

JUNCTIONAL ECTOPIC TACHYCARDIA DEGENERATED TO SERIOUS VENTRICULAR ARRHYTHMIAS IN A 3-MONTH-OLD INFANT

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Junctional Ectopic Tachycardia

As congenital form was firstly described by Coumel et al. in 1976

Its clinical presentation is early and may be dramatic associated in up to 60% of cases with cardiomegaly and/or heart failure

Antiarrhythmic therapy, even in combination, is often ineffective

Secondary dilated cardiomyopathy, ventricular fibrillation and sudden cardiac death have also been reported

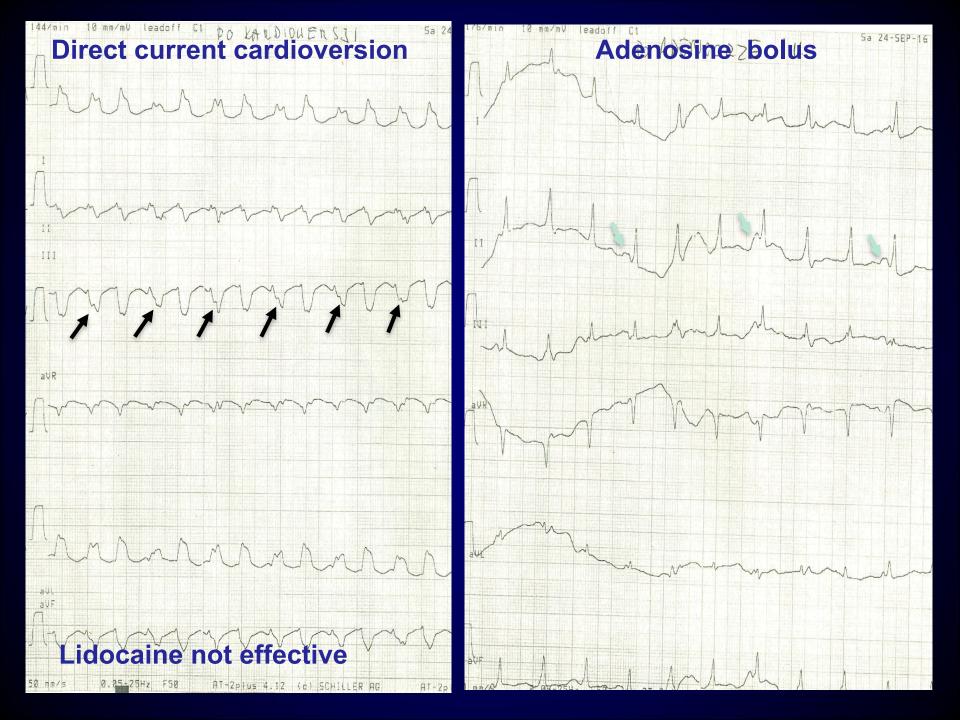
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Born from the first normal pregnancy by cesarean section with a body weight of 3500 g, as a healthy newborn

A age of 10 weeks he was admitted to his regional hospital due to dehydration from diarrhea and vomiting (infectious etiology probably), a week after was admitted again to the hospital because of vomiting. He was noted to have narrow and wide tachycardia from 140 to 300 bpm.

The infant was transferred to the nearest department of pediatric cardiology

He still had narrow and wide tachycardia from 140 to 300 bpm, with heart failure, echocardiographic left ventricular dysfunction was present

