, multi-institutional cohort trial was conducted at 4 Level I Trauma Centers. Major trauma patients were screened in the supine position for an IVCD of 12 mm or IVCCI of 50% or less on the initial FAST examination for enrollment. A second IVCD was obtained 40-60 minutes later, after the patient received standard-of-care fluid resuscitation. Patients whose second measurement IVCD was less than 10mm were deemed Non-Responders (NON-RESP), those at or greater than 10mm were Responders (RESP). Prehospital fluid, initial resuscitation fluid and 24FR were recorded. Demographics, ISS, arterial blood gasses, ICU admission, length-of-stay, interventions and complications were recorded. Means were compared by ANOVA and categorical variables were compared via Chi-square. Receiver-operator characteristic (ROC) curves and gray area analysis were used to compare the IVC and IJV measures and to Base Excess (BE), ISS and other 24FR predictors.

**Results:** There were 4798 patients screened by FAST-IVC, 196 were identified with admission IVCD of 12 mm or IVCCI of 50% or less, 144 were enrolled and had useable

imagery. After 1 hour of standard of care resuscitation, there were 86 RESP and 58 NON-RESP. There were no significant differences between groups in demographics, initial hemodynamics or laboratory measures. NON-RESP had smaller IVCD ( $6.0\text{mm} \pm 3.7$  vs.  $14.2\text{mm} \pm 4.3$ ,  $p < 0.001$ ) and higher IVCCI ( $41.7\% \pm 30.0$  vs.  $13.2\% \pm 12.7$ ,  $p < 0.001$ ) but no significant difference in IJVD or IJVCCI. RESP had significantly greater 24FR than NON-RESP ( $2503\text{ml} \pm 1751$  vs.  $1243\text{ml} \pm 1130$ ,  $p = 0.003$ ). ROC analysis indicates IVCD<sub>MIN</sub> predicted 24FR (AUC= 0.74, C.I.: 0.64-0.84,  $p < 0.001$ ) as did IVCCI (AUC= 0.75, C.I.: 0.65-0.85,  $p < 0.001$ ) not IJVD (AUC= 0.48, C.I.: 0.24-0.60,  $p = \text{N.S.}$ ) or IVCCI (AUC= 0.54, C.I.: 0.42-0.67,  $p = \text{N.S.}$ ) and more predictive than ISS (AUC=0.65, C.I.:0.54-0.76,  $p = 0.007$ ) in predicting 24FR.

**Conclusion:** Ultrasound assessed IVCD<sub>MIN</sub> and IVCCI but not IJ diameter response to initial major trauma patient resuscitation predicts 24-hour fluid resuscitation requirements.

**Level of Evidence:** II+

**Study Type:** Diagnostic tests or criteria

**Key Words:** Trauma, Ultrasound, Shock, Resuscitation, Vena Cava

## Ultrasonographic IVC Diameter Response to Trauma Resuscitation after One Hour Predicts 24 Hour Fluid Requirement

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## INTRODUCTION

Determining which major trauma patients are fluid responsive (FR) at admission is often difficult in the absence of overt hypotension. Both clinical assessment and invasive measures such as central venous pressure (CVP) or have a reliability in predicting FR only slightly better than chance. (1, 2) Concern over inadequate resuscitation has led in the past to guidelines supporting aggressive fluid administration with a risk of over-resuscitation. Current approaches recommend early balanced transfusion in overt shock (3) but crystalloid administration when uncertainty exists. Ultrasound (US) has emerged as a non-invasive, rapid, point of care test that may be an attractive option to assess volume status and FR.

US assessment of the IVC diameter (IVCD) and its variation or collapsibility with respiration (IVCCI) is a reproducible and usually easy to perform US examination.(4) US assessment of the minimum IVCD ( $IVCD_{MIN}$ ), maximum IVCD ( $IVCD_{MAX}$ ) or IVCCI measures can be difficult or unobtainable in some cases due to obesity, increased abdominal pressure, bowel gas, air in tissues or if wounds or dressings intervene. US assessment of the internal jugular vein (IJV) and its minimum ( $IJVD_{MIN}$ ) and maximum diameter ( $IJVD_{MAX}$ ) and respiratory variation or collapsibility (IJVCI) is a more recently proposed measure in ventilated and septic ICU patients(5, 6) and blood donors(7, 8), but has not been described in resuscitation of trauma patients.

The primary objective of this study is to determine if repeated ultrasound assessment of  $IVCD_{MIN}$ , IVCCI and of  $IJVD_{MIN}$ , IJVCI after standard of care resuscitation in major trauma patients presenting with small or collapsible IVCs will predict FR within 24 hours of admission.

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The secondary objective is to compare US measures of FR in order to determine the best measure or best combination of measurements to determine FR in major trauma patients.

