

Approximately 17 h before delivery
She had felt abdominal distention. The feeling soon resolved.
8 h 48 min before delivery
She visited the facility for confirmation of fetal condition. Cervical dilatation one fingertip dilated
No vaginal bleeding; No feeling of abdominal distention
The estimated fetal body weight and placental localization were confirmed on ultrasonography.

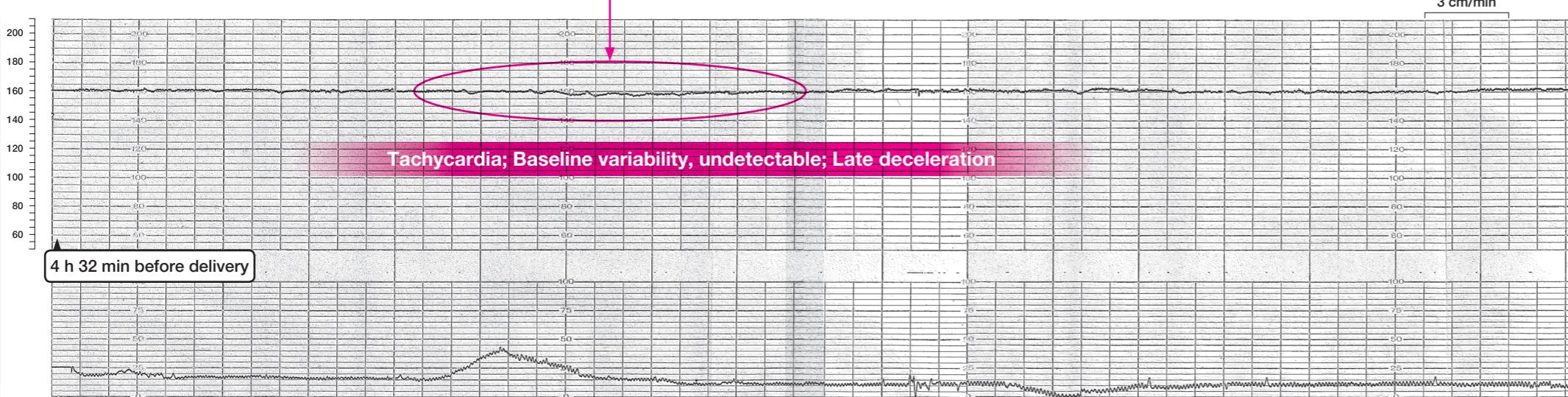
Summary Gestational weeks 35 weeks' gestation

Risk factors None

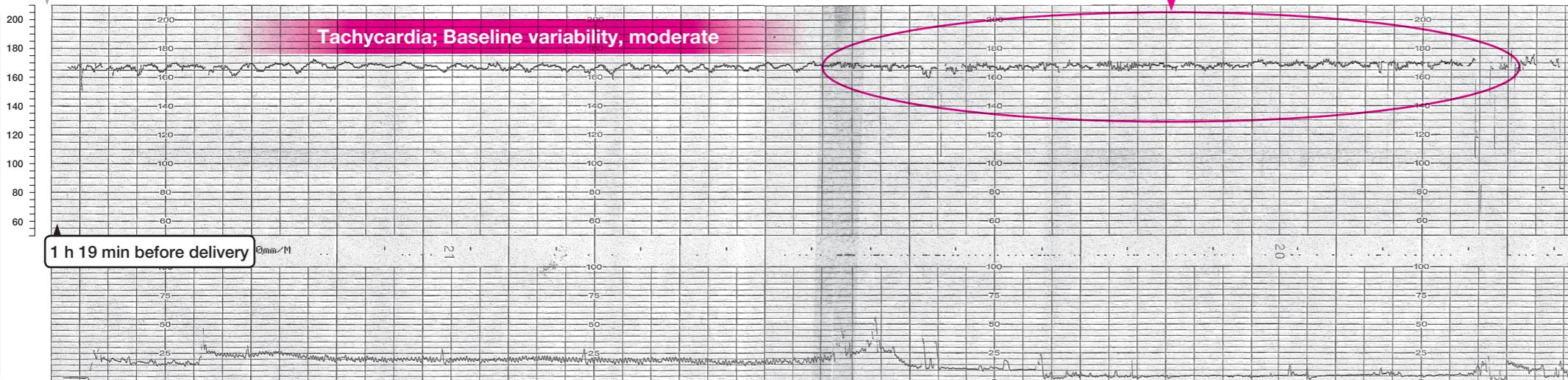
Birth weight 1900 g level

Delivery course

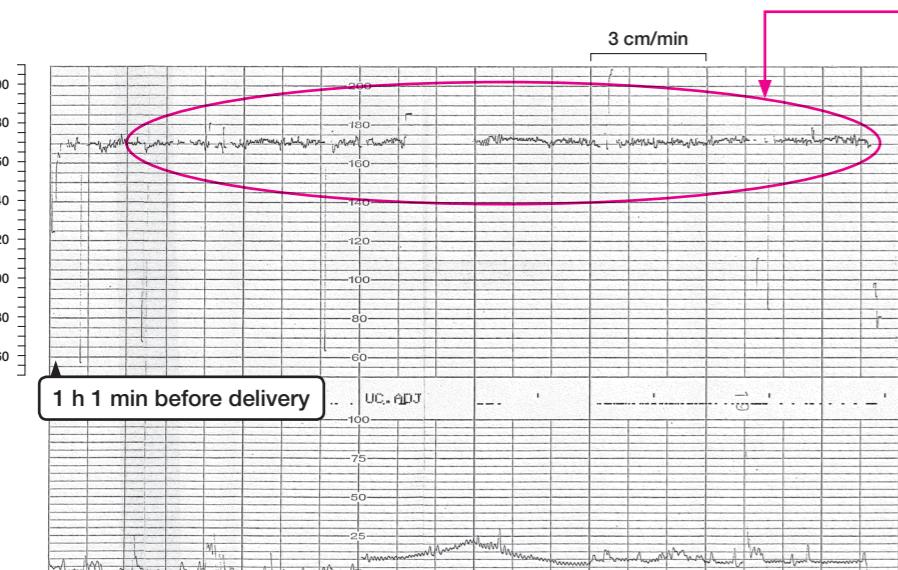
The woman had abdominal distention. ► Although the feeling resolved, she visited the prenatal care facility to confirm the fetal condition. ► She was referred to a higher-level medical institution because of the abnormal FHR patterns. ► She was transported to a birthing facility because of the diagnosis of non-reassuring fetal status. ► Cesarean section was performed.



Cautions in interpretation
Caution is needed to avoid missing the shallow late decelerations.



Cautions in interpretation
The baseline variability finding was different from that in the segment prior to the circle.
Noise (jitter) occurred because of the shift of the Doppler probe. Caution is needed, because this may be mistaken as a baseline variability. The Doppler probe should be placed at the appropriate site.



54 min later, baby
was delivered by
cesarean section.



Cautions in interpretation

Continuing from the former segment, noise (jitter) occurred because of shift of the Doppler probe. Caution is needed, because this could be mistaken for baseline variability. The Doppler probe should be placed at the appropriate site.

Findings associated with delivery

- Umbilical artery pH was 7.3 level.
- Newborn course:
Apgar score; 3 at 1 min
5 at 5 min
- Findings of the amniotic fluid, umbilical cord, and placenta:
Meconium staining noted.
Histopathological examination ► No information

- Causes of the development of cerebral palsy in the cause analysis report
Umbilical cord complications, excluding cord prolapse

Summary

Gestational weeks 40 weeks' gestation

Risk factors None

Birth weight 3500 g level

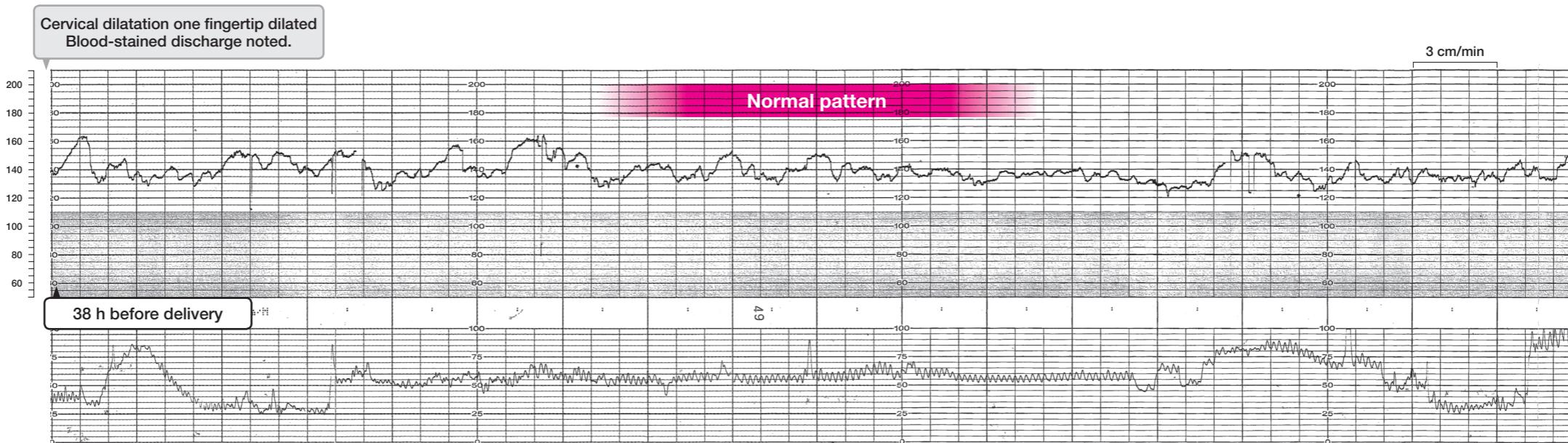
Delivery course

The woman was admitted to hospital because of labor pains. ► Cesarean section was performed based on the diagnosis of non-reassuring fetal status.