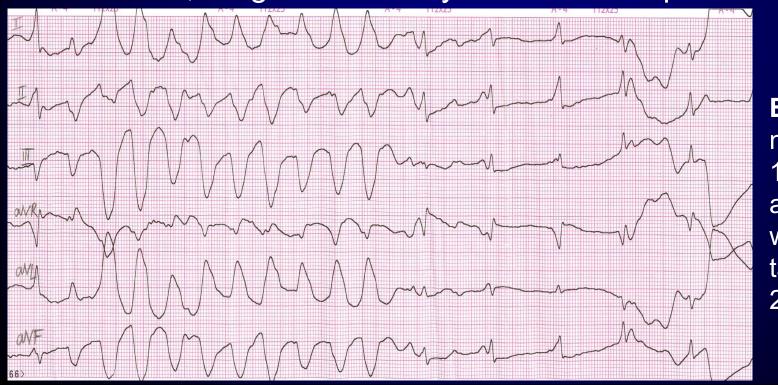


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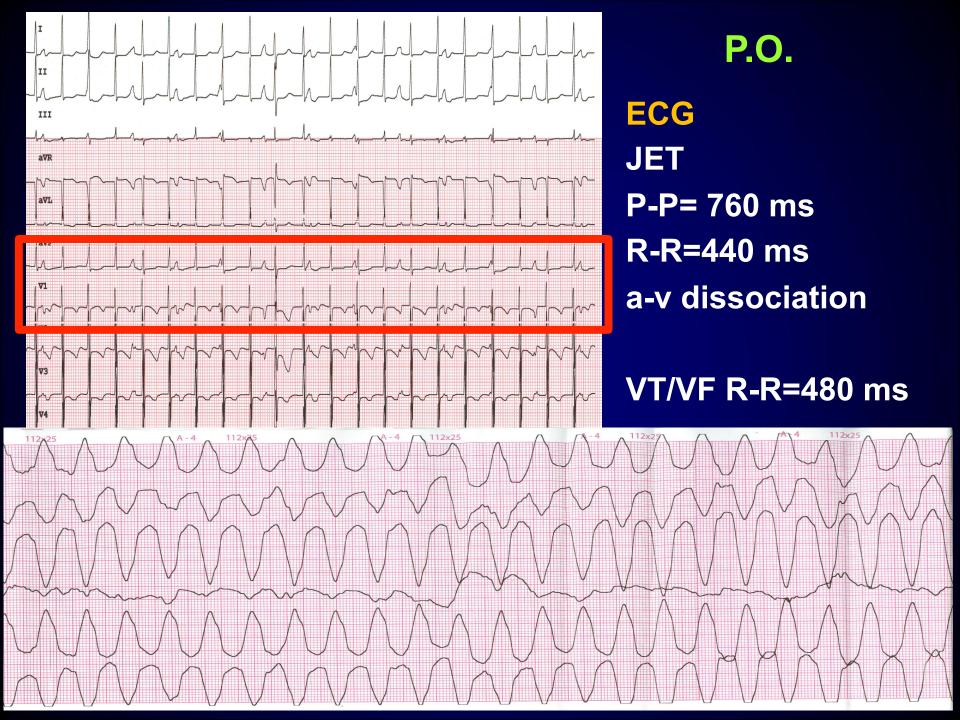
After one week on amiodarone and propranolol he was urgently transferred to our Cardiology Departement

Age 11 weeks, body weight 6,5 kg

At admition the infant restless, hemodynamically unstable, features of centralized circulation, liver + 4cm under the arch rib, irregular heart rhythm 120-300 bpm



ecg: JET with narrow QRS 120-140 bpm alternating with wide QRS tachycardia 250- 300 bpm.





ECHO at addmition



Because of electrical storm the infant was urgently transferred to the Intensive Care Unit for cooling and sedation He was on propranolol Because of increasing symptoms of heart failure and no effects of therapy we decided to do ablation – high risk procedure in the clinical state of the infant

