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Il PATTERN DI BRUGADA
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BUNDLE-BRANCH BLOCK WITH SHORT P-R INTERVAL
IN HEALTHY YOUNG PEOPLE PRONE TO
PAROXYSMAL TACHYCARDIA

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Right Bundle Branch Block, Persistent ST Segment Elevation and Sudden Cardiac Death: A Distinct Clinical and Electrocardiographic Syndrome

A Multicenter Report

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Objectives. The objectives of this study were to present data on eight patients with recurrent episodes of aborted sudden death unexplainable by currently known diseases whose common clinical and electrocardiographic (ECG) features define them as having a distinct syndrome different from idiopathic ventricular fibrillation.

Background. Among patients with ventricular arrhythmias who have no structural heart disease, several subgroups have been defined. The present patients constitute an additional subgroup with these findings.

Methods. The study group consisted of eight patients, six male and two female, with recurrent episodes of aborted sudden death. Clinical and laboratory data and results of electrocardiography, electrophysiology, echocardiography, angiography, histologic study and exercise testing were available in most cases.

Results. The ECG during sinus rhythm showed right bundle branch block, normal QT interval and persistent ST segment elevation in precordial leads V₁ to V₂-V₃ not explainable by electrolyte disturbances, ischemia or structural heart disease. No histologic abnormalities were found in the four patients in

whom ventricular biopsies were performed. The arrhythmia leading to (aborted) sudden death was a rapid polymorphic ventricular tachycardia initiating after a short coupled ventricular extrasystole. A similar arrhythmia was initiated by two to three ventricular extrastimuli in four of the seven patients studied by programmed electrical stimulation. Four patients had a prolonged HV interval during sinus rhythm. One patient receiving amiodarone died suddenly during implantation of a demand ventricular pacemaker. The arrhythmia of two patients was controlled with a beta-adrenergic blocking agent. Four patients received an implantable defibrillator that was subsequently used by one of them, and all four are alive. The remaining patient received a demand ventricular pacemaker and his arrhythmia is controlled with amiodarone and diphenylhydantoin.

Conclusions. Common clinical and ECG features define a distinct syndrome in this group of patients. Its causes remain unknown.

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Dubbi del cardiologo davanti ad un elettrocardiogramma che presenta in V1-V3 complessi QRS con onda positiva terminale e sopravvallamento del segmento ST

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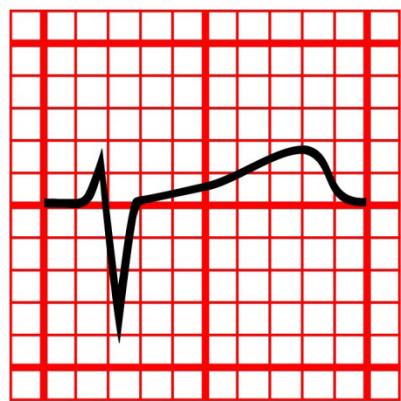
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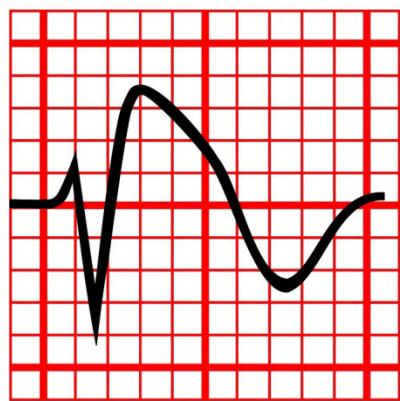
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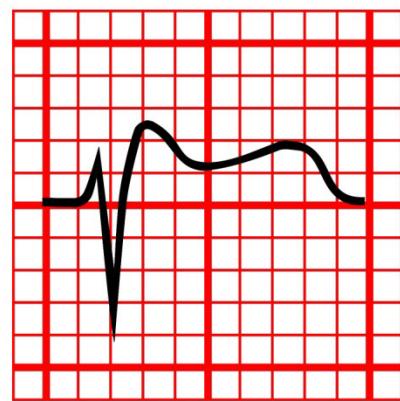
When an ECG shows (or is suspicious for) a Brugada pattern, i.e. the association of a positive terminal deflection and ST segment elevation in the right precordial leads, the cardiologist often faces several problems. Three important questions are raised by this ECG pattern: 1) is this really a Brugada ECG pattern? 2) How can be determined whether this patient is at risk for sudden death? and 3) Should this patient receive an implantable cardioverter-defibrillator (ICD)? The term "Brugada syndrome" should be restricted to patients who have diagnostic ECG changes,



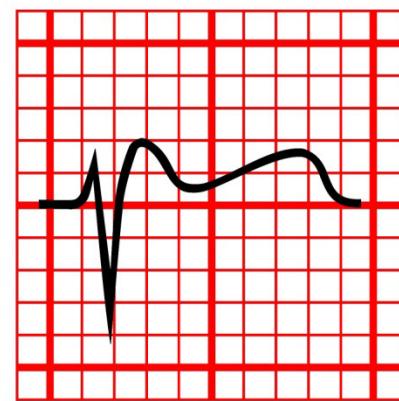
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tipo 1



tipo 2



tipo 3



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Current electrocardiographic criteria for diagnosis of Brugada pattern: a consensus report[☆]

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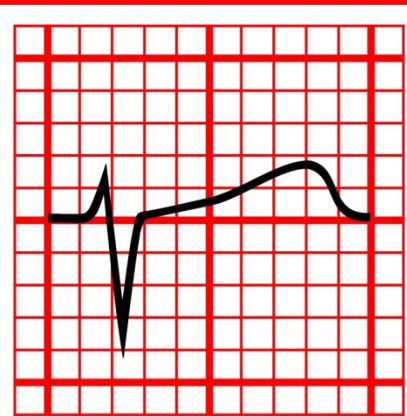
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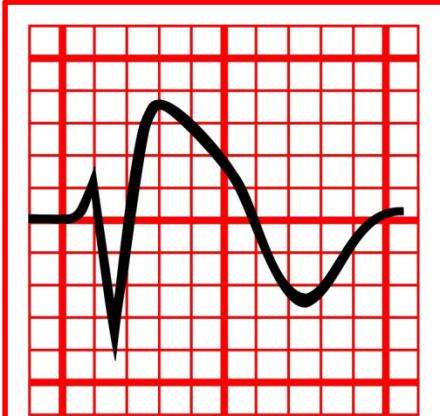
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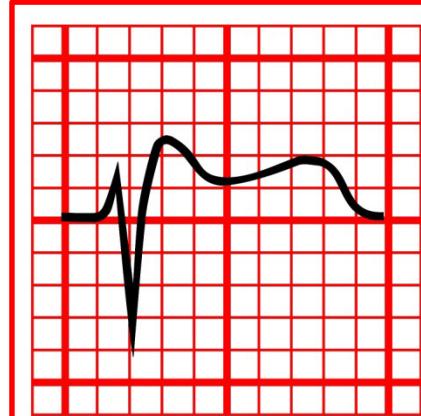
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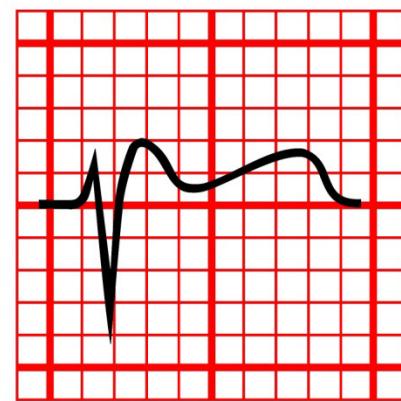
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tipo 1
(ST convesso)



tipo 2
(ST concavo)



PROBLEMI CON IL PATTERN DI BRUGADA

- ✓ Solo il tipo 1 è diagnostico
- ✓ Il tipo 2 è “innocente”?
- ✓ Il quadro ECG è ampiamente variabile,
da un tracciato normale al più ovvio
pattern tipo 1
- ✓ ECG simili a quello dal pattern di Brugada
si osservano in diverse condizioni
- ✓ Il rischio di sovrastimare o sottovalutare
il quadro è elevato

BRUGADA SYNDROME VERSUS BRUGADA PATTERN

In the presence of ECG criteria of Brugada pattern, Brugada Syndrome is diagnosed if one/more of the following clinical factors are present:

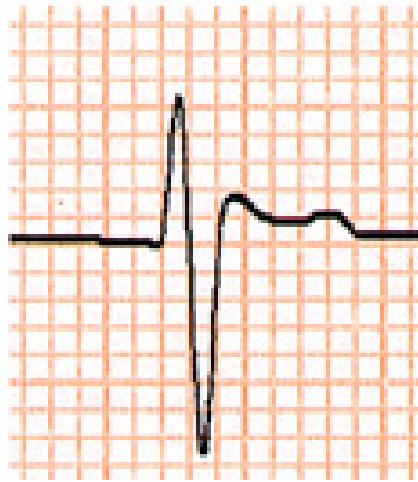
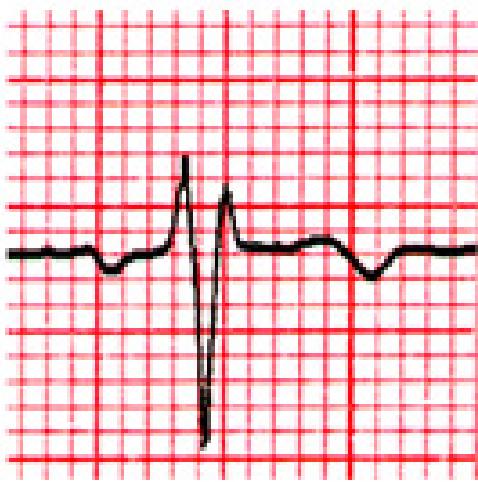
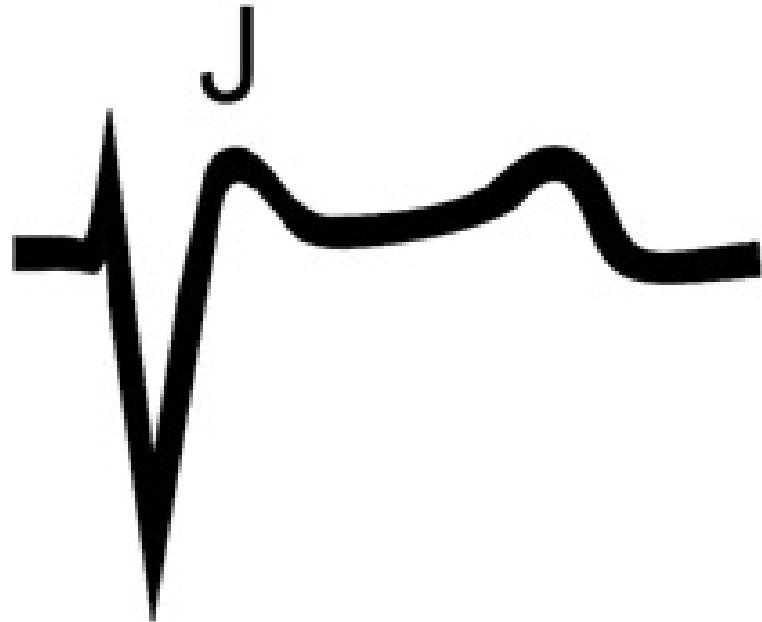
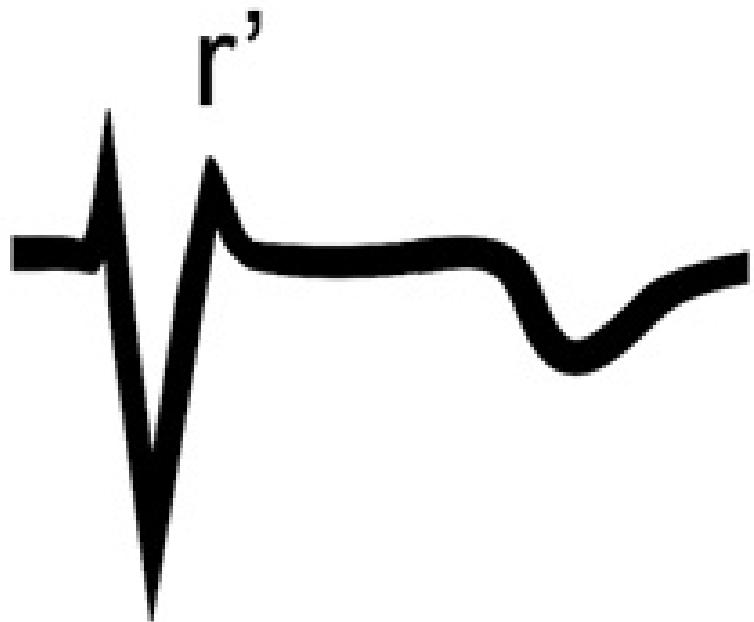
- a) Survivors of cardiac arrest
- b) Presence of polymorphic ventricular tachycardia
- c) History of nonvagal syncope
- d) Familial antecedents of sudden death in patients younger than 45 years without acute coronary syndrome
- e) Type 1 Brugada pattern in relatives.

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- ✓ Blocco di branca destra
- ✓ Ripolarizzazione precoce
- ✓ Ischemia miocardica transmurale
- ✓ Pericardite
- ✓ Ipotermia
- ✓ Compressione sul tratto di efflusso del VD
- ✓ Iperkaliemia
- ✓ Ipercalcemia
- ✓ Embolia polmonare
- ✓ Effetto di Farmaci
- ✓ Elettrocardiografo con filtri scorretti