On admission

41 h 52 min before delivery

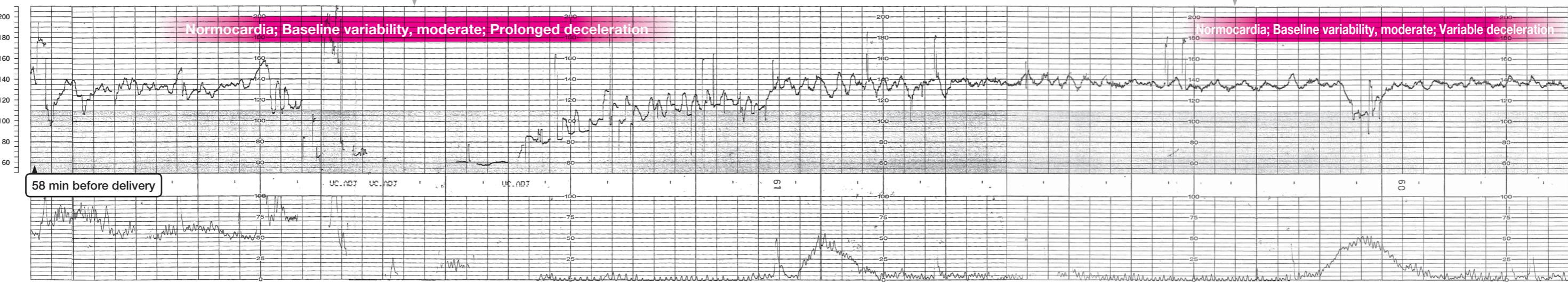
Interval of the uterine contractions 10 min



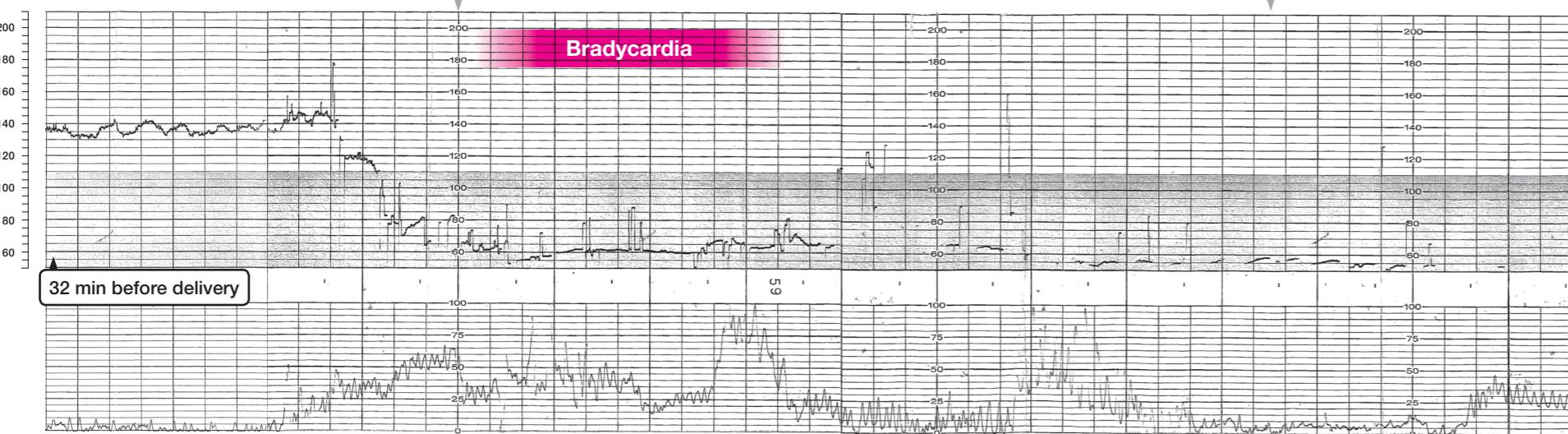
30 h 2 min before delivery

Rupture of membranes.

Before delivery



Oxygen supplementation begun.
Securing vascular access.



Findings associated with delivery

- Umbilical cord blood gas analysis: No information
- Newborn course:
Apgar score: 1 at 1 min
1 at 5 min
- Findings of the amniotic fluid, umbilical cord, and placenta:
Extremely scanty meconium staining
Histopathological examination ► Thrombus in the umbilical vessels.
Minimal chorioamnionitis; bleeding from the marginal part of the placenta and retroplacental hematoma, both mild to moderate
- Causes of the development of cerebral palsy in the cause analysis report
Umbilical cord complications, excluding cord prolapse

Case 18 (Chorioamnionitis)

Summary

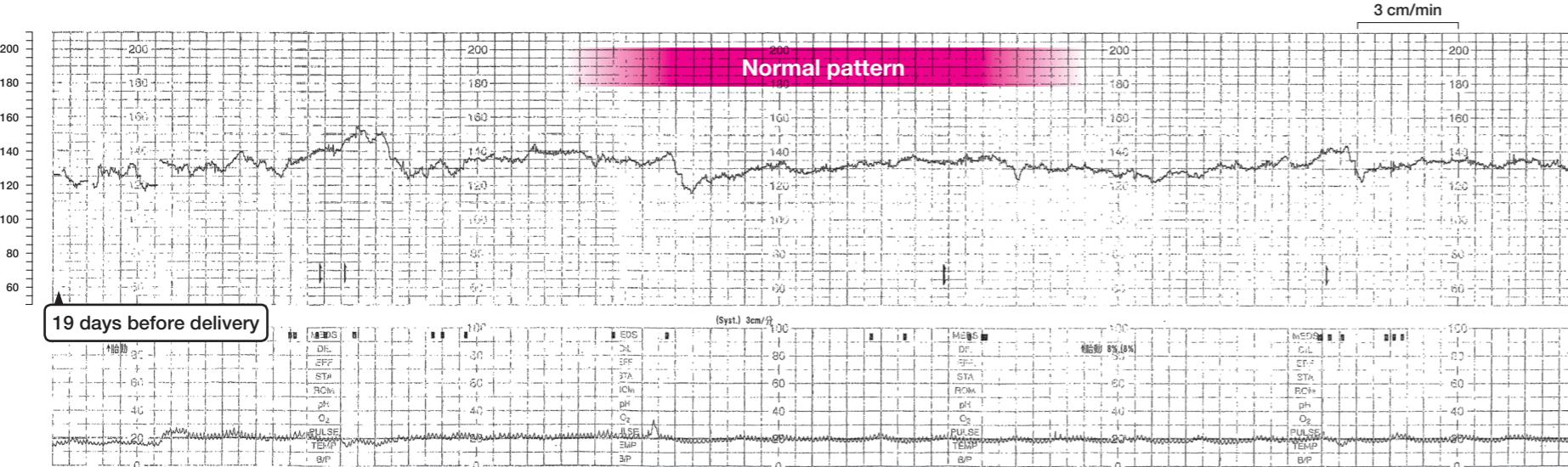
Gestational weeks 39 weeks' gestation

Risk factors Obesity

Birth weight 3400 g level

Delivery course She was admitted to hospital because of rupture of membranes, pyrexia and onset of labor. ► Baby was delivered vaginally.

At the outpatient prenatal care



On admission, before delivery

11 h 9 min before delivery

Watery vaginal discharge

59 min before delivery

Onset of labor. Her body temperature was 38.7 °C.

24 min before delivery

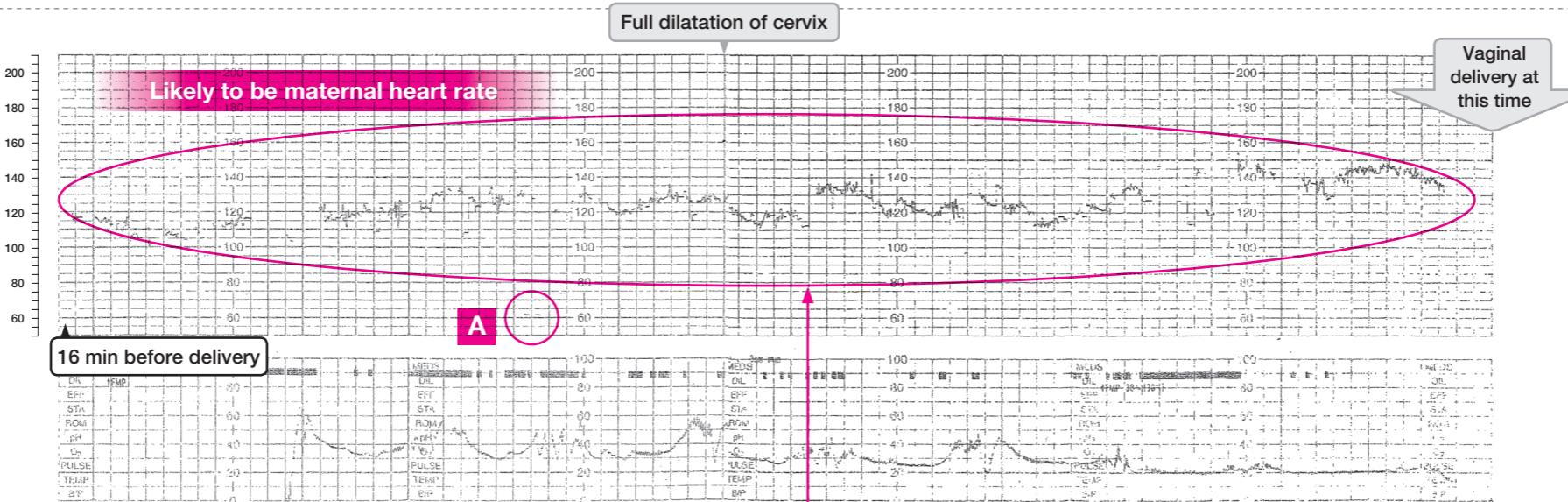
She visited the facility; interval of the uterine contractions 1-2 min

17 min before delivery

Cervical dilatation 6 cm

Blood tests

(WBC 8700/µL, CRP 0.17 mg/dL)
Culture of the vaginal discharge (MRSA 3+)



Findings associated with delivery

- Umbilical artery pH was 6.8 level
- Newborn course:
Apgar score: 1 at 1 min
2 at 5 min
- Findings of the amniotic fluid, umbilical cord, and placenta:
Meconium staining noted.
Histopathological examination ► Chorioamnionitis; Funisitis

- Causes of the development of cerebral palsy in the cause analysis report Chorioamnionitis



Cautions in interpretation

Retrospectively, Segment A was considered to be persistent bradycardia and the record on admission was likely to be the maternal heart rate, based on the following points.

