

Therapies of the Future in LQTS

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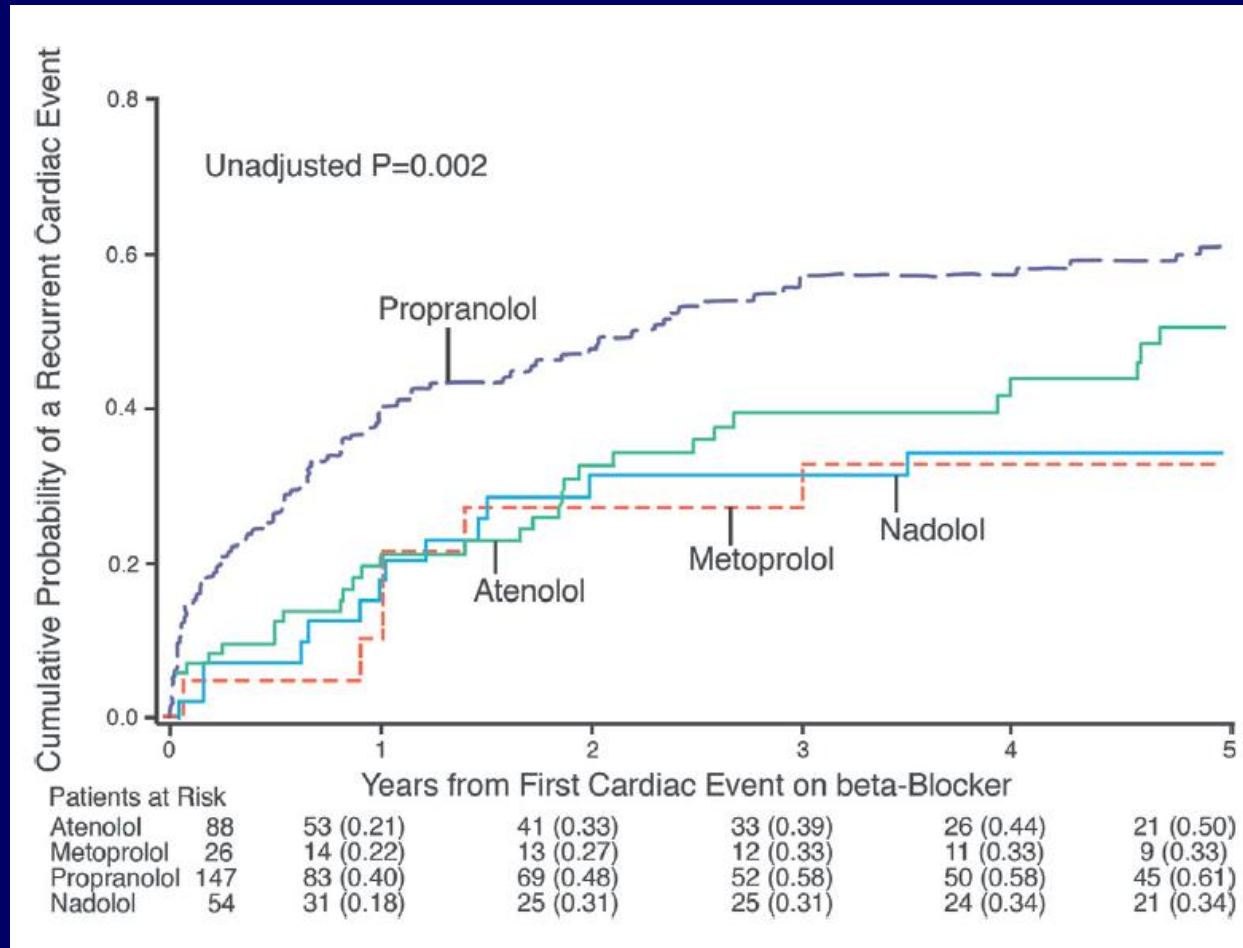
LQT1: Genotype- and Drug-Specific First Cardiac Event Rates on Beta-Blockers

Time-Dependent Variable	LQT1 (n = 379) (Total CE = 87)		
	First CE‡	Hazard Ratio§ (95% CI)	p Value
Atenolol	21/105 (20.0%)	0.43 (0.22-0.86)	0.02
Metoprolol	3/20 (15.0%)	0.44 (0.13-1.54)	0.2
Propranolol	26/72 (36.1%)	0.38 (0.19-0.73)	0.004
Nadolol	22/125 (17.6%)	0.50 (0.25-0.98)	0.04
Test of equality of 4 drug-specific hazard ratios ¶			0.83

