

# ECG as guidance: How To Get There (LBBA)

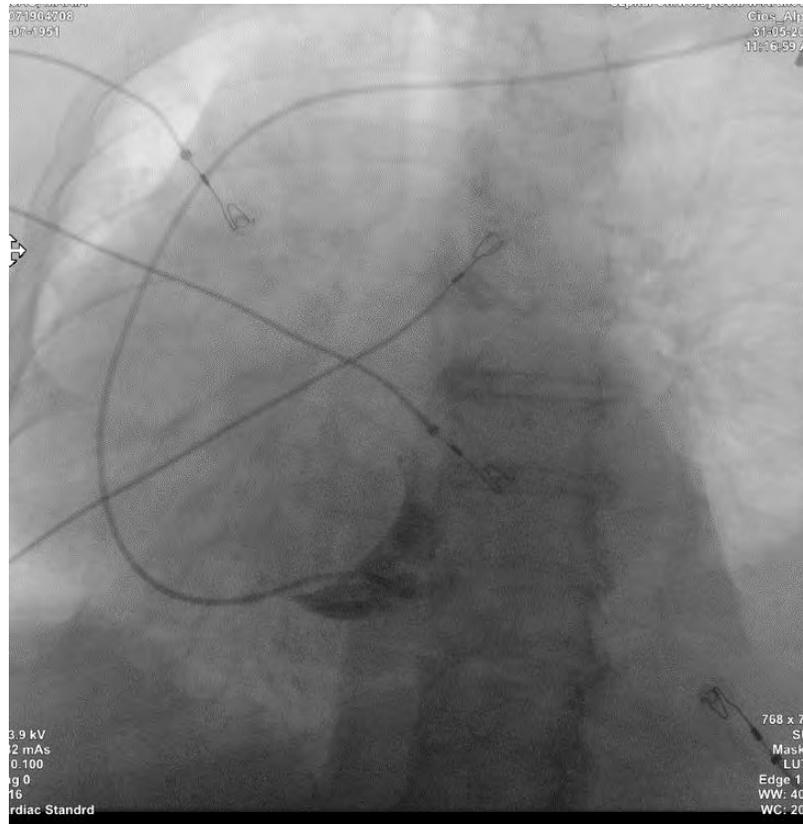


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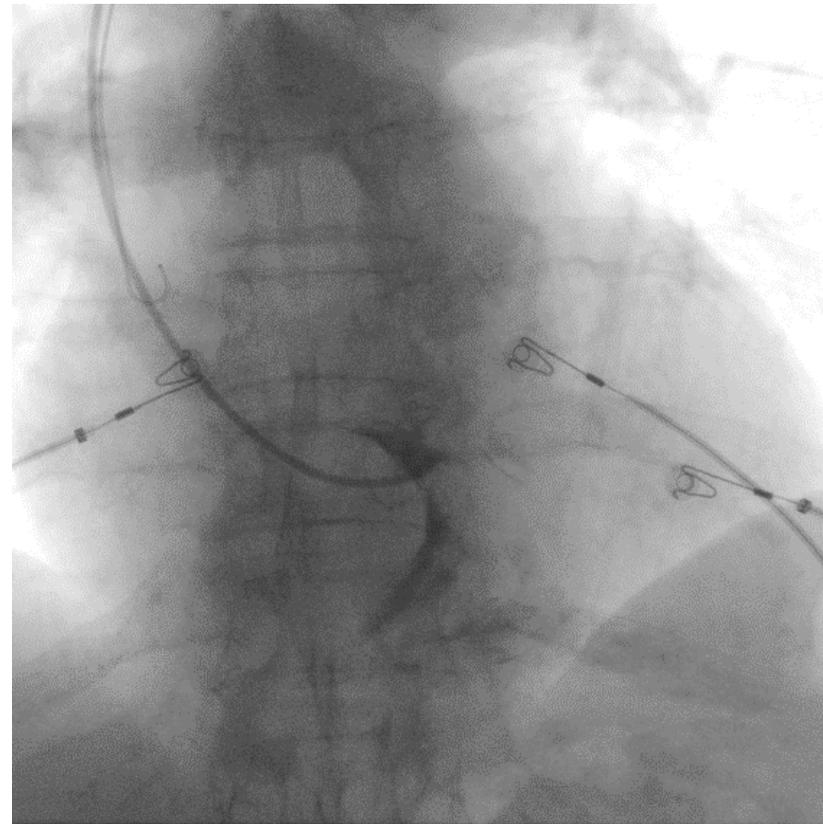
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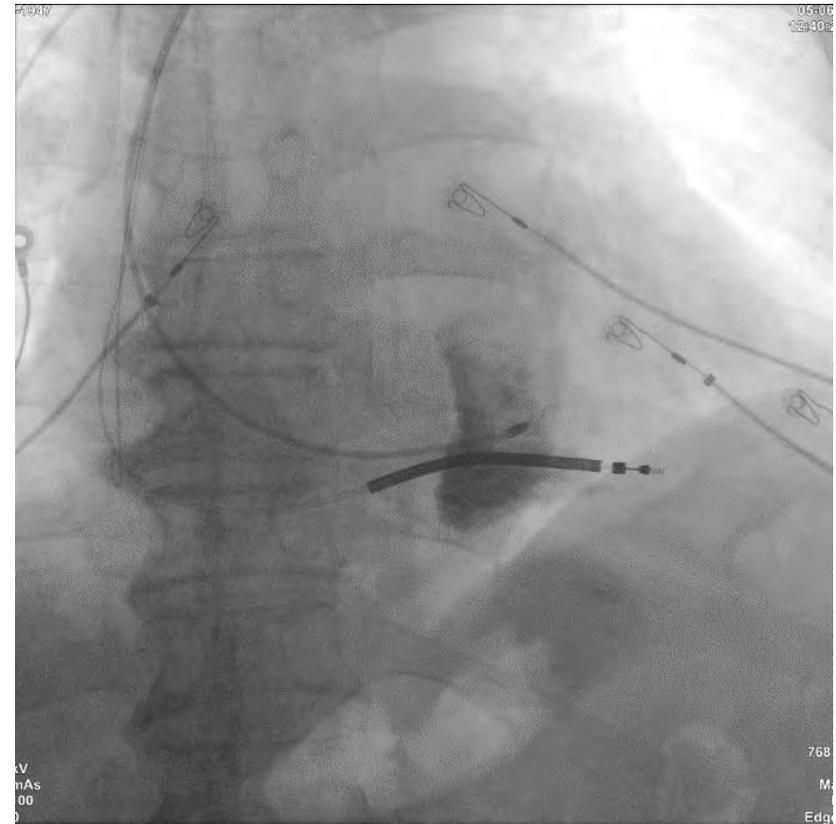
1. Give contrast to know the anatomy
2. Pacemapp the septum to finetune the intial lead position
3. Use continuous pacing & fixation beats during lead screwing for depth assesement
4. Know the endpoints for final lead position