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## METHODS

A prospective, multi-institutional, observational cohort human trial in adult major trauma patients presenting to four U.S. Level I trauma centers was conducted. Institutional Review Board (IRB) and US Army Human Research Protections Office (HRPO, HSRRB Log Number A-18698) approvals were obtained at participating centers. The study was entered in the ClinicalTrials.gov registry with identifier NCT01989273. Because of the short time available to obtain necessary ultrasound images at admission, IRB (UCSD IRB 100326) and HRPO (HSRRB Log Number A-18698) approval was obtained to complete patient consent to participate in the study after the required study imaging was obtained. Patients who refused consent were withdrawn from the study and their study images and data not used. Data was collected in a secure electronic database via the AAST-MITC study data website.

### Enrollment and Data Collection

The trial was conducted in two phases, in the first 18-month phase starting June 2012, and a second 18-month phase starting July 2016 and ending in March 2018. Focused assessment sonographic evaluations for trauma including views of the inferior vena cava were performed on major trauma victims as part of standard resuscitation within 30 minutes of admission. Major trauma victims who had evidence of increased IVC collapsibility: (IVC-CI  $\geq$  50%) or an IVC diameter of  $\leq$  12 mm on the initial FAST examination were candidates for enrollment.

Exclusion criteria were pregnancy after 20 weeks gestation, patients under 18 years of age, prisoners or others prohibited from participating in clinical trials and patients with severe

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14 sixty minutes of resuscitation. RESP had restoration IVCD<sub>MIN</sub> to 10mm or greater after one hour  
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16 of standard of care resuscitation. NON-RESP were those with an IVCD<sub>MIN</sub> of less than 10 mm  
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18 of more after one hour of standard of care resuscitation. During the first 18-month phase starting  
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20 June 2012, IVC video clips only were obtained. In the second 18-month phase starting July  
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22 2016, video clips of right and left internal jugular veins were also obtained at the same time as  
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35 actual measurement of the IVC and IJV was performed by the investigators only after patient  
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37 discharge. No interventions were based on the assigned group, all resuscitation and subsequent  
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48 such as surgery or angiography, need for ICU admission, need for ventilation, crystalloid  
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50 intravenous fluid and blood product transfusion requirements within 24 hours, mortality and  
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54 admission arterial blood gases in the first 24 hours including arterial blood gas base deficit.  
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## Sonographic Technique and Equipment

The participating trauma centers routinely utilize clinician-performed Focused Assessment with Sonography for Trauma (FAST) at admission. Sonographers were either clinician-sonographers or registered diagnostic sonographers (RDMS) who perform FAST routinely at their center.

Patients undergoing FAST+IVC diameter measurement were examined in the supine position (0 degrees). All examinations were done in a 0-degree, flat bed position and except for standard of care fluid resuscitation, no provocative maneuvers such as bed tilting, straight-leg raising, deep breathing or sniffing were performed. Two FAST+IVC serial exams were performed – the first within 30 minutes of admission and a second within 60 minutes of admission but more than 20 minutes after the first FAST+IVC exam.

Sonographic evaluation of IVC diameters was performed according to a methodology described by the study authors in written and video training materials provided to sonographers participating in the study. IVC views were obtained using a phased array probe via an initial B-mode paramedian longitudinal window of the IVC about 2cm below level of the hepatic veins, within 2.5–5 cm from the right atrium. Alternately, especially if gas obscured the paramedian window, visualization via a liver window along the right posterior axillary line was used. Details of these techniques have been outlined elsewhere. Images were stored as video clips through at least two respiratory cycles.

Internal jugular vein views were obtained by high frequency linear transducer probe. The left and right IJ were imaged in short and long axis in the neck at the level of the cricoid with the patient

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4 supine (0 degrees). The maximal and minimal diameter as a result of respiratory variation was  
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6 assessed at both positions from the short and long axis view. In cases where the attending  
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8 surgeon deemed it too unsafe to remove the cervical collar in cases of suspected spine injury,  
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10 only IVC views were obtained without IJV views. Ultrasound machines used varied by center,  
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12 these included the M-Turbo (Sonosite, Bothell, WA), CX- 50 (Phillips, Andover, MA), Logiq-e  
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14 (General Electric, Boston, MA) and the Z.One Pro (Mindray, Mahwah, NJ).  
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### 21 **IVC and IJV Collapsibility Index**

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26 The inferior vena cava's diameter was measured at its largest diameter (usually at end-expiration,  
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28 IVCDe) and at its smallest diameter (usually at the end of inspiration (IVCDi). Since some  
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30 patients would be intubated and on positive pressure ventilation which may invert the  
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32 relationship between respirations and IVC size, instead of using IVCDe and IVCDi, we simply  
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34 used the maximal (IVCD<sub>MAX</sub>, IJVD<sub>MAX</sub>) and minimal (IVCD<sub>MIN</sub>, IJVD<sub>MIN</sub>) vessels sizes seen on  
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36 the recorded video. Collapsibility Index (IVCCI) was calculated as  $(IVCCI = [(IVCD_{MAX} -$   
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38  $IVCD_{MIN}) / IJVD_{MAX}] \times 100\%)$ . Similarly, IJV Collapsibility Index (IJVCI) was calculated as  
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40  $(IJVCI = [(IJVD_{MAX} - IJVD_{MIN}) / IJVD_{MAX}] \times 100\%)$ . Because of the variation of internal jugular  
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42 sizes between sides in the same patient, the left and right IJVs were recorded as separate images  
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44 for each patient and treated as separate measurements for each patient.  
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### 53 **Data Interpretation and Statistical Analysis**