LQT2: Genotype- and Drug-Specific First Cardiac Event Rates on Beta-Blockers

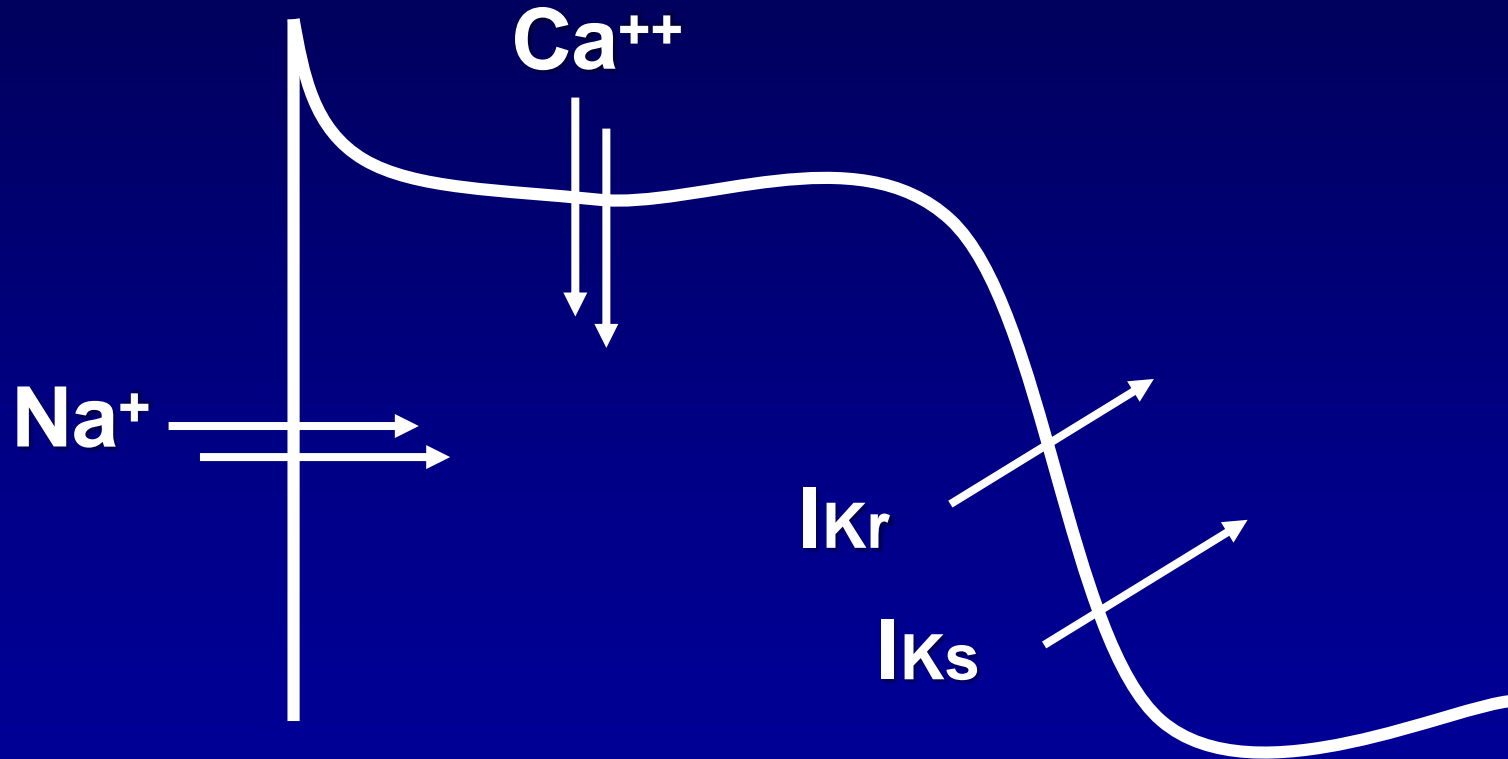
Time-Dependent Variable	LQT2 (n = 406) (Total CE = 85)		
	First CE‡	Hazard Ratio§ (95% CI)	p Value
Atenolol	28/114 (24.6%)	1.04 (0.48-2.27)	0.92
Metoprolol	10/46 (21.7%)	0.82 (0.32-2.09)	0.67
Propranolol	28/100 (28.0%)	0.65 (0.29-1.42)	0.28
Nadolol	10/109 (9.2%)	0.40 (0.16-0.98)	0.04
Test of equality of 4 drug-specific hazard ratios ¶			0.04

Cumulative Probability of a Subsequent Cardiac Event Among Patients With Cardiac Event While Taking B-Blockers



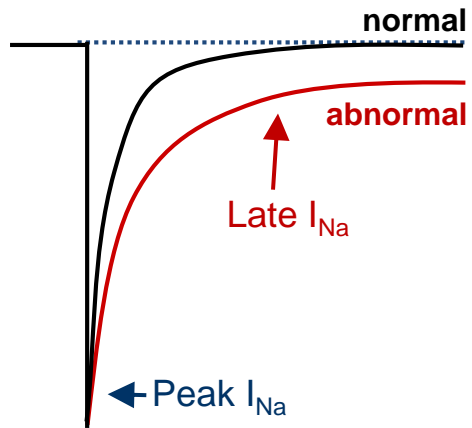
Abu-Zeitone et al. J Am Coll Cardiol 2014;64:1352–8

