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ICP overnight dynamics of pediatric patients

hydrocephalus - macrocephaly - craniostenosis

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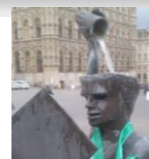
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sexy other means of investigation: ultrasound, telemetry, **computerized ICP analysis**



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- US assessment of ventricles after fontanel closure

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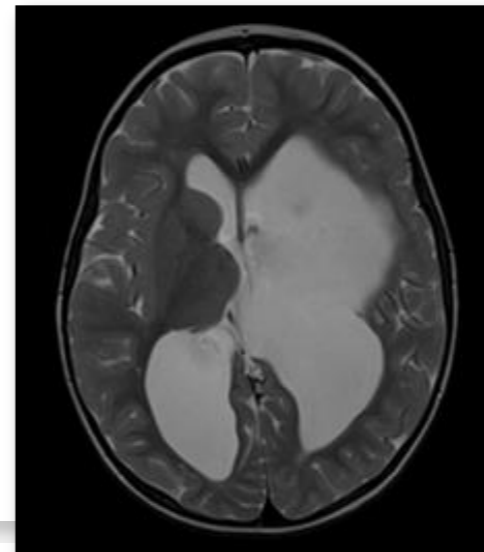
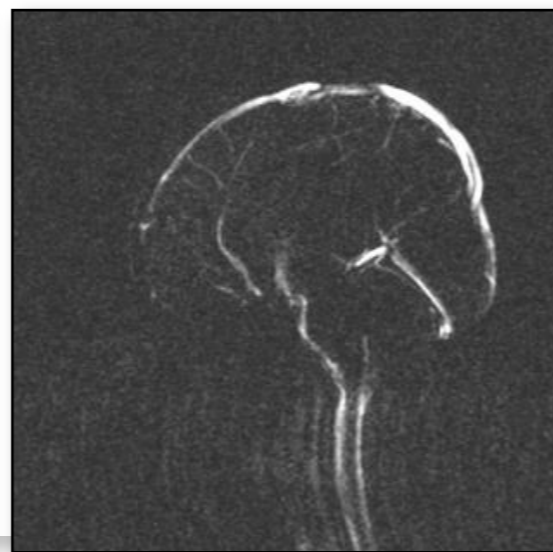
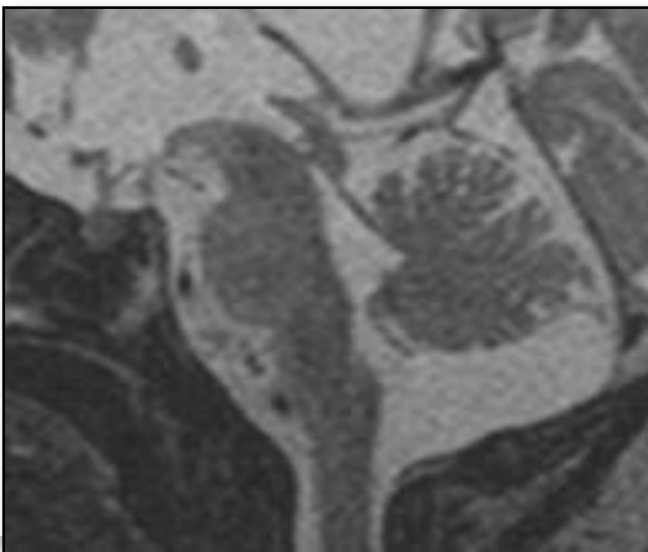
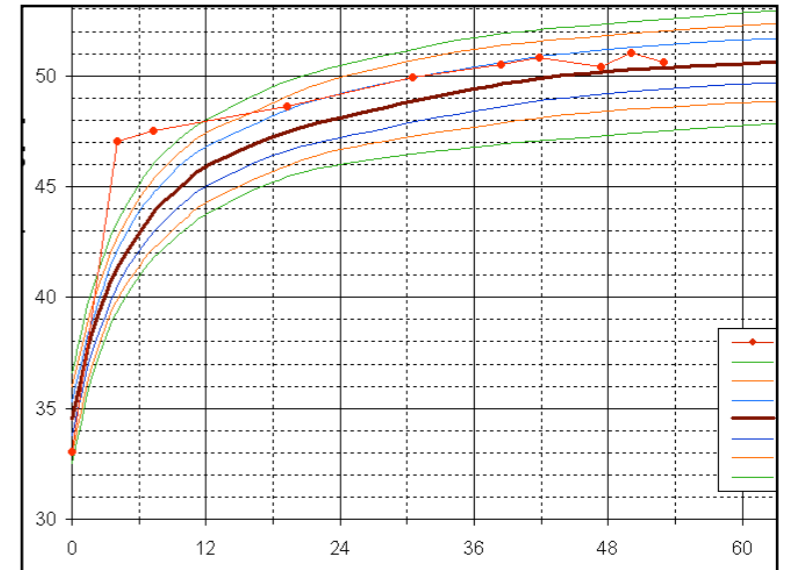
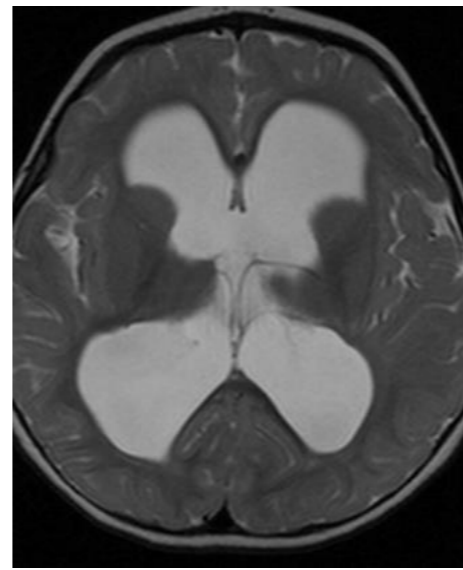
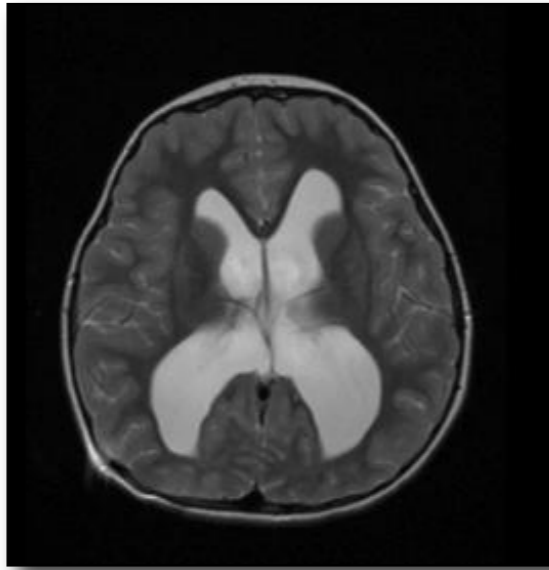
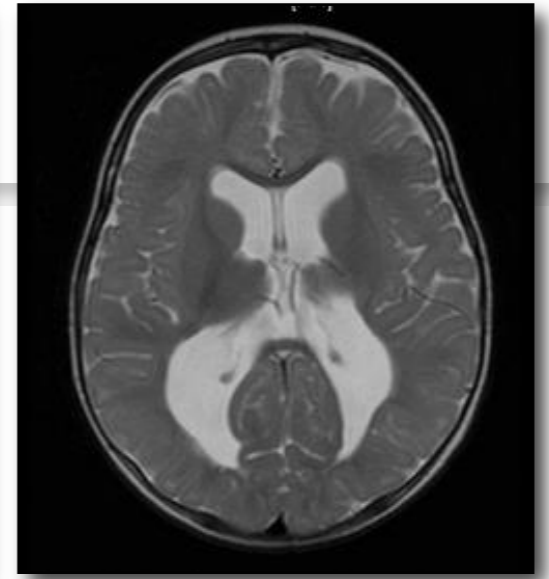
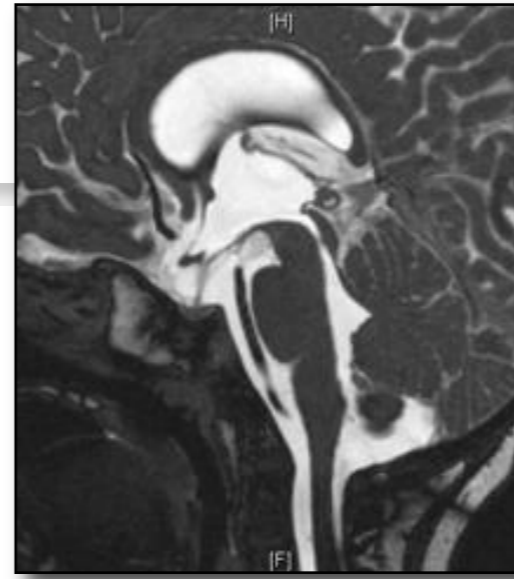
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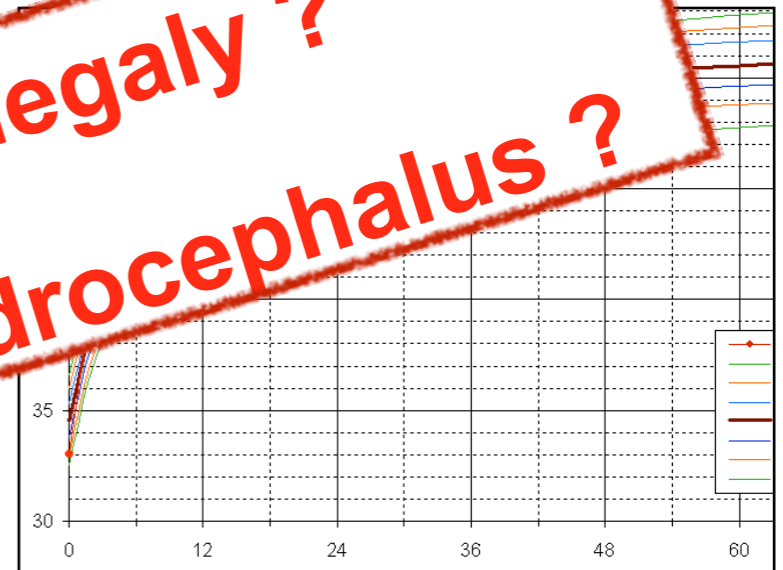
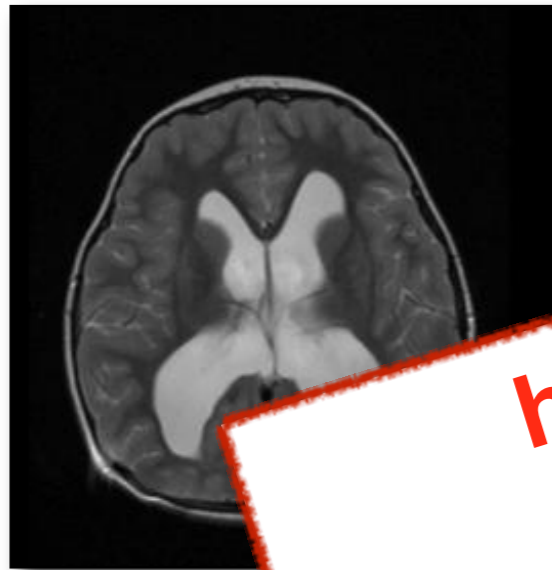
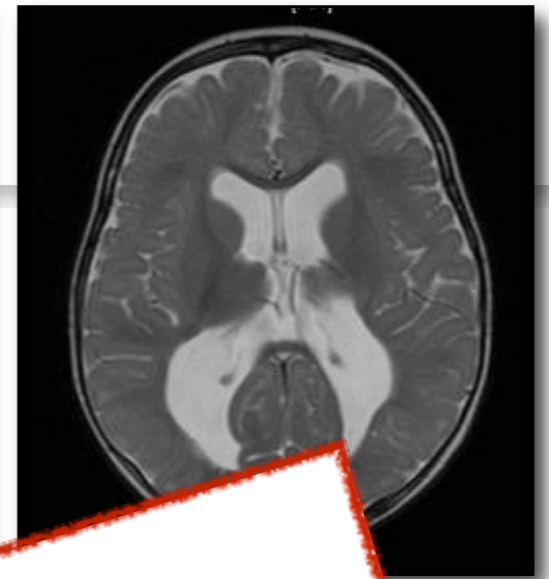
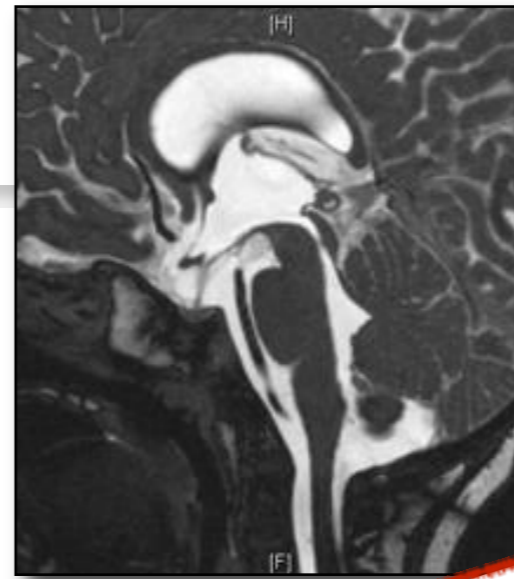
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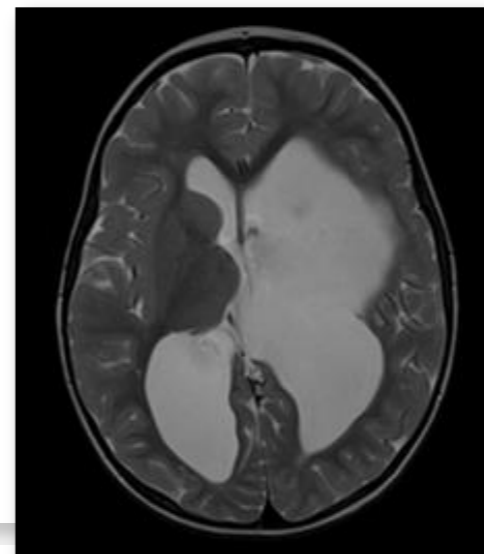
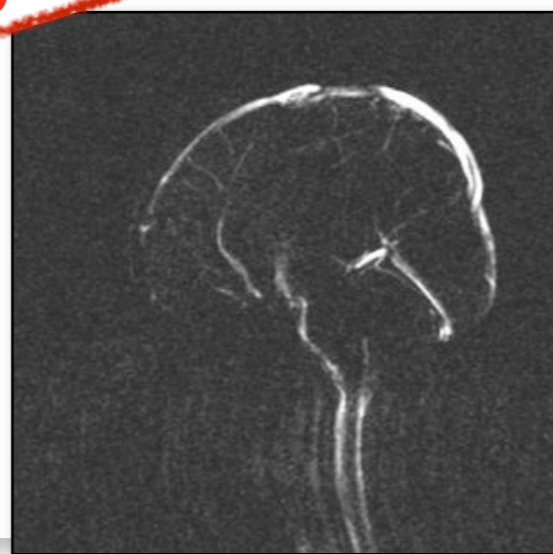
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- ICP transducer at hairline, no shaving, short intubation/sedation
- 5 mm burrhole, screw, intraparenchymal sensor
- children run around all day, go to bed, when asleep parents connect



