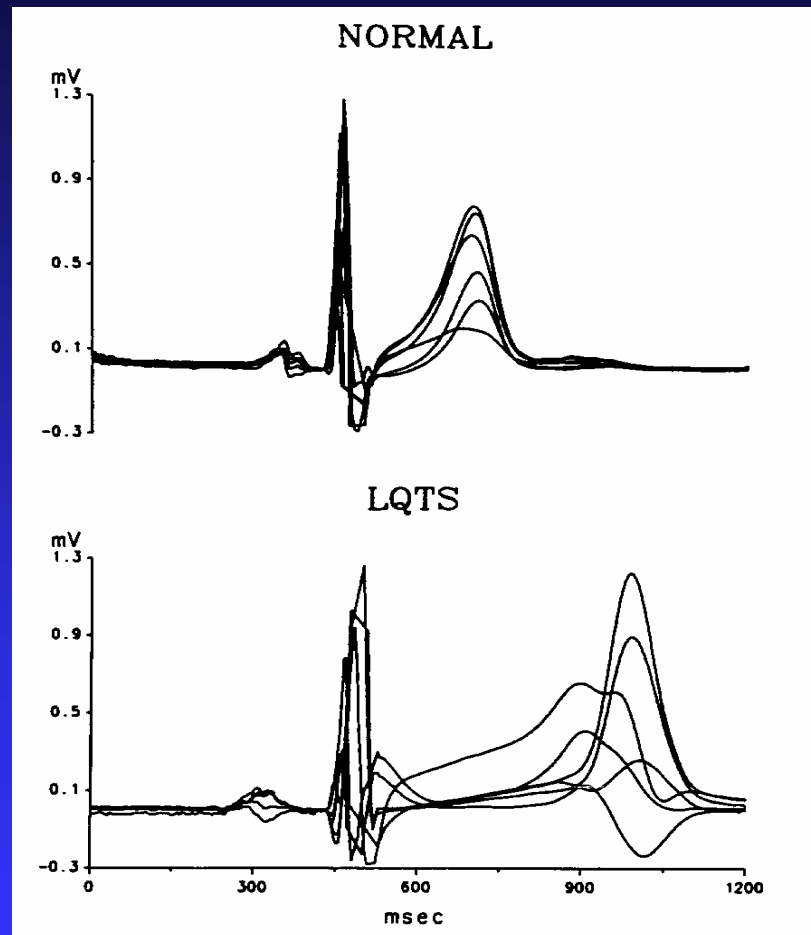


Repolarization Morphology and Cardiac Safety

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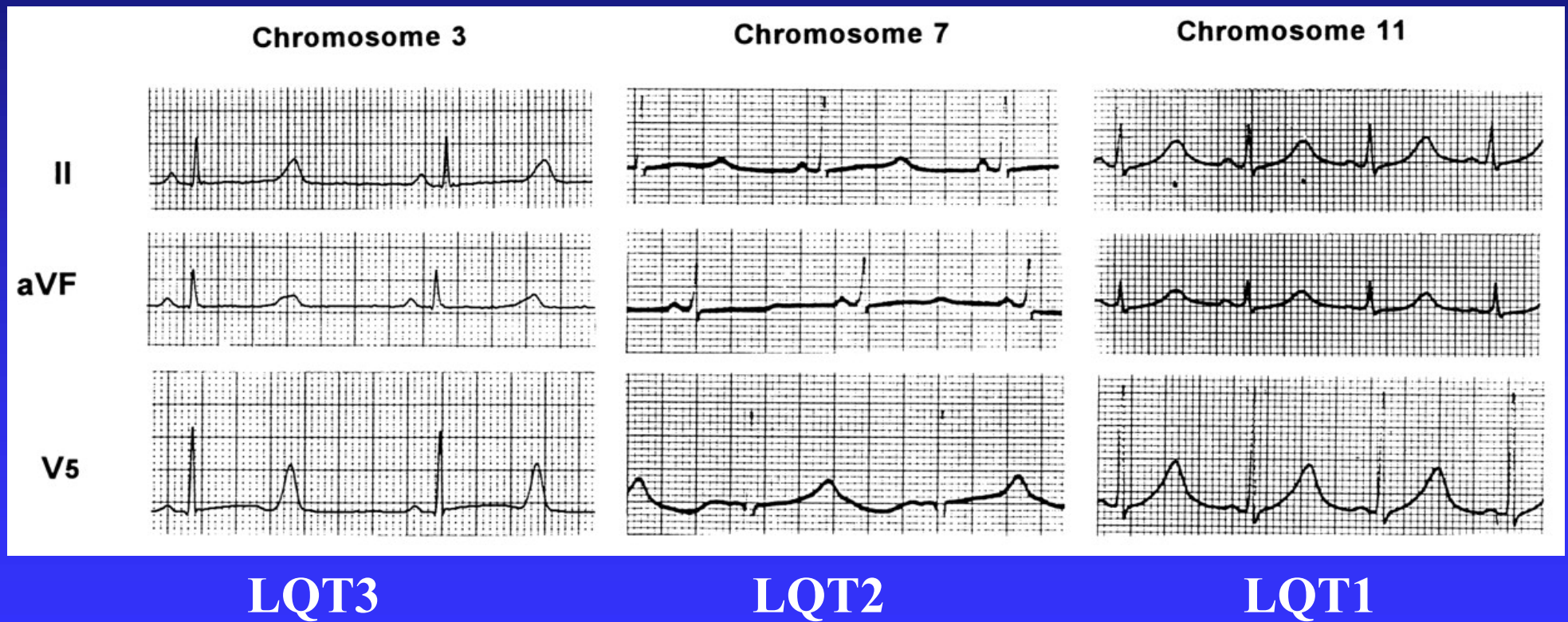
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T Wave Morphology



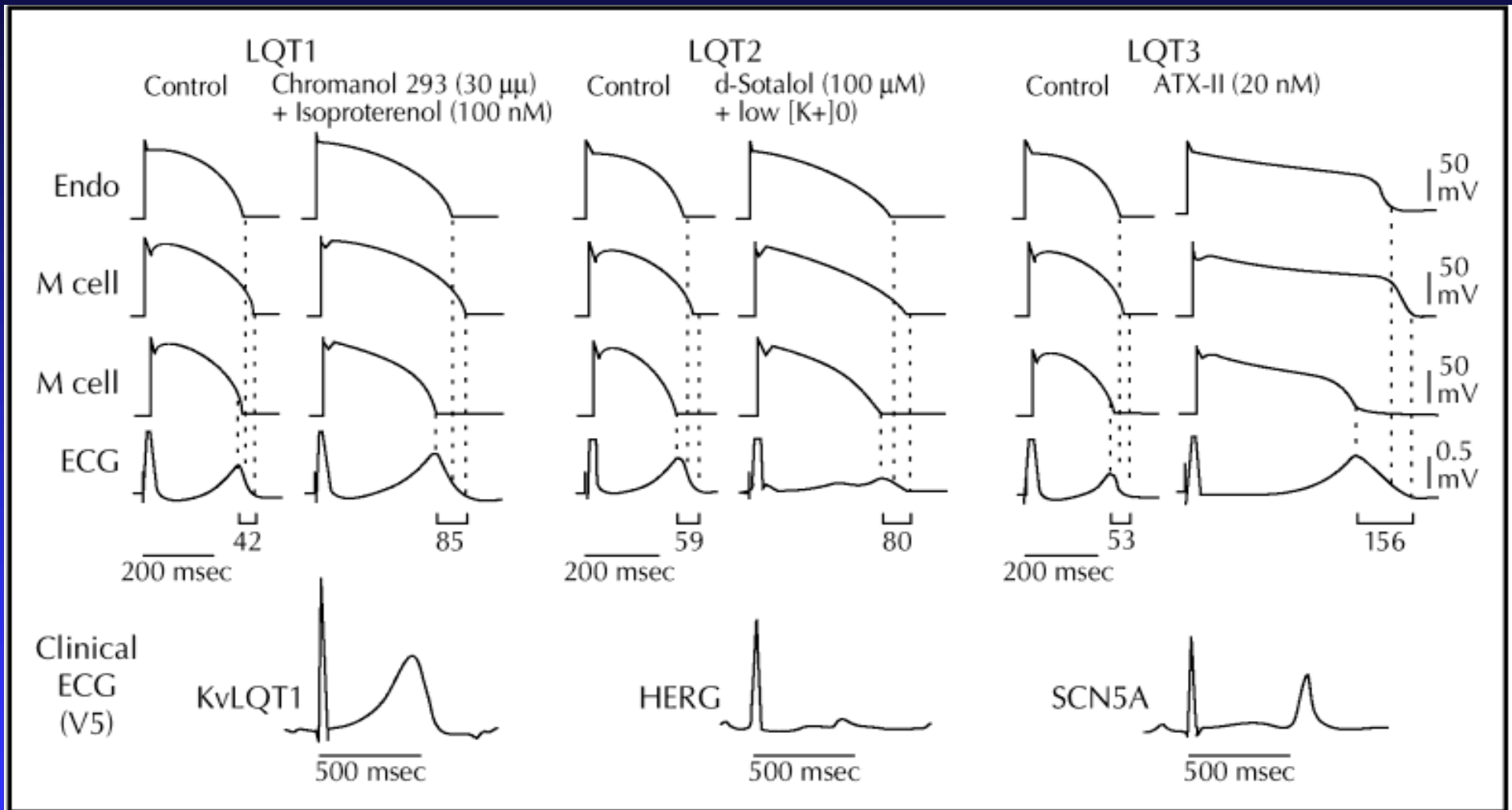
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T-wave morphology and LQTS mutations



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Transmural Heterogeneity of Repolarization

