

Doppler assessment of normal and complicated fetal heart

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Normal fetal Doppler assessment

- Doppler principles

Arterial Doppler:

- Uterine artery principles
- Umbilical artery Doppler
- Middle cerebral artery Doppler
- Aortic arch Doppler

Venous Doppler:

- Ductus venosus Doppler
- Umbilical vein Doppler
- Hepatic vein and IVC Doppler
- Pulmonary vein Doppler

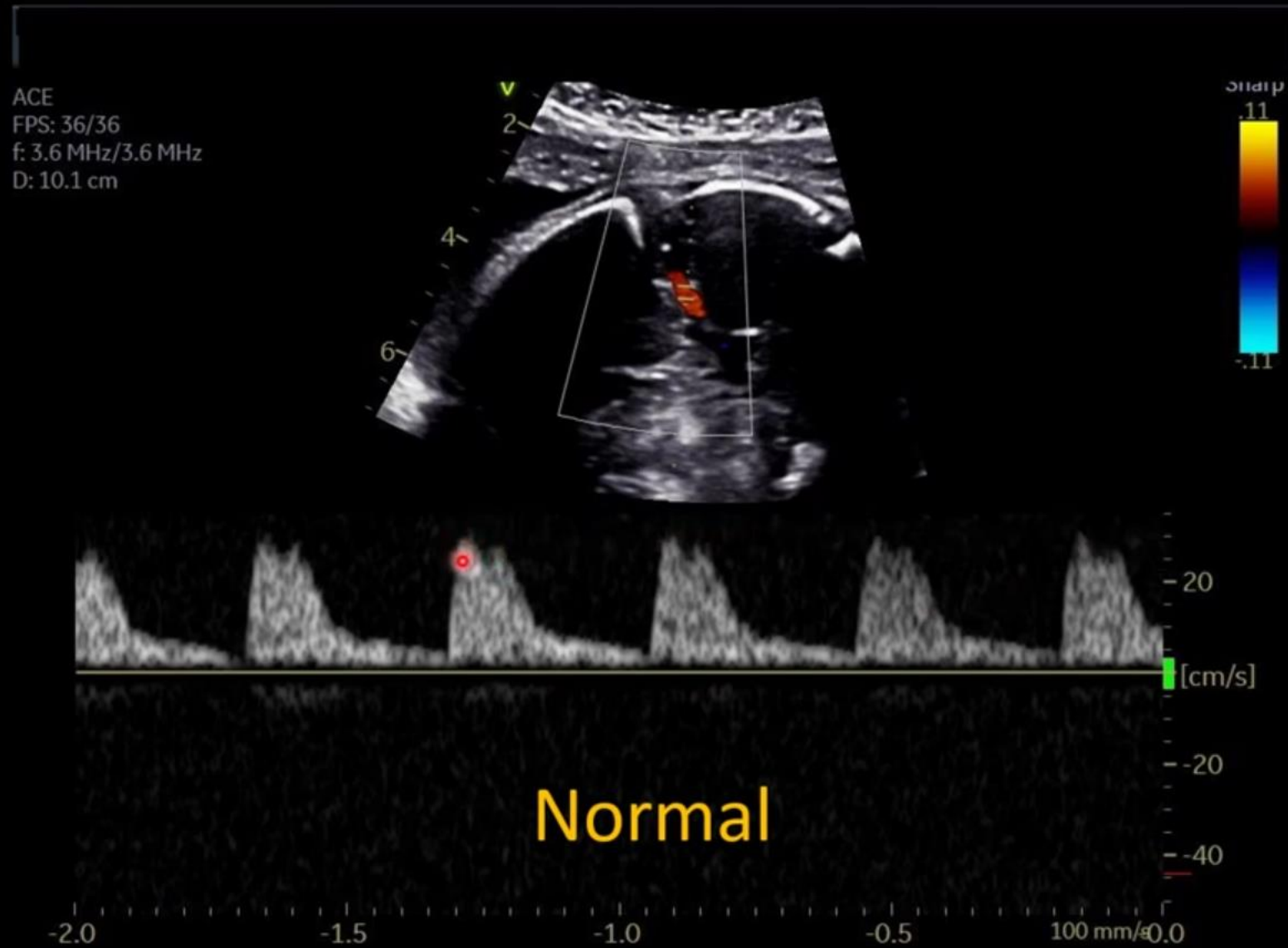
MCA Doppler (why)

123 radiology

Middle cerebral artery Doppler

- **Monitoring of IUGR fetuses, especially those with increased UA impedance:**
 - ✓ Measure PI, RI and S/D ratio
- **Non-invasive assessment of fetal anemia:**
 - ✓ Measure peak systolic velocity (PSV)

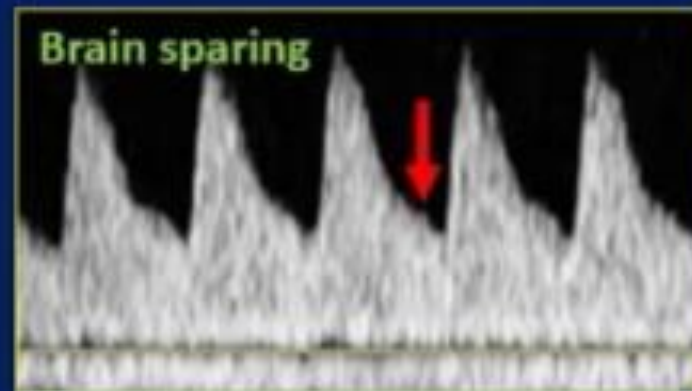
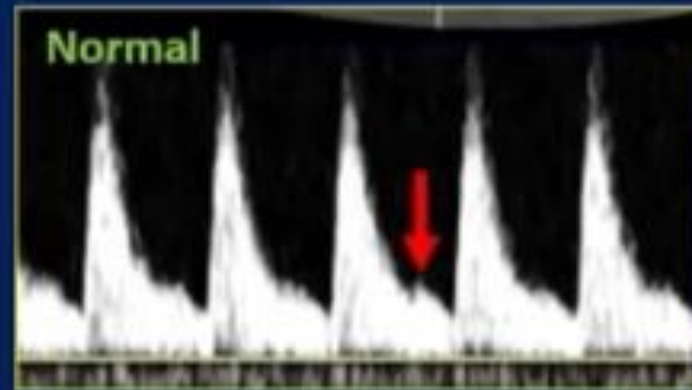
Middle cerebral artery



MCA Doppler (Abnormal)

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- Increased diastolic flow
(brain sparing)
- $PI < 5\text{th percentile}$ is
abnormal

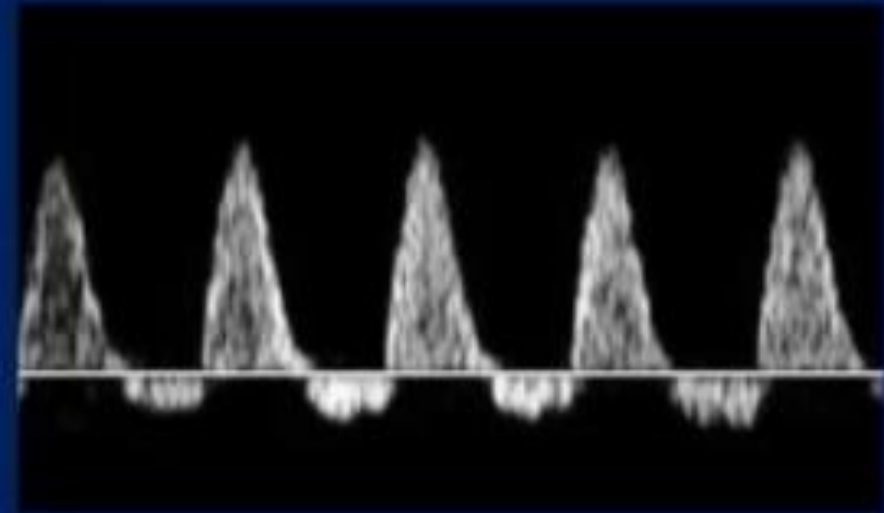


MCA Doppler (Pitfall)

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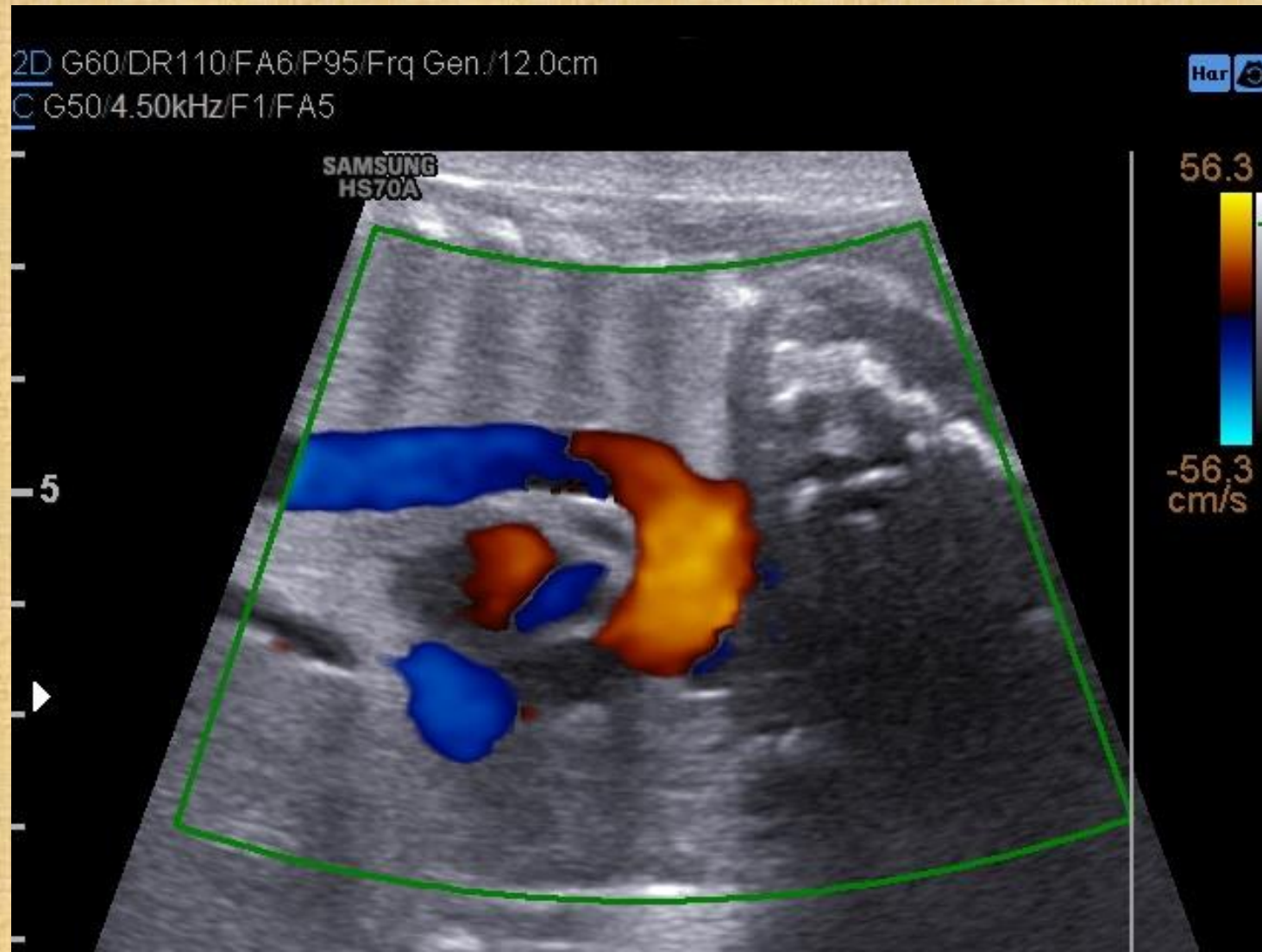
Causes of reversed diastolic flow in MCA:

- Often due to compression on the fetal head by the probe
- Impending fetal death
- Cardiac anomalies.



Middle cerebral artery Doppler

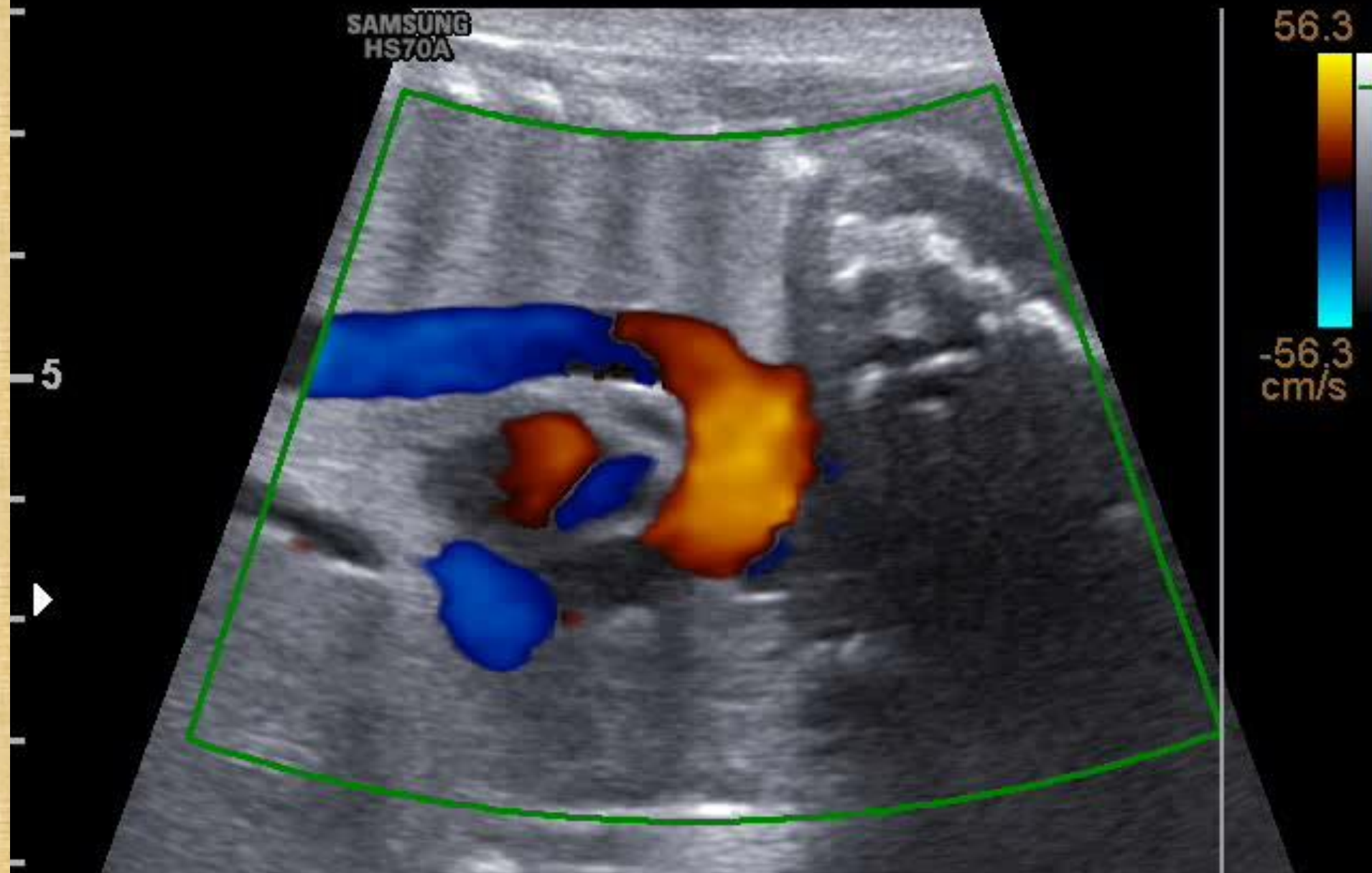
Aortic and Ductal arch Dopplers



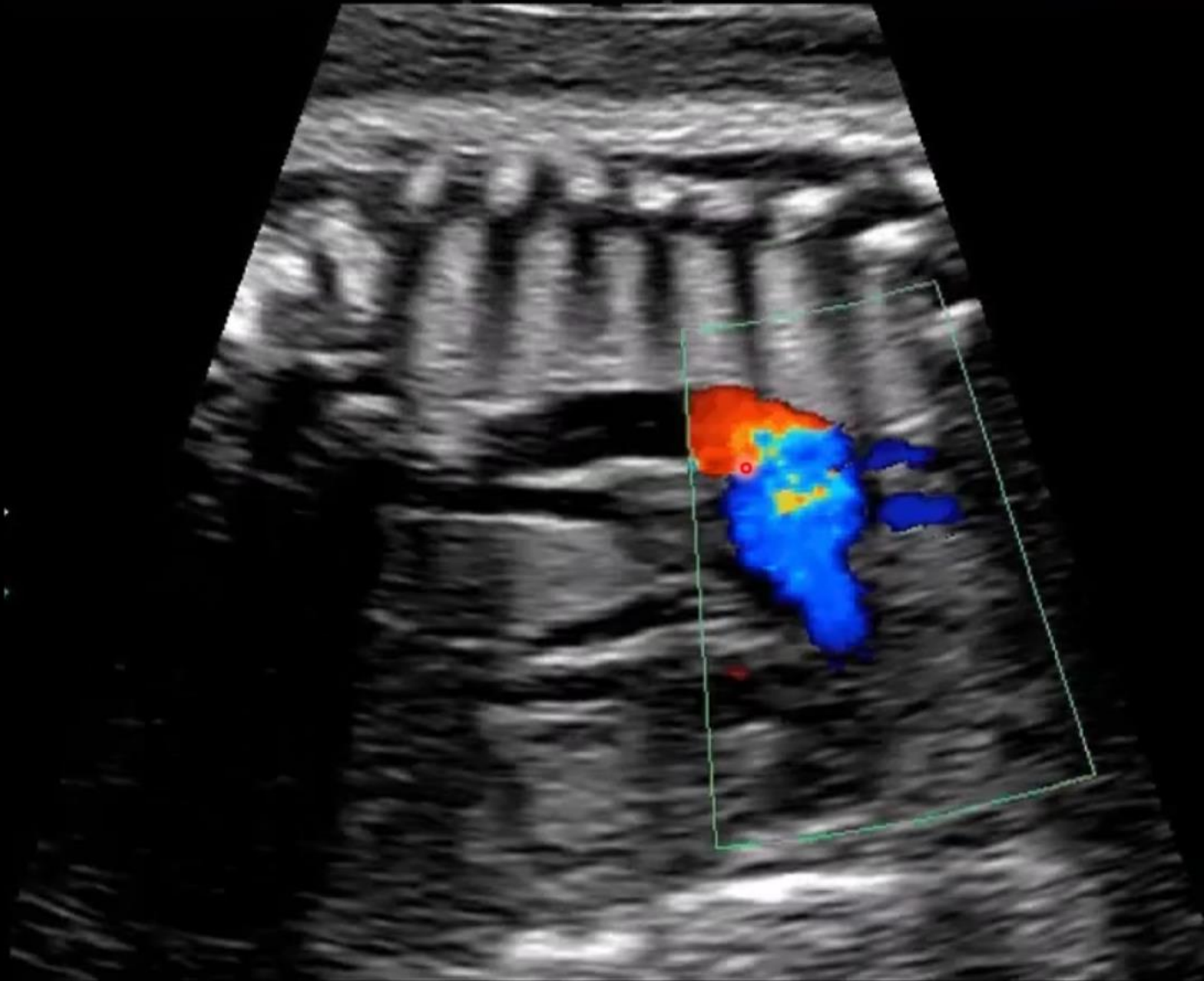
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HS70A



Obstructive lesions: HLHS



HS70A

CV1-8A / FetalHeart-Pen / FR 12Hz

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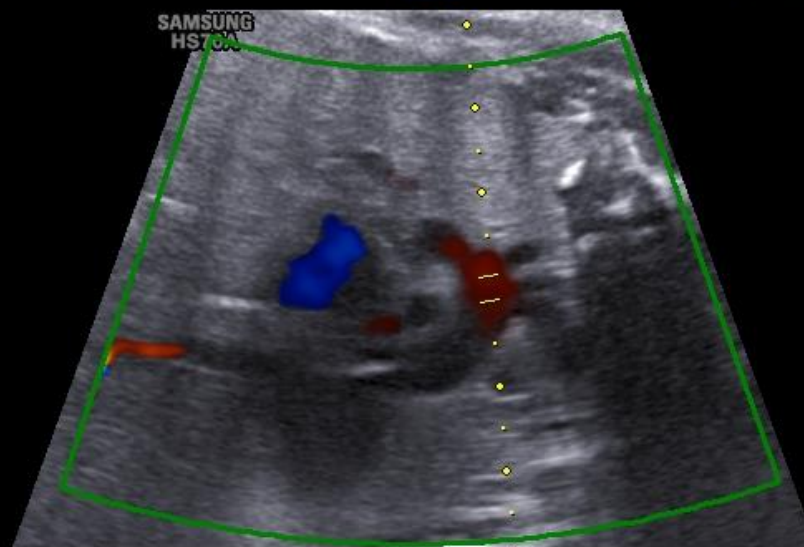
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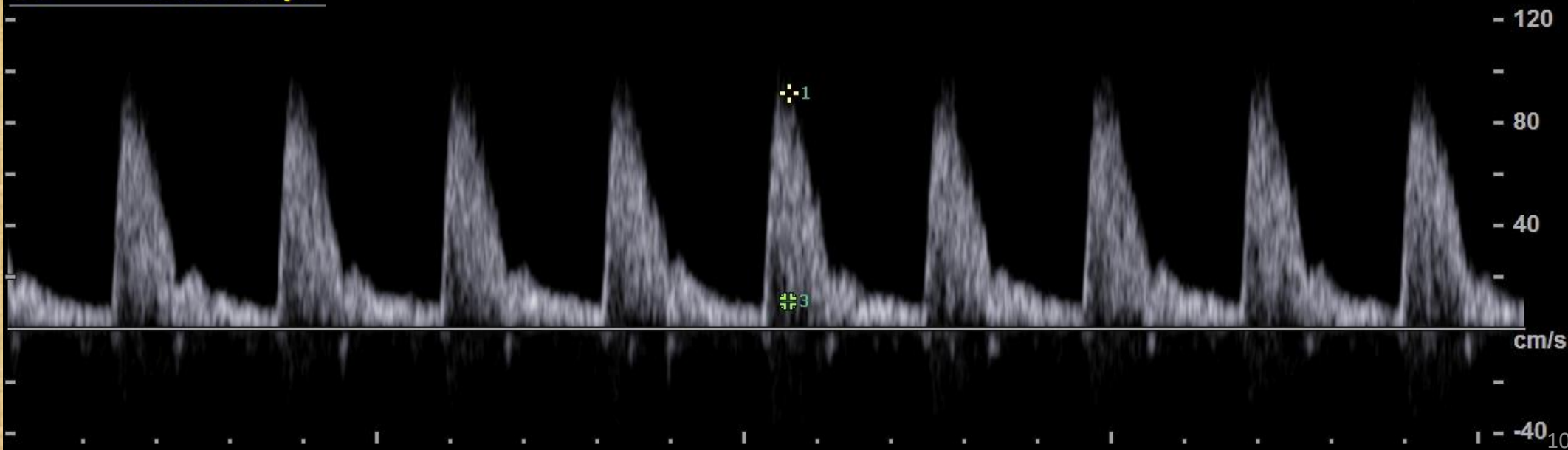


V1 92.00 cm/s

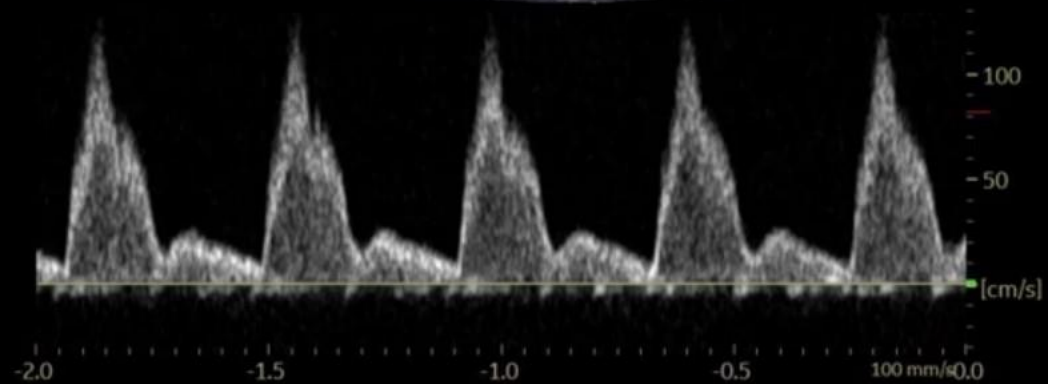
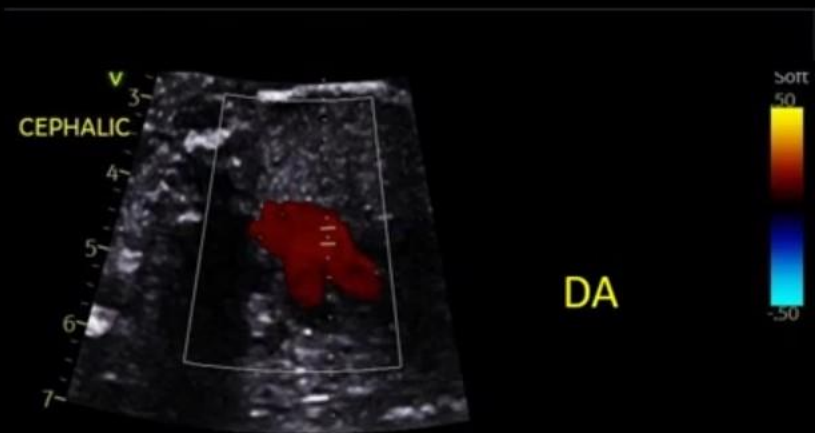
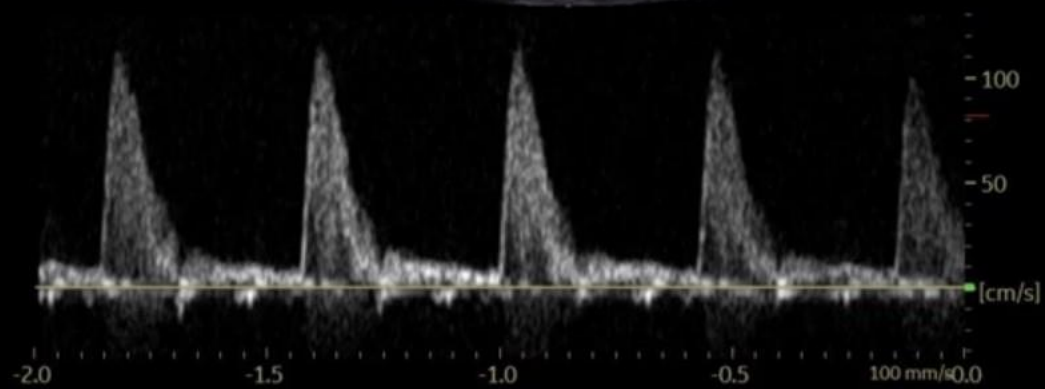
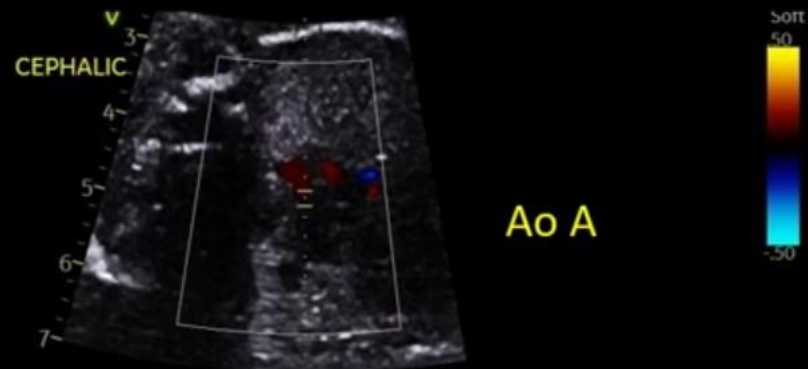
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V1 / V2 8.39