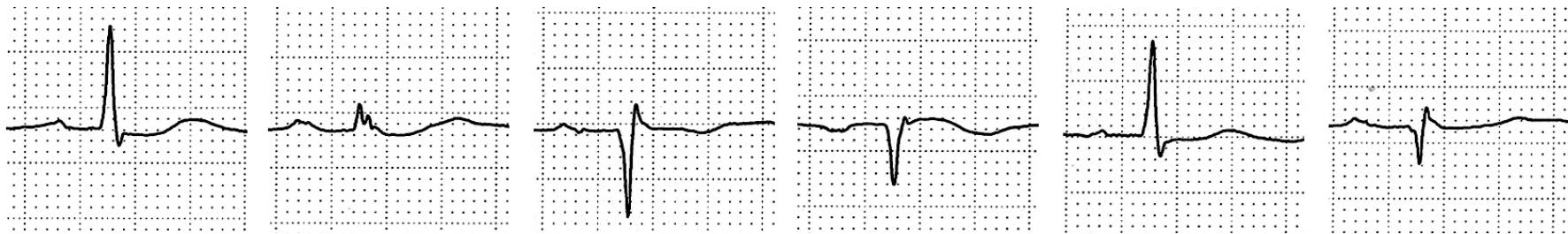
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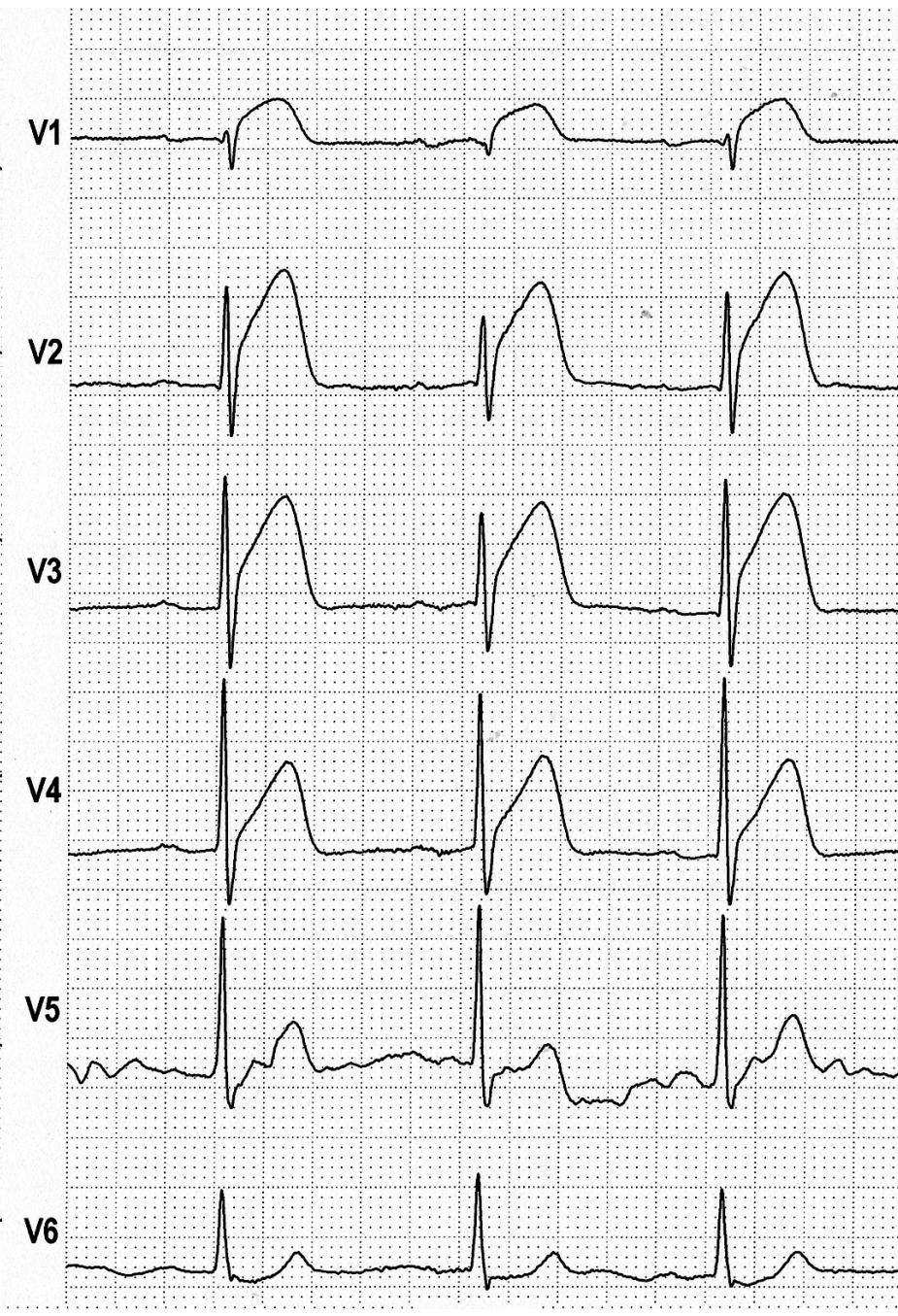
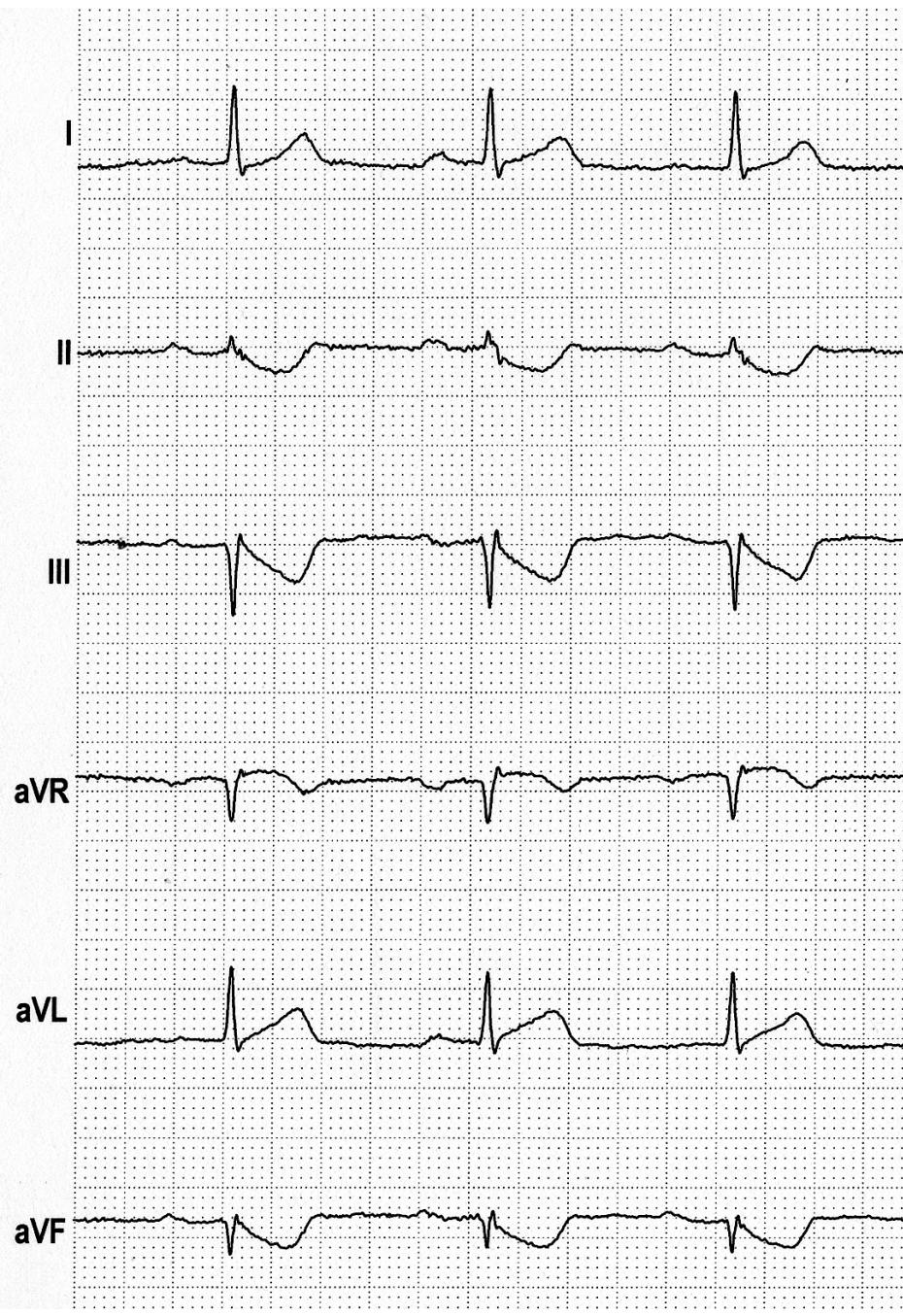
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I II III aVR aVL aVF



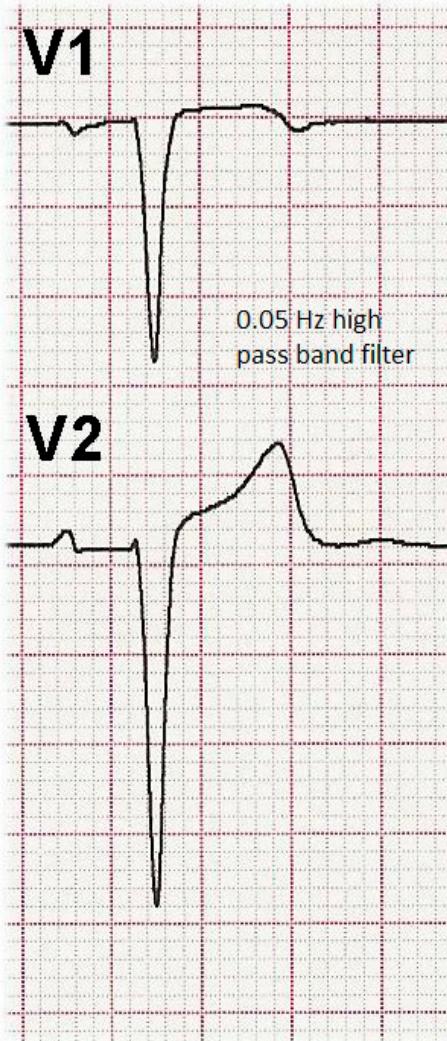
V1 V2 V3 V4 V5 V6



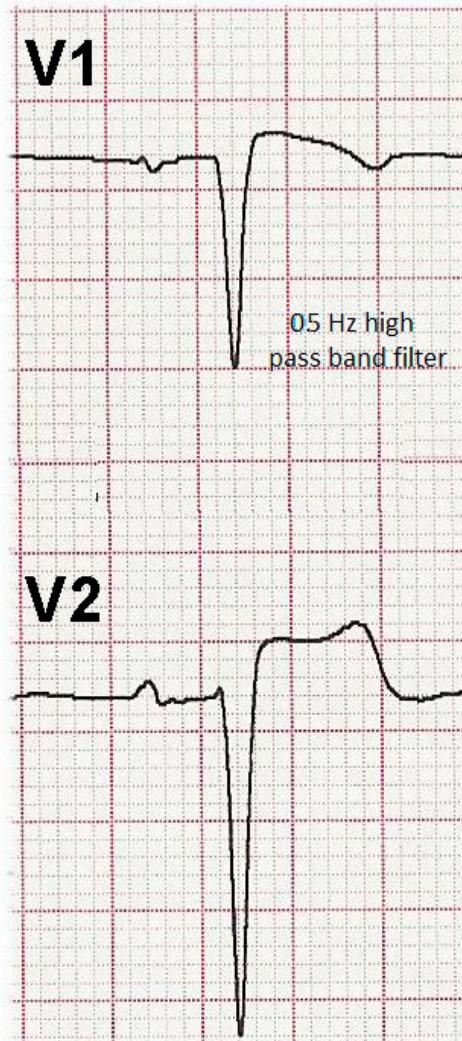
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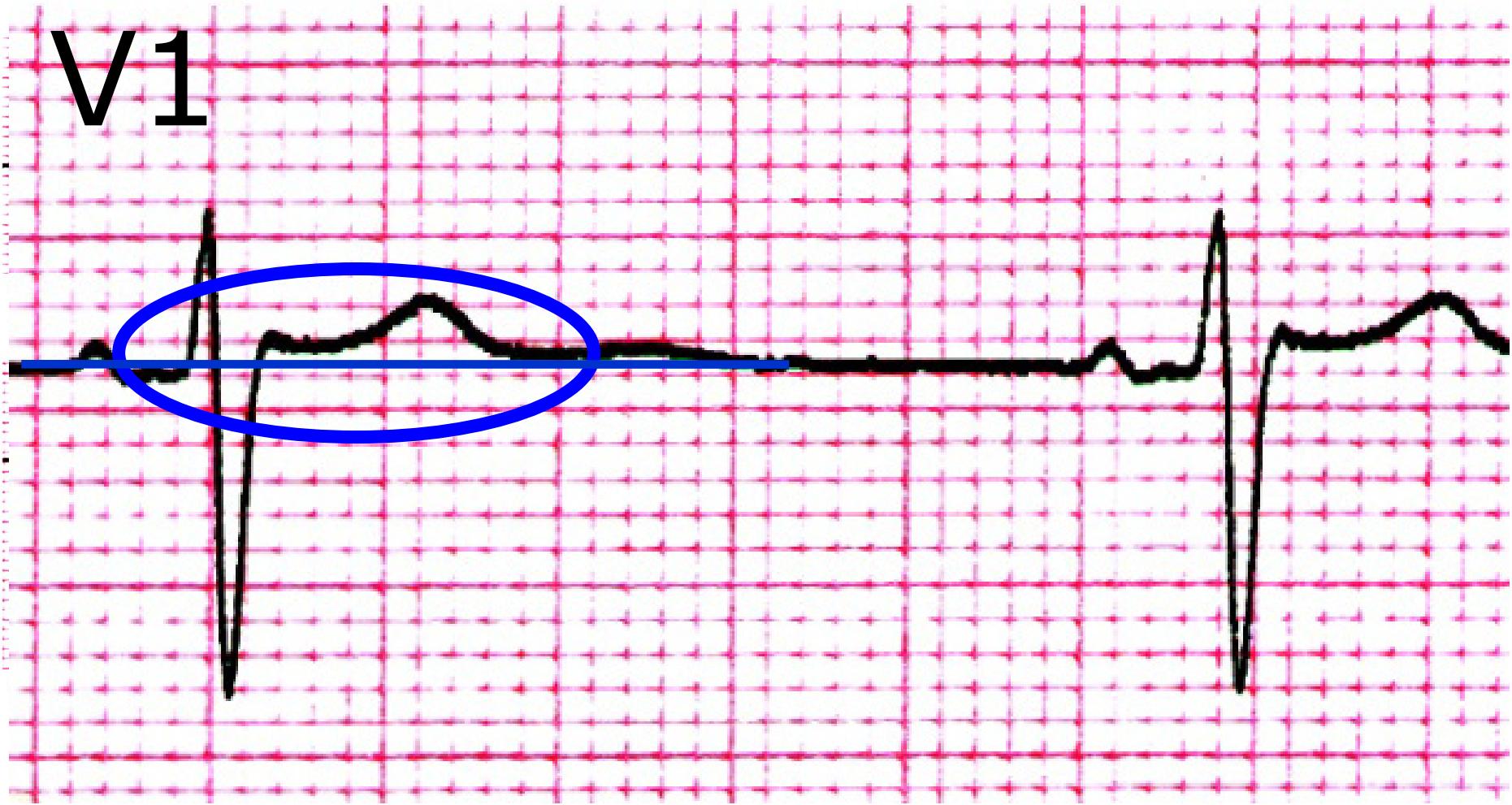
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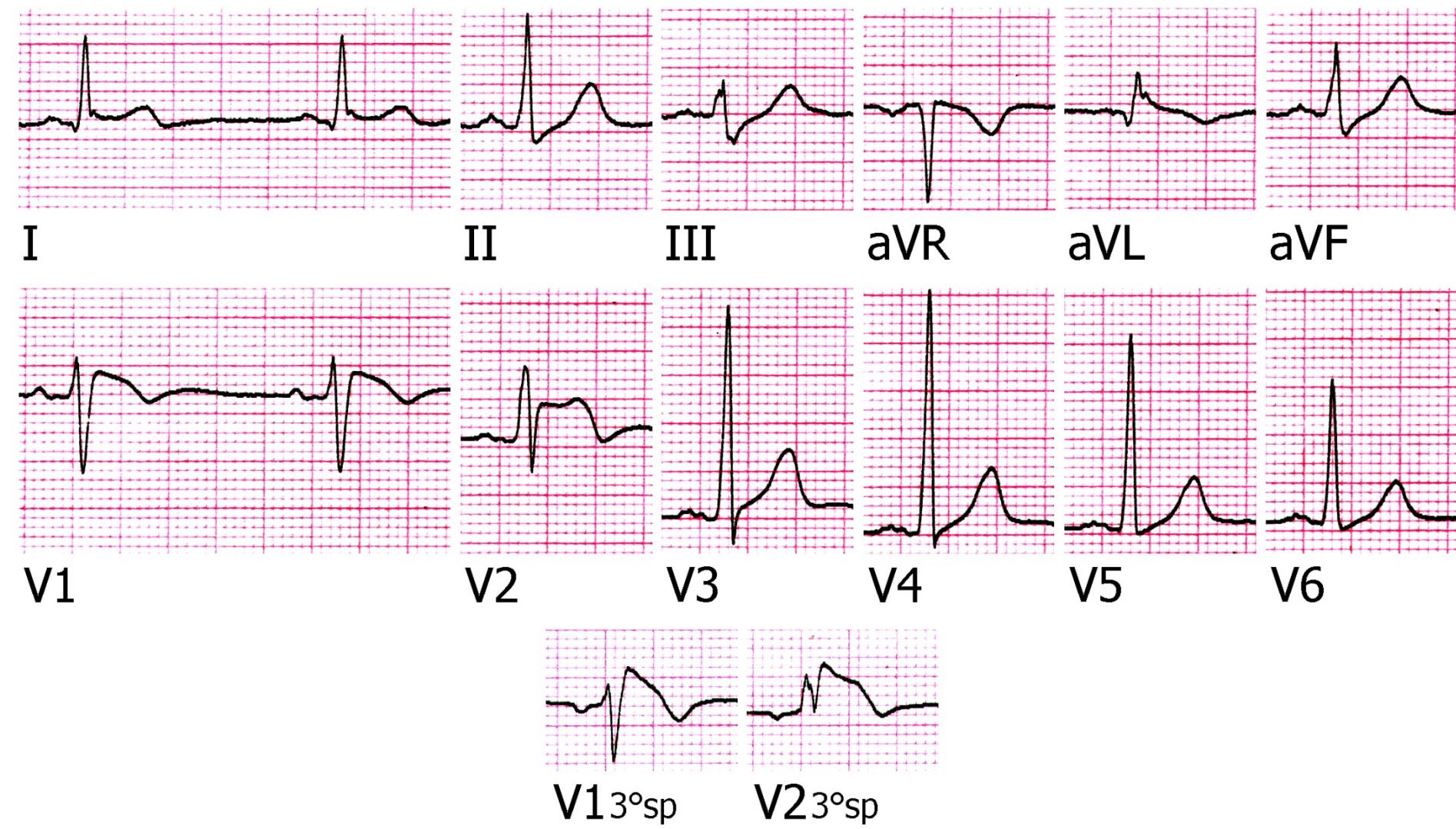