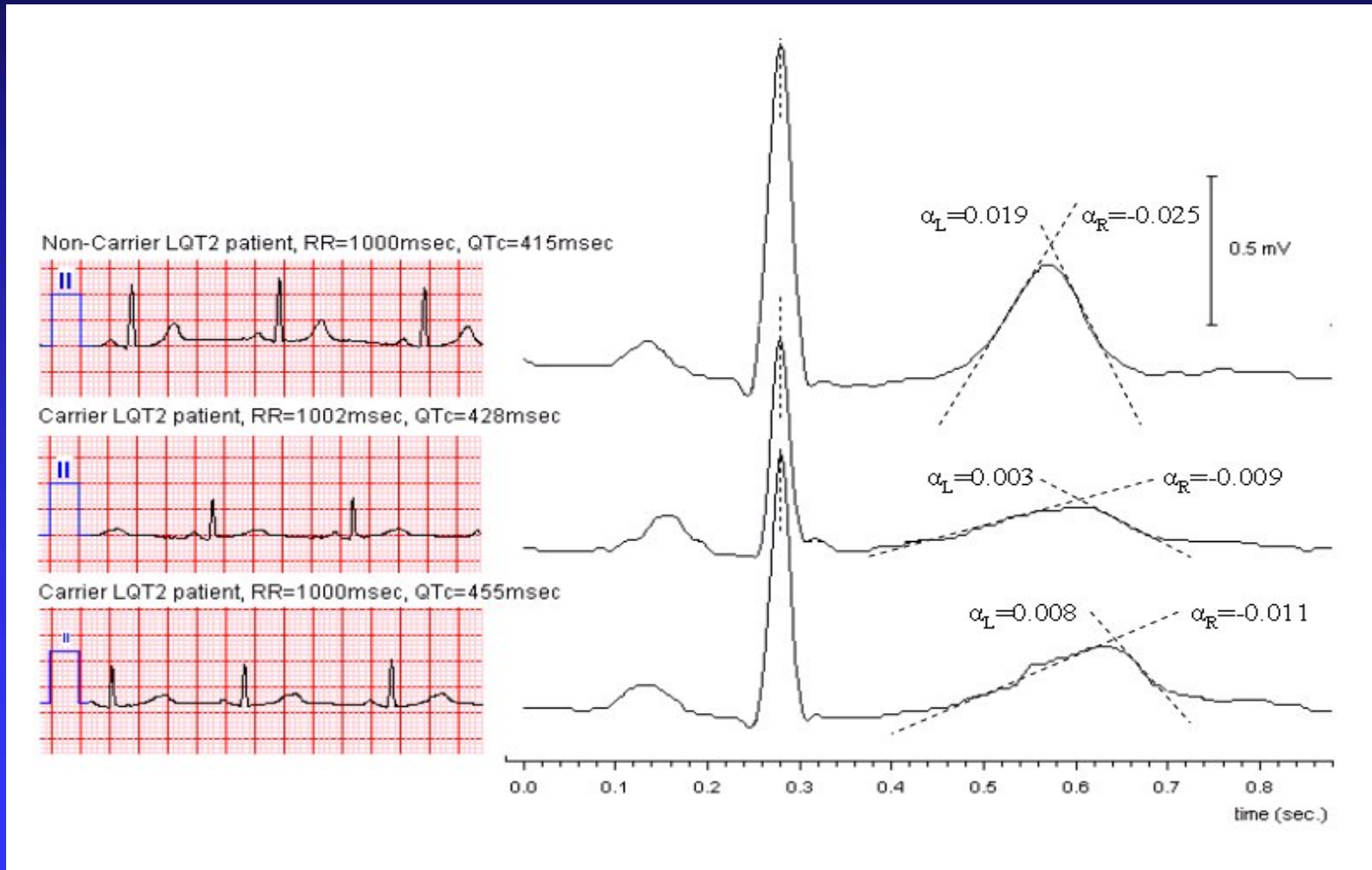


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Repolarization Duration and T wave Complexity by Genotype

Variable	LQT1 N=84	LQT2 N=43	P value
QTc	488±26	496±26	0.098
QTpc	385±27	371±52	0.483
TpTo	95±17	117±48	0.016
T wave complexity	0.18±0.08	0.27±0.13	<0.001

T Wave Morphology in LQT2 Carriers and Noncarriers



I_{kr} -related Repolarization Abnormalities from Surface ECGs

HERG mutation, LQT2

Subject non-carrier of HERG mutation
RR=1000 msec, QTc=415 msec



Patient carrier of HERG mutation
RR=1002 msec, QTc=428 msec



Sotalol

Healthy subject
RR=845 msec, QTc=383 msec



Healthy subject after sotalol dose (1430ng/ml)
RR=845 msec, QTc=417 msec



Moxifloxacin

Baseline, RR=1072msec, QTc=425 msec

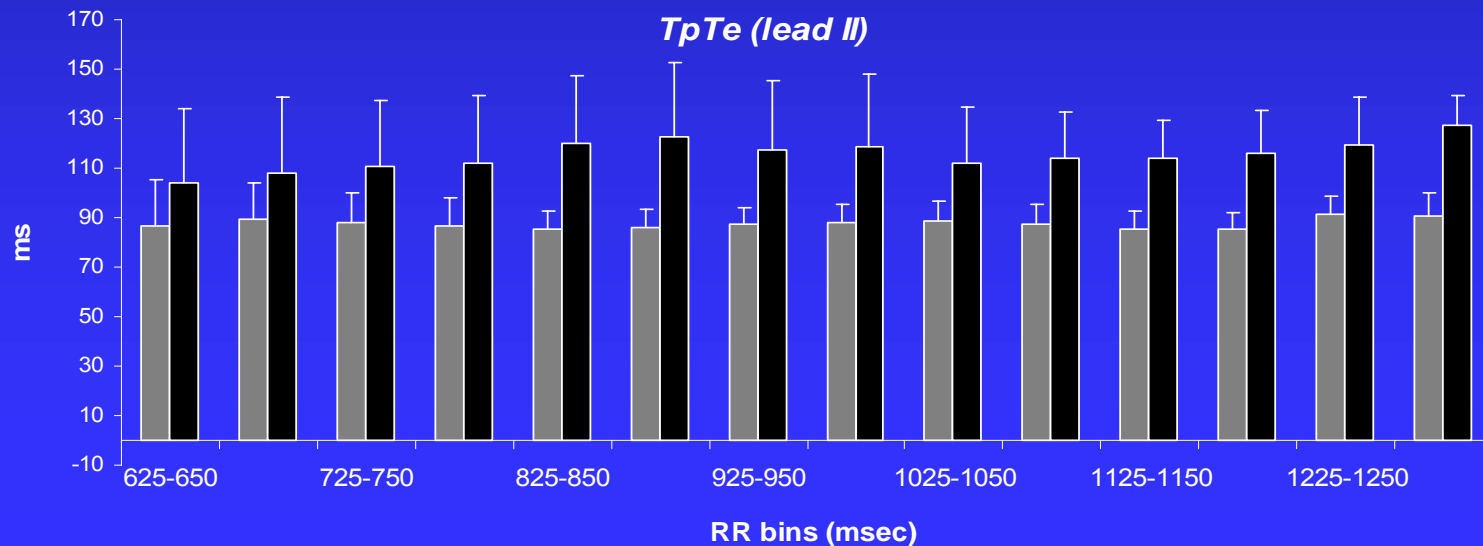
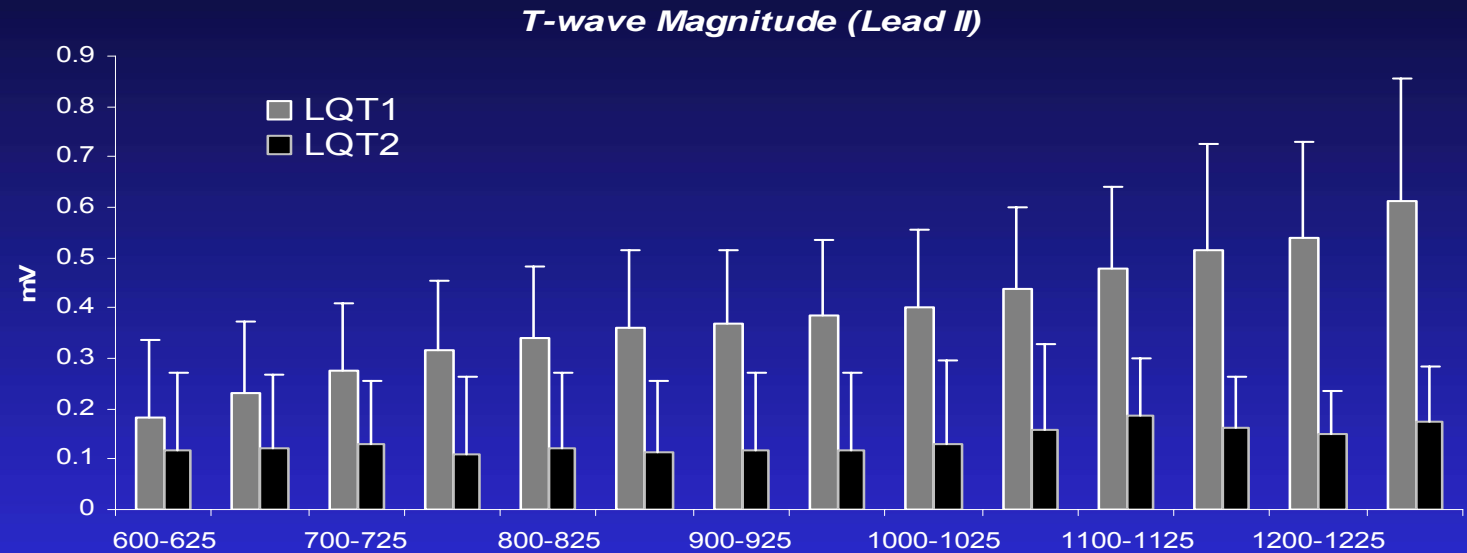


Moxifloxacin, RR=1038msec, QTc=433 msec

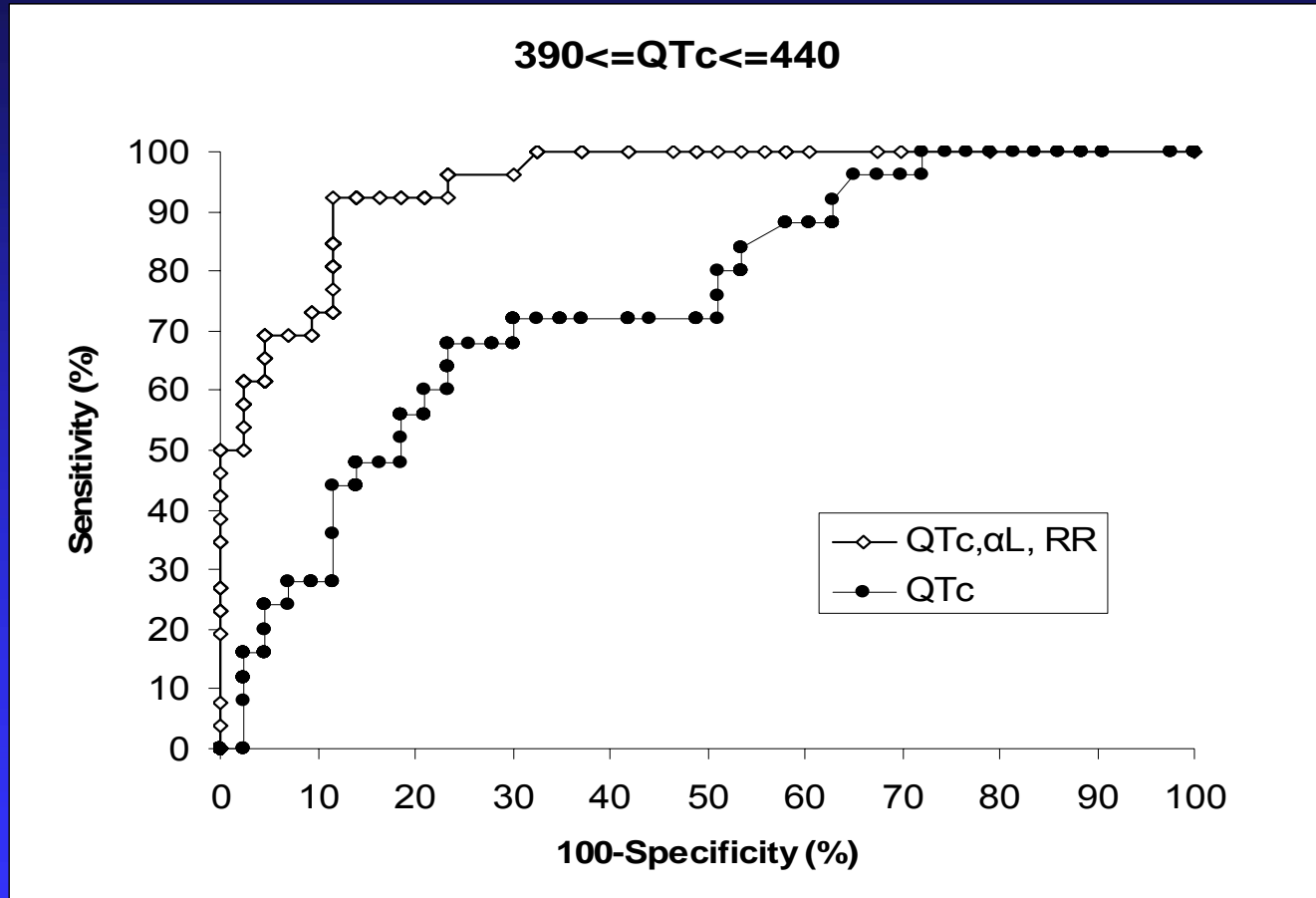


(2 hours after 400 mg dose)

