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Country cardiograms case 32

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A 53-year-old man presents to the emergency department of a rural British Columbia hospital, complaining of palpitations. The palpitations have been present for the past 6 months, but have been worse recently. He has associated dizziness and vague chest discomfort. He virtually never visits doctors, is on no medications, smokes a pack of cigarettes a day, drinks alco-

hol "in moderation," and drinks large volumes of coffee daily. Results of his ECG, taken while asymptomatic, are shown in Figure 1. The computerized interpretation reads "probable inferior subepicardial injury." What is your ECG diagnosis?

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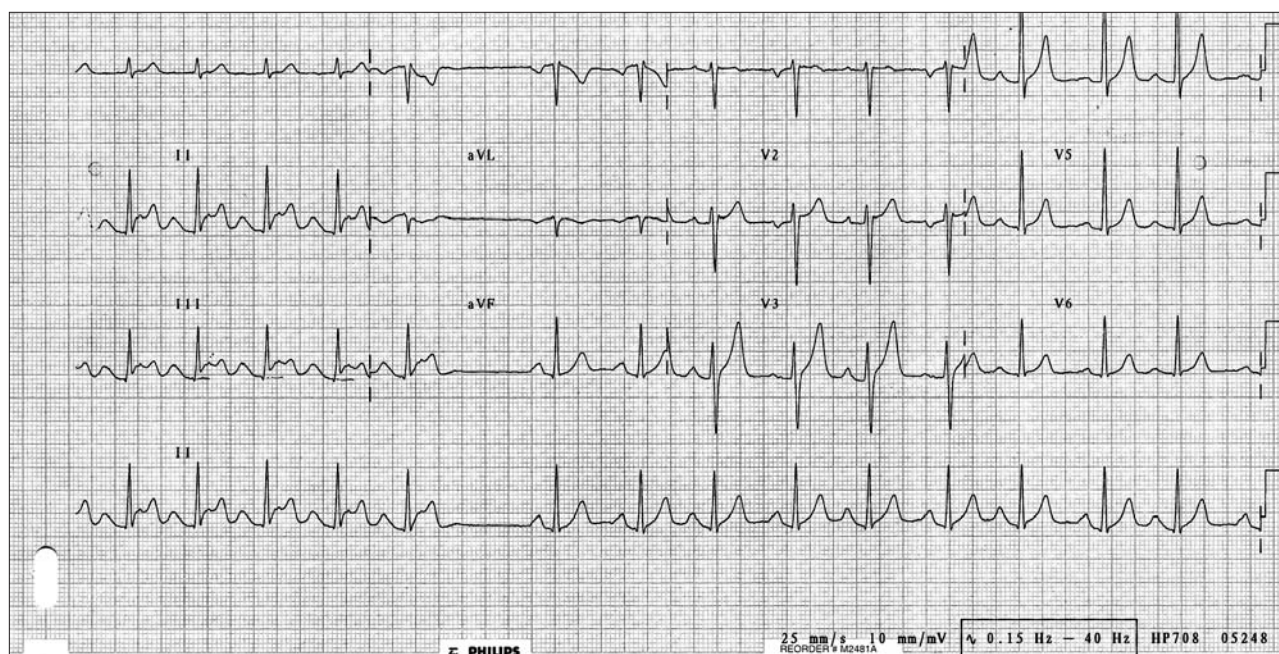


Fig. 1. Results of patient's ECG, which was taken when the patient was asymptomatic.

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