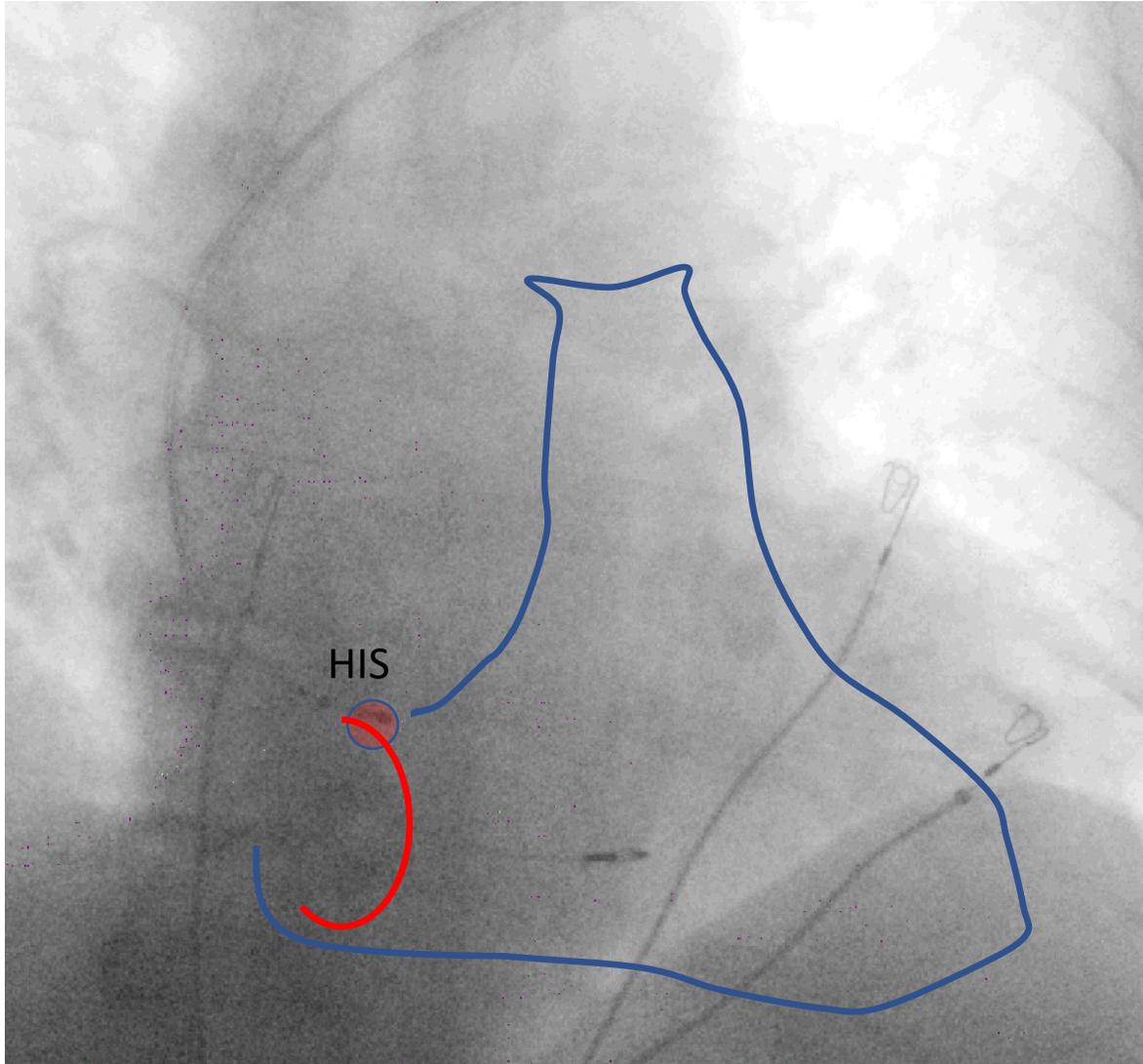
Shift to the right



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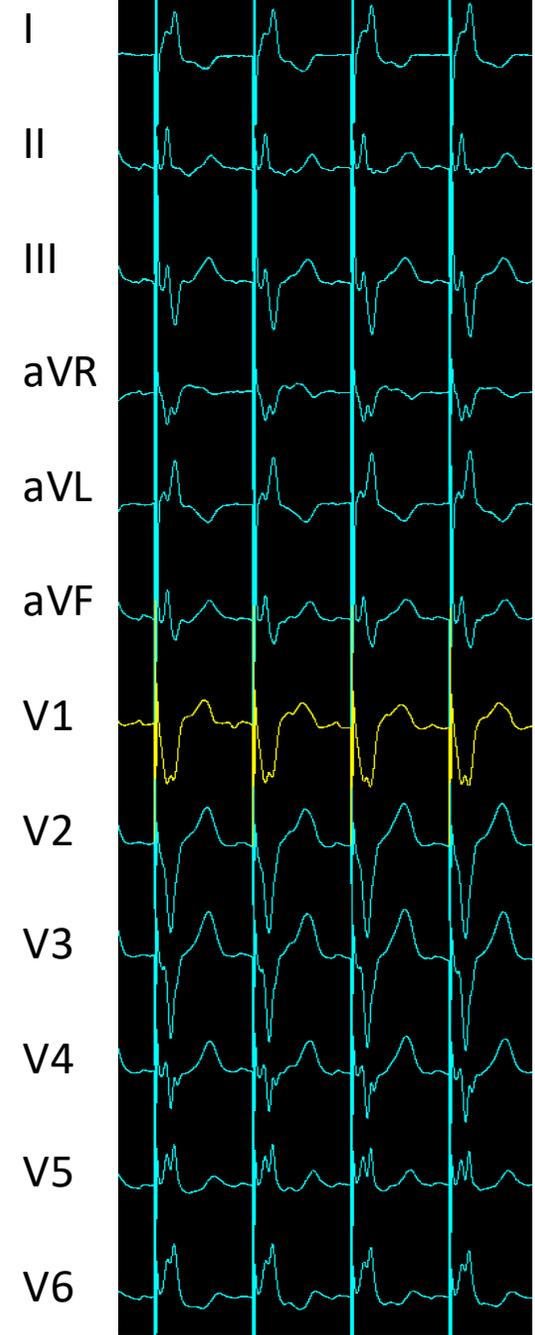
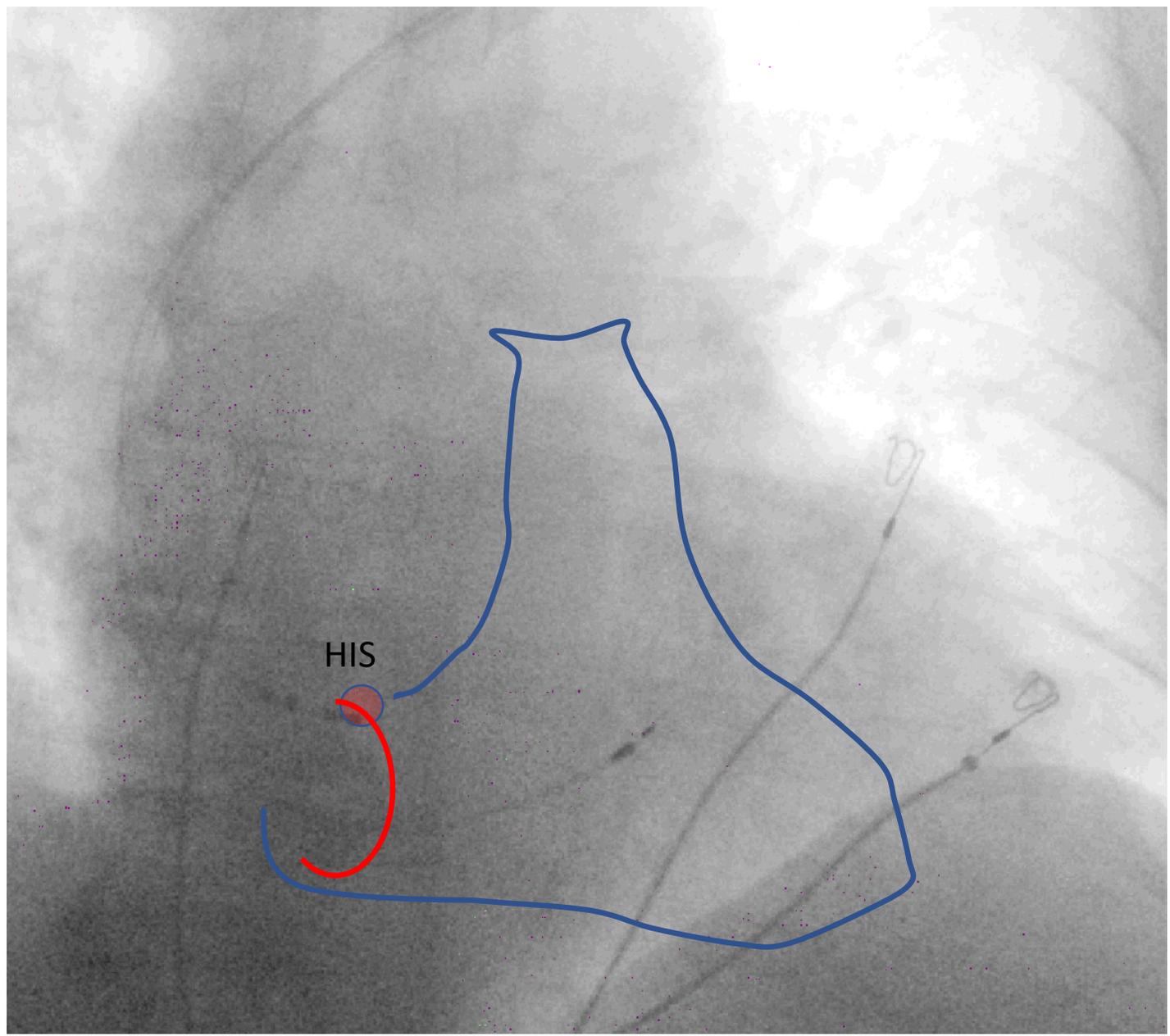


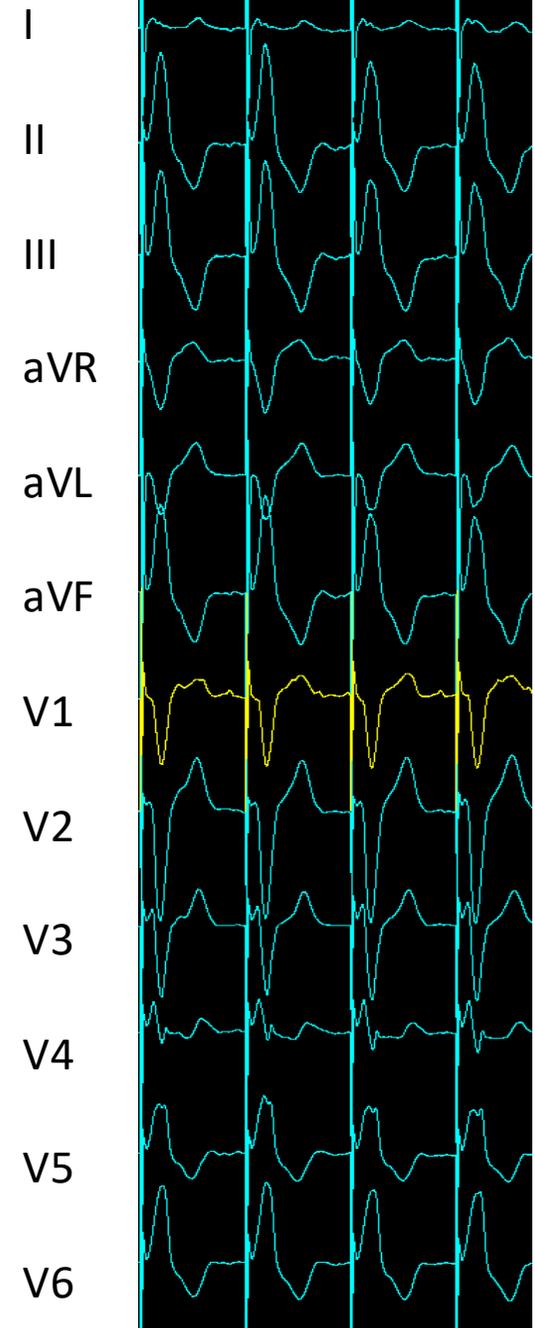
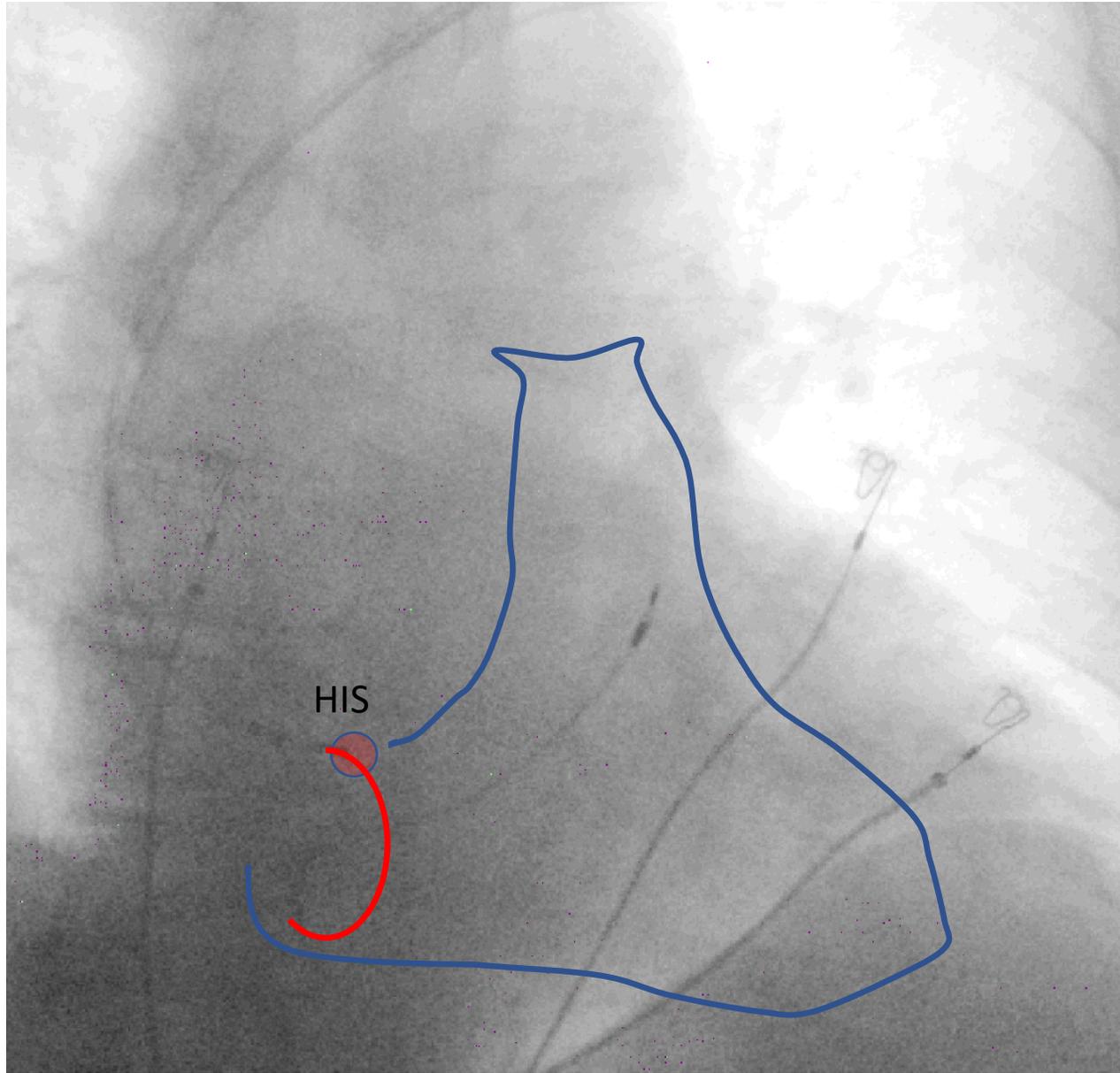
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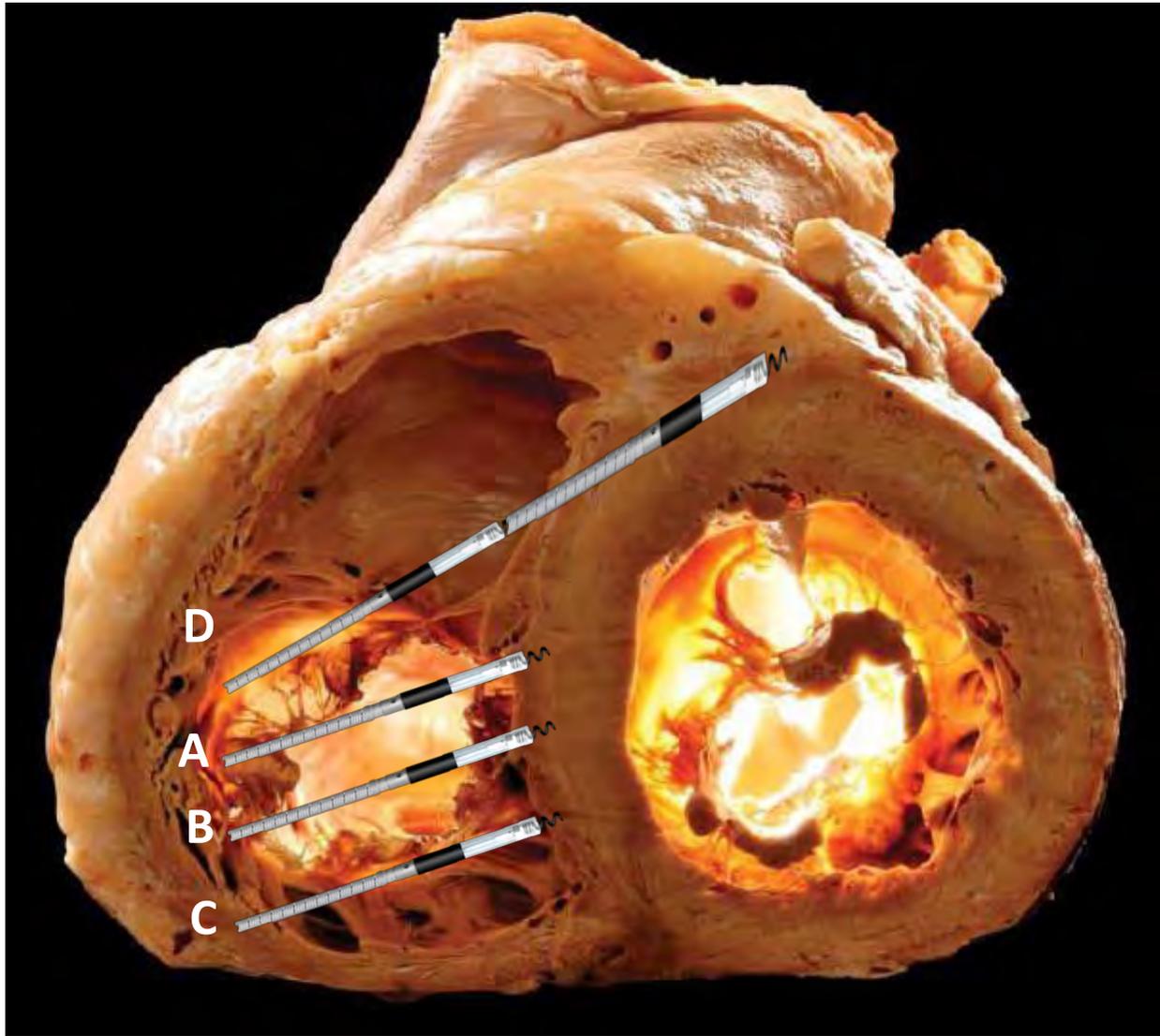