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8 interobserver variability, three different reviewers (2 clinician-sonographers and 1 RDMS  
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10 clinician-sonographer) analyzed images from 50 randomized patients and the interrater reliability  
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12 was determined via two-way mixed consistency average-measures intra-class correlation (ICC)  
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21 Sample size was derived from published data indicating that ultrasound measurement of IVC  
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23 diameter for a 450ml blood loss in blood donor volunteers is highly sensitive<sup>5</sup>. It was anticipated  
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25 about 5% of patients admitted to Level I Trauma Centers present would have significant IVC  
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27 collapsibility on initial FAST. The four participating trauma centers admit 8,000 trauma patients  
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29 per year, which would mean approximately 400 patients should be admitted annually with IVC  
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31 collapsibility. A Power calculation determined that to detect a difference of 10% in a binary  
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33 outcome such as mortality between RESP and NON-RESP groups with a beta-error of 20% or  
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35 less and alpha of 0.05, about 492 study patients would be required.  
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45 were analyzed by Chi-Square. Continuous variables were analyzed by ANOVA. Correlation  
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47 using Pearson correlation coefficient for total 24-hour FR was obtained for ISS, Base Deficit,  
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49  $IVCD_{MIN}$ ,  $IVCD_{MAX}$ ,  $IJVD_{MIN}$ ,  $IJVD_{MAX}$ ,  $IVCCI$  and  $IJVCI$ . To test the association between the  
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51 measurements and 24-hour FR, a multivariate logistic regression was also conducted. According  
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53 to literature and clinical practice, we selected covariates of age, gender, ISS, admission shock  
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14 2400ml or more of intravenous fluid in the first 24 hours after admission. Those receiving  
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16 2400ml or greater were +24FR and those less than 2400 ml were -24FR. The area under the  
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18 curve (AUC) for each measure was calculated. Sensitivity, specificity, with 95% confidence  
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20 intervals were calculated for each measure. The Youden index (=Sensitivity + Specificity – 1)  
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22 was used to determine the optimal sensitivity and specificity for each measure. Evaluation of  
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24 these ROC criteria was used to identify upper and lower cut-off values for each measurement.  
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28 range of measurement values.(10, 11) The gray zone was created between the 90% sensitivity  
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30 and the 90% specificity points on the two sigma curves. The percentage of patients not falling  
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32 into the gray zone was determined for each predictive measure. ROC curves were created for  
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48 All statistical analysis were performed used IBM SPSS Statistics, version 25.0 (IBM Corp,  
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50 Armonk, NY). A P value less than 0.05 (two-tailed) was considered significant.  
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## RESULTS

Over the study period 191 patients were enrolled, and 144 patients completed the study, the CONSORT patient flow diagram is shown at [Figure 1](#). Needed images were lost in 10 patients, and images were found to be unusable in 25 patients. Consent was refused in 15 patients after image acquisition. 2 patients left against medical advice before 24 hours had elapsed. There were no significant differences in age, ISS, gender, BMI, mechanism of injury, hemodynamics, prehospital and initial fluid volumes given, mortality, need for surgery, ICU or hospital LOS or ventilator days between RESP and NON-RESP ([Table 1](#)). Bilateral internal jugular views were obtained in 52 patients. The interrater reliability as ICC was good overall (0.92, 95% C.I.: 0.949-0.972,  $p < 0.001$ ) and also good for  $IVCD_{MIN}$  (0.853, 95% C.I.: 0.717-0.929,  $p < 0.001$ ),  $IVCCI$  (0.851, 95% C.I.: 0.851-0.925,  $p < 0.001$ ),  $IJVD_{MIN}$  (0.951, 95% C.I.: 0.897-0.979,  $p < 0.001$ ) and  $IJVCI$  (0.862, 95% C.I.: 0.714-0.941,  $p < 0.001$ ).

After initial resuscitation, RESP did have a significantly larger  $IVCD_{MIN}$  than NON-RESP, and they received significantly more intravenous fluids by 24 hours. There was a trend towards increased transfusion in the NON-RESP, but this did not achieve significance.  $IJVD_{MIN}$  was not significantly different between the groups.

Correlation tests for 24-hour FR with predictive measures are shown at [Table 2](#). Base Deficit, ISS,  $IVCD_{MIN}$ ,  $IVCD_{MAX}$  and  $IVCCI$  were all significantly correlated with 24-hour FR, but  $IJV$  measures of were not.  $IVCD_{MIN}$ ,  $IVCD_{MAX}$  and  $IVCCI$  had a moderate correlation with 24-hour fluid requirement and were comparable to ISS but stronger than the weak correlation with base deficit.