Scalar T-wave measurements, HR Dependency and LQTS Mutations



QTc distribution in LQT2 (KCNH2 mutation)



Couderc et al. Heart Rhythm Journal 2006

T wave Variability Prior to TdP

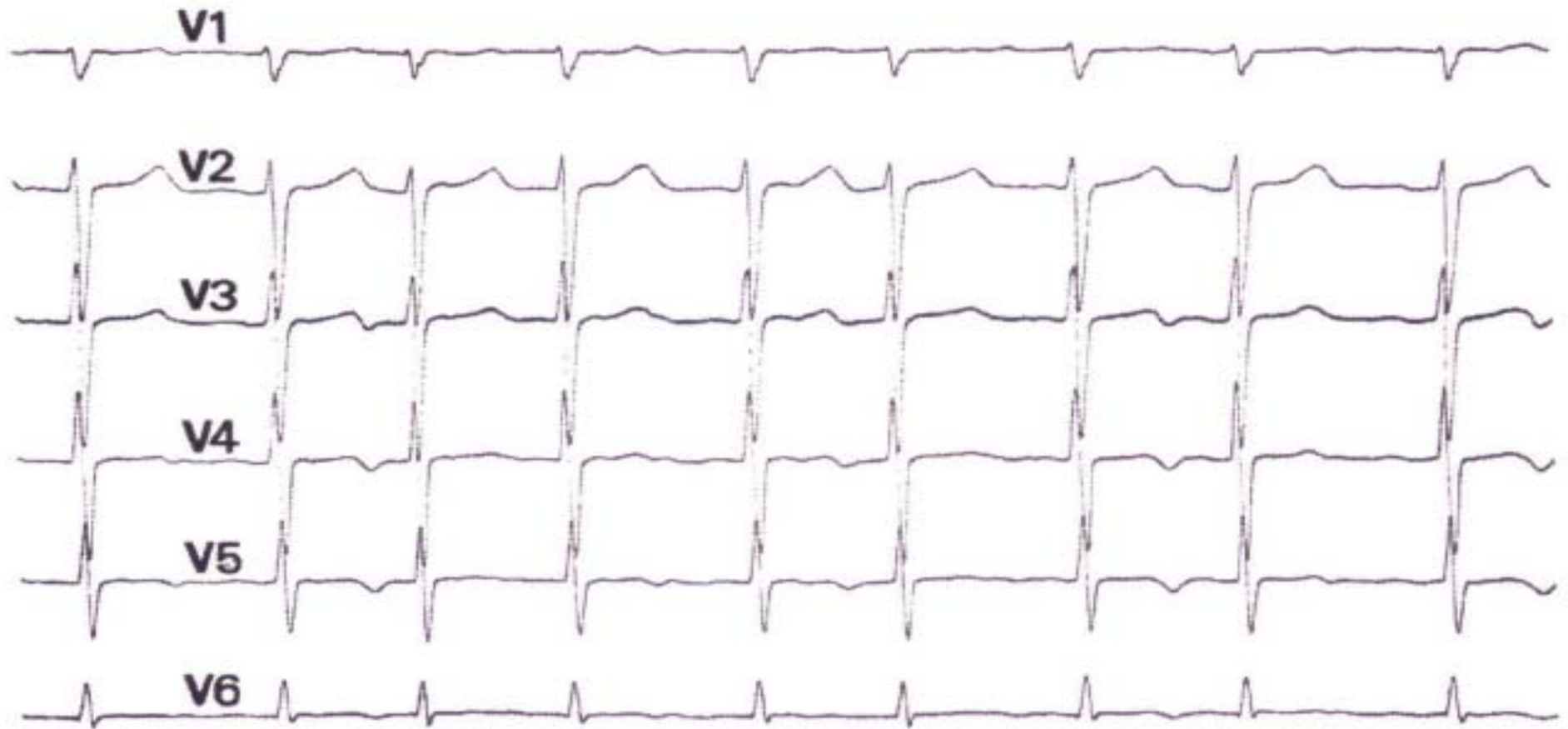
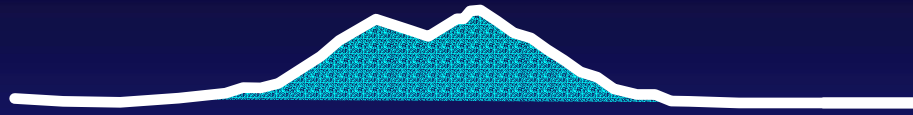


Figure 2. ECG registration of T wave alternans at baseline before the almokalant infusion in TdP patient 3 (see Table II). The registration shows shifting polarity of the T waves, most visible in leads V₃-V₅.

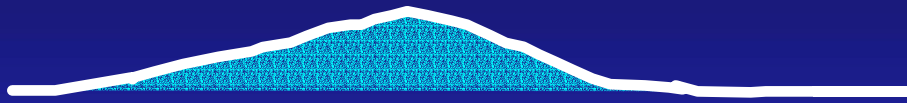
Distribution of QTc by Categories in 443 LQT2 Gene Carriers (mean age: 26 ± 20 years; 57% females)

- **normal QTc (<440ms)** **n= 62 (14%)**
 - **borderline QTc (440-500ms)** **n= 264 (60%)**
 - **definitely prolonged QTc (>500ms)** **n= 117 (26%)**
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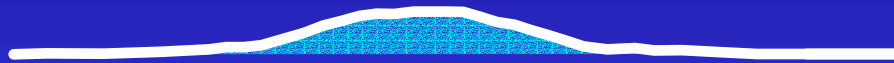
T Wave Morphology Classification



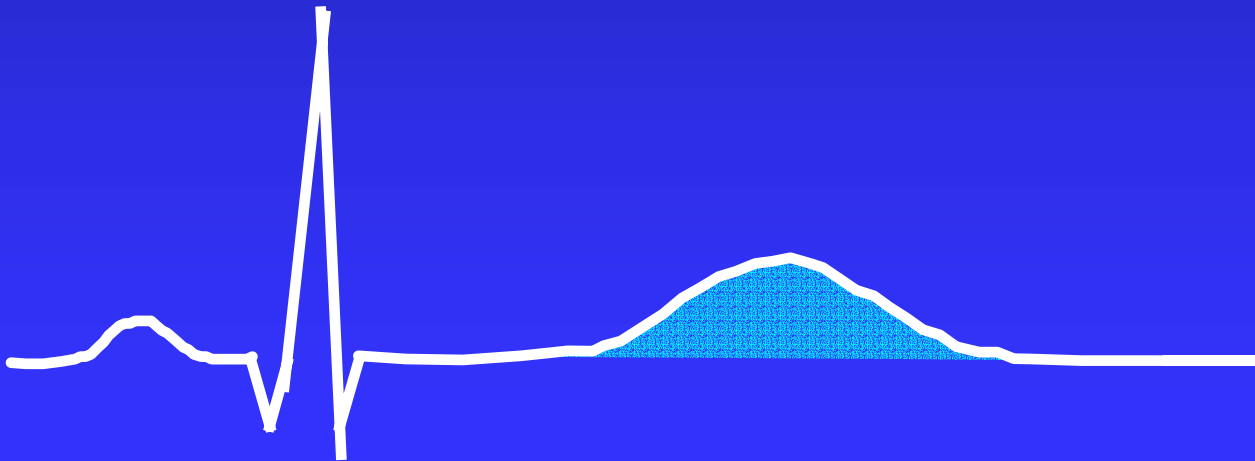
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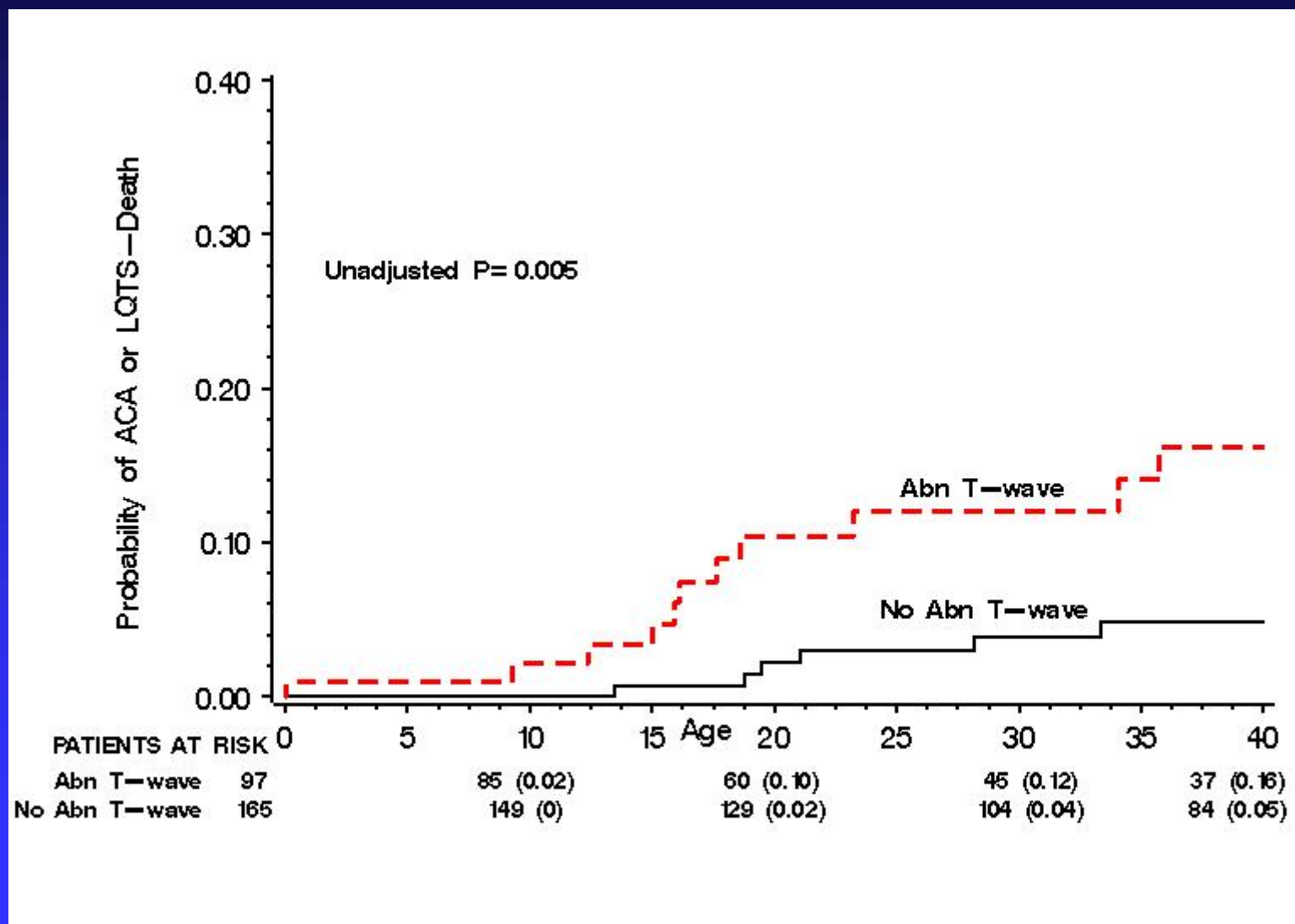


flat



normal

T wave morphology and ACA or Death in LQT2 Patients with QTc 440-500 ms



Percent Change in QT, JT interval and QT, JT Dispersion in Female vs. Male Rabbits after Dofetilide or Placebo

