

in our patient who was closely monitored, but it is possible that a proportion of sudden deaths in anaphylaxis without respiratory manifestations could be due to serious rhythm disturbances related to QT prolongation. Routine electrocardiographic monitoring of the patients surviving immediate anaphylaxis would help in identifying electrocardiographic and rhythm disturbances.

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Correction

Asynchronous left ventricular wall motion early after coronary thrombosis *D Gibson, H Mehmél, F Schwarz, K Li, W Kübler* — We apologise to Dr Helmuth Mehmél for the misspelling of his name in our January issue (page 4).