- The patterns of the baseline variability and accelerations are different between the record at the outpatient prenatal care (first column) and that at admission (second column).
- Maternal heart rates are reported to be similar to the acceleration patterns associated with uterine contractions.
- In Segment A, 60 bpm, which was suspected as the FHR, was recorded.
- The value of 120 bpm may be considered to be the maternal heart rate under the situation at the time right before delivery of the baby and maternal pyrexia.
- Umbilical arterial gas analysis showed a pH 6.8 level.

Case 19 (Uterine rupture)

Summary

Gestational weeks 39 weeks' gestation

Risk factors Prior cesarean birth; GBS colonization

Birth weight 3000 g level

Delivery course

The woman was admitted to hospital because of rupture of membranes. ► TOLAC* ► Cesarean section was performed based on the diagnosis of non-reassuring fetal status.

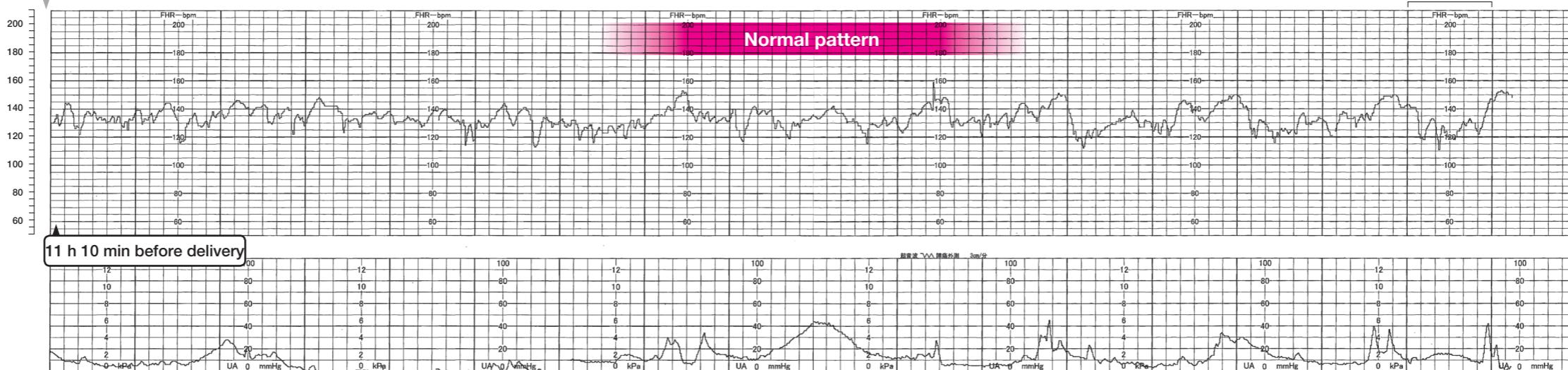
On admission

16 h 28 min before delivery

Rupture of membranes.

Cervix was closed.
No sensible uterine contractions.

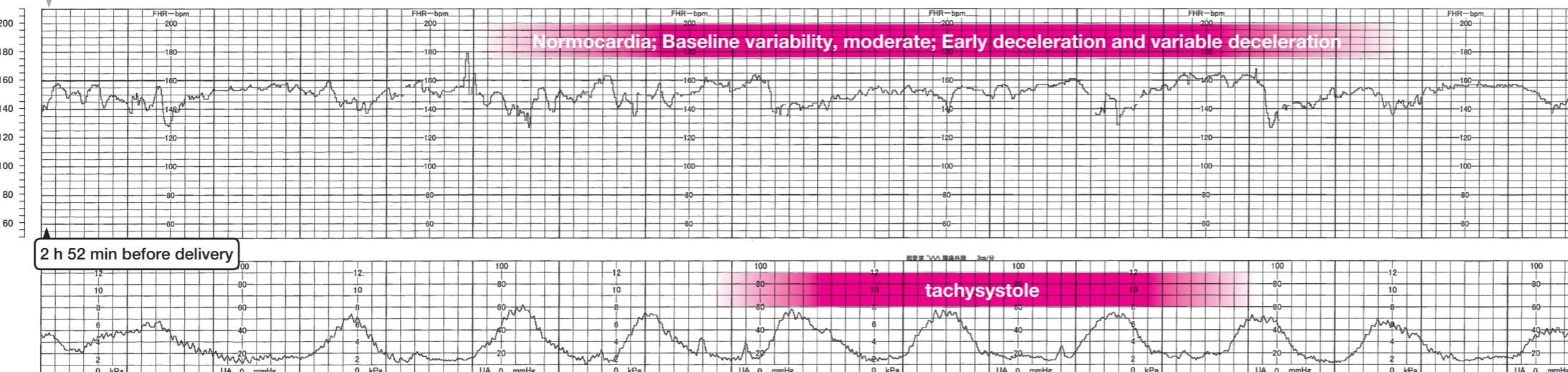
* TOLAC = trial of labor after cesarean delivery (when vaginal delivery is attempted for a woman with a previous history of cesarean section).



7 h 43 min before delivery

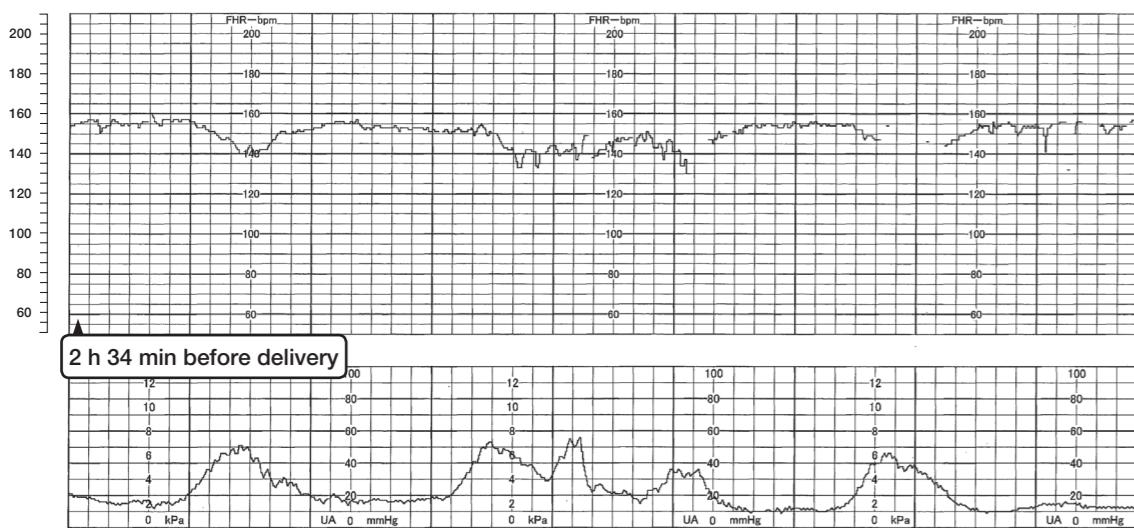
Onset of labor

During hospitalization



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* tachysystole (see page 14)



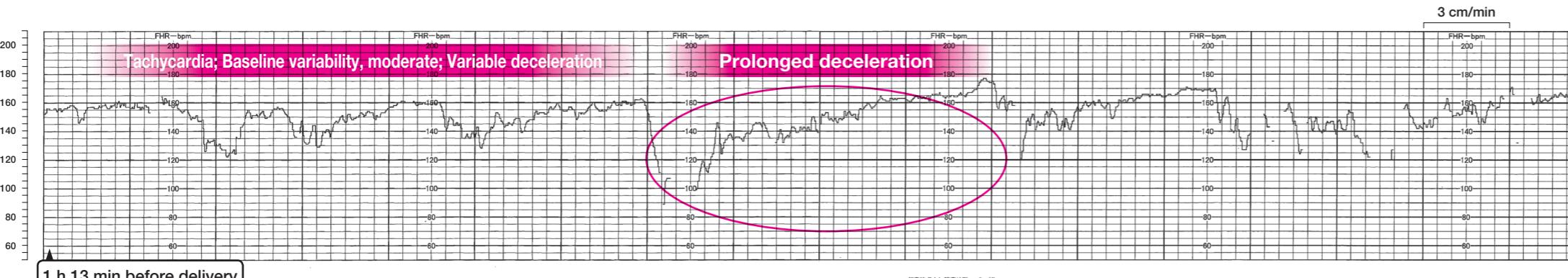
2 h 18 min before delivery

Body temperature 38.6 °C
Blood test (WBC 16400/µL, CRP≤0.1 mg/dL)

