Supplemental Content

Preload responsiveness in patients with acute respiratory distress syndrome managed with extracorporeal membrane oxygenation

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Institutional management strategy for patients on VV ECMO support

Indications for veno-venous extracorporeal membrane oxygenation

In agreement with the guidelines established by the Extracorporeal Life Support Organization 1 and the EOLIA (ECMO to rescue lung injury in severe ARDS) trial 2 , veno-venous extracorporeal membrane oxygenation (VV ECMO) is initiated in fully sedated patients (Richmond Agitation-Sedation Scale -5) with

- arterial partial pressure of oxygen/fraction of inspired oxygen (PaO₂/FiO₂) < 50 mmHg for longer than 3 h or
- PaO₂/FiO₂ < 80 mmHg for longer than 6 h or persistent acidosis (arterial pH < 7.25 and arterial partial pressure of carbon dioxide (PaCO₂) > 60 mmHg for longer than 6 h)

despite protective mechanical ventilation (tidal volume of 6 mL/kg, a positive endexpiratory pressure adjustment according to the ARDSNetwork table 3 and a driving pressure \lt 15 cmH₂O) and prone positioning $2,4$ -7. Prone positioning and neuromuscular blocking agents are prescribed according to the attending physician.

Furthermore, VV ECMO is considered in severe acute respiratory distress syndrome (ARDS) without clinical improvement despite protective mechanical ventilation and at least two cycles of prone positioning $2,8$. We do not initiate VV ECMO support in patients who prefer palliative support, in patients with known end-stage chronic cardiopulmonary failure, and in patients with an expected survival of less than 24 h determined by the attending physician. In patients with therapy refractory hemodynamic instability (mean arterial pressure < 65 mmHg, heart rate > 130 beats/min, or cardiac index < 2.2 $L/min/m²$) without any relevant end-stage disease, we prefer to initiate veno-veno-arterial ECMO support ⁹.

Cannulation strategy

According to the standard operating procedure of our unit, a 29 French multi-stage drainage cannula (HLS Cannula, Maquet, Rastatt, Germany) and a 23 French venous return cannula (HLS Cannula, Maquet, Rastatt, Germany) are inserted through the right femoral and jugular veins, respectively. The VV ECMO circuit is completed with a magnetically levitated rotor pump (Centrimag Circulatory Support System, Abbot, GmbH, Wiesbaden, Germany) and gas exchange membrane (PLS System, Maquet, Rastatt, Germany).

ECMO management

The VV ECMO blood and gas flow are adjusted to obtain an arterial PaO² between 65 and 90 mmHg and an arterial pH of 7.35–7.45². During ECMO support, the ventilator is set to volume-controlled mode with a tidal volume of 2 mL/kg of predicted bodyweight, a respiratory rate of 12/min and a fraction of inspired oxygen of 40%. Positive end-expiratory pressure is titrated according to the lowest elastance of the respiratory system as described previously 10 . If the arterial lactate level start to increase (> 2 mmol/L) under VV ECMO support, a Passive Leg Raised Test in conjunction with echocardiographic assessment is performed to evaluate cardiac preload and fluid responsiveness. A lack of fluid responsiveness requires further echocardiographic assessment to rule out right or left ventricular failure. A positive fluid balance in patients with ARDS has been associated with increased mortality and longer duration of mechanical ventilation ¹¹⁻¹³. Thus, after an initial VV ECMO stabilization period, we use diuretics or hemodialysis to facilitate a negative fluid balance. After this initial stabilization period and achieving a negative fluid balance, we promote spontaneous breathing by tapering the analgosedation. If clinically feasible, a VV ECMO weaning trial is performed by reducing the VV ECMO gas flow to 0 L/min for at least 24 h. VV ECMO support is discontinued if the PaO₂ is $>$ 70 mmHg and the arterial pH is > 7.25 have been achieved with a fraction of inspired oxygen < 60% and an inspiratory plateau pressure < 30 cmH₂O 2,10 .

Description of the echocardiographic parameters

Measurements of ΔSVC and ΔIVC

The superior vena cava was visualized in a cross-section of a mid-esophageal right pulmonary vein. Changes in the diameter of the superior vena cava (ΔSVC) during the respiratory cycle were quantified with M-Mode. The inferior vena cava was examined using a similar approach from a transgastric view or a transabdominal approach if transgastric views were impossible to obtain 14 . Changes in the diameter (ΔIVC) were also quantified with M-Mode.