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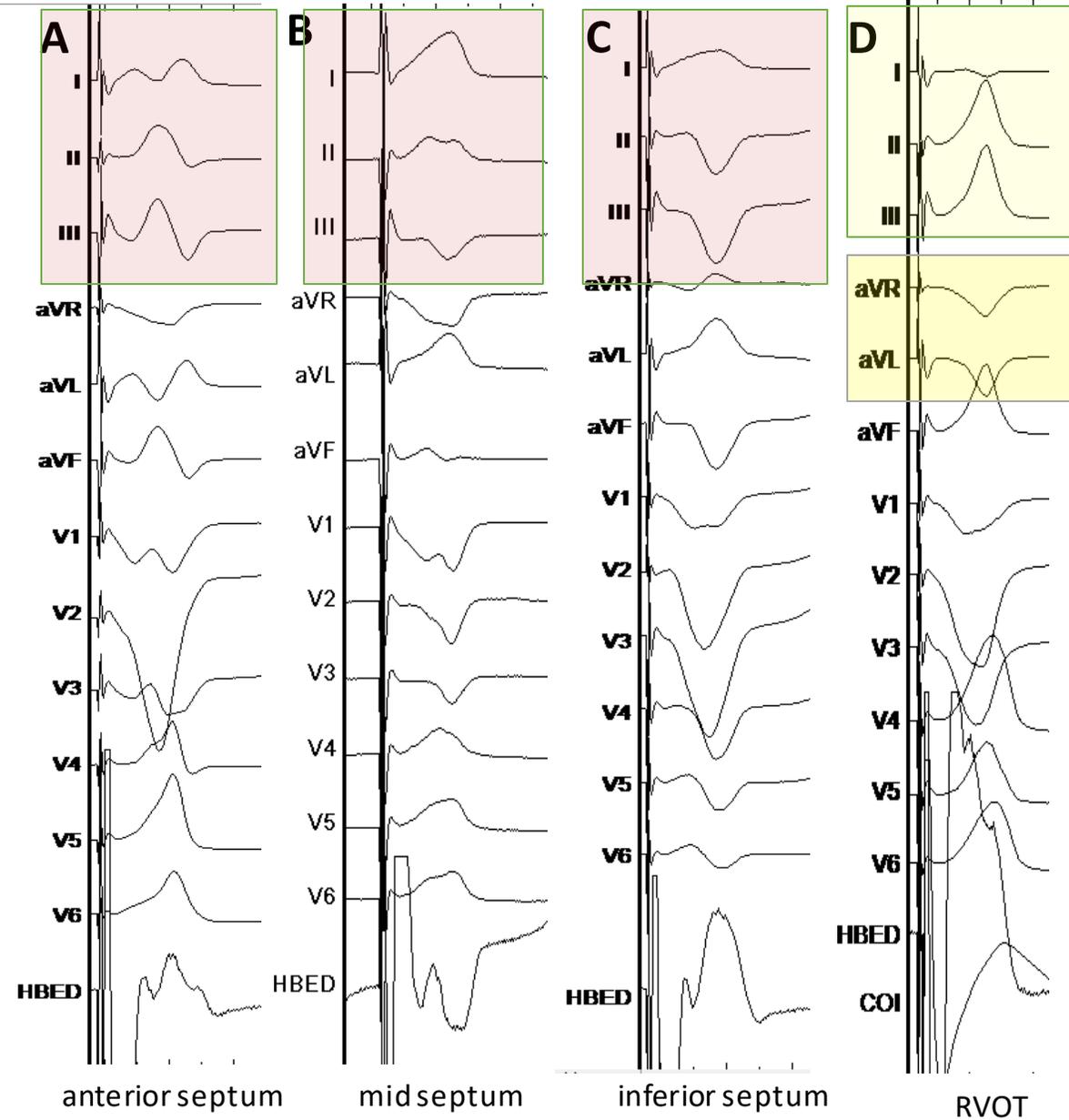


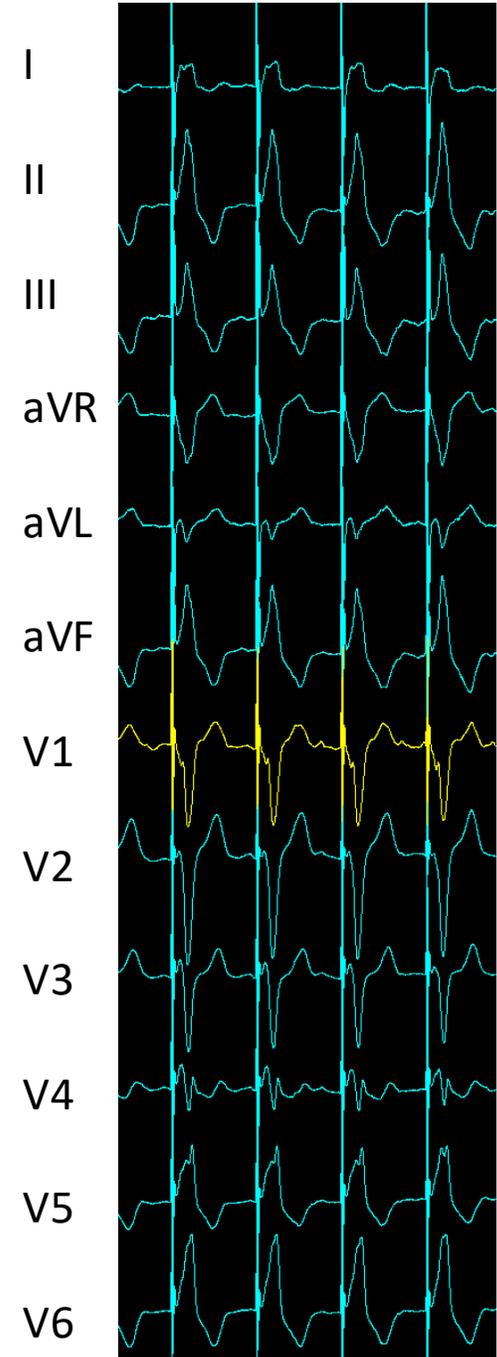
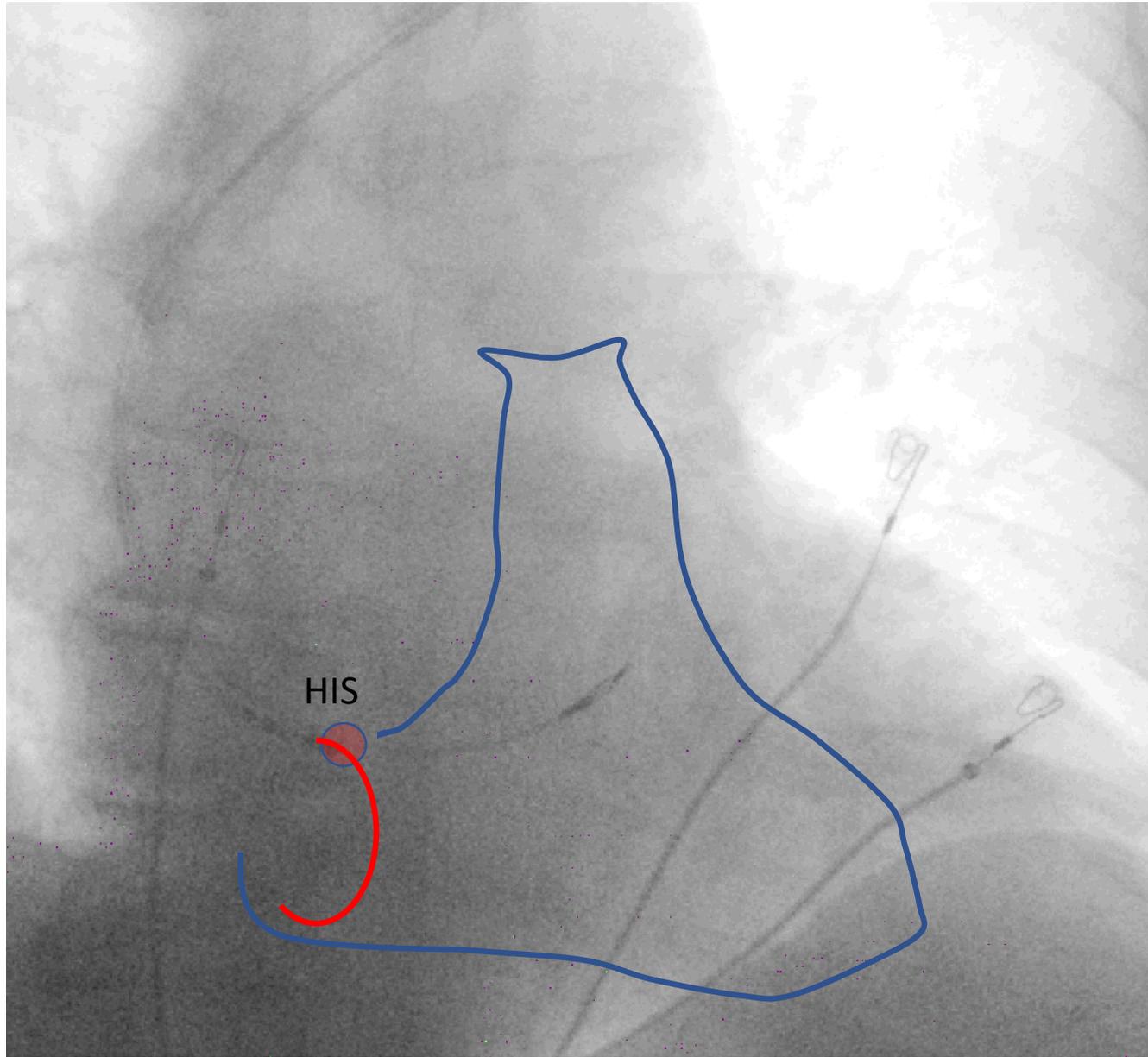


