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| Study | Design | N | COVID-19 severity | LV parameters (EF/ Mass index/ LVOT VIT/ Takotsubo) | RV parameters (TAPSE/FAC/ RV/LV ratio/PAP/ IVC parameters) | LV strain | Strain analysis RV global/free wall strain- | Other | Comment |
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| Long Li et al | Retrospective | 49 | Severe and very severe | LVEF severely reduced in severe COVID-19 | IVC Max and Min significantly increased in severe COVID-19. | NA | NA | NA | TAPSE is more impaired in severe ARDS as compared to mild ARDS |
| D'Alto et al | Prospective | 94 | Severe | No significant difference in any of the LV parameters between patients who survived and those who did not | TAPSE, PASP, TAPSE/PASP ratio, and IVC were significantly different in patients who survived vs those who did not | NA | NA | NA | TAPSE/PASP ratio(RV uncoupling) and PaO2/FiO2 ratio are independent predictors of mortality of patients with severe COVID-19 |
| Giustino et al | Multicenter retrospective | 305 | Varying severity | In patients with elevated troponins, regional WMA was more frequently encountered. Apical WMA followed by mid segments were most common. LVEDV, Septal wall thickness, Pw thickness were significantly increased in those with myocardial injury | RV function was significantly more impaired in those with elevated cardiac biomarkers | NA | NA | NA | Patients with COVID-19 with myocardial injury and WMA have a poorer prognosis than those without WMA |
| Szekely et al. | Prospective study | 100 | Mild, moderate, severe | LV systolic dysfunction n=10, EF <50% LV diastolic dysfunction n=16 | RV dilation/dysfunction , n=39 | NA | NA | NA | In COVID19, LV systolic function is preserved, but diastolic and RV function are impaired. Elevated troponin and poorer clinical grade are associated with worse RV function. |
| Edgar Garcia et al. | Cross sectional study | 82 | Severe, ICU admission | 11/82 EF <50% | 23/82 had RV basal | NA | NA | NA | The ORACLE protocol is fast way to evaluate covid- |

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| | | | | | diameter >41mm 22/82 had TAPSE <17mm | | | | 19 patients. The most frequent ultrasonographic findings were elevated pulmonary artery systolic pressure (69.5%), E/e' ratio > 14 (29.3%), and right ventricular dilatation (28%) and dysfunction (26.8%) |
| Beys et al. | Cross sectional study | 54 | Severe, ICU | NA | Median RV FAC was 43.6% (33.3% to 52.8%), median RV GLS was -24.7% (-22.6% to -28.5%) median TMADlat was 23.5 mm (19.0 to 27.9 mm) | NA | NA | NA | TMAD can be used and is reproducible in assessment of RV function in patients with COVID-19 related ARDS and prone positioned. |
| Stobe et al. | Cross sectional study | 18 | 14/18 severe, 4/18 mild | Left-ventricular mass index (g/m2) 97±19.0 Left-ventricular ejection fraction (%) 62±6.5 | NA | NA | Reduced longitudinal strain in more than one basal LV segment 10/14 | Right-ventricular GLS (%) -26.9±5.8 (for 10 severe, 4 mild) | Study shows myocardial involvement is highly prevalent in patients with COVID-19. |
| Argulian et al. | Retrospective study | 33 | 14(ventilated) 19 (not ventilated) | 10/33 had decreased EF | 13/33 RV enlargement | NA | NA | RV /LV parameters not provided | Ultrasonic agents are safe and increase diagnostic yield of bedside echo |
| Churchill et al. | Cross sectional study | 125 | 85/125 ICU | 28/125 decreased EF (<50%) | NA | NA | NA | NA | LV dysfunction is common in patients with elevated troponin |
| Demerck et al. | Prospective study | 1216 | NA | 19/1216 takotsubo decreased EF 455/1216 | 313/1216 | NA | NA | RV/LV parameters not provided | In this global survey cardiac abnormalities were detected with ECHO in patients with ECHO |
| Garcia cruz et al. | Retrospective study | 15 | Severe ICU, intubated | 6/15 decreased EF via low MAPSE | Mean TAPSE 17.8mm, | NA | NA | NA | Transesophageal echo is feasible in patients that are |