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7 The regression analysis is shown at **Table 3**. After adjusting for age, gender, ISS, admission  
8 shock index, SBP on leaving the trauma bay, base deficit, IVCD<sub>MIN</sub>, and IVCCI were significant  
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16 Examination of the ROC analysis at **Figure 3** shows that IVCCI was the most predictive measure  
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19 IJVD<sub>MIN</sub> and IJVCI were not significantly sensitive or specific to have a useful AUC. ISS was  
20 also moderately predictive of +24FR at an AUC of 0.65. A binary logistic regression model was  
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22 measure, Logistic(IVCD<sub>MIN</sub> + IVCCI), which yielded an AUC of 0.75, a very slight increase in  
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36 Gray zone plots for +24FR were plotted for IVCD<sub>MIN</sub>, IVCCI and Logistic(IJVD<sub>MIN</sub> + IJVCI)  
37 (**Figure 4**). IVCCI at 89% had the most patients outside a gray zone with a CI of 41-51%). Both  
38 IVCD<sub>MIN</sub> and the Logistic(IJVD<sub>MIN</sub> + IJVCI) combined model had 55% of patients outside the  
39 gray zone (Table 4), with the combined model having increased PPV but a lower NPV compared  
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4 **DISCUSSION**  
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10 This study of ultrasound used in major trauma patients during initial resuscitation shows that US  
11 assessment of IVC (12) diameter and collapsibility is a useful investigation to determine 24-hour  
12 FR, with some limitations. Ultrasound assessment to detect intraabdominal and intrathoracic  
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14 injuries is well established(13-15), but the use of ultrasonic measures to determine FR is newer  
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22 an overall reduction of IVC diameter in shock states. However, only a small percentage of  
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24 trauma patients present in overt Class III or greater shock. In patients with lower grades of  
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26 shock, clinicians have about the same efficacy as a coin-toss in determining fluid responsiveness  
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28 from examination or CVP alone(1, 2, 17), and concerns regarding the adverse effects of  
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47 volume status(19), and IVCCI may be predictive of FR in the ICU(20, 21). Most of the studies of  
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18 supported by a study of 140 acute trauma admissions found that a single ultrasonographic or  
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28  $IVCD_{MIN}$  and  $IVCCI$  for FR. We found that  $ICVD_{MAX}$  and  $IVCCI$  were significantly associated  
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30 with +24FR.  $ICVD_{MIN}$  and  $IVCCI$  had AUCs that were moderately predictive, 0.74 to 0.75. Our  
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45 model as  $\text{Logistic}(ICVD_{MAX} + IVCCI)$ , this did not significantly increase the AUC (0.75), but  
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55 The failure of our IJV measurements to predict FR after standard of care initial trauma  
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29 the quality of images, as previously seen. (11) A significant issue was lost images, which usually  
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50 based PACS system, sometimes with voice enabled dictation, which may alleviate these issues.  
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53 If we had included the lost and unusable images in our statistics in the same manner as in an-  
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55 intent-to-treat analysis, the usefulness of the measures would suffer. However, in clinical  
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4 practice, decision-making about fluid resuscitation occurs simultaneously with imaging, and so  
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13 major trauma patients. This rarity of IVC collapsibility at admission for major trauma patients  
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15 led to a low rate of patient accrual during the study. A reason for this may be due to  
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19 patients transported by EMS to our centers received but only 47% of enrolled study patients  
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21 received. The mean prehospital infused volumes for study patients were also quite small, only  
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23 212ml. Based on prior literature, we had qualified patients had to have an initial US  $IVCD_{MIN}$  of  
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25 12mm or less or 50% or greater IVCCI, which we now recognize overlaps the gray zones for  
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27 these measures and likely reduced recruitment of useable cases.  
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38 practice US does have broad true gray areas. Determining exactly 41% collapsibility may be  
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40 difficult for any provider to see at the bedside. Although we had high interrater reliability when  
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44 multiple measurements of ultrasound images while seated at a large monitor. In many  
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46 disciplines, ultrasonographic assessment is often semi-quantitative, using grading scales and  
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48 ranges to describe physiologic findings. It may be worthwhile to consider the IVCCI and  
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50  $IVCD_{MAX}$  assessments in trauma resuscitation to reflect ranges of very likely, possibly and  
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4 situation, that is, the resuscitation of an acute major trauma patient, and other clinical and  
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11 By design, we limited our examinations to the IVC and IJV, which reflect the capacity of the  
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13 venous system supplying the right heart. Other studies have combined these measures with left  
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21 assessment. The most common combinations are cardiac ventricular volumes or flows by using  
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23 Doppler mode velocity time integral (VTI), cardiac output or stroke volume with IVC or IJV  
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25 sizes and CI. (12, 21, 37, 38) While these techniques may improve the detection of FR, they  
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27 require the operator-intensivist to be familiar with echocardiography and make quantitative  
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29 assessments using modes such as VTI, which may limit utility with less trained providers and in  
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33 requiring skills in echocardiography is to combine IVCD, IJVD, IVCCI or IJVCI CI with US  
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35 assessment of other vessels (39) or with other hemodynamic measurements such as mean arterial  
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50 In conclusion, US assessment of IVC diameter and collapsibility provides a rapid, non-invasive  
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52 way to determine the 24-hour FR of major trauma victims within one hour of admission. We  
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54 were unable to show that IJV diameter and collapsibility were predictive of 24-hour FR in supine  
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maneuvers. Future clinical research should focus on rapid, reproducible and easy to perform non-invasive imaging approaches that limit the harm from either unrecognized hypovolemia or over-resuscitation. Already available are a second generation of low cost, handheld pocket-sized ultrasound devices that are wireless or connect to personal smartphones. These promise to make US assessment ubiquitous inside and outside the hospital by multiple disciplines and provider types. In the near future, low cost, disposable, conformal ultrasound bandages may be worn in austere, prehospital and hospital environments to provide continuous recording of hemodynamic parameters. (41, 42) We can easily predict there will be a continuing search to find the optimal non-invasive US hemodynamic measure for FR.