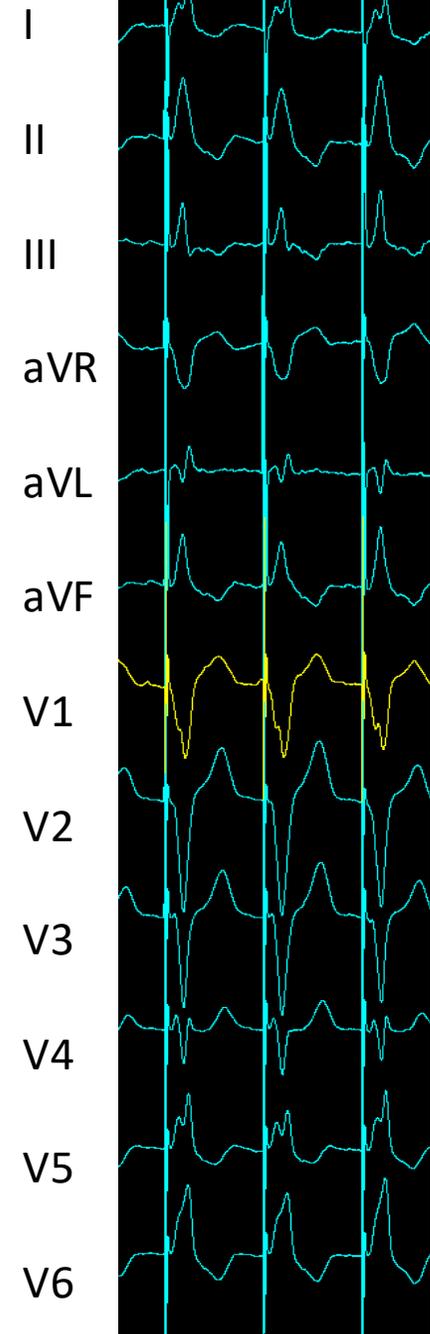
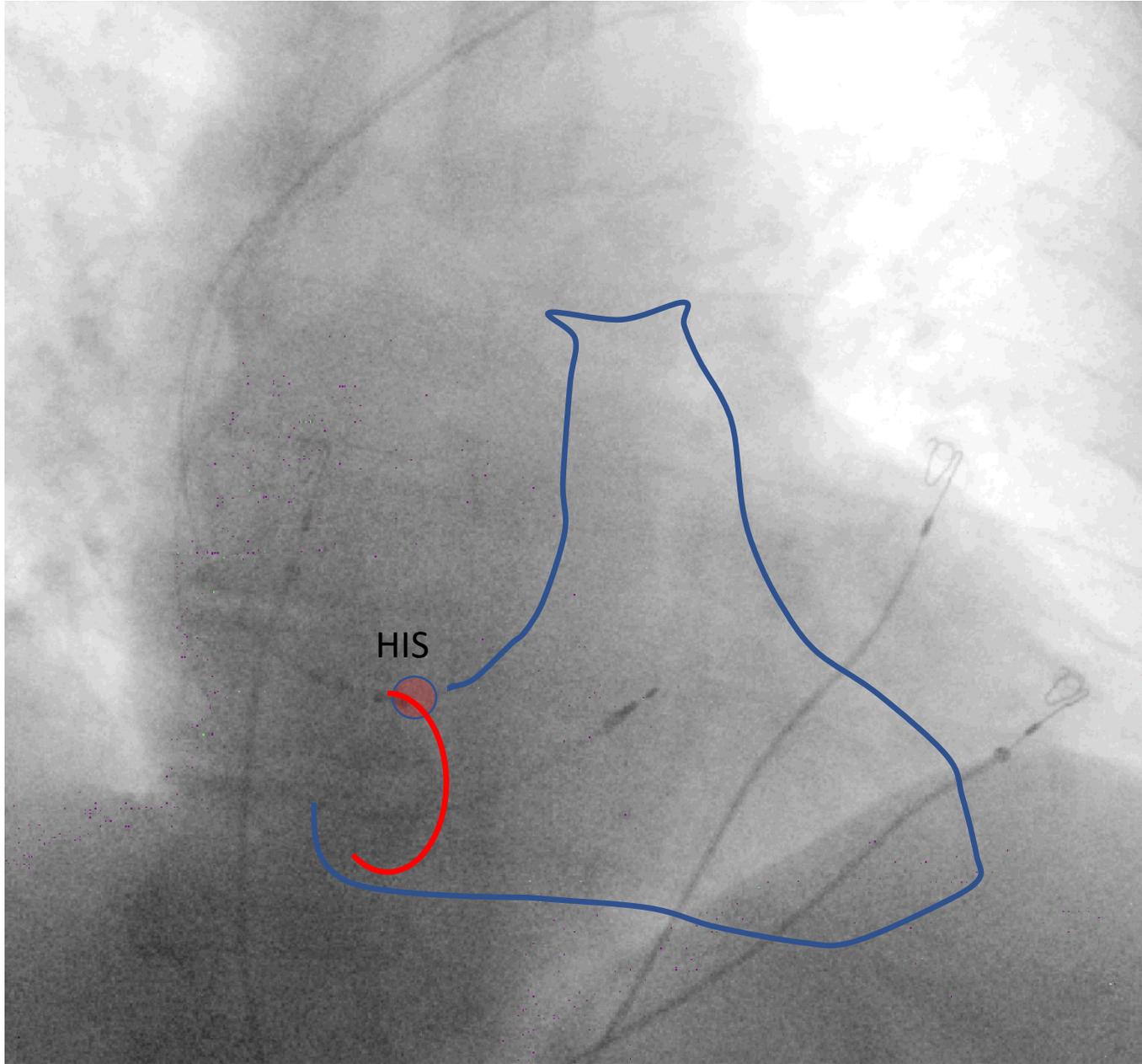


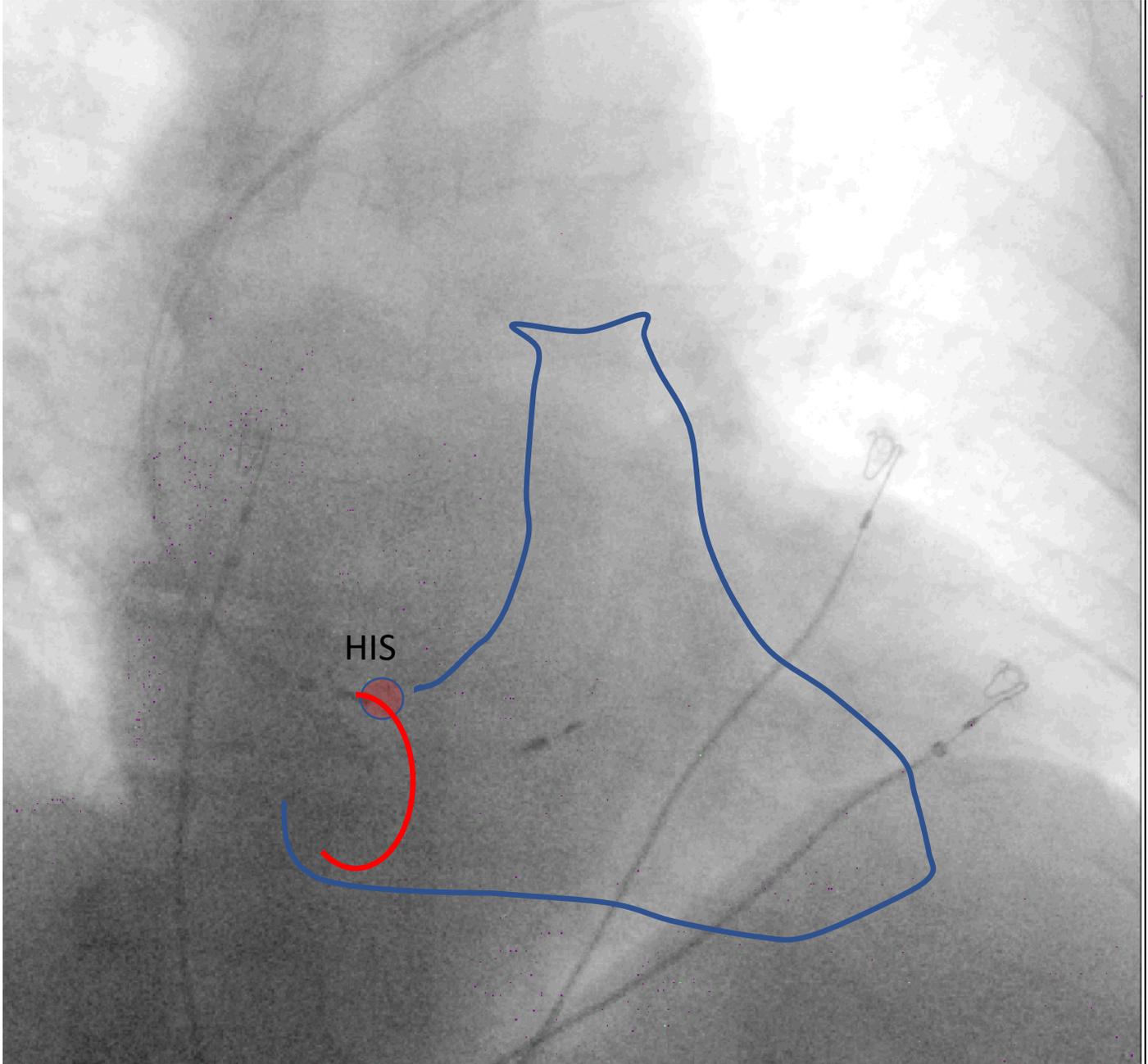
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Slide from Dr. Cano (modified)