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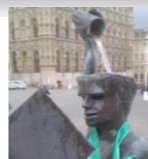
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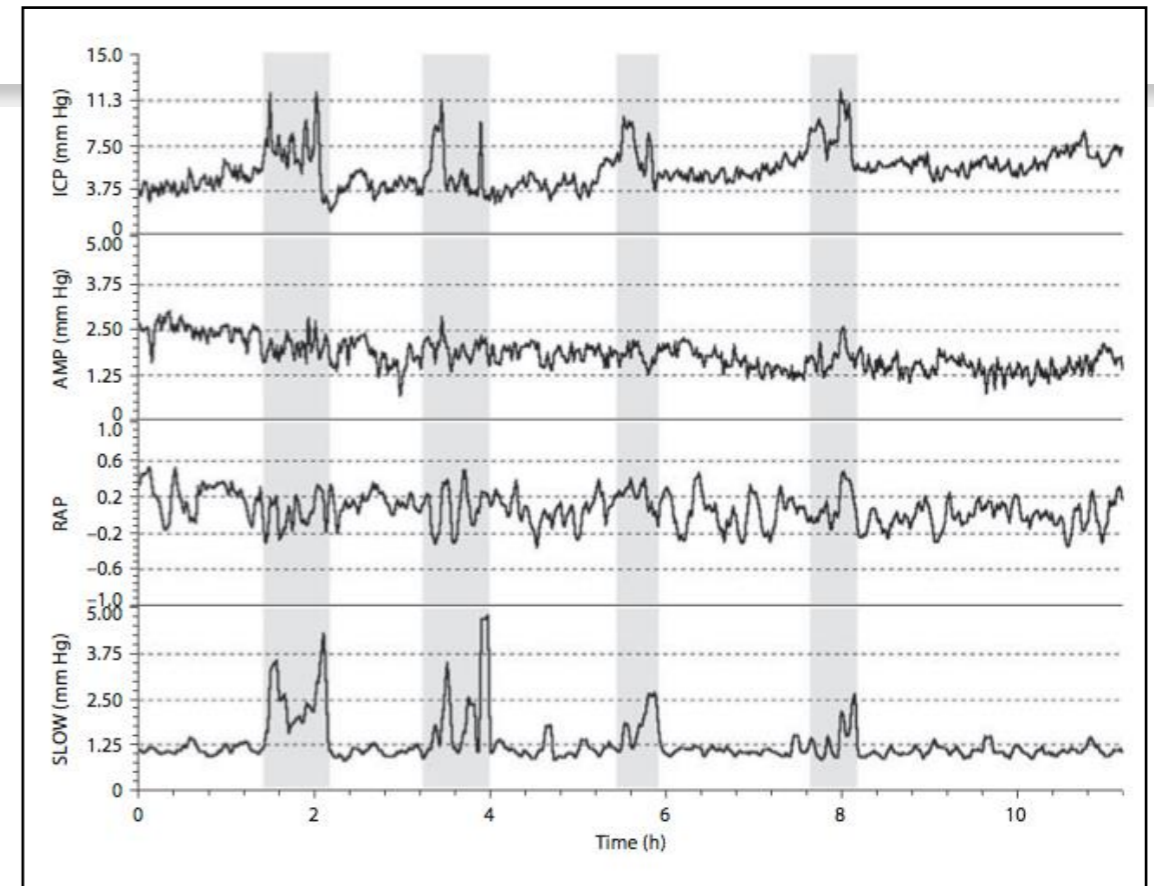
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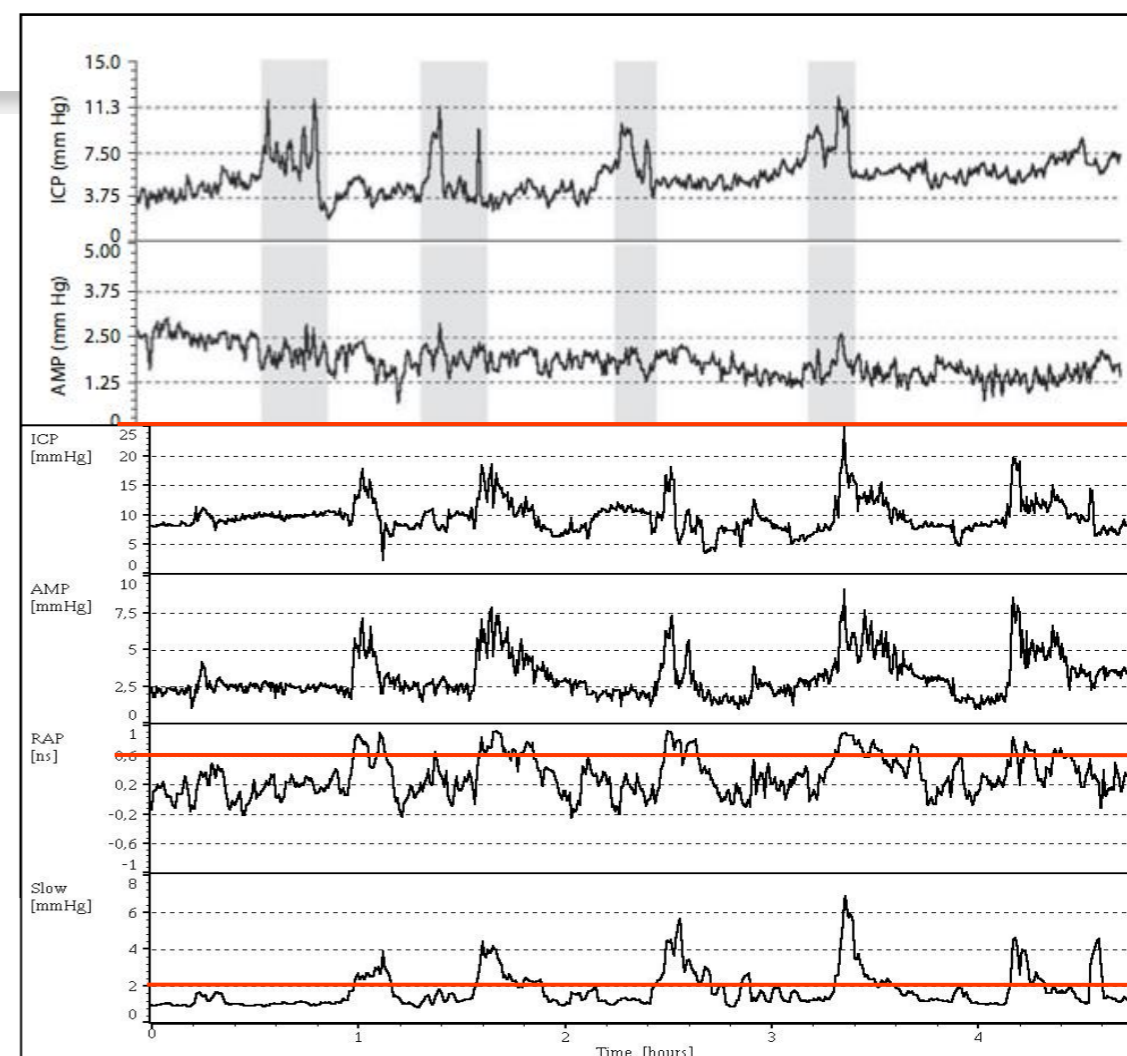
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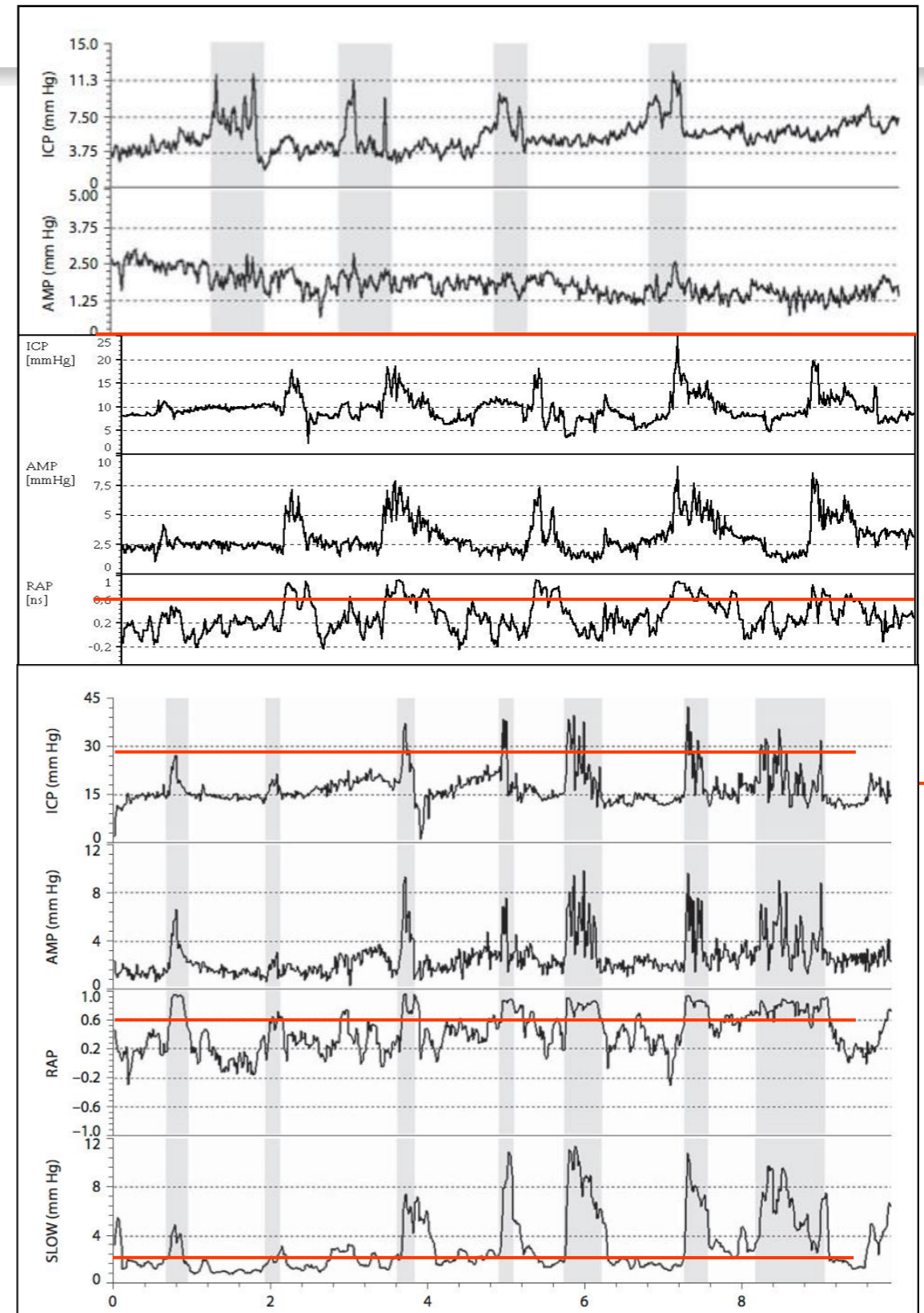