Ventricular Action Potential

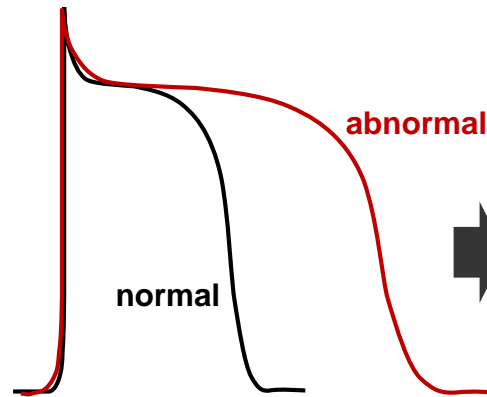


Proof of Pharmacological Activity of Late I_{Na} Inhibitor in Humans

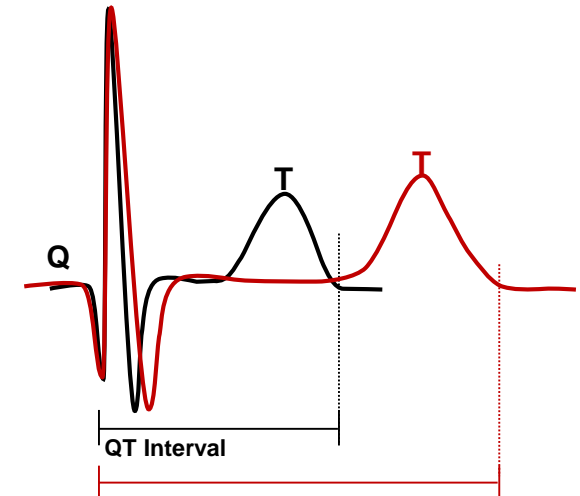
A. Enhanced late I_{Na}



B. Prolonged APD

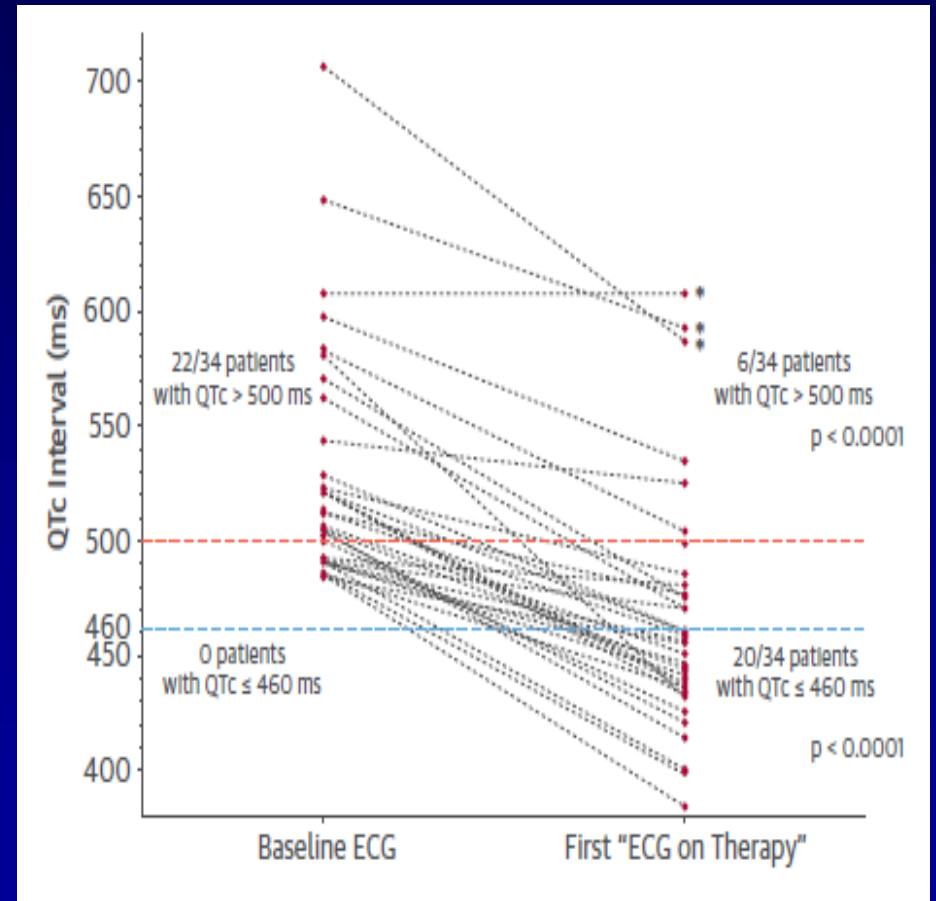
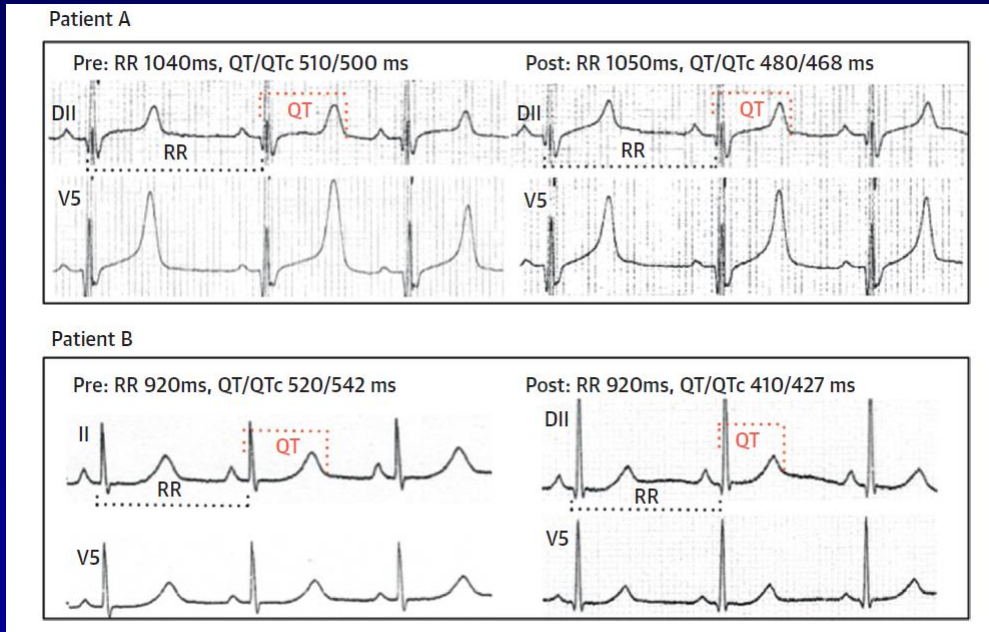


C. Prolonged QT

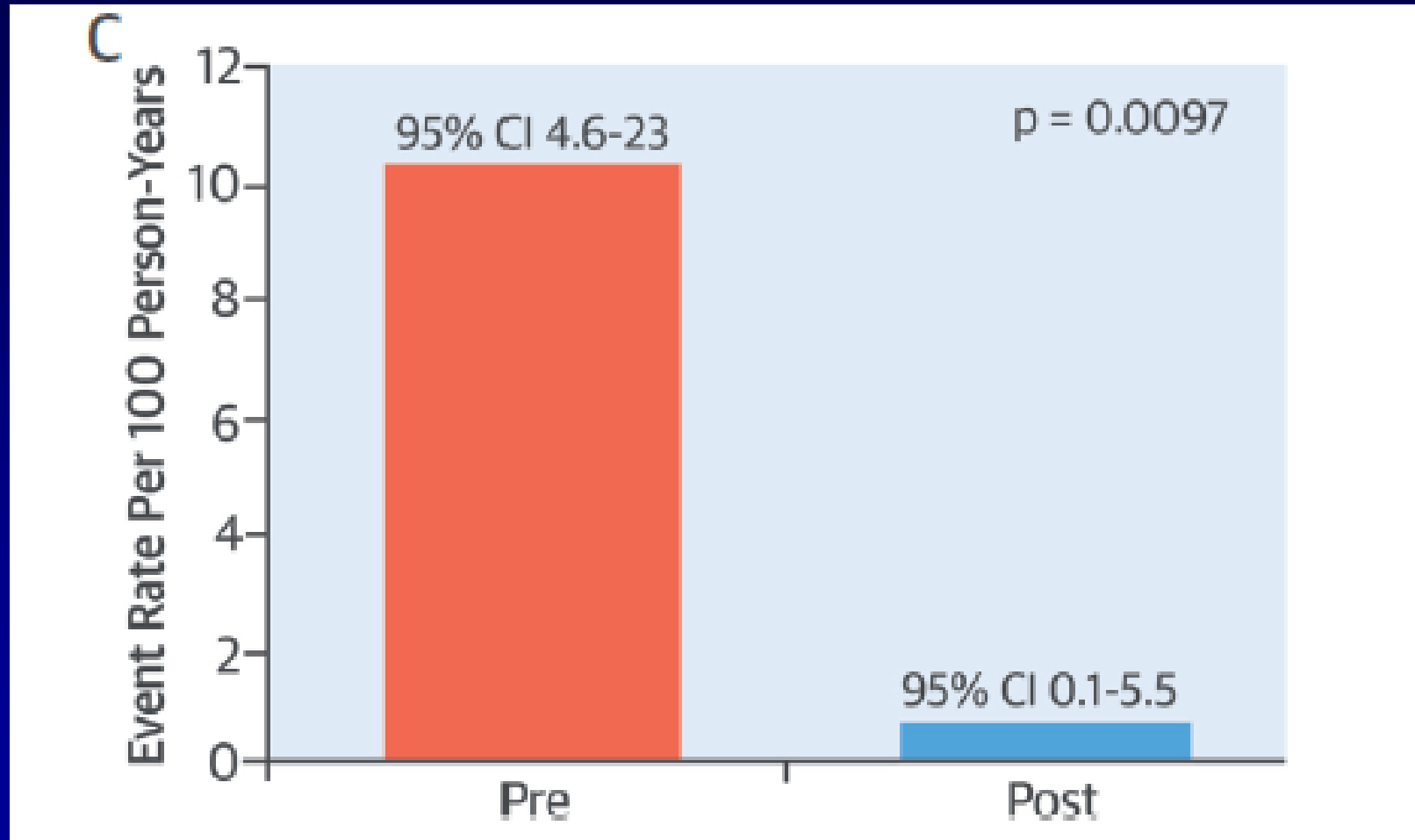


LQT3: A monogenic disorder caused by mutations in the *SCN5A* resulting in **enhanced late I_{Na}** , prolonged APD and QT

