

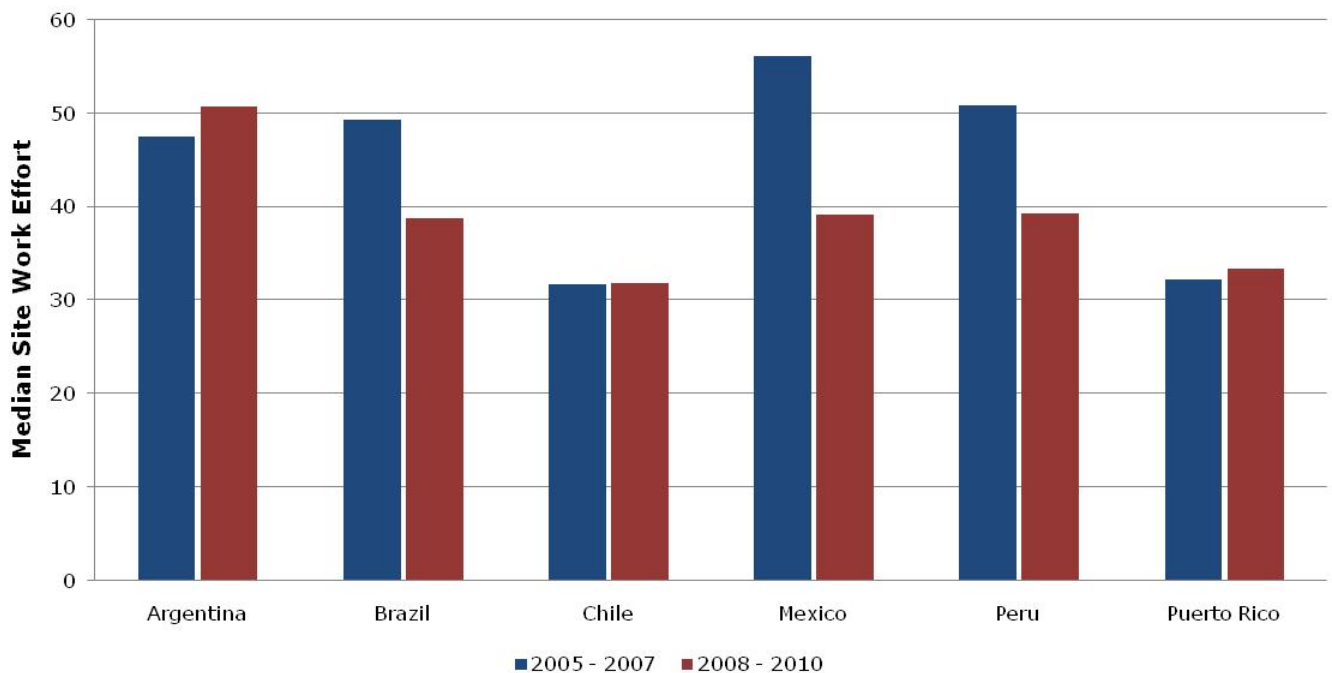
Spotlight on Research Fees: Trial Complexity Trends in Latin America

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From 2005-2007 to 2008-2010, the median site work effort (protocol complexity) dropped by 18% in Latin America.¹ In contrast, site work effort in Phase II and III trials in the United States has risen by 9% over the same time period. Mexico, Peru and Brazil have seen the sharpest decreases in the median site work effort: 30%, 23% and 21%, respectively. Puerto Rico and Argentina have shown modest increases: 4% and 7%, while Chile remained unchanged.

Site Work Effort in Latin America

(Median, Selected Latin American Countries, Phases II & III, All Therapeutic Areas, Industry-Sponsored Pharmaceutical and Biotechnology Studies, 2005-2010)²



Notes & References

1. Site Work Effort (SWE): A proprietary metric of study complexity developed in conjunction with the Tufts Center for the Study of Drug Development, which estimates the effort required to conduct a clinical study.
2. Source: Medidata Grants Manager™, the PICAS® database

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