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V1





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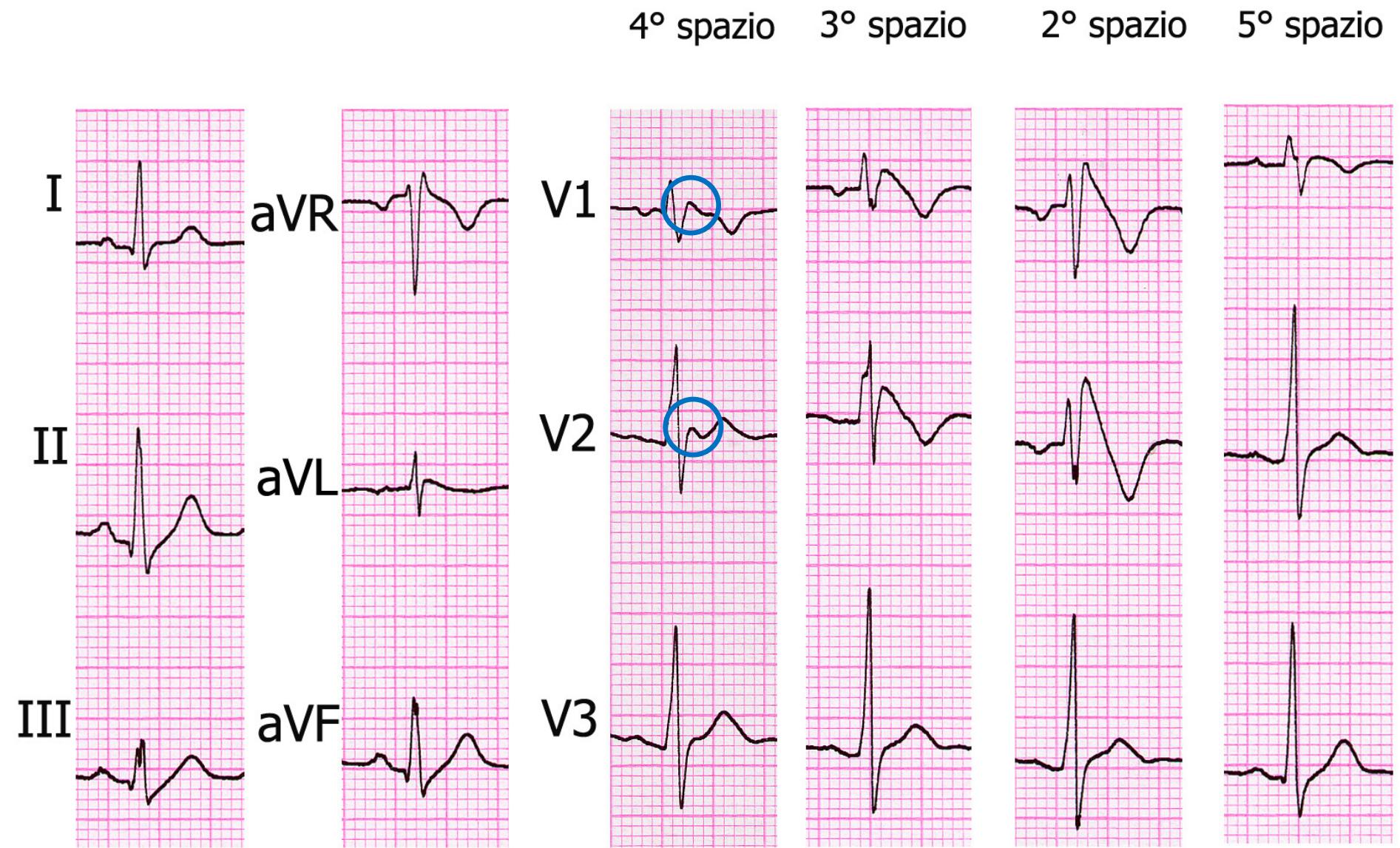
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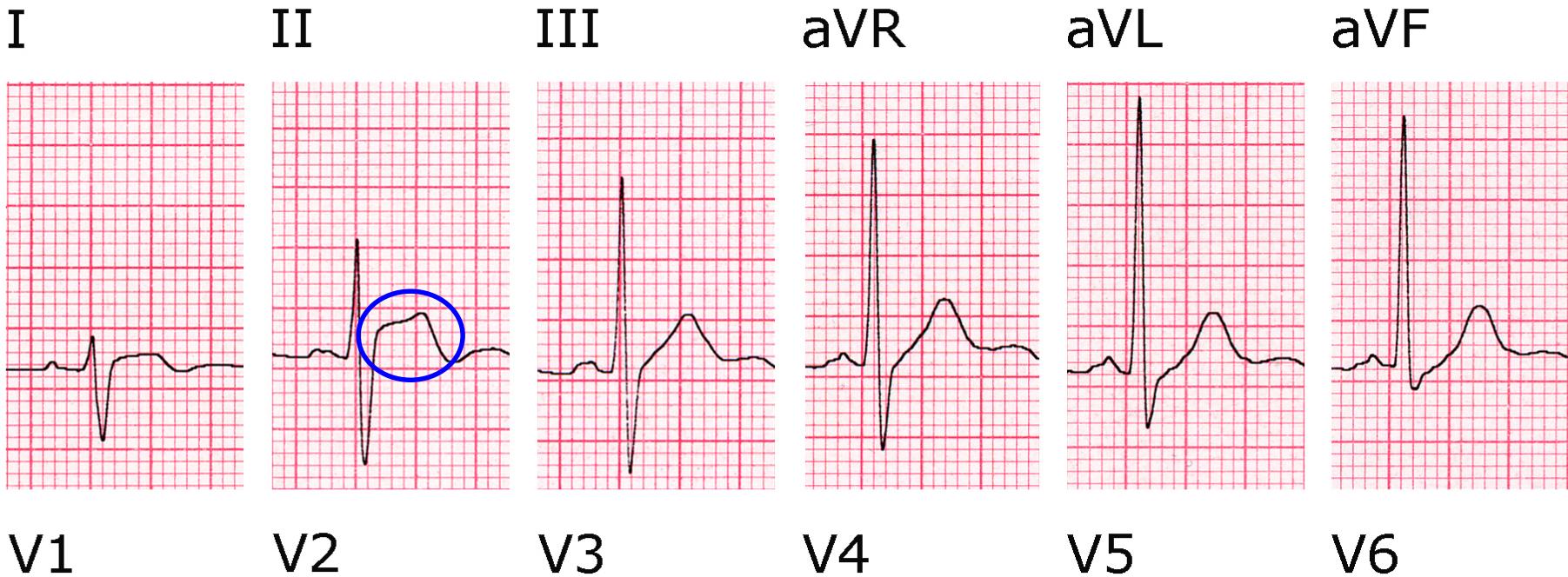
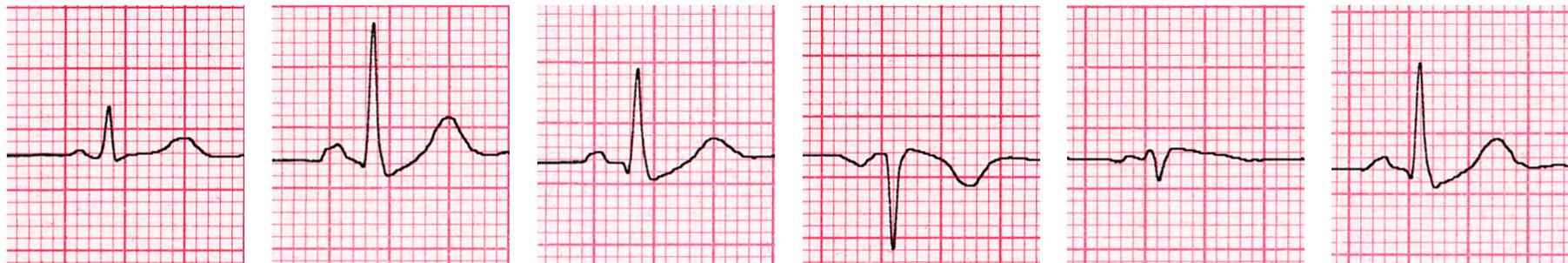
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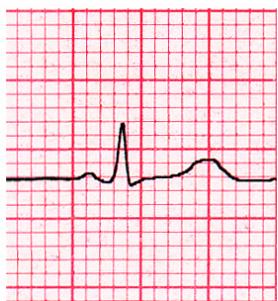
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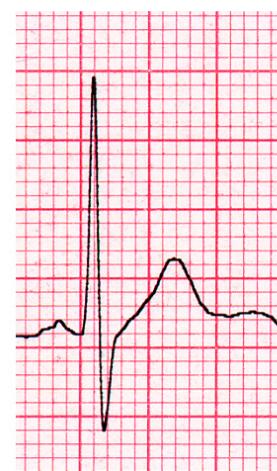
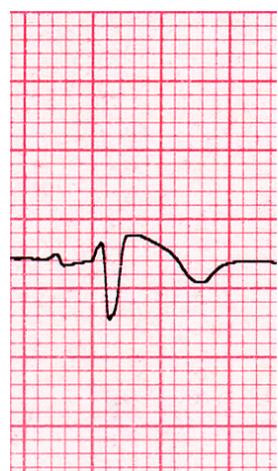
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aVR

aVL

aVF



V1

3rd i.s.

V2

3rd i.s.

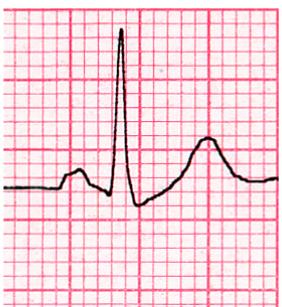
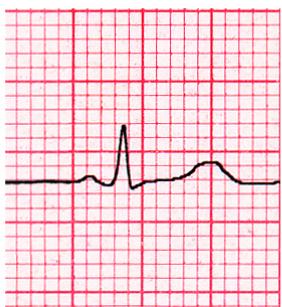
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V4

V5

V6



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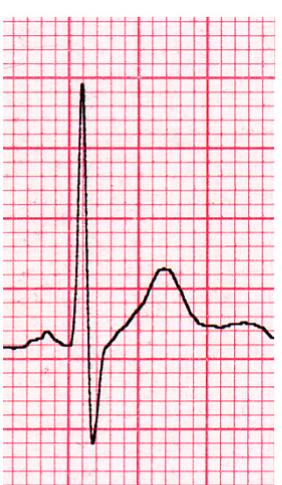
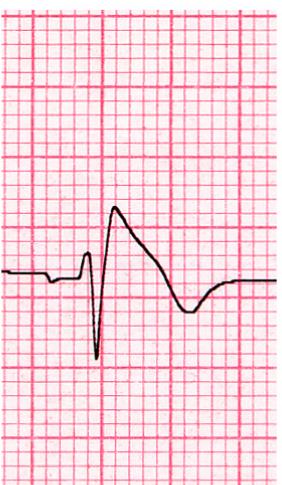
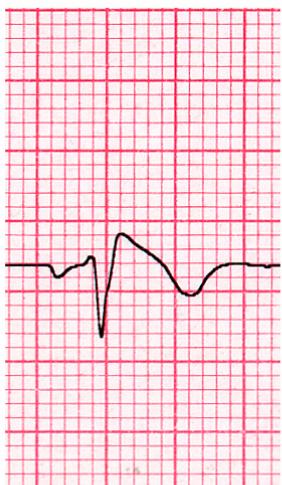
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V1

2nd i.s.

V2

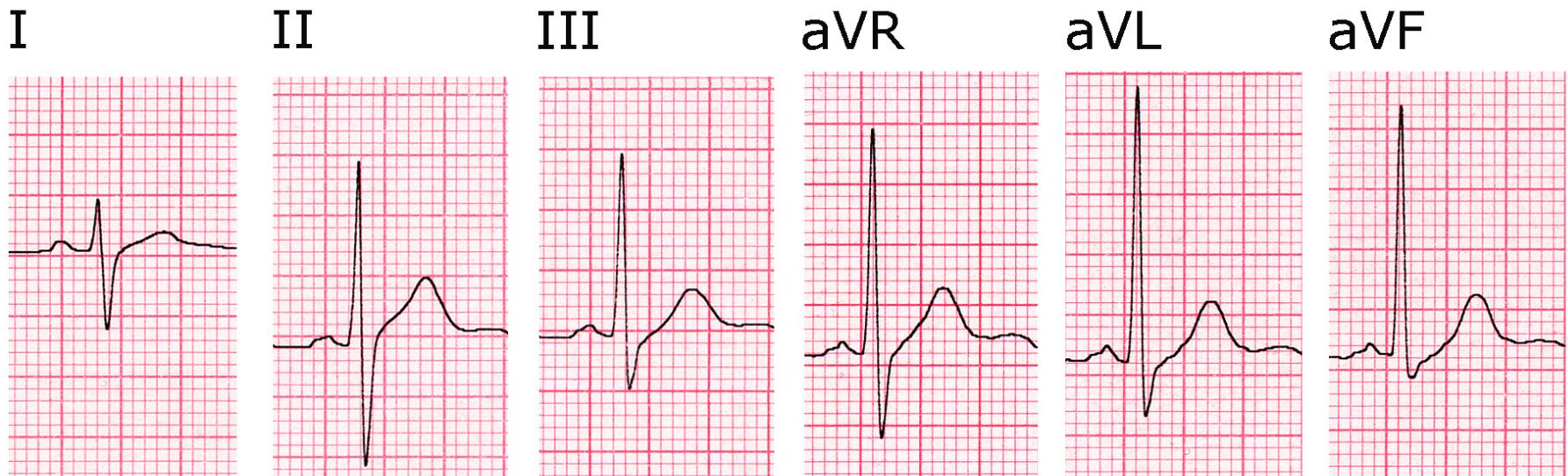
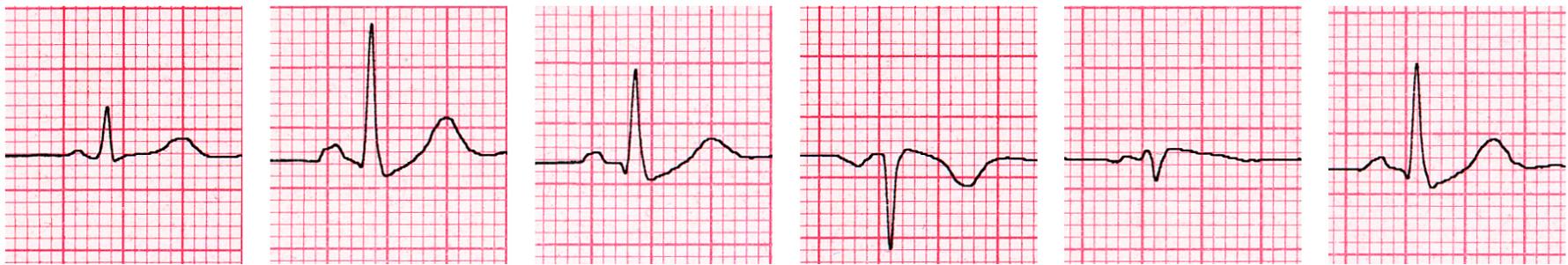
2nd i.s.

