



Non Invasive Imaging

MITRAL VALVE LEAFLET ABNORMALITIES CORRELATE WITH LEFT VENTRICULAR REMODELLING AND OBSTRUCTION IN HYPERTROPHIC CARDIOMYOPATHY: A QUANTITATIVE 3D TRANSTHORACIC ECHOCARDIOGRAPHIC STUDY

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Elongated mitral valve (MV) leaflets were described as a morphological marker of hypertrophic cardiomyopathy (HCM) at magnetic resonance. 3D echocardiography (3DE) may provide better insights on the non-planar MV geometry than linear measures.

Methods. In 32 HCM pts and 32 age- and gender-matched controls, 3D LV datasets (38 ± 6 vps) containing the MV were acquired by transthoracic approach. 3D MV and LV geometry were quantitated by semiautomatic softwares (TomTec 4D MV assessment 2.1, GE EchoPac BT12).

Results: Compared to controls, HCM pts had larger and more spherical MV annulus and increased leaflet tenting ($p < 0.001$). In HCM pts, anterior (ALA) and posterior (PLA) leaflet areas were larger than in controls (ALA $6.9 \pm 1.9 \text{ cm}^2$ vs $5.6 \pm 1.6 \text{ cm}^2$, $p = 0.006$; PLA $7.3 \pm 2.8 \text{ cm}^2$ vs $3.6 \pm 1.2 \text{ cm}^2$, $p < 0.001$), and a reversed relative contribution to mitral annular area (MAA) in favor of PLA was identified (PLA/MAA: $61 \pm 16\%$ in HCM vs $46 \pm 13\%$ in controls, $p < 0.001$). In HCM pts, PLA/MAA ratio correlated with dynamic gradient ($r = 0.53$), LV mass ($r = 0.43$) and LV mass/end-diastolic volume ratio ($r = 0.70$, $p = 4.64 \text{ cm}^2$ enabled an excellent discrimination of pts from controls (AUC 0.923, with 84% Sv and Sp), better than ALA (AUC 0.680)(Figure).

Conclusions: In HCM, a relatively larger contribution of PLA to overall MAA was identified by 3DE. PLA was correlated with LV remodelling and dynamic obstruction. Non-invasive quantification of MV geometry by transthoracic 3DE may have important diagnostic and therapeutic implications.