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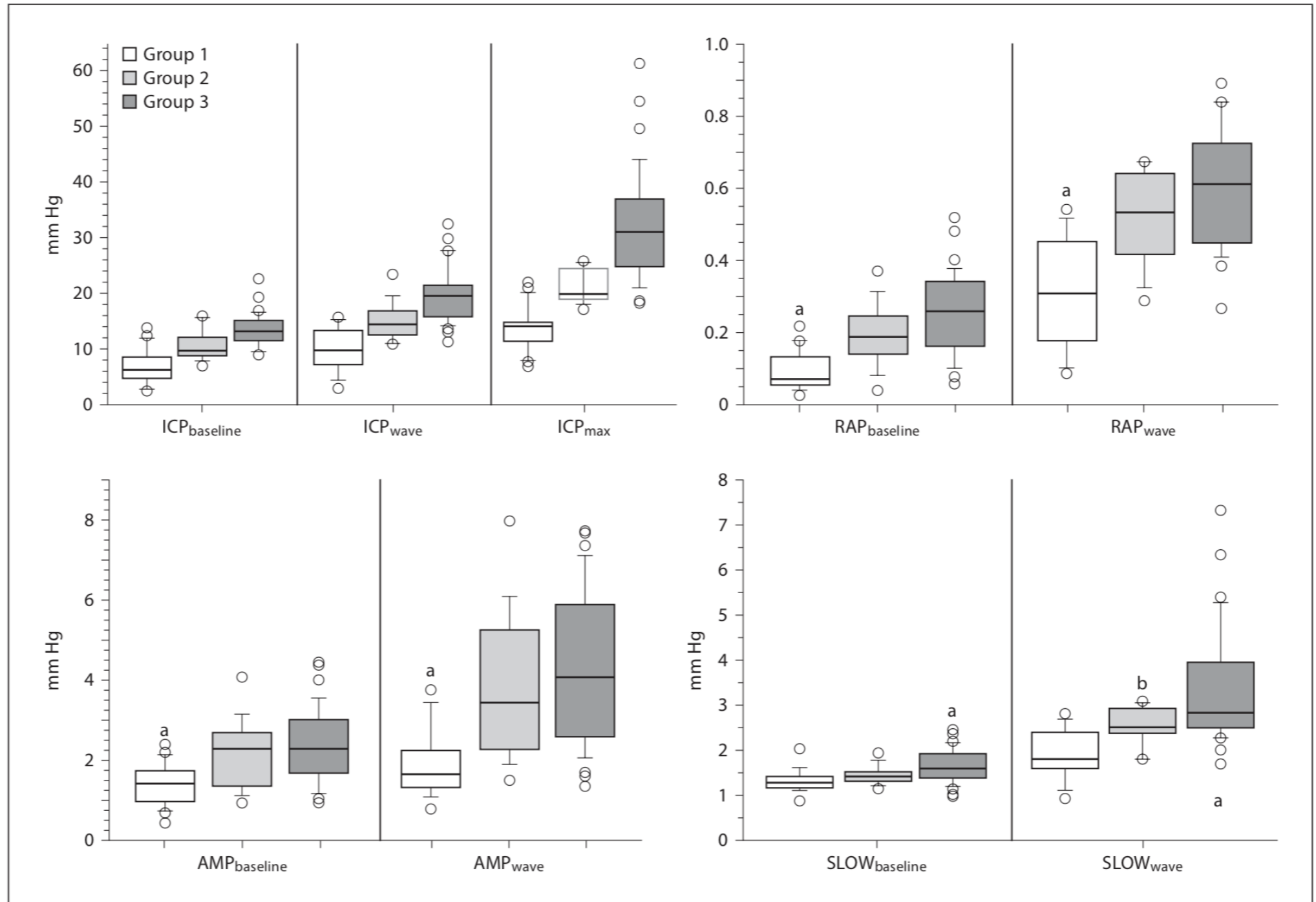
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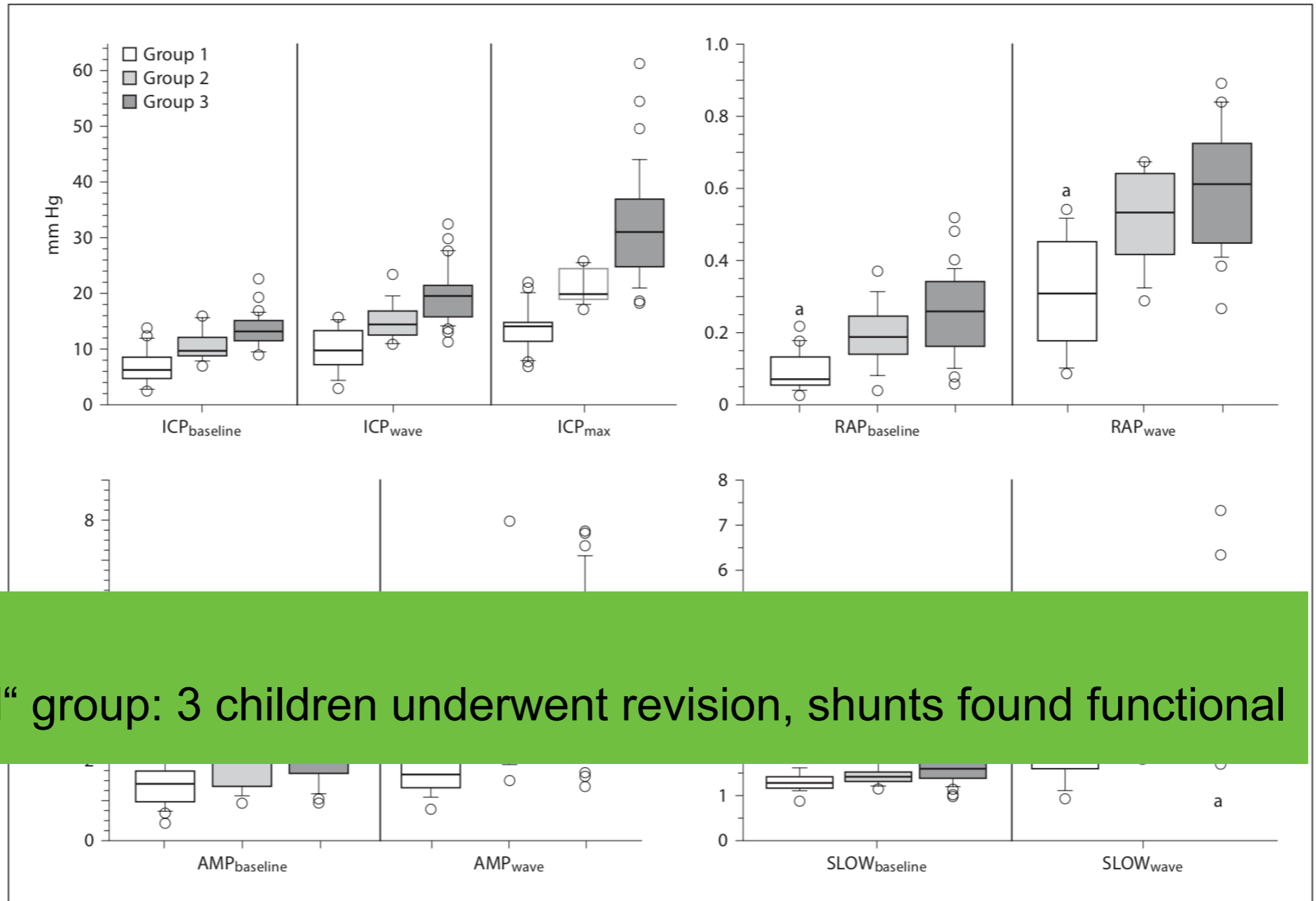
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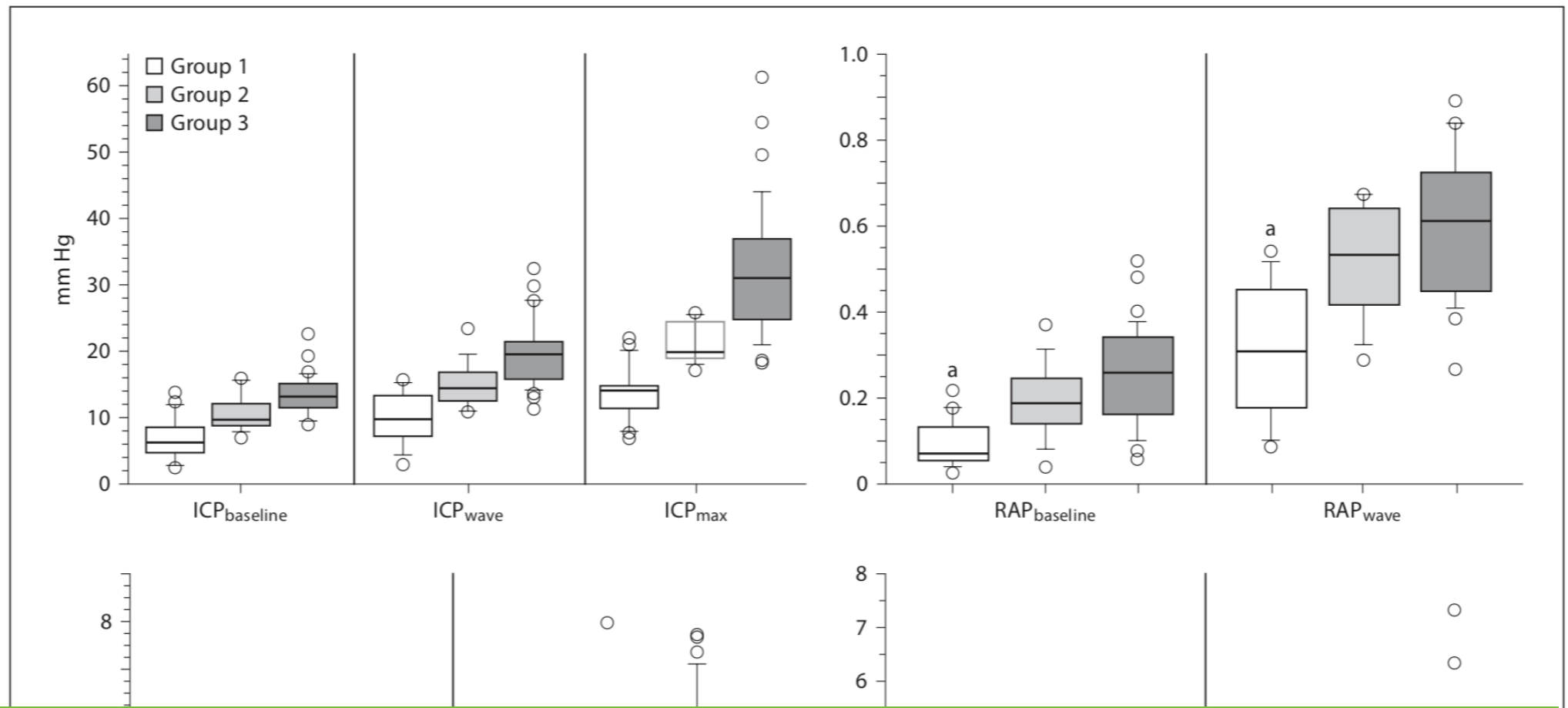
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„Functional“ group: 3 children underwent revision, shunts found functional