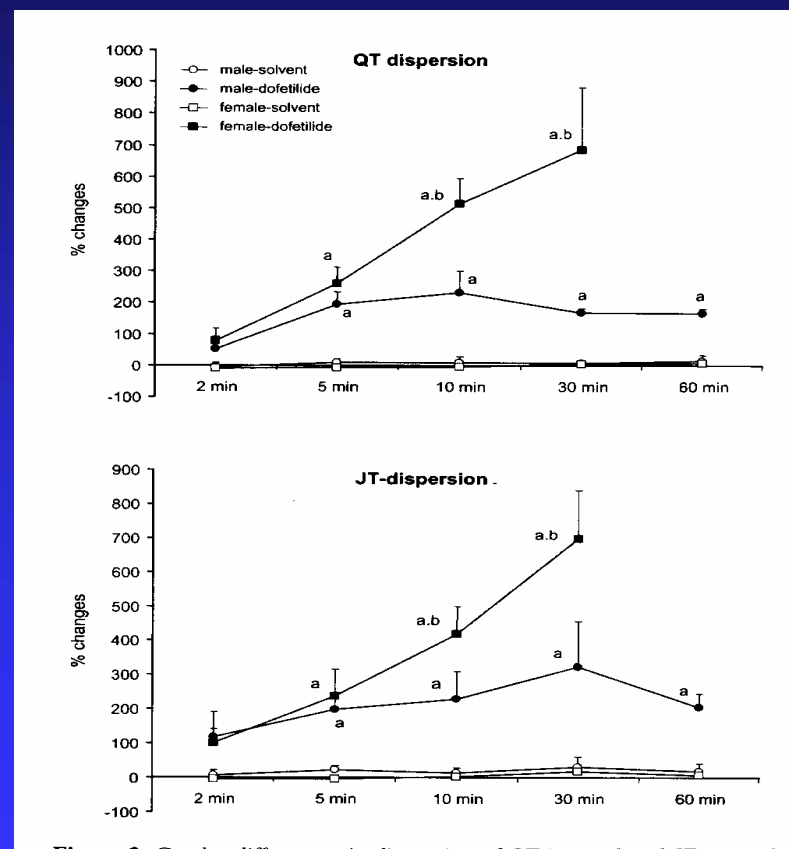
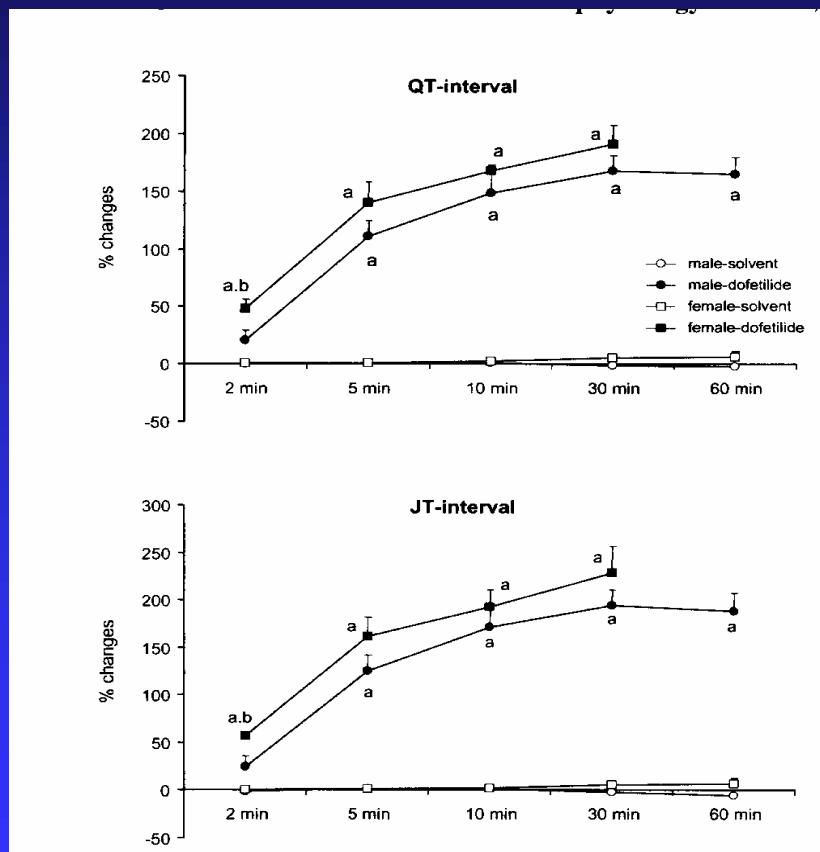
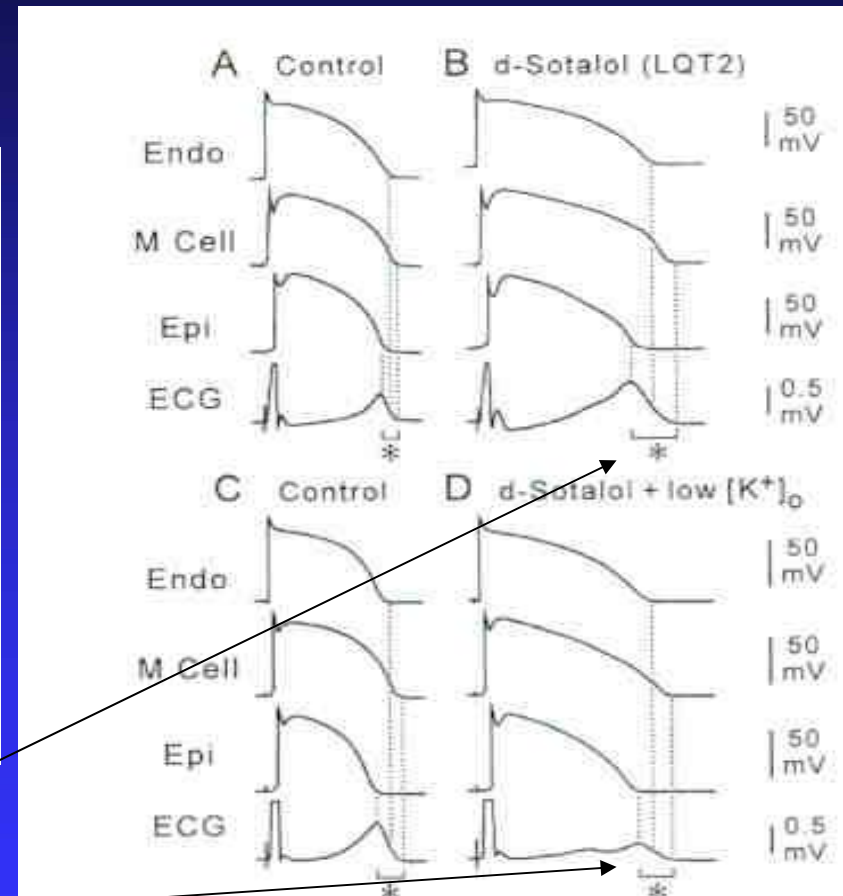
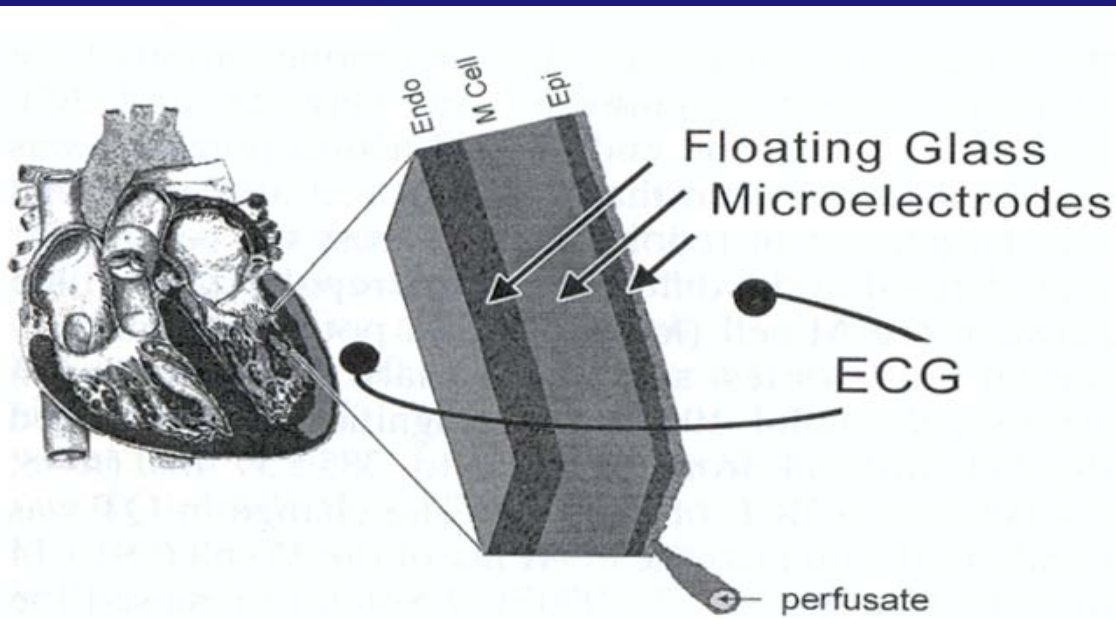


Figure 2 Gender differences in dispersion of QT interval and JT interval

Different electrophysiology of the myocardial layers accounts for changes in QT-T wave with various lesions