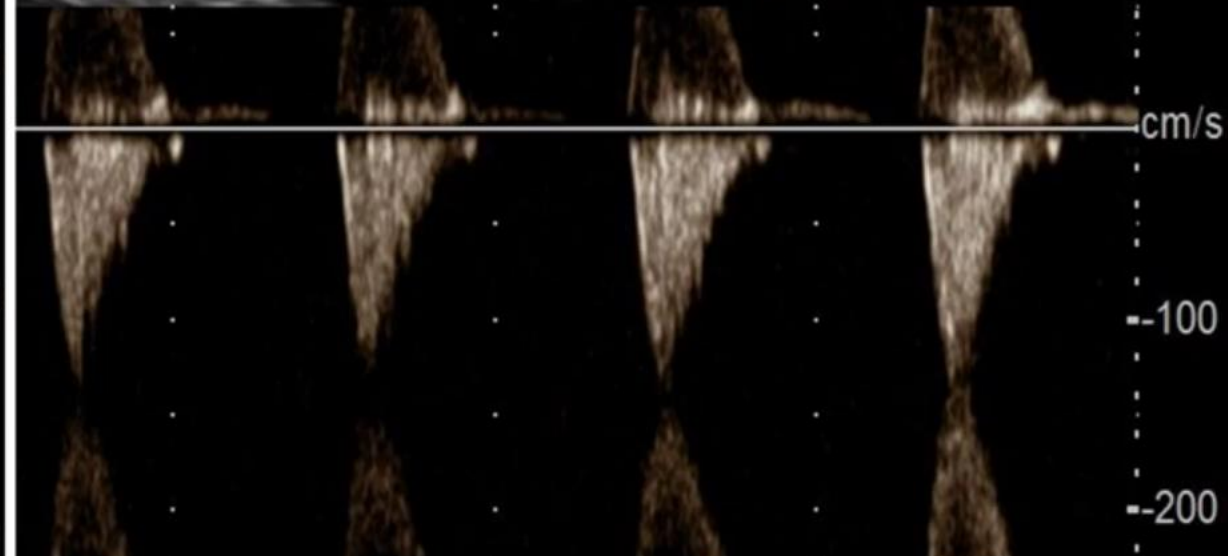
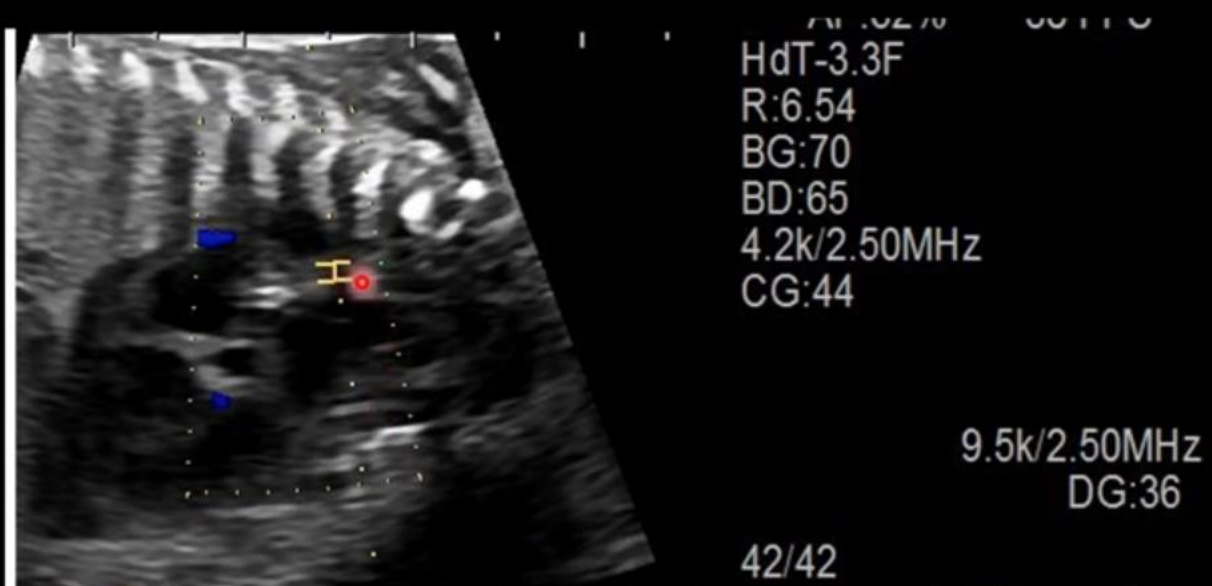
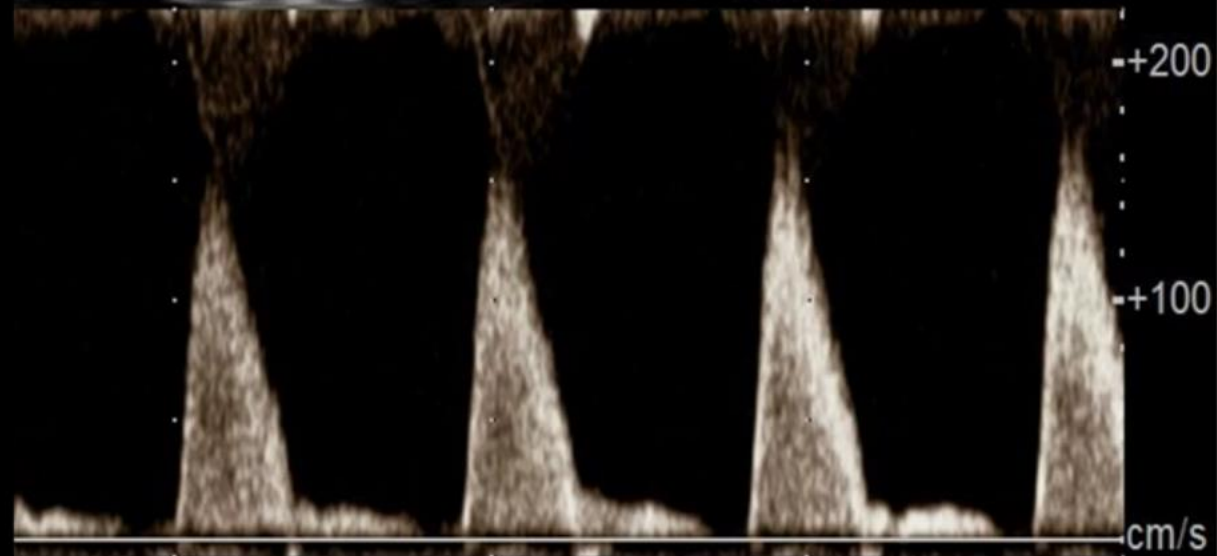
V3 10.96 cm/s



HD
FPS: 28/84
f: 3.6 MHz/3.6 MHz
D: 7.0 cm



Normal AO & DA
Velocities: <1.5m/s



Cephalic

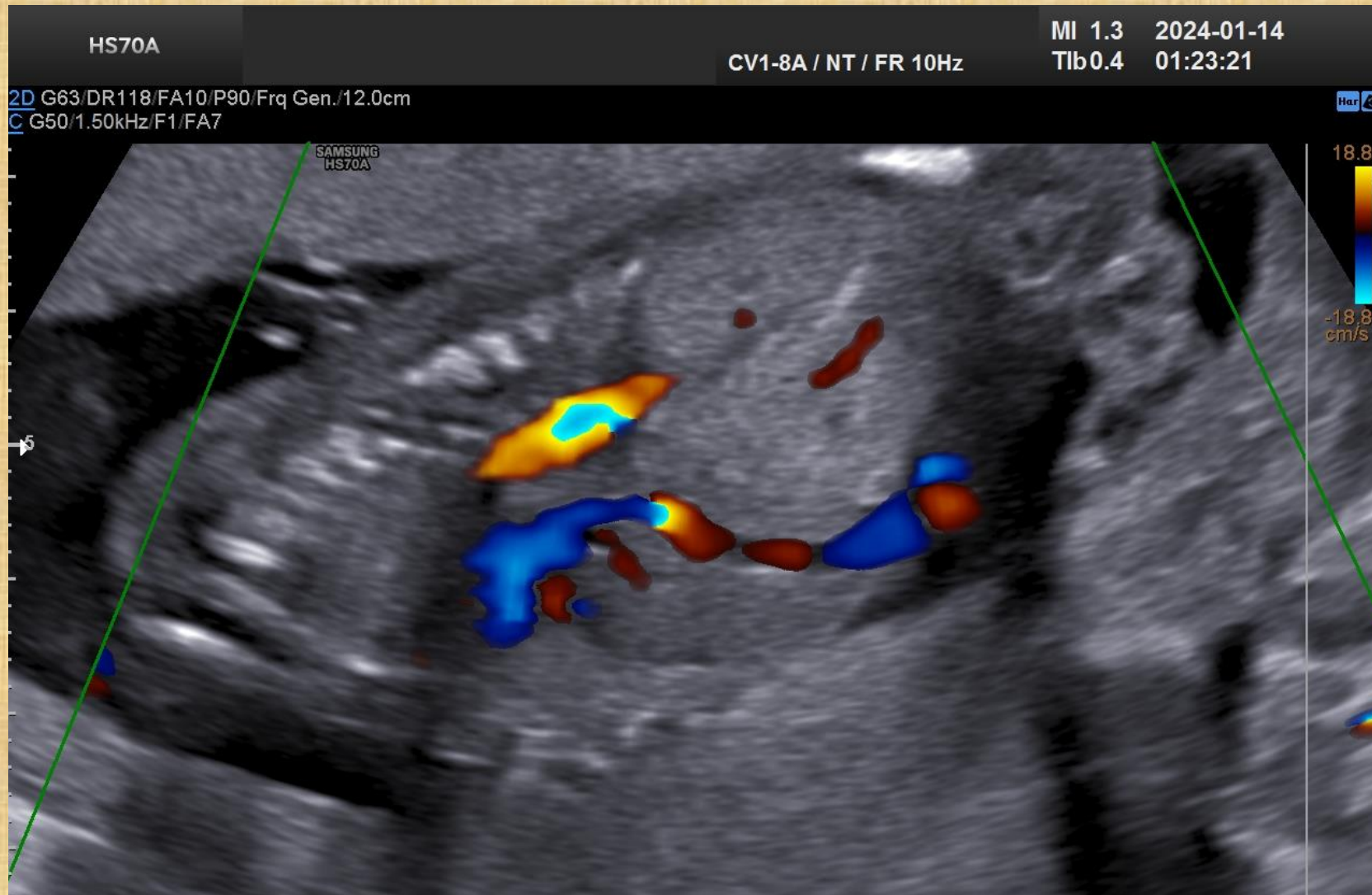
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Obstructive lesions: HLHS



Ductus venosus and hepatic vein Doppler



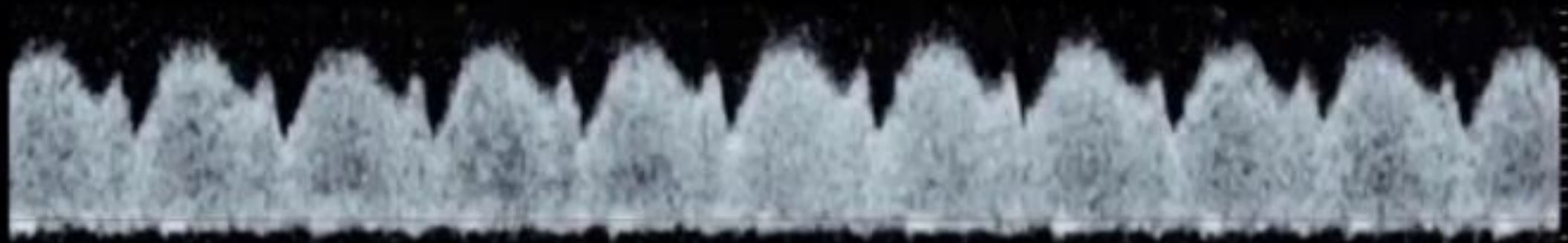
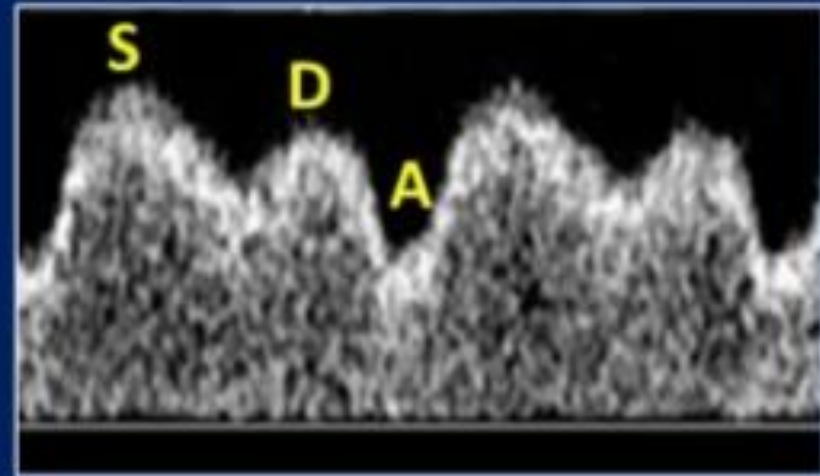
Ductus venosus



Ductus Venosus Doppler (Normal)

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- **Triphasic waveform:**
 - S → ventricular Systole
 - D → ventricular Diastole
 - A → Atrial contraction
- Characteristic sound → like the sound of washing machine



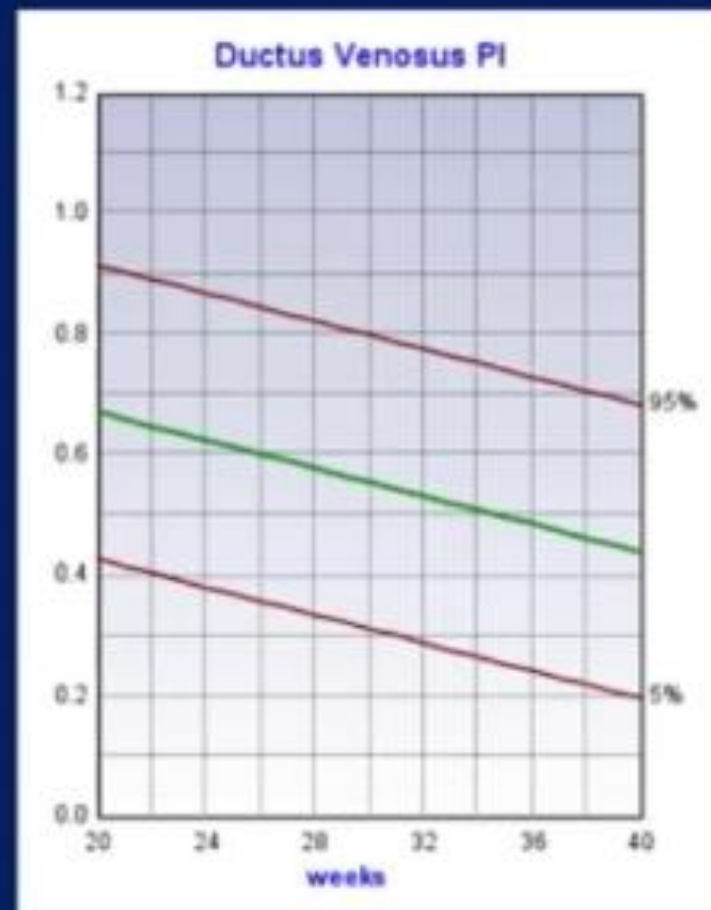
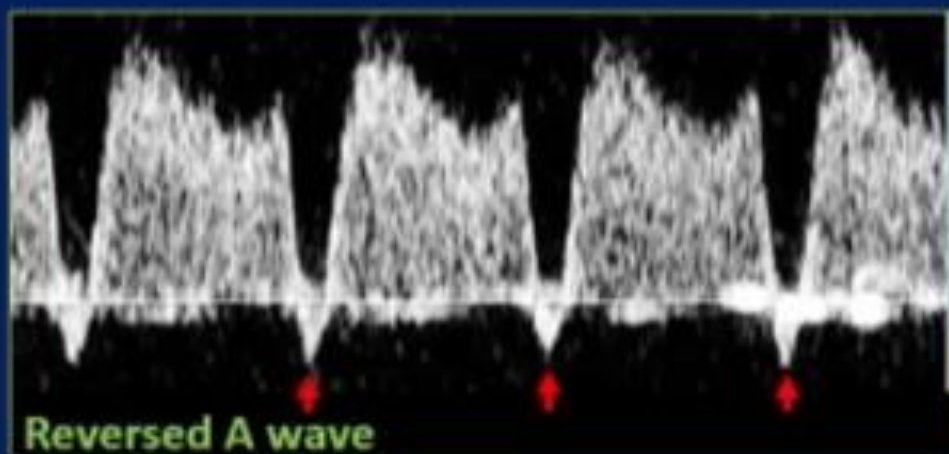
Ductus venosus Doppler

Ductus Venosus Doppler (Abnormal)

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Abnormal:

- PI > 95th percentile
- A wave below baseline or reversed



Ductus venosus Doppler

HS70A

CV1-8A / NT / FR 14Hz

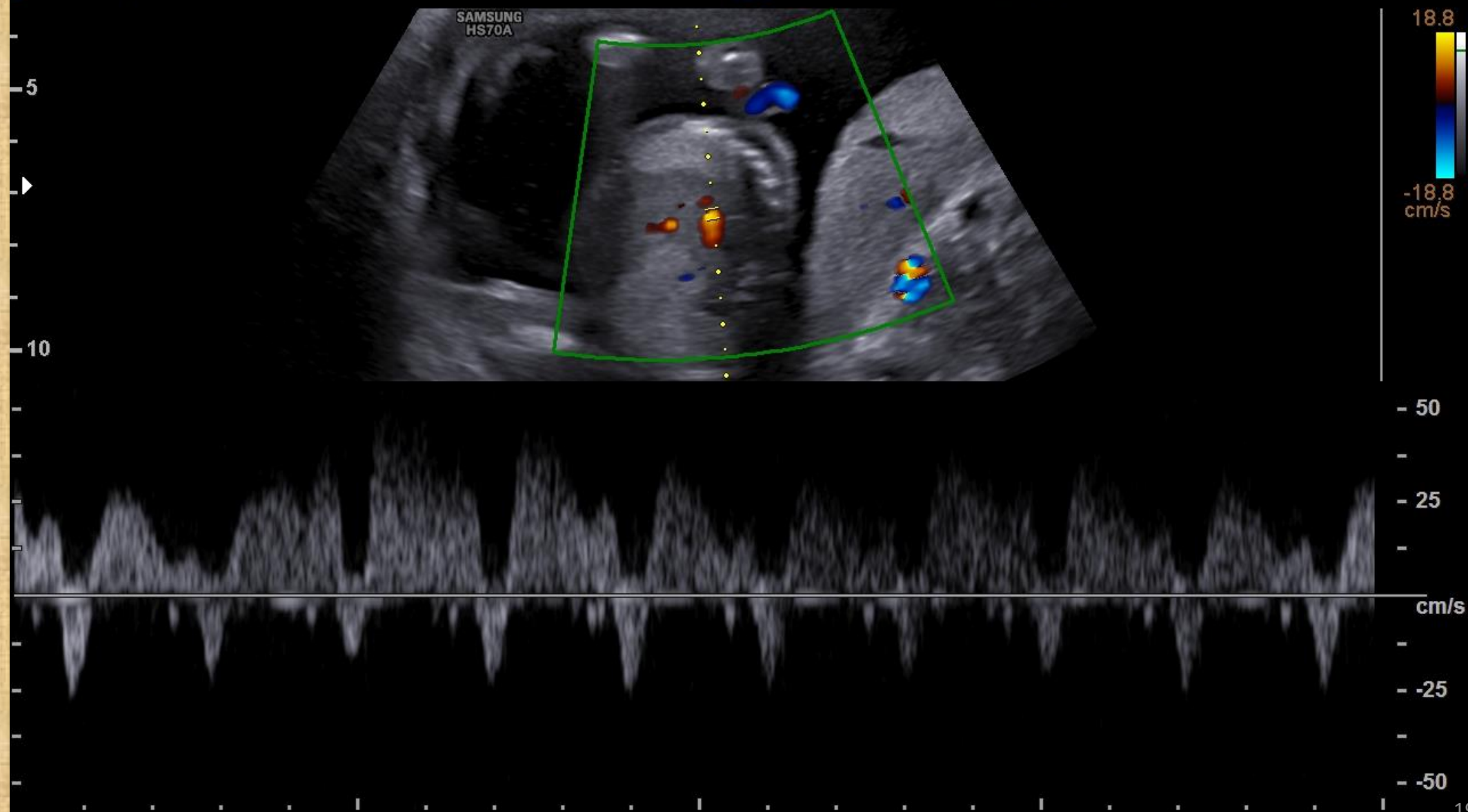
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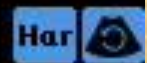
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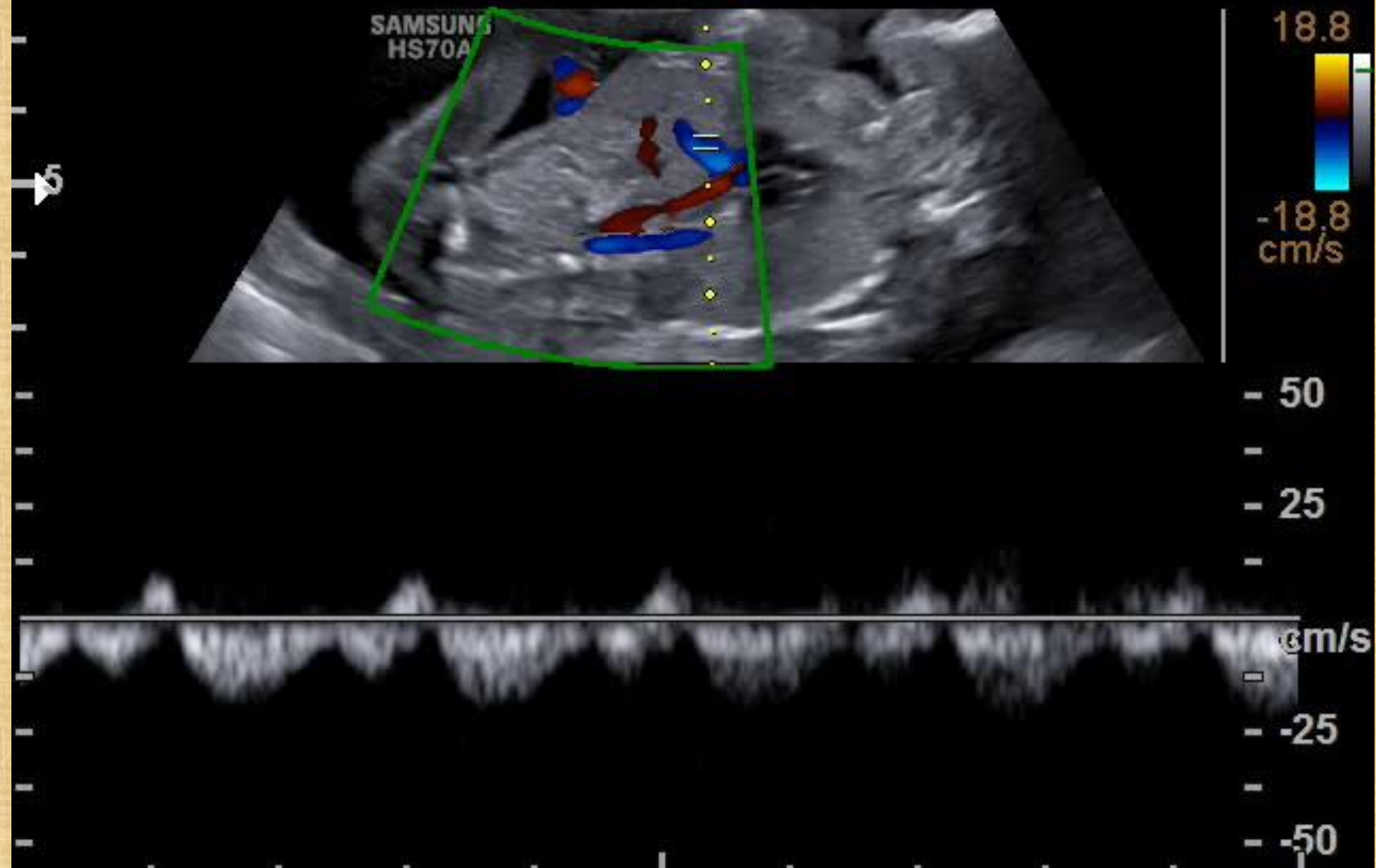


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C G50/1.50kHz/F1/FA7

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HS70A

CV1-8A / NT / FR 17Hz

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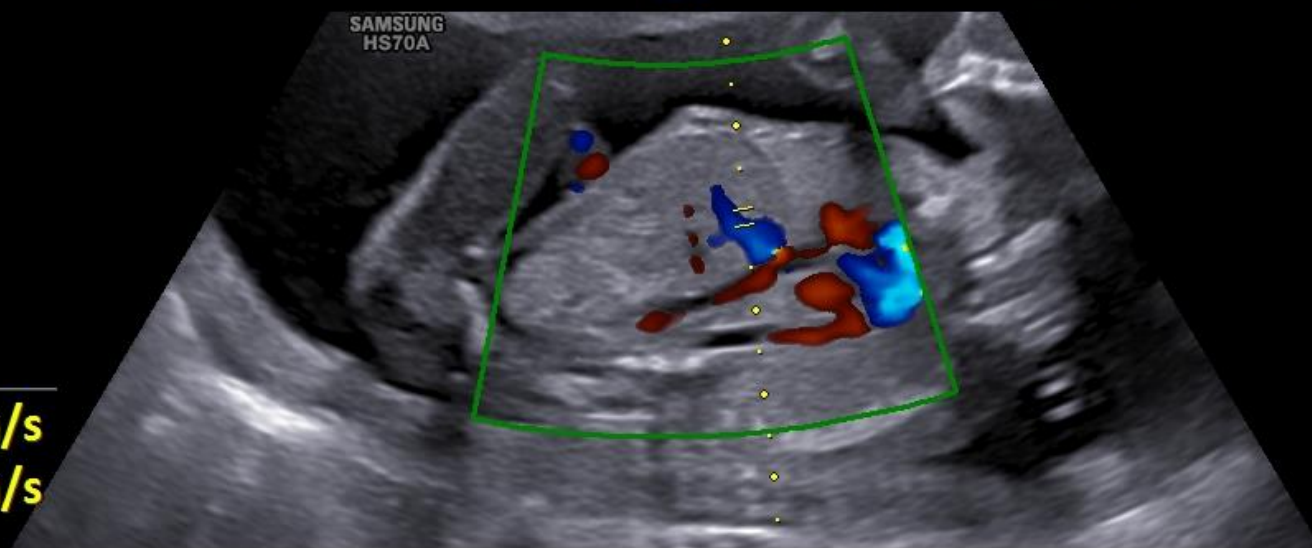
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V1 -20.24 cm/s