„Pathological“ group: **all** underwent shunt revision earlier or later
all shunts exchanged

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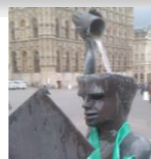
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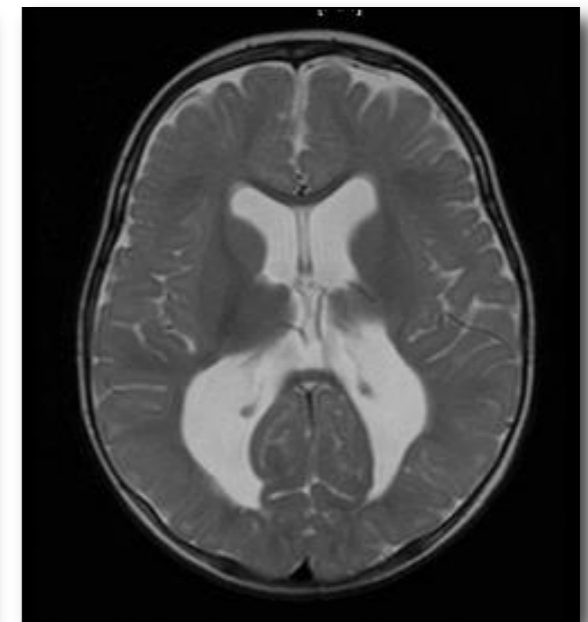
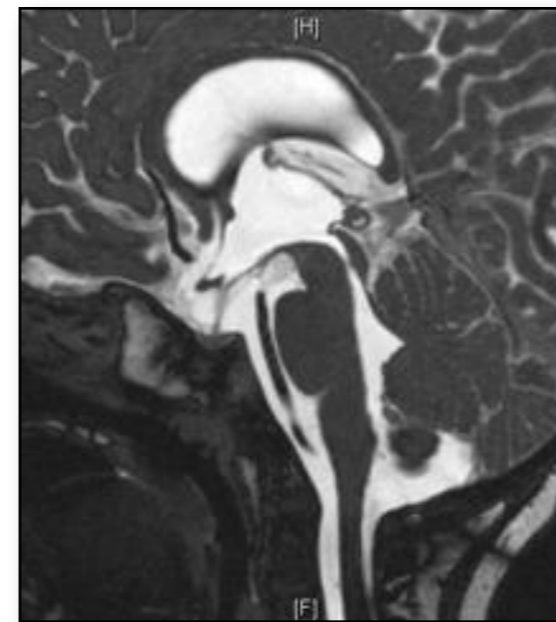
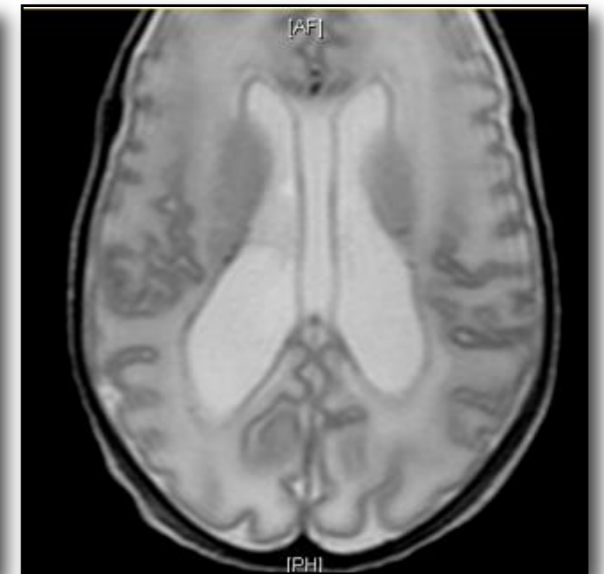
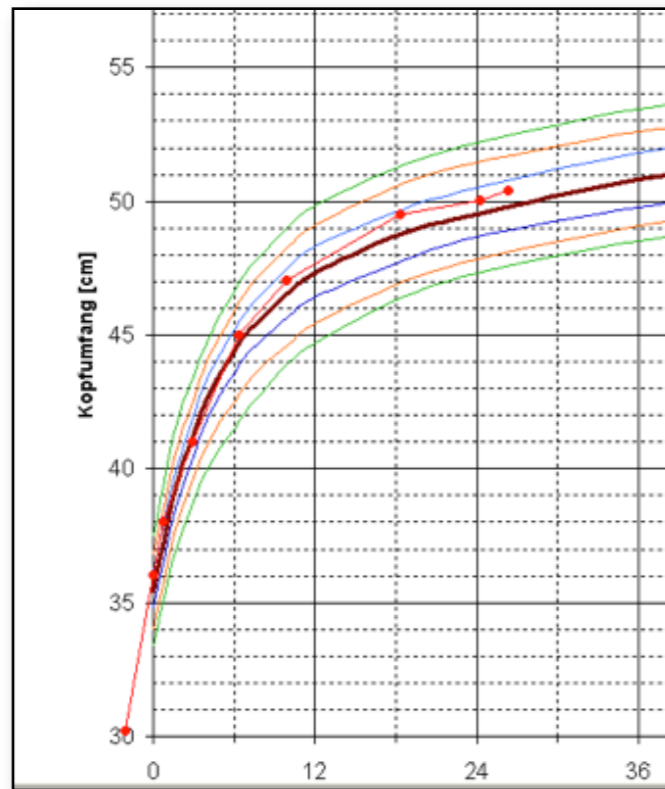
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- ↑ ICP peaks during nocturnal vasogenic episode (≥ 25 mmHg)
- ↑ frequency of VE (>5 in 8h)
- indices of decrease in intracranial compliance and reserve capacity
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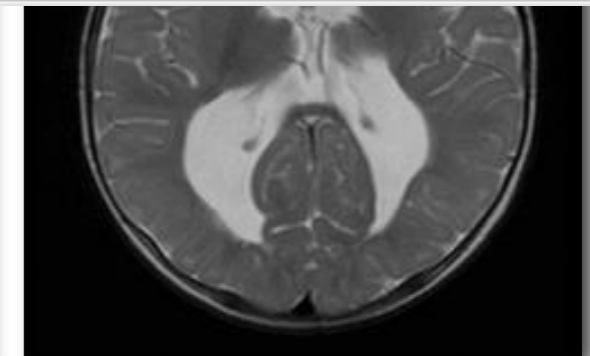
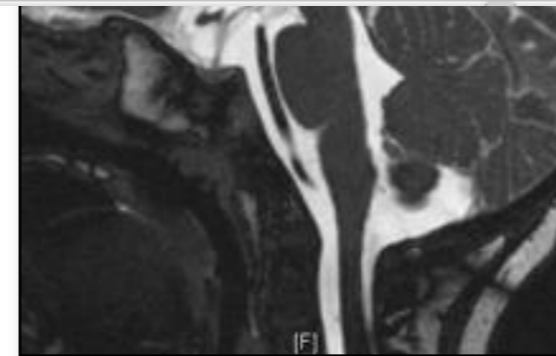
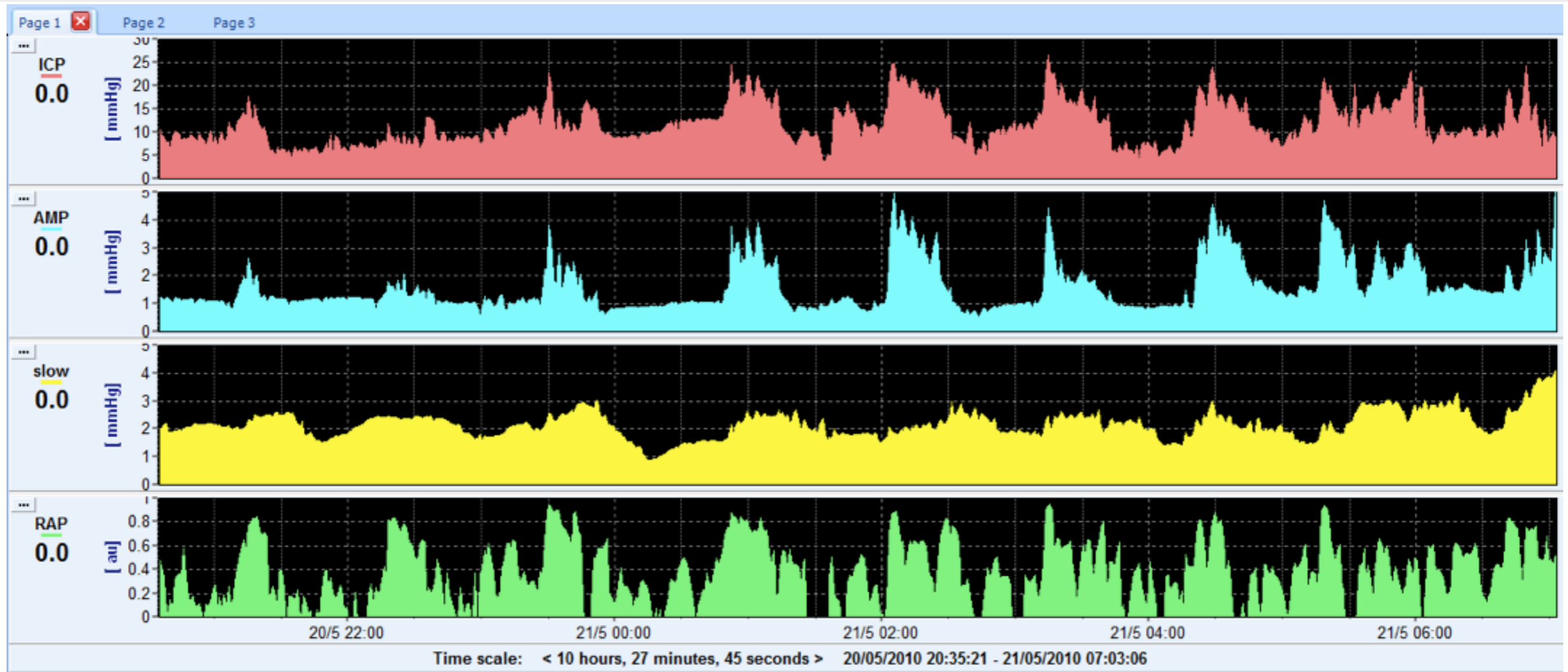


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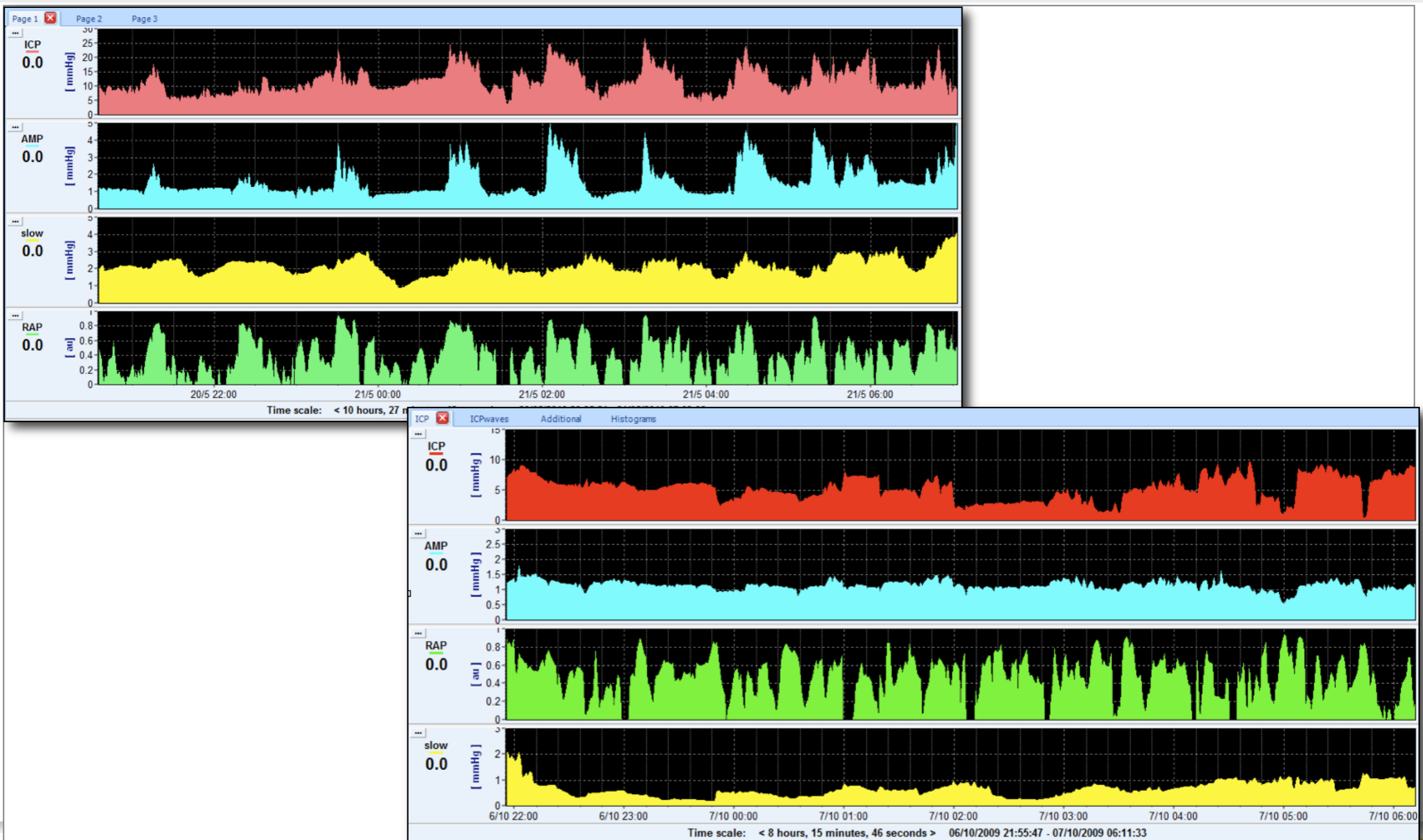
*1 y old known, IVH as premature birth
ventricles too large, AS on intial HR- MRI, HC normal,
repeat MRI at 1y: AS resolved
now: ventricles still enlarged, no S&S of raised ICP*



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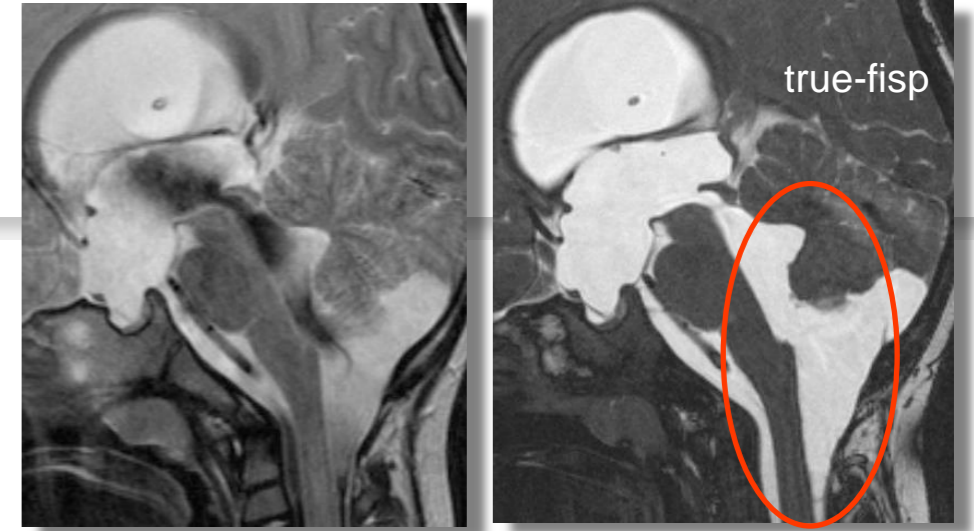
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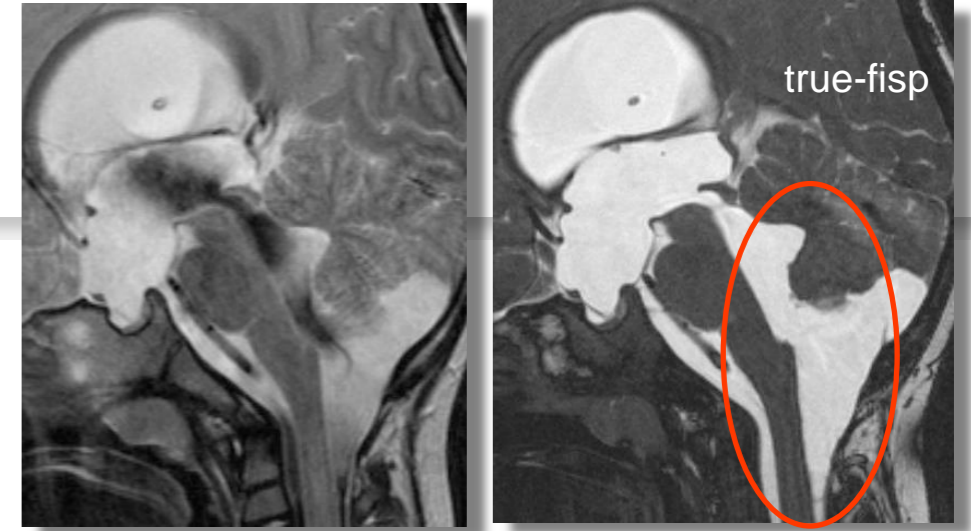