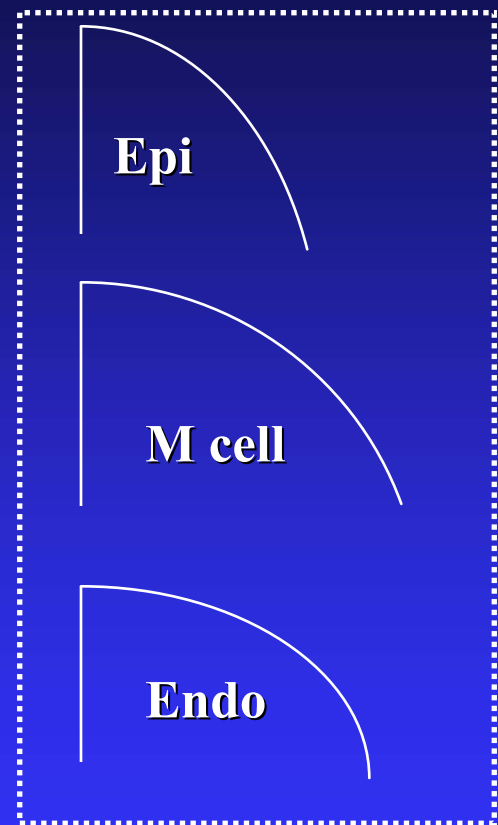
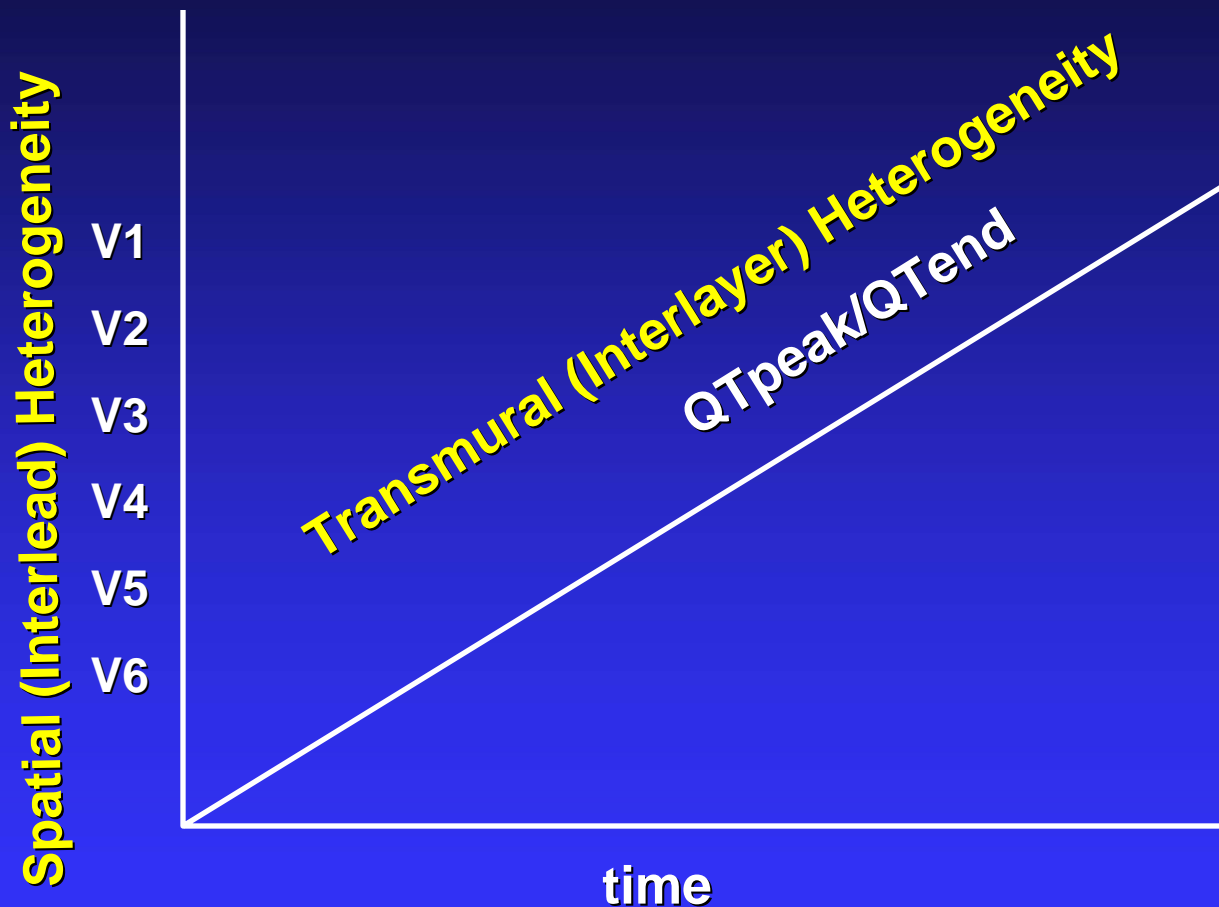