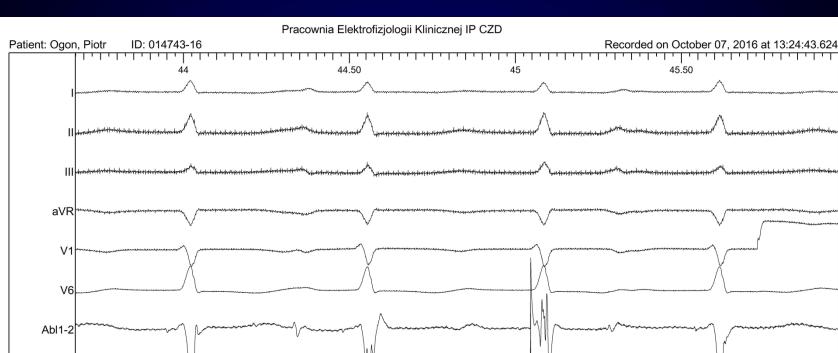
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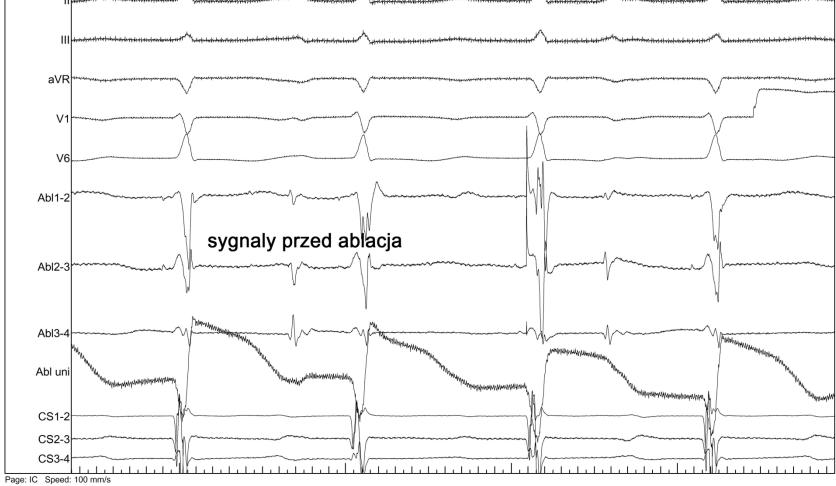
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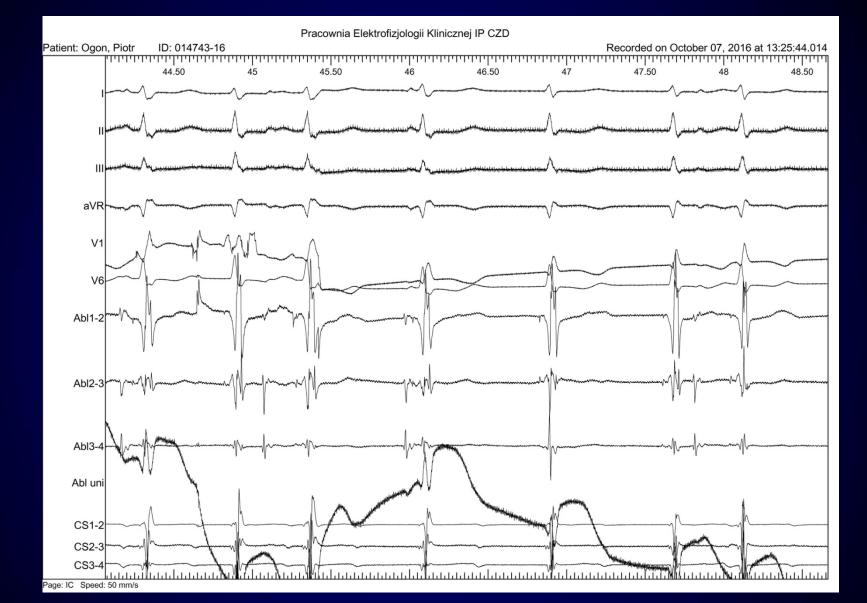
From the begining of the procedure we had JET 115 to 210 bpm transverred wide QRS tachycardia.

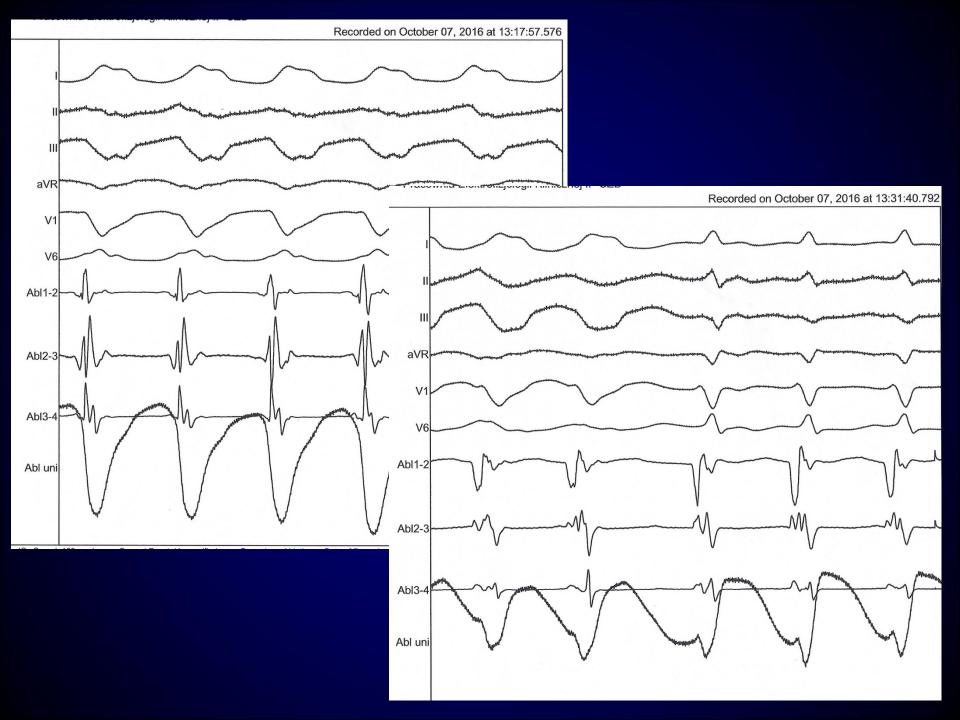
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External defibrillation was used 2 x