V2 -7.97 cm/s

V1 / V2 2.54

V3 9.51 cm/s

V4 9.51 cm/s

V3 / V4 1.00

- 50

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- 25

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cm/s

-

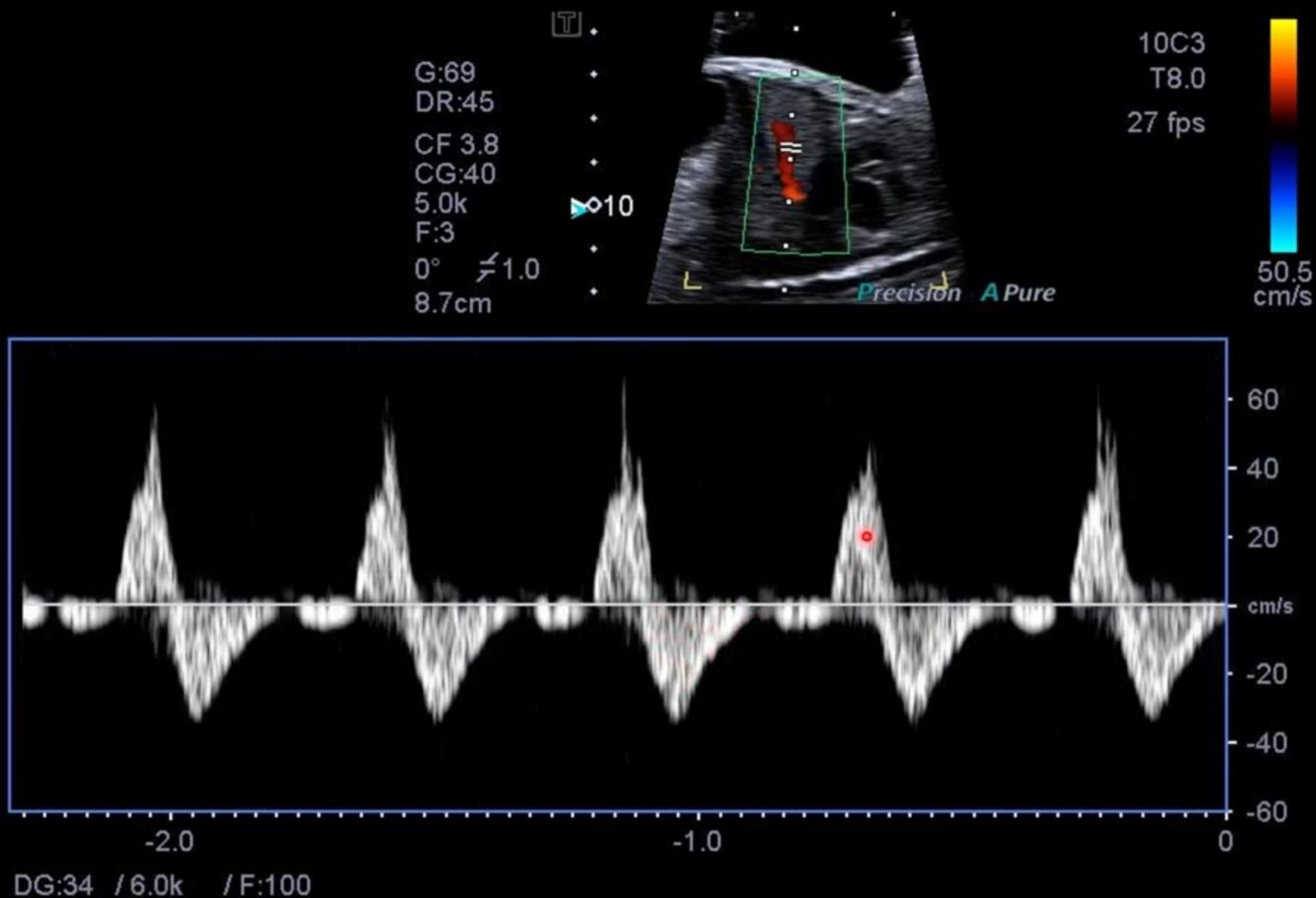
- 25

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- 50

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Obstructive lesions: Atrioventricular valve stenosis





AP:58% 40 FPS
HdT-3.3F
R:7.63
BG:60
BD:65
2.8k/2.50MHz
CG:36

169/169

6.9k/2.50MHz
DG:26

Vertex



AP:55%
HdT-3.3F
R:5.89
BG:57
BD:65
2.8k/2.50MHz
CG:36

6.9k

165/165

+100

cm/s

2.0mm

F

HS70A

CV1-8A / NT / FR 14Hz

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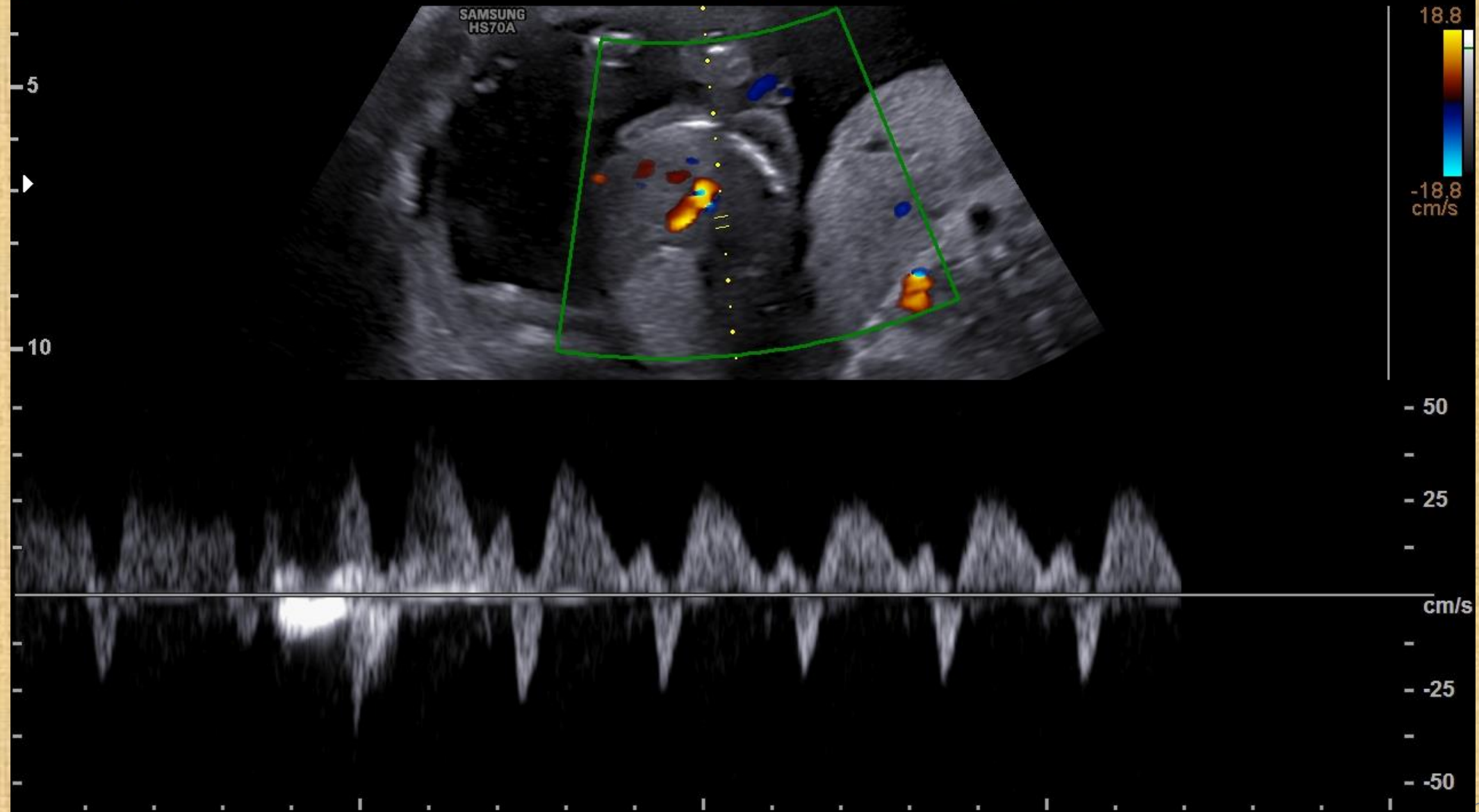
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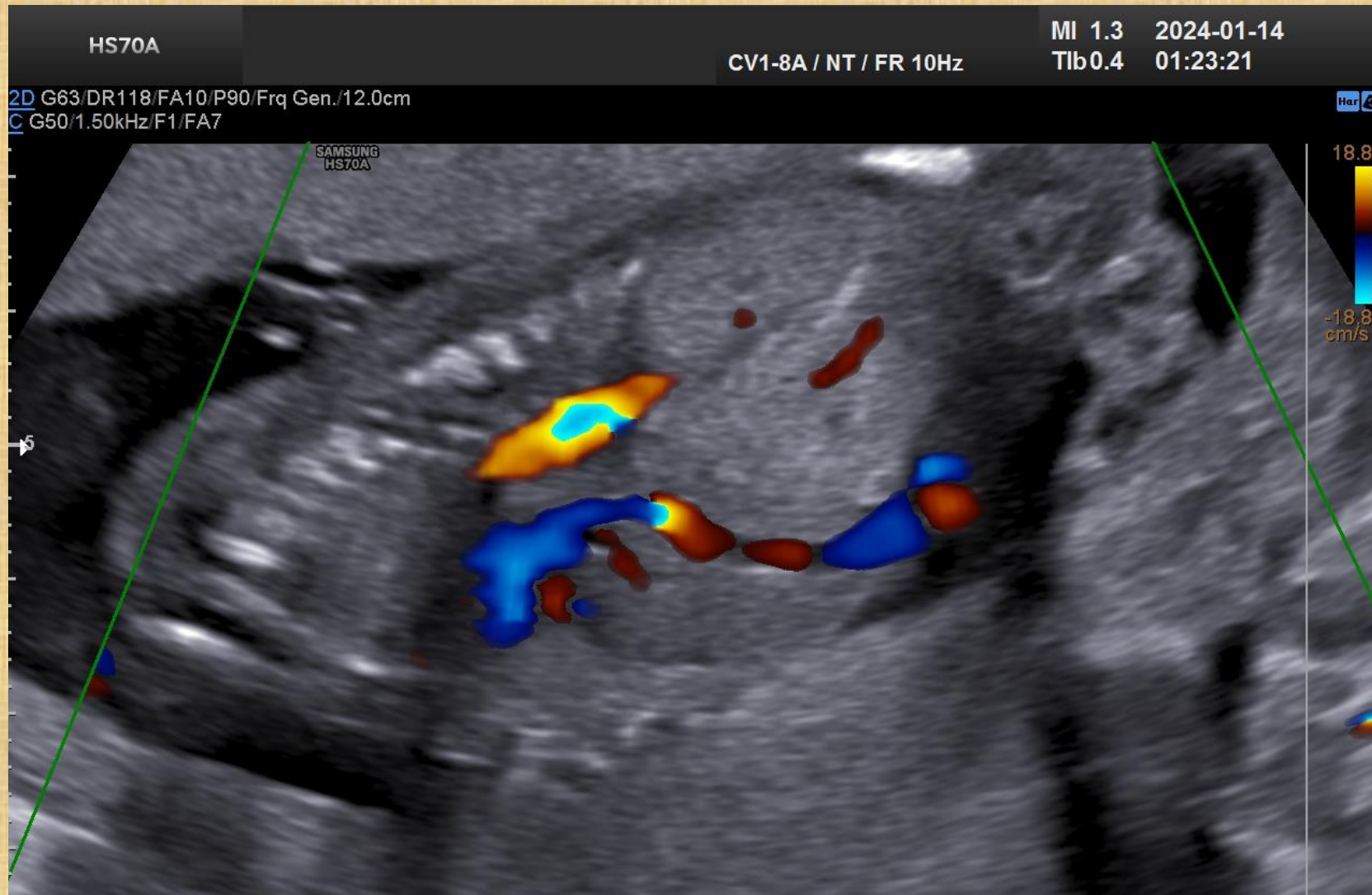
C G50/1.50kHz/F1/FA7

PW G55/4.00kHz/F1/ 2.0mm:0°@7.7cm

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Umbilical vein Doppler



Umbilical Vein Doppler

- Pulsatile flow in early pregnancy
- Becomes non-pulsatile by the beginning of second trimester
- The presence of pulsatility from second trimester onwards can indicate severe pathological state
 - Ominous sign of severely compromised fetus

HS70A

CV1-8A / NT / FR 17Hz

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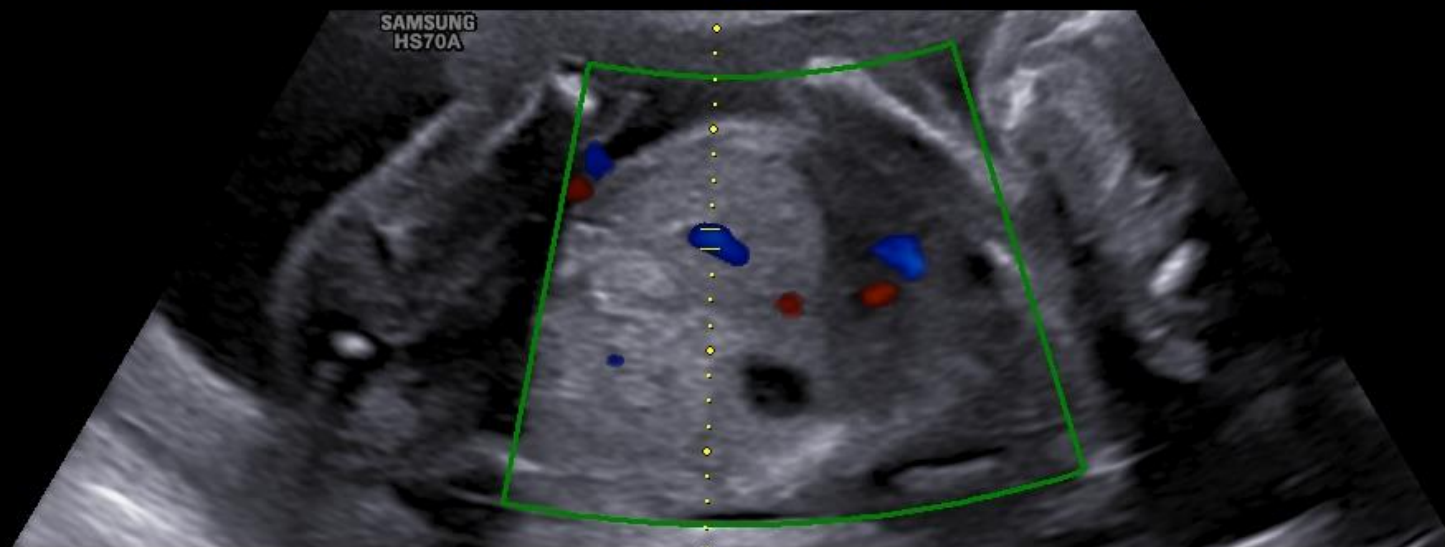
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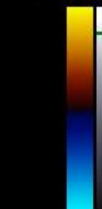
C G50/1.50kHz/F1/FA7

PW G55/4.00kHz/F1/ 2.0mm:0°@4.7cm

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18.8



-18.8
cm/s

- 50

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- 25

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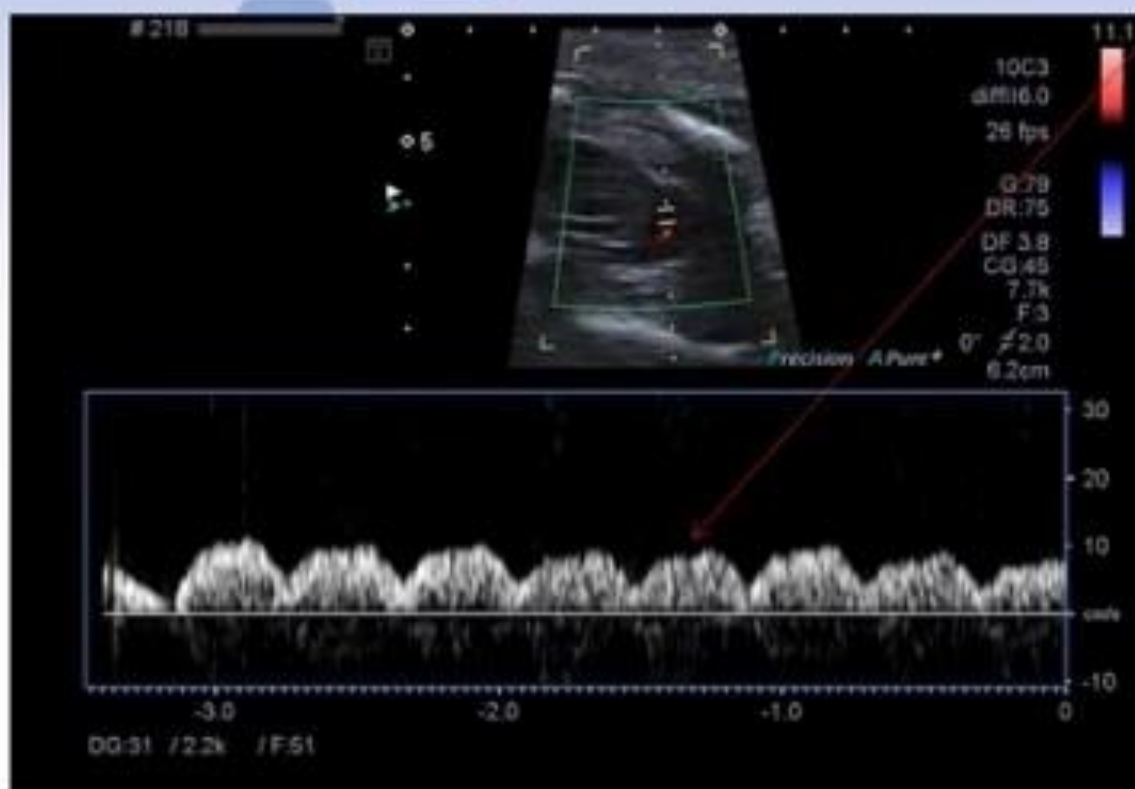
cm/s

- 25

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- 50

Umbilical Vein Doppler Trace Interpretation



- Abnormal umbilical vein Doppler can be characterised by a triphasic flow pattern
- Fetal mortality imminent

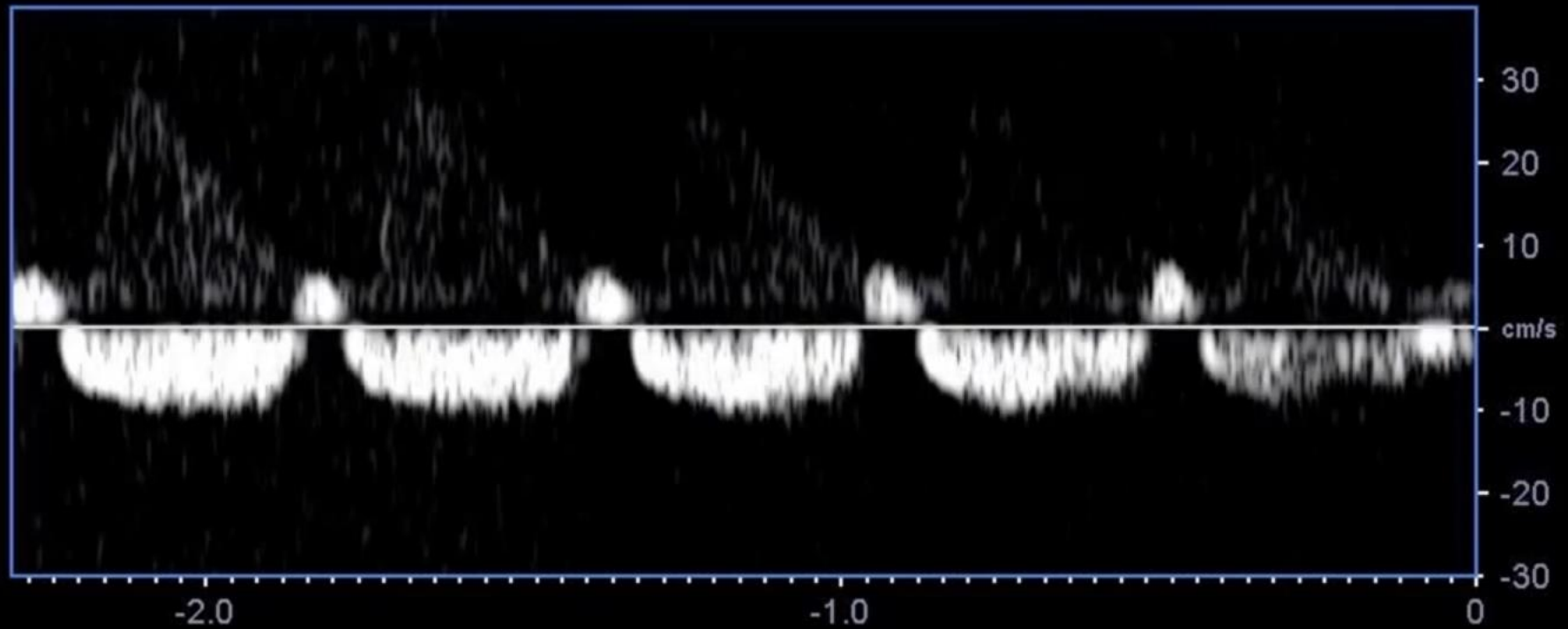
G:76
DR:45
CF 3.8
CG:44
6.7k
F:3
0° 3.0
6.5cm



