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Title: Fusion beat in patients with heart failure treated with Left Ventricular Pacing: may ECG morphology relate to mechanical synchrony? A pilot study

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Dear Editor,

We are pleased to resubmit for publication the revised manuscript *Fusion beat in patients with heart failure treated with Left Ventricular Pacing: may ECG morphology relate to mechanical synchrony?* in accordance with the suggestions made by the reviewers.

1. Fig 1: C1-C6 were replaced by V1-V6.

2. In fig 10 were reported the variations (%) with respect to the basal condition LBBB. A comment was also added in the discussion: “It’s even clear that a setting that optimizes one parameter is not ideal for another one: probably electrical therapy cannot optimize all mechanical parameters in a homogeneous fashion and this should be taken into account when managing patients treated with CRT.”

3. References were updated in accordance with the journal standard.

4. Reference 29 and table 1 were corrected as indicated by the reviewer.