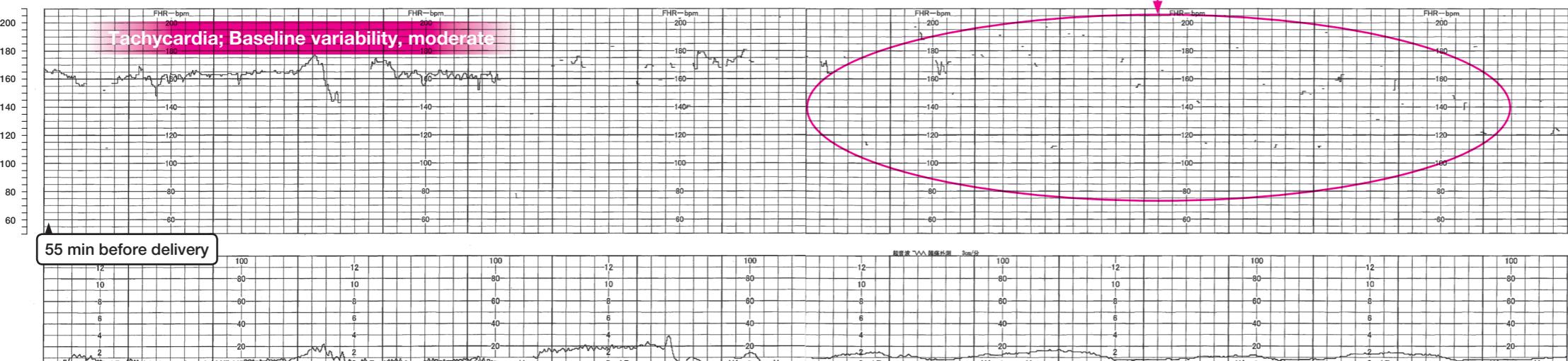
1 h 33 min before delivery

Cervical dilatation 3 cm

Before delivery

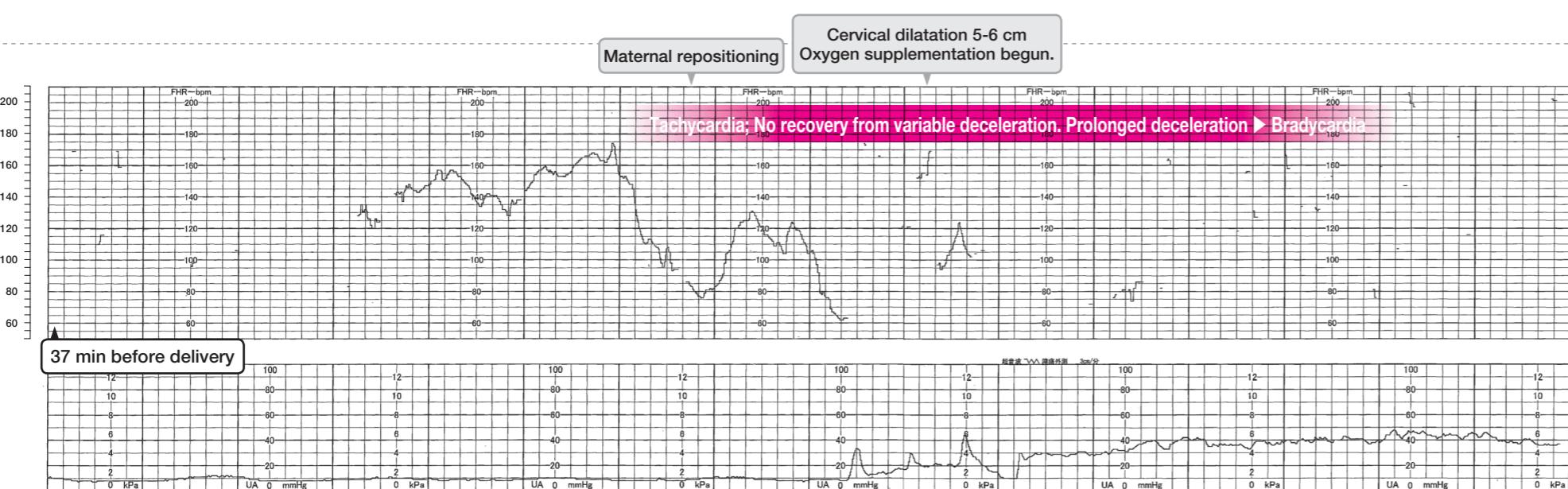


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 **Cautions in interpretation**
The FHRs were not recorded.
The Doppler probe should be placed at the appropriate site for accurate recording.

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22 min later, baby was delivered by cesarean section.

Findings associated with delivery

- Umbilical artery pH was 6.5 level
- Newborn course:
Apgar score; 1 at 1 min
4 at 5 min
- Operative findings:
Bloody ascites; placenta prolapsed into the abdominal cavity from the lower segment of the ruptured uterus.
- Findings of the amniotic fluid, umbilical cord, and placenta:
Pale bloody amniotic fluid; Entanglement of the umbilical cord; Clots
Histopathological examination ► No information

- Causes of the development of cerebral palsy in the cause analysis report
Uterine rupture

Summary

Gestational weeks 35 weeks' gestation

Risk factors

Pregnancy-induced hypertension (superimposed preeclampsia); Fetal growth restriction

Birth weight

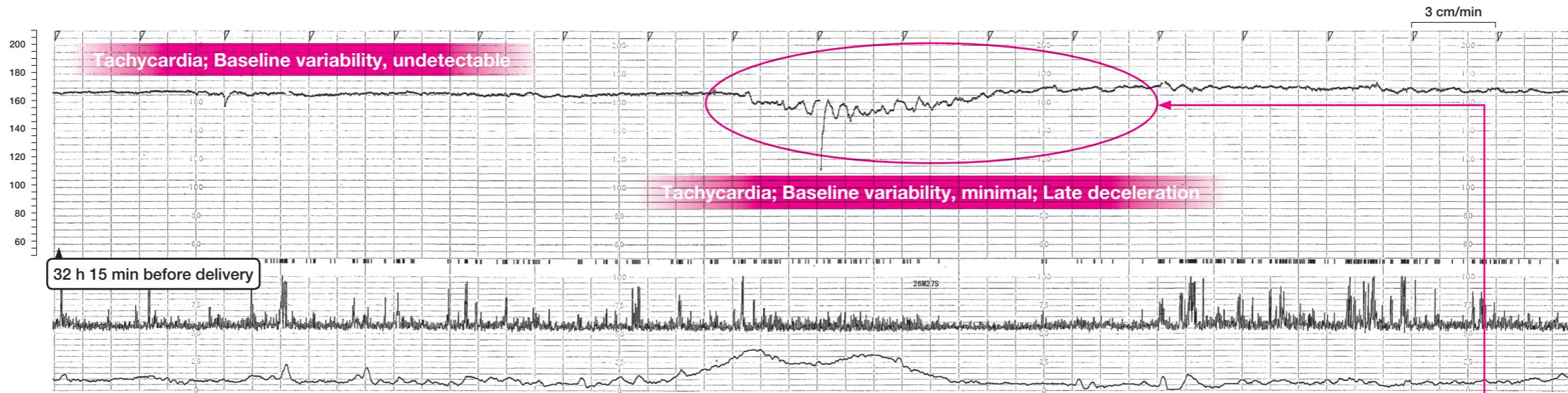
2000 g level

Delivery course

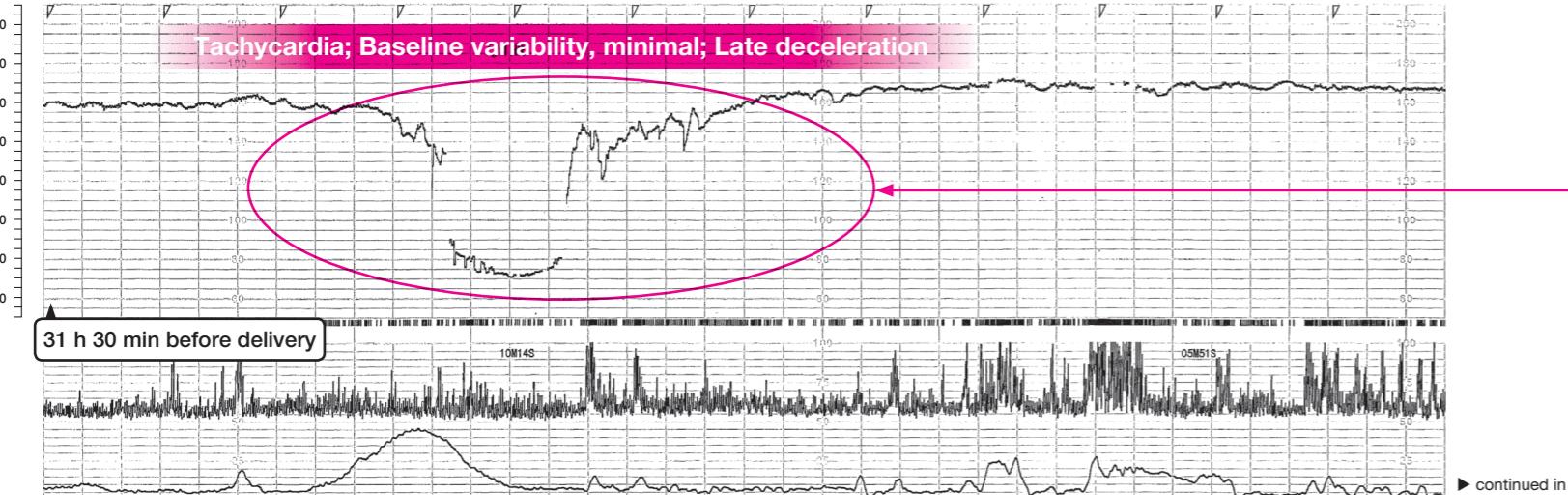
The woman was admitted to hospital for the management of pregnancy-induced hypertension. ► Cesarean section was performed because of suspected HELLP syndrome.