10C3
T8.0
35 fps

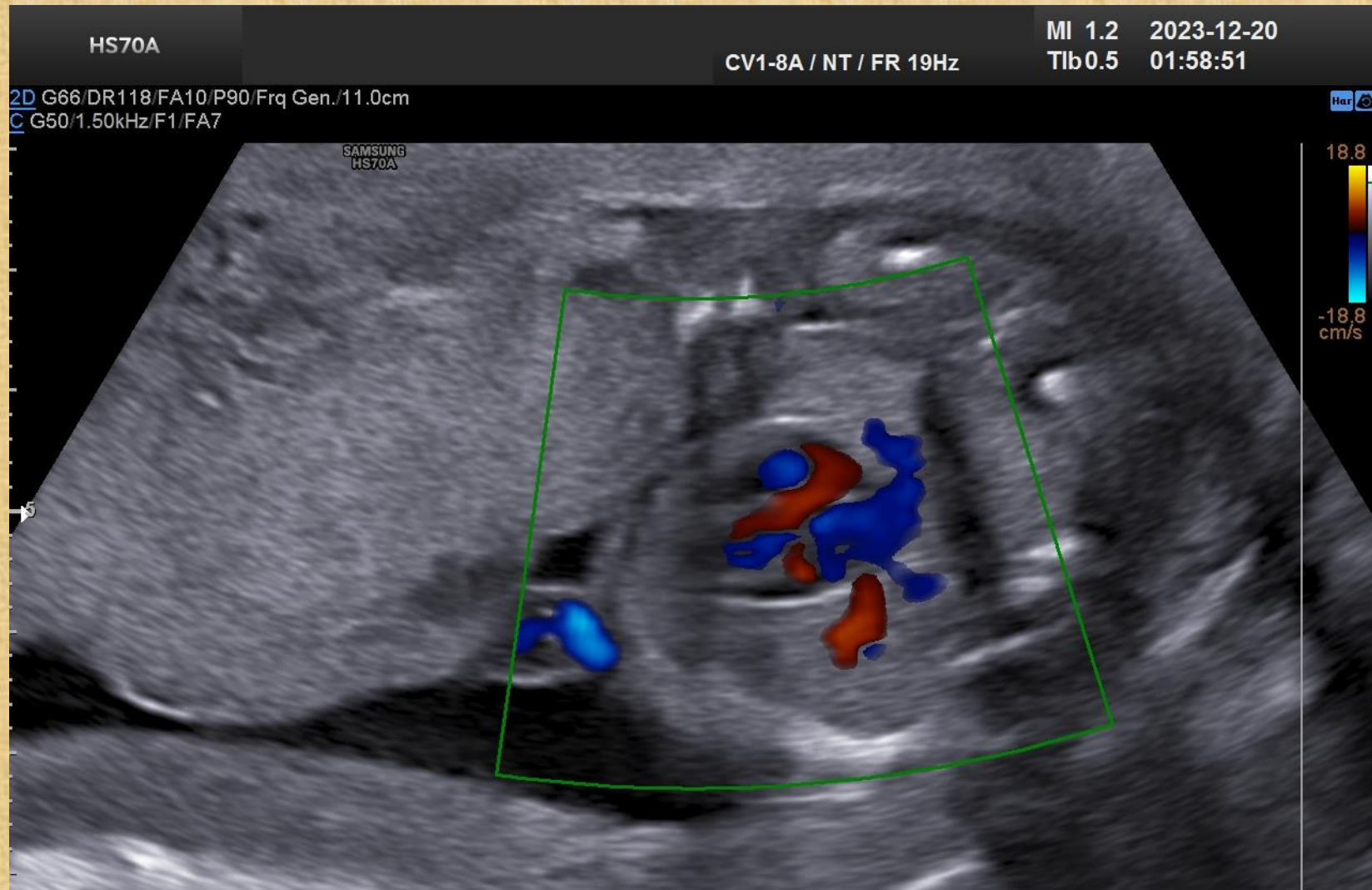


Precision A Pure




DG:36 / 3.0k / F:100

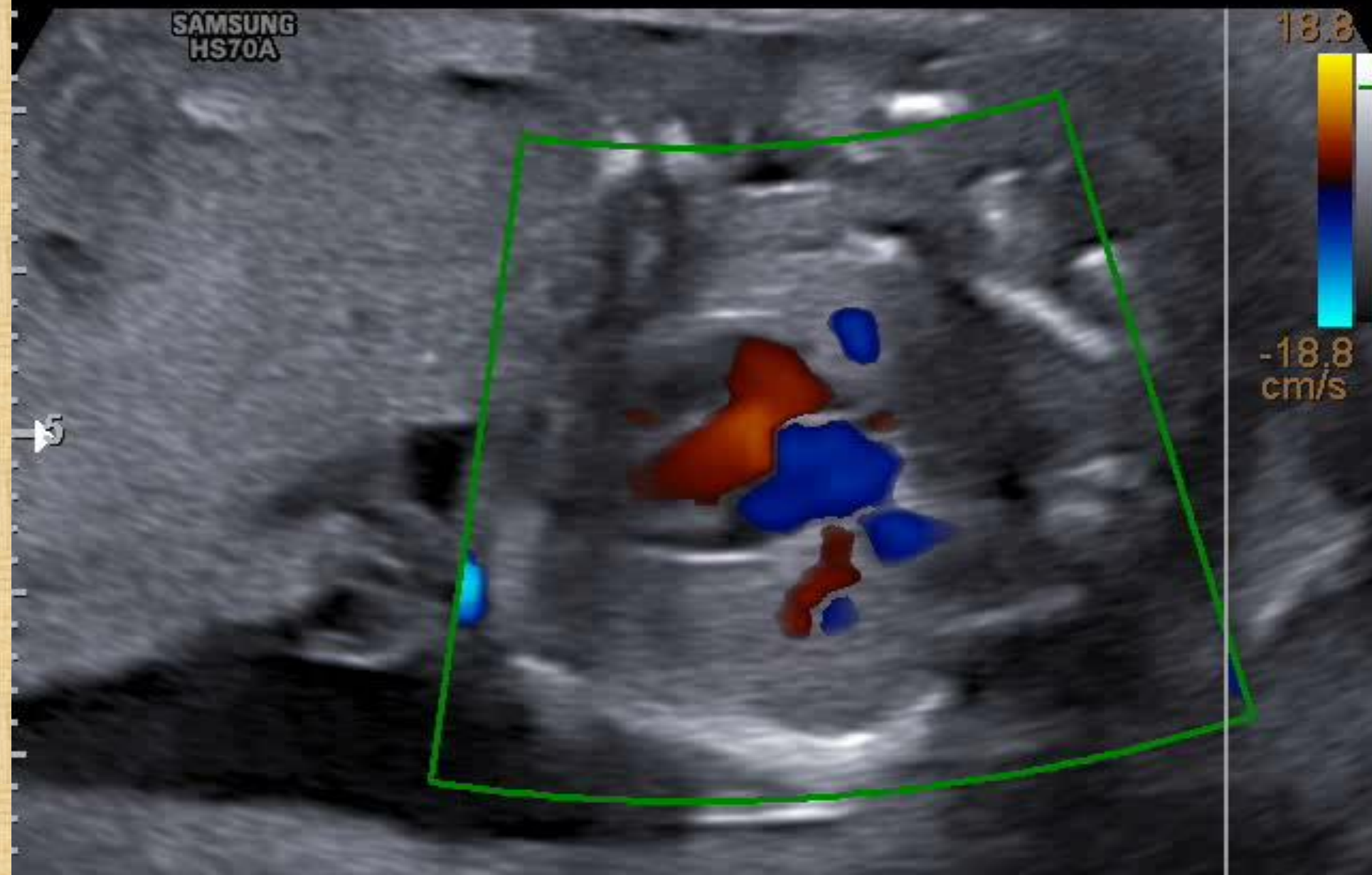
Pulmonary vein Doppler



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C G50/1.50kHz/F1/FA7

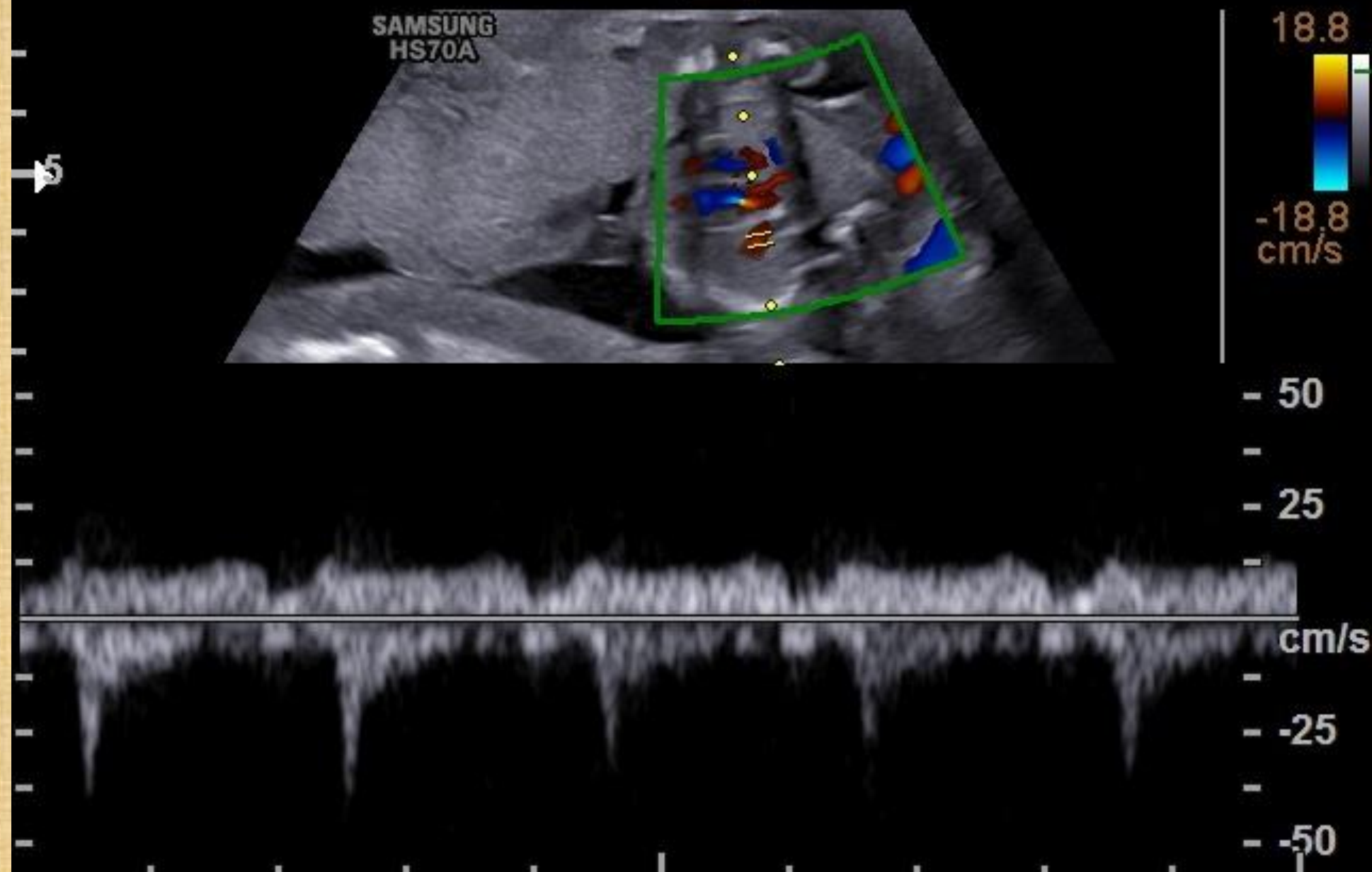
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2D G66/DR118/FA10/P90/Frq Gen./11.0cm

C G50/1.50kHz/F1/FA7

PW G55/4.00kHz/F1/ 2.0mm:0°@6.3cm



HS70A

CV1-8A / NT / FR 18Hz

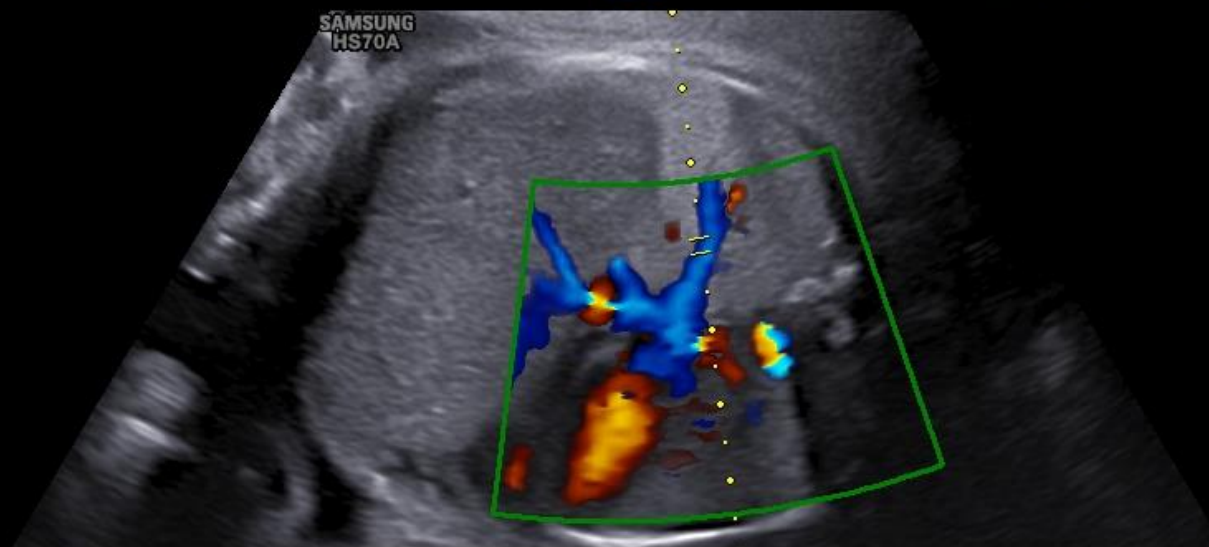
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C G50/1.50kHz/F1/FA7

PW G55/4.00kHz/F1/ 2.0mm:0°@5.2cm



- 50

- 25

cm/s

- 25

- 50

Obstructive lesions: HLHS



41.1
41.1
cm/s

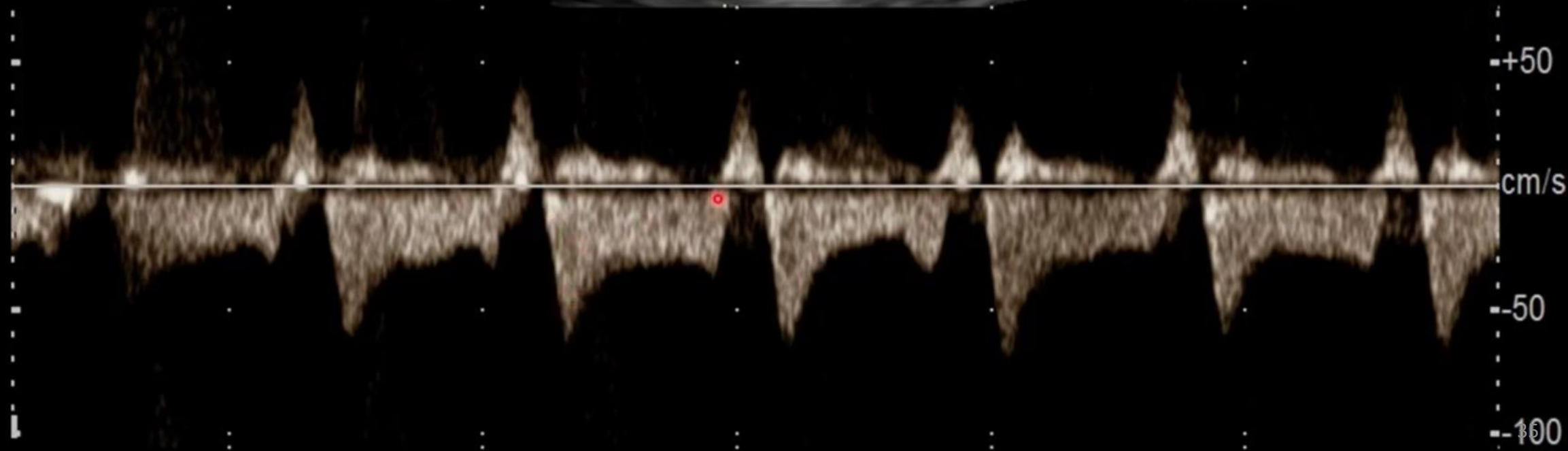
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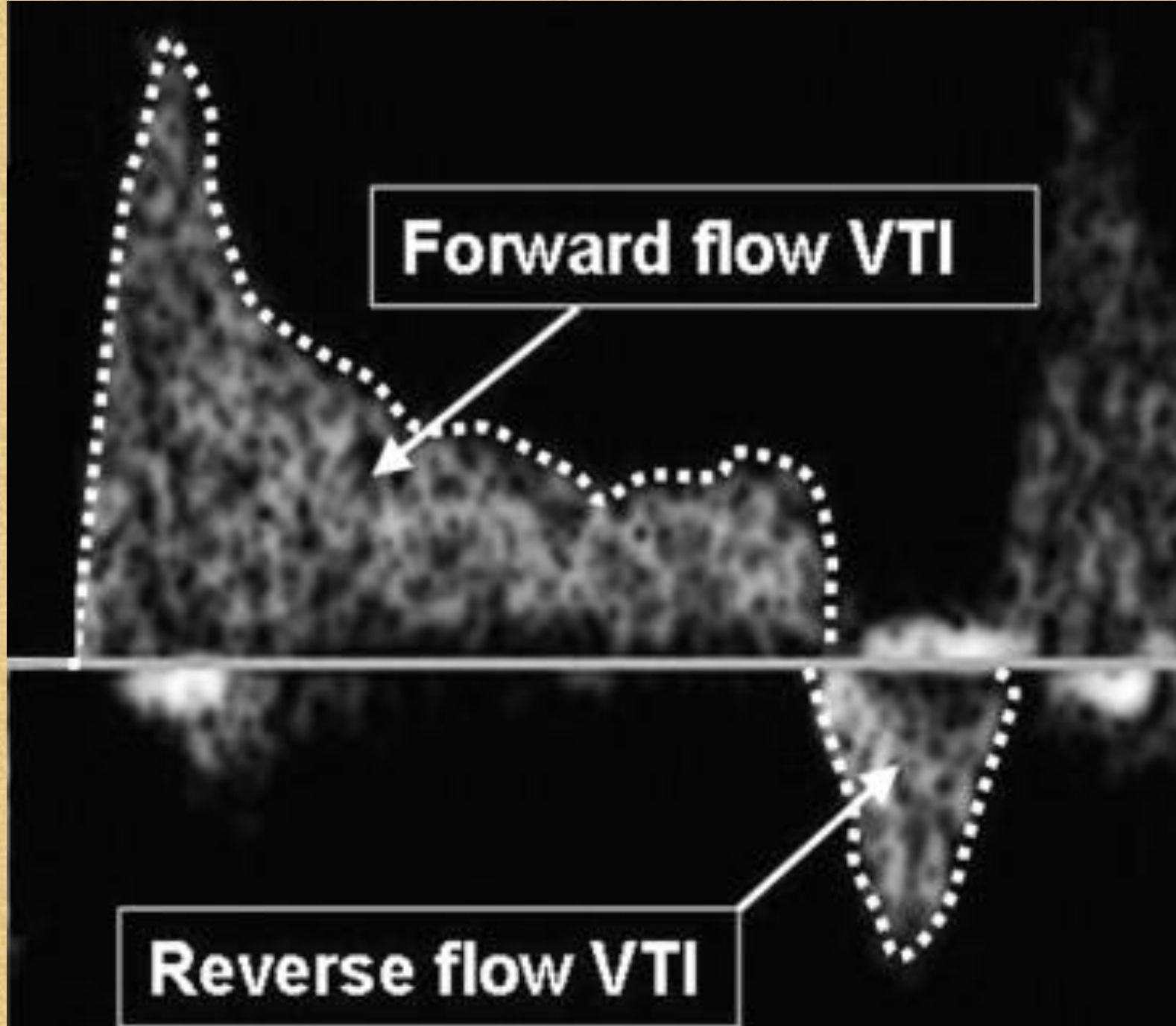


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HdT-3.3F
R:5.04
BG:69
BD:65
2.7k/2.50MHz
CG:48

5.8k/2.50MHz
DG:31▼

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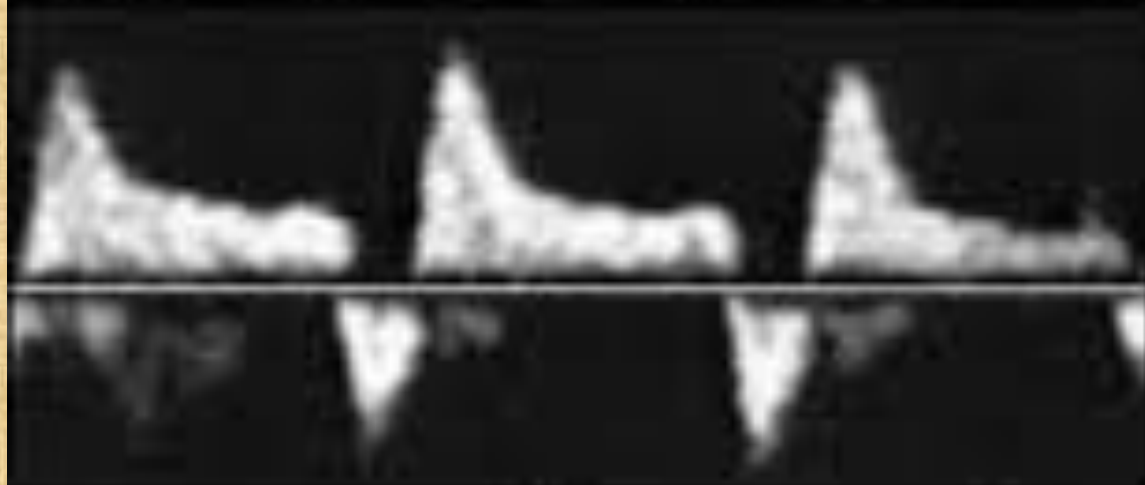




S/D ratio 2.0

A VTI 1.5 cm

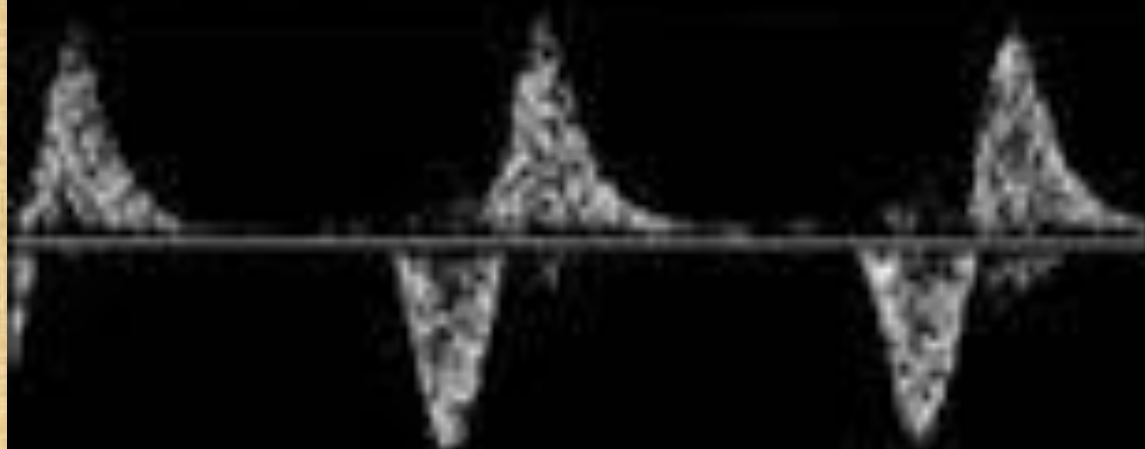
**Forward:reverse VTI
ratio 4.7**



S/D ratio 2.9

A VTI 2.9 cm

**Forward:reverse VTI
ratio 3.7**



S/D ratio 10

A VTI 2.4 cm

**Forward:reverse VTI
ratio 1.6**

Doppler assessment of Fetal heart disease

Obstructive heart disease:

- Left sided obstructive heart
- Right sided obstructive heart

High out flow heart disease:

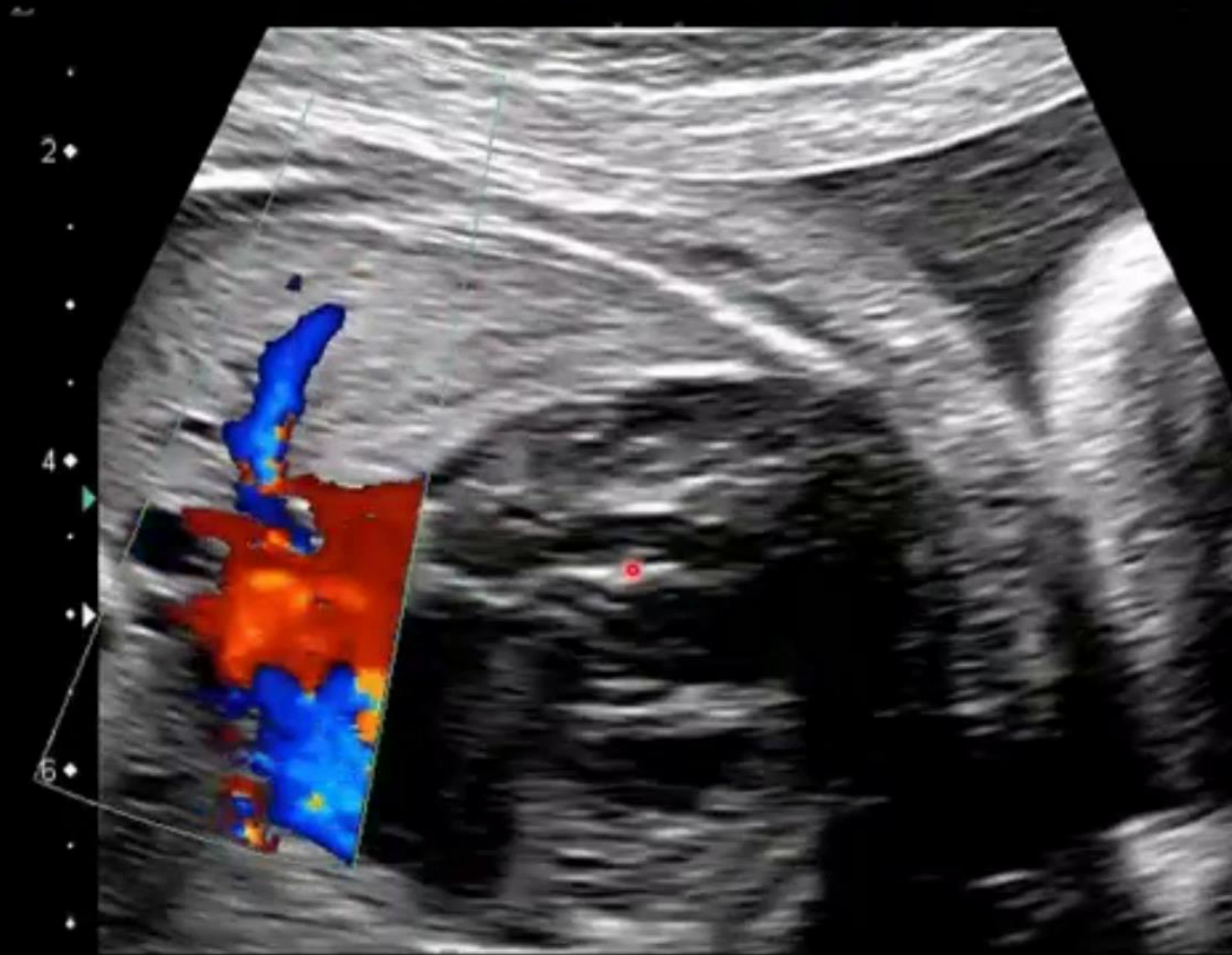
- Ebstein Anomaly
- TTTS
- Absent ductus arteriosus syndrome

Hypoplastic left heart syndrome (HLHS)