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Table 1: Demographics

	RESPONDERS 50% (n=86)	NON- RESPONDERS (n=58)	<i>p</i> value
Age (yrs)	50.8 ± 22	50.1 ± 23	N.S.
Gender (% Male)	65% M	69% M	N.S.
BMI	27.5 ± 6.1	27.8 ± 9.5	N.S.
Blunt/Penetrating	78/10	53/5	N.S.
ISS	10.2 ± 9.0	10.3 ± 8.9	N.S.
Base Excess	-0.76 ± 3.8	-1.2 ± 4.6	N.S.
Heart rate (bpm)	91 ± 18	88 ± 21	N.S.
Admission Sys BP (mmHg)	138 ± 26	133 ± 22	N.S.
Prehospital IV Fluids (ml)	227 ± 538	191 ± 421	N.S.
Initial Resus Fluids (ml)	433 ± 519	410 ± 466	N.S.
ICU LOS (d)	1.61 ± 3.4	1.55 ± 2.7	N.S.
Ventilator Days	0.52 ± 1.6	0.64 ± 2.5	N.S.
Hospital LOS (d)	4.76 ± 6.1	5.33 ± 8.1	N.S.
Intubated	7/86	5/58	N.S.
Post-resus IVCD <sub>MIN</sub> (mm)	14.2 ± 4.3	6.0 ± 3.7	p< 0.001
Post-resus IJVD <sub>MIN</sub> (mm)	6.2 ± 3.5	5.6 ± 3.7	N.S.
Post-resus IVCCI (%)	13.2 ± 12.7	41.7 ± 30.0	p< 0.001
Post-resus IJVCI (%)	24.5 ± 22.6	26 ± 22.9	N.S.
24-hour Fluids (ml)	1243 ± 1130	2503 ± 1751	p= 0.003
Received transfusion by 24 hrs	15/86	8/58	N.S.
Mean transfusion volume (ml)	1023 ± 952	1832 ± 2308	N.S.
Laparotomy Performed	4/86	1/58	N.S.
Mortality	4/86	1/58	N.S.

BMI: Body Mass Index

ISS: Injury Severity Scale

BP: Blood Pressure

IV: Intravenous

Resus: Resuscitation Area

ICU: Intensive Care Unit

LOS: Length of Stay

IVCD<sub>MIN</sub>: Minimum Inferior Vena Cava Diameter

IJVD<sub>MIN</sub>: Minimum Internal jugular Vein Diameter

IJVCI: Internal Jugular Vein Collapsibility Index

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Table 2 – Correlation Analysis with 24-hour IV Fluid requirement

	n	r	P value
Base Deficit	120	-0.132*	0.032
ISS	123	0.366*	0.020
IVCD <sub>MIN</sub>	144	-0.422**	0.0001
IVCD <sub>MAX</sub>	123	-0.340**	0.0001
IVCCI	115	0.440**	0.0001
IJVD <sub>MIN</sub>	103	-0.135	N.S.
IJVD <sub>MAX</sub>	78	-0.066	N.S.
IJVCI	77	-0.107	N.S.

r: Pearson correlation coefficient.

\*P<0.05, \*\*P<0.01(Pearson correlation analysis).

IVCD, IJVD, and Base Deficit have negative correlation coefficients.

ISS: Injury Severity Scale

IVCD<sub>MIN</sub>: Minimum Inferior Vena Cava Diameter

IVCD<sub>MAX</sub>: Maximum Inferior Vena Cava Diameter

IJVD<sub>MIN</sub>: Minimum Internal jugular Vein Diameter

IJVD<sub>MAX</sub>: Maximum Inferior Vena Cava Collapsibility Index

IJVCI: Internal Jugular Vein Collapsibility Index



Table 3. Multivariate Logistic Regression of for 24 Hour Fluid Requirement Greater than 2.4L.