V3

2nd i.s.

V4

V6



I
5th i.s.

II
5th i.s.

III
5th i.s.

aVR

aVL

aVF

V1
5th i.s.

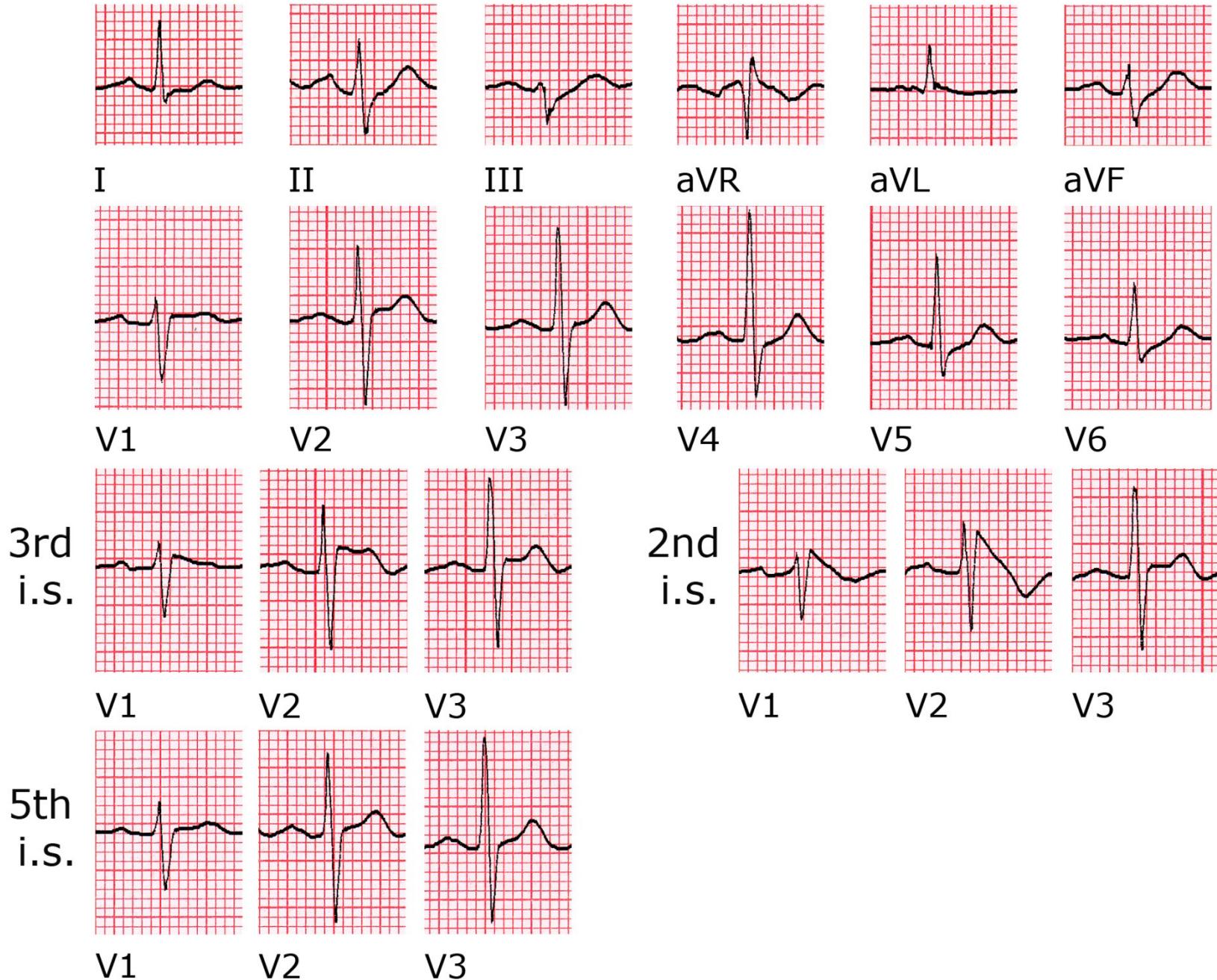
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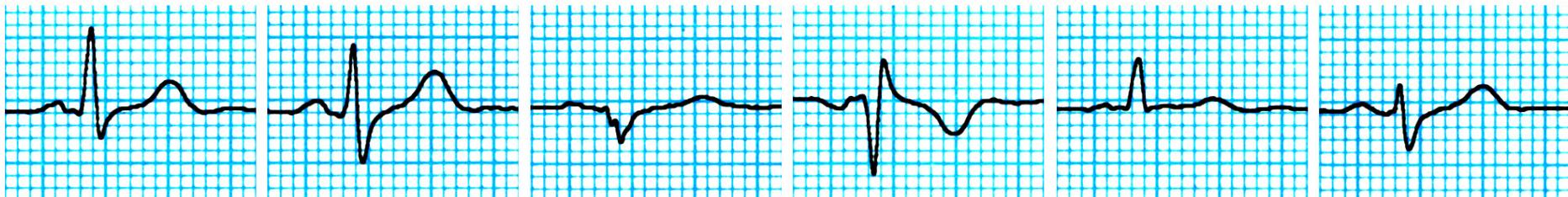
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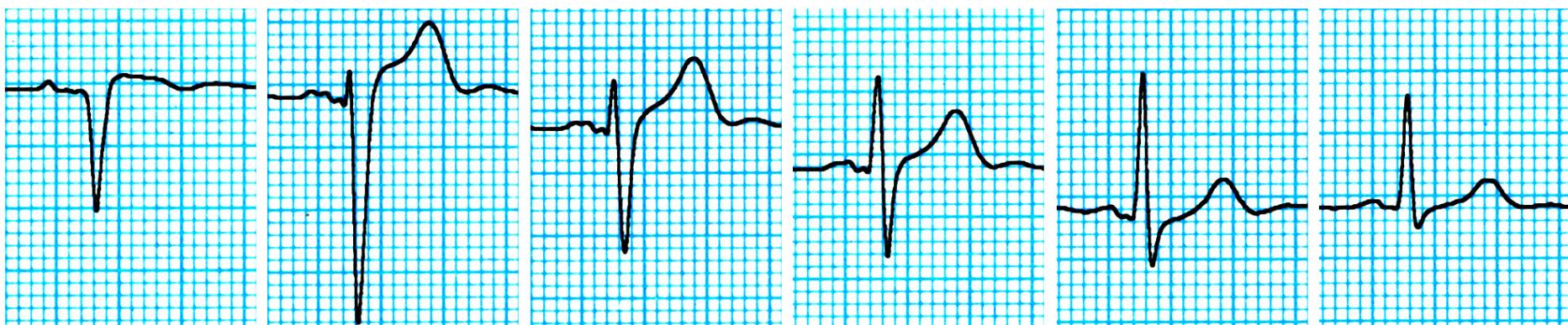
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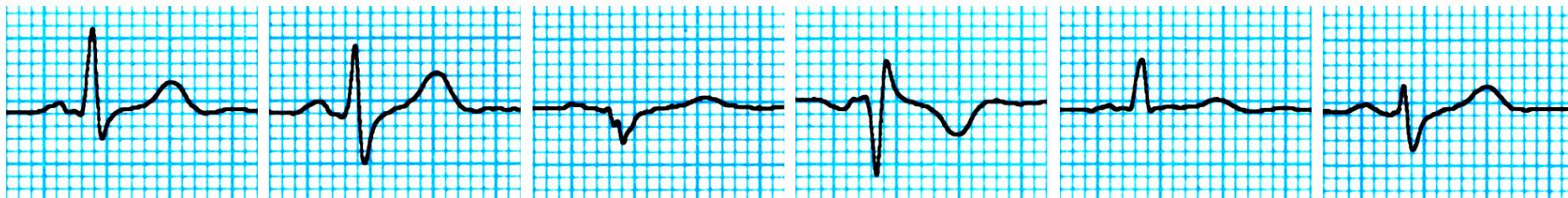


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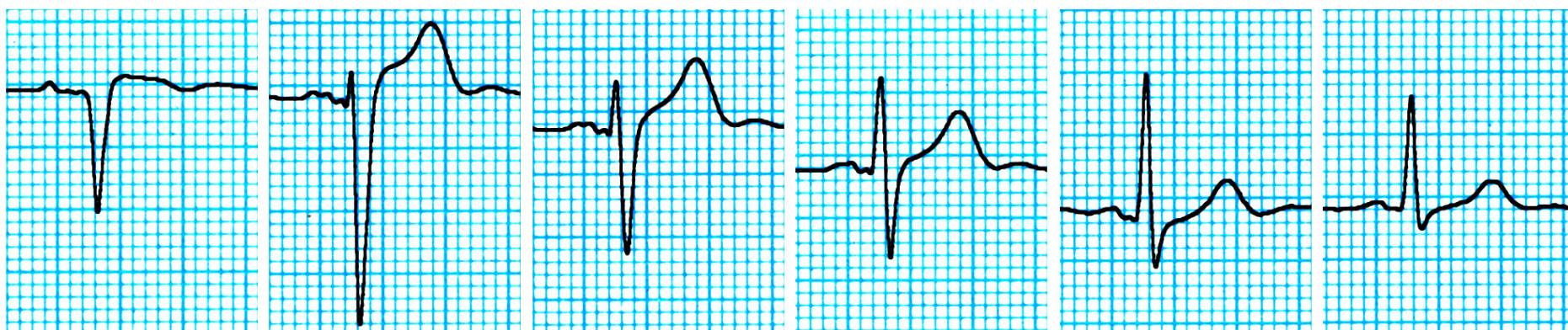


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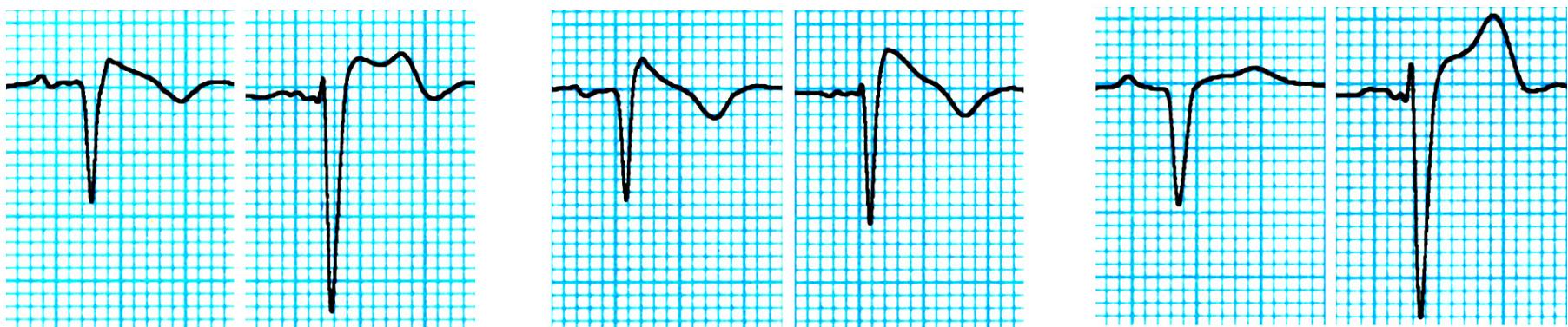




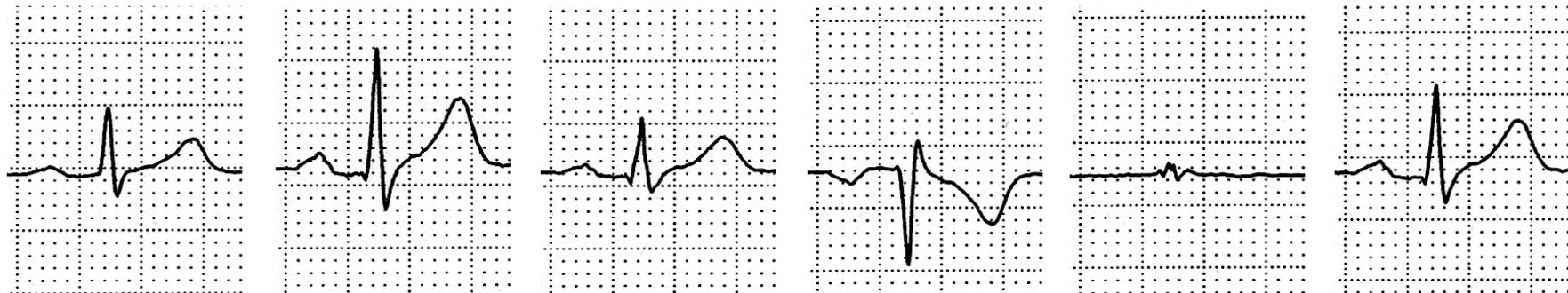
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V1 V2 V3 V4 V5 V6



V1(3°sp) V2(3°sp) V1(2° sp) V2(2° sp) V1(5°sp) V2(5°sp)



