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Dear Editor-in-Chief,

Please find enclosed to be considered for publication in the **“*Kardiologia Polska*”** as a “Clinical Vignette” our clinical case entitled “A cautionary tale of carotid sinus massage for narrow QRS tachycardia” by Panagiotis Antiochos, Brahim Harbaoui, Olivier Muller and Jürg Schläpfer.

We herein report the ECG case of a 72-year old woman presenting in the emergency department with sudden onset palpitations due to a regular narrow complex QRS tachycardia. The aim of presenting this case is twofold. Firstly, we highlight the necessary clinical steps for successfully diagnosing the precise mechanism of a regular narrow complex QRS tachycardia, with a focus on the ECG effects of carotid sinus massage as a diagnostic manoeuvre. Secondly, our present case represents the first report of facilitation in atrio-ventricular conduction of an atrial flutter induced by carotid sinus massage, resulting in tachycardia acceleration. We further provide insights into the potential mechanisms implicated in this novel ECG occurrence.

Our case should raise clinicians’ awareness of this rare possibility, when performing vagal manoeuvres for a regular narrow QRS tachycardia. By virtue of highlighting a novel aspect in the context of a common patient presentation and management in the emergency department, we are confident that our case is clinically relevant and will be of interest to the readership of **“*Kardiologia Polska*”**.

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Yours sincerely,

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