Predictors	Regression Coefficient	Odds Ratio	95% Confidence Interval	P value
Constant	-3.687	.025		0.294
Age	-.030	.971	0.940-1.003	0.072
Male gender	-.415	.660	0.172-2.57	0.546
ISS	.119	.888	0.817-0.956	0.005*
Admission Shock Index	-3.665	.026	0.001-0.934	0.046*
SBP on leaving resus bay	.060	1.062	1.01-1.11	0.011*
Base Deficit	-.109	.897	0.745-1.079	0.250
IVCD <sub>MIN</sub>	0.666	1.946	1.17-3.25	0.011*
IVCD <sub>MAX</sub>	-.373	.688	0.470-1.008	0.055
IVCCI	.062	1.064	1.003-1.13	0.038*

\*: P < 0.05, ISS: Injury Severity Scale, SBP: Systolic Blood Pressure, IVCD<sub>MIN</sub>: Inferior Vena Cava minimum diameter, IVCD<sub>MAX</sub>: Inferior Vena Cava maximum diameter, IVCC: Inferior Vena Cava Collapsibility Index.

Table 4. Diagnostic Accuracy of Predictive Measures

Measure	n	-24FR	+24FR	% measurable	PPV	NPV	AUC
Base Deficit	120	$\geq 3.1$	$\leq -5.3$	22%	62%	17%	0.63
ISS	123	3.5	32	29%	81%	63%	0.65
IVCD <sub>MIN</sub>	144	$\leq 5\text{mm}$	$\geq 13\text{mm}$	55%	55%	88%	0.74
IVCD <sub>MAX</sub>	123	$\leq 7.5\text{mm}$	$\geq 20\text{mm}$	29%	55%	86%	0.69
IVCCI	115	$\leq 41\%$	$\geq 51\%$	89%	53%	81%	0.75
IJVD <sub>MIN</sub>	103	$\leq 2\text{mm}$	$\geq 11.5\text{mm}$	31%	50%	31%	0.48
IJVD <sub>MAX</sub>	78	$\leq 3\text{mm}$	$\geq 15\text{mm}$	23%	65%	24%	0.46
IJVCI	77	$\leq 8\%$	$\geq 65\%$	27%	81%	35%	0.54
IVCD <sub>MIN</sub> + IVCCI	115	$\leq 0.56$	$\geq 0.85$	55%	82%	65%	0.75

% measurable is the percent of patients not in the gray zone, but in the upper and lower threshold categories. -24FR: fluid requirement  $< 2.4\text{L}$  at 24 hours, +24FR: fluid requirement  $\geq 2.4\text{L}$  at 24 hours, PPV: positive predictive value, NPV: positive predictive value, AUC: Area under receiver-operator characteristic curve, ISS: Injury Severity Scale, IVCD<sub>MIN</sub>: IVC minimum diameter, IVCD<sub>MAX</sub>: IVC maximum diameter, IVCCI: IVC Collapsibility Index, IJVD<sub>MIN</sub>: Internal Jugular Vein minimum diameter, IJVD<sub>MAX</sub>: Internal Jugular Vein maximum diameter, IJVCI: Internal Jugular Vein Collapsibility Index, IVCD<sub>MIN</sub> + IVCCI: Combined IVC minimum diameter and IVC Collapsibility Index model.