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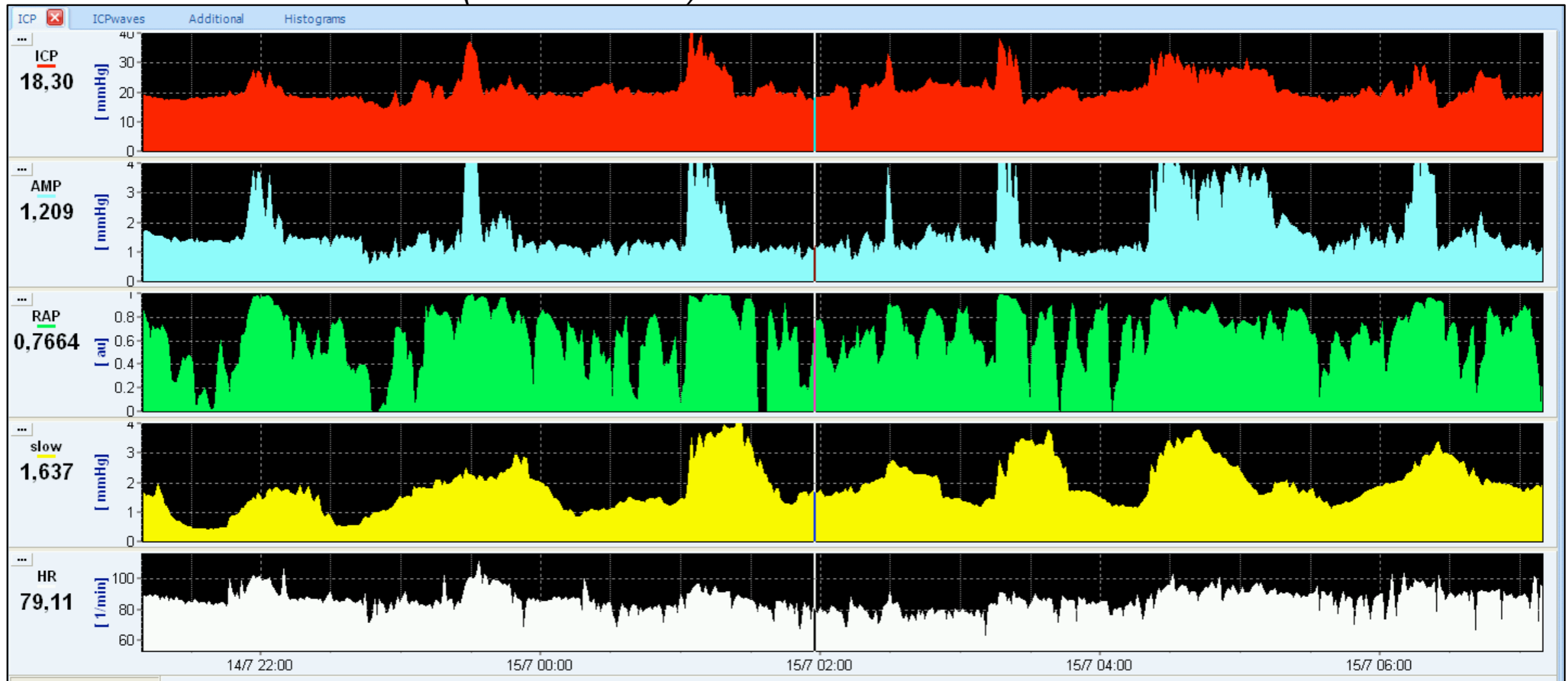
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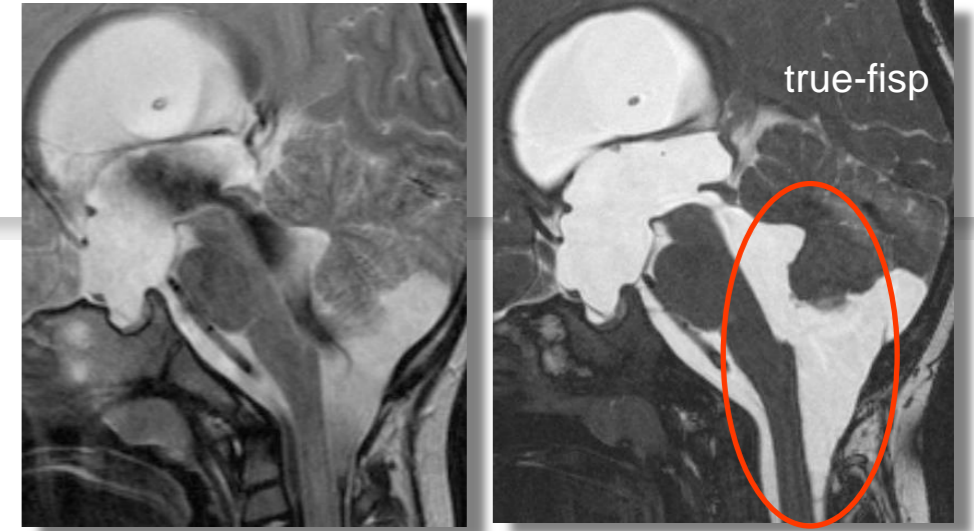


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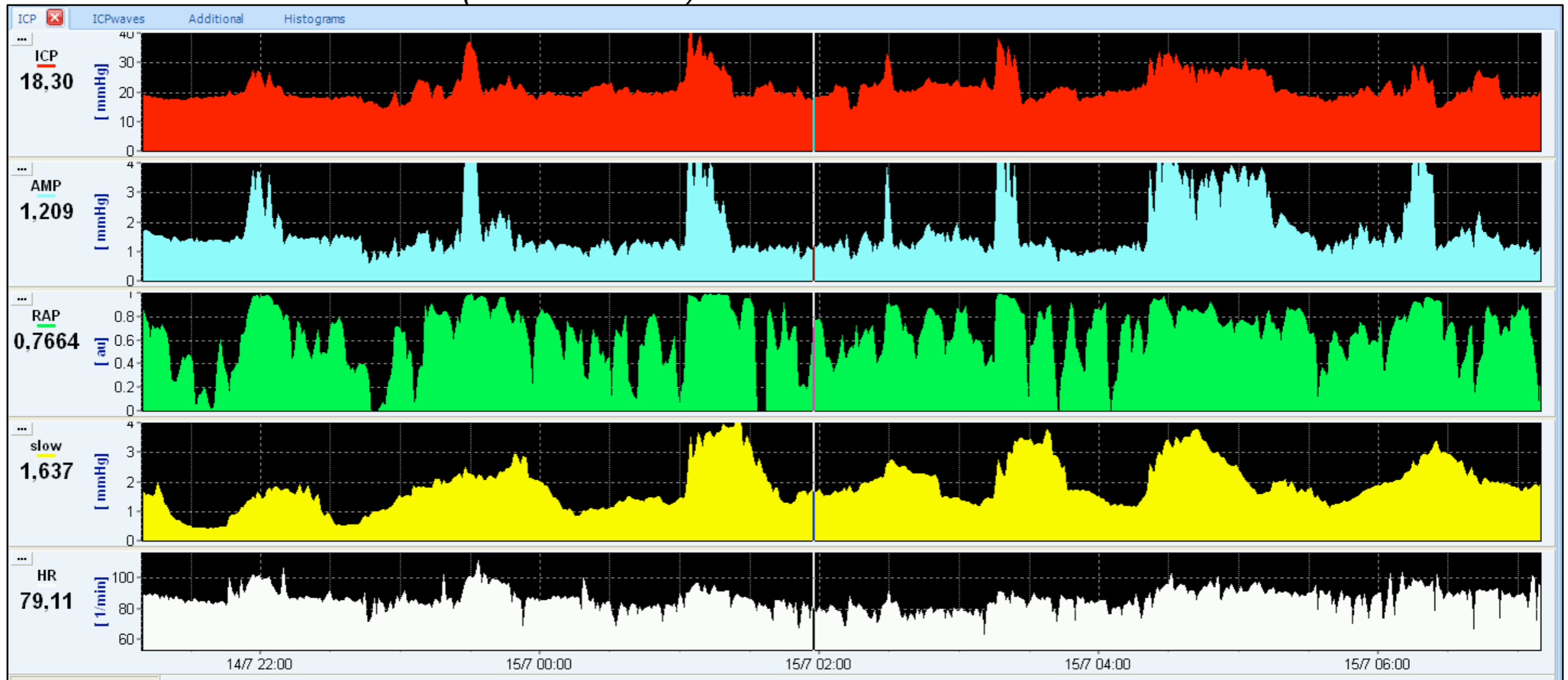
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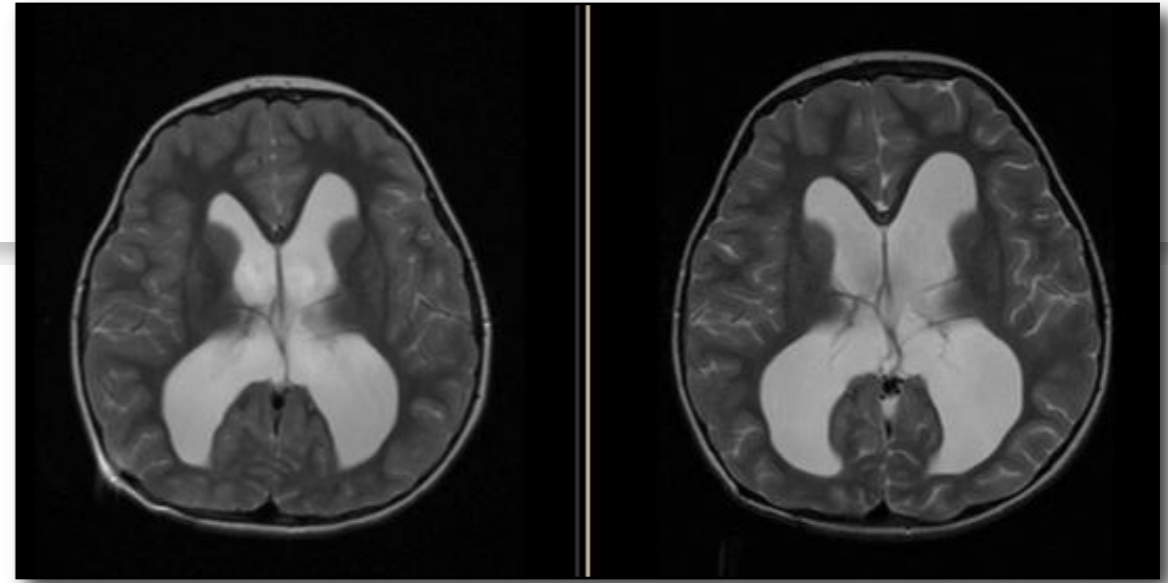
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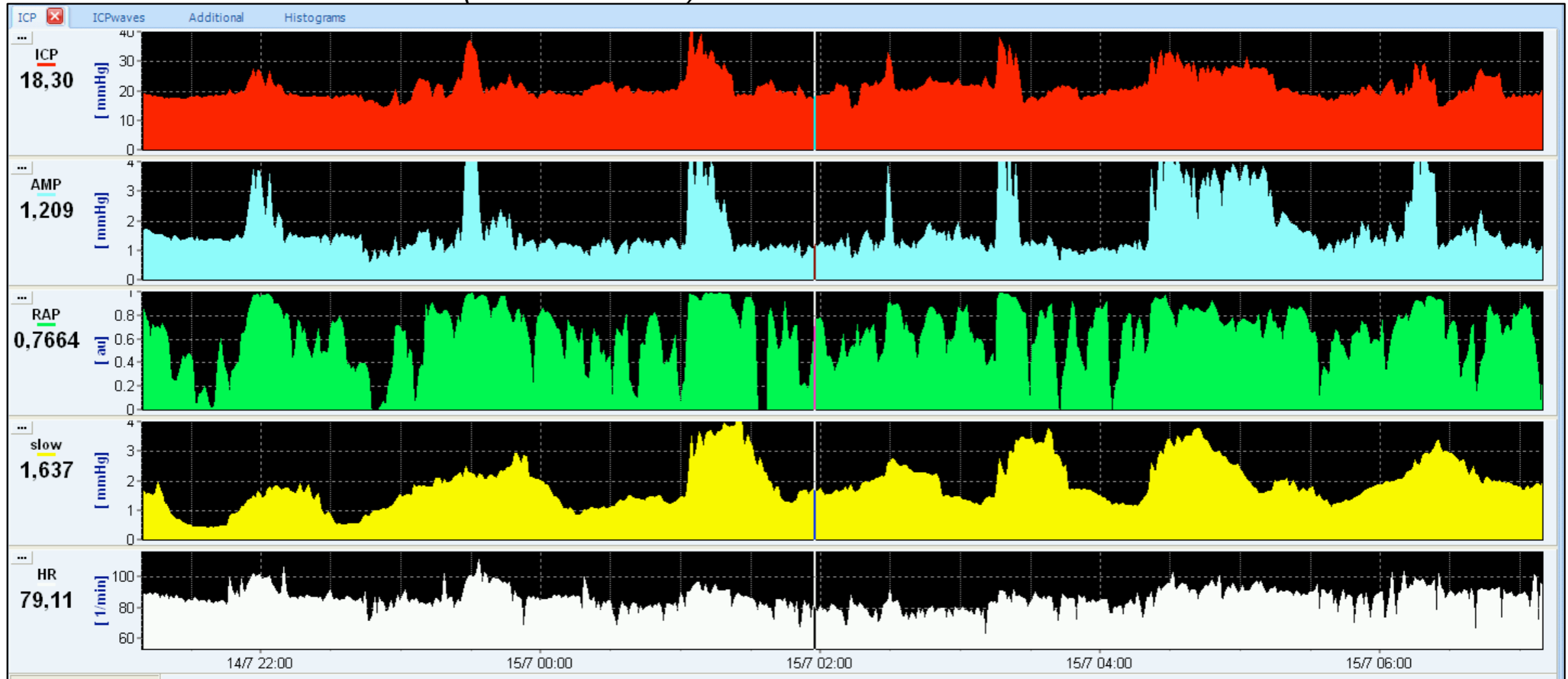
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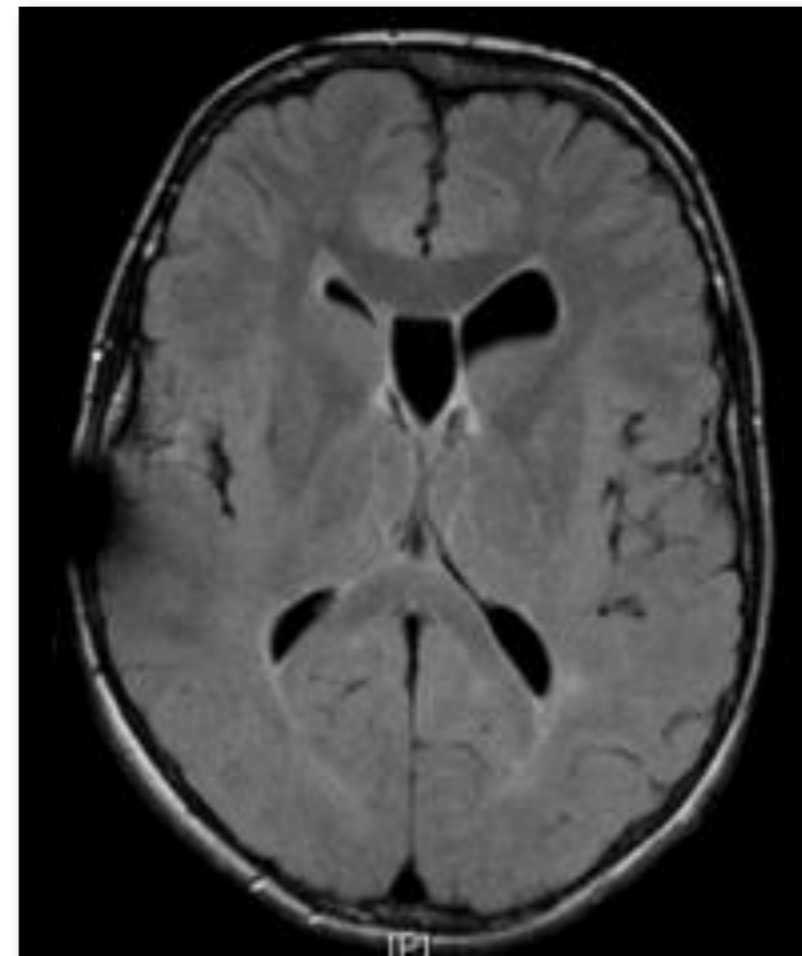
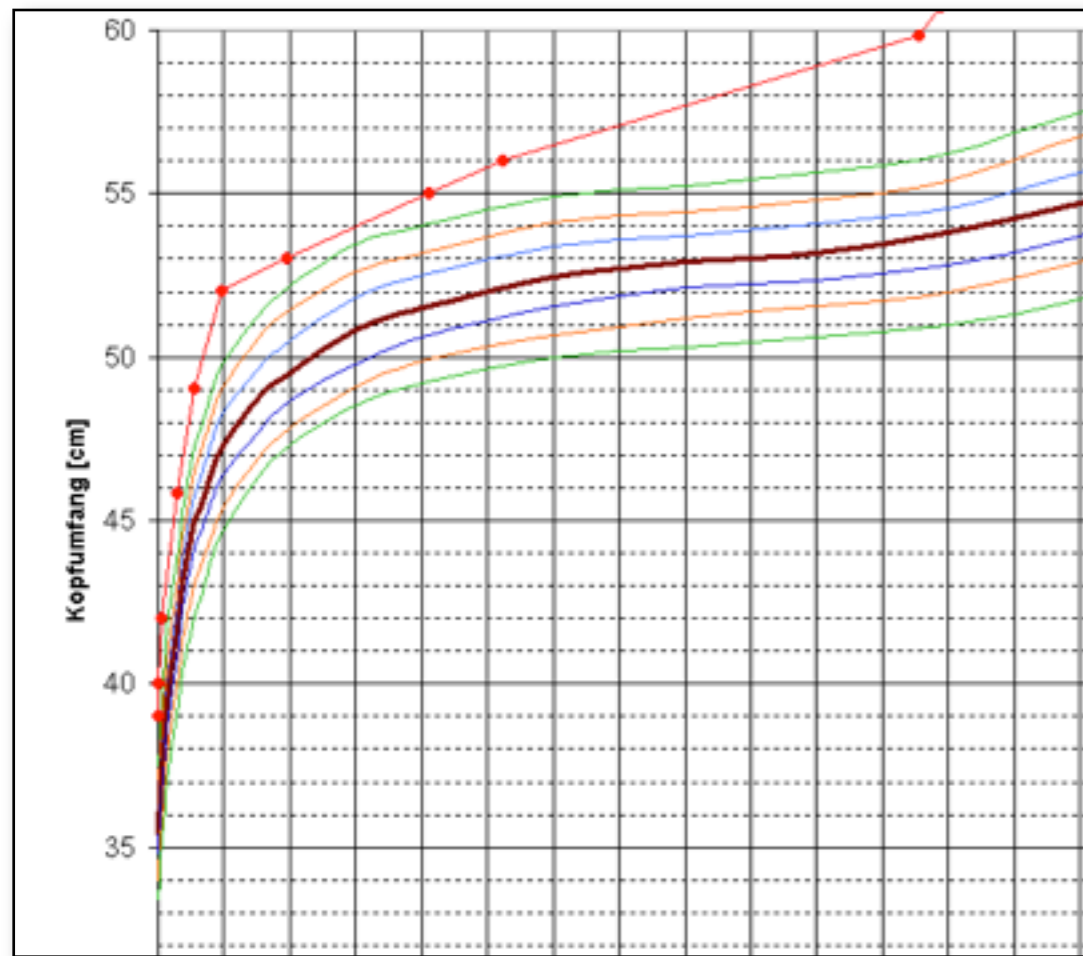