Obstructive lesions: HLHS



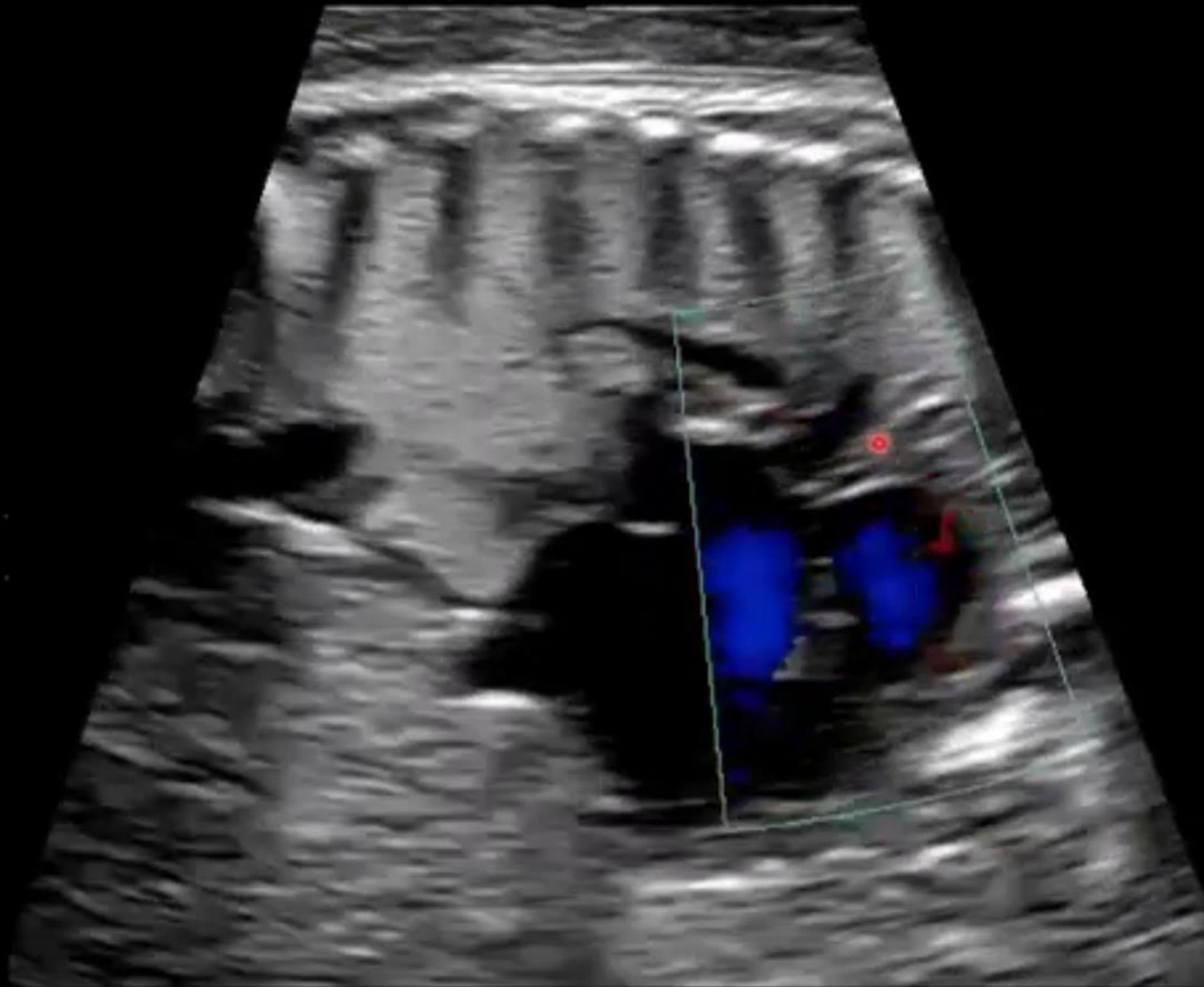
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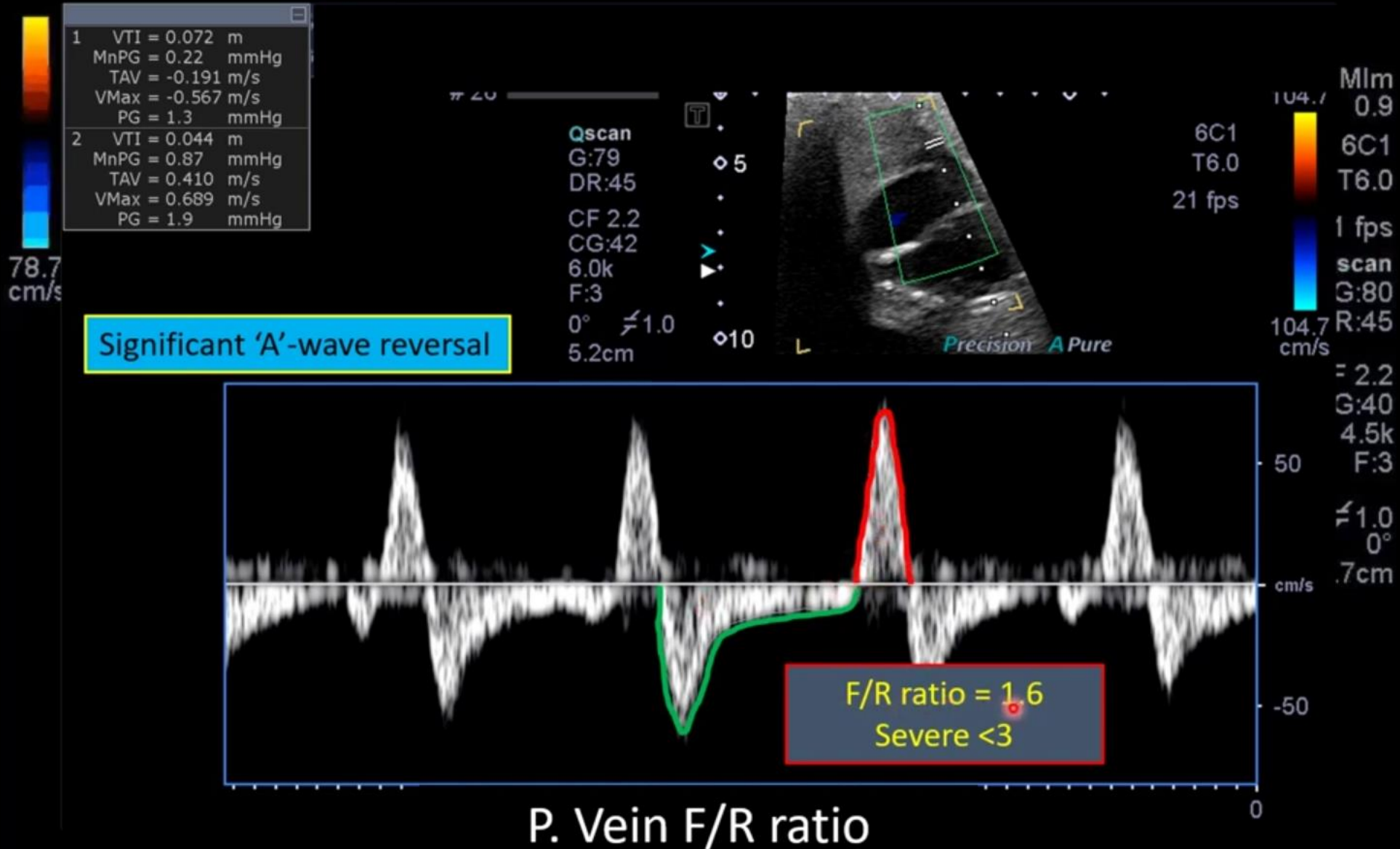
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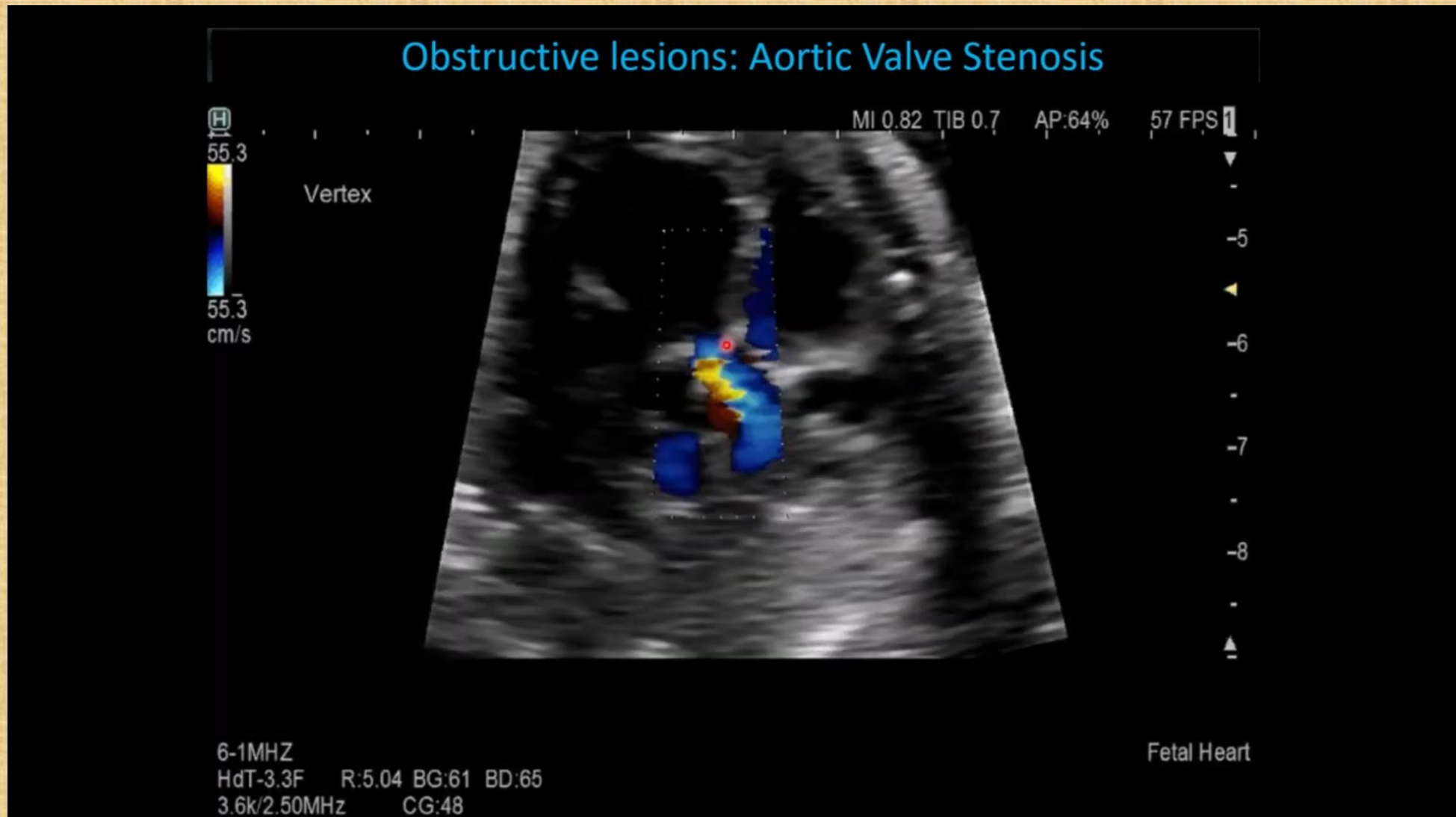
Obstructive lesions: HLHS



Obstructive lesions: HLHS with IAS



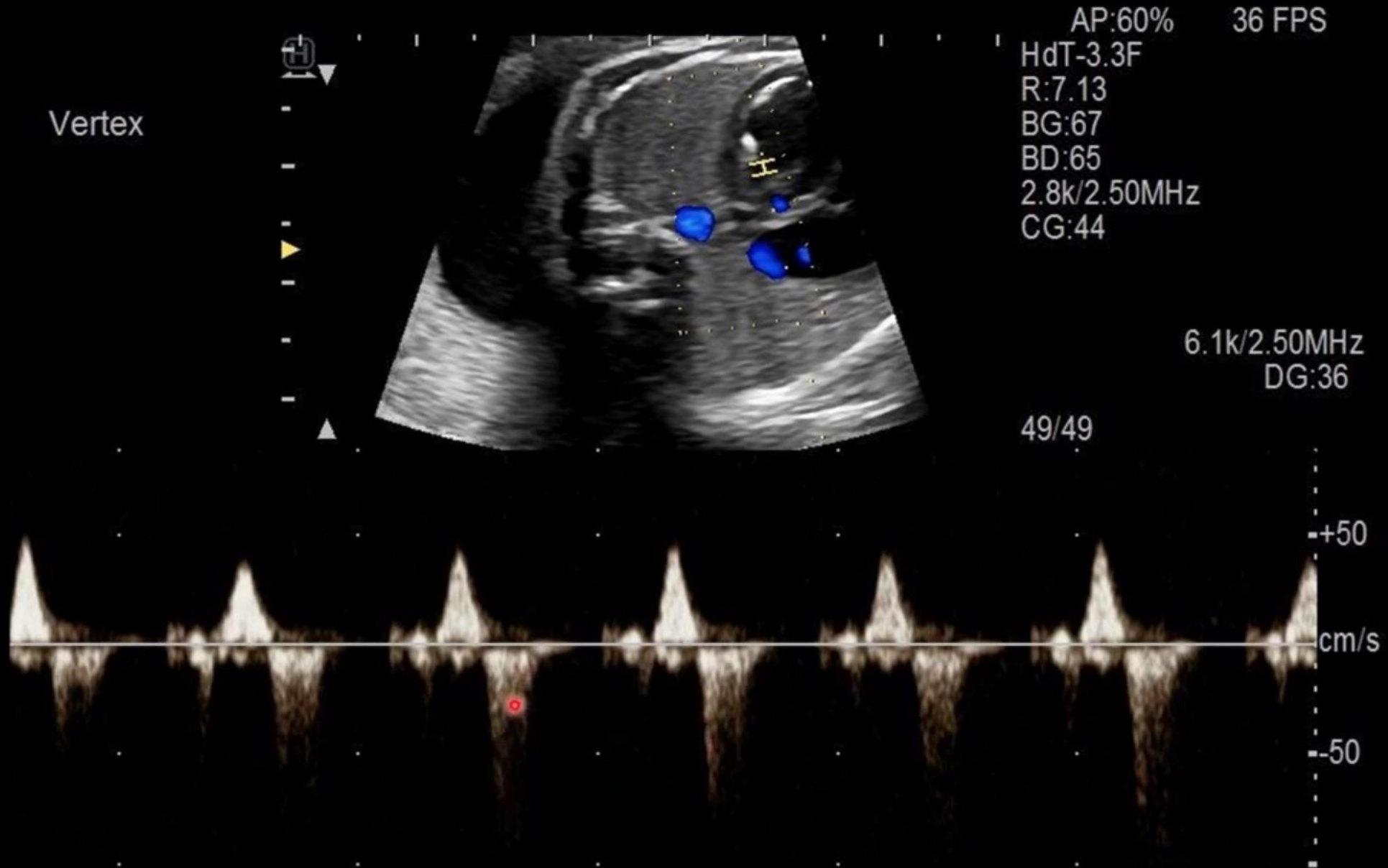
Aortic valve stenosis



Obstructive lesions: Aortic Valve Stenosis



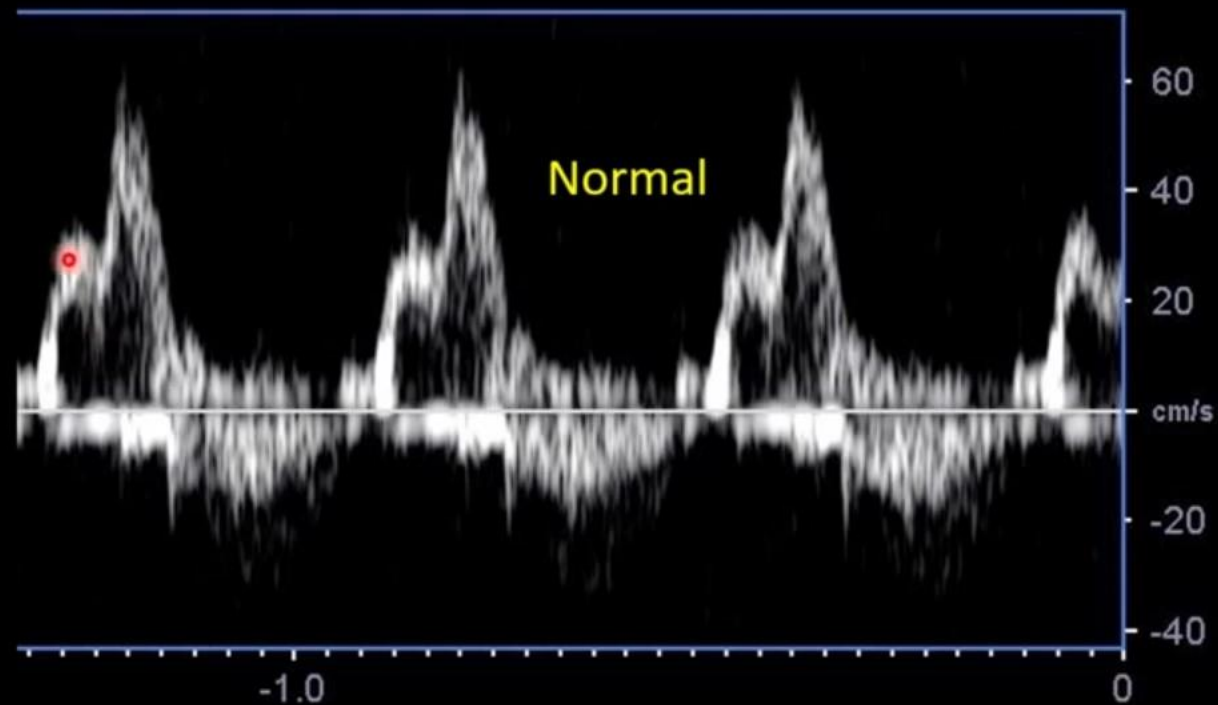
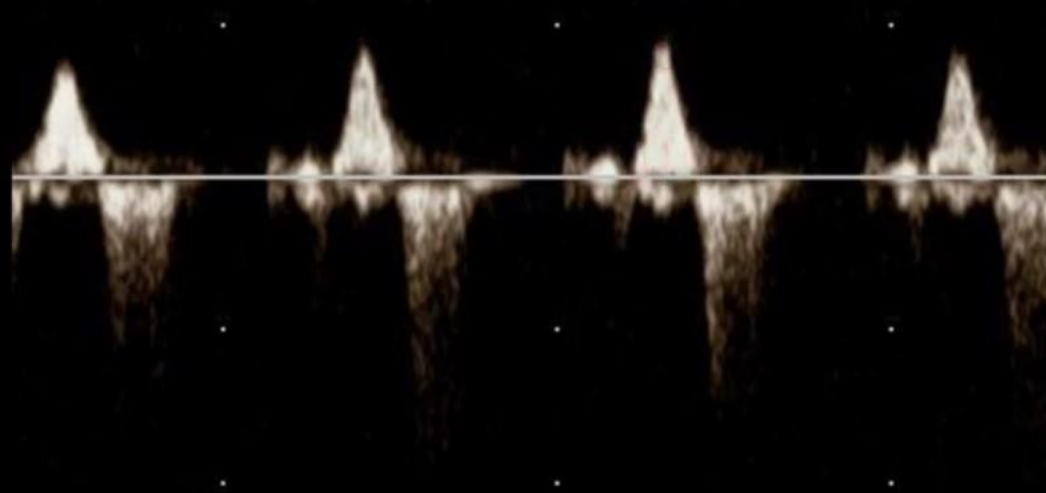
Obstructive lesions: Aortic Valve Stenosis



Obstructive lesions: Aortic Valve Stenosis



Restrictive



H
48.6
48.6
cm/s

Vertex

MI 0.82 TIB 0.7 AP:63% 57 FPS



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-4
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-5
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-6
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▲
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48.6
48.6
cm/s

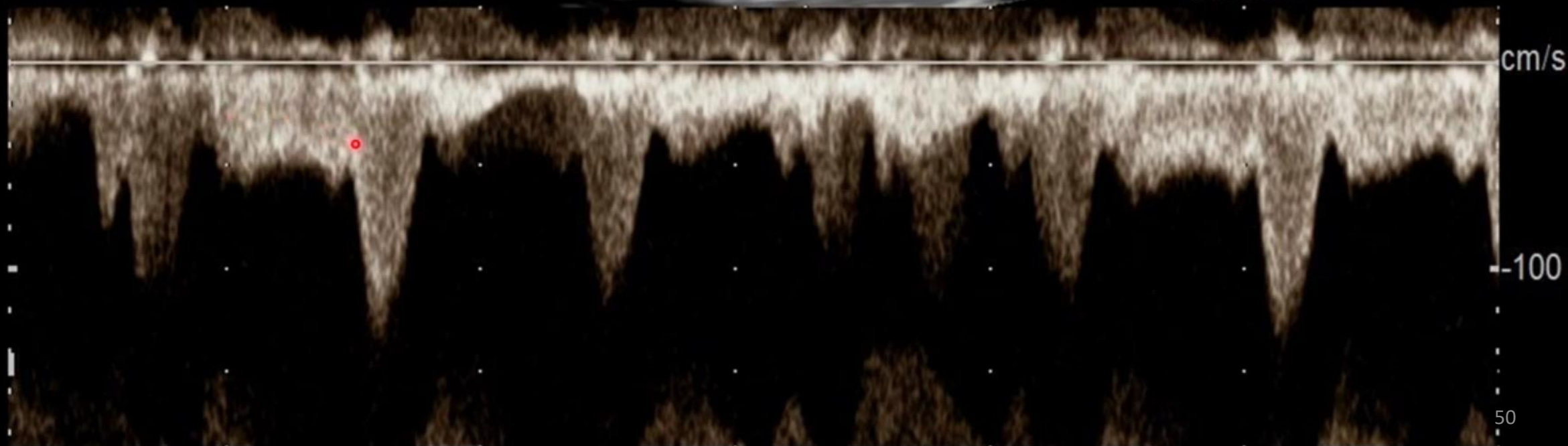
Vertex



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HdT-3.3F
R:5.04
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CG:48

6.9k/2.50MHz
DG:36

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41.1
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cm/s