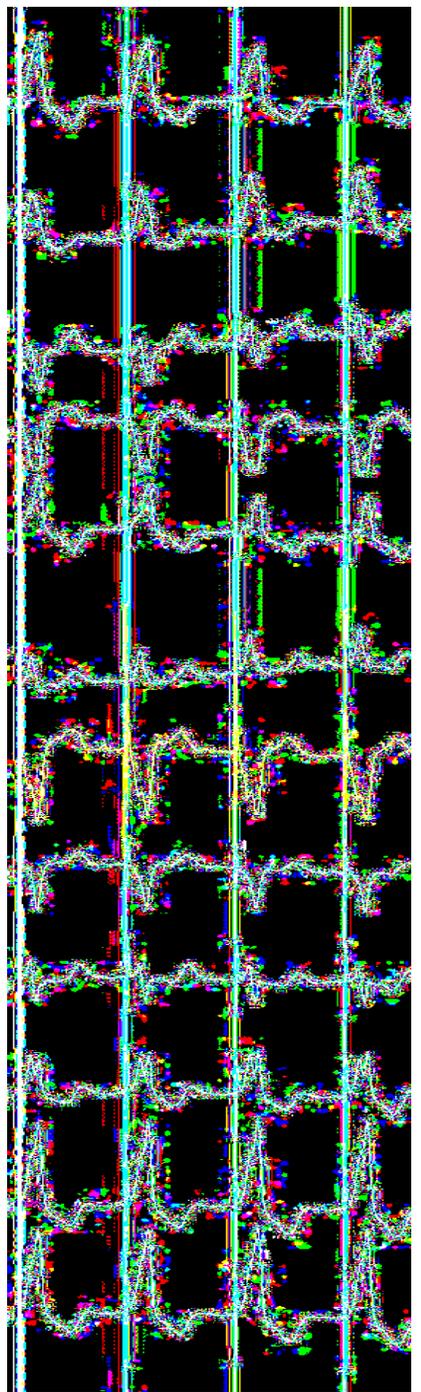


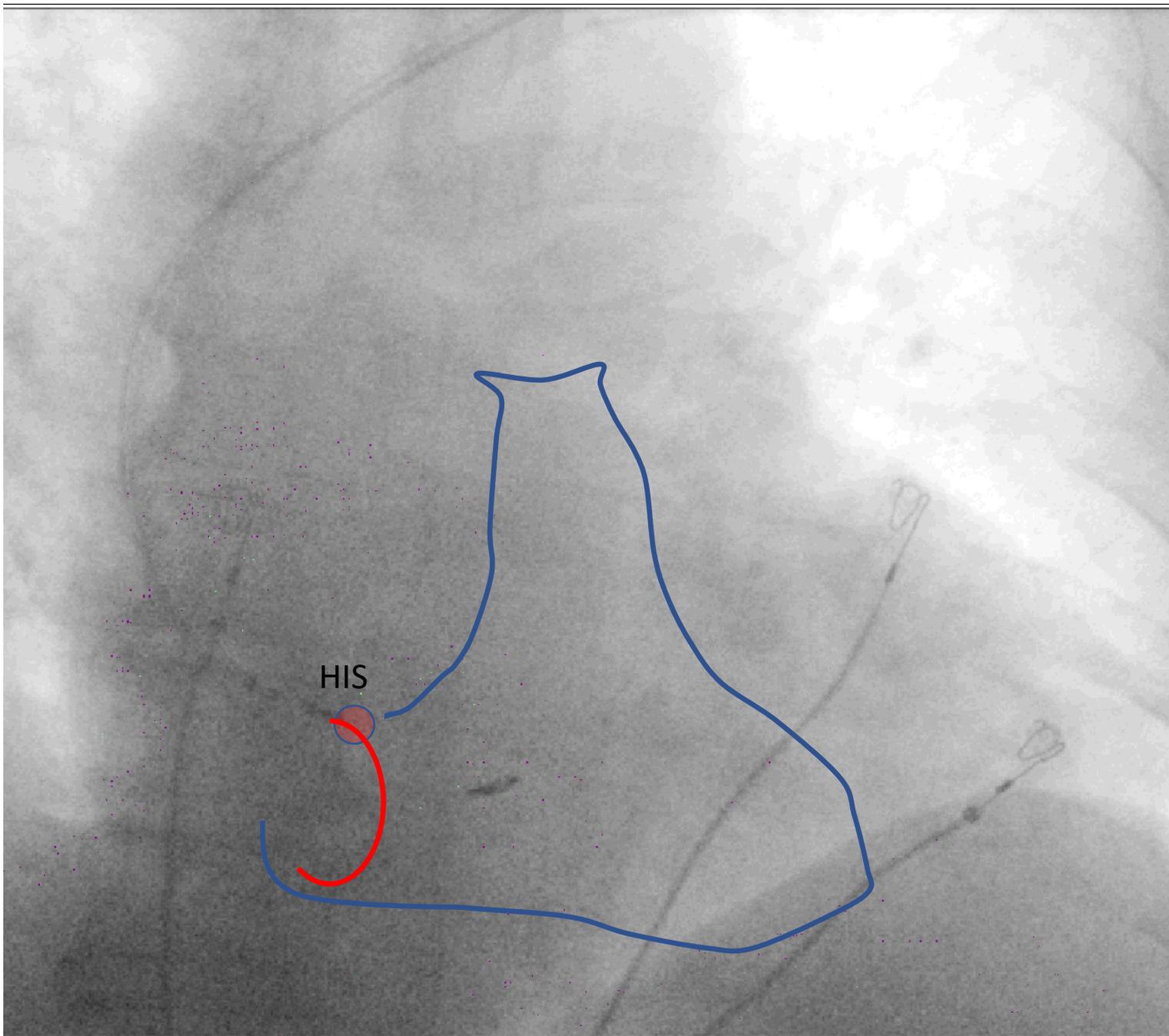






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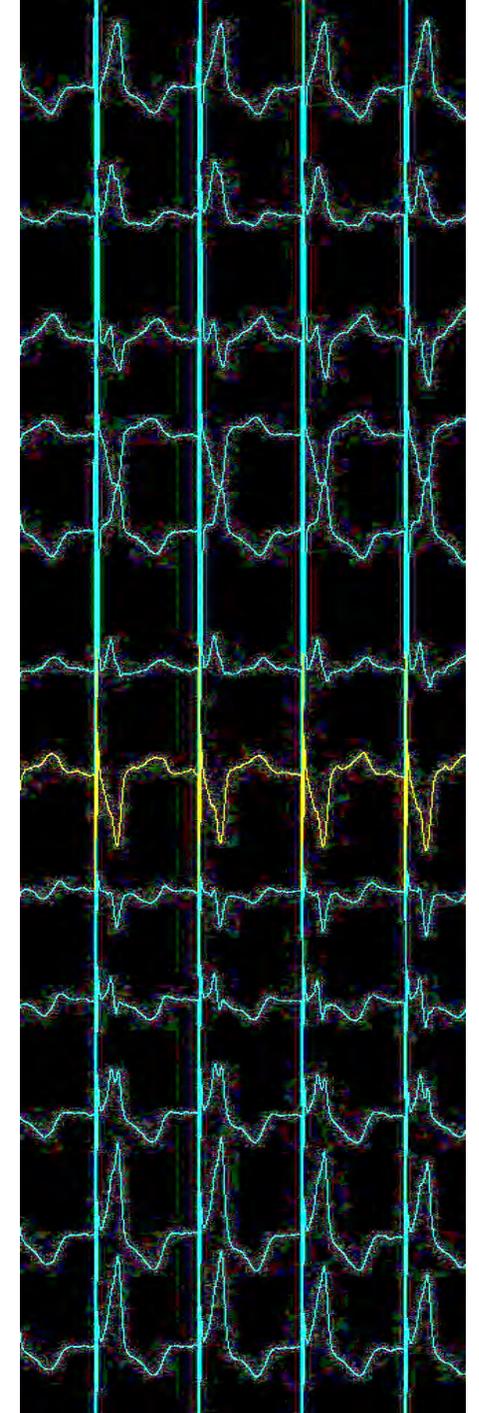
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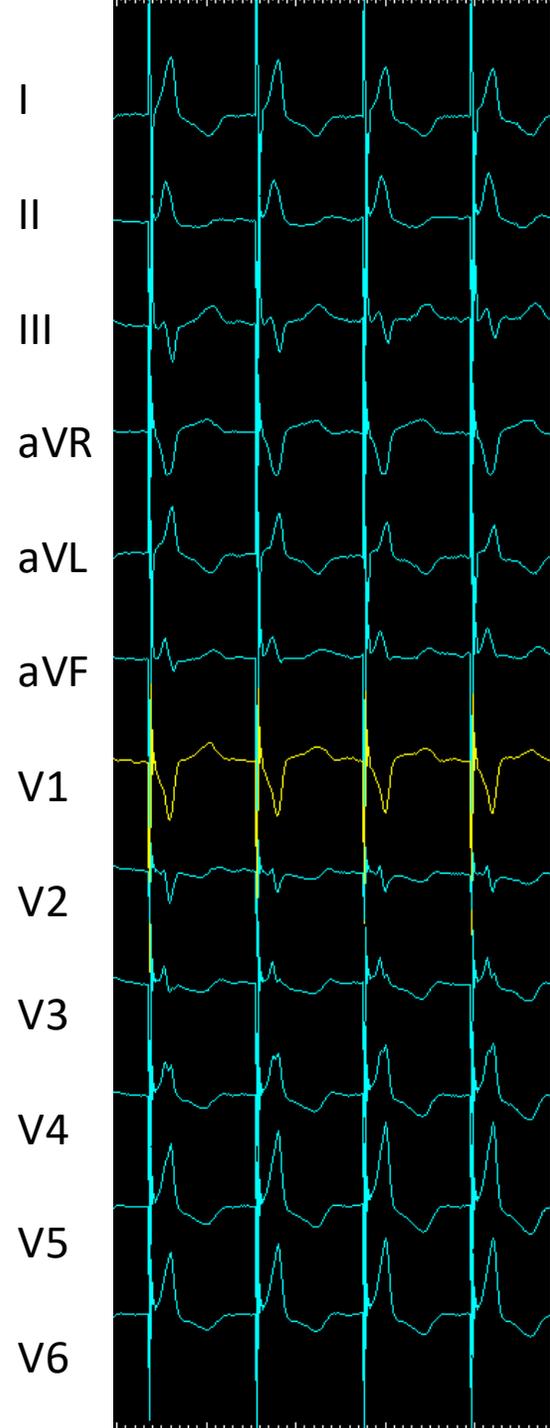
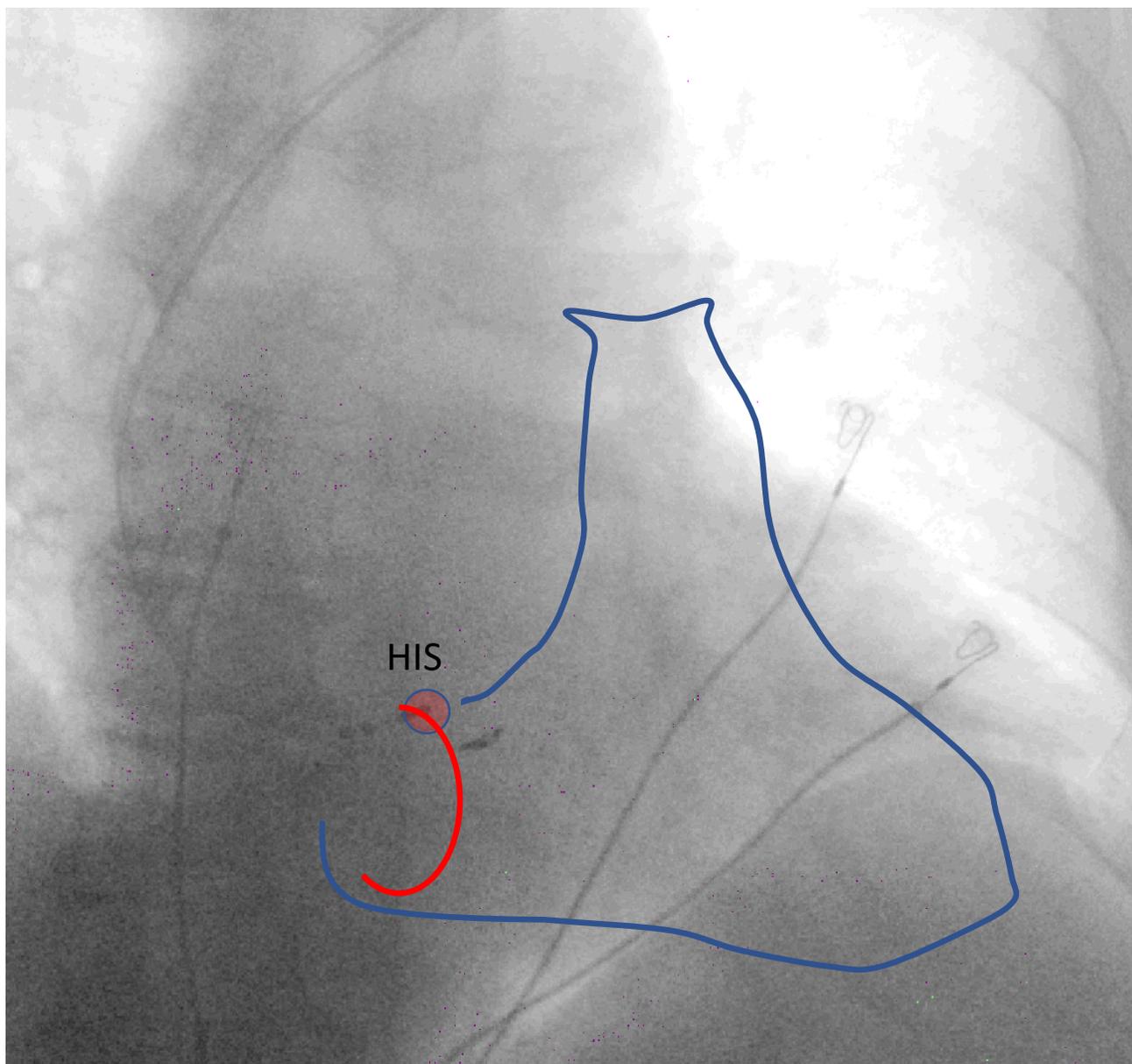
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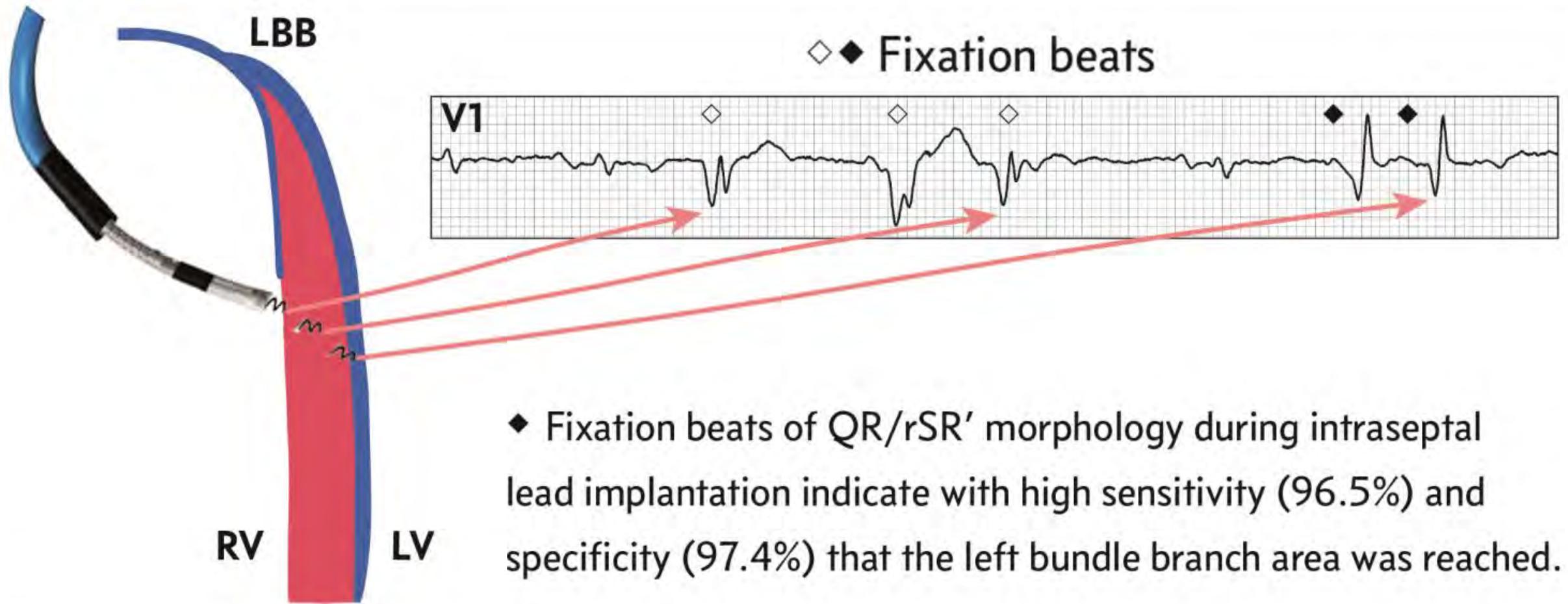
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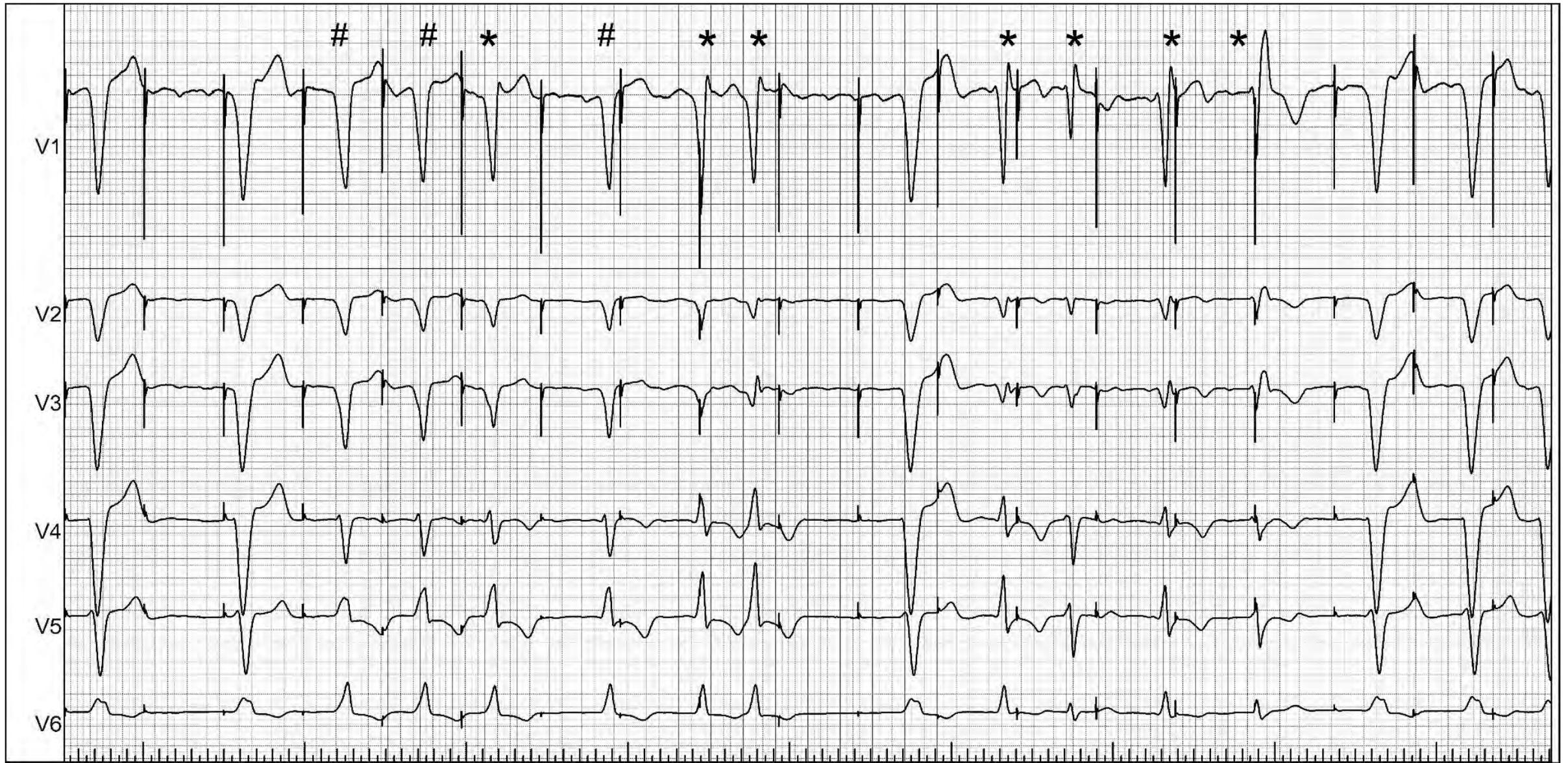