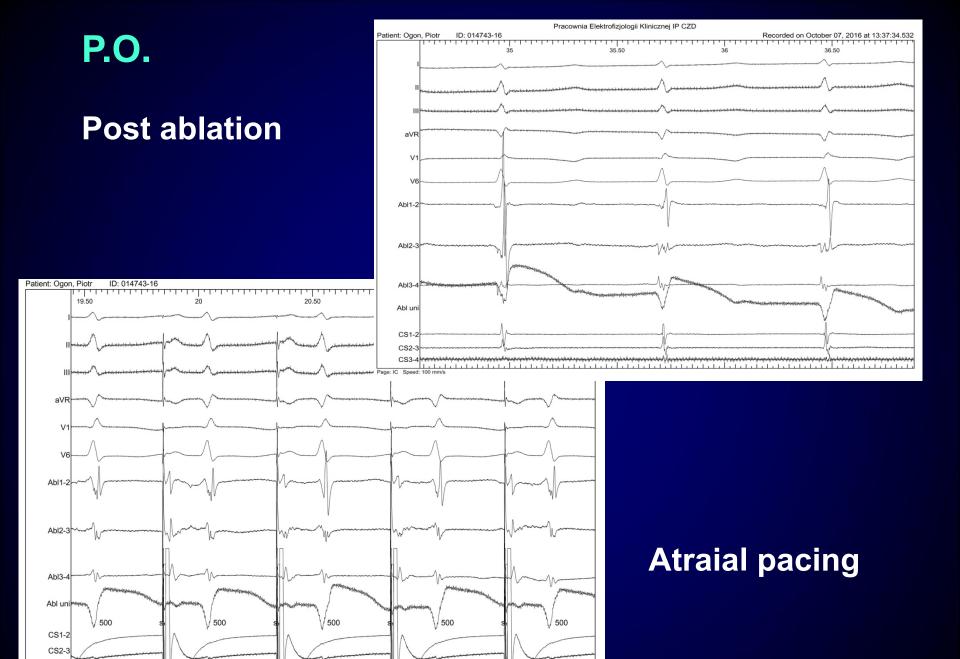


2 aplications in RV were non effective

The first ablation proximal to His potential 10 sek slowed JET rate, we did the socond aplication in this place 60 sek power 30 W, temperature 55°C

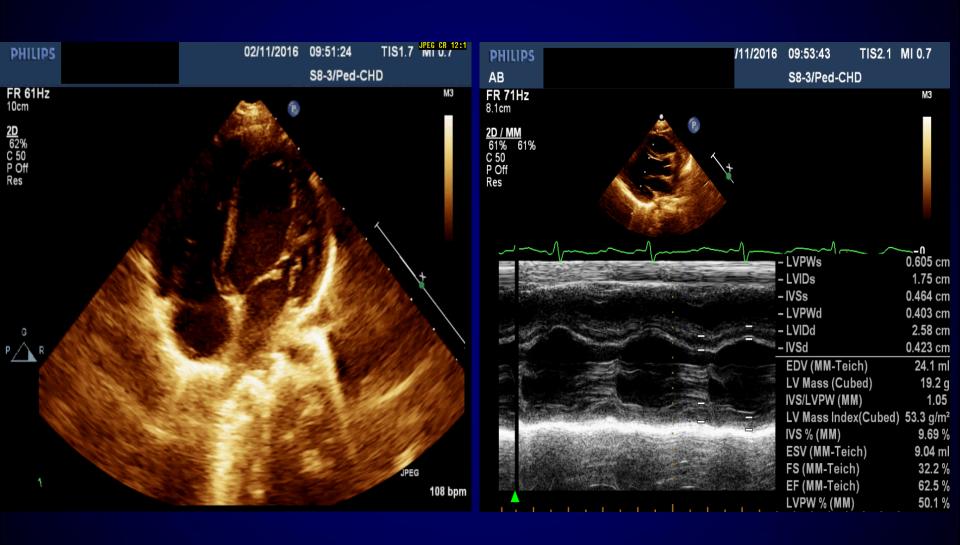
Tachycardia stoped,
junctional bradycardia occured
Pacing of RV, then atrial was used.
VT was not induced
External pacing lasted 3 hours
then was slowed - we have
sinus rhythm
Propranolol was given