On admission

32 h 45 min before delivery
BP 216/108 mmHg



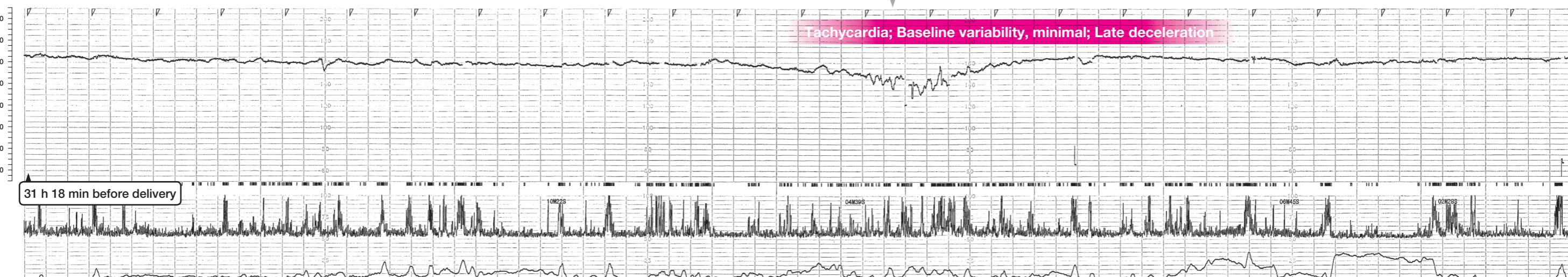
During hospitalization



Cautions in interpretation

On the basis of a gradual decrease that occurred after the peak of the uterine contraction and the deceleration patterns before and after this, this pattern corresponds to a late deceleration. When this deceleration appears alone, however, it may be considered as a variable deceleration because of a sudden, abrupt decline during the decrease or a prolonged deceleration on account of its duration.

She received an oral antihypertensive drug.

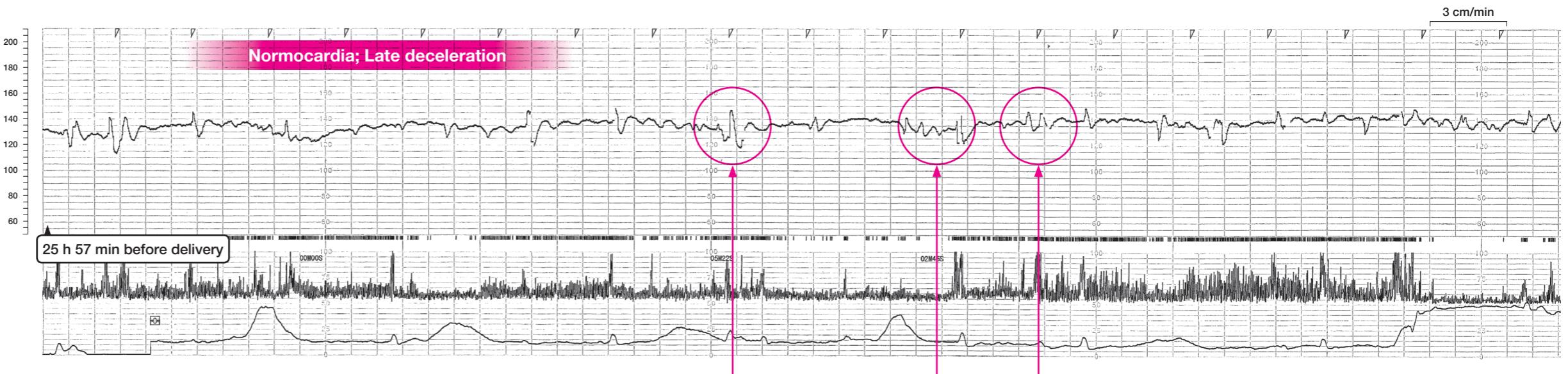


During hospitalization

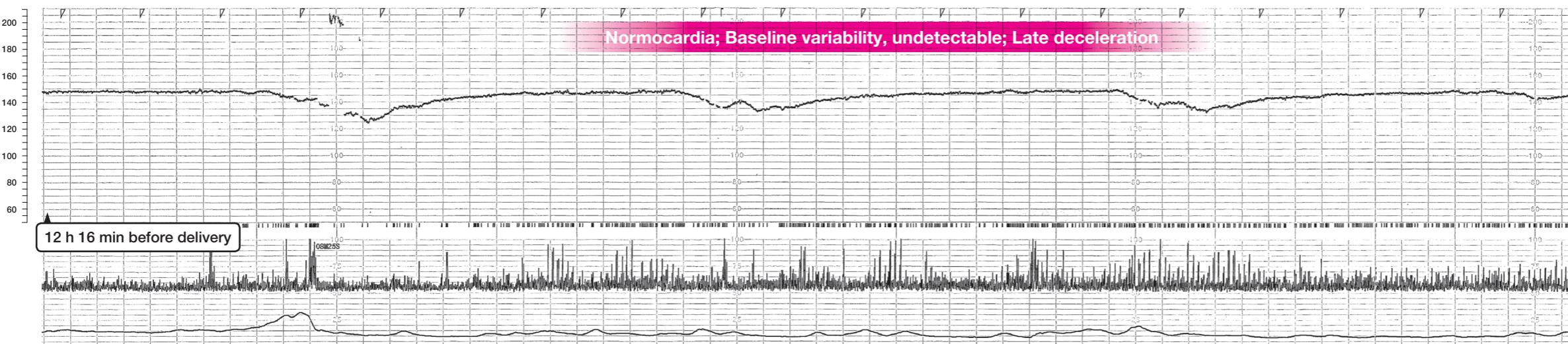
30 h 25 min before delivery
Drip infusion of freeze-dried concentrated human antithrombin III was administered.
No abnormal findings on brain MRI

Approximately 28 h 10 min before delivery
Headache developed. BP 200/140 mmHg

27 h 5 min before delivery
Drip infusion of an antihypertensive drug begun.
BP 120-144/88-114 mmHg



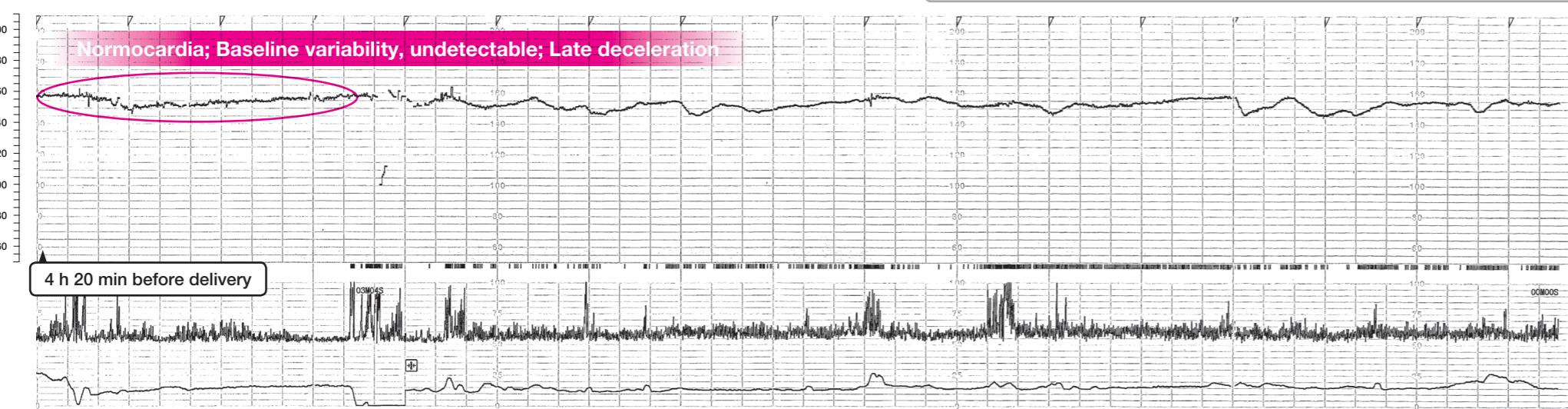
During hospitalization



Cautions in interpretation

A triangular and sharp-wave pattern was observed. This is referred to as the checkmark pattern.
This pattern is observed on rare occasions after asphyxia and is considered to be associated with gasping respiration of the fetus.

Before delivery



BP 150/98 mmHg
She had abdominal distention, nausea, vomiting, stomachache, and generalized edema.

4 h 4 min later, baby was delivered by cesarean section.