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II

III

aVR

aVL

aVF



V1

V2

V3

V4

V5

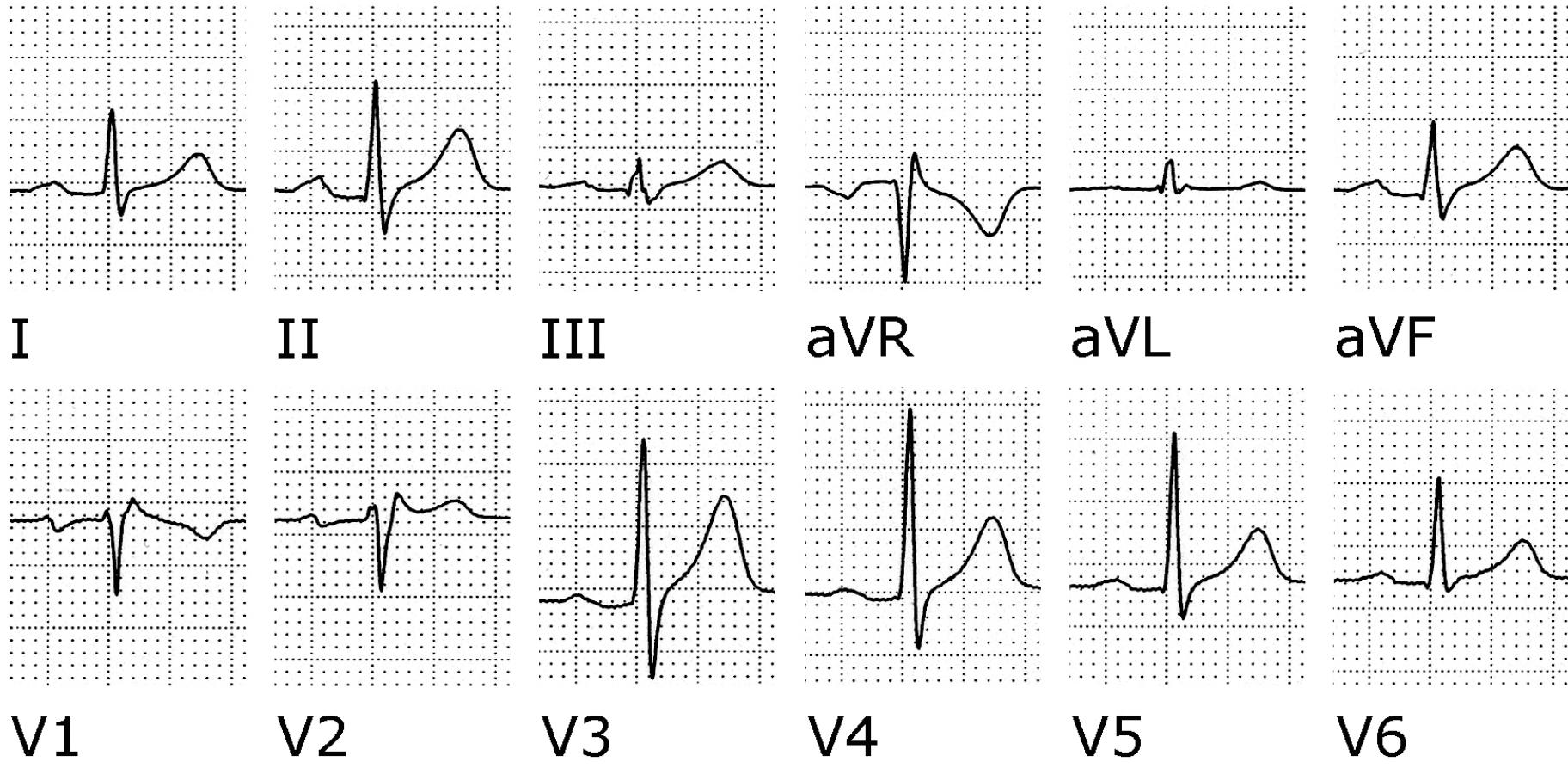
V6



V1



V2



2° spazio intercostale

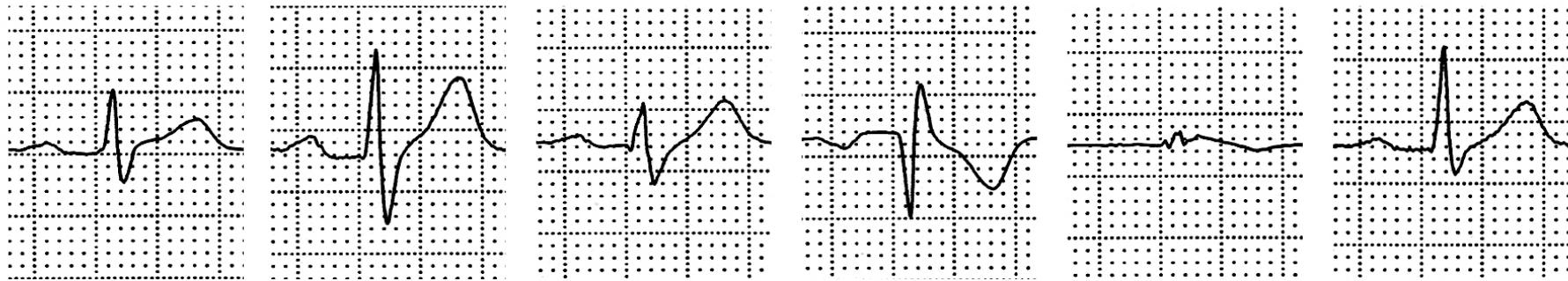
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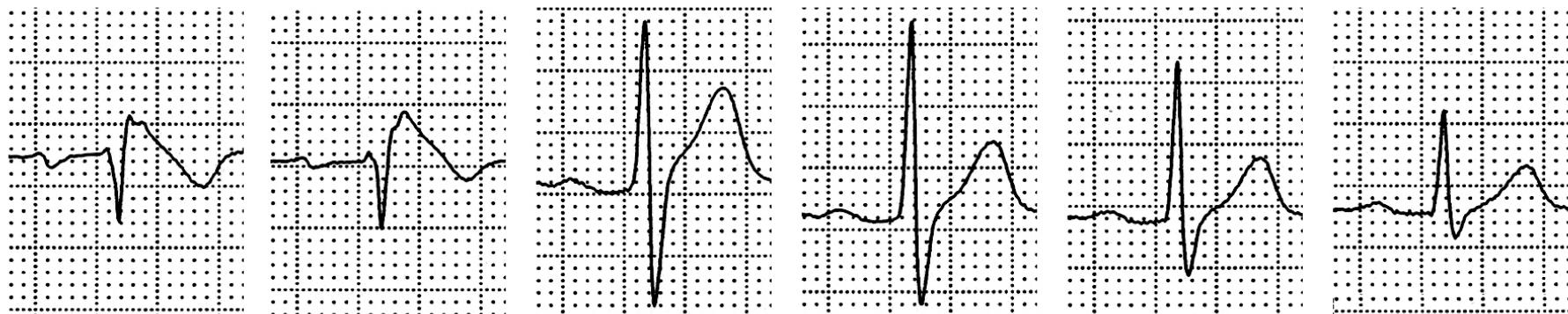
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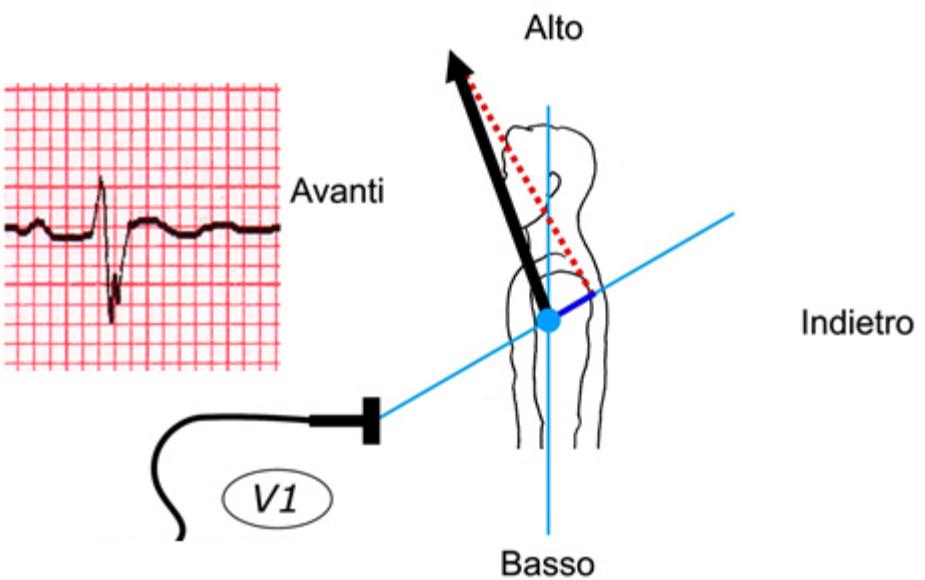
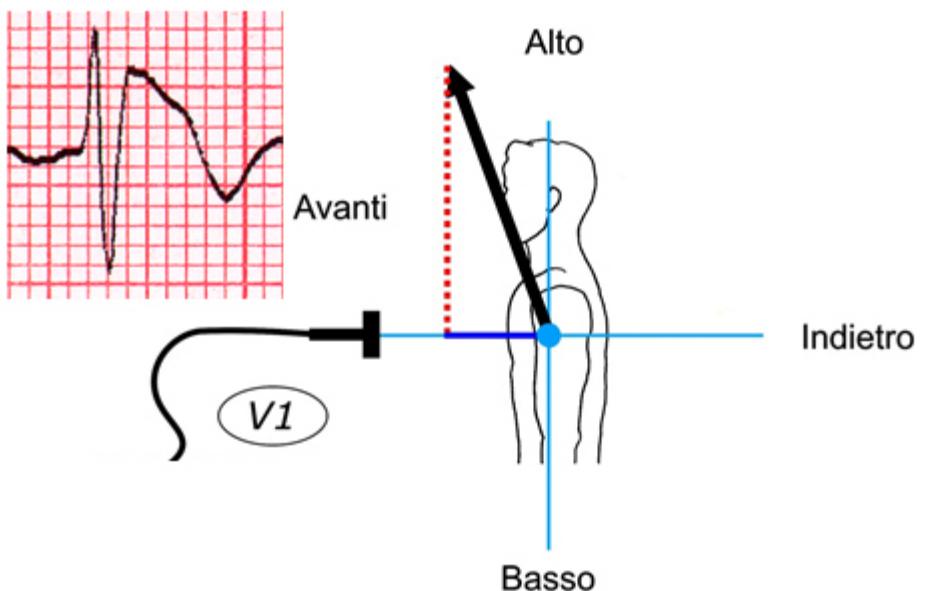
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Flecainide

**Ma perché bisogna spostare
più in alto gli elettrodi
per riconoscere
il pattern di Brugada?**



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V1

V2

V3

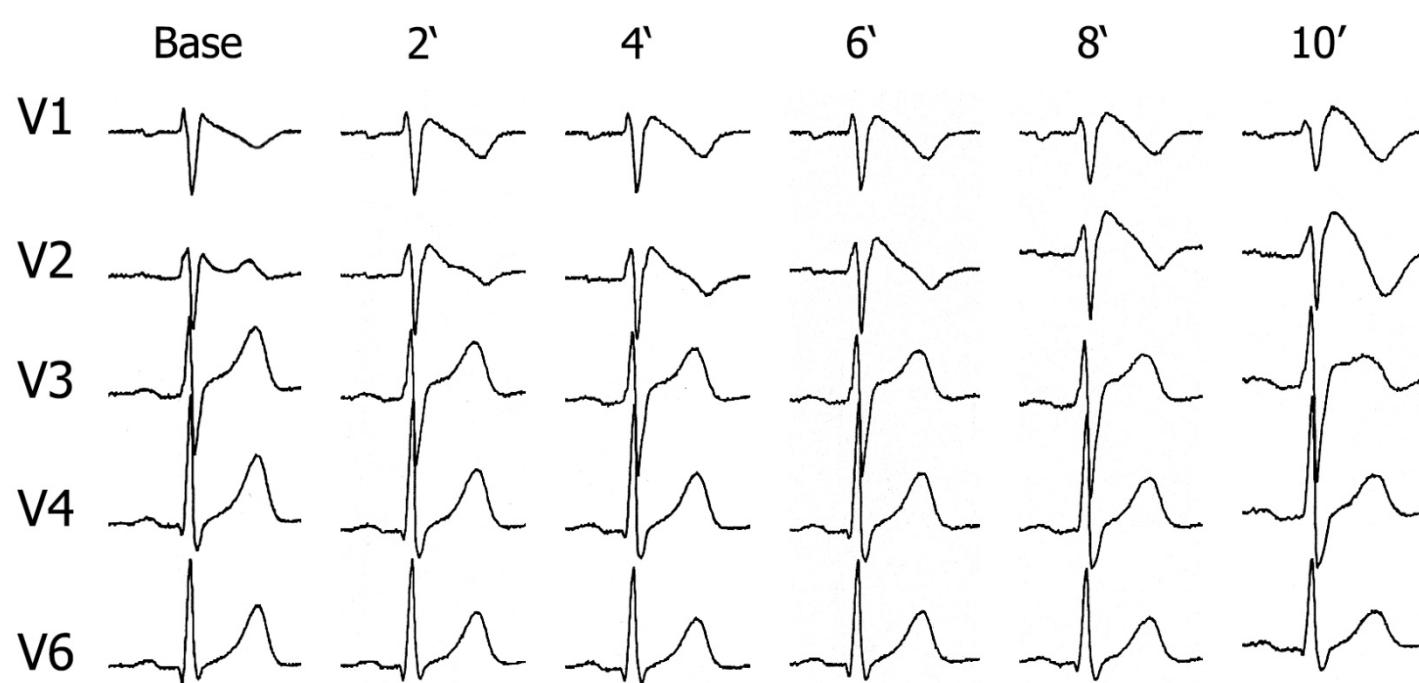
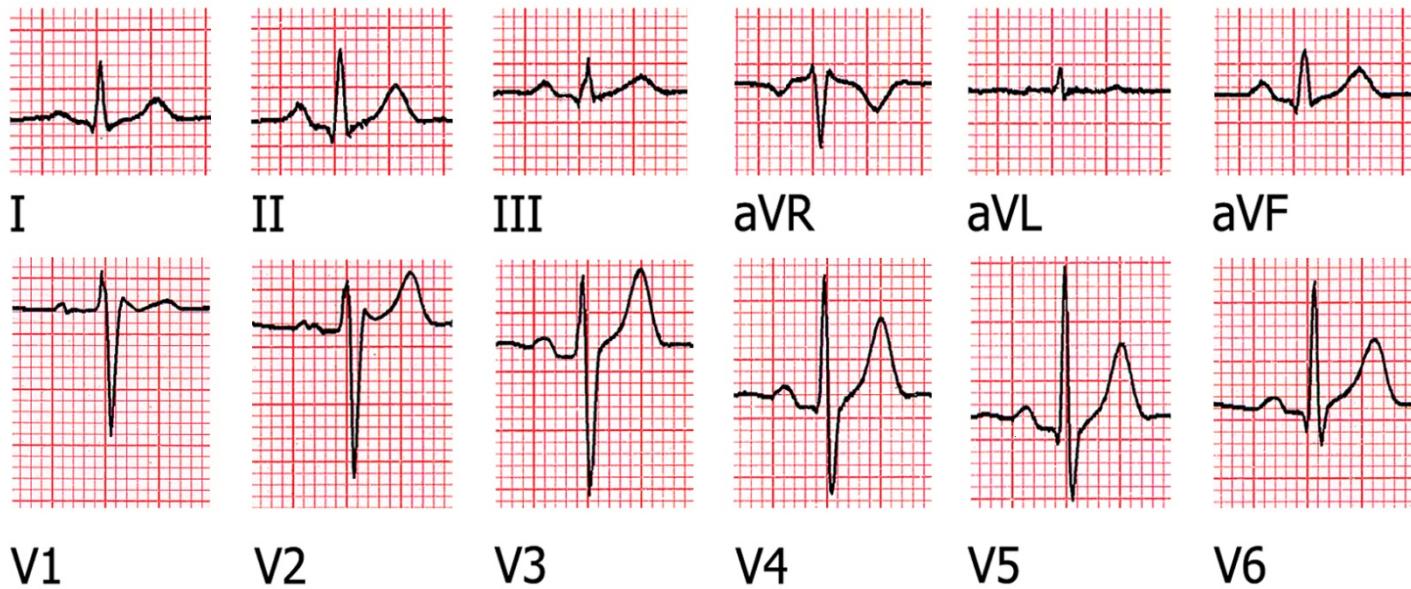
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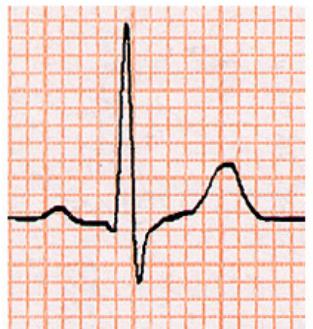
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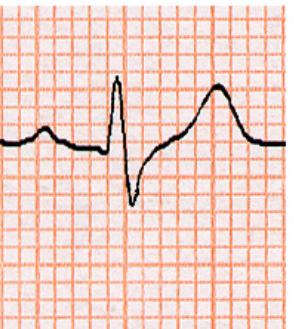
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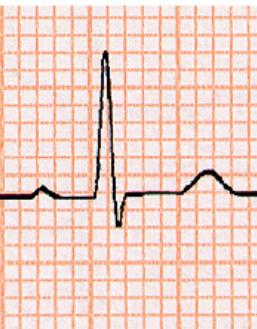
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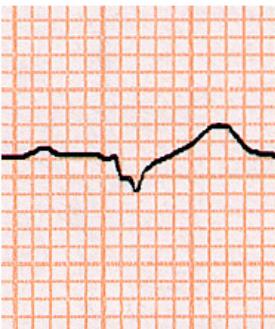
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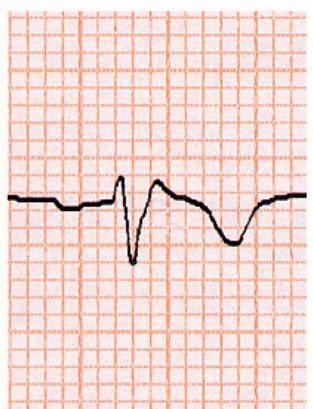
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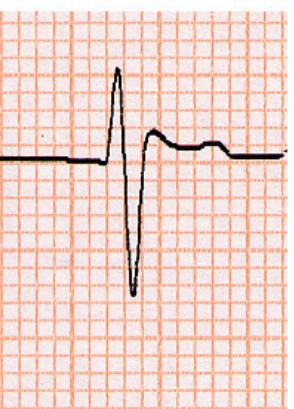
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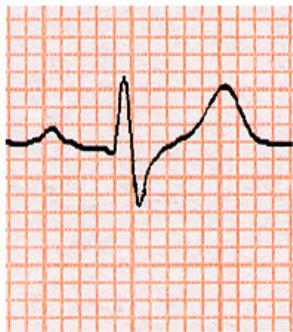