Figure 1

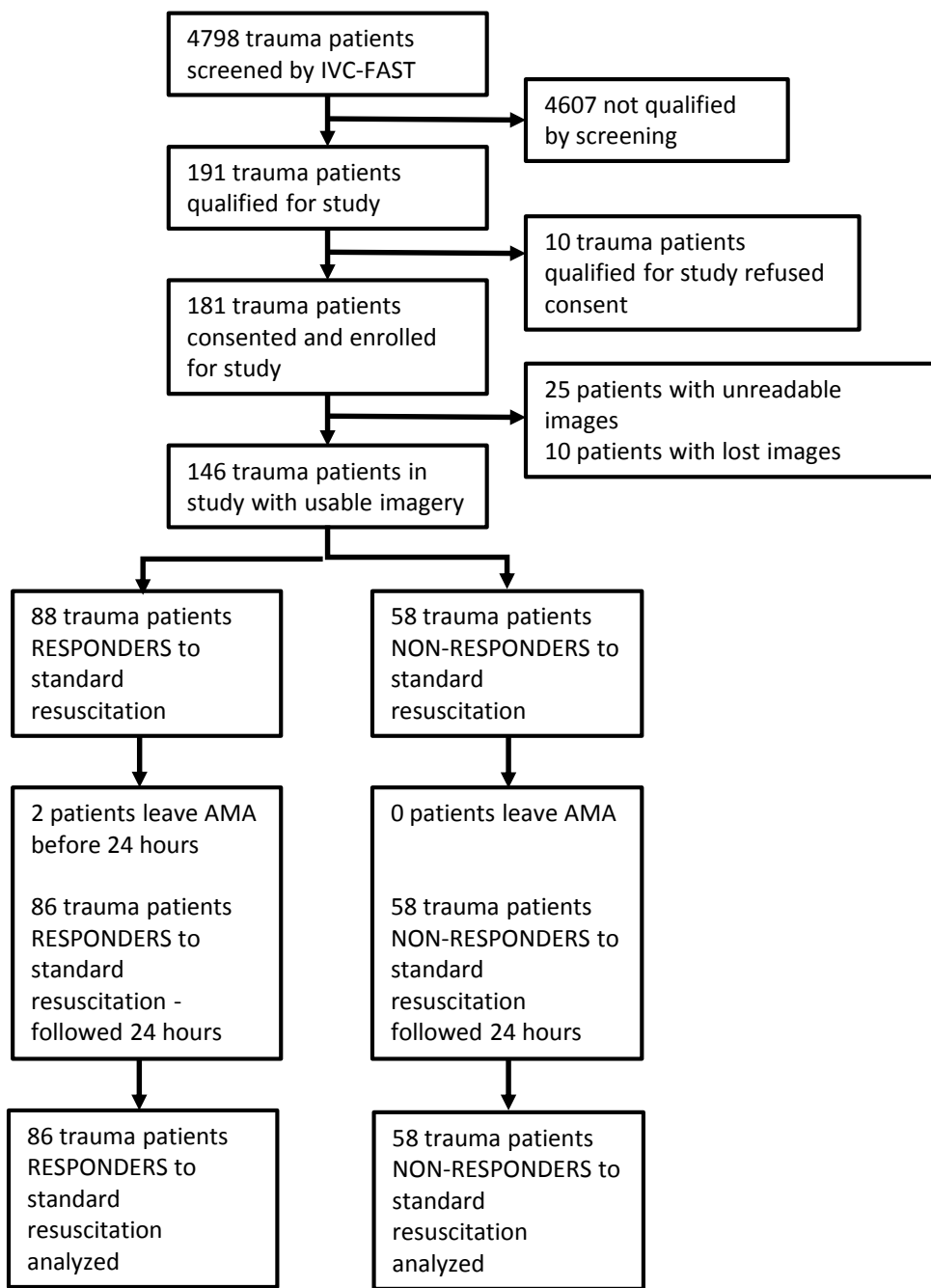
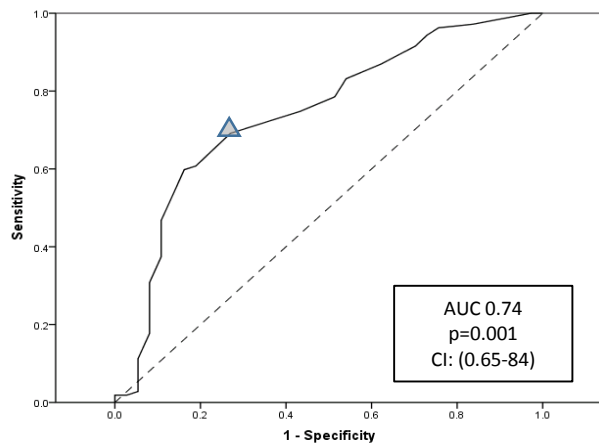
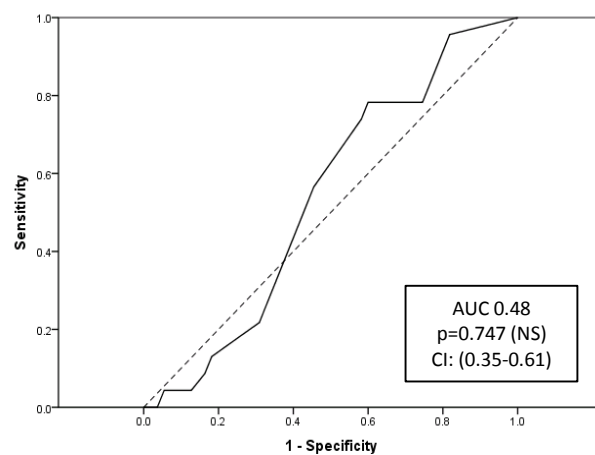