Findings associated with delivery

- Umbilical artery pH was 7.0 level
- Newborn course:
Apgar score; 4 at 1 min
5 at 5 min
- Findings of the amniotic fluid, umbilical cord, and placenta:
Meconium staining noted.
Marginal insertion of the cord
Histopathological examination ▶ A several small infarctions

- Causes of the development of cerebral palsy in the cause analysis report
Uteroplacental circulatory disturbance associated with pregnancy-induced hypertension

Summary

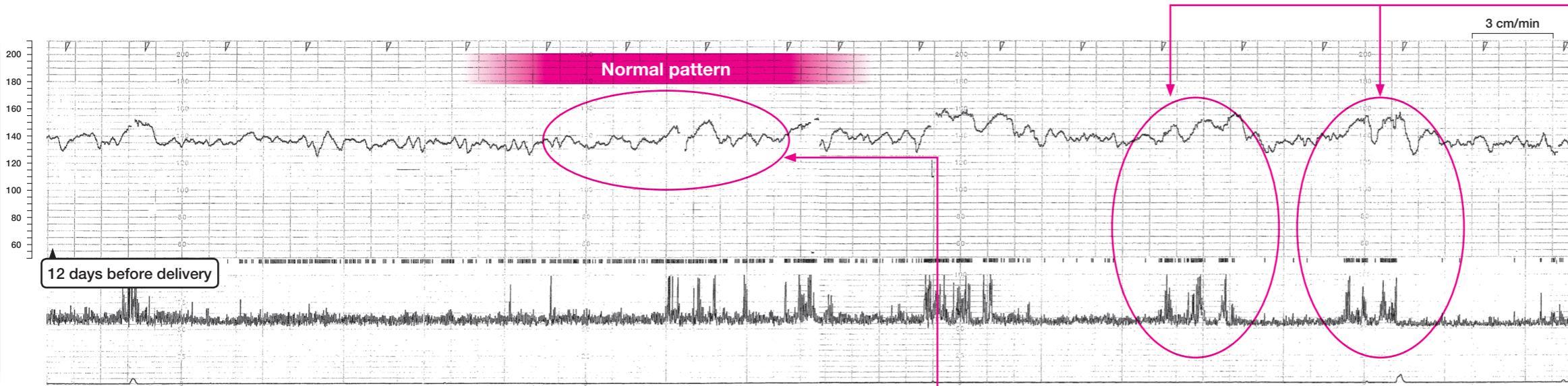
Gestational weeks 36 weeks' gestation

Risk factors None

Birth weight 2600 g level

Delivery course The woman visited the hospital as she became aware of decreased fetal movement. ► Cesarean section was performed based on the diagnosis of non-reassuring fetal status.

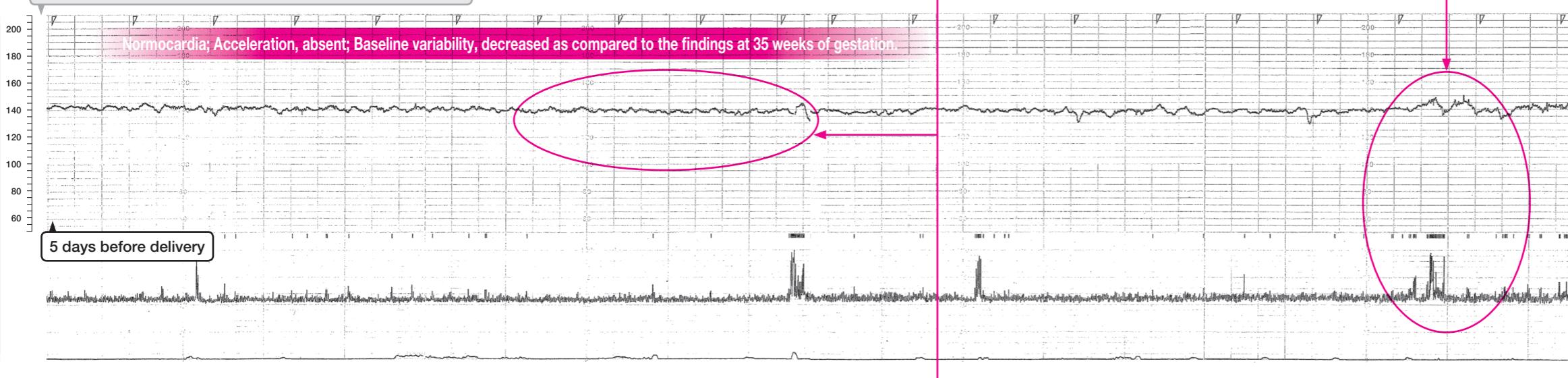
At the outpatient prenatal care (35 weeks of gestation)



Cautions in interpretation

The important findings are a decreased fetal movements and a decreased frequency of accelerations associated with fetal movements in the comparison of the data between 35 (first column) and 36 (second column) weeks of gestation.

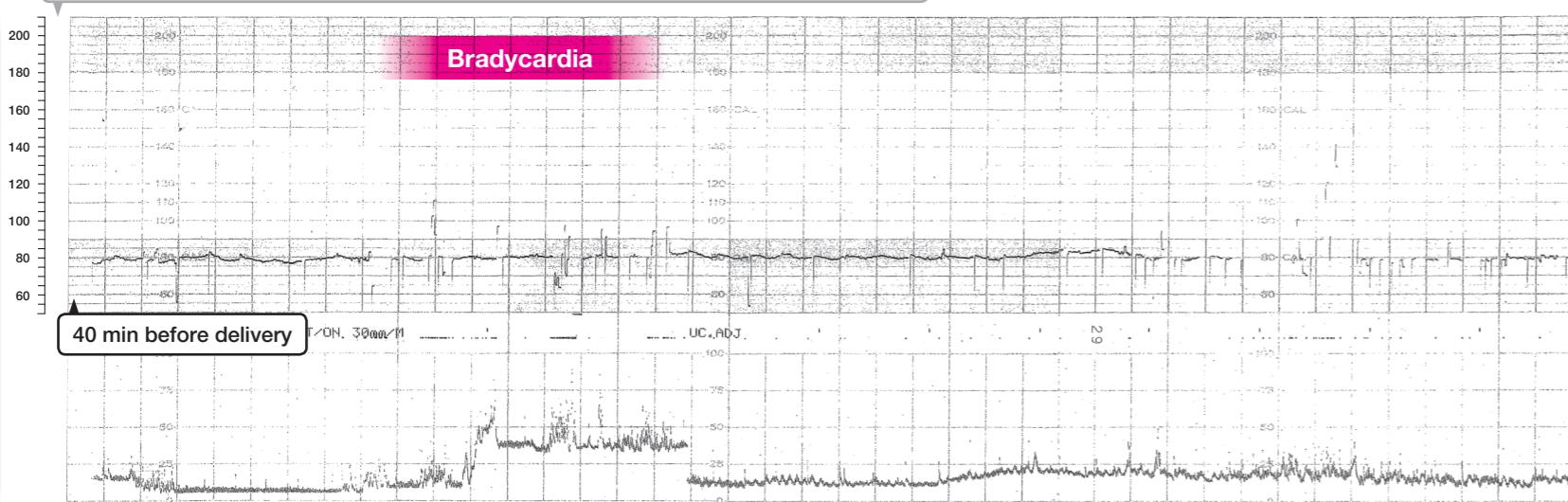
At the outpatient prenatal care (36 weeks of gestation)



Cautions in interpretation

The patterns of the baseline variability and the presence or absence of accelerations are different in the comparison of the data between 35 (first column) and 36 (second column) weeks of gestation. To detect these differences is the key to correct interpretation.

On admission (5 days after the last outpatient prenatal care visit), before delivery



26 min later, baby was delivered by cesarean section.

Findings associated with delivery

- Umbilical artery pH was 6.9 level
- Newborn course:
Apgar score: 1 at 1 min
1 at 5 min
Hemoglobin 2 g/dL level
- Findings of the amniotic fluid, umbilical cord, and placenta:
Histopathological examination ► No abnormal findings

- Causes of the development of cerebral palsy in the cause analysis report
Fetomaternal transfusion syndrome

Summary

Gestational weeks 36 weeks' gestation

Risk factors Threatened preterm delivery

Birth weight 2200 g level

Delivery course

The woman was admitted to hospital because of onset of labor and rupture of membranes. ► Under the diagnosis of non-reassuring fetal status, the baby was delivered vaginally using Kristeller's maneuver (uterine fundal pressure).