# FIXATION/SCREWING PVCs



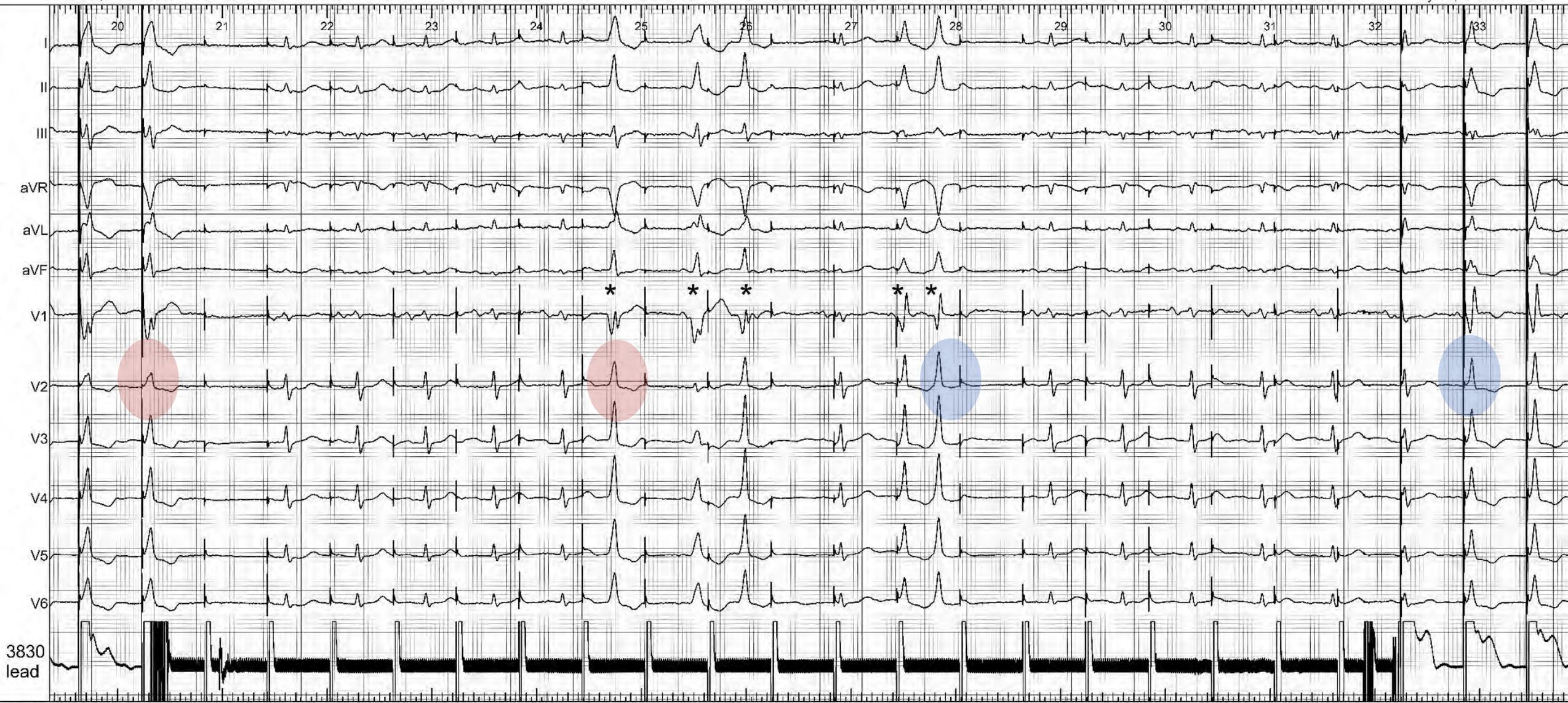
- A total of 339 patients and 1278 lead rotation events were analysed.
- Fixation beats were seen in 327/339 of final lead positions and in 9/939 of intermediate lead positions

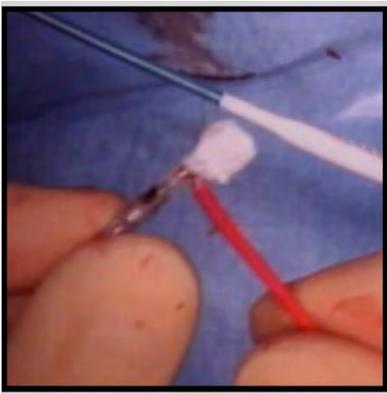


# deep septal fixation beats;

\* LBB area fixation beats

# Fixation beats

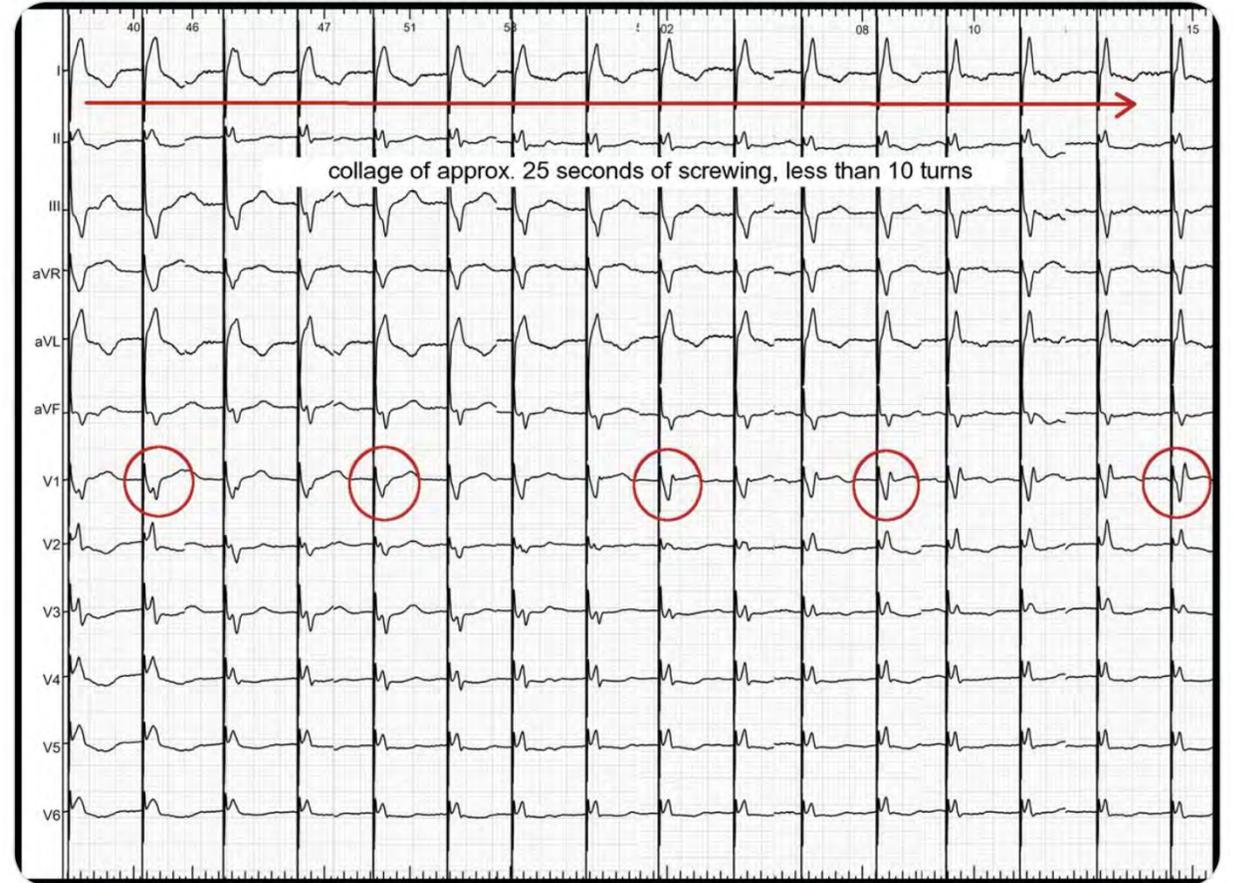
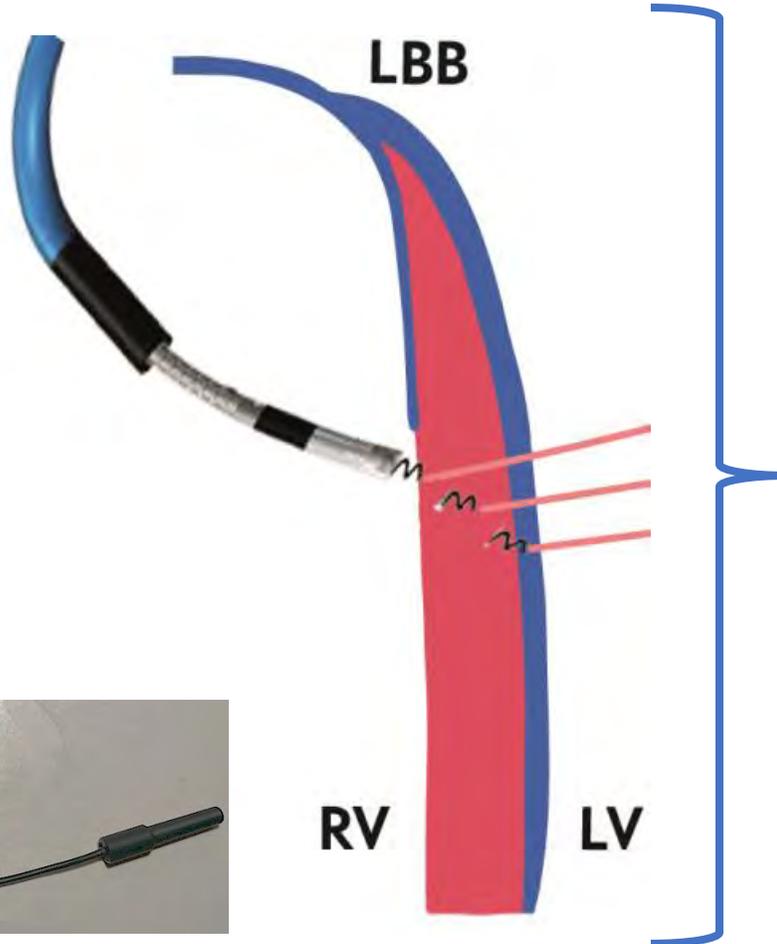