Measurements of SVV_Echo and VmaxAo measurements

The diameter of the left ventricular outflow tract (dLVOT) was measured in a midesophageal long axis view, and the cross-sectional area was calculated as (dLVOT/2)² × π. Cardiac stroke volume was calculated as the cross-sectional area times the velocity time integral in the left ventricular outflow tract obtained from pulsed wave Doppler in transgastric long axis view or deep transgastric five-chamber view. SVV Echo was calculated as the maximum percentage change in the cardiac stroke volume over 3 respiratory cycles. ΔVmaxAo was derived from the maximal Doppler velocity in the LVOT.

VmaxTP and VTI_TP measurements

VTI TP was obtained from the pulsed wave Doppler signal in the truncus pulmonalis from a mid-esophageal ascending aorta short axis view. ΔVTI_TP was calculated as the maximum percentage change in the pulsed wave Doppler volume-time integral in the truncus pulmonalis over 3 respiratory cycles. $\Delta V_{\text{max}}TP$ was derived from the maximal Doppler velocity in the truncus pulmonalis.

Right and left ventricular morphology and function

The size of the left (LV) and right ventricle (RV) was quantified by transthoracic echocardiography in an apical 4 chamber view and normalized to the body surface area. Change in the right ventricular fractional area was calculated as the difference between right ventricular end-diastolic area and right ventricular end-systolic area divided by the right ventricular end-diastolic area \times 100. Tricuspid annular plane systolic excursion was also obtained from an apical 4 chamber view using M-Mode through the tricuspid lateral annulus for measurement of the distance of systolic annular RV excursion with transthoracic echocardiography.

Additional statistical analyses

The overall performance, discriminative ability, and calibration of the logistic model was assessed. First, the fit of the logistic model was further tested using the likelihood ratio test. Second, we dichotomized the parameters with cut-off values in the clinically relevant range as well as for clinically relevant points on the ROC curves represented

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by 90% sensitivity or 90% specificity and calculated the corresponding sensitivity, specificity, positive predictive value, negative predictive value, diagnostic odds ratio (DOR), and the Youden Index. DOR was calculated as a single, prevalenceindependent indicator of diagnostic performance. DOR values range from zero to infinity, with higher values indicating better discriminatory performance. As the sensitivity and specificity of the test becomes near perfect, the DOR increases steeply ¹⁵. The Youden Index further describes the performance of a dichotomous diagnostic test and is calculated as sensitivity + specificity -100 ¹⁶. The best compromise between sensitivity and specificity for each parameter, as defined by the Youden Index, was derived from the ROC and used to dichotomize the continuous variables ¹⁶. For specificity, sensitivity, positive predictive value, and negative predictive value, confidence intervals (CI) were calculated using the Wilson-Brown method. The CIs for the likelihood ratio and DOR were determined using the method proposed by Altman et al. 17 and log(DOR) with back-transformation 15 , respectively. Agreement between the predicted probability of the model and the observed probability was assessed graphically on a calibration curve. Intra- and inter-examination analysis of dynamic echocardiographic measurements were computed as described previously ¹⁸. Briefly, the coefficient of variation (CV) is calculated as the standard deviation of three consecutive end-expiratory measurements divided by their mean. The coefficient of error (CE) is derived by dividing by the number of total measurements. Precision is then two times the CE. The least significant change (LSC) between two measurements has been defined as LSC = CE x 1.96 x $\sqrt{2}$ ¹⁹. According to Jozwiak et al. ¹⁸, intraexamination analysis was conducted within one respiratory cycle and interexamination analysis between measurements of the first and the third respiratory cycle.

Supplemental results

There were no significant differences in AUC between ΔV_{max} TP, ΔV TI TP, and SVV_PCA (**Supplemental Content Table S2**).

Supplemental Content Table S3 shows the diagnostic capability of ΔVmaxTP, ΔVTI_TP, and SVV_PCA with respect to providing optimized sensitivity or specificity. For ΔV_{max} TP we found a cut-off of > 2.5 % when optimizing for sensitivity and > 15.5 % when optimizing for specificity. The corresponding values were $> 2.2\%$ and $> 16.9\%$ for ΔV TI TP and > 7.5% and > 19.5% for SVV_PCA.

Positive and negative predictive values as well as the diagnostic odds ratio and likelihood ratio for ΔVmaxTP, ΔVTI_TP, and SVV_PCA are provided in **Supplemental Content Table S4.**

Supplemental Content Figure S5 shows the cumulative fluid balance in responders and non-responders at each time point.

Supplemental Content Tables S5-S7 provide the sensitivity and specificity for different cut-off values for ΔVmaxTP, ΔVTI_TP, and SVV_PCA.

Values are summarized as means ± standard deviation. VV ECMO, veno-venous extracorporeal membrane oxygenation; pHa, negative logarithm of the molar concentration of dissolved hydronium ions in arterial blood; SV, stroke volume; TPTD, transpulmonary thermodilution.