“TDR”= Transmural dispersion of repolarization

Global Surface ECG Phenomena

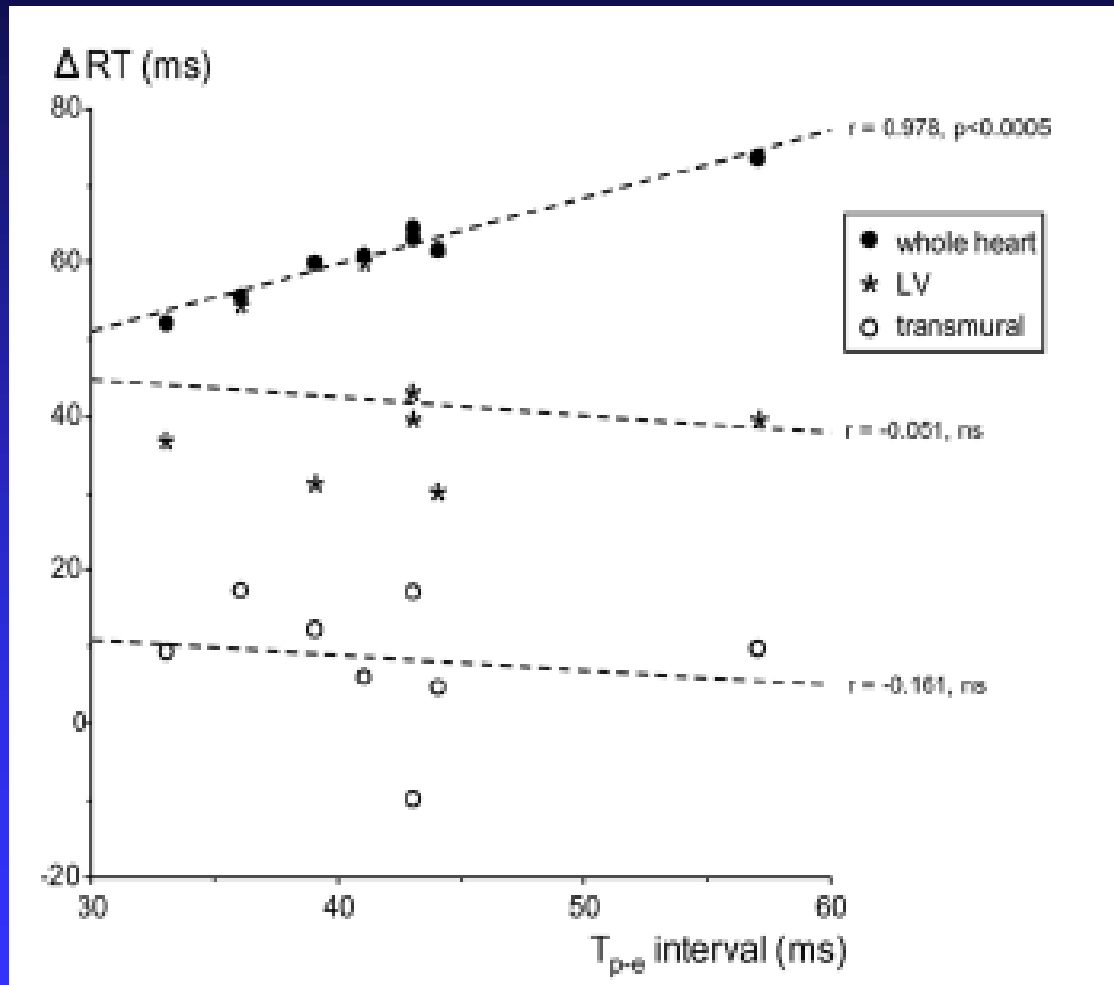


Local AP Heterogeneity



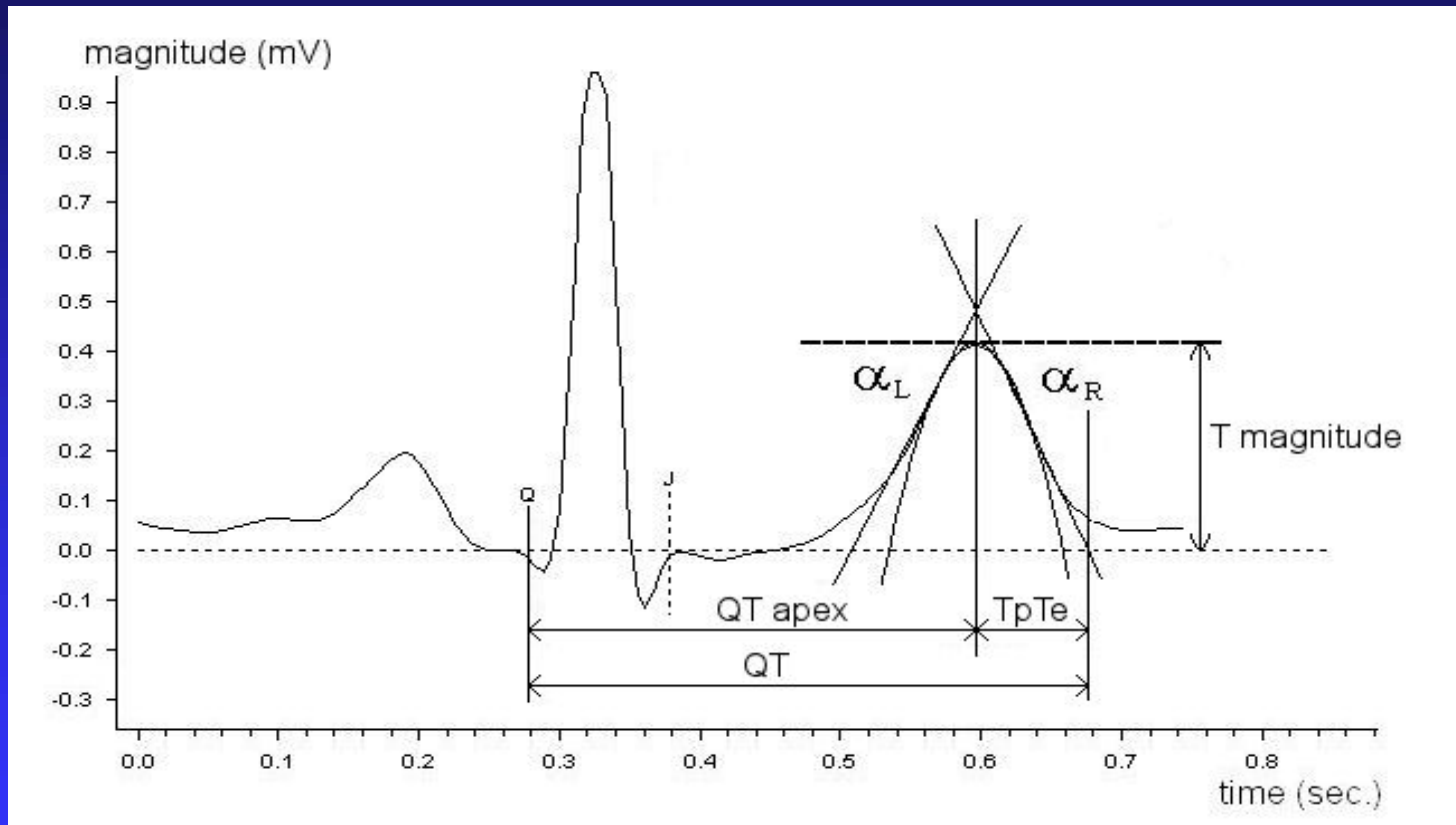
Temporal (Dynamic) Heterogeneity

TpTe Interval and Dispersion of Repolarization



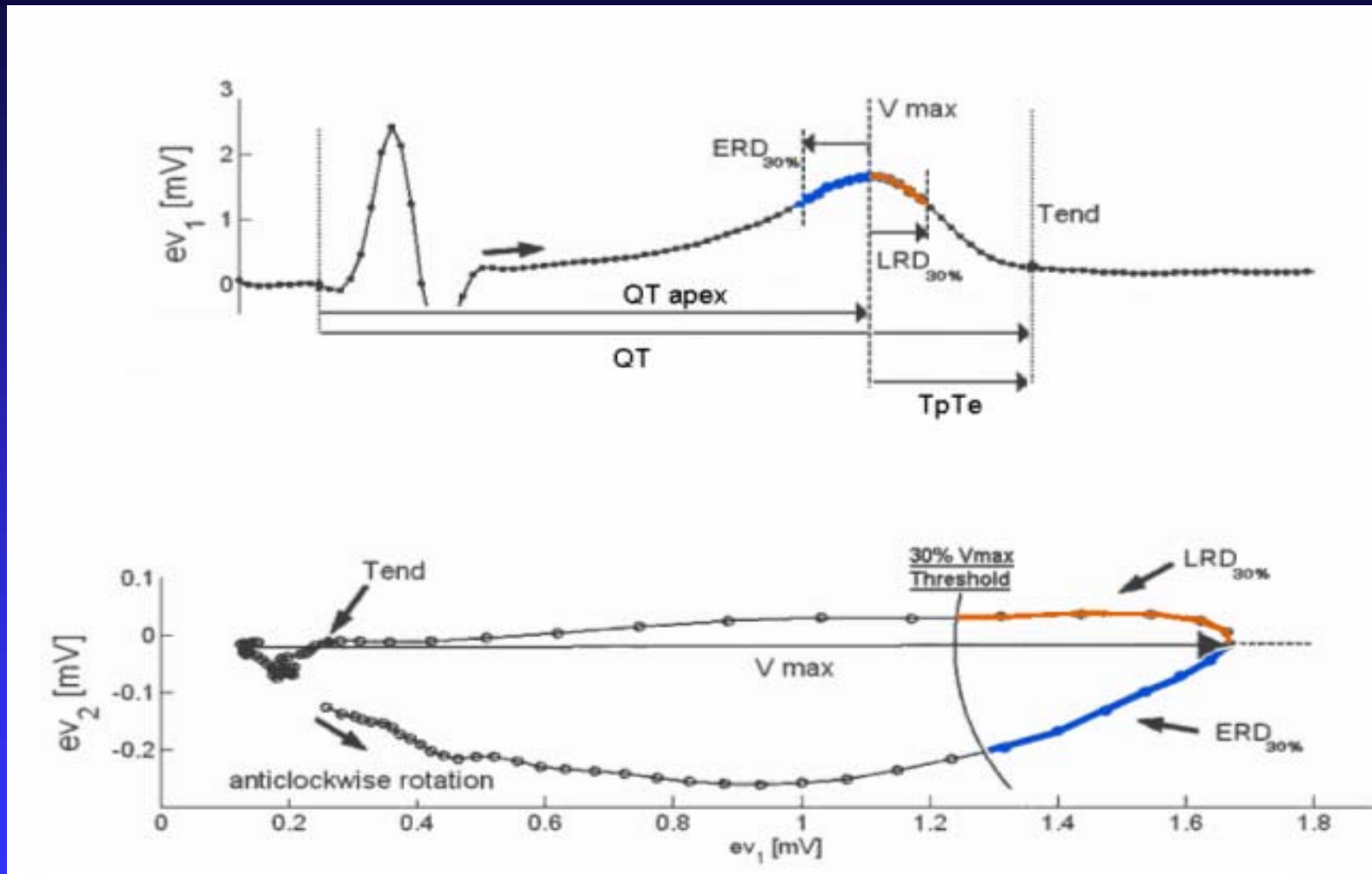
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Scalar Repolarization Morphology



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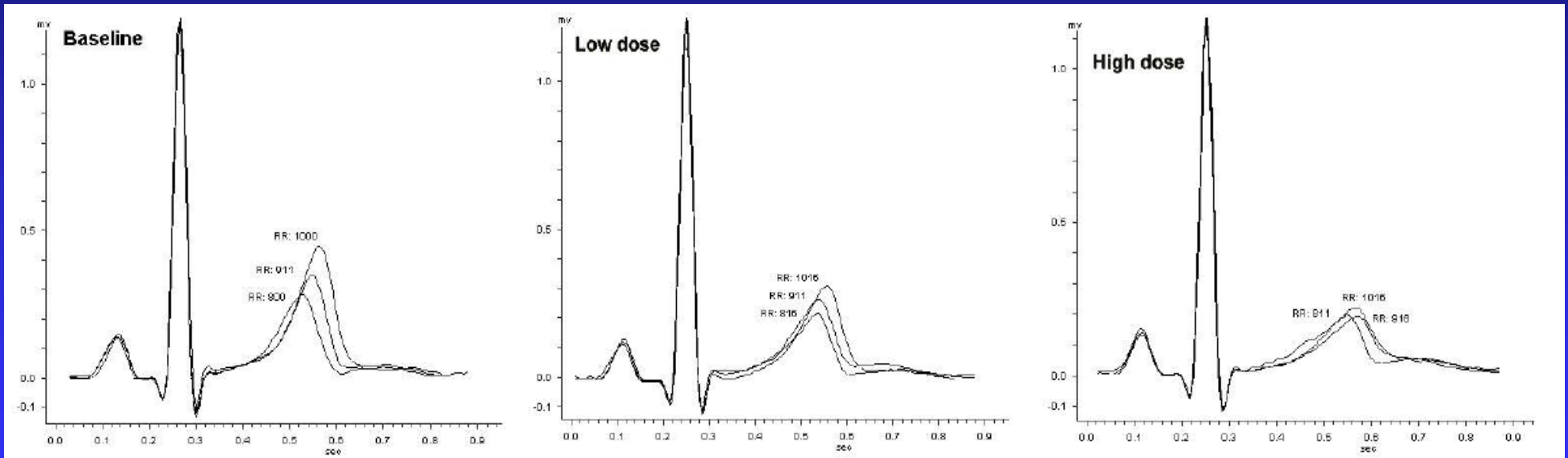
T-wave Loop Repolarization Parameters



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Sotalol-Induced T-Wave Impairment

Example of ECG tracings illustrating the T-wave amplitude impairment to heart rate induced by sotalol, healthy male subject