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Pacemapping while screwing technique prevents overscrewing. Uninterrupted pacing visualizes QRS morphology change and moment of LBB capture. Magic. Could not stabilize C315 at HB region so decided for LBB pacing: 25 sec and < 10 turns worked! #dontdisthehis @adribaran @MdHuang



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RV septum

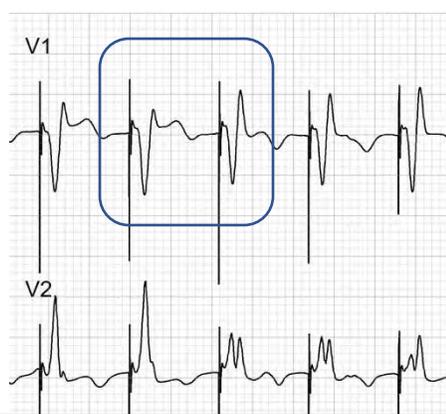
Deep septum

LV septum

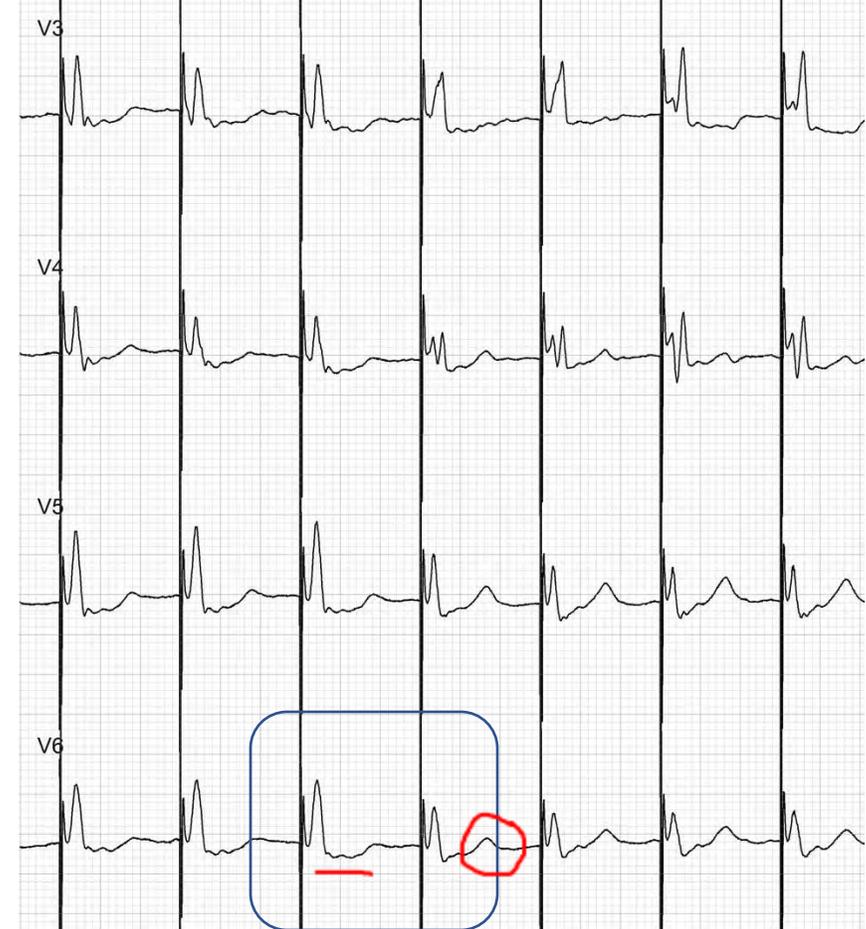
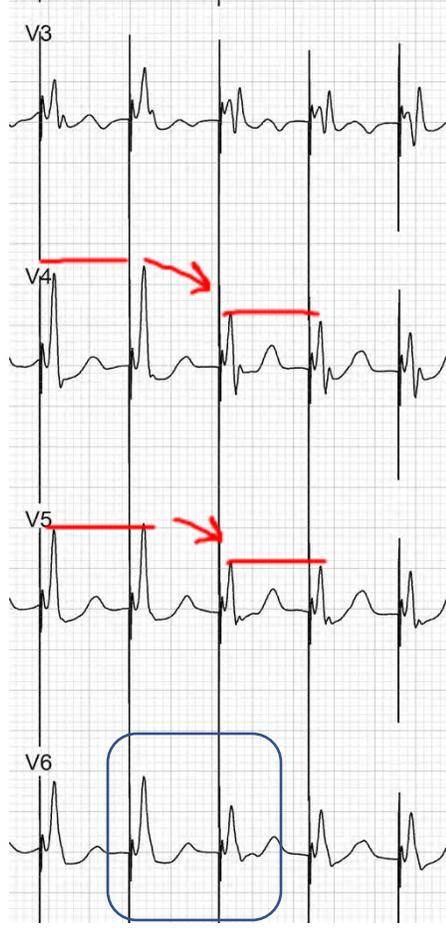
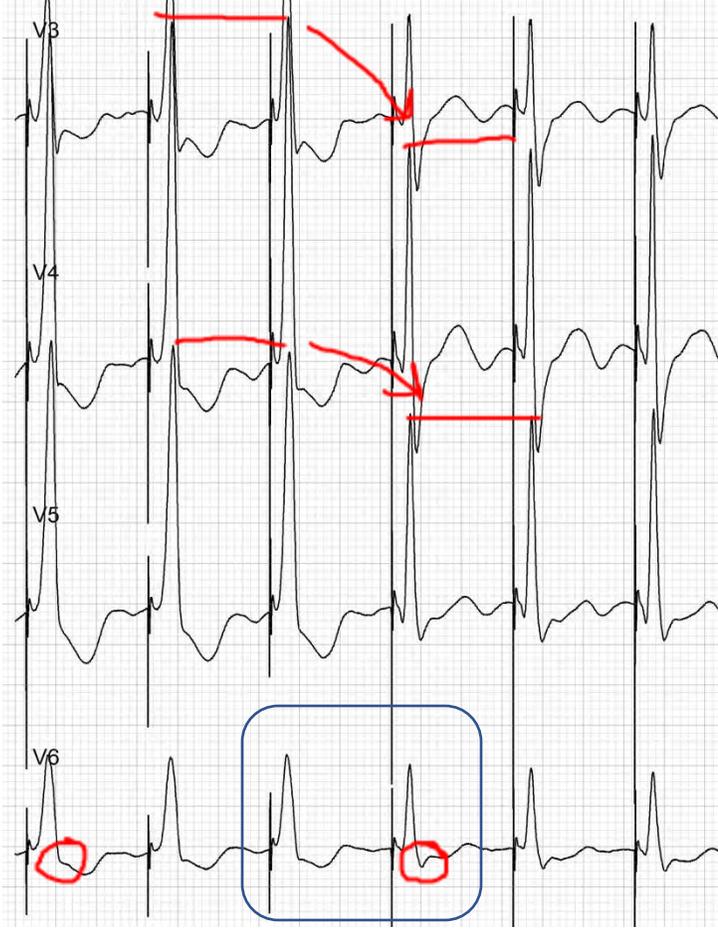
LBB capture



RWPT 124 124 121 121 104 100 100 100 96 96 84 84 84 84 76 68 68 68 [ms]



Sudden beat-to beat LBB capture as you rotate the lead



# Transseptal Transition Patterns During Left Bundle Branch Area Lead Implantation

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## ABSTRACT

**BACKGROUND** Continuous deep septal pacing and signal recording during implantation of left bundle branch pacing (LBBP) lead enables to monitor beat-to-beat changes of electrocardiogram (ECG) and myocardial current of injury (COI) as the lead crosses the septum.

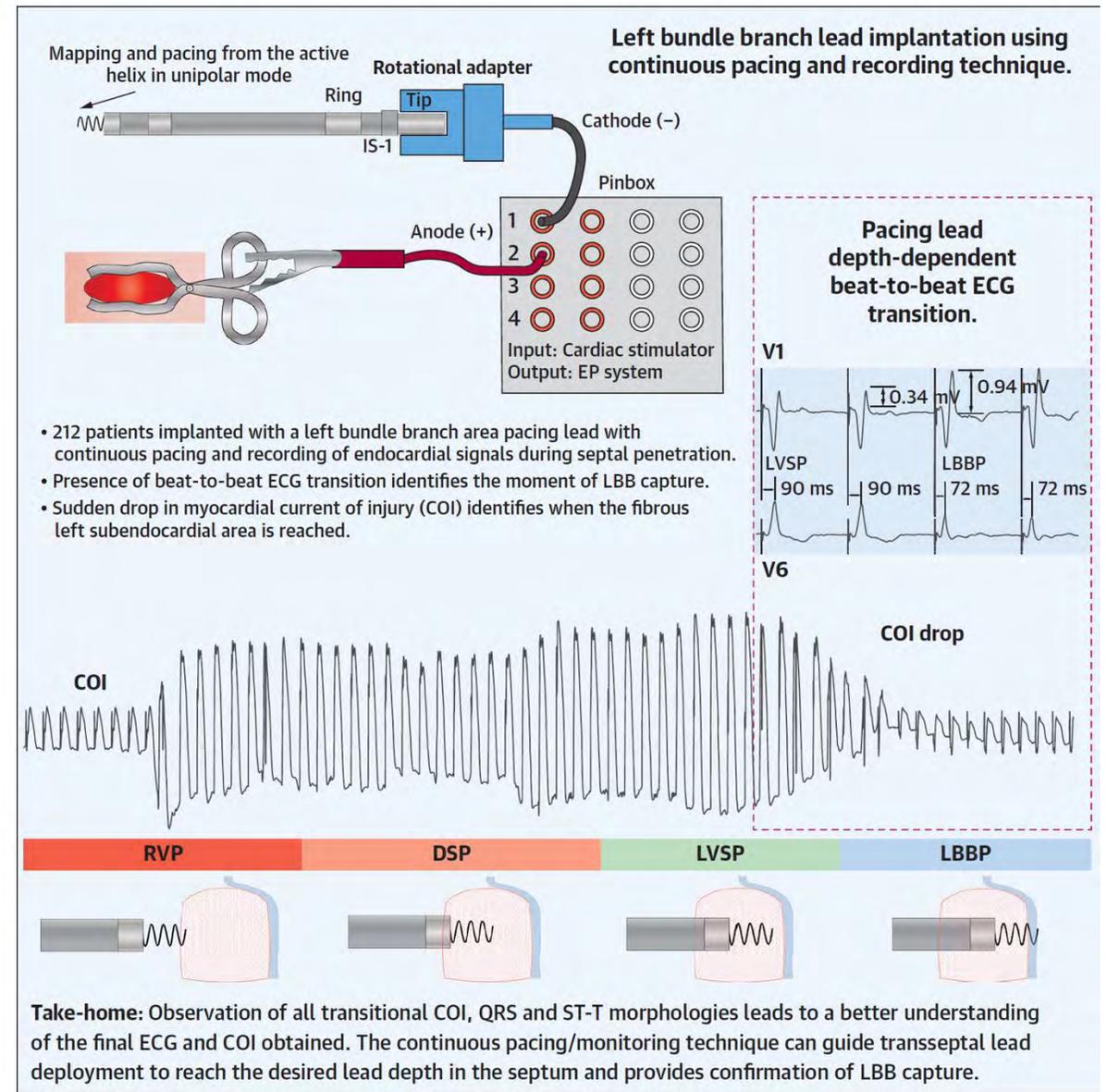
**OBJECTIVES** This study aimed to characterize patterns of continuous QRS, ST-T, and COI change for monitoring of the lead depth and instantaneous determination of the obtained capture type (LBBP vs left ventricular septal pacing [LVSP]).

