

“de Winter” electrocardiogram pattern in inferior leads in proximal right coronary artery occlusion

Patrón de ECG de “de Winter” en derivaciones inferiores en oclusión RCA proximal

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A 58-year-old smoker man presented with acute retrosternal chest pain of 2 h duration. Electrocardiogram (ECG) showed 2 mm upsloping ST-segment depression at the J point in inferior leads with positive T waves, 1.5 mm ST elevation in lead aVR and reciprocal ST depression in lead I, as well as 1 mm ST elevation in lead V1 and V2 (Fig. 1). Urgent coronary angiography showed complete thrombotic occlusion of proximal right coronary artery (Fig. 2). The lesion was successfully treated with evacuation of the thrombus and placing a drug-eluting stent. ECG after procedure showed new Q waves in inferior leads (Fig. 3). Subsequent clinical course was uneventful.

Discussion

“de Winter” ECG pattern characterized by upsloping junctional ST-segment depression with positive and tall symmetrical T waves in precordial leads is considered ST elevation myocardial infarction (STEMI) equivalent and was first described in 2008¹. This pattern accounts for 2% of anterior STEMI cases and it is associated with proximal occlusion of the left anterior descending artery. A similar pattern in inferior leads has rarely been described in literature^{2,3}. In this patient, the ST elevation in V1-V2 is likely secondary to the right ventricular involvement. Other pathologies that manifest with ST

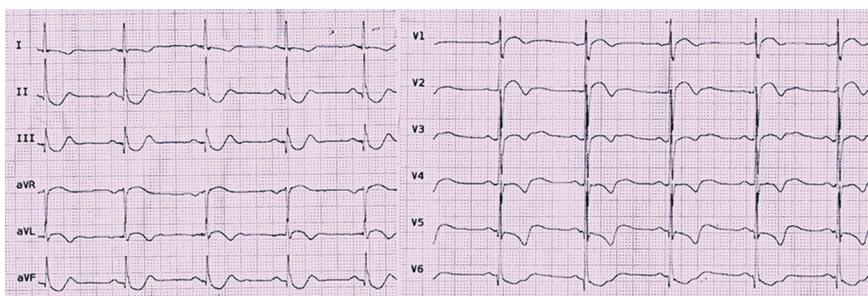


Figure 1. Electrocardiogram on presentation showing sinus rhythm, 2 mm upsloping ST-segment depression at the J point in inferior leads with positive T waves and 1.5 mm ST elevation in lead aVR, and 1 mm ST elevation in V1 and V2 and T inversion in anterior leads.

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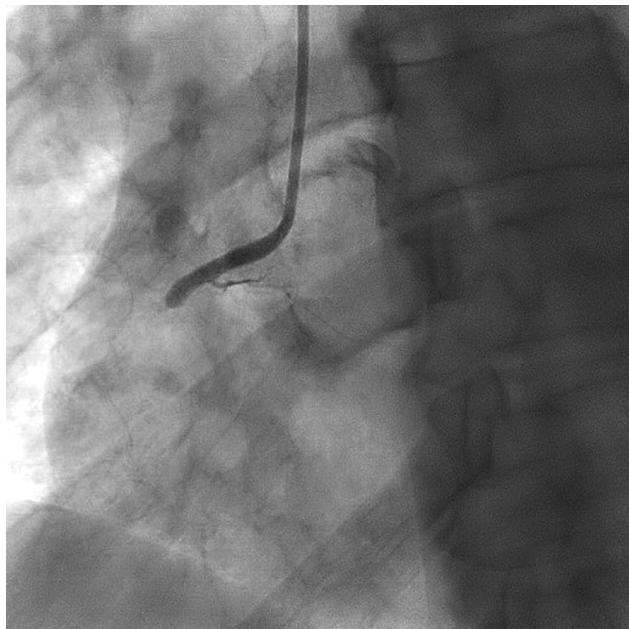


Figure 2. The right coronary angiogram in the left anterior oblique view showing the proximal occlusion of the right coronary artery.

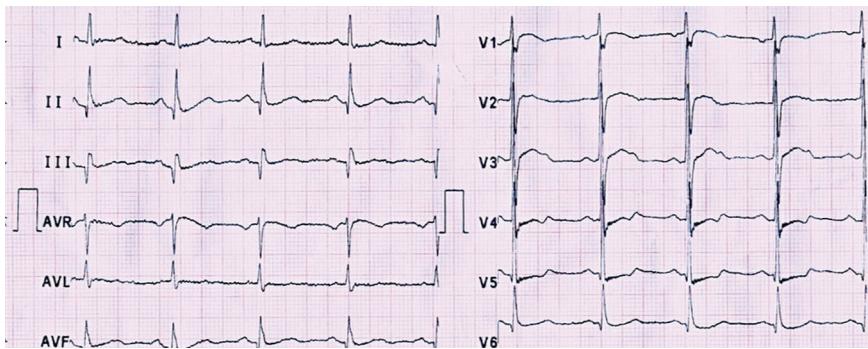


Figure 3. Electrocardiogram after the right coronary artery stenting showing new Q waves and resolution of upsloping ST-segment depression of J point in inferior leads.

elevation in V1 and V2 include hyperkalemia, Brugada syndrome, hypercalcemia, class IC antiarrhythmic medications, and left ventricular hypertrophy⁴. It is essential to recognize of this variation of STEMI to avoid unnecessary delays in reperfusion therapies.

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