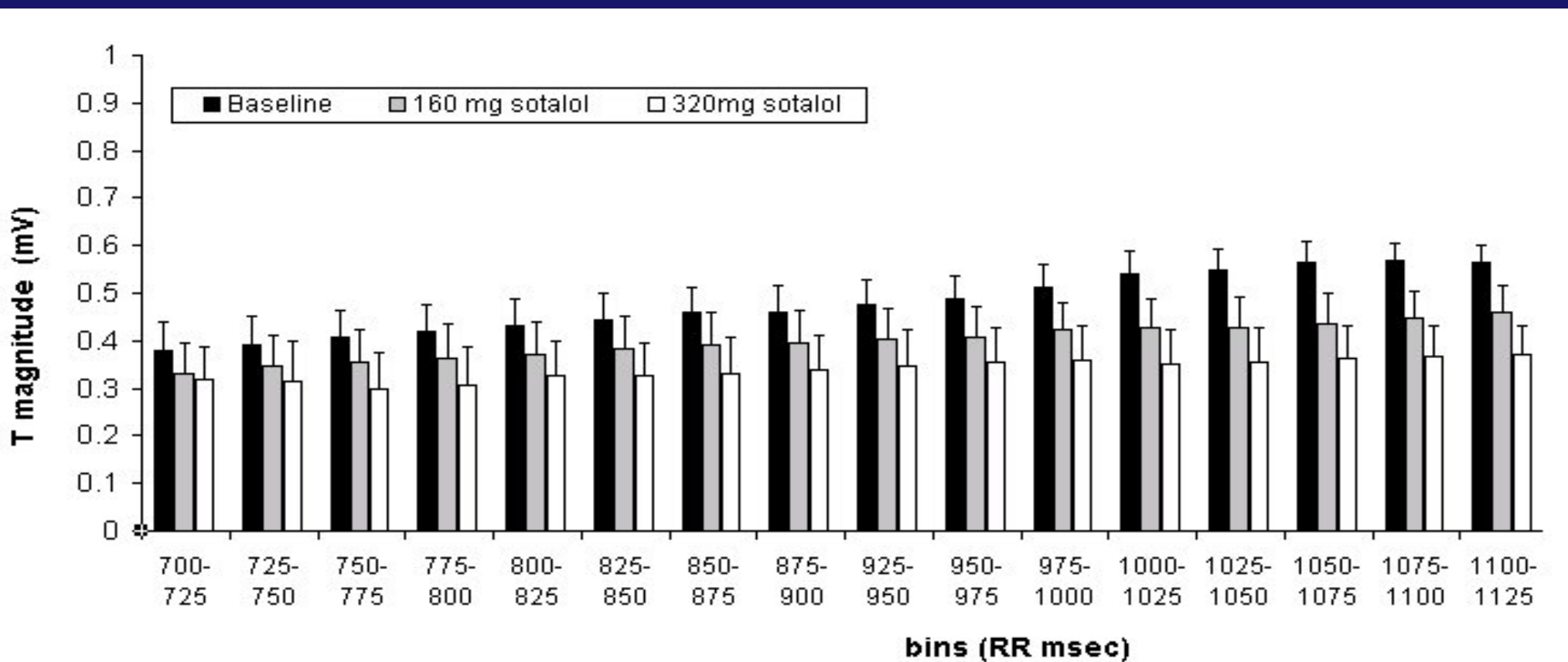


Baseline

160 mg

320 mg

Sotalol and T-amplitude Dependency to HR

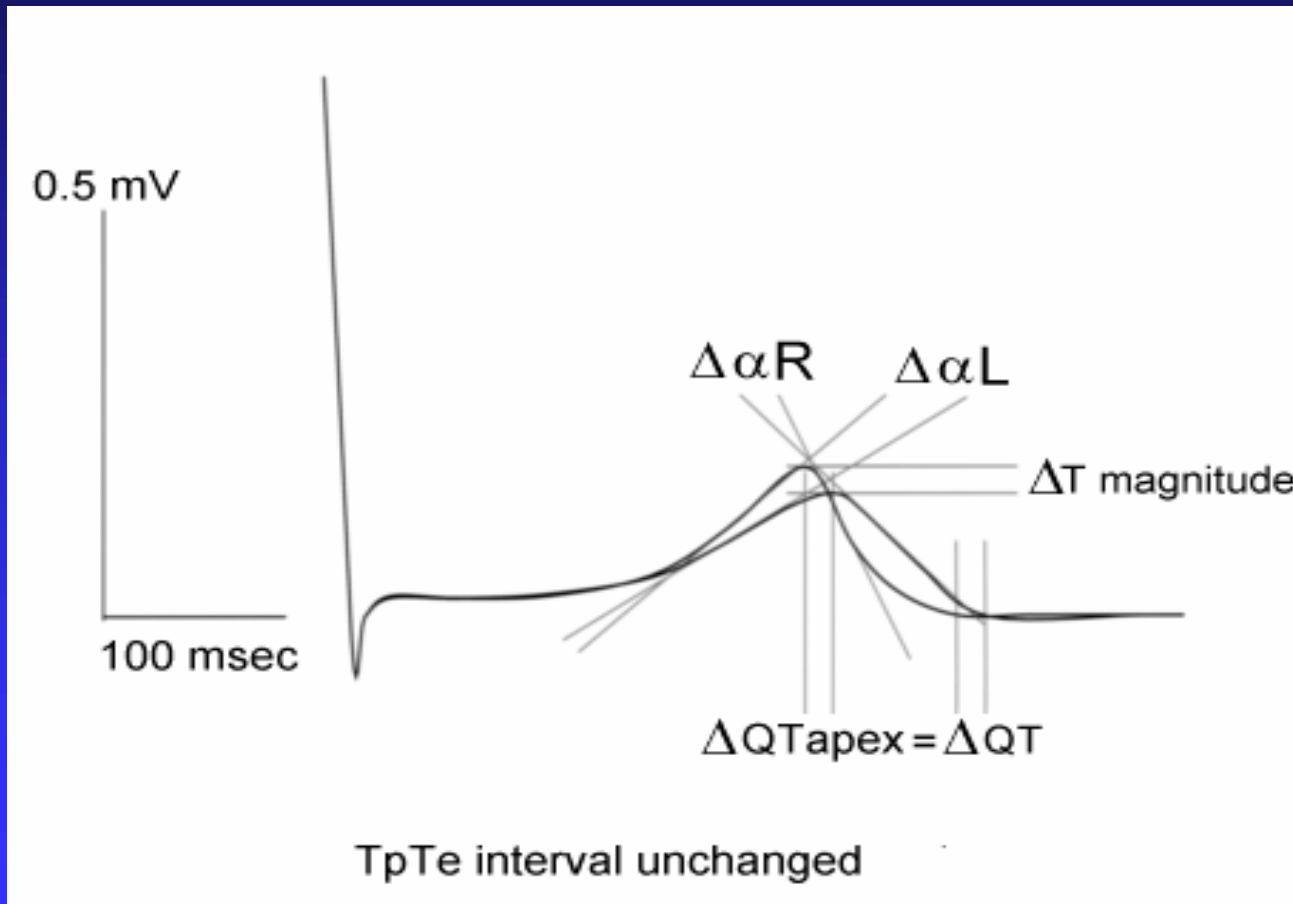


Moxifloxacin-Induced Repolarization Changes

	Median difference vs. placebo	p
QT offset (msec)	13.6	0.020
T magnitude (mV)	-0.03	0.023
αL ($\mu V/ms$)	-0.36	0.007
αR ($\mu V/ms$)	0.58	0.011
TpTe (msec)	-0.5	0.41
λ_2 / λ_1	0.01	0.41
Planarity (λ_3)	-0.05	0.14
ERD _{30%} (msec)	11.1	0.001

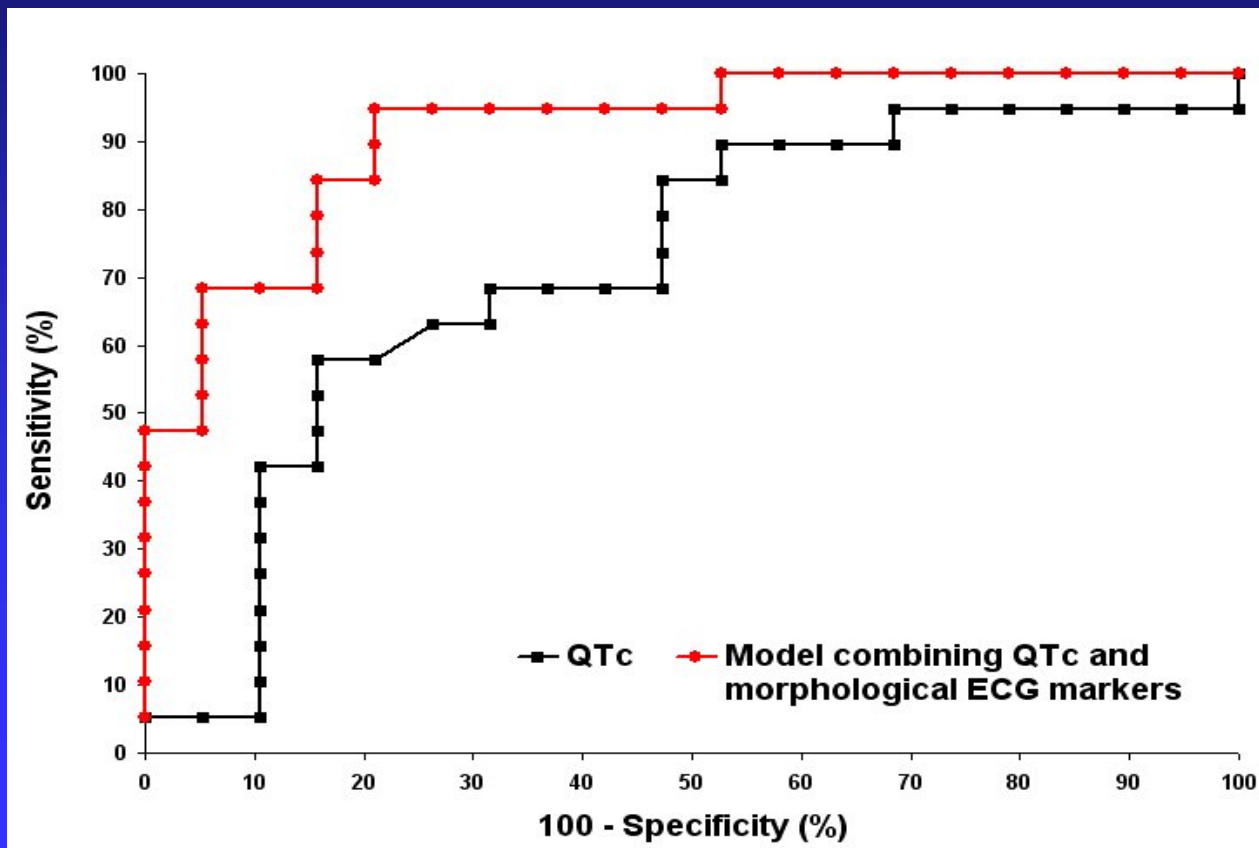
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Moxifloxacin-induced Repolarization Abnormalities



Simulated ECG tracings

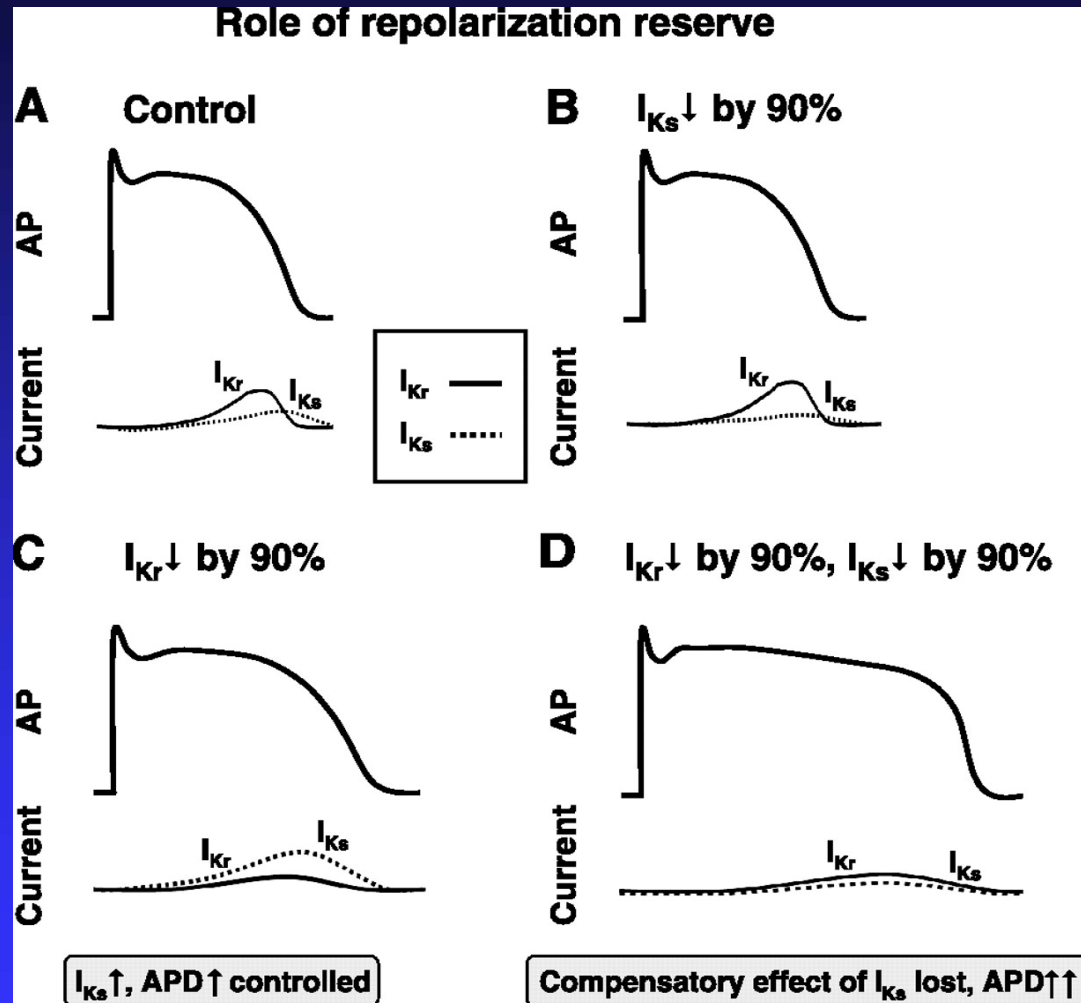
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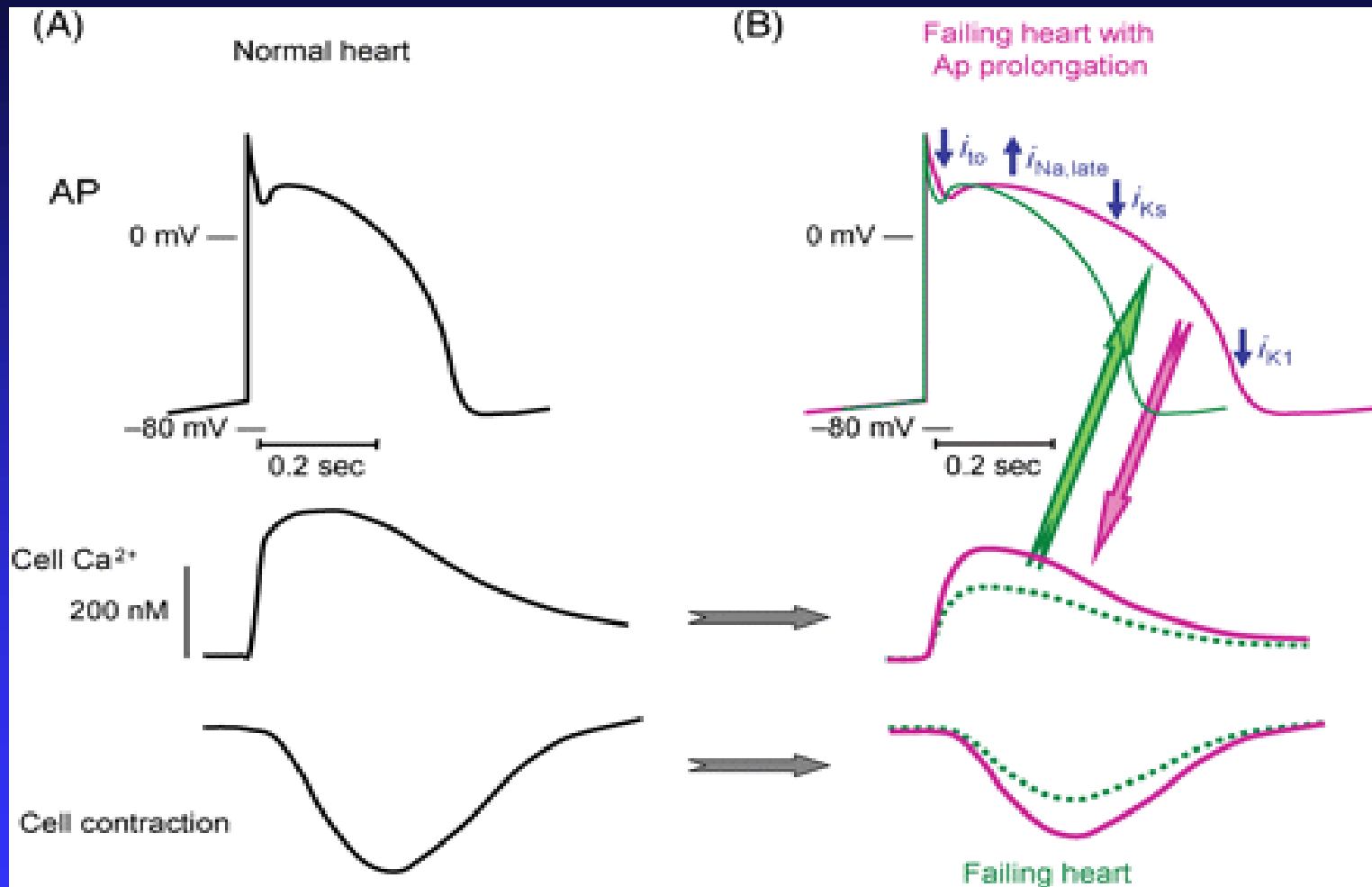
Ability to Identify TdP Patients at Baseline Before and After Drug Challenge