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9 y old boy, Noonan Syndrom,
macrocephaly, ventricles normal, unchanged in last 5 years
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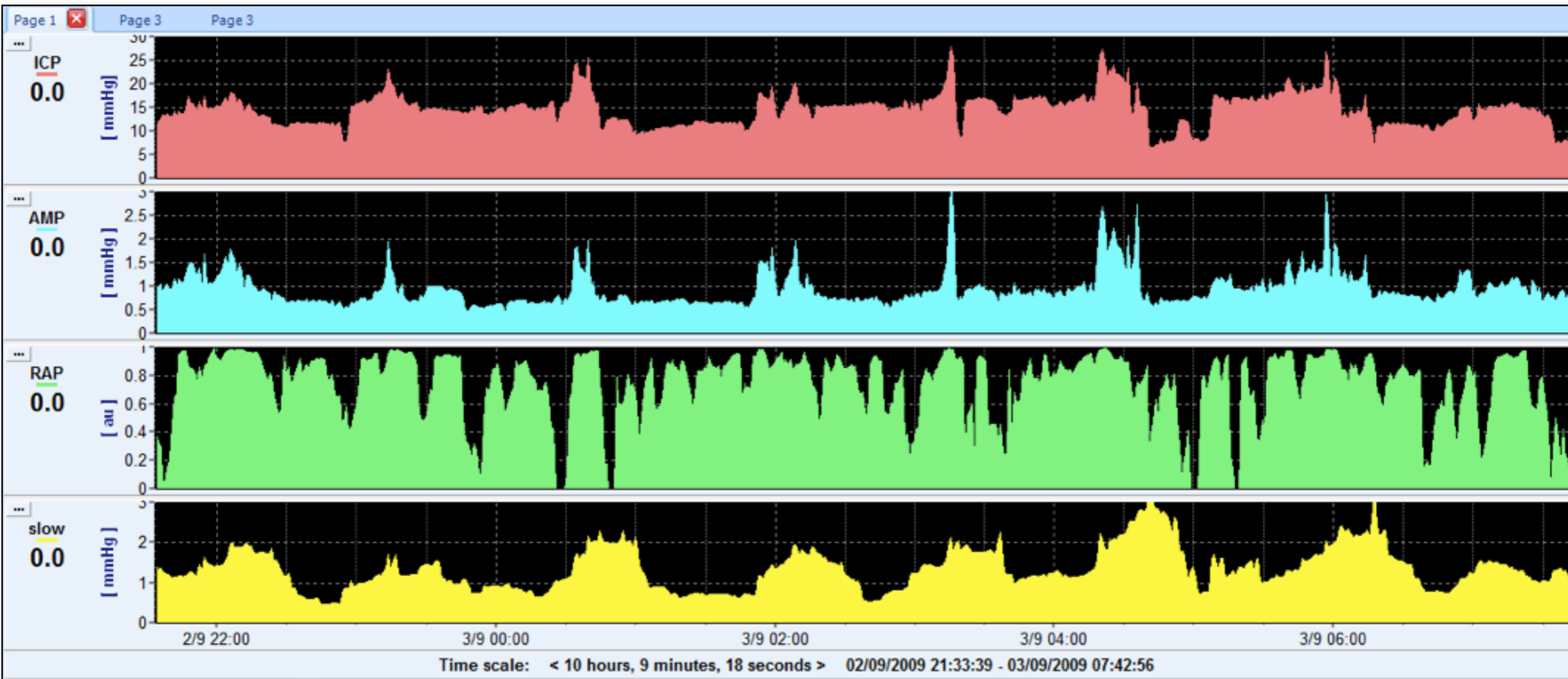
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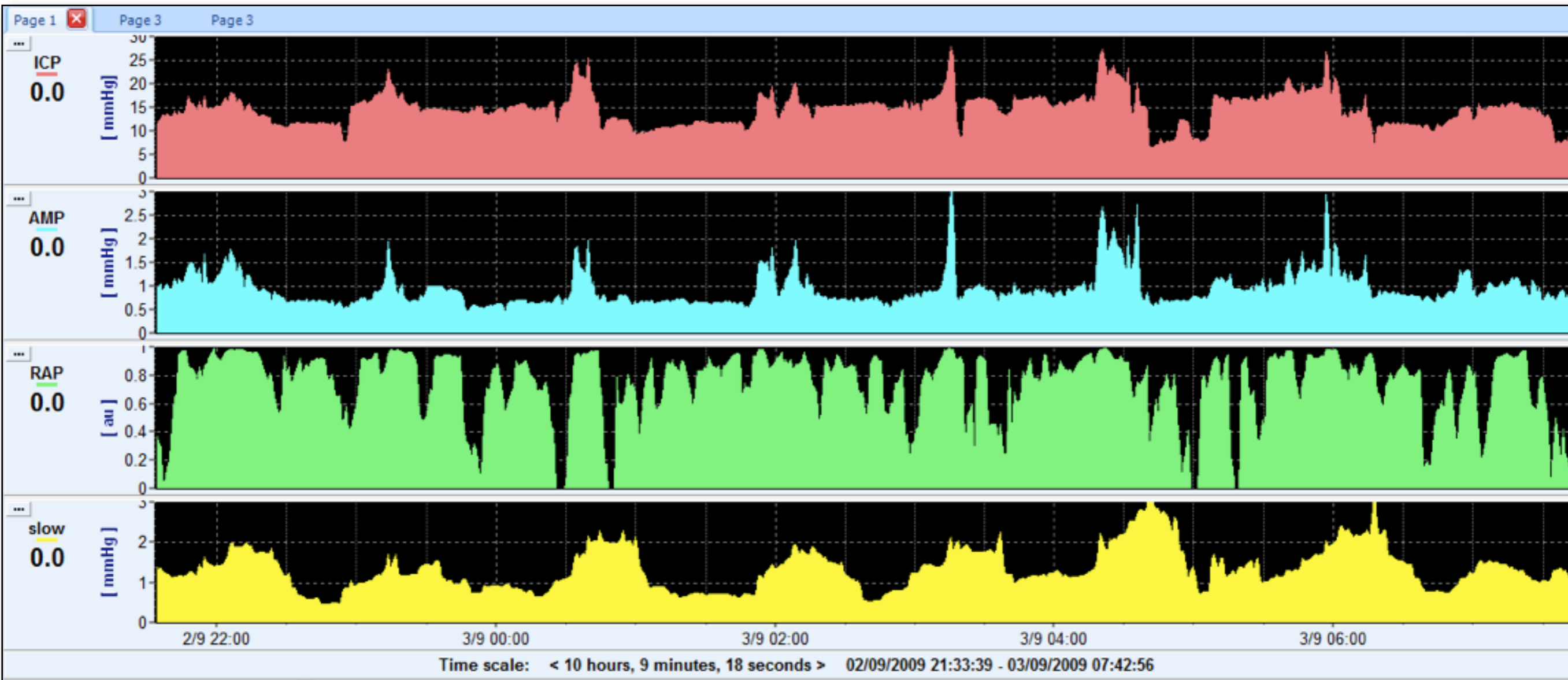
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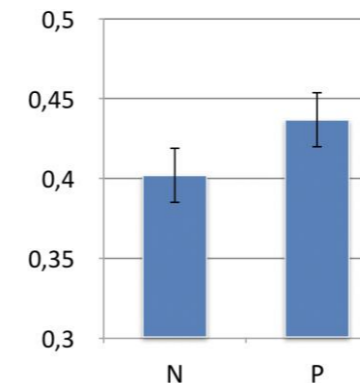
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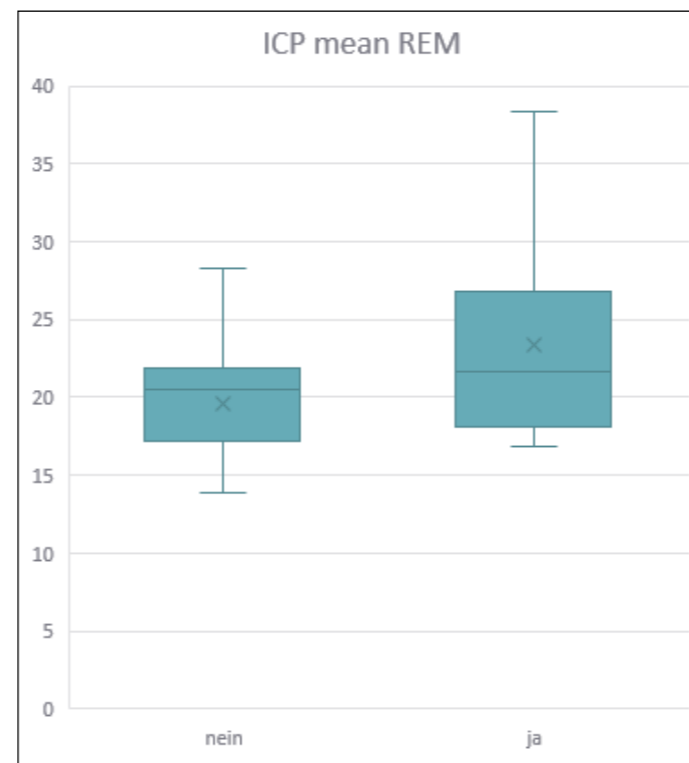


