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Title: Diagnosis of right bundle branch block: a concordance study

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Abbreviations

Ethics approval and consent to participate

Consent for publication

Availability of data and material

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Response: I have introduced all the sections required after the Conclusions section.

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Response: The ECGs were encrypted, so each ECG was assigned a random number in the database, which did not allow the patient to be identified. In no cases were names, surnames or any data that could identify the patient used. No clinical data from patients were used during the study. Therefore, according to the Spanish Organic Law on Protection of Personal Data, the informed consent of the patients was not necessary.

The study protocol was reviewed and approved by the ethics committee of the Jordi Gol i Gurina Foundation, under registration number FAP 1204.

4. In the results section we note that you state that patients were between 16-97 years old however, in the abstract you state that all patients were over 18 years of age. Please clarify this.

Response: The ages of the patients were between 18-97 years old. It has been modified in the manuscript text.
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Response: The research design is a cross-sectional study, not a trial, so it does not require to be registered. It has been stated in the manuscript text.

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