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| | | | | <13mm | | | | | prone positioned in the ICU. |
| Jain et al. | Retrospective study | 72 | NA | 25/72 had low EF <50% | 29/72 decrease RV systolic function | NA | NA | NA | TTE is a valuable tool in guiding management of COVID-19 patients. |
| Bursi et al. | Retrospective study | 49 | Mild, mod, severe 11 patients were intubated, 1 was in bilevel positive airway pressure, 17 were in continuous positive airway pressure, 9 were in face mask with high oxygen flow, and 11 were in nasal cannula | LVEF $53 \pm 12\%$ | TAPSE $20 \pm 4\text{mm}$, FAC $41 \pm 8\%$, | LV GLS $-15 \pm 4\%$ | RV-GLS $-15 \pm 5\%$ | NA | Offline 2D echo with speckle tracking can be used in cardiac evaluation of COVID 19 patients. RV strain and TAPSE are associated with higher mortality, RV dysfunction is also a common finding. |
| Li S, Qu YL, et al. | Prospective study | 91 | severe | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | This study is for the utility of lung US in assessing COVID complications, TTE and cardiac findings were not addressed. Lung US scores not assessed. |
| Pacileo et al. | Review article | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | Mainly addressing logistics of doing TTE and TEE in COVID pandemic with no mention on TTE findings or relation to severity | NA |
| Schott JP et al. | Prospective study | 66 , African | Severe | EF by simpson | RV/LV ratio ranged | NA | NA | Increased left | RV dilation is common in |

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| | | American, male, obese, with hypertension, and with diabetes | method 60+-12 | 12 out of 66 had impaired LVEF not specified how low , out of which 7 previously known to have low EF. | from 0.9 ± 0.3 . RV function preserved 72% TAPSE 20.9 ± 5.0 S' 12.8 ± 3.3 . Normal LV dimensions in 85%. RV dilated in 81.7% mostly mild in 45% RV base 3.7 ± 0.8 . PAP and IVC not properly assessed and were mostly within normal. | | | ventricular (LV) wall thickness was present in 46 (69.7%) with similar incidence of elevated troponin and average troponin levels compared to normal wall thickness (66.7% vs 52.4%, $P = .231$; 0.88 ± 1.9 vs 1.36 ± 2.4 ng/mL, $P = .772$). LV dilation was rare ($n = 6$, 9.1%), as was newly reduced LV ejection fraction ($n = 2$, 3.0%). | SARS-CoV-2 but does not correlate with elevated D-dimer levels. Increased LV wall thickness is common, while newly reduced LV ejection fraction is rare, and neither correlates with troponin levels. |
| Teran F, et al. | Expert opinions | Severe | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | The article discusses when TEE is of choice compared to TTE , no Echo parameters not discussed , no patient population mentioned , consensus and advisory for TEE | TEE is of choice in when TTE is inadequate in VV ecmo , cardiac arrest and prone ventilation and also for lung eval , no lung US scores. |
| Edgar García-Cruz et al . | Cross sectional study | 14 | Severe | 6/14 had moderately reduced EF (not specified) , those | The mean TAPSE was 17.8 mm, the RV S wave 11.5 cm/s, and RV basal | NA | NA | NA | The study aim was to prove that TT echocardiographic images can be obtained to measure multiple parameters |

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| | | | | patient had low MAPSE (less than 13) , no other characteristics entioned for LV other than 4/16 had LVOT variability(no numbers) | diameter 36.6 mm. RV/LV ratio was <1 in all patients | | | | during the prone position ventilation |
| Kerrilynn C. Hennessey et al. | Prospective study | 135 | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | TTE triage /deferring and cancelling non ICU patients did not affect the patient care. |
| Dweck et al. | Prospective study | 1216 | NA | 55/100 – abnormal echo Left ventricular abnormalities were reported in 479 (39%) In those without pre-existing cardiac disease (<i>n</i> = 901), the echocardiogram was abnormal in 46%, and 13% had severe disease. | Right ventricular abnormalities - 397 (33%) | NA | NA | new myocardial infarction in 36 (3%), myocarditis in 35 (3%), and takotsubo cardiomyopathy in 19 (2%). Severe cardiac disease (severe ventricular dysfunction or tamponade) was observed in 182 (15%) patients. | Half the patients with COVID 19 had new abnormalities on echocardiogram, it changed management in third of patients |
| Bleakly et al. | Retrospective study | 10 patents received ultrasound enhancing agents on VV ECMO | | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | A zero-flow mode can be used to ensure the bubbles from contrast will not shut down the ECMO system and ensure there is no back flow in the circuit |
| Giustiniano at el. | Retrospective study | 107 prone patients with only 8 of them receiving echocardiogram while proned | ICU | When prone, 6/18 did not have change in LVEF | When prone RV diameter reduced in 5/8 patients and increased In 2 PAPs decreased in 6/8 patients and | NA | NA | 1/8 patients died, he had increased PAP after proning | NA |