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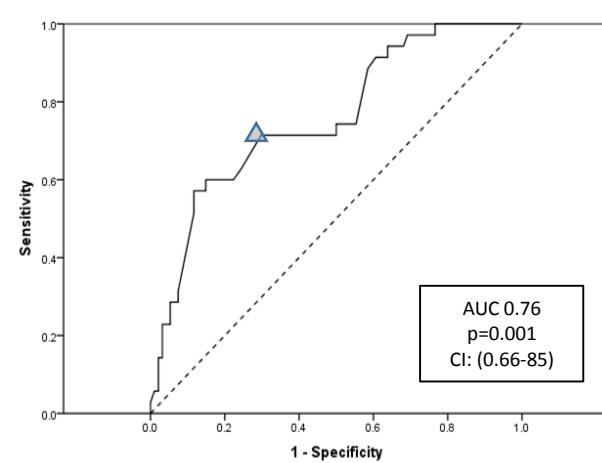
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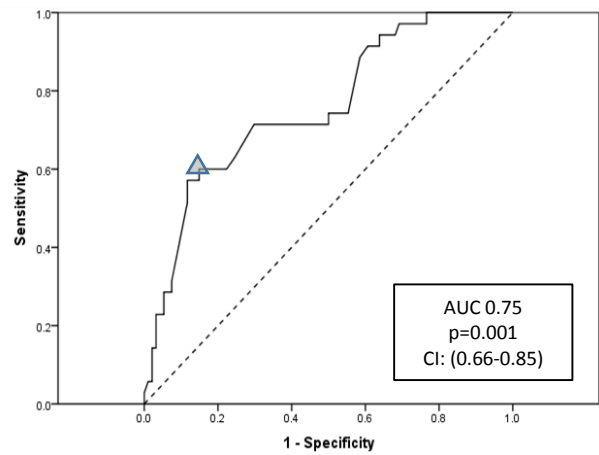
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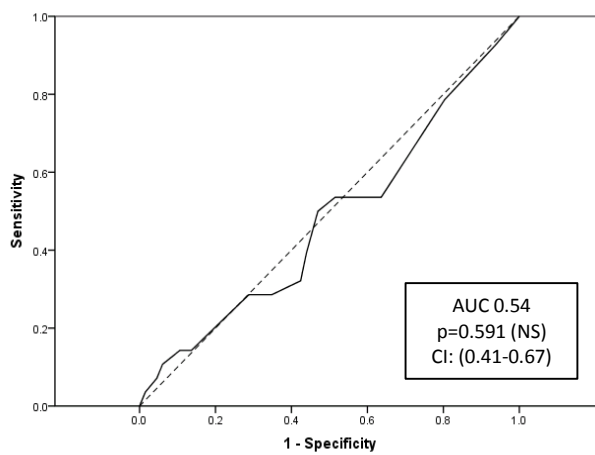
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B. IVCCI



D. IJVCI



F. ISS

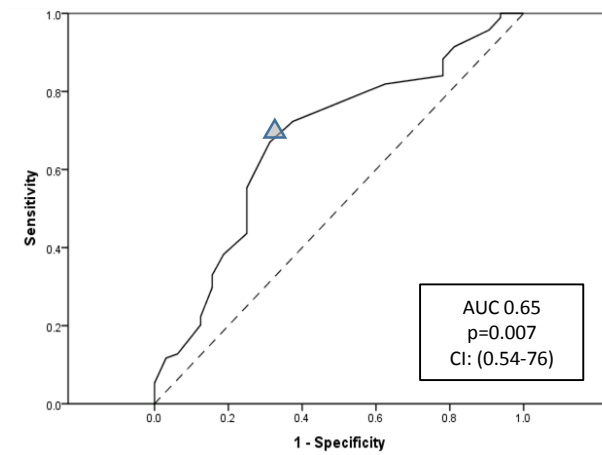
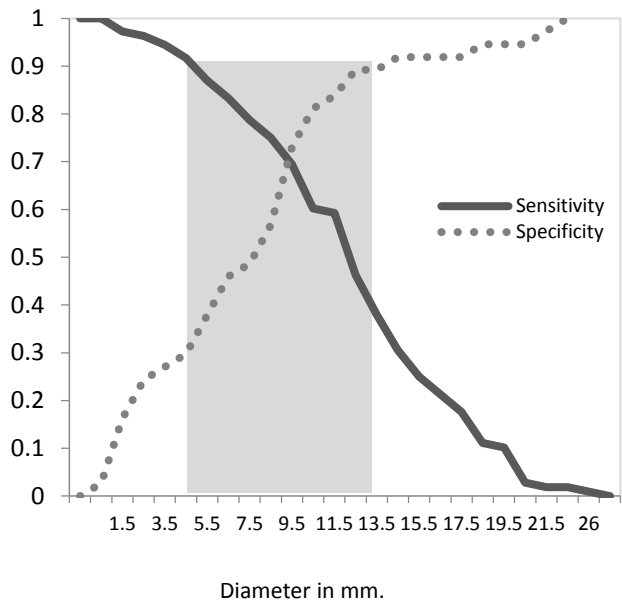
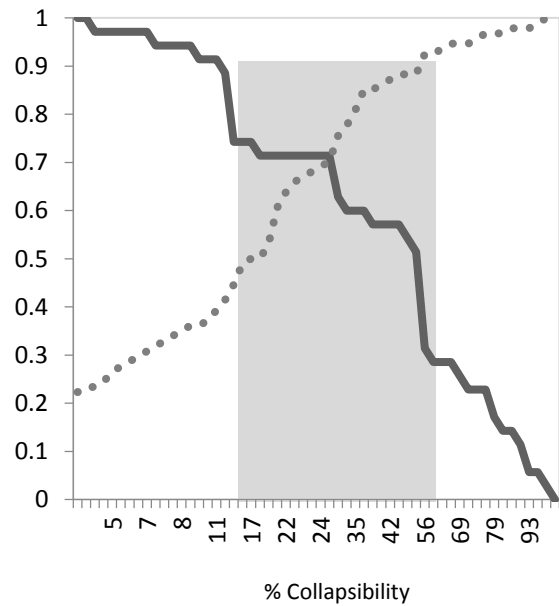


Figure 3

A. IJVD<sub>MIN</sub>



B. IVCCI



C. IJVD<sub>MIN</sub> + IVCCI

