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# Awake prone positioning for non-intubated oxygen dependent COVID-19 pneumonia patients

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*To the Editor:*

Oxygenation failure recalcitrant to increasing positive end-expiratory pressure is a feature of severe coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pneumonia [1]. A Chinese group used prone positioning to improve oxygenation for intubated patients with severe COVID-19 pneumonia [2]. However, prone positioning in unconscious patients is labour-intensive and is associated with various complications [3, 4]. As the incidence of severe COVID-19 pneumonia worldwide increases rapidly, many countries are also facing the problem of diminishing intensive care resources.