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| Bursi F et al. | Prospective study | 49 | NA | NA | TAPSE, TAPSE/ PASP were significantly reduced in non- survivors compared to survivors. No significant difference in RVFAC and PASP | LVGLS was significantly reduced in non- survivors compared to survivors | RVGLS and RVFWS were significantly reduced in non- survivors compared to survivors | NA | Both RVFWS and RVGLS are predictive of death in COVID 19 patients (AUC 0.77 ± 0.08 in , $P = .008$, and 0.79 ± 0.04 , $P = .004$, and this remained significant after controlling for multiple parameters |
| Liu et al. | Prospective study | 43 | ICU | LVSVi and E/E` were significantly reduced in non survivors compared to survivors ($p < 0.01$ and 0.01 respectively) | Non-survivors vs survivors RVDbasal, RVDbasal to apex and PASP were significantly increased ($p0.049$, 0.049 , and 0.02 respectively) TAPSE, S` were significantly less ($p < 0.001$ for both) | NA | NA | the strongest predictor of in- ICU death was decreased cardiac index [hazard ratio (HR), 0.67 , 95% confidence interval (CI), $0.45-0.98$; $P =$ 0.041 | Pericardial effusion (90.7%), increased left ventricular mass index (60.5%), LV mass was increased in 22 patients, however not different between survivals and non- survivals |
| .Krishnamoorthi P et al. | Prospective study | 12 | No-intubation or death vs intubated or died | LVEF and LVGLS was not significantly different between both groups (0.71 and 0.52 respectively) | RVGLS and RVFWS were significantly higher in patients who did not need intubation or survived ($p =$ 0.007 for both) RVSP was not significantly different between both groups | NA | NA | NA | LVGLS was reduced in both groups, RVGLS and RVFWS were decreased in patients with poor outcomes. |
| Hani M. Mahmoud-Elsayed et al. | Retrospective study | 35 | Patients with cardiac symptoms | | Right ventricle (RV) dilatation (41%) and RV dysfunction (27%). RV impairment was | NA | NA | NA | NA |

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| Jain et al. | Retrospective study | 72 | | 43 patients had normal LVEF | RV size was normal in 50 patients and decreased in the rest. | NA | NA | NA | There is a significance correlation LVEF and HS troponin ($\rho = -0.34$, $P = .006$) and LVEF and NT ProBNP (NT-proBNP and LVEF ($\rho = -0.29$, $P = .056$)) |
| | | | | 25 reduced LVEF | 34 patients had reduced RVEF | | | | |
| Evrard et al. | Case series | 5 patients underwent TEE in prone position | | TEE was more useful in determining eccentricity index | NA | NA | NA | NA | TEE may be more useful in prone patient to diagnose acute cor pulmonale and determine eccentricity index |
| Sud et al. | Retrospective study | 24 patients with significant myocardial injury defined as cardiac toponin more 1ng/ml | 10/24 were mechanically ventillated | 13/24 patients had LV dysfunction. 11/24 had regional wall motion abnormalities, 4/11 within one single coronary vessel territory | Isolated RV dysfunction in 4/24 patients | NA | NA | Patients with LV dysfunction had median troponin of 12 ng/ml IQR, 5.8–27.0 ng/mL . - Troponin was 1.5 ng/mL (IQR, 1.3–3.1 ng/mL in patients with isolate RV dysfunction | In patients with severe chemical cardiac injury LV dysfunction was observed in almost 50% of patients. |
| Baycan et al. | Prospective study | 100 | | GLS was more in severe group compared to non-severe and control. LV-GLS: - 14.5 ± 1.8 vs. - 16.7 ± 1.3 vs. - 19.4 ± 1.6, respectively [p < | RV-LS: Severe- 17.2 ± 2.3 vs. non severe - 20.5 ± 3.2 vs. Control - 27.3 ± 3.1, respectively [p < 0.001] | NA | NA | Patients in the severe group, LV-GLS and RV-LS were decreased compared to patients in the non-severe and control groups | LV-GLS and RV-LS are independent predictors of in-hospital mortality in patients with COVID-19. |

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| 0.001] | (LV-GLS: - 14.5 ± 1.8 vs. - 16.7 ± 1.3 vs. - 19.4 ± 1.6, respectively [p < 0.001]; RV- LS: - 17.2 ± 2.3 vs. - 20.5 ± 3.2 vs. - 27.3 ± 3.1, respectively [p < 0.001]) |
| *: LVSVi (mL/m2): Left ventricular stroke volume index, PASP: pulmonary artery systolic pressure, TAPSE: tricuspid annular plane systolic excursion, LVEF: Left ventricular ejection fraction; LVGLS: Left ventricular global longitudinal strain; RVFWS: Right ventricular free wall strain; RVGLS: Right ventricular global longitudinal strain, RVSP: Right ventricular systolic pressure, WMA: Wall motion abnormality, Pw: posterior wall thickness. | |