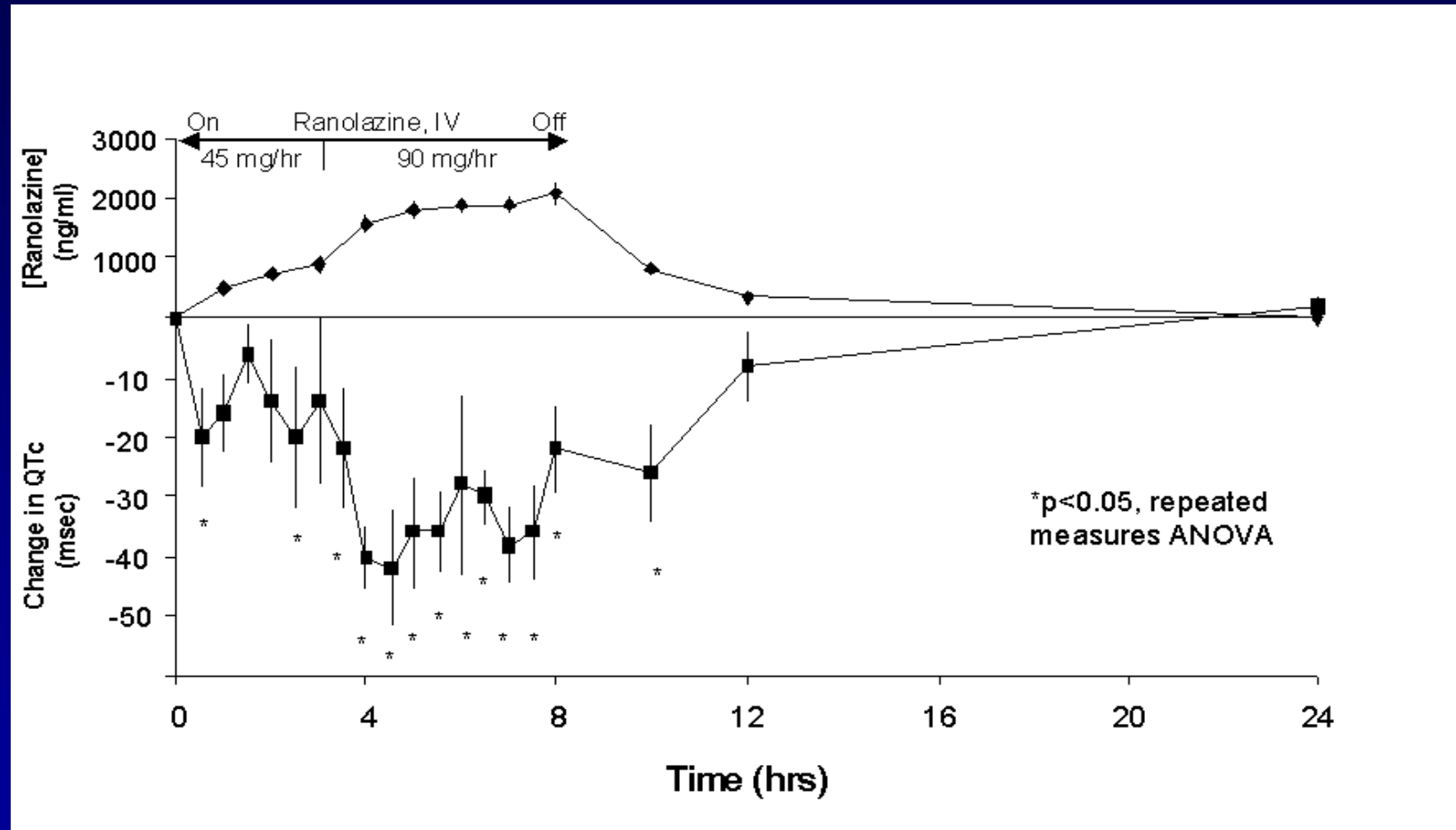
Effect of Mexiletine on QTc Interval Values



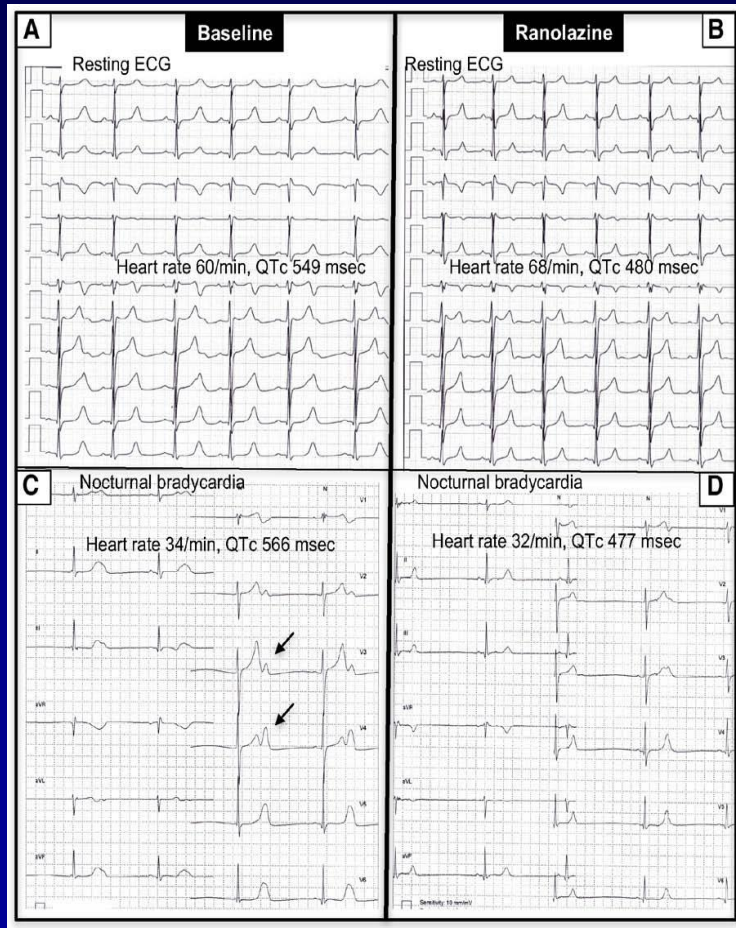
Effect of Mexiletine on Cardiac Events in LQT3 Patients