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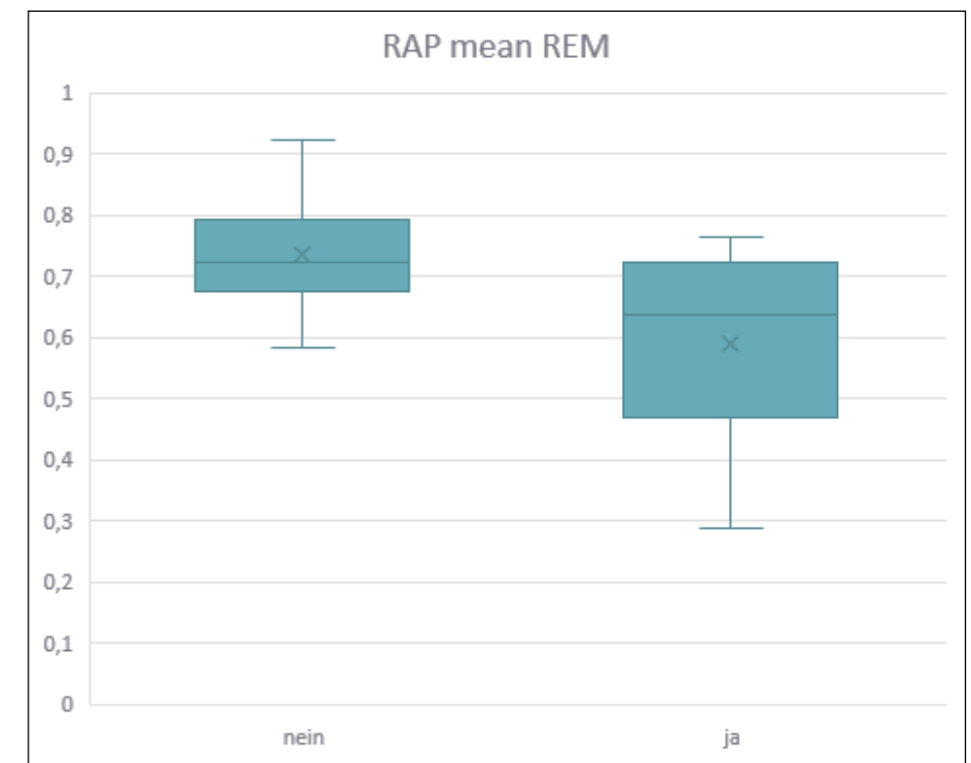
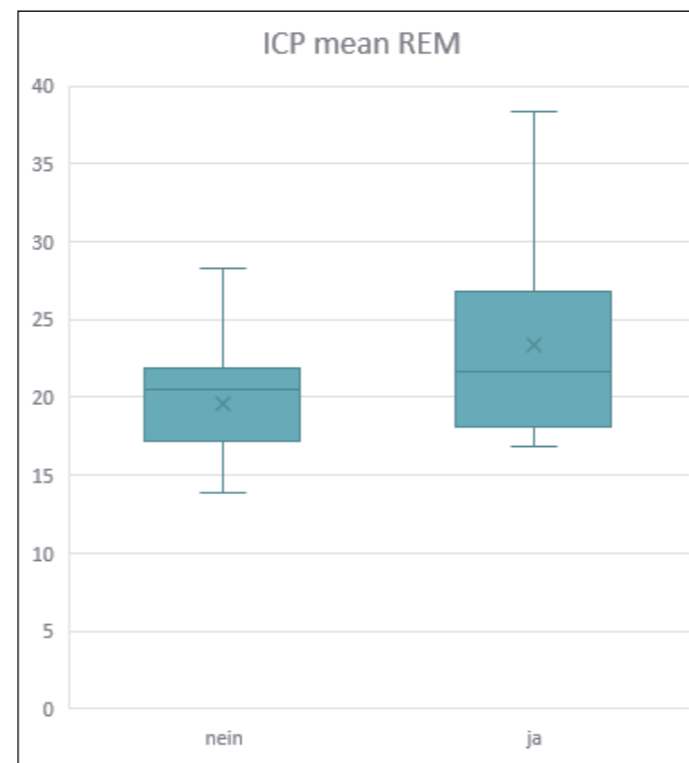
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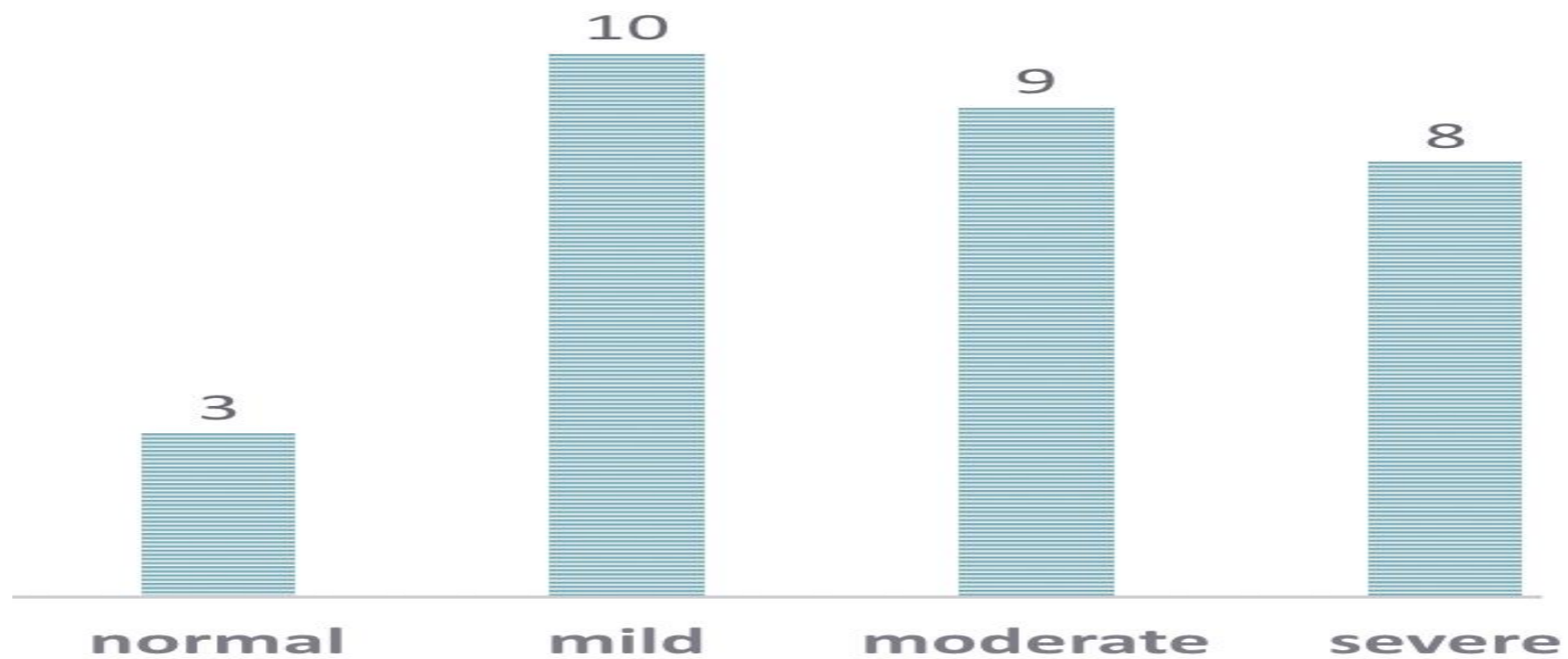
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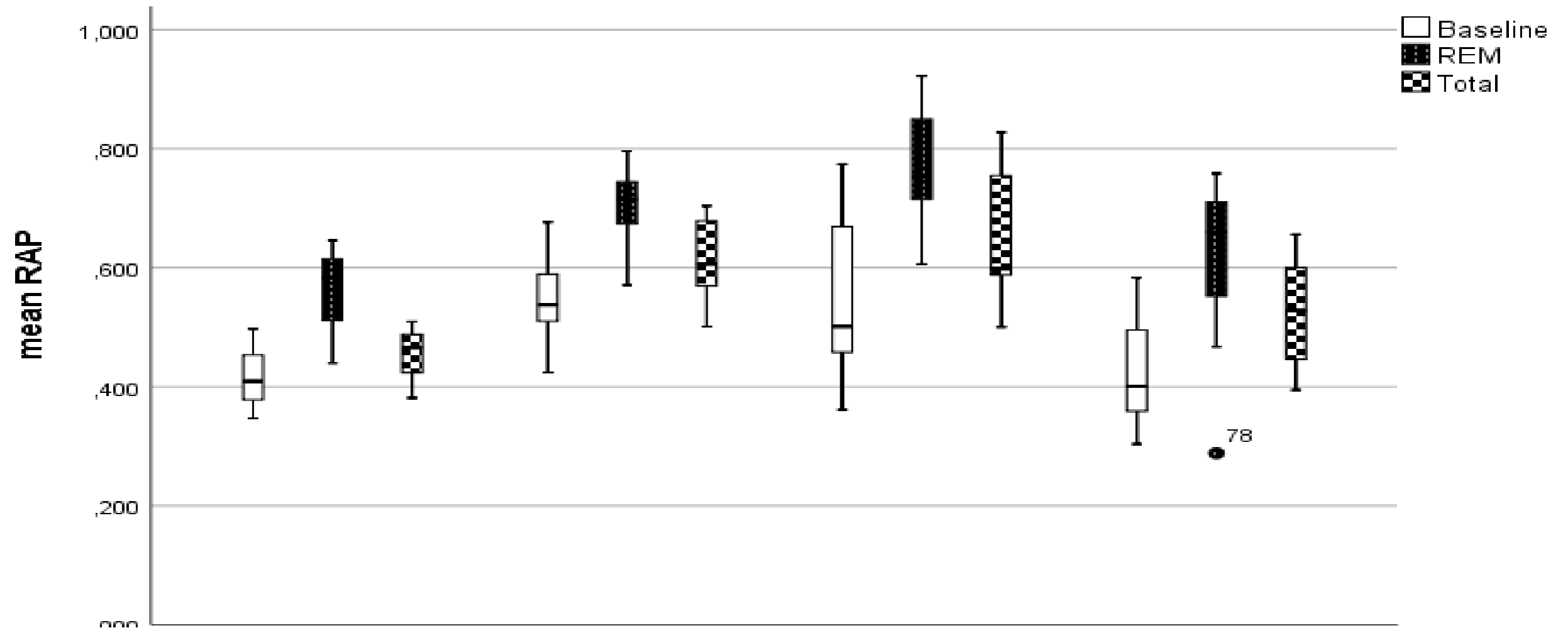


