LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

European Association of Echocardiography recommendations for assessment of valvular regurgitation: a correction

The new recommendations of the European Association of Echocardiography for the assessment of mitral and tricuspid regurgitation are timely and useful.[1] We would like to correct a minor mistake in *Figure 13*, part 3C, which illustrates estimation of the posterolateral mitral valve angle in systole, a parameter of local remodelling in functional mitral regurgitation. This angle in the apical four-chamber view is formed by the posterior mitral leaflet and a line connecting the insertion of both mitral leaflets. The image contains a misstated formula $PLA = \sin{-1}(CD/PLL)$ for calculating the posterolateral angle (PLL, in degrees) from the sides CD and PLL of a right triangle by looking up the arcsine of their ratio. This formula correctly should read:

$PLA = \arcsin(CD/PLL)$ or, alternatively, $PLA = \sin^{-1}(CD/PLL)$.

Reference

1. Lancellotti P, Moura L, Pierard LA, Agricola E, Popescu BA, Tribouilloy C *et al.*, European Association of Echocardiography. European Association of Echocardiography recommendations for the assessment of valvular regurgitation. Part 2: Mitral and tricuspid regurgitation (native valve disease). *Eur J Echocardiogr* 2010;**11**:307–32.

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European Association of Echocardiography recommendations for assessment of valvular regurgitation: a correction: reply

I thank Frank A. Flachskampf and Lutz Klinghammer for their useful comments. As mentioned, there is a minor mistake in *Figure 13*, part 3C, of the recommendations of the European Association of Echocardiography for the assessment of mitral and tricuspid regurgitation.[1] Indeed, the correct formula to calculate the posterolateral angle (PLA) is the following: $PLA = \sin^{-1}(CD/PLL)$ where CD is the coaptation distance and PLL is the posterior leaflet length. PLL is then not expressed in degrees but either in centimetres or millimetres as for CD.

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1. Lancellotti P, Moura L, Pierard LA, Agricola E, Popescu BA, Tribouilloy C *et al.*, European Association of Echocardiography. European Association of Echocardiography recommendations for the assessment of valvular regurgitation. Part 2: Mitral and tricuspid regurgitation (native valve disease). *Eur J Echocardiogr* 2010;**11**:307–32.

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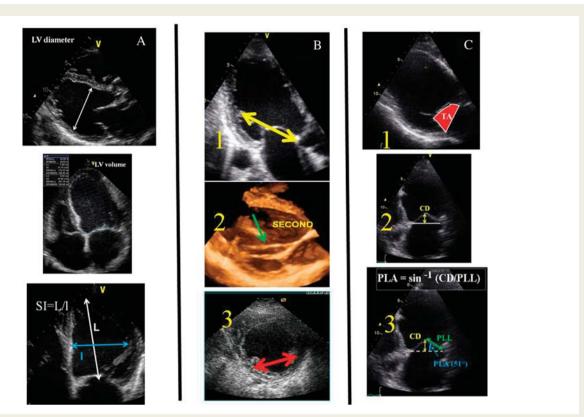Tel: 0032 43667195
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Figure 13 Echo morphologic parameters that are measured in ischeamic mitral regurgitation. (*A*) Global left ventricle remodelling [diameter, left ventricle (LV) volumes, sphericity index (SI = L/l; L, major axis; l, minor axis)]. (*B*) Local LV remodelling (1, apical displacement of the posteromedial papillary muscle; 2, second order chordate; 3, interpapillary muscle distance). (*C*) Mitral valve deformation [1, systolic tenting area (TA); 2, coaptation distance (CD); 3, posterolateral angle (PLA)].