	Before: Baseline (absolute values)		P value (baseline)	After: Sotalol challenge (sotalol induced changes)		P value (challenge)
	(-) TdPs N=17	(+) TdPs N=16		(-) TdPs N=17	(+) TdPs N=16	
QTc*	425.7±35.6	451.0 ±39.3	0.06	79.0 ±47.4	98.4 ±42.0	0.22
TpTe	104.7 ±30.6	108.2 ±30.5	0.74	8.2 ±23.7	38.9 ±40.6	0.01
ERD30%	34.8 ±8.6	43.7 ±12.6	0.02	11.3 ±14.2	13.5 ±21.7	0.73
ERD50%	55.9 ±14.6	71.4 ±22.1	0.02	23.3 ±28.7	30.9 ±31.9	0.47
LRD30%	27.7 ±4.9	35.2 ±17.5	0.12	3.8 ±3.5	6.7 ±15.3	0.46
LRD50%	42.8 ±5.5	55.5 ± 31.9	0.14	5.2 ±5.7	20.9 ±27.3	0.04
LRD70%	65.3 ±10.6	86.0 ±43.7	0.08	8.4 ±13.2	26.4 ±30.5	0.04

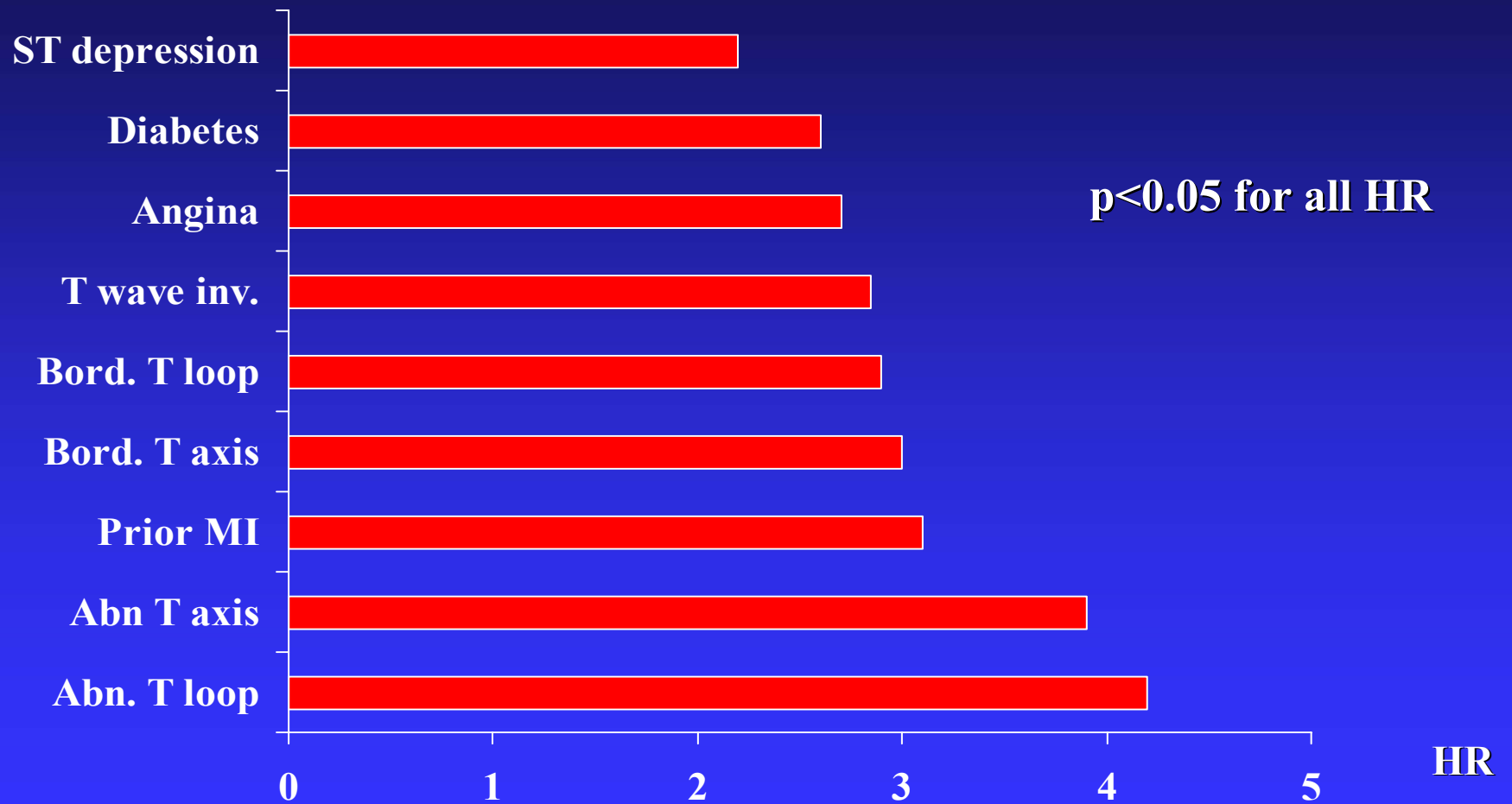
Repolarization Reserve



A schematic diagram showing the changes in Ca²⁺ handling and contractility and the potential compensatory function of ion-channel remodelling that causes action potential (AP) duration (APD) prolongation in congestive heart failure

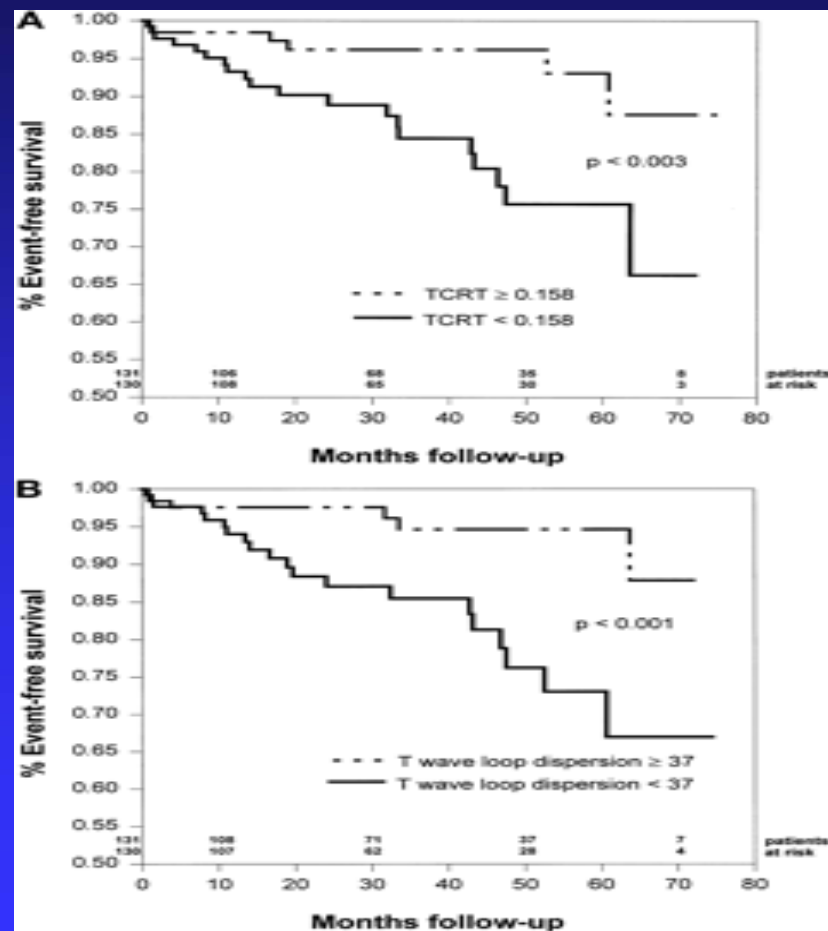
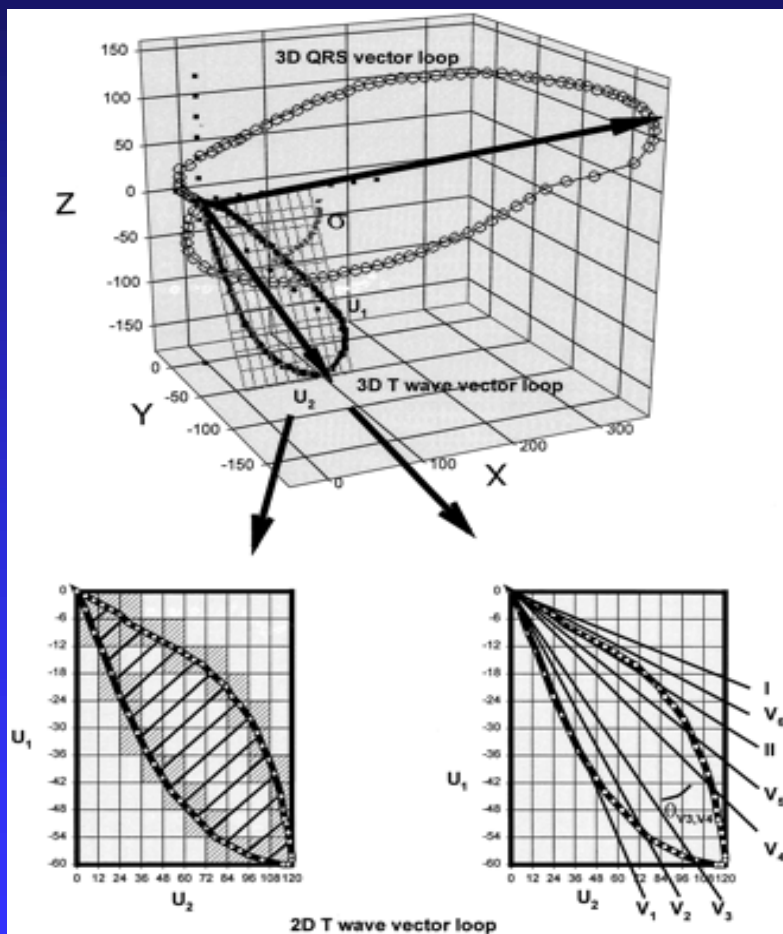


Age- and Sex-adjusted Hazard Ratios of Cardiac Death in a Population-based Cohort of 5,815 Older (>55 years) Men and Women



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Predictive Value of T Wave Morphology in Postinfarction Patients



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