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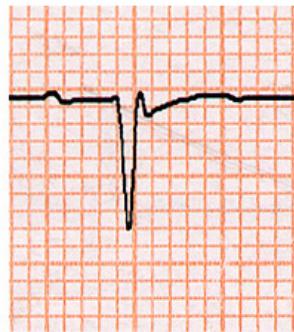




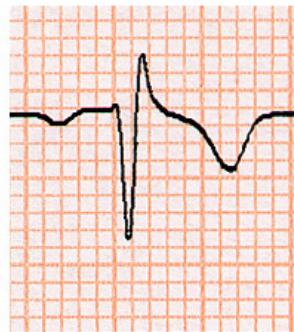
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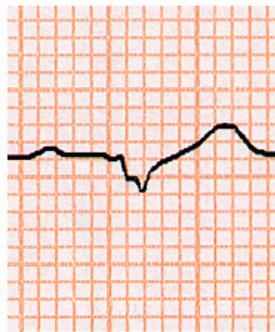
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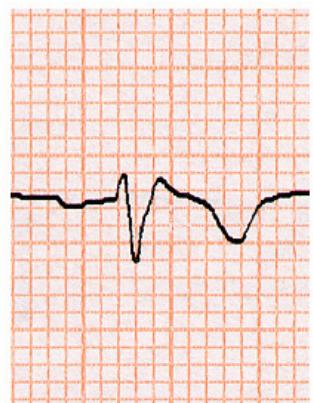
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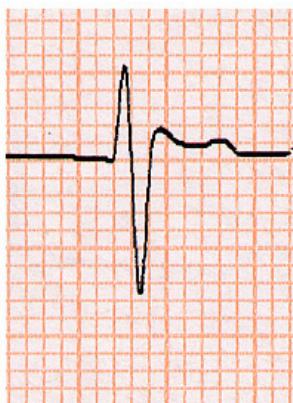
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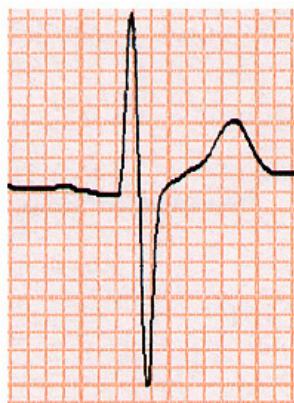
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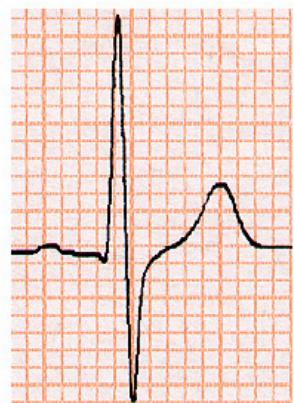
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V3



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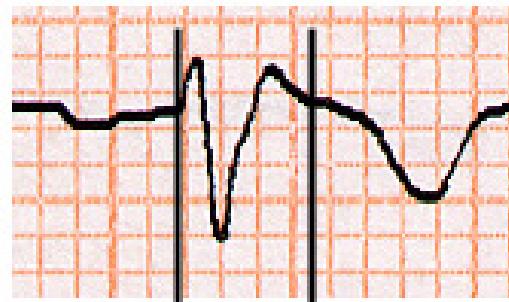


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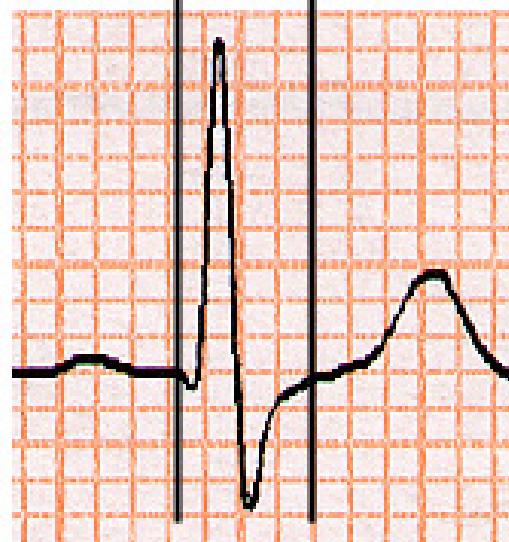
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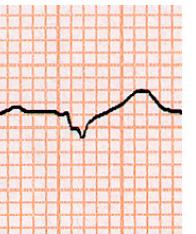
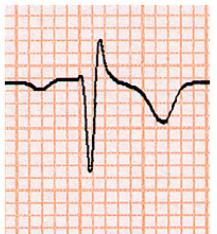
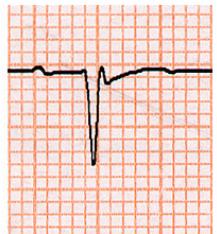
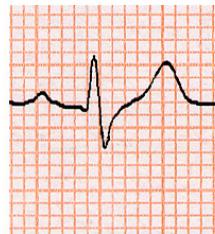


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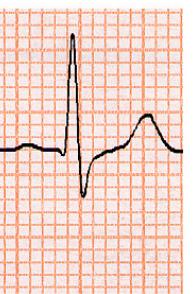
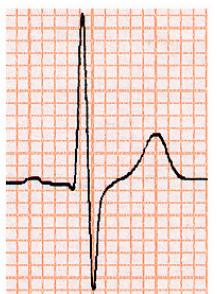
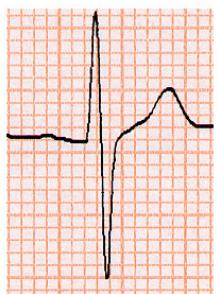
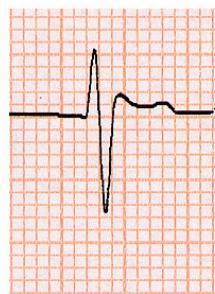
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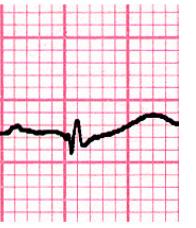
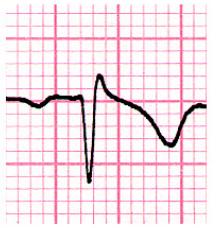
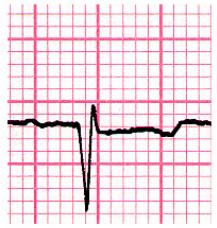
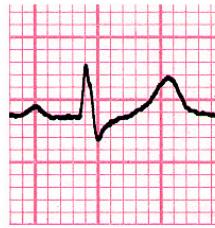
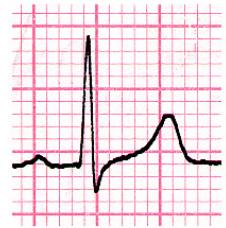
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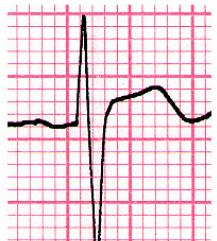
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ORIGINAL ARTICLE

ST Segment Depression in the Inferior Leads in Brugada Pattern: A New Sign

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Background: Brugada pattern (BP) is characterized by J wave and elevated ST segment in the right precordial leads. At times the ECG signs are present only with the electrodes displaced 1 or 2 intercostal spaces above.

Methods: We analyzed the electrocardiograms of 87 subjects with type 1 BP looking for ST segment depression (≥ 0.1 mV with duration ≥ 0.08 s) in the inferior leads. In 21 subjects, BP pattern was evident only with V₁-V₂ electrodes at the 3rd or 2nd space.

Results: ST segment depression was present in 41 cases (47%). In the 21 patients with BP recognizable only at the 2nd or 3rd intercostal space, 10 (48%) presented a significant ST depression in the inferior leads.

Conclusions: ST segment analysis in the inferior leads has never been considered for BP diagnosis. When accurately searched for, however, ST segment depression can be observed in those leads in BP, suggesting the need for further investigation.

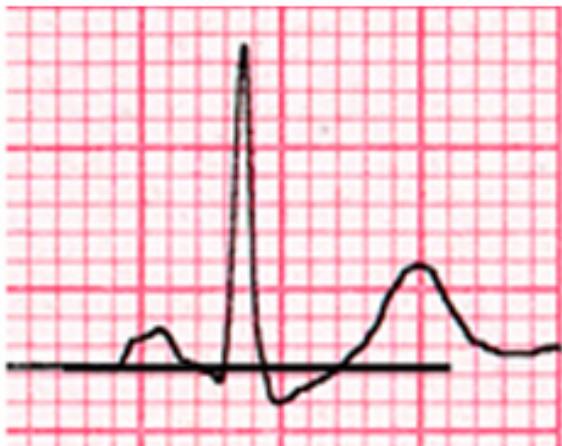
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Brugada pattern; ST segment

CASISTICA

- **87** pazienti con Pattern di Brugada tipo 1
- In **66** casi la diagnosi era evidente con gli elettrodi di V1-V2 al 4° spazio
- In **21** soggetti il pattern di Brugada era riconoscibile solo con gli elettrodi di V1-V2 al 3° o 2° spazio.

METODICA



II



III



aVF

Tracciata una linea orizzontale in corrispondenza dell'ultima parte del tratto T-P, si identificava il momento in cui l'ST raggiungeva la linea isoelettrica. Il punto segnava la fine del tratto ST e l'inizio dell'onda T.

METODICA



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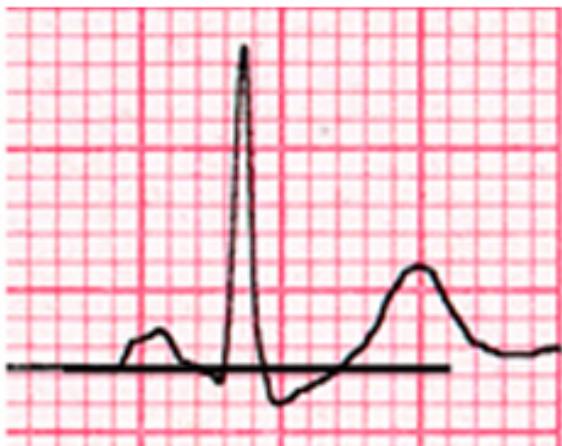
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aVF

Se era presente un sottoslivellamento di ST ≥ 0.1 mV (1 mm), si misurava la durata del sottoslivellamento. Un ECG era classificato come positivo (suggestivo di Pattern di Brugada) se almeno 2 derivazioni inferiori mostravano un sottoslivellamento di ST ≥ 0.1 mV con durata ≥ 0.08 sec.

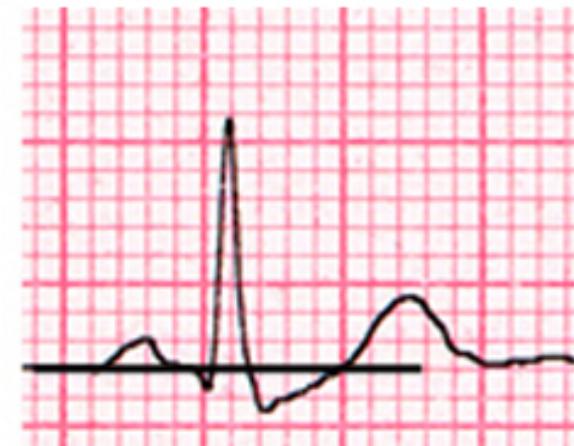
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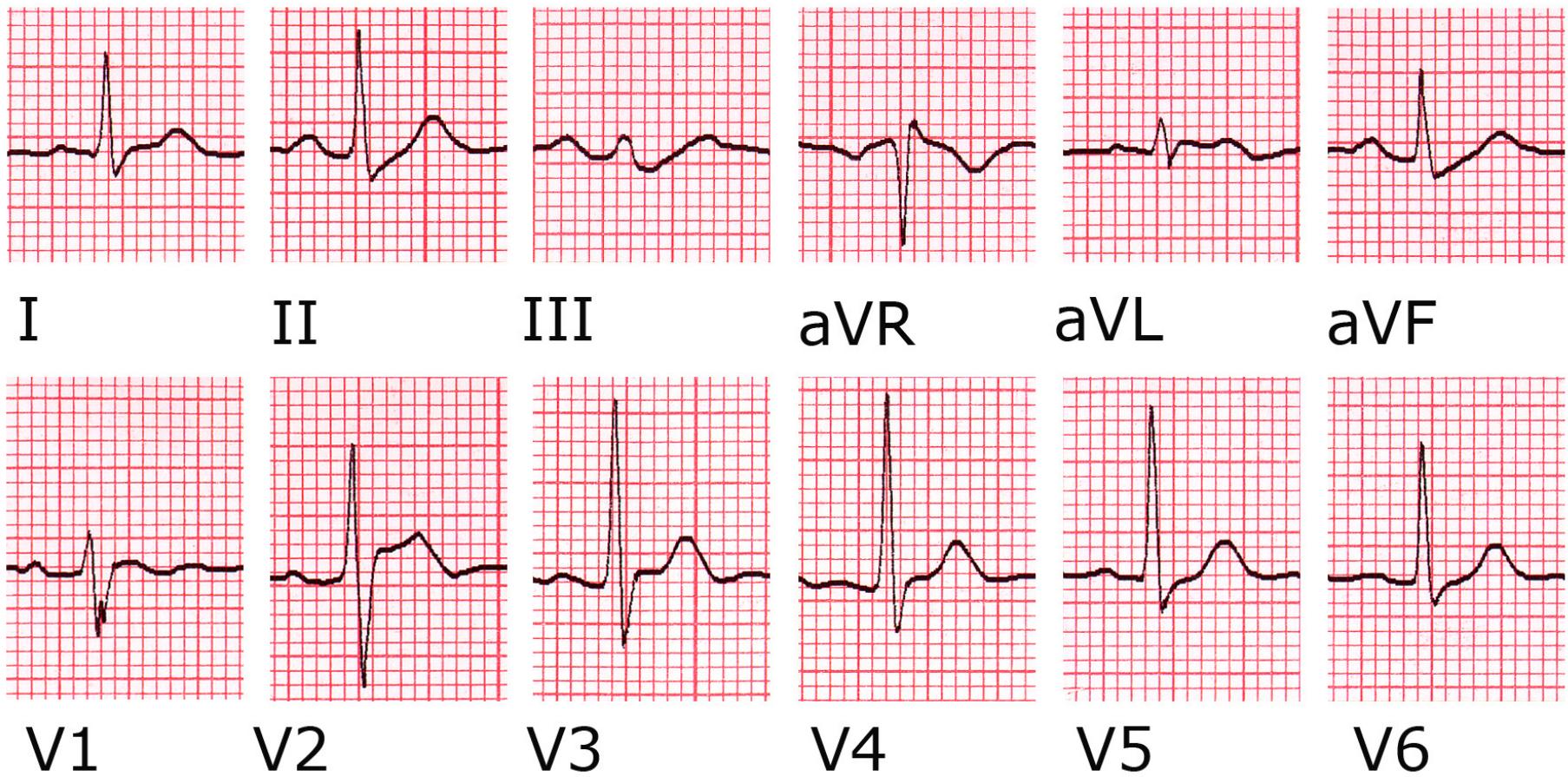