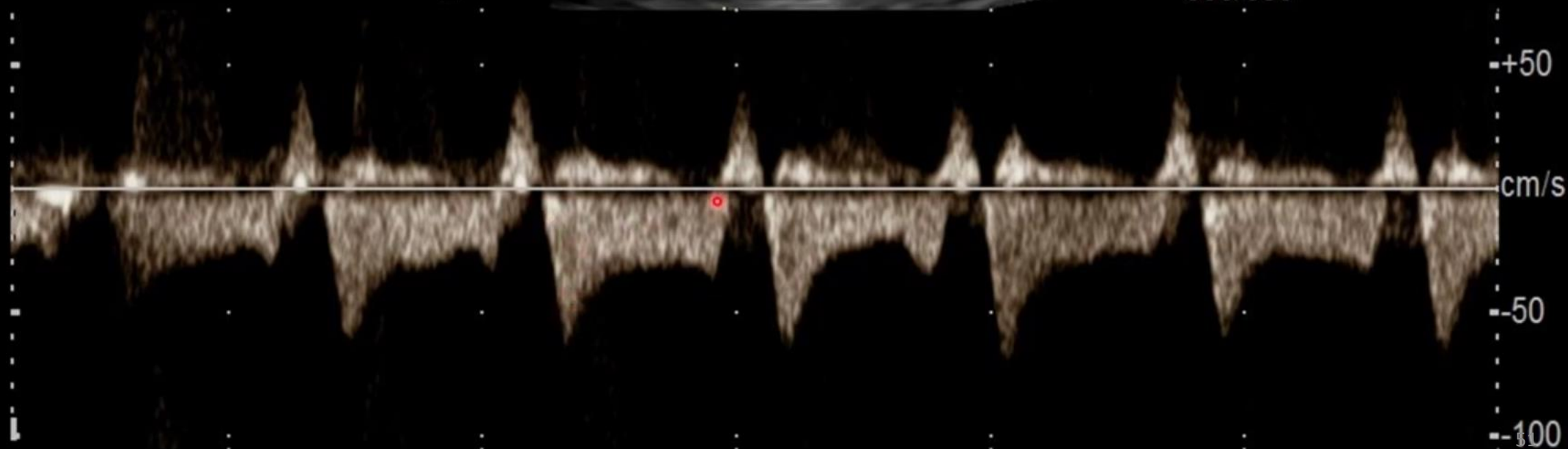
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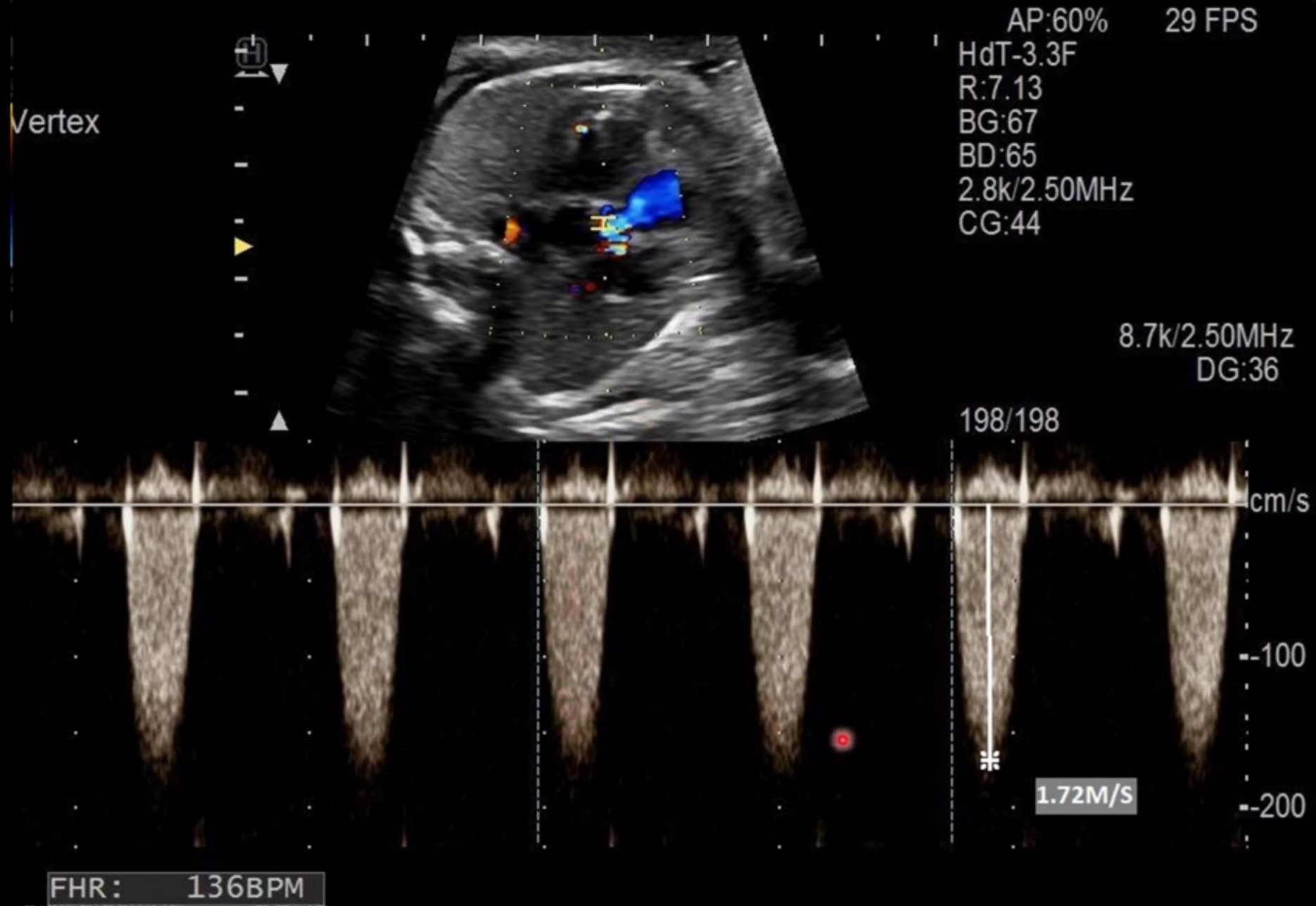
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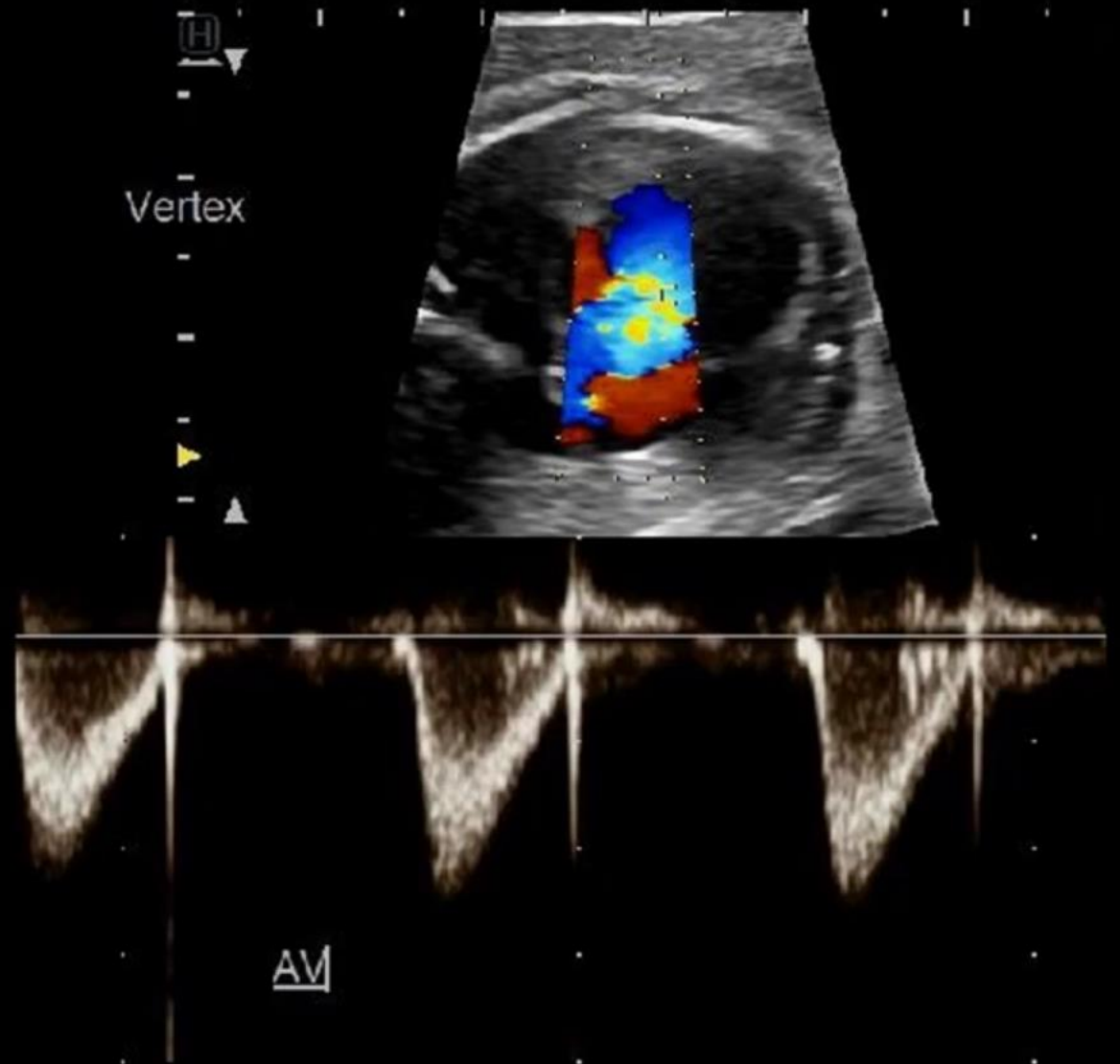
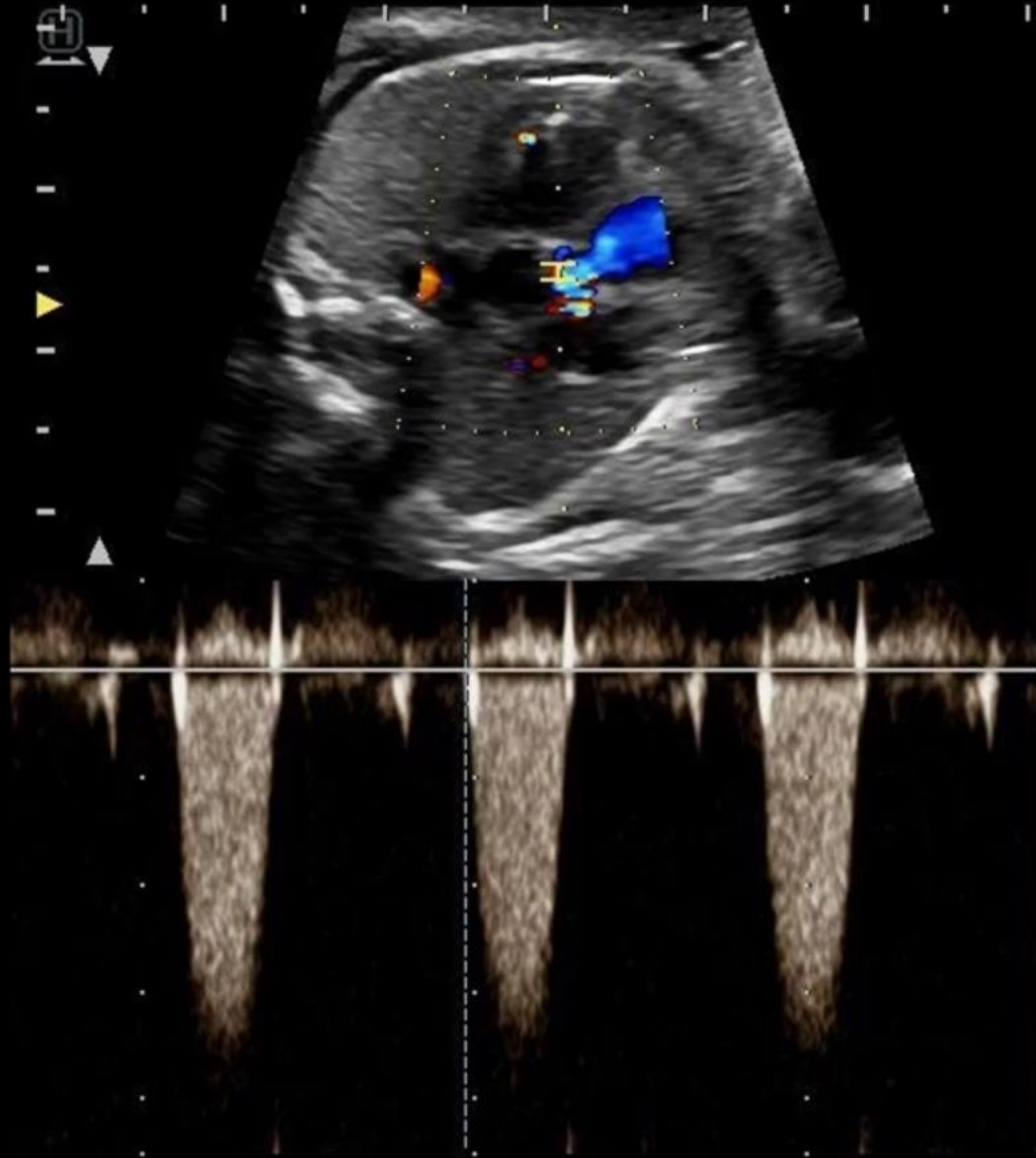
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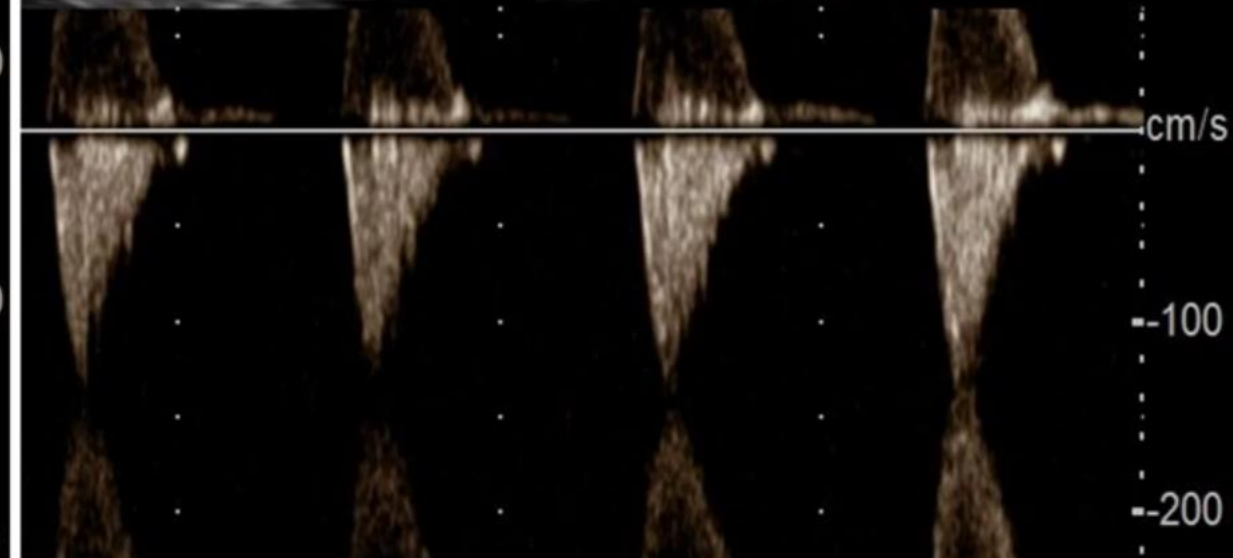
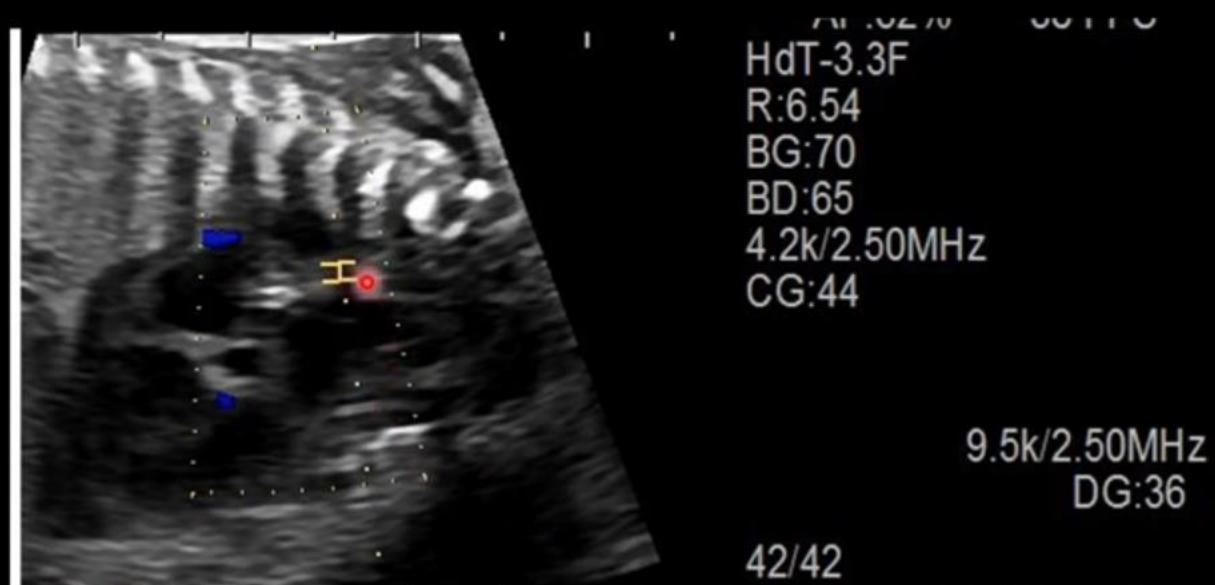
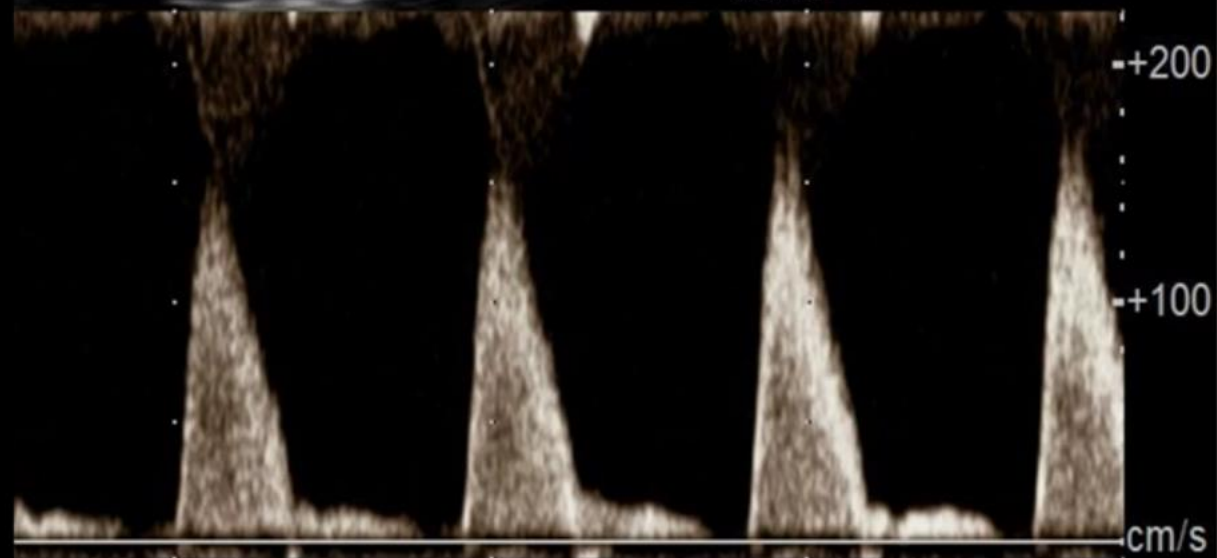
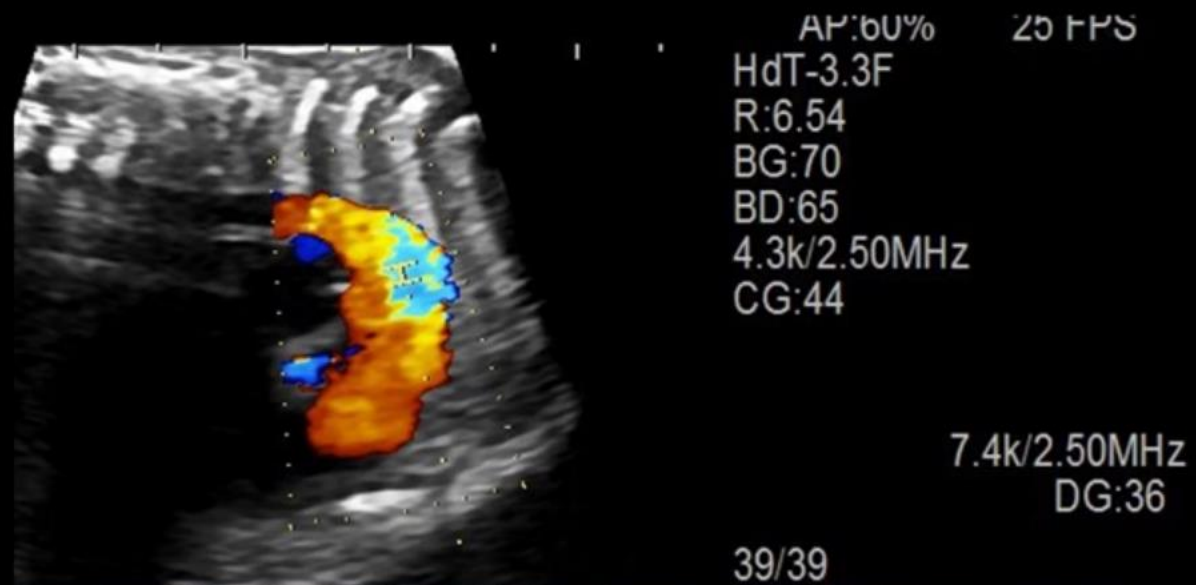


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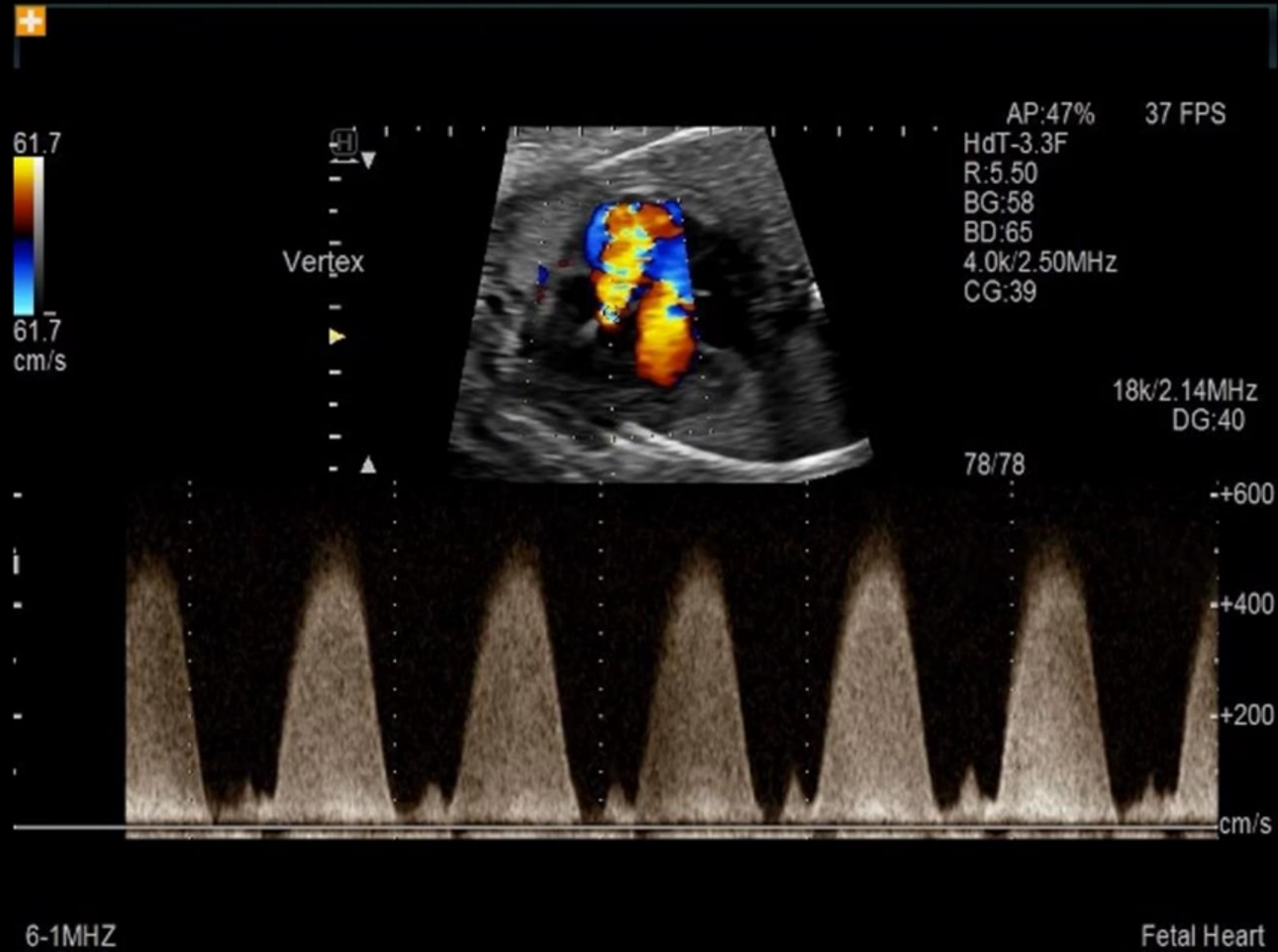
Pulmonary atresia



Obstructive lesions: Pulmonary Atresia



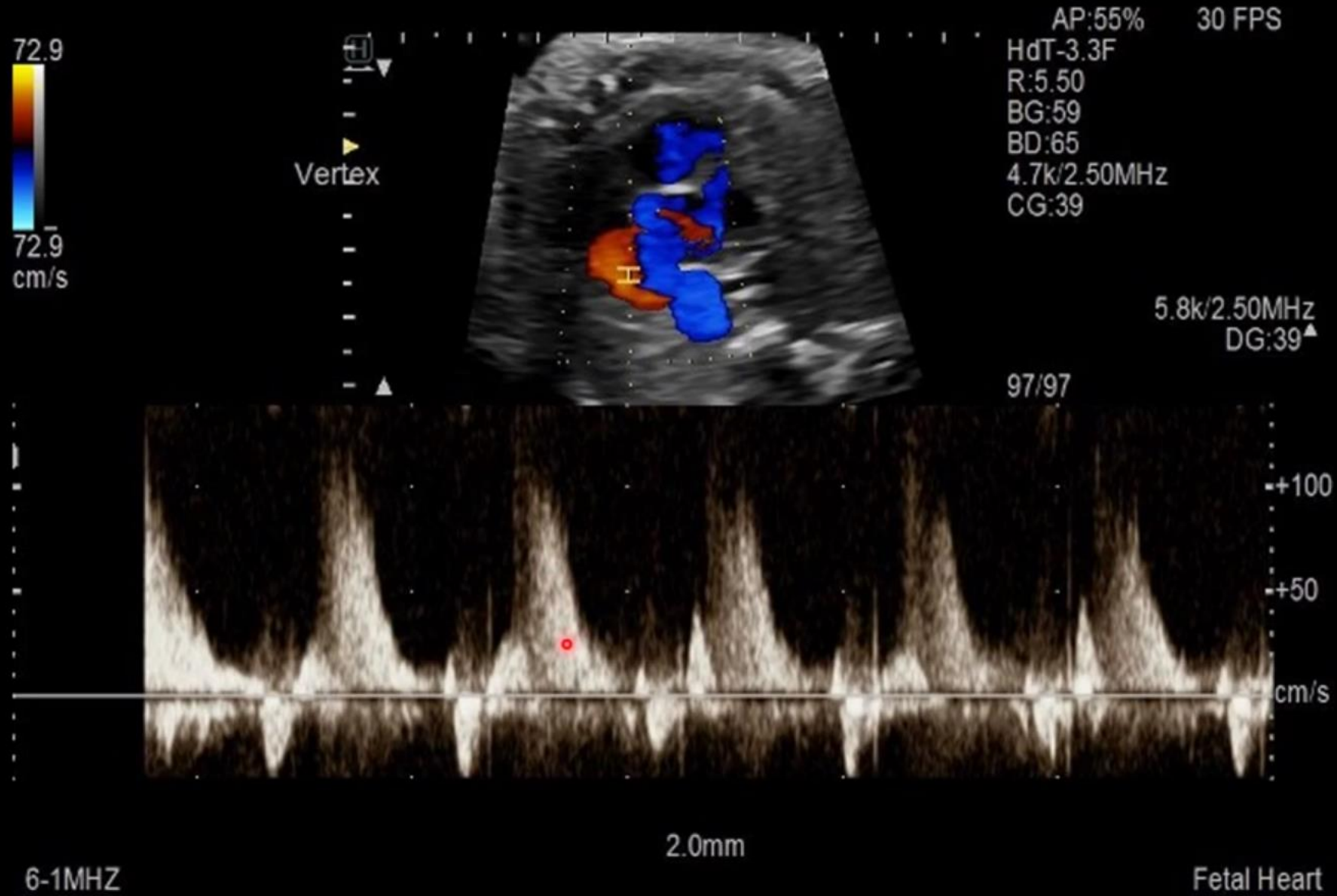
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Obstructive lesions: Pulmonary Atresia



MI 0.85 TIB < 0.4

Vertex



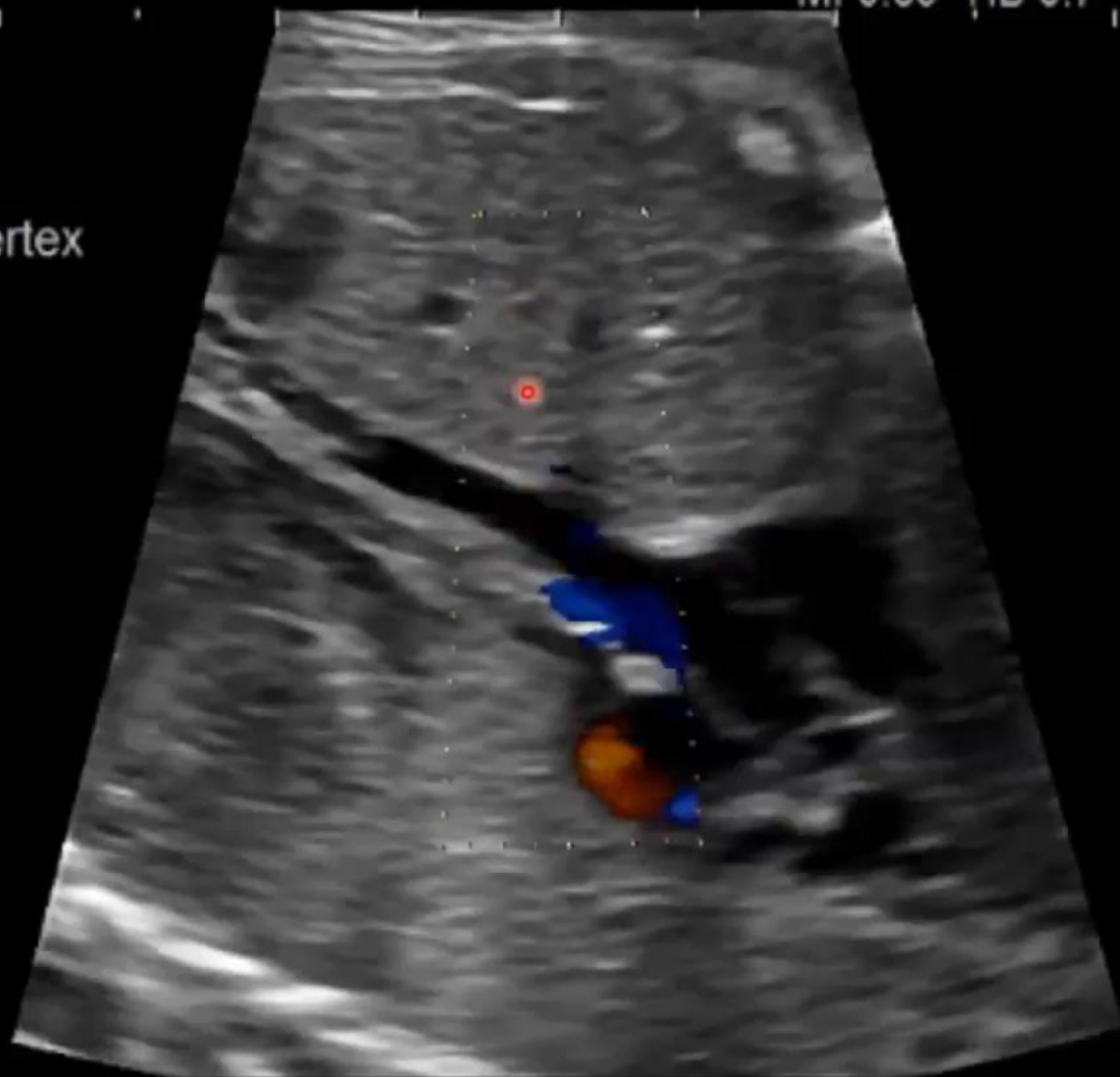
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Vertex



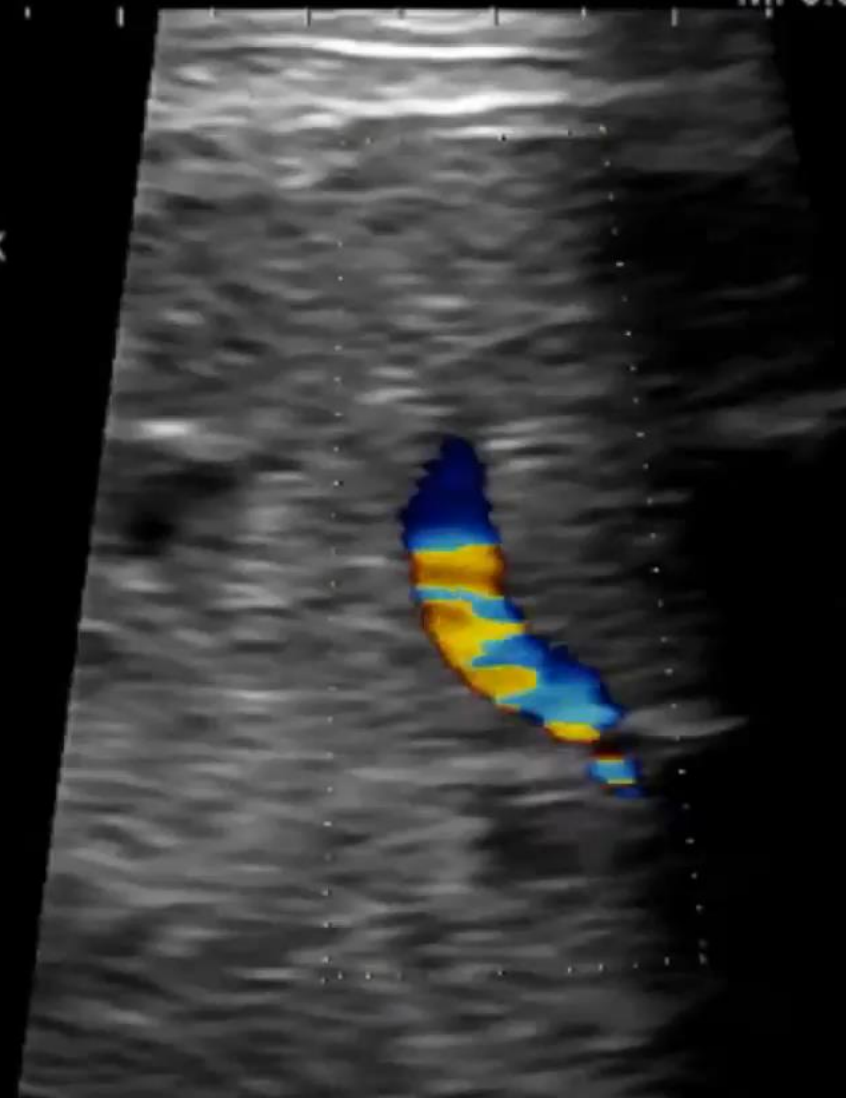
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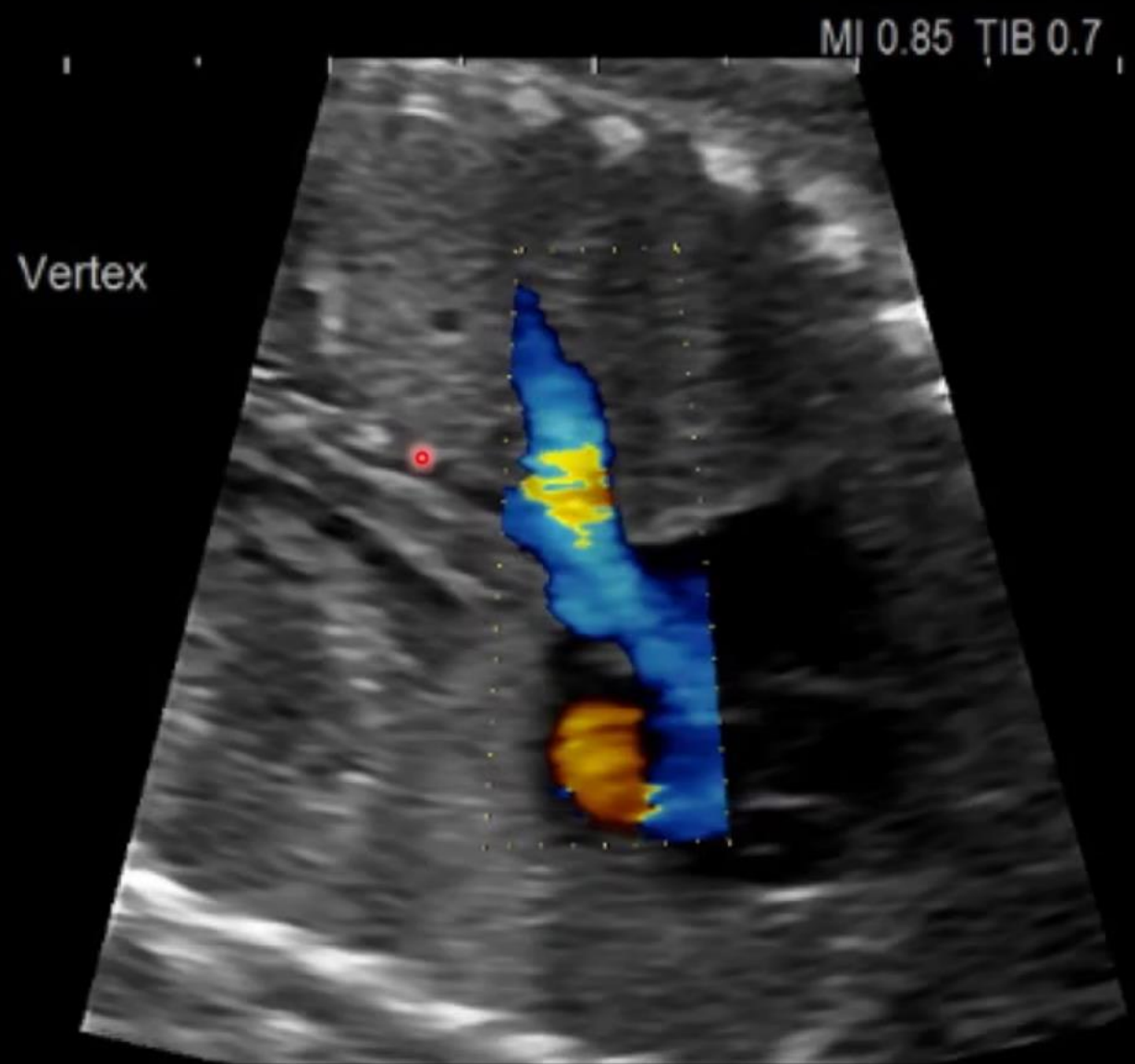
Vertex