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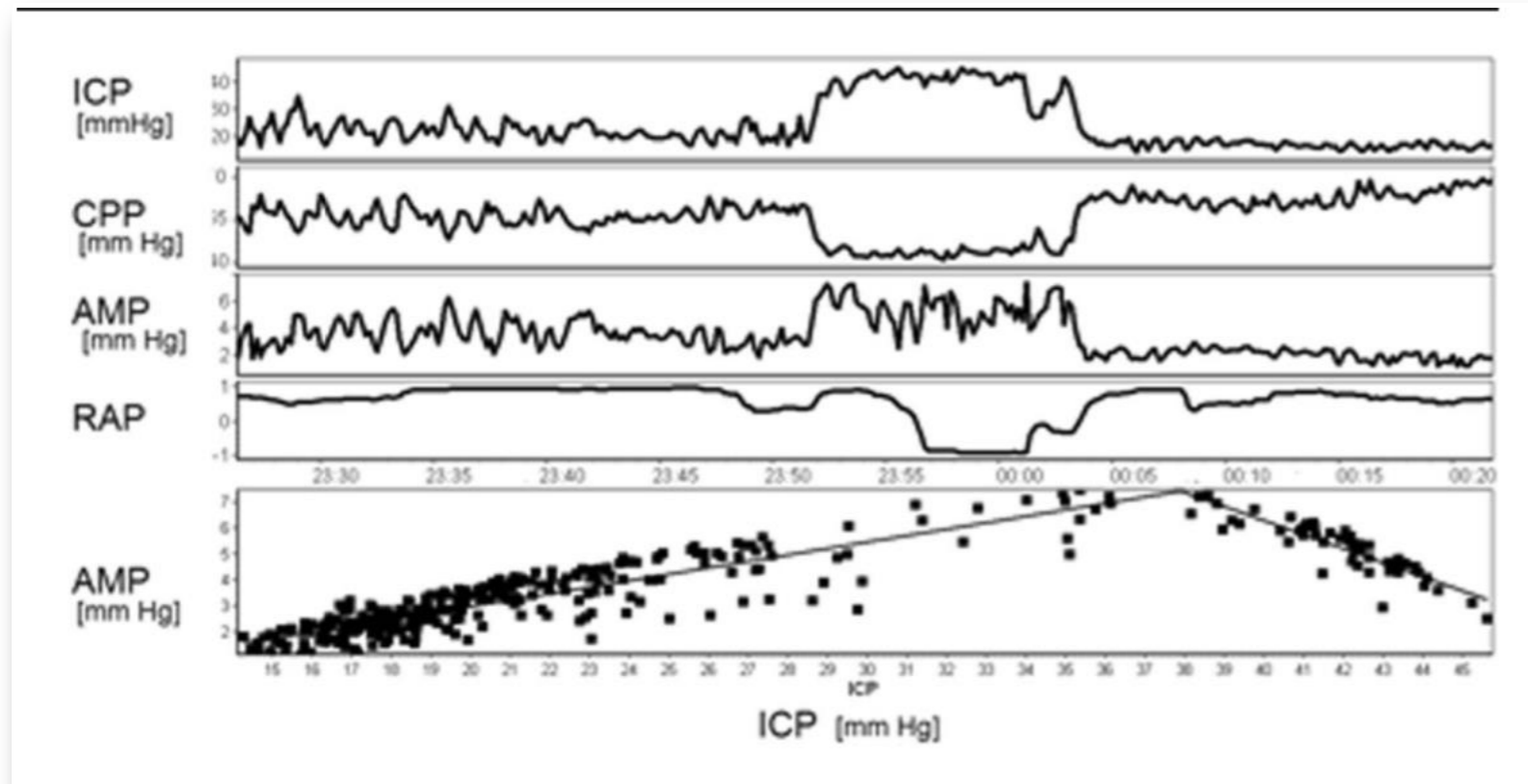
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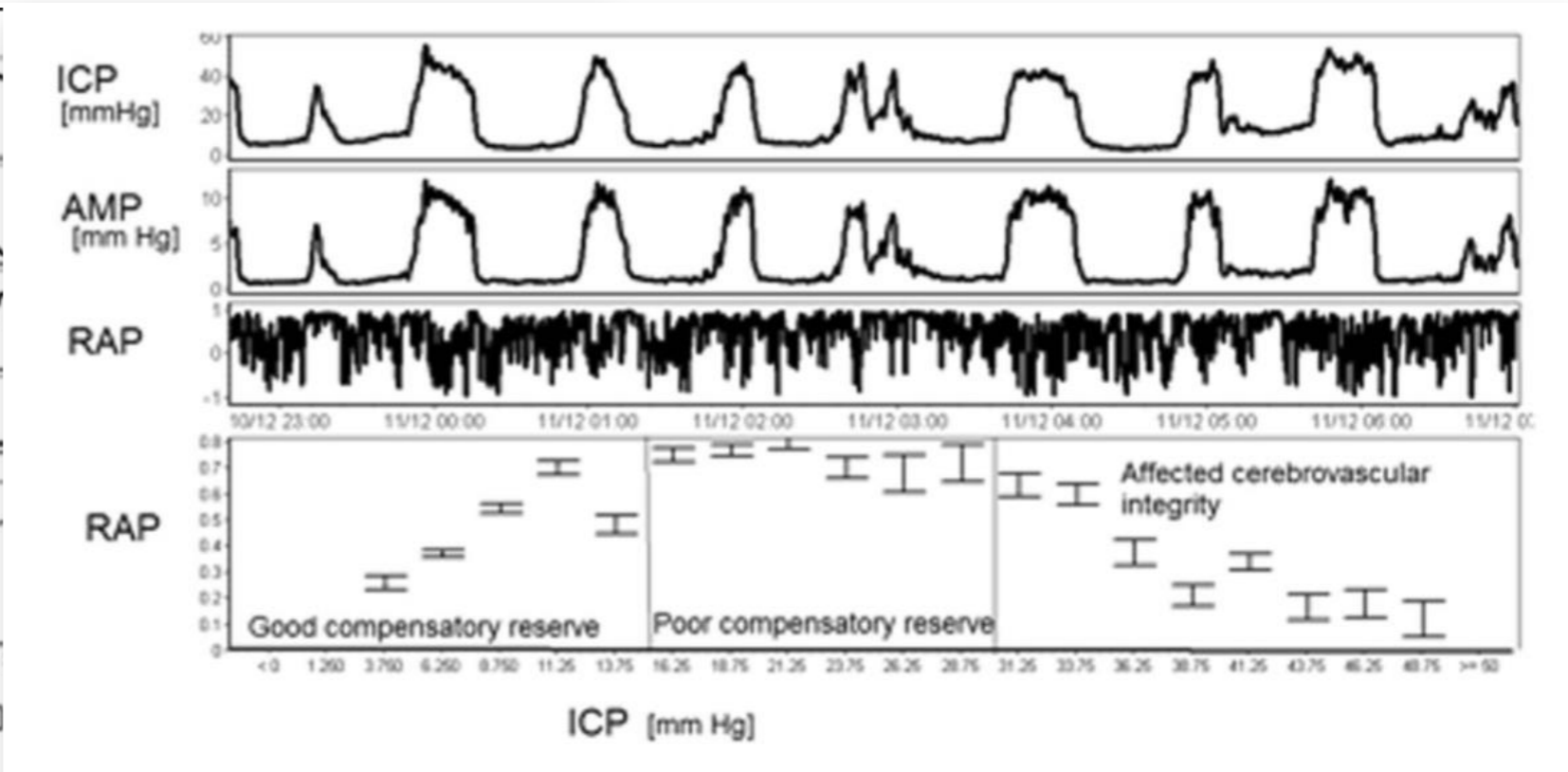
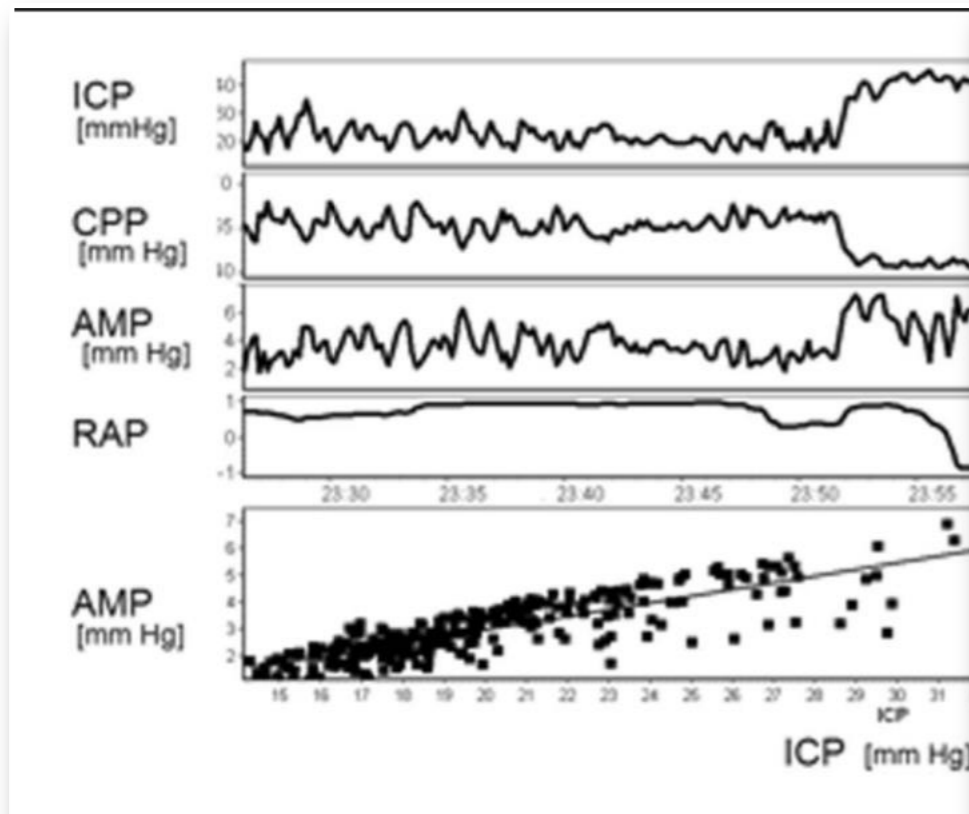
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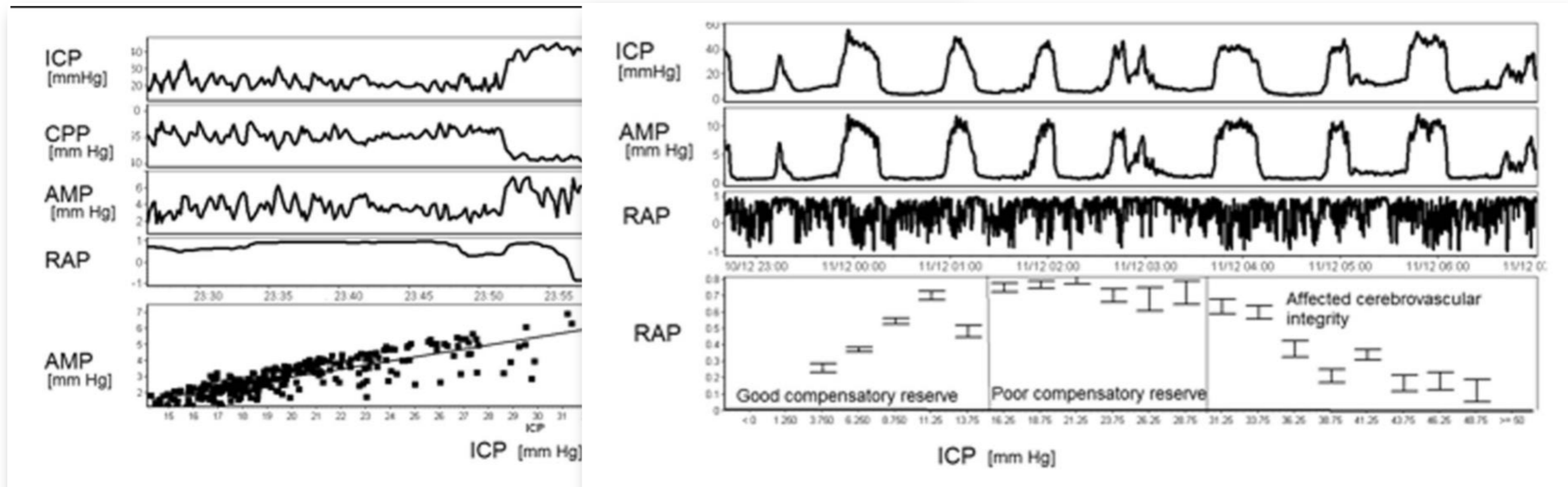
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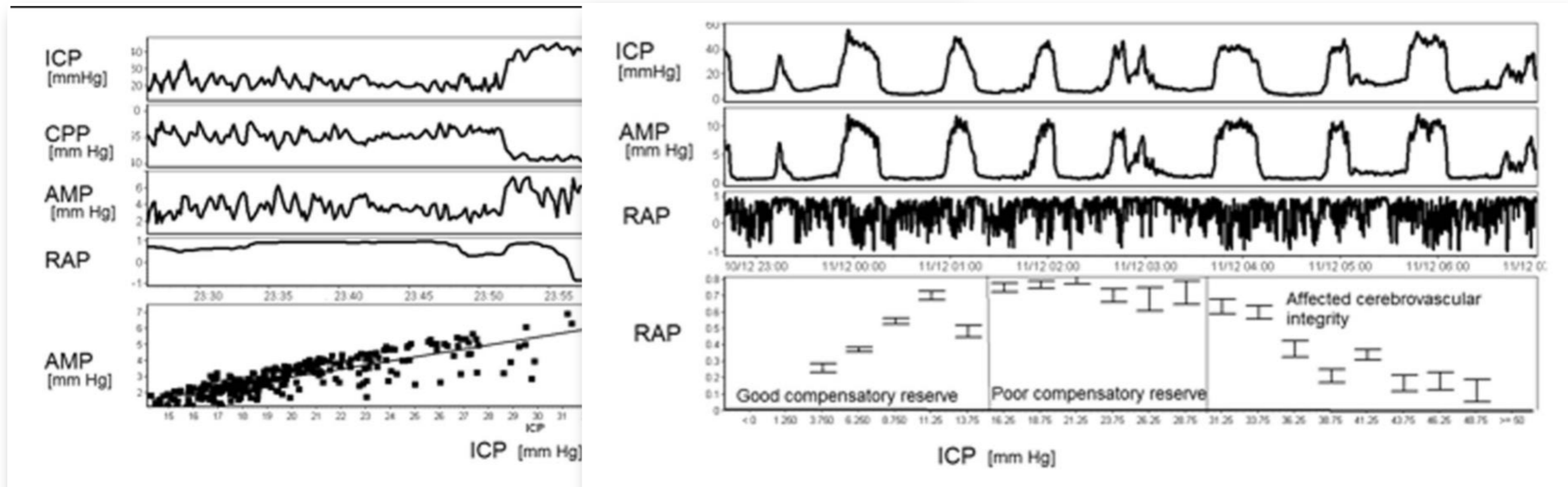


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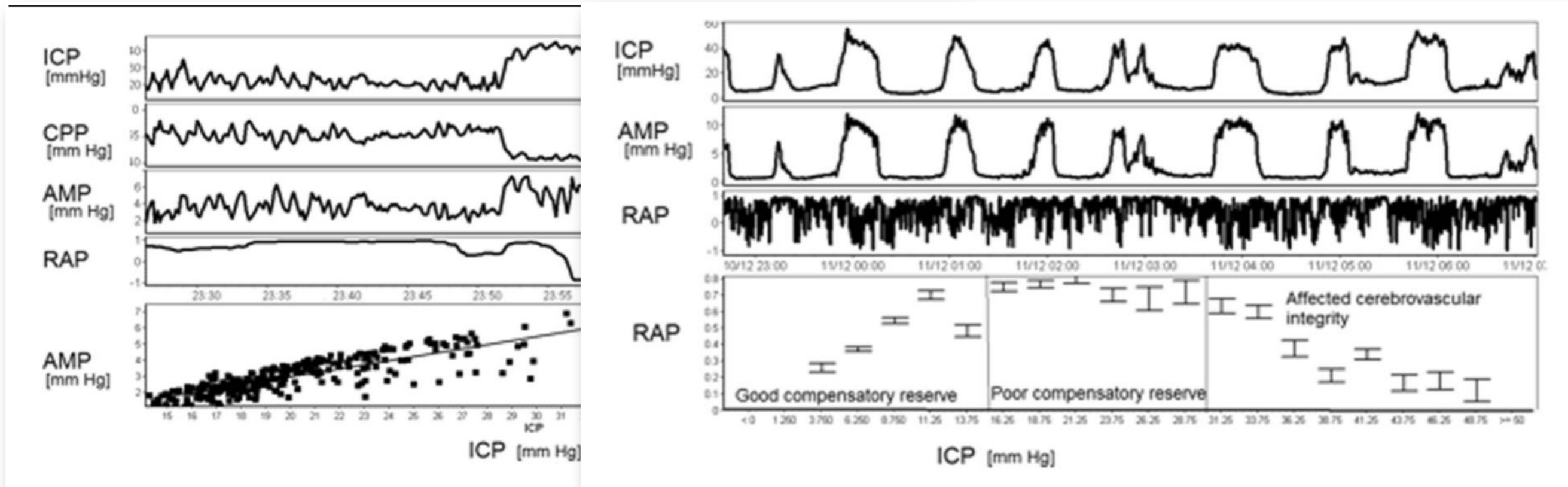
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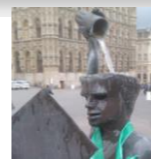
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