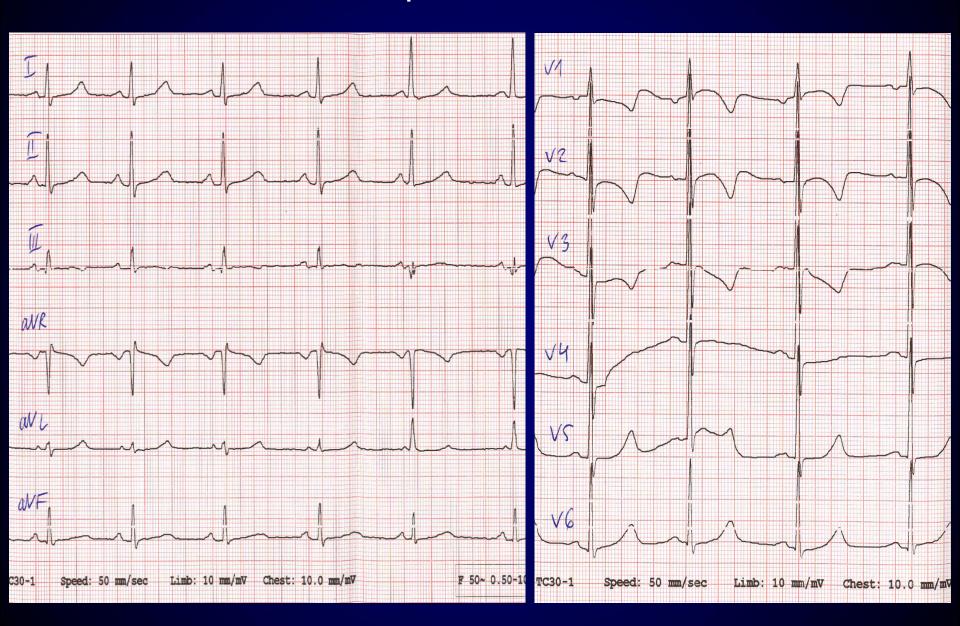
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ECHO post ablation

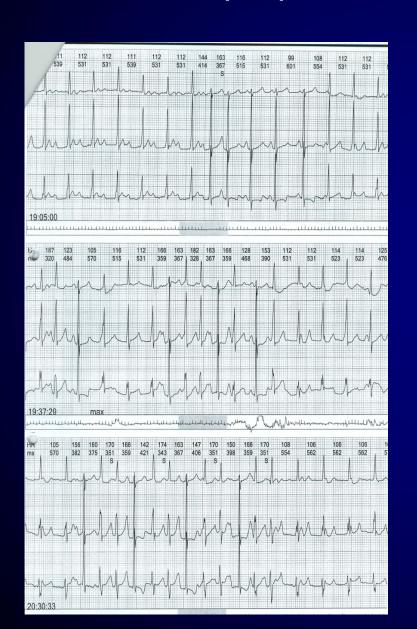


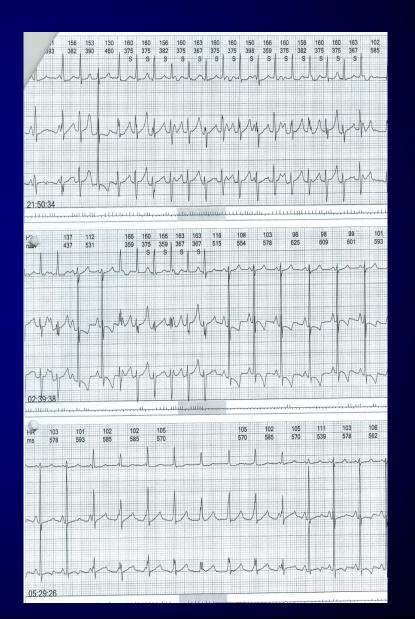
Normal size of LV, %SF= 33, EF LV= 63%

ECG post ablation



Holter ECG post ablation on propranolol, propafenone was added





Holter ECG 2 months post ablation