**METHODS** The ECG and COI during lead implantation were scrutinized for sudden changes of V<sub>6</sub> R-wave peak time, V<sub>1</sub> initial and terminal R-wave amplitude, V<sub>3</sub>-V<sub>6</sub> R-wave amplitude, repolarization pattern and S-wave amplitude in I, V<sub>5</sub>-V<sub>6</sub>, and COI drop. The sudden and gradual transition patterns were diagnosed depending on the presence or absence of the above beat-to-beat ECG phenomena, respectively.

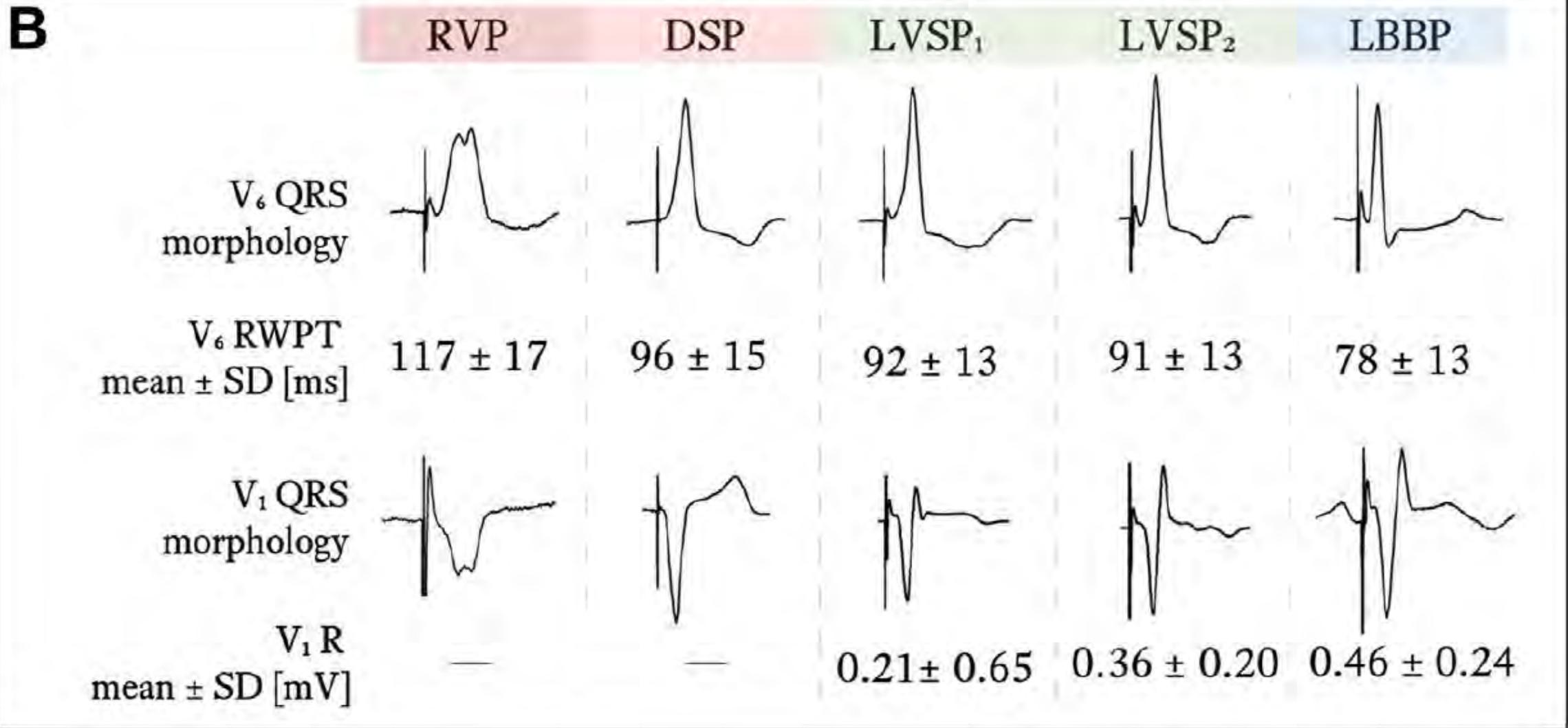
**RESULTS** A total of 212 pacemaker recipients were analyzed; LBBP and LVSP were obtained in 77.4% and 22.6%, respectively. There were  $4.7 \pm 2.1$  and  $0.2 \pm 0.6$  beat-to-beat phenomena in LBBP and LVSP patients, respectively. The sudden transition pattern, recognized in 80.7%, had sensitivity and specificity for LBBP diagnosis of 98.8% and 81.2%, respectively. A sudden drop of COI ( $29.4 \pm 8.5$  mV to  $12.8 \pm 4.9$  mV) was observed in 53.9% patients (LBBP was simultaneously obtained in 92.7%).

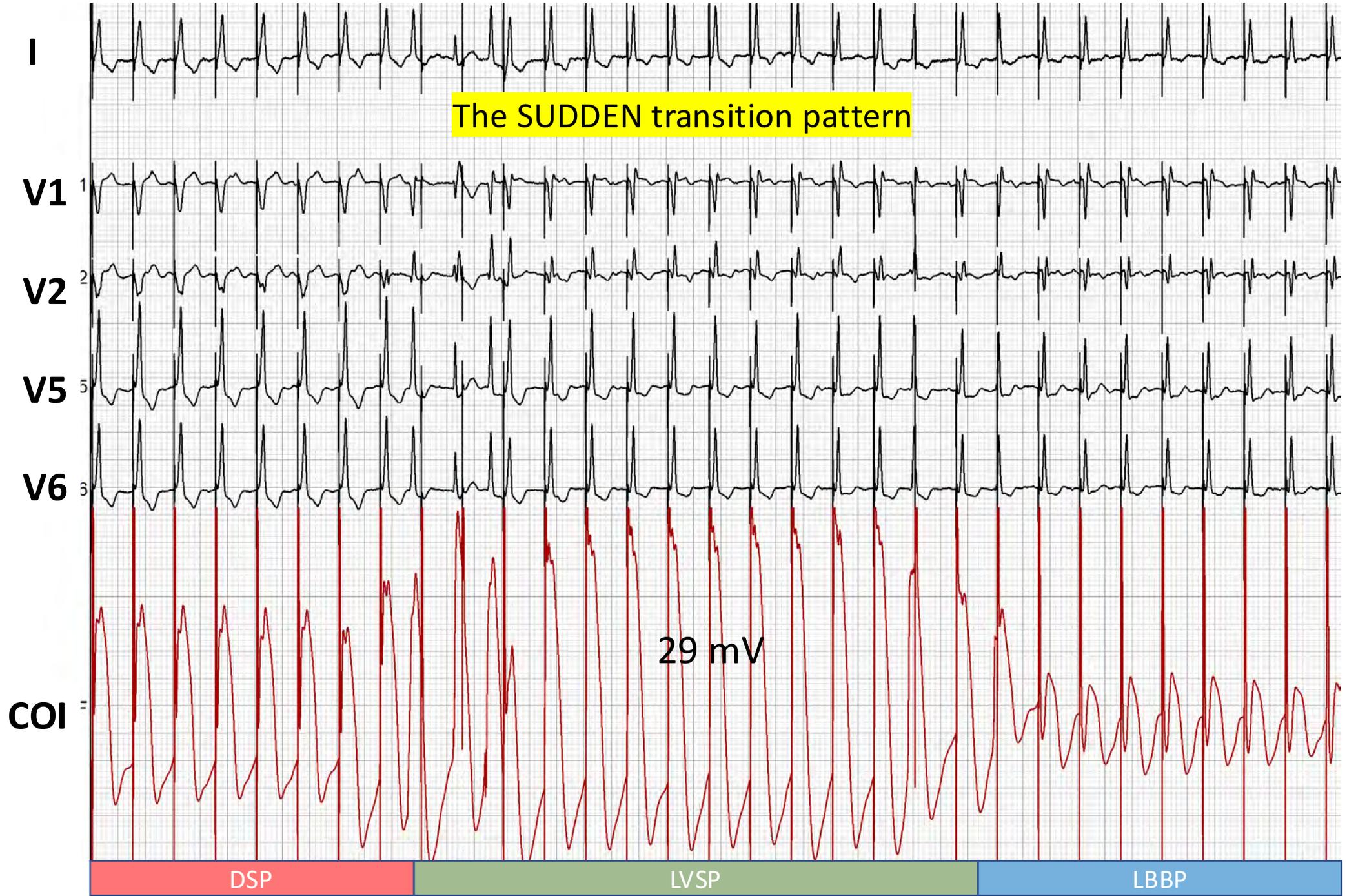
**CONCLUSIONS** Capture of left bundle branch during lead penetration is a beat-to-beat phenomenon. Two transseptal transition patterns were identified: 1) sudden, which is typical for obtaining LBBP; and 2) gradual, which is typical for obtaining LVSP. A sudden COI drop, a very observable phenomenon, also identified reaching the left subendocardial area. (JACC Clin Electrophysiol. 2024;■(■):■-■.) © 2024 by the American College of Cardiology Foundation.

## CENTRAL ILLUSTRATION Key Findings of the Transseptal Transition Patterns Analysis

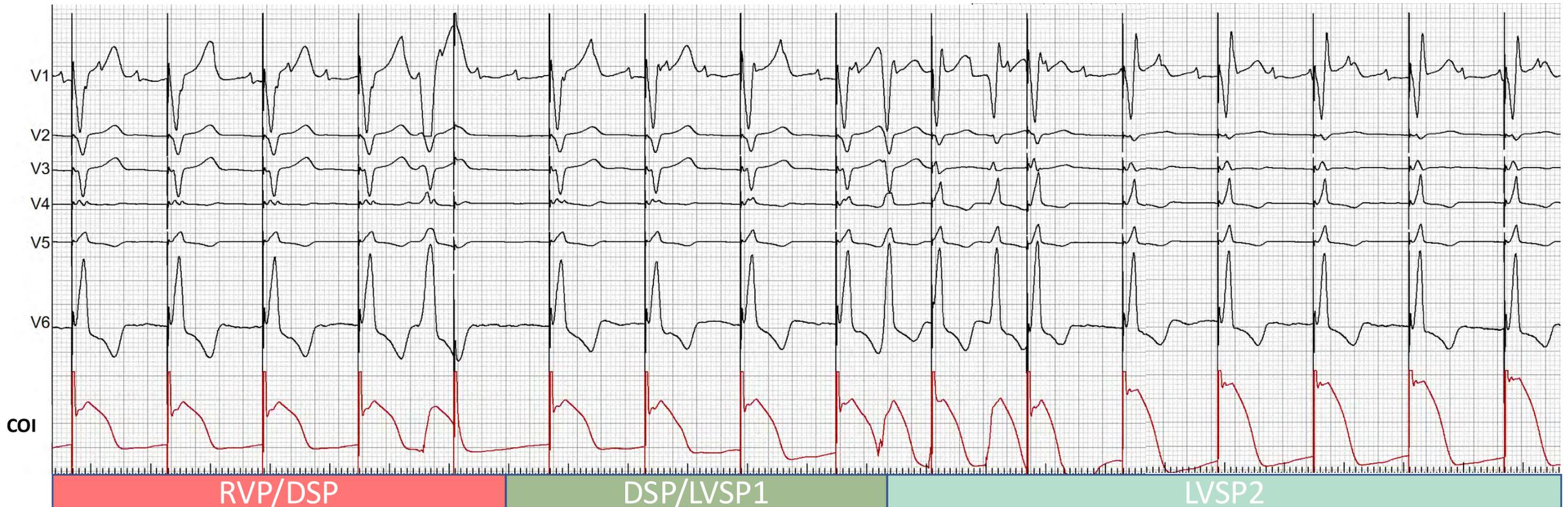


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## The GRADUAL transition pattern (II)



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**V6 RWPT: DSP 100 ms → LVSP(1) 97 ms → LVSP(2) 94 ms**



Gradual transition from DSP to LVSP can be observed. Next, after just 5 LVSP beats, sudden transition from LVSP to LBBP is seen. During the first transition, despite appearance of terminal R in V<sub>1</sub>, the myocardial COI remained the same and there were no beat-to-beat ECG phenomena. In contrast, the second transition is accompanied by 5 typical beat-to-beat changes in the paced ECG: shortening of the V<sub>6</sub>R wave peak time (V<sub>6</sub>RWPT), decrease in QRS amplitude, normalization of repolarization, appearance of the terminal s-wave in V<sub>6</sub>, and >100% increase in the terminal r-wave amplitude in V<sub>1</sub>. In addition, a sudden drop in myocardial COI occurred at the transition from LVSP to LBBP. Sweep speed 50 mm/s. Abbreviations as in [Figures 2 and 3](#).

**Thank You!**

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