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COVID-19: opacification score is higher in the right lung and right lung involvement is a better predictor of ICU admission

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In COVID-19 the right lung has higher degree of opacification on plain radiograph than the left lung. Right lung opacification is a stronger predictor for critical care admission and death. <https://bit.ly/36dig2N>

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To the Editor:

The global response to coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) has resulted in a wealth of research. The accrual of data through electronic health records (EHR) facilitates the efficient interrogation of datasets. Indeed, many issues of relevance to the COVID-19 response have been explored in this way, the impact of ethnicity or angiotensin-converting enzyme inhibition on outcomes, to name but two [1, 2].