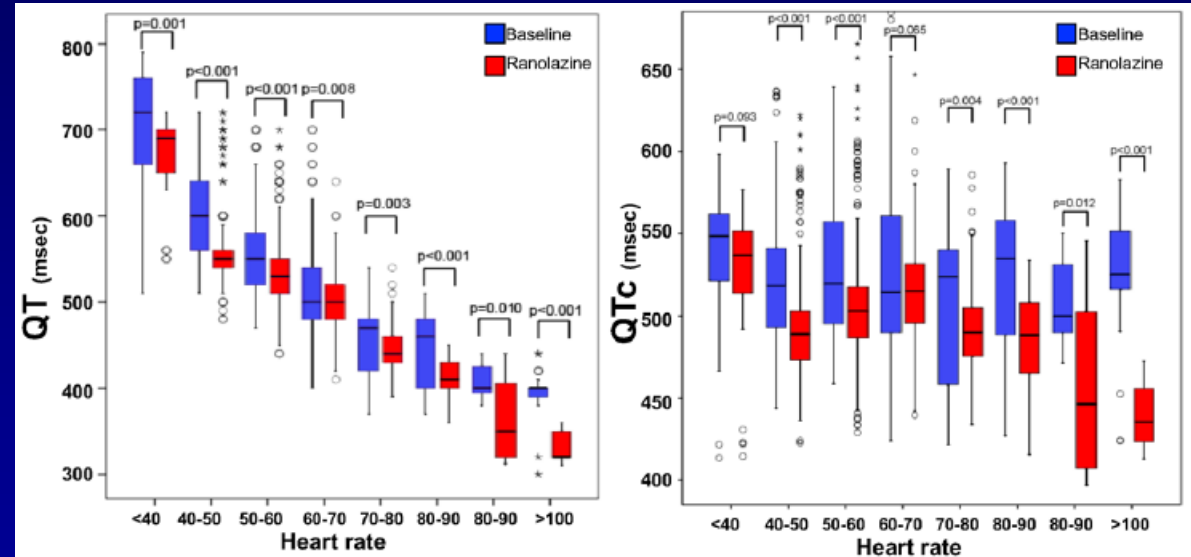
Time and dose-dependent effect of i.v. Ranolazine on QTc interval in the Δ KPQ LQT3 patients (n=5)



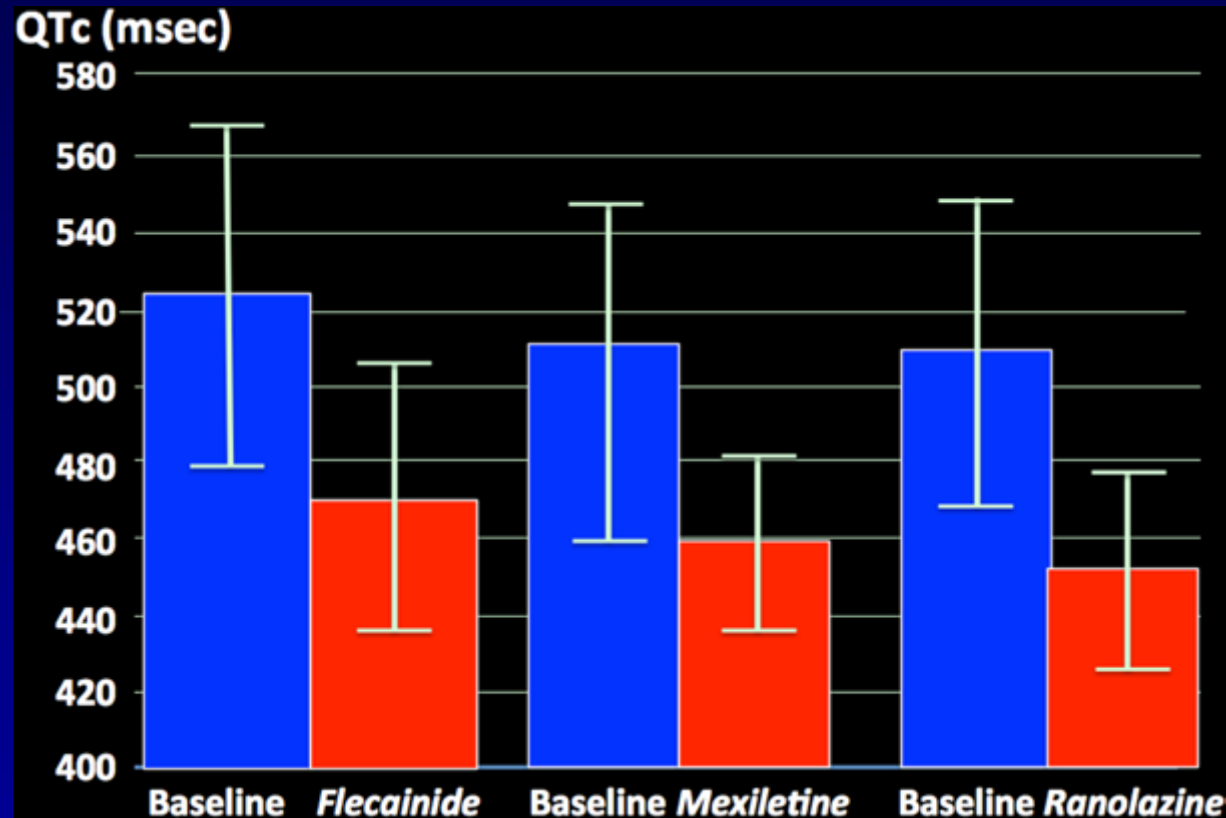
Ranolazine in the D1790G LQT3 Mutation (n=8)