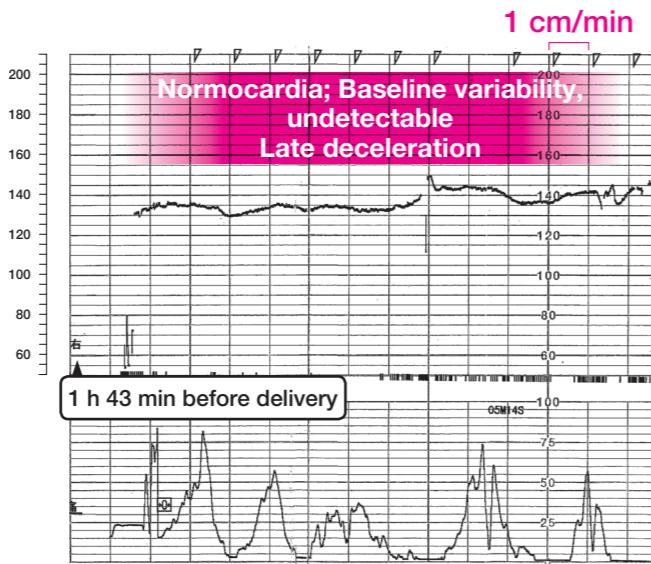
On admission

Approximately 4 h 24 min before delivery

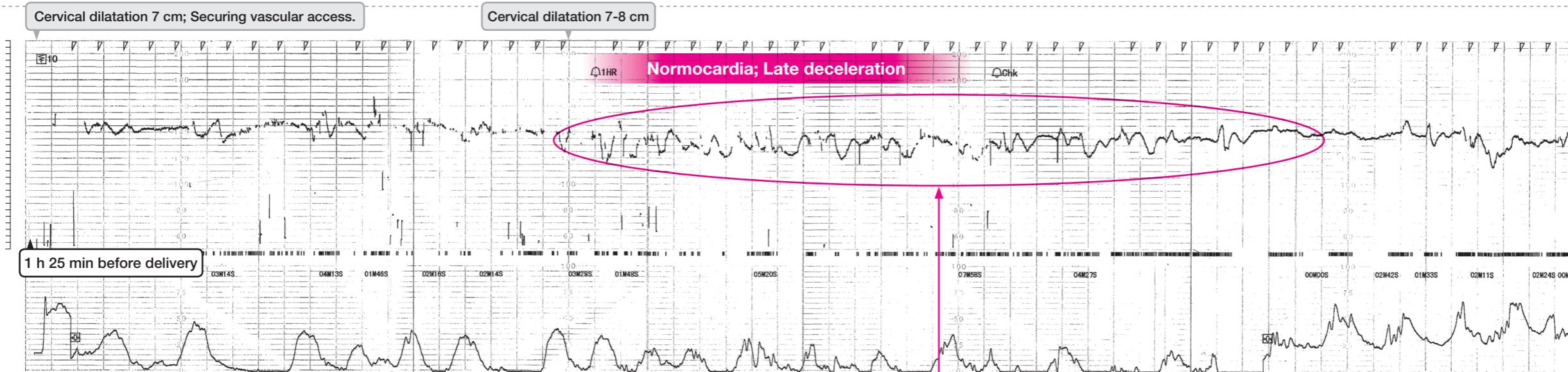
She had felt uterine contractions.

Approximately 2 h 24 min before delivery

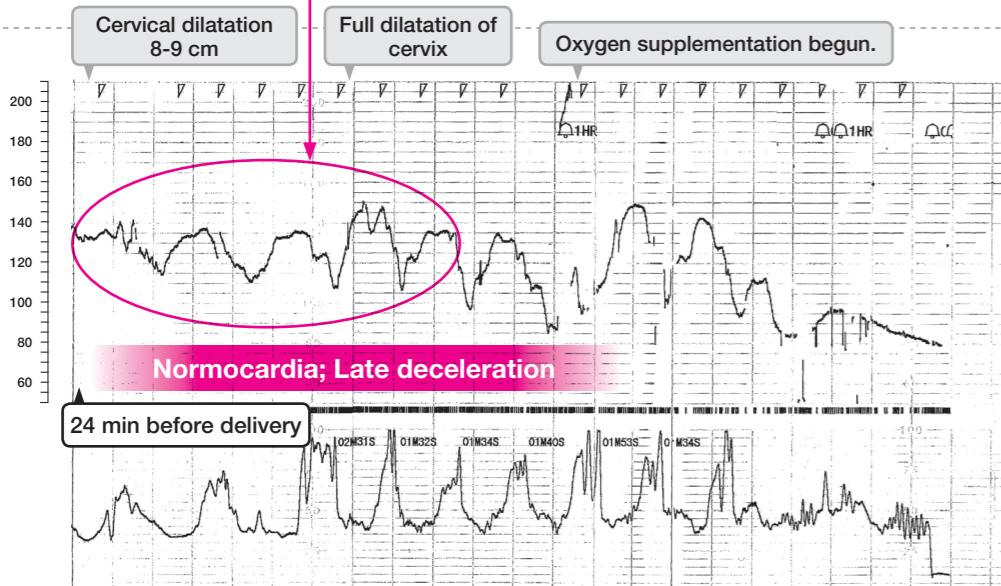
Onset of labor and the rupture of membranes occurred. She visited the hospital. Cervical dilatation one fingertip dilated Amniotic fluid pocket 44 mm



Before delivery



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4 min later, baby was delivered vaginally using Kristeller's maneuver (uterine fundal pressure).

Cautions in interpretation

With a paper speed of 1 cm/min, it is difficult to assess the baseline variability and interpret late decelerations. Late decelerations occurred frequently although trace may mistakenly be considered as a baseline variability. Because of the many noises and the paper speed of 1 cm/min, the baseline variability cannot be interpreted accurately.

Findings associated with delivery

- Umbilical cord blood gas analysis: No information
- Newborn course: Apgar score; 6 at 1 min 6 at 5 min Hemoglobin 7 g/dL level
- Findings of the amniotic fluid, umbilical cord, and placenta: Polyhydramnios Histopathological examination ► No information

- Causes of the development of cerebral palsy in the cause analysis report Fetomaternal transfusion syndrome

Summary

Gestational weeks 38 weeks' gestation

Risk factors

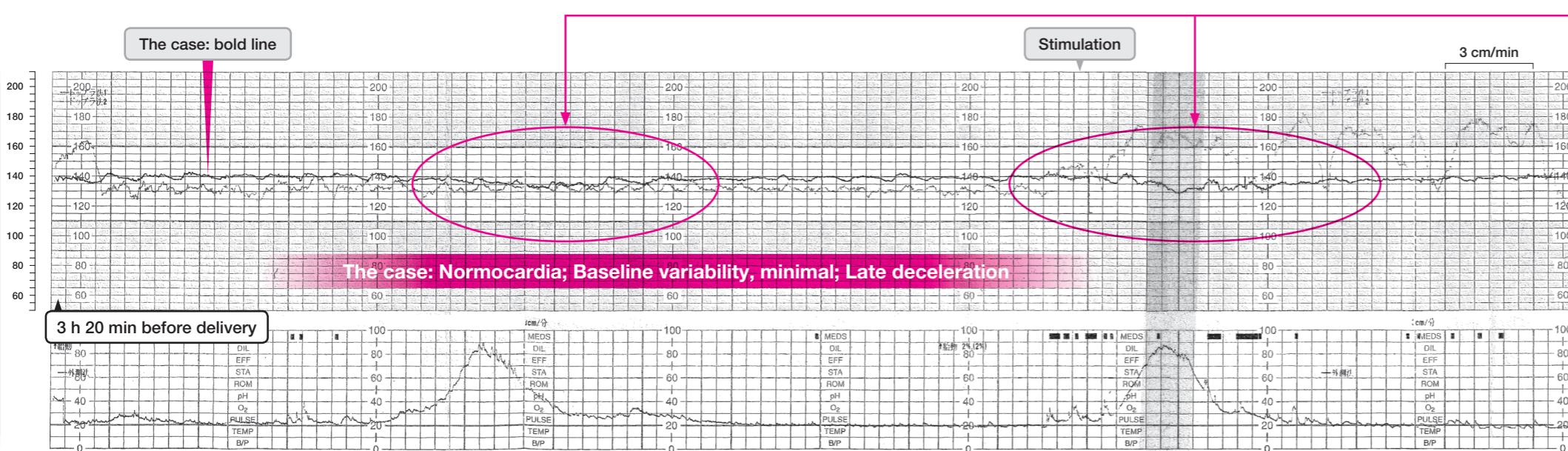
Twin pregnancy, Threatened preterm delivery, History of myomectomy

Birth weight 2500 g level

Delivery course

The woman was admitted to hospital for the management of threatened preterm delivery. ► Emergency cesarean section was performed based on the diagnosis of non-reassuring fetal status on the scheduled day of the planned cesarean section.

During hospitalization

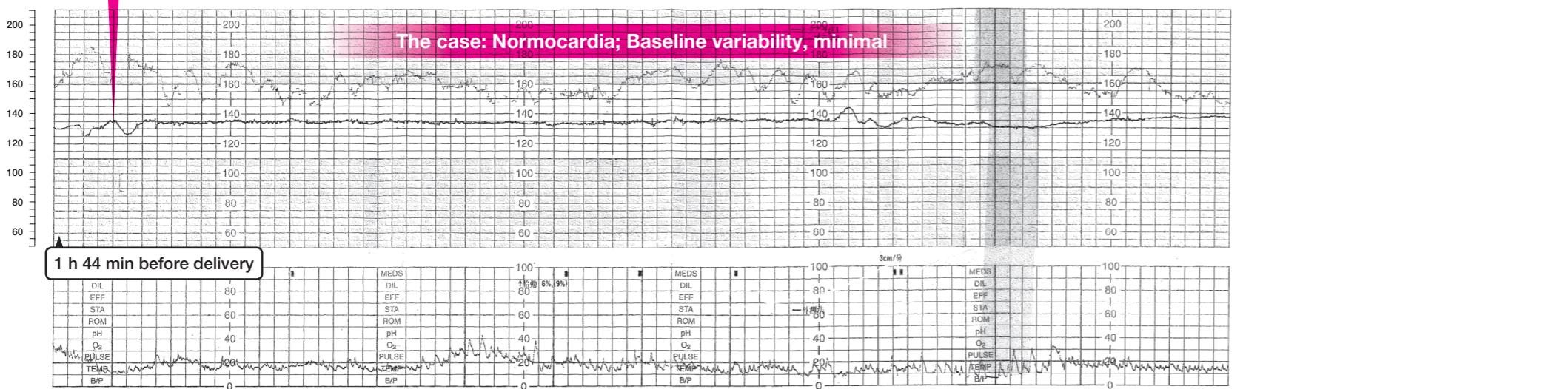
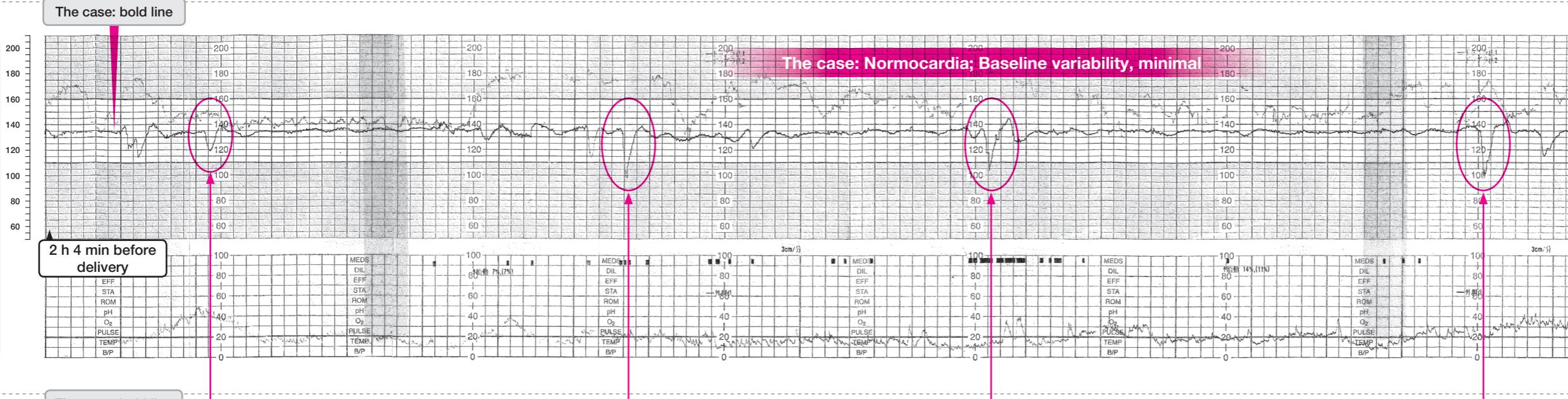