Table S2 Comparison of the area under the curve of dynamic parameters to predict

preload responsiveness in patients managed with VV ECMO

Data are derived from non-parametric comparison of receiver operating characteristic curves derived from logistic regression of dynamic predictive parameters of 86 measurements in 20 patients with severe ARDS managed with VV ECMO. ΔVmaxTP, respiratory variation of maximum Doppler velocity in the truncus pulmonalis; ΔVTI_TP, respiratory variation of velocity time integral in the truncus pulmonalis; SVV_PCA, stroke volume variation measured with pulse contour analysis after calibration with transpulmonary thermodilution.

Table S3 Diagnostic capability of dynamic parameters to predict preload responsiveness in patients with severe ARDS patients managed with VV ECMO

Threshold values for optimized sensitivity and specificity for ΔVmaxTP, ΔVTI_TP, and SVV_PCA were calculated, and the diagnostic capabilities are shown as percentages. Values are presented as percentages and derived from the logistic regression of dynamic predictive parameters of 86 measurements in 20 patients with severe ARDS managed with VV ECMO. ΔV_{max}TP, respiratory variation of maximum Doppler velocity in the truncus pulmonalis; ΔVTI_TP, respiratory variation of velocity time integral in the truncus pulmonalis; SVV_PCA, stroke volume variation measured with pulse contour analysis after calibration with transpulmonary thermodilution.

Table S4 Diagnostic capability of dynamic parameters to predict preload responsiveness in patients managed with VV ECMO with corresponding indicators of test performance

Data are derived from logistic regression of dynamic predictive parameters of 86 measurements in 20 patients with severe ARDS managed with VV ECMO. Cut-off values are presented as a percentage of the respiratory change of the respective parameter. Values are percentages with respective 95% CI for sensitivity, specificity, positive and negative predictive value, dimensionless value with respective 95% CI for DOR, or raw number for LHR. ΔVmaxTP, respiratory variation of maximum Doppler velocity in the truncus pulmonalis; ΔVTI_TP, respiratory variation of the velocity time integral in the truncus pulmonalis; SVV_PCA, stroke volume variation measured with pulse contour analysis after calibration with transpulmonary thermodilution; LHR, likelihood ratio; DOR, diagnostic odds ratio.

Table S5 Predictive performance of respiratory variations of maximum Doppler velocity

measured in the truncus pulmonalis (ΔVmaxTP) at different cut-off values

Data are derived from logistic regression of dynamic predictive parameters of 86 measurements of ΔV_{max}TP in 20 patients with severe ARDS managed with VV ECMO. Cut-off values are presented as a percentage of the respiratory change of ΔVmaxTP. Values are percentages with respective 95% CI for sensitivity, specificity, positive and negative predictive value, dimensionless value with respective 95% CI for the diagnostic odds ratio or raw number for Youden Index. DOR, diagnostic odds ratio.

*Maximum Youden Index.

Table S6 Predictive performance of respiratory variations of the velocity time integral

measured in the truncus pulmonalis (ΔVTI_TP) at different cut-off values

Data are derived from logistic regression of dynamic predictive parameters of 86 measurements of ΔVTI_TP in 20 patients with severe ARDS managed with VV ECMO. Cut-off values are presented as a percentage of the respiratory change of ΔVTI_TP. Values are percentages with respective 95% CI for sensitivity, specificity, positive and negative predictive value, dimensionless value with respective 95% CI for the diagnostic odds ratio or raw number for the Youden Index. DOR, diagnostic odds ratio.

*Maximum Youden Index.

Table S7 Predictive performance of stroke volume variation measured with pulse contour analysis after calibration with transpulmonary thermodilution (SVV_PCA) at different cut-off values

Cut-off	Sensitivity	Specificity	Positive	Negative	DOR	Youde
			predictive	predictive		n
			value	value		Index
> 5.5	97.14	12.77	45.33	85.71	4.98	9.91
	$(85.47 - 99.85)$	$(5.99 - 25.17)$	$(42.30 - 48.40)$	$(43.06 - 97.94)$	$(0.57 - 43.73)$	
> 7.5	91.43	46.81	56.14	88.00	9.39	$38.24*$
	$(77.62 - 97.04)$	$(33.33 - 60.77)$	$(49.00 - 63.03)$	$(70.44 - 95.76)$	$(2.52 - 34.96)$	
>10.5	68.57	68.09	61.54	74.42	4.66	36.66
	$(52.02 - 81.45)$	$(53.83 - 79.60)$	$(49.90 - 71.99)$	$(63.20 - 83.13)$	$(1.81 - 11.93)$	
>14.5	48.57	76.6	60.71	66.67	3.10	25.17
	$(32.99 - 64.43)$	$(62.78 - 86.40)$	$(45.41 - 74.17)$	$(58.29 - 74.11)$	$(1.20 - 7.96)$	
>16.5	42.86	82.98	65.22	66.10	3.66	25.84
	$(27.98 - 59.14)$	$(69.86 - 91.11)$	$(47.27 - 79.68)$	$(58.74 - 72.76)$	$(1.33 - 10.10)$	
> 20.5	34.29	93.62	80.00	65.67	7.65	27.91
	$(20.83 - 50.85)$	$(82.84 - 97.81)$	$(54.96 - 92.91)$	$(59.82 - 71.08)$	$(1.96 - 29.87)$	