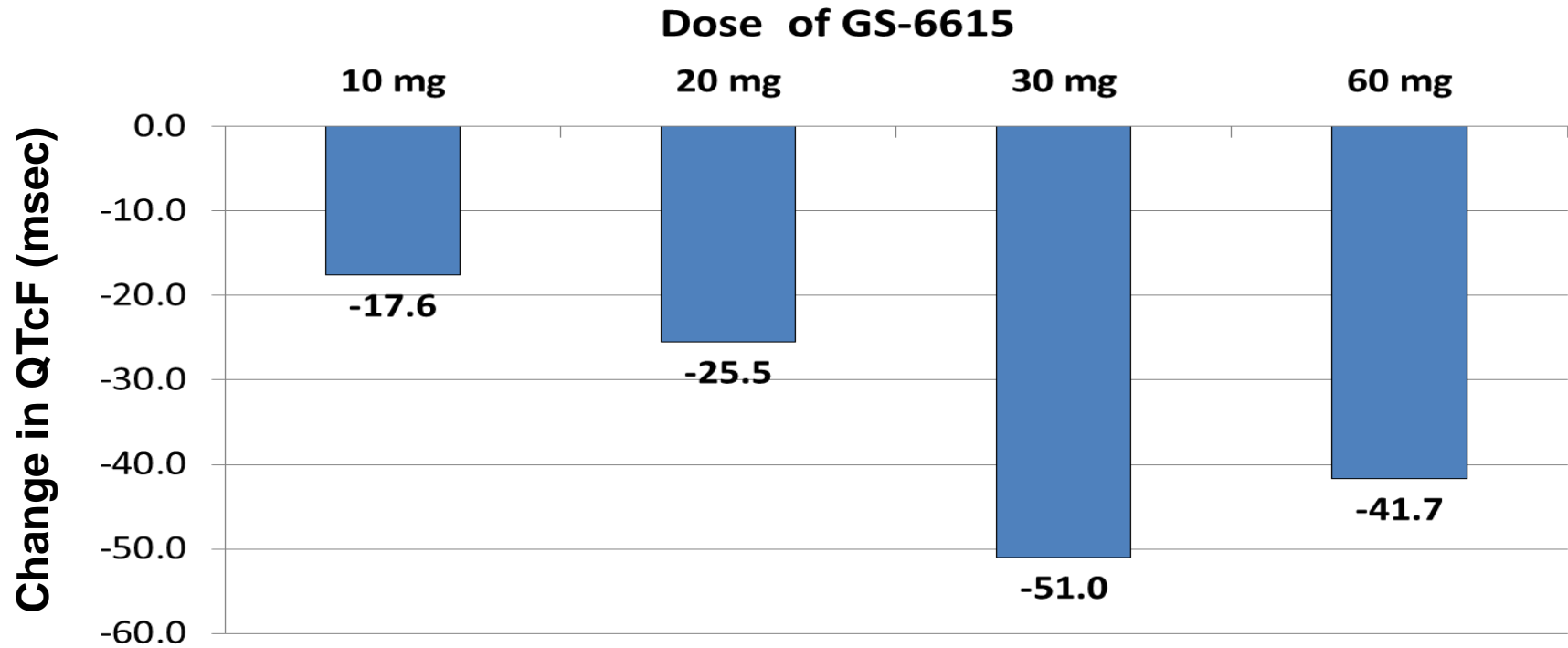
Ranolazine shortened the QTc from 509 ± 41 to 451 ± 26 ms, a mean decrease of 56 ± 52 ms (10.6%; $P=0.012$).



QT-shortening Effects of Different Sodium Channel Blocker in LQT3

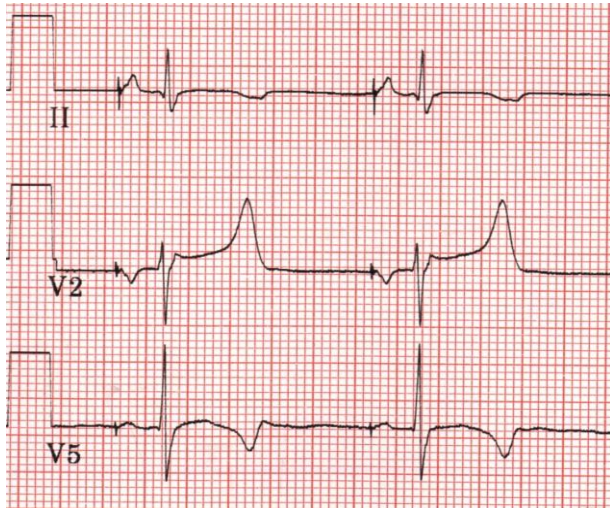


Average QTcF change in Lead V5 between 4-12 hrs after GS-6615 (Day 1 vs. Day -1)

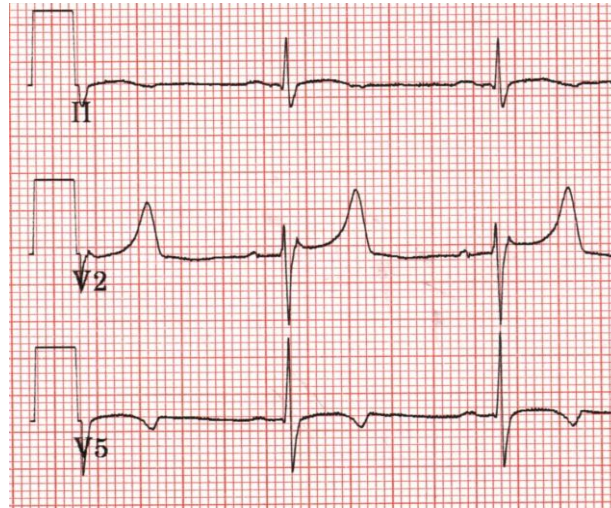


Doses	10 mg (n=3)	20 mg (n=3)	30 mg (n=3)	60 mg (n=4)
Mean Cmax (ng/mL)	119	237	300	638

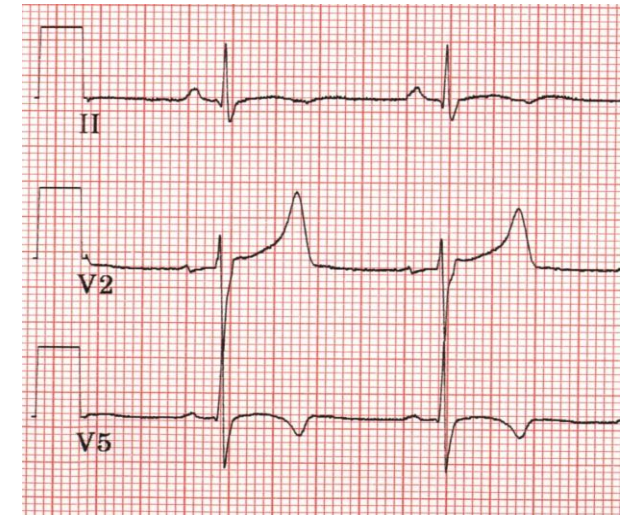
An Example: Time-Course (0-48 hrs Post-dose)



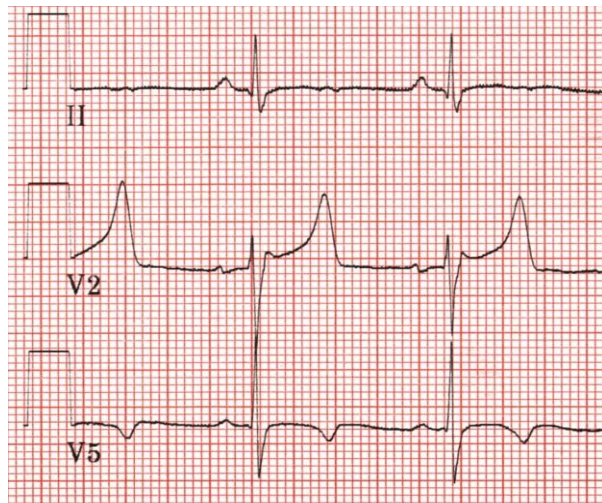
0 hours: $QTcF=508$ ms
RR=1200 ms; QT=540 ms