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Vertex







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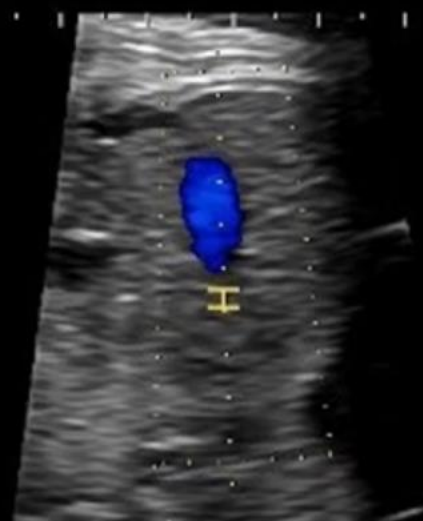
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+100

cm/s

2.0mm

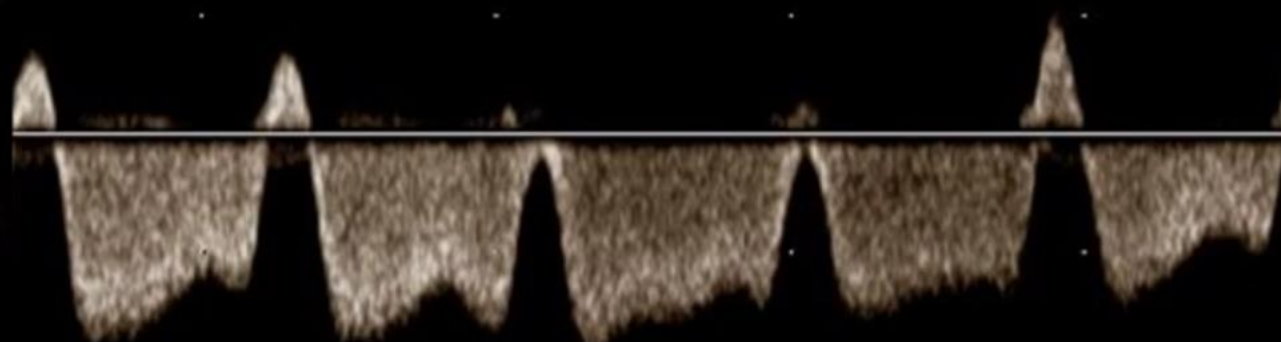
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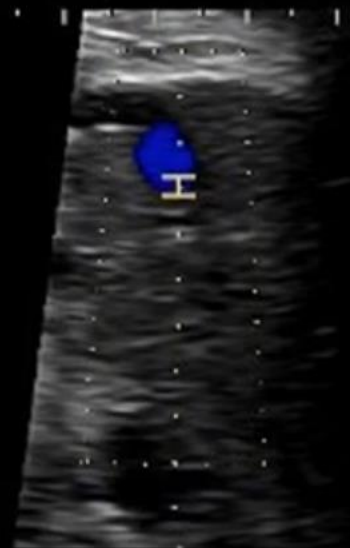
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2.0mm

32.4
32.4
cm/s

Vertex



AP:59% 52 FPS
HdT-3.3F
R:5.89
BG:57
BD:65
2.1k/2.50MHz
CG:36

4.7k/2.50MHz
DG:30

110/110

+50

cm/s

-50

2.0mm

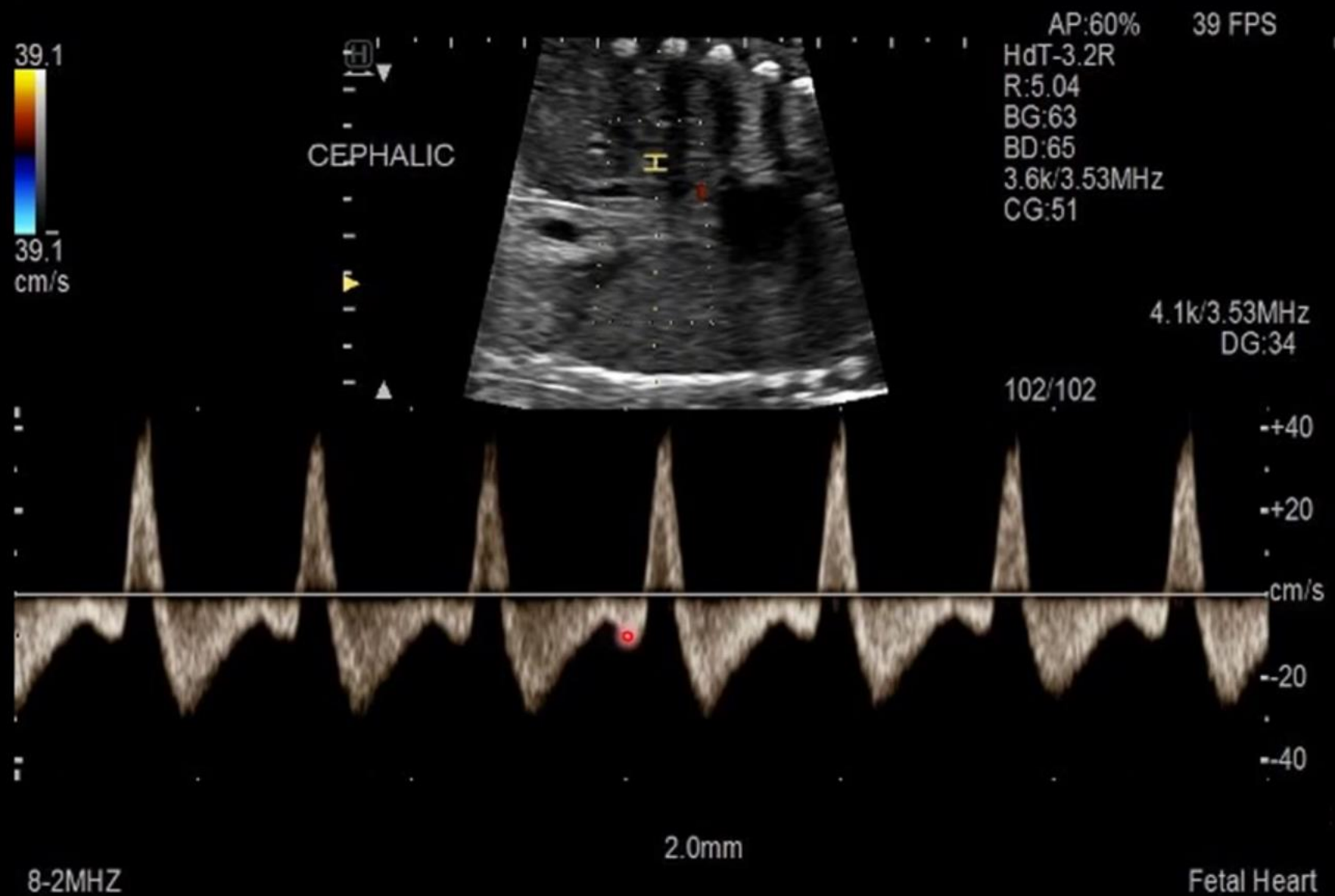
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Fetal Heart

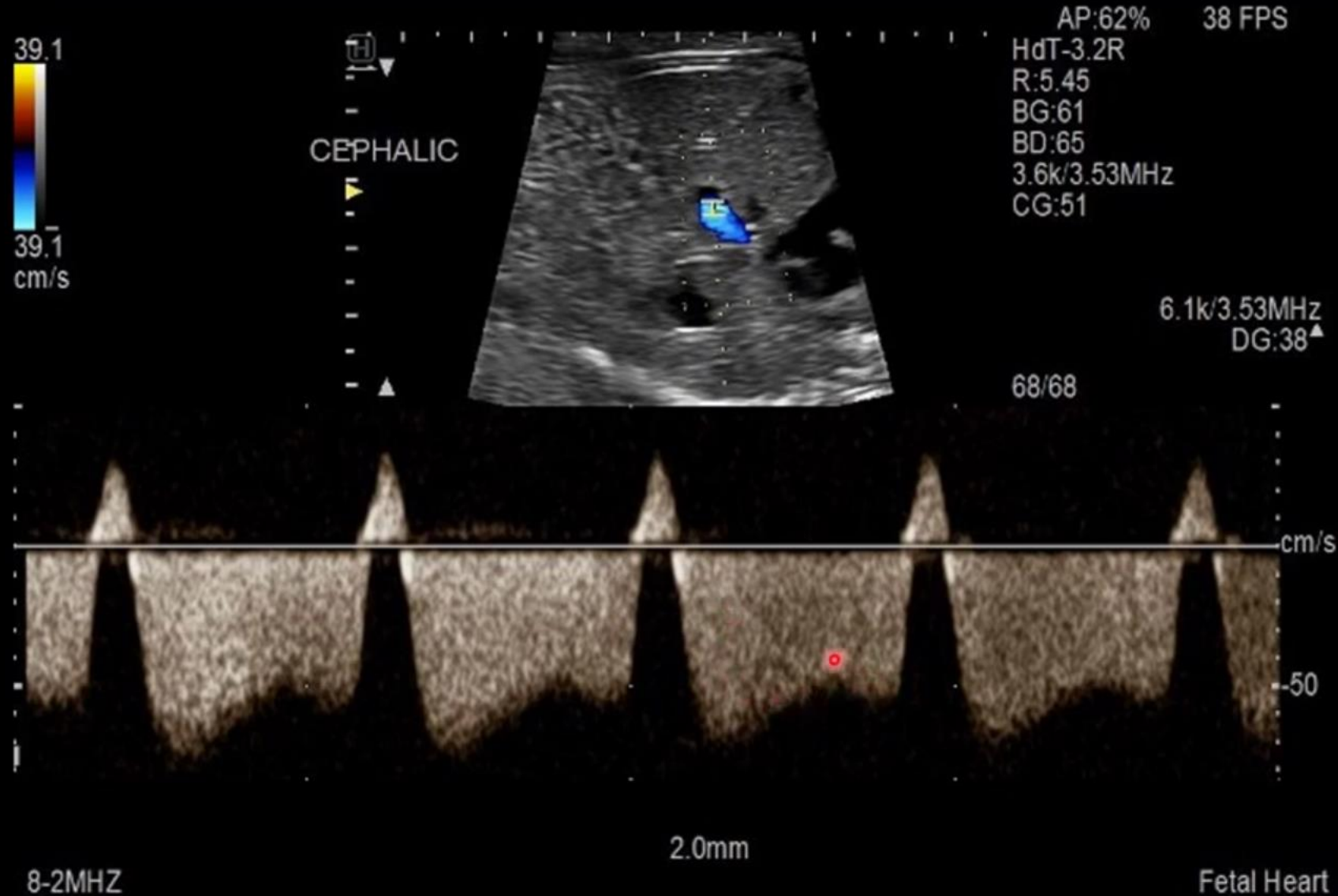
Tricuspid valve atresia



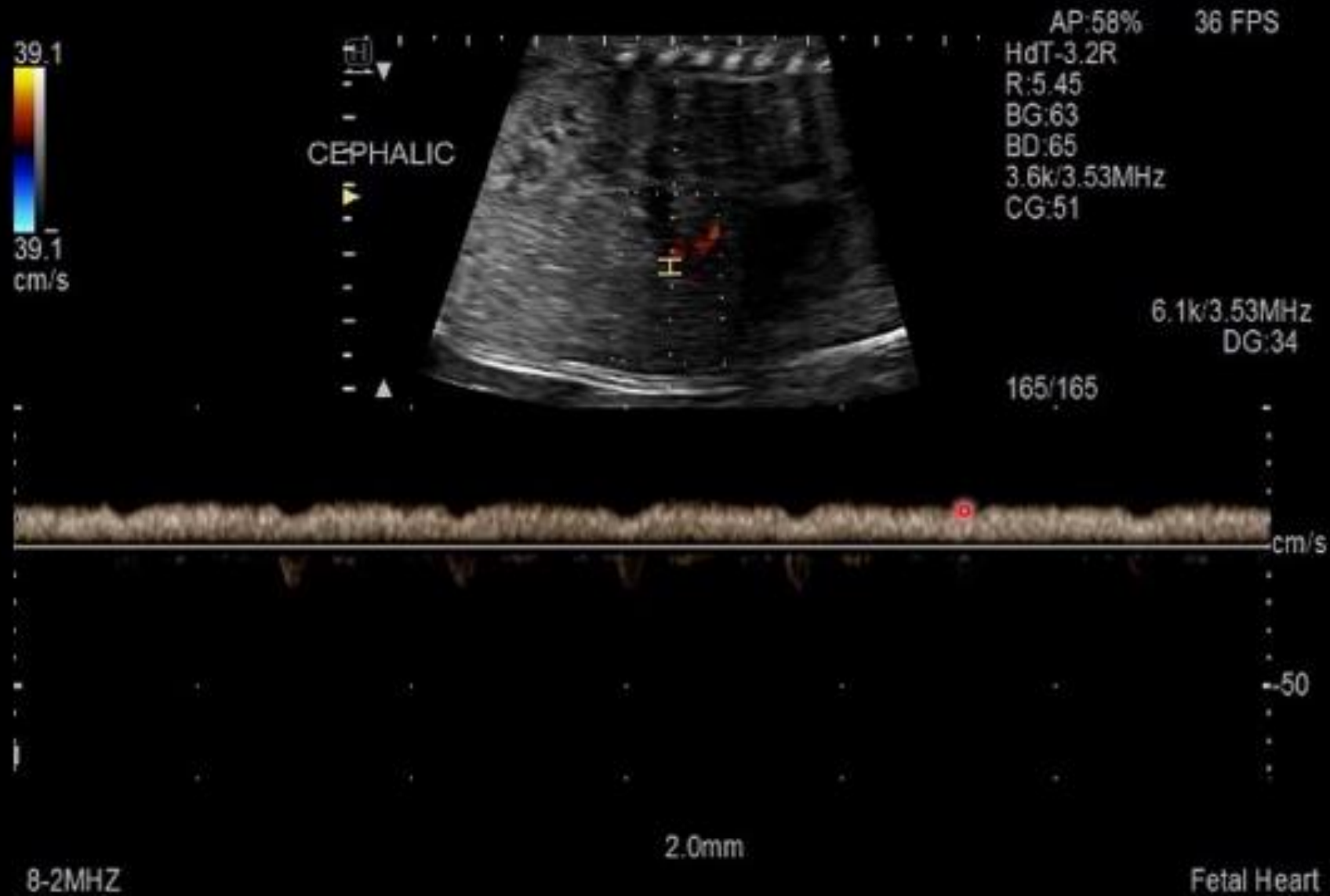
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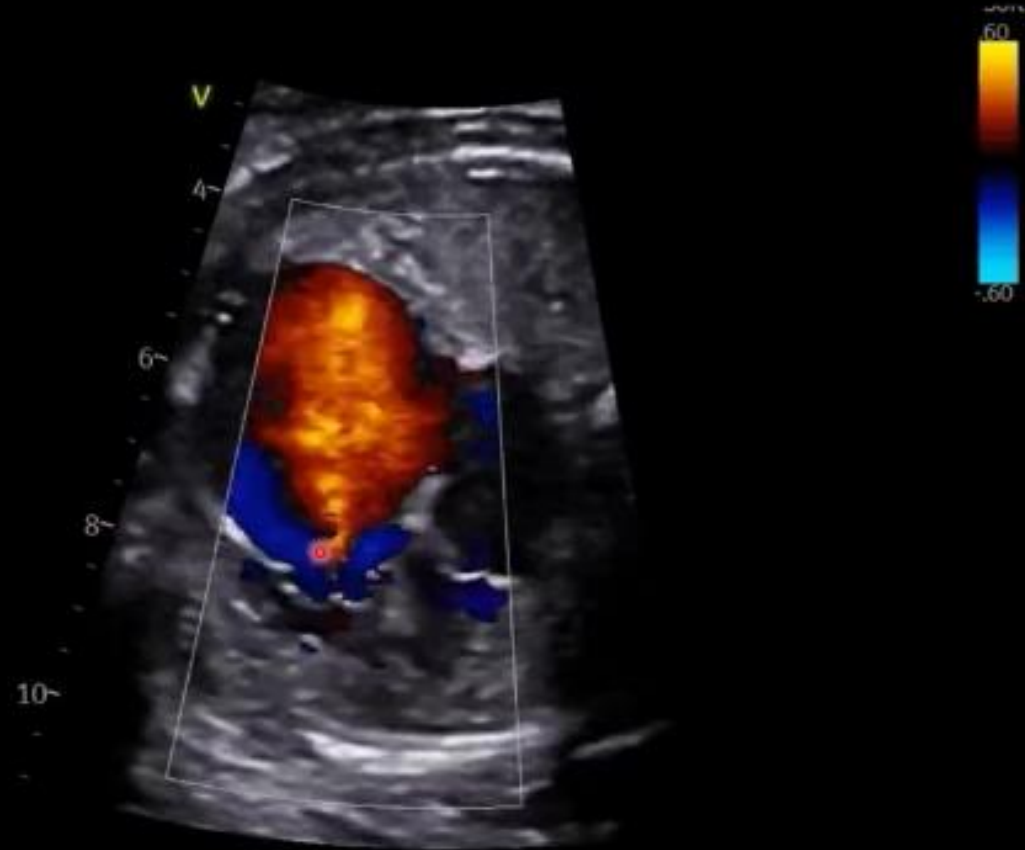
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Ebstein's anomaly

Regurgitant lesions: Ebstein's anomaly/dysplastic TV

HD
FPS: 50/50
f: 3.7 MHz/3.7 MHz
P: 0 dB
D: 13.0 cm

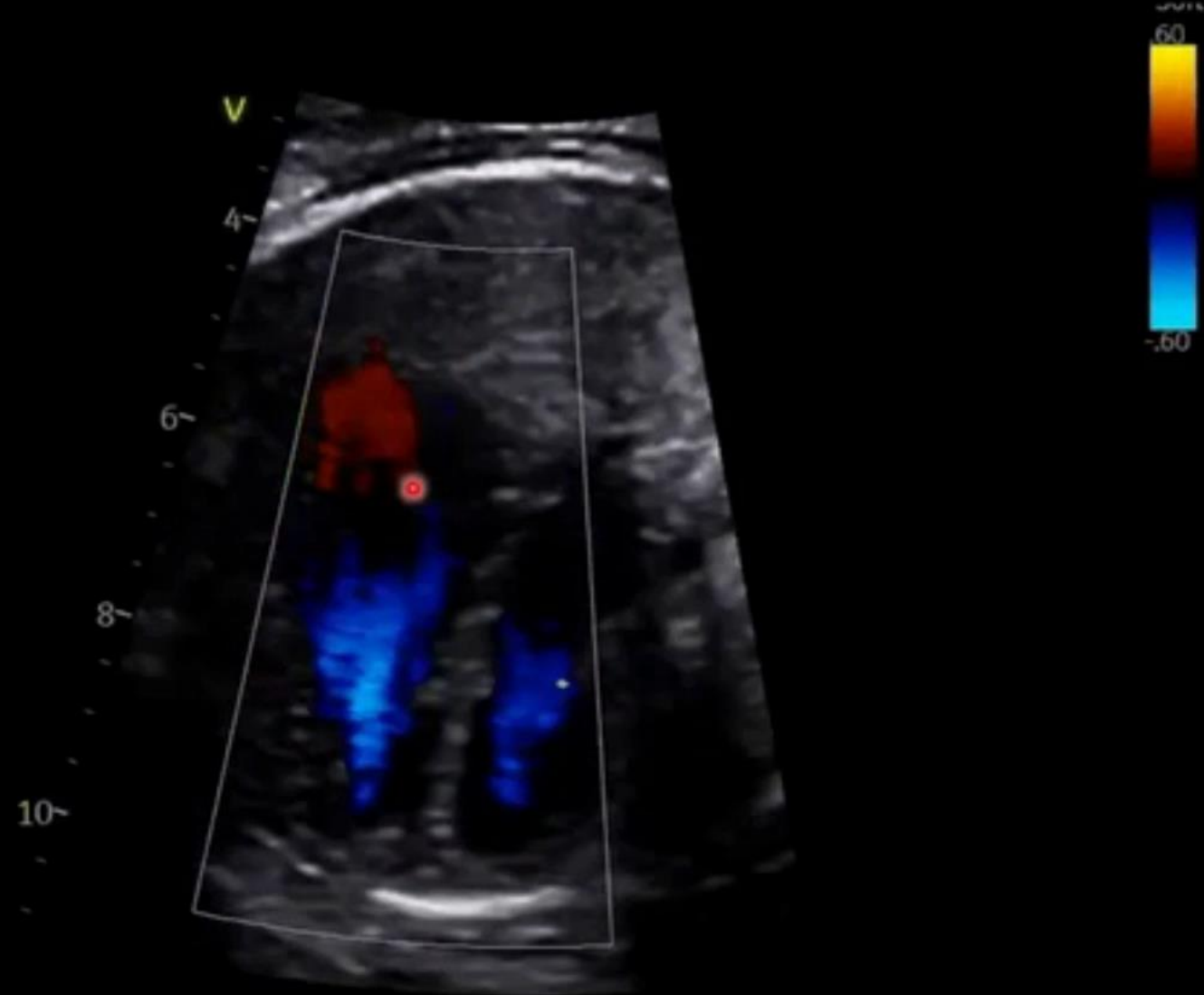


Regurgitant lesions: Ebstein's anomaly

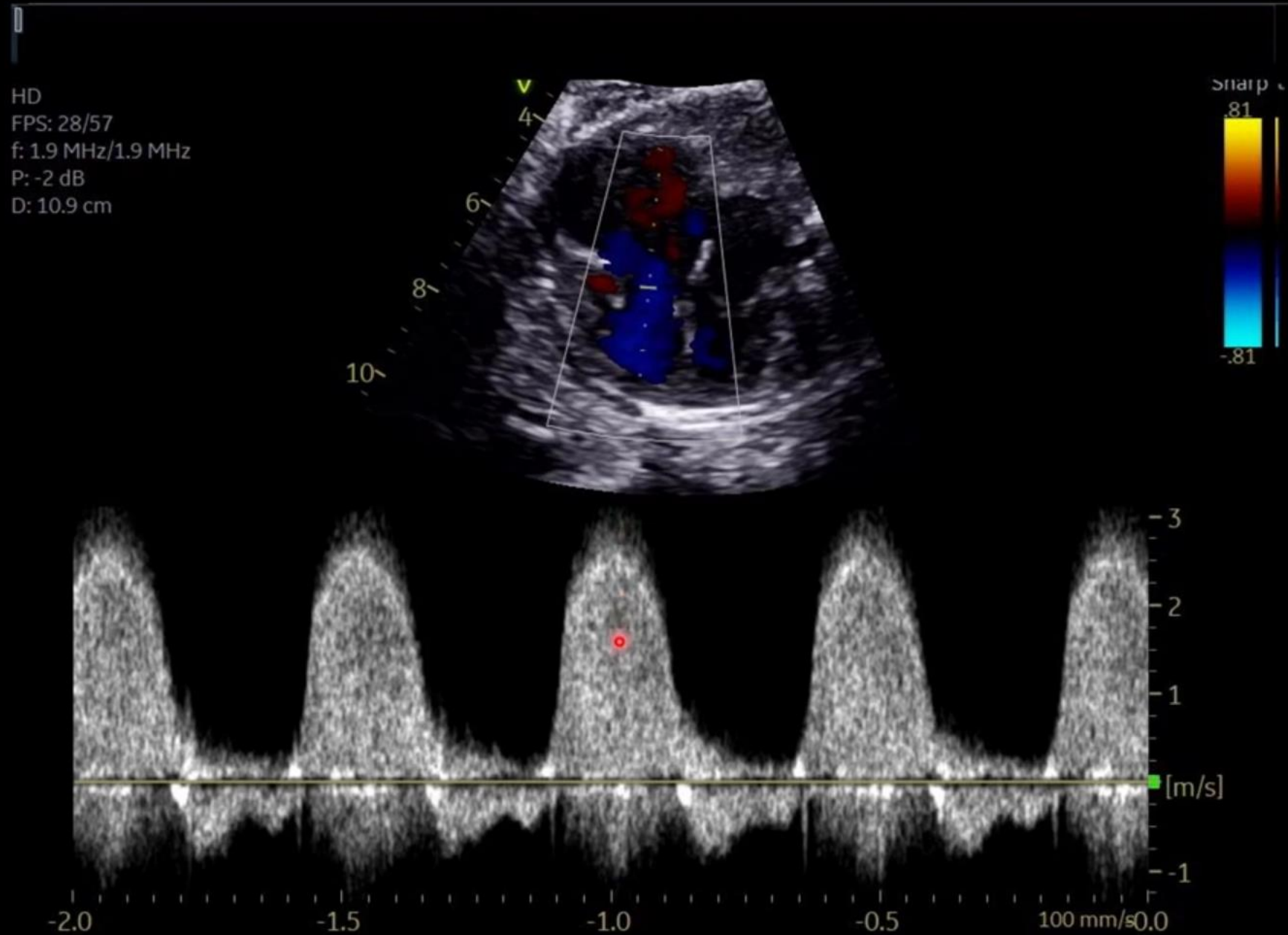


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HD
FPS: 50/50
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D: 13.0 cm