Cautions in interpretation

2 h 15 min before delivery

No abnormal findings in the placenta or blood flow in the umbilical cord were detected on ultrasonography

During hospitalization



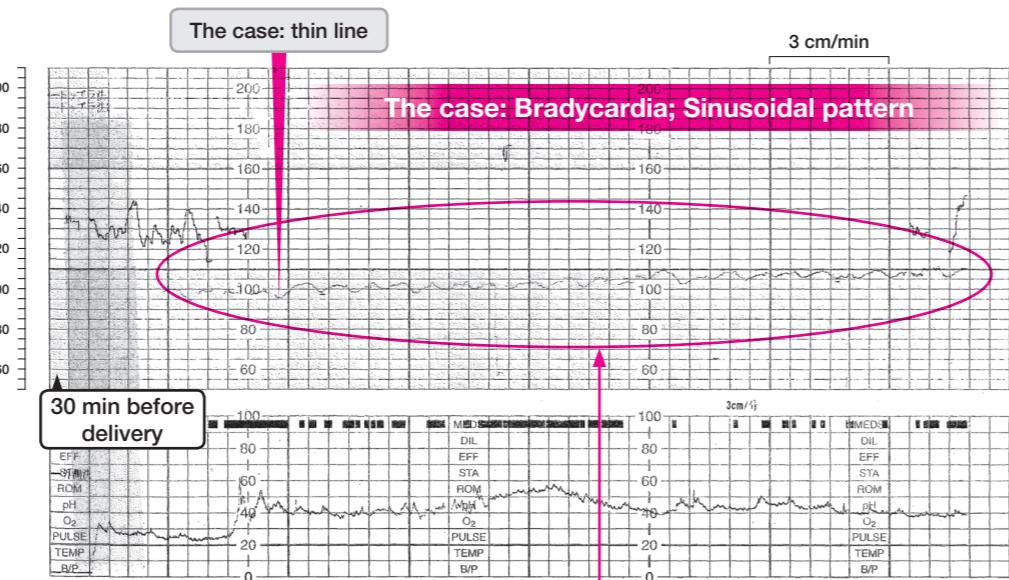
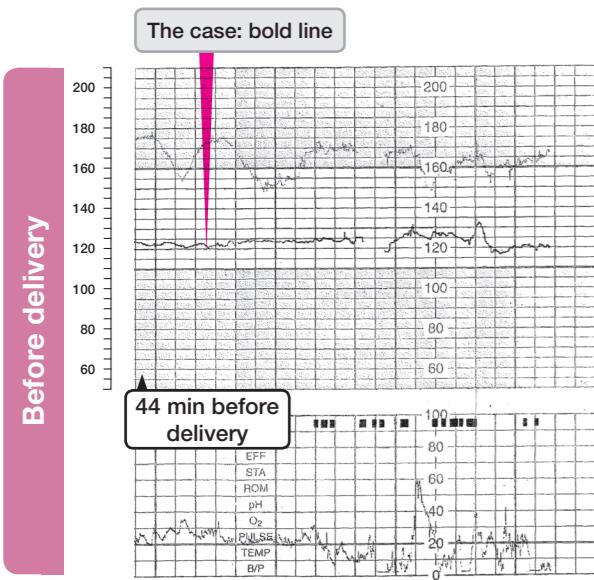
Cautions in interpretation

Non-periodic decelerations which were not associated with uterine contractions noted frequently.

These patterns were not variable decelerations because variable decelerations are defined as "those lasting 15 seconds or more and less than 2 min in duration." They meet the definition of the baseline variability, even though they were different from the typical baseline variability.

The physiological significance of these non-periodic decelerations is uncertain.

Before delivery



22 min later, baby was delivered by cesarean section.

Cautions in interpretation
The trace was determined to be a sinusoidal pattern because it is a smooth curve with an amplitude of 5-10 beats per minute and a cycle frequency of 3-4 per minute, although the definition that persistence is 10 min or longer was not fulfilled.

Findings associated with delivery

- Umbilical cord blood gas analysis: No information
- Newborn course:
Apgar score: 1 at 1 min
2 at 5 min
Hemoglobin 2 g/dL level
- Findings of the amniotic fluid, umbilical cord, and placenta:
Pale bloody amniotic fluid; white placental infarcts
Histopathological examination ► Placenta and umbilical cord of the case were pale because of insufficient blood flow as compared to that of the other twin.

- Causes of the development of cerebral palsy in the cause analysis report
Fetomaternal transfusion syndrome

1. Case examples by the main cause of the cerebral palsy

Case 24 (Twin-to-twin transfusion syndrome)

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Case examples by the main cause of the cerebral palsy

Summary

Gestational weeks 35 weeks' gestation

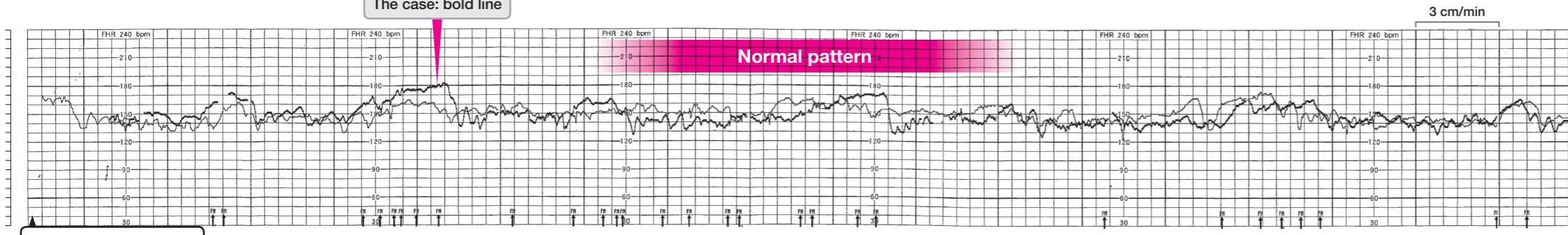
Risk factors Twin pregnancy; Threatened preterm delivery

Birth weight 1700 g level

Delivery course

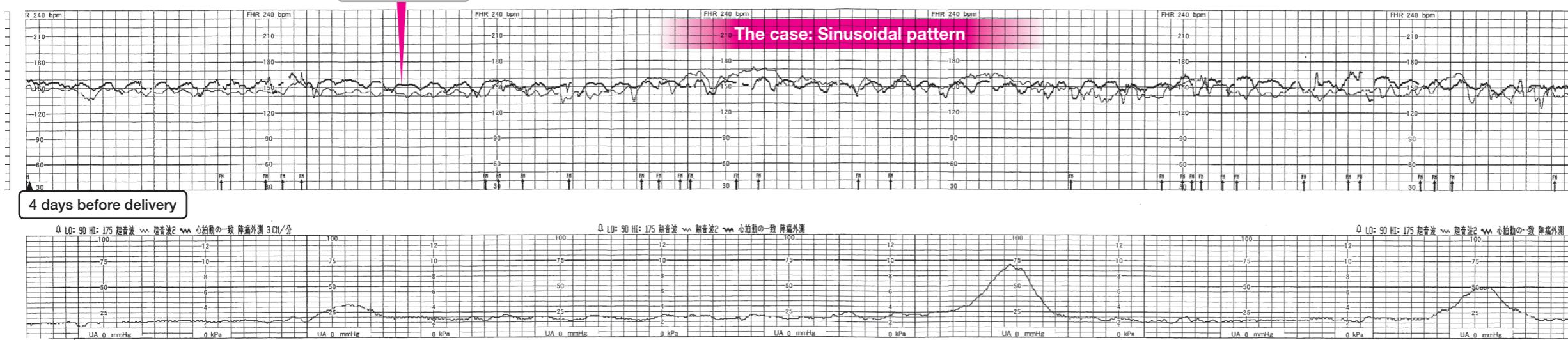
The woman was admitted to hospital for the management of twin pregnancy. ► Cesarean section was performed based on the diagnosis of non-reassuring fetal status.

During hospitalization
(33 weeks of gestation)