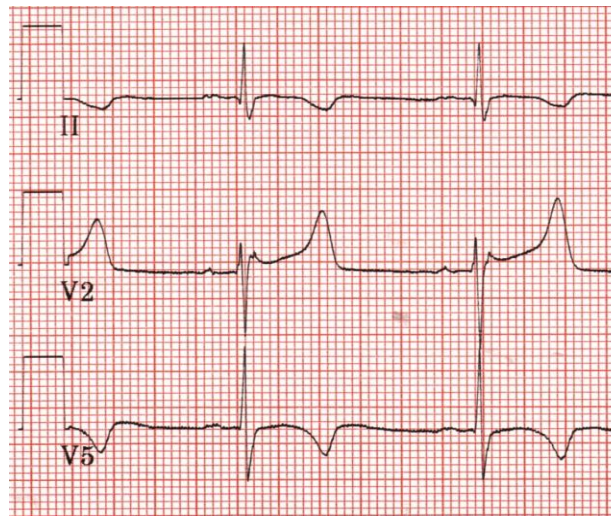
4 hours: $QTcF=440$ ms
RR=1060 ms; QT=440 ms



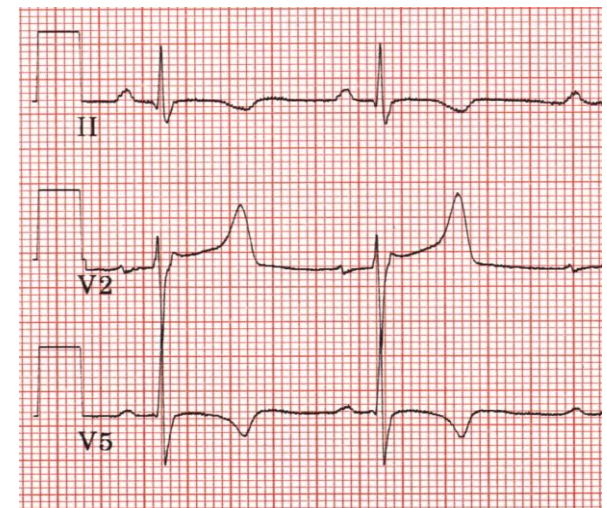
8 hours: $QTcF=457$ ms
RR=1020 ms; QT=460 ms