Data are derived from logistic regression of 86 measurements of SVV_PCA in 20 patients with severe ARDS managed with VV ECMO. Cut-off values are presented as percentage of the respiratory change of the respective parameter. Values are percentage with respective 95% CI for sensitivity, specificity, positive and negative predictive value, dimensionless value with respective 95% CI for the diagnostic odds ratio or raw number for Youden Index. DOR = diagnostic odds ratio, * = maximum Youden Index.

measurements

Data are summarized as medians and the corresponding interquartile range. SV_Echo, cardiac stroke volume measured with echocardiography; V_{max} AO, maximum Doppler velocity in the left ventricular outflow tract; VTI_TP, velocity time integral in the truncus pulmonalis; V_{max}TP, maximum Doppler velocity in the truncus pulmonalis; SVC, diameter of the superior vena cava; IVC, diameter of inferior vena cava; CV, coefficient of variation; CE. coefficient of error; LSC, least significant change; PE, percentage error.

*SVC and IVC were measured once per expiration, and 3 times in total in different respiratory cycles. Therefore, the intra-examination analysis is not applicable.

Fig. S2. Calibration curve of respiratory variations of the maximum Doppler velocity measured in the truncus pulmonalis ($ΔV_{max}TP$) of 86 measurements in 20 patients with severe ARDS managed with VV ECMO. Calibration curves were plotted using spline curve fitting

Fig. S3. Calibration curve of respiratory variations of the velocity time integral measured in the truncus pulmonalis (ΔVTI_TP) of 86 measurements in 20 patients with severe ARDS managed with VV ECMO. Calibration curves were plotted using spline curve fitting

Fig. S4. Calibration curve of stroke volume variation measured with pulse contour analysis after calibration with transpulmonary thermodilution at distinctive cut-off values (SVV_PCA) of 86 measurements in 20 patients with severe ARDS managed with VV ECMO. Calibration curves were plotted using spline curve fitting

Fig. S5. Cumulative fluid balance of responders and non- responders at each time point. Light grey circles denote responders; dark grey rhombus denote non-responders

Abbreviations

- (Δ)IVC (respiratory variation of the) inferior vena cava
- (Δ)SVC (respiratory variation of the) superior vena cava
- (Δ)VmaxAo (respiratory variation of the) maximal Doppler velocity in the left ventricular outflow tract
- (Δ)VmaxTP (respiratory variation of the) maximal Doppler velocity in the truncus pulmonalis
- (Δ)VTI_TP (respiratory variation of the) velocity time integral measured in the truncus pulmonalis
- ARDS acute respiratory distress syndrome
- CE coefficient of error
- CI confidence interval
- CV coefficient of variation
- (d)LVOT (diameter of the) left ventricular outflow tract
- DOR diagnostic odds ratio
- EOLIA ECMO to rescue Lung Injury in severe ARDS trial
- FiO₂ fraction of inspired oxygen
- ICU intensive care unit
- IQR interquartile range
- LHR likelihood ratio

LSC least significant change

LV left ventricle

non-responders patients deemed to be in a state of fluid non-responsiveness to the

PLRT

- PaCO² partial pressure of carbon dioxide
- PaO₂ partial pressure of oxygen
- PE percentage error
- pHa negative logarithm of the molar concentration of dissolved hydronium ions in arterial blood
- PLRT Passive Leg Raise Test
- responders patients deemed to be in a state of fluid responsiveness to the PLRT
- ROC receiver operating characteristics
- RV right ventricle
- SV stroke volume
- SVC superior vena cava
- SVV stroke volume variation
- SVV_Echo stroke volume variation measured with echocardiography
- SVV_PCA stroke volume variation measured with pulse contour analysis after calibration with transpulmonary thermodilution
- SVC superior vena cava
- TPTD transpulmonary thermodilution

VTI velocity time integral

(VV) ECMO (veno-venous) extracorporeal membrane oxygenation

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