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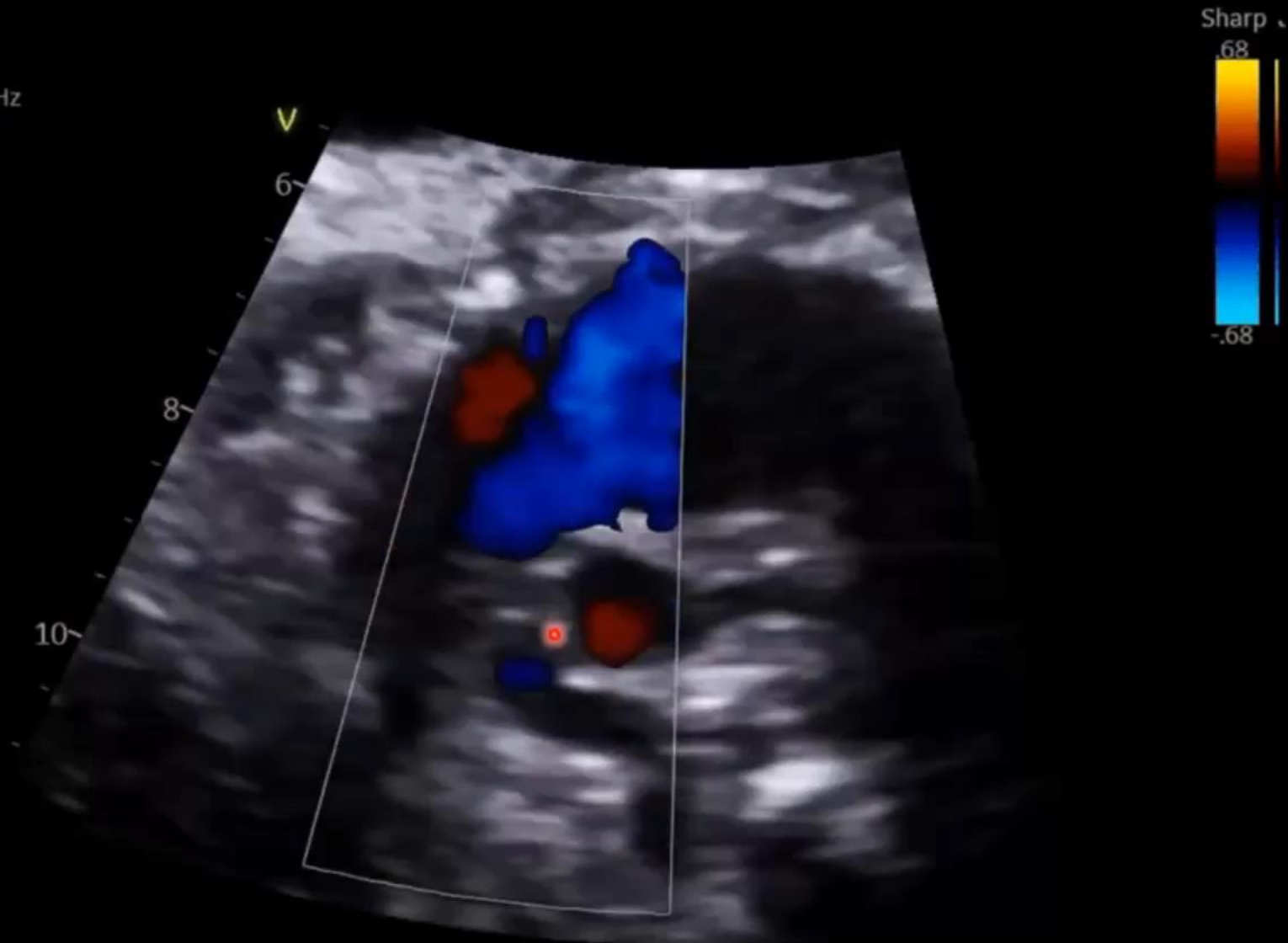
HD
FPS: 102
f: 1.7 MHz/3.3 MHz
P: -6 dB
D: 11.7 cm

Sharp



Regurgitant lesions: Ebstein's anomaly/dysplastic TV

HD
FPS: 72/72
f: 3.3 MHz/3.3 MHz
P: -6 dB
D: 11.4 cm



Regurgitant lesions: Ebstein's anomaly/dysplastic TV

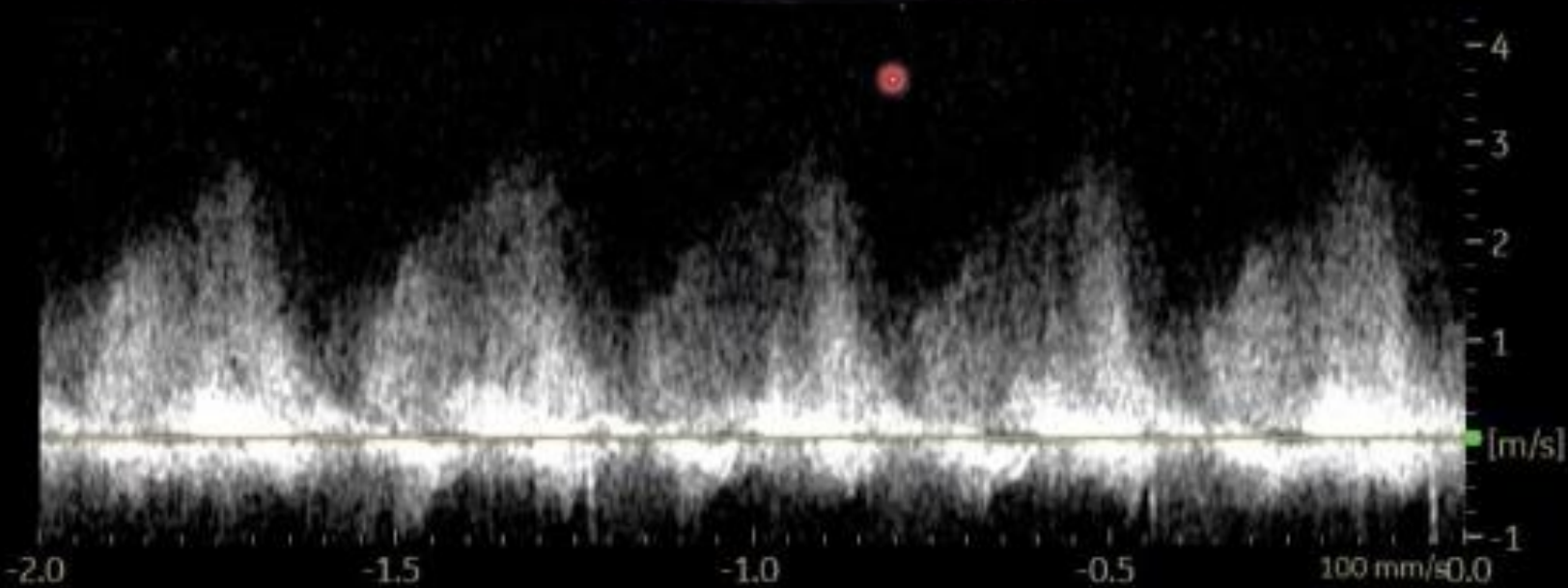
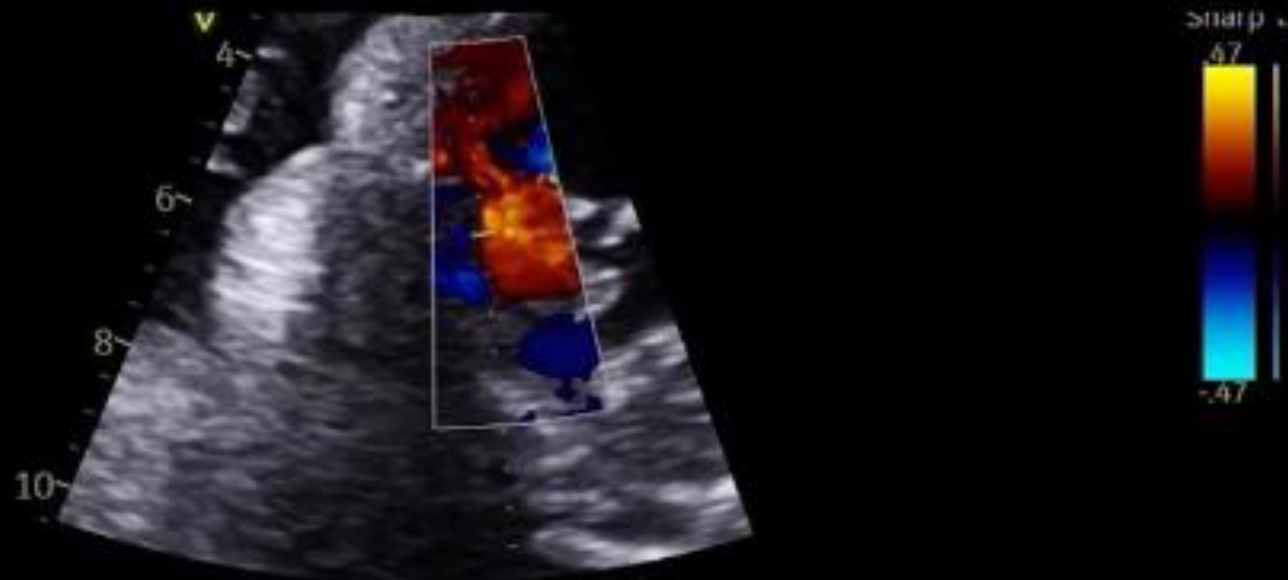
HD

FPS: 24/48

f: 1.9 MHz/1.9 MHz

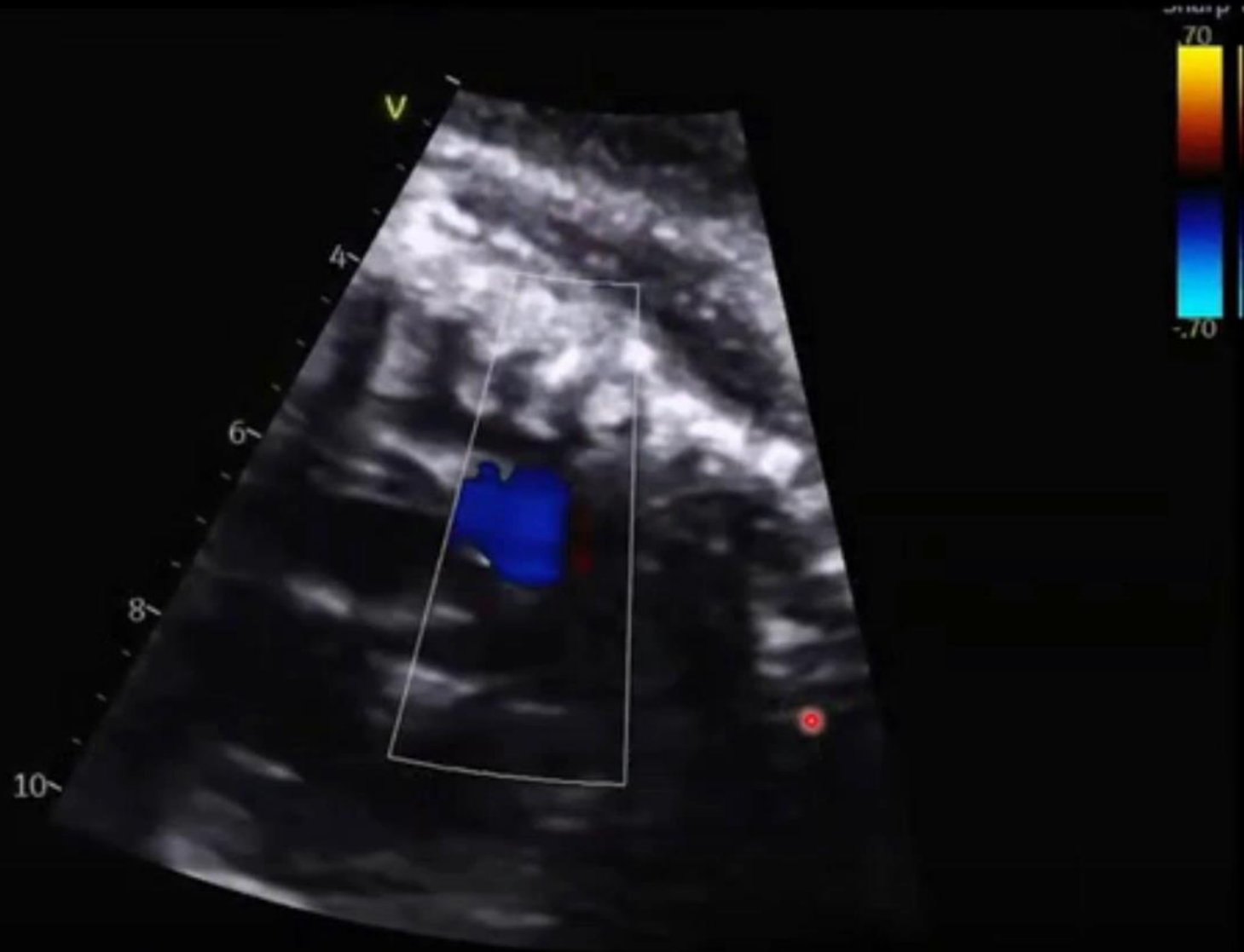
P: -1 dB

D: 12.0 cm

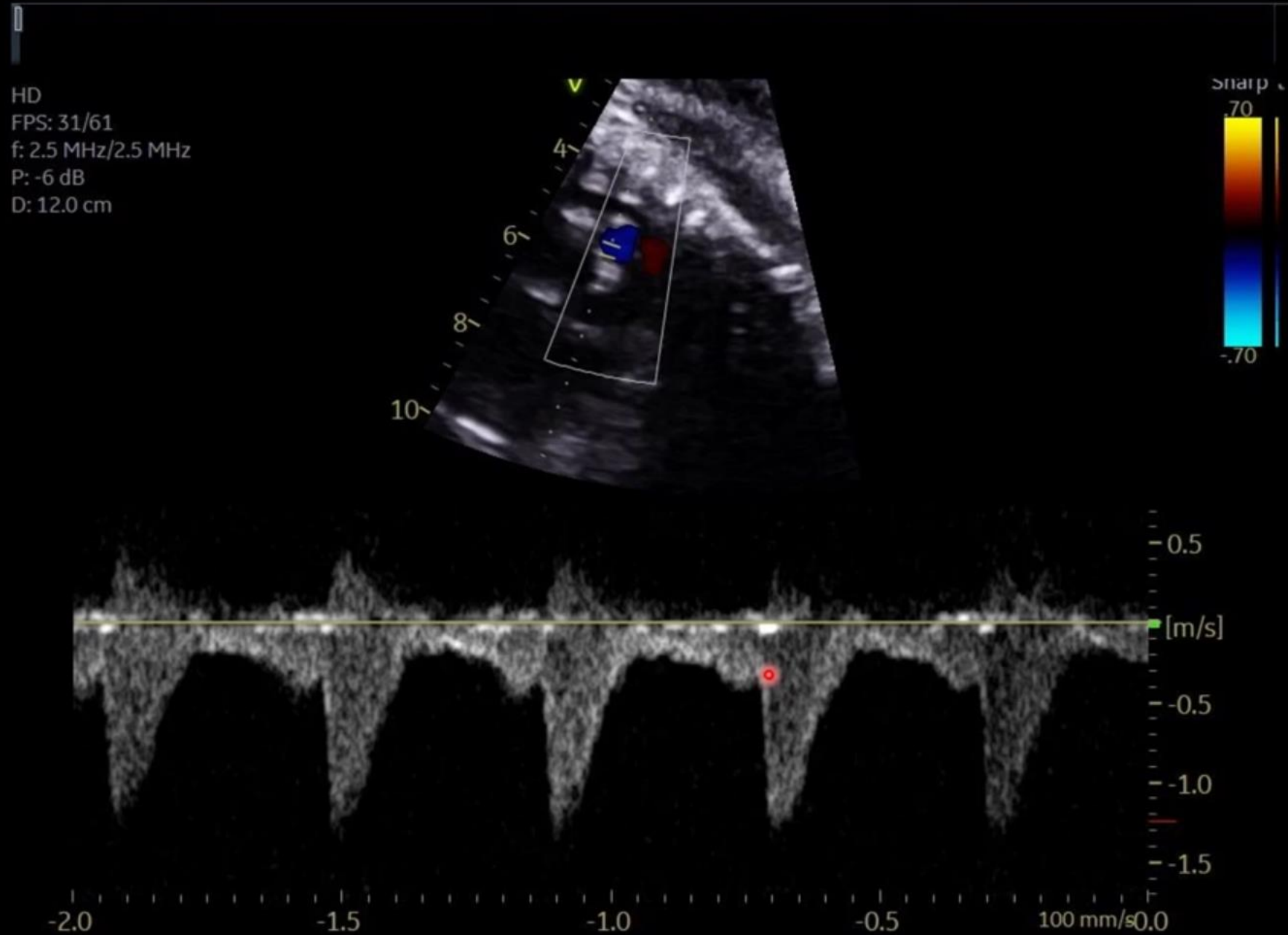


Regurgitant lesions: Ebstein's anomaly/dysplastic TV

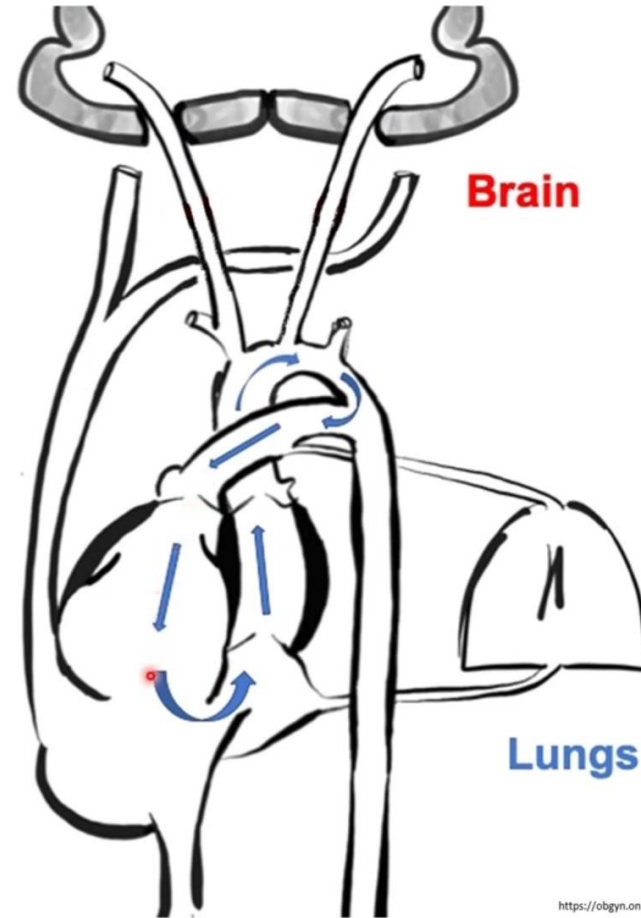
HD
FPS: 61/61
f: 3.3 MHz/3.3 MHz
P: -6 dB
D: 12.0 cm



Regurgitant lesions: Ebstein's anomaly/dysplastic TV



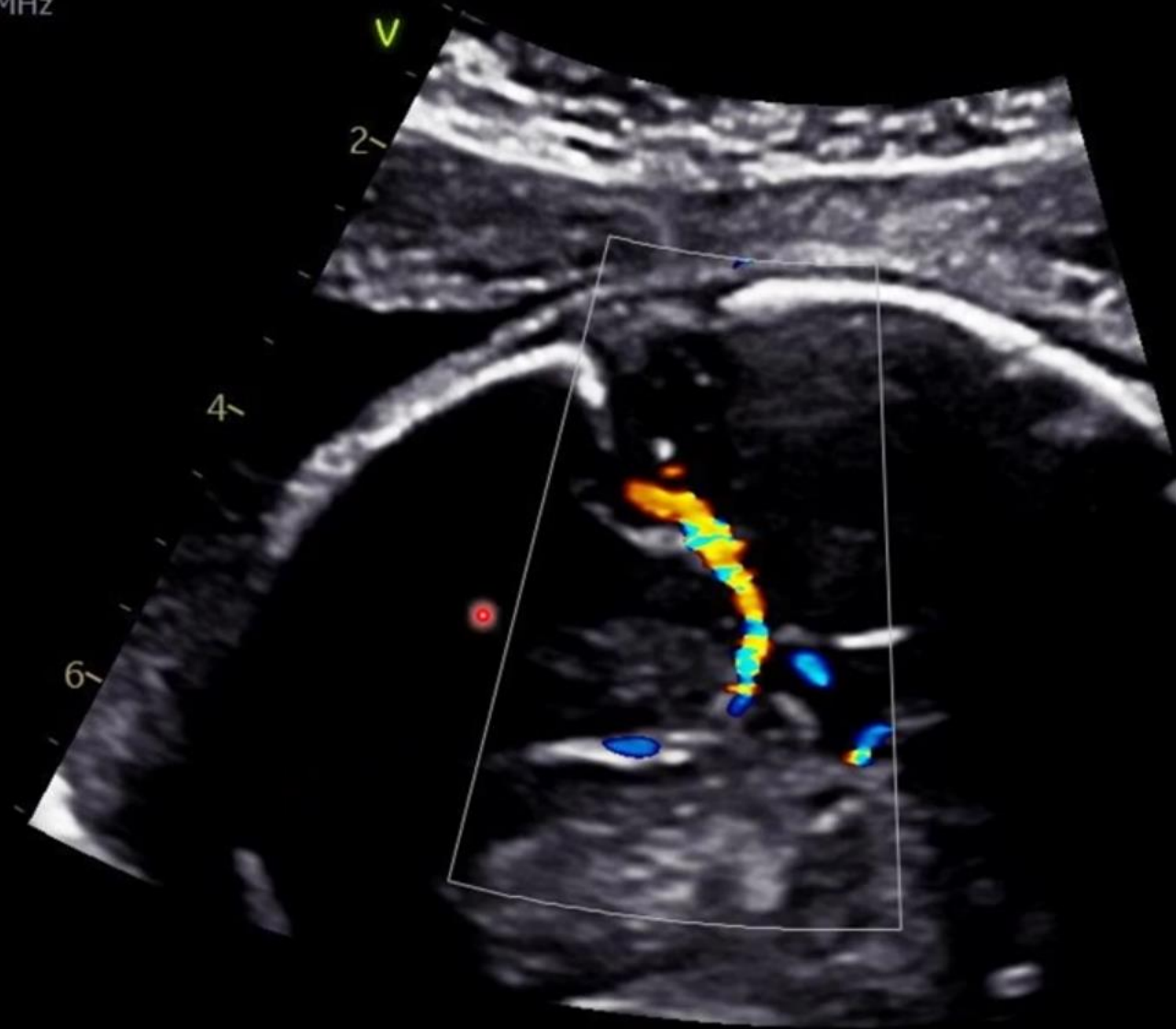
“Circular Shunt”



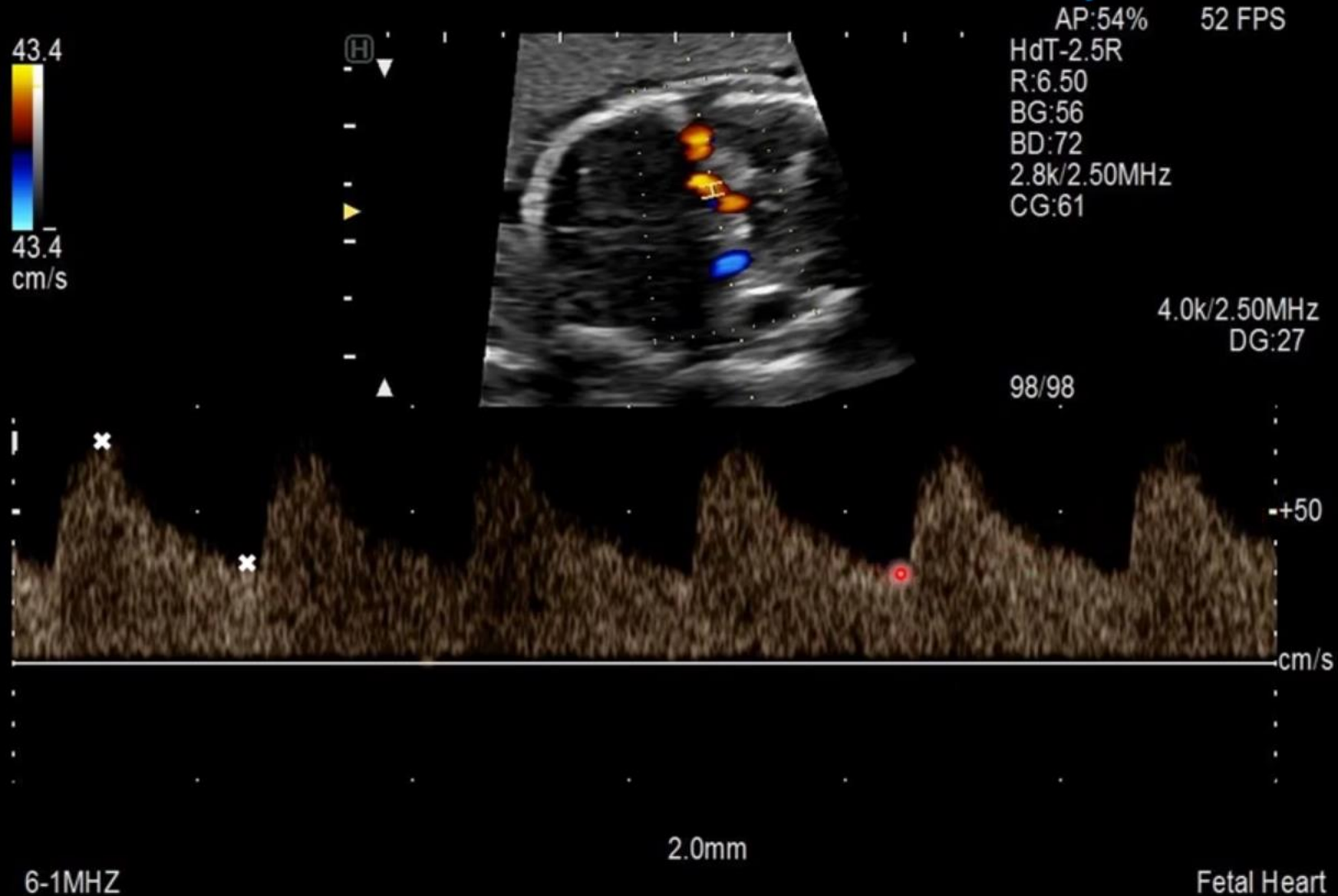
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Middle cerebral artery

ACE
FPS: 36/36
f: 3.7 MHz/3.7 MHz
D: 10.1 cm



Middle cerebral artery



Anemia