12 hours: $QTcF=449$ ms
RR=940 ms; QT=440 ms

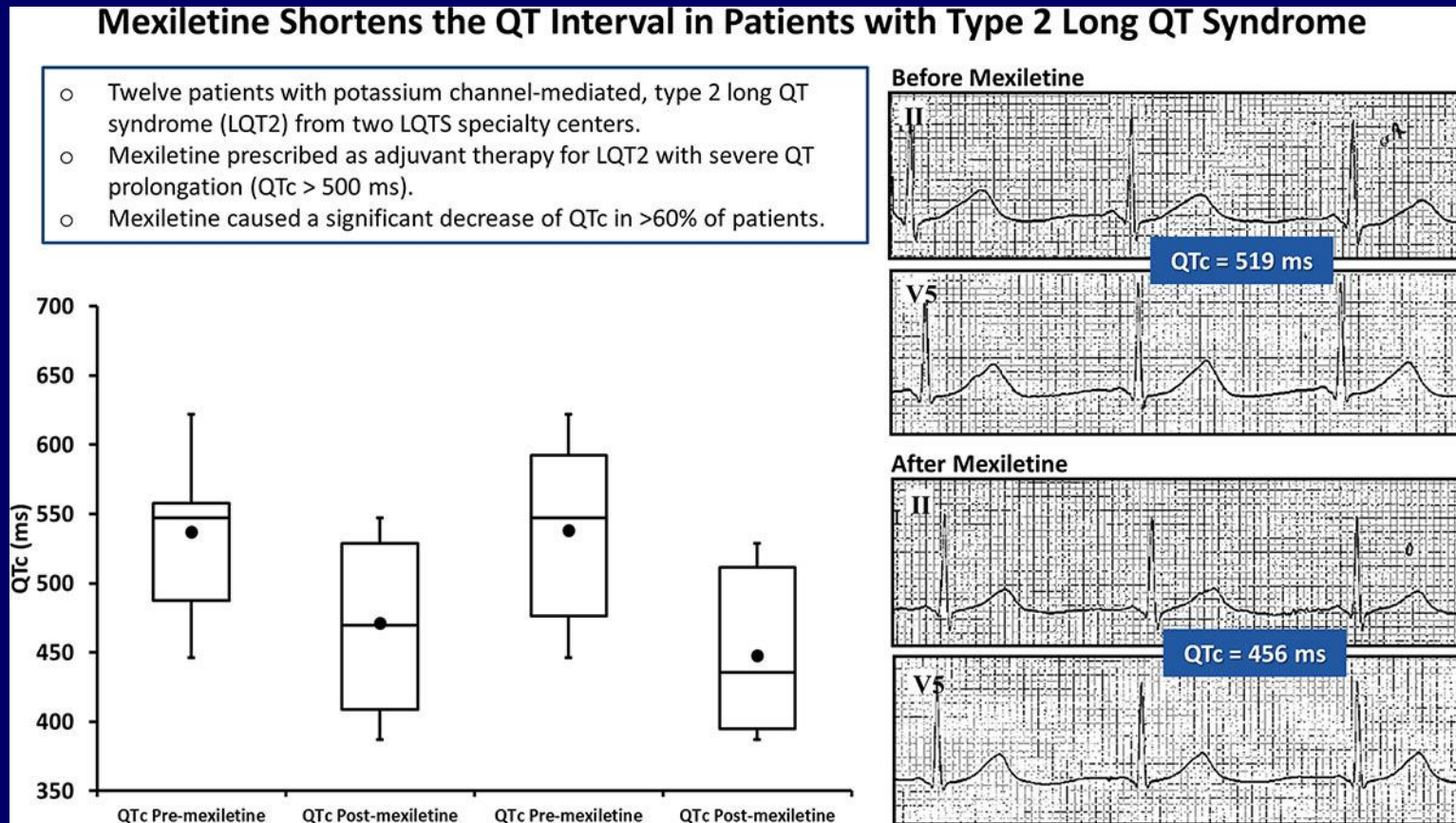


24 hours: $QTcF=460$ ms
RR=1140 ms; QT=480 ms



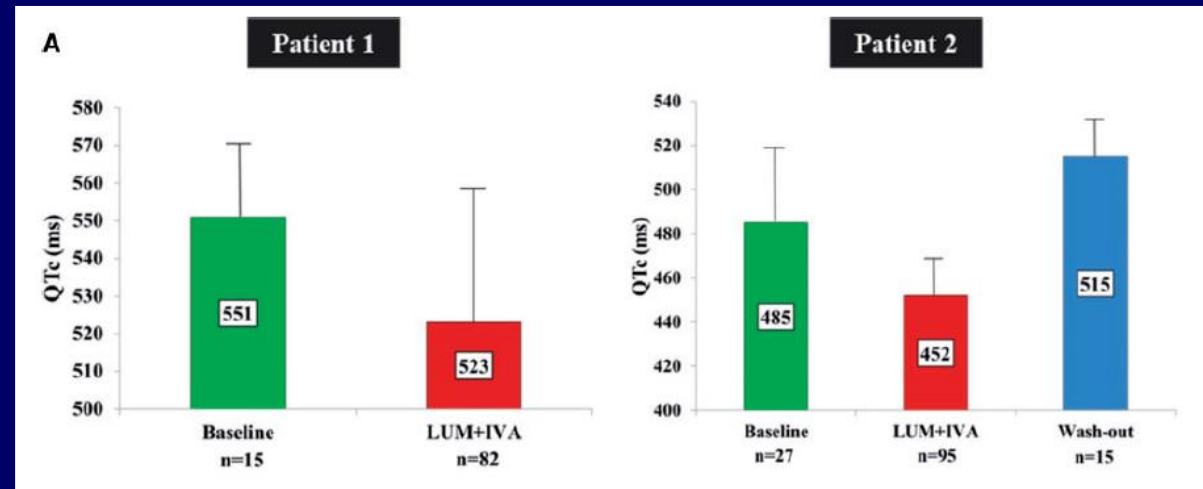
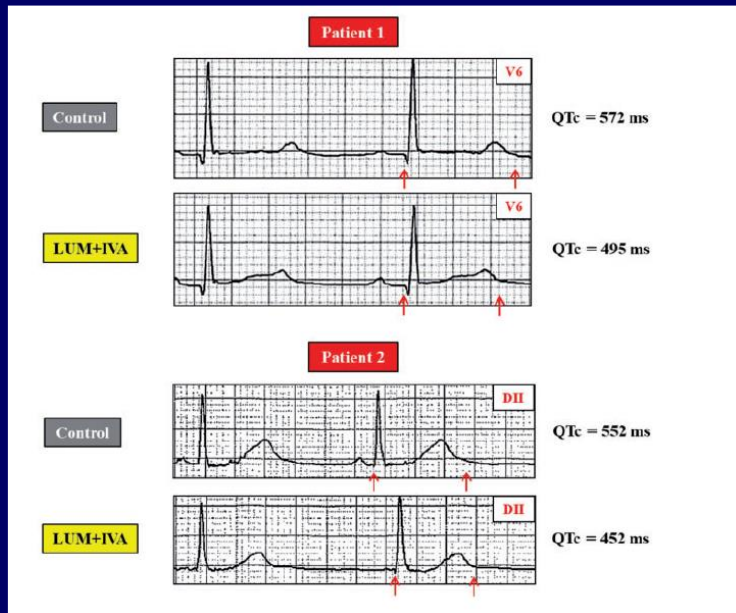
48 hours: $QTcF=500$ ms
RR=1000 ms; QT=500 ms

Mexiletine in LQT2 Patients: Median QTc Shortening by 65+/-45 ms (* pts >40 ms)



From patient-specific induced pluripotent stem cells to clinical translation in long QT syndrome Type 2

Schwartz et al. *European Heart Journal* (2019) 40, 1832–1836



Lumacaftor (VX-809) is an investigational treatment for patients with cystic fibrosis.

Patient recruitment (International - USA, France, Italy, Israel, Japan)

Recruit 350 patients with genetically confirmed LQTS 1-3, VUS in LQTS patients, and healthy controls

Somatic cell isolation → PBMCs

Maturation of iPSC-CMs

Circular shape (immature) → **Maturation** → Rod shape (mature)

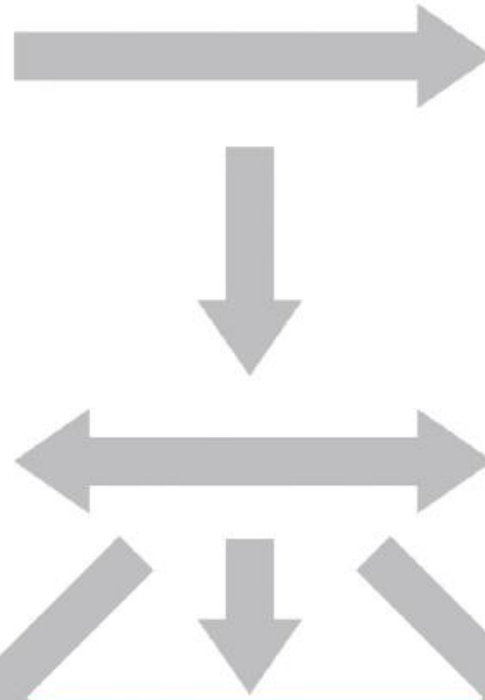
- Extended cultivation
- 3D microtissue
- Hormones and growth factors
- Matrigel mattress
- miRNAs etc

Action potential (immature) → Action potential (mature)
I_K ↑, Automaticity ↓

Determination of VUS pathogenicity

VUS i.d. → iPSC-CMs → Arrhythmia

iPSCs + Gene editing CRISPR/Cas9 → Phenotype correction



Reprogramming and differentiation

Patient-specific iPSCs → Control & disease-specific iPSC-CMs

Molecular & functional analysis

RNA Seq, MEA, Patch clamp, Metabolism, Microscopy, GEI

Modeling (diLQTS) and arrhythmias

- diLQTS iPSC biorepository
- Proarrhythmic drug testing
- Molecular mechanisms of diLQTS

Precision medicine

Drug repurposing from iPSCs to humans

Orkambi (FDA approved drug) → LQTS Pts. → Clinical trial

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LQTS Therapy Summary

- **LQTS patients with $QT_c > 550$, syncope on BB, multiple mutations or LQT2 mutation are at high risk of ICD shocks and benefit from ICD therapy**
- **Sodium current blockers might benefit LQT3 and LQT2 patients.**
- **BB and sodium current blocker therapies will be increasingly tailored to patient-specific mutations**
- **Pluripotent stem cell research provides opportunity to identify and develop new compounds acting on ion channels.**