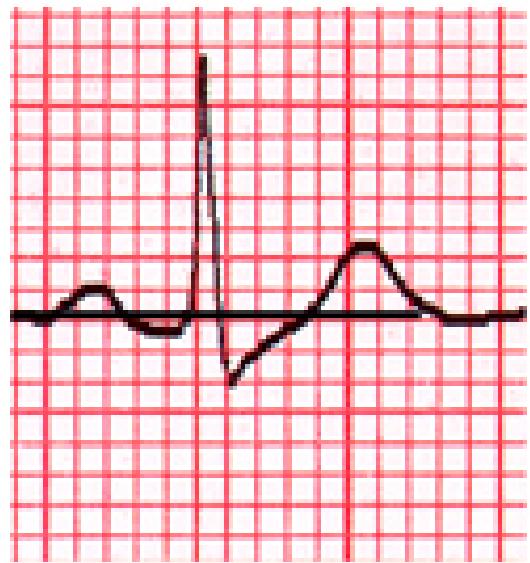
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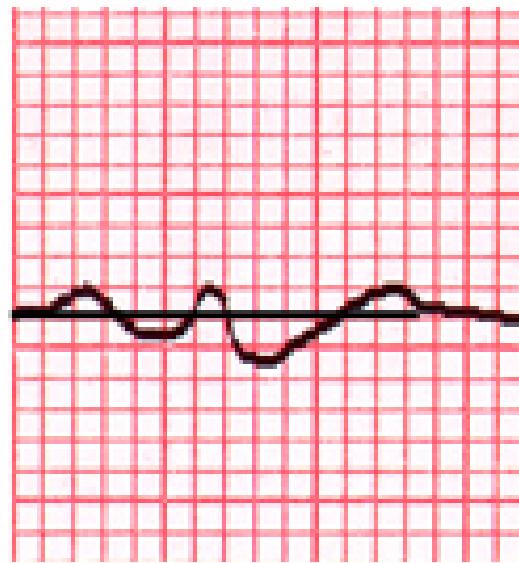
aVF

Sottoslivellamento di ST (≥ 0.1 mV, ≥ 0.08 sec) era presente in 41 casi (47%). Si osservava in 31 pz (36%) in II, in 29 pz (33%) in III in 41 pz (47%) in aVF. **10 dei 21 pz (48%) con diagnosi possibile solo al 2° o 3° spazio intercostale presentavano un significativo sottoslivellamento di ST nelle derivazioni inferiori.**





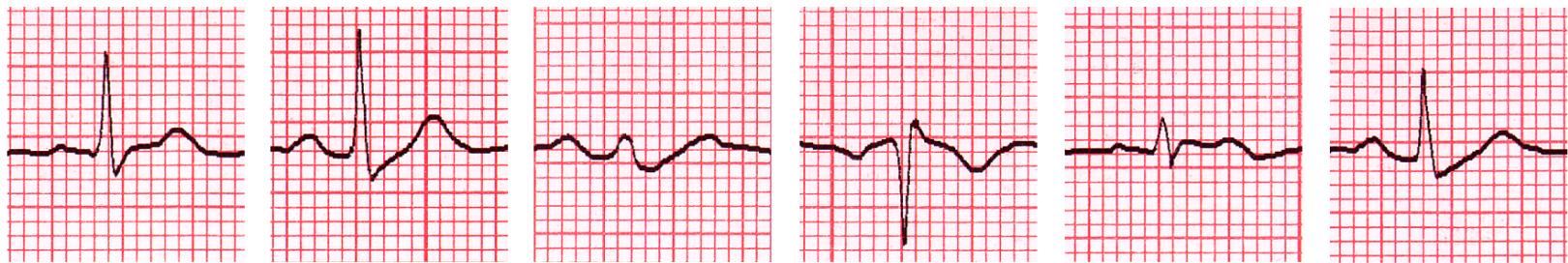
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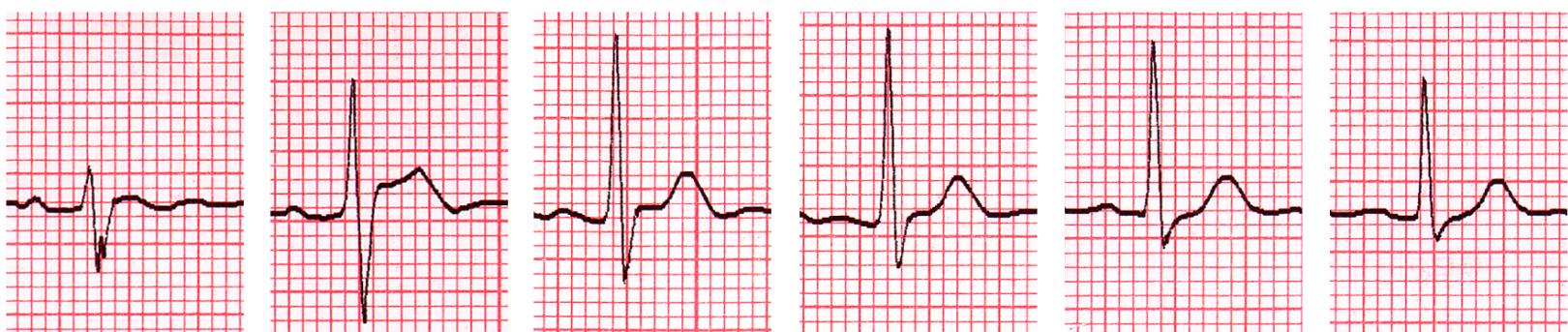
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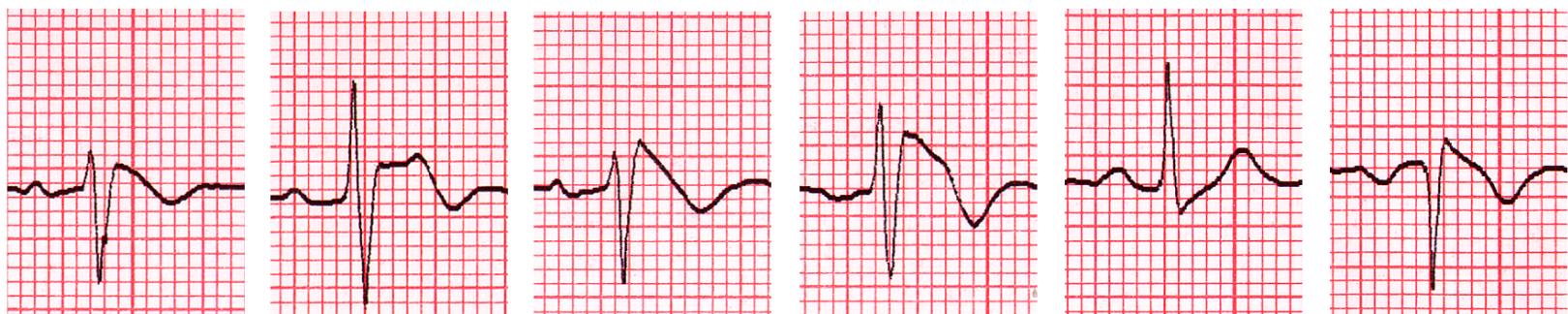
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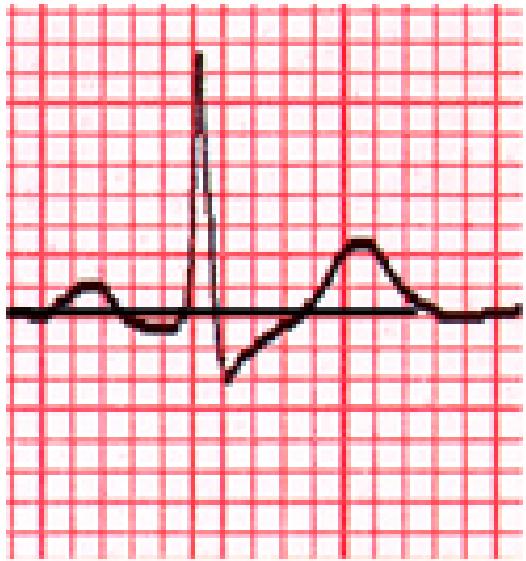
I II III aVR aVL aVF



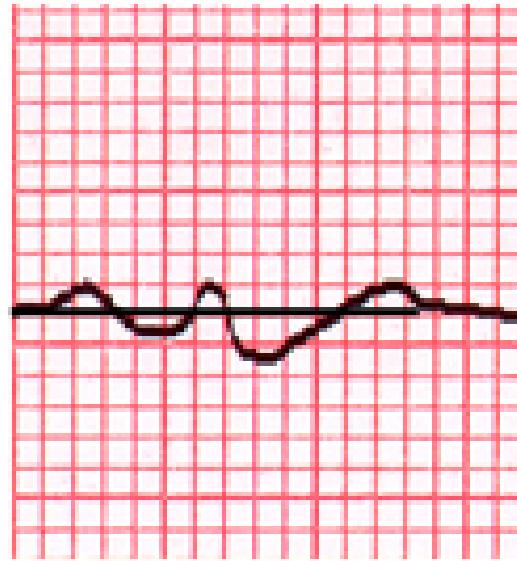
V1 V2 V3 V4 V5 V6



V1 3rd is V2 3rd is V1 2nd is V2 2nd is II II inverted
mirror image



II



III



aVF

Come riconoscere rapidamente il sottoslivellamento del tratto ST nelle derivazioni Inferiori nei soggetti con pattern di Brugada?

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II

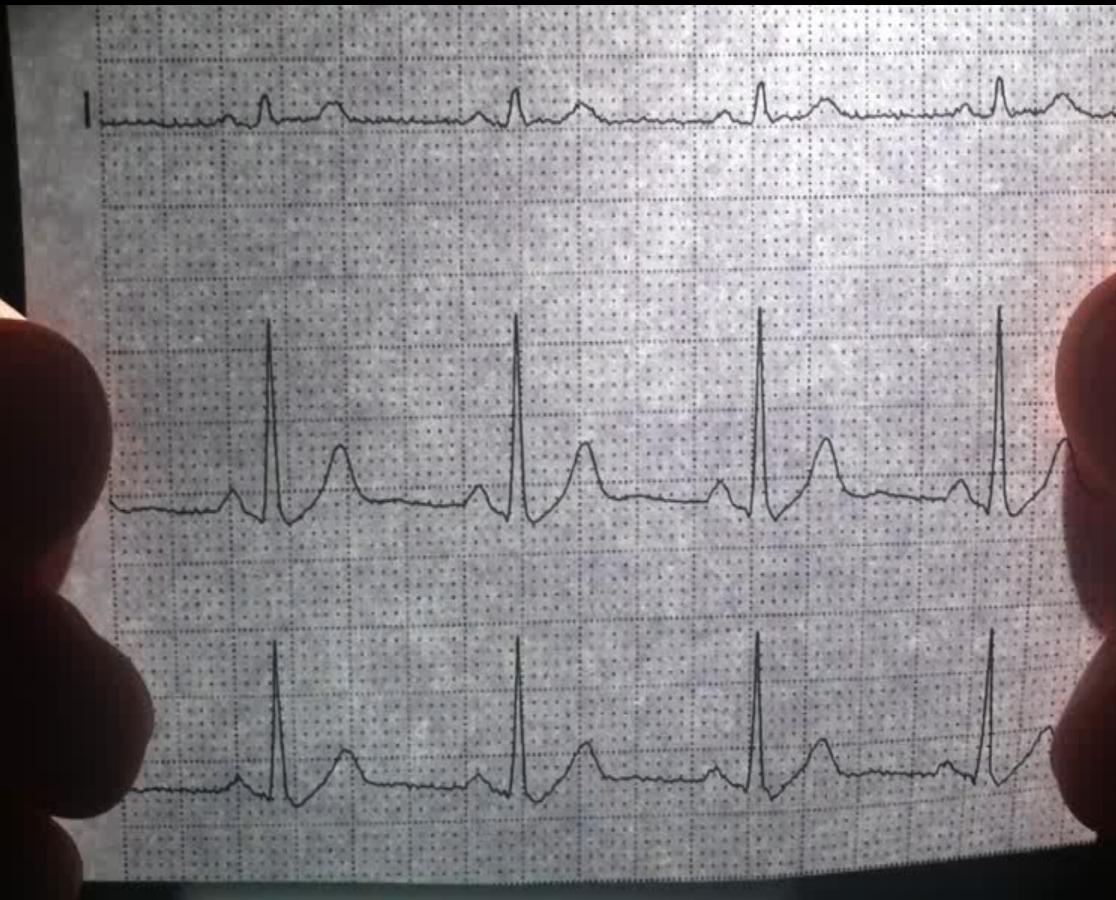


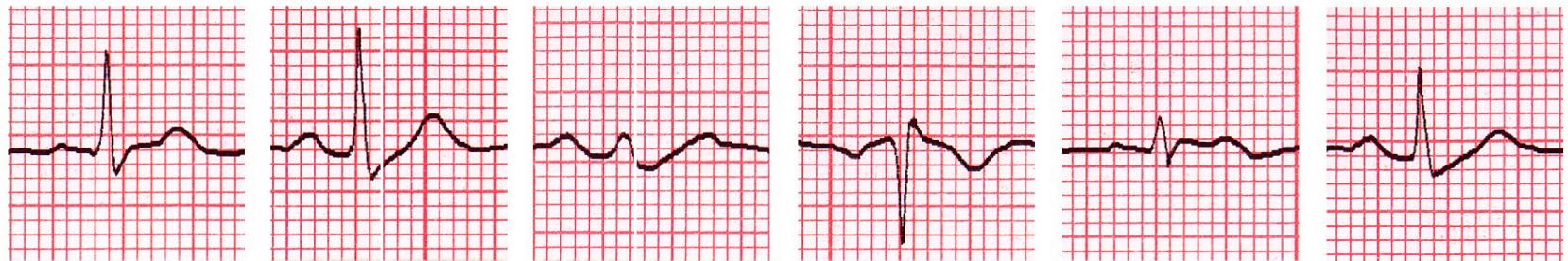
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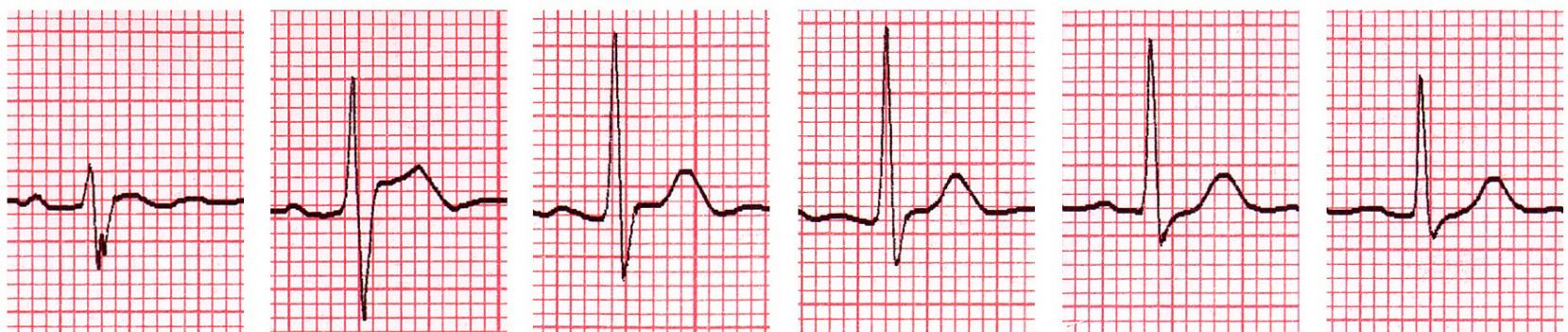
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Analizzando le immagini **speculari invertite** delle derivazioni inferiori!

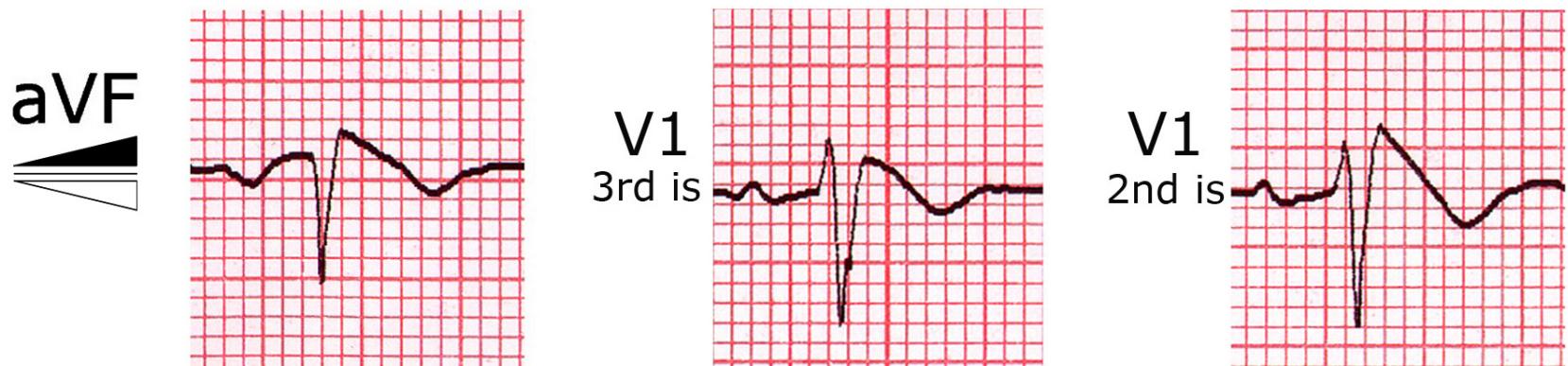




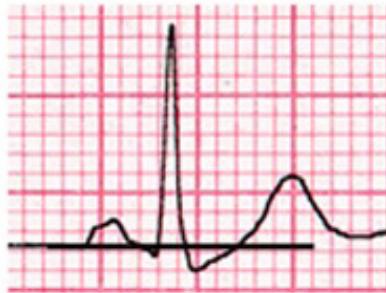
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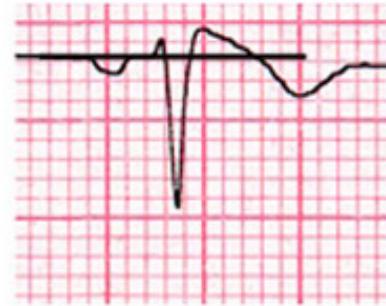
II



III



aVF





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V1

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V1 3rd i.s.

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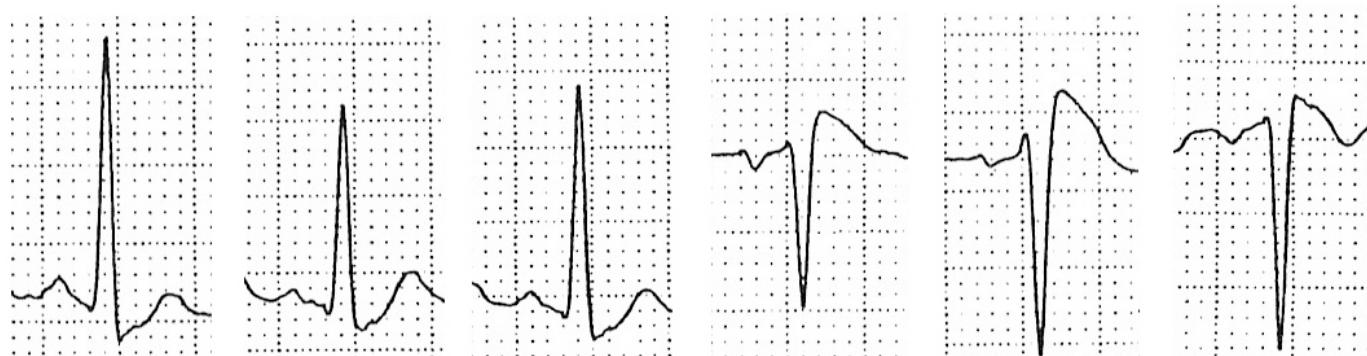
V1 2nd i.s.

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II inverted
mirror image

aVF inverted
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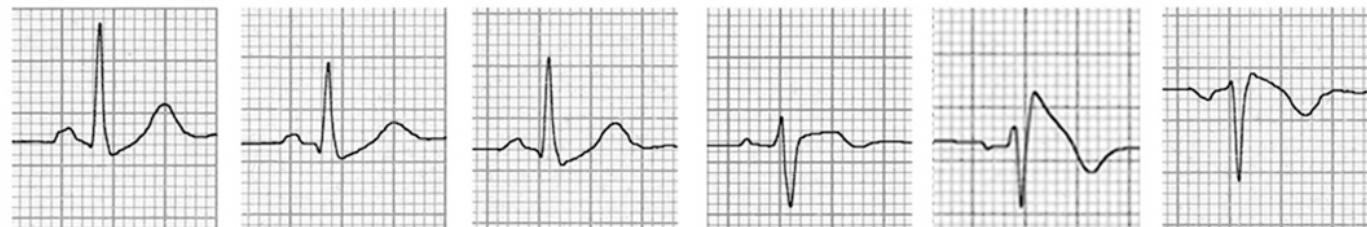
A



B



C



V1
2nd I.S.

Mirror
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A New Electrocardiographic Marker of Sudden Death in Brugada Syndrome



The S-Wave in Lead I

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ABSTRACT

BACKGROUND Risk stratification in asymptomatic patients remains by far the most important yet unresolved clinical problem in the Brugada syndrome (BrS).

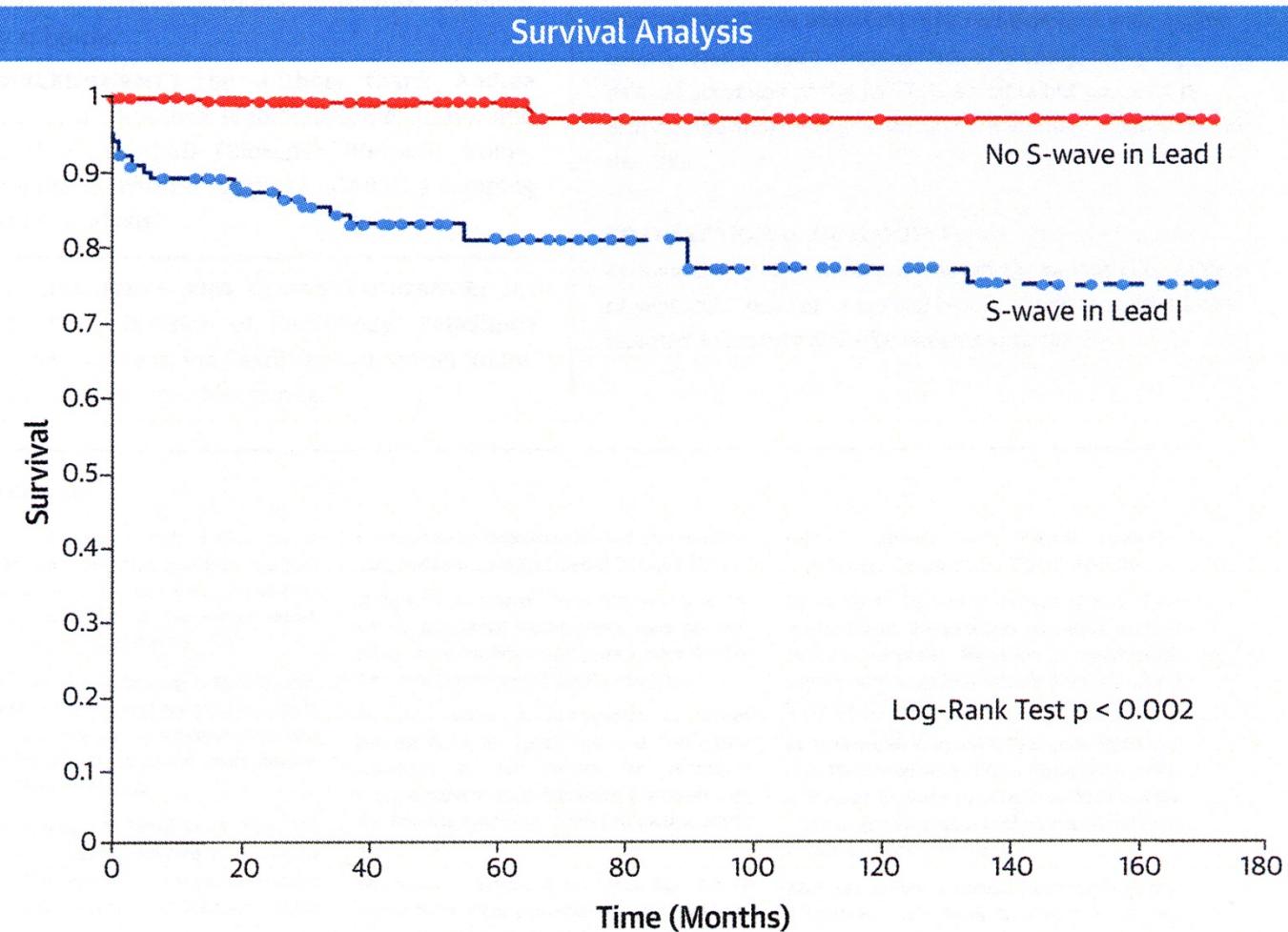
OBJECTIVES This study sought to analyze the usefulness of electrocardiographic parameters as markers of sudden cardiac death (SCD) in BrS.

METHODS This study analyzed data from 347 consecutive patients (78.4% male; mean age 45 ± 13.1 years) with spontaneous type 1 BrS by ECG parameters but with no history of cardiac arrest (including 91.1% asymptomatic at presentation, 5.2% with a history of atrial fibrillation [AF], and 4% with a history of arrhythmic syncope). Electrocardiographic characteristics at the first clinic visit were analyzed to predict ventricular fibrillation (VF)/SCD during follow-up.

RESULTS During the follow-up (48 ± 38 months), 276 (79.5%) patients remained asymptomatic, 39 (11.2%) developed syncope, and 32 (9.2%) developed VF/SCD. Patients who developed VF/SCD had a lower prevalence of SCN5A gene mutations ($p = 0.009$) and a higher prevalence of positive electrophysiological study results ($p < 0.0001$), a family history of SCD ($p = 0.03$), and AF ($p < 0.0001$). The most powerful marker for VF/SCD was a significant S-wave (≥ 0.1 mV and/or ≥ 40 ms) in lead I. In the multivariate analysis, the duration of S-wave in lead I ≥ 40 ms (hazard ratio: 39.1) and AF (hazard ratio: 3.7) were independent predictors of VF/SCD during follow-up. Electroanatomic mapping in 12 patients showed an endocardial activation time significantly longer in patients with an S-wave in lead I, mostly because of a significant delay in the anterolateral right ventricular outflow tract.

CONCLUSIONS The presence of a wide and/or large S-wave in lead I was a powerful predictor of life-threatening ventricular arrhythmias in patients with BrS and no history of cardiac arrest at presentation. However, the prognostic value of a significant S-wave in lead I should be confirmed by larger studies and by an independent confirmation cohort of healthy subjects. (J Am Coll Cardiol 2016;67:1427-40) © 2016 by the American College of Cardiology Foundation. healthy subjects. (J Am Coll Cardiol 2016;67:1427-40) © 2016 by the American College of Cardiology Foundation.

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Kaplan-Meier analysis of freedom from ventricular fibrillation/sudden cardiac death events during follow-up in patients with S waves in lead I versus those without S waves in lead I.

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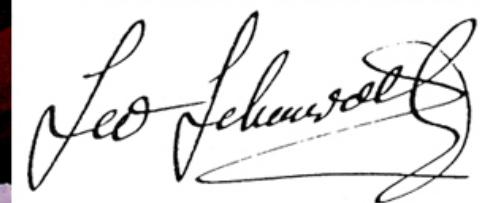
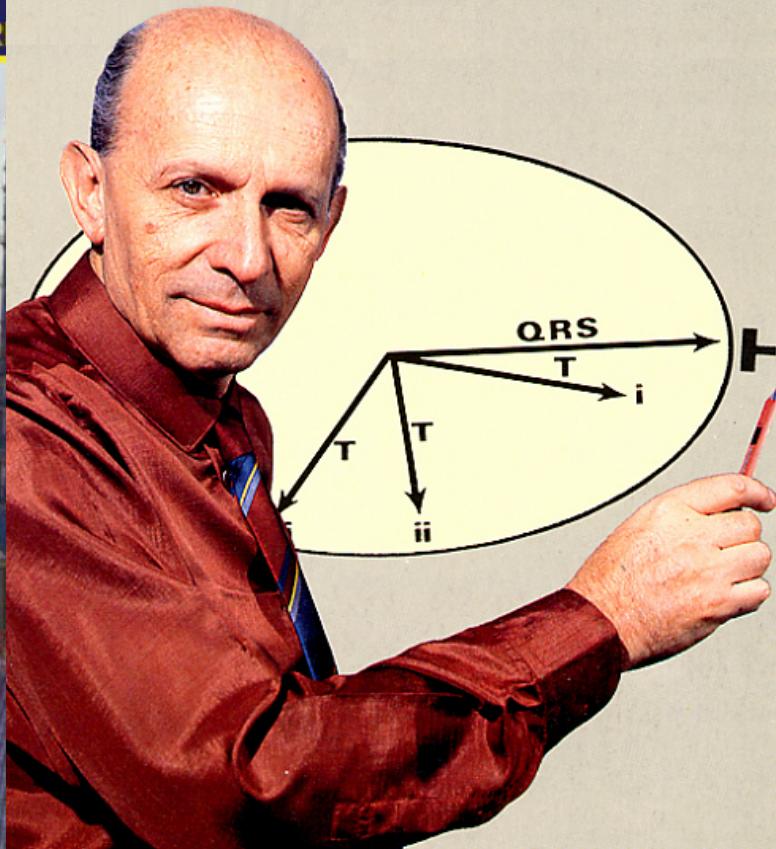
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