RHYTHM PUZZLE QUESTION



An unexpected ECG finding

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Fig. 1 ECG at presentation

In this case we present a 51-year-old, female patient of Pakistani origin. Her medical history includes hepatitis C induced Child-Pugh B liver cirrhosis and she had recently been recently admitted to our hospital due to ascites with poor response to medical therapy. Currently the patient was

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referred to our emergency department because of nausea and abdominal discomfort. She had no cardiac medical history and a low cardiovascular risk profile. Physical examination revealed dehydration and mild diffuse abdominal pain. The patient was not experiencing fever. The laboratory results mainly showed hyperkalaemia (8.6 mmol/l). The cardiology consultant was contacted after the ECG (Fig. 1) was taken.

What is your diagnosis?

Answer

You will find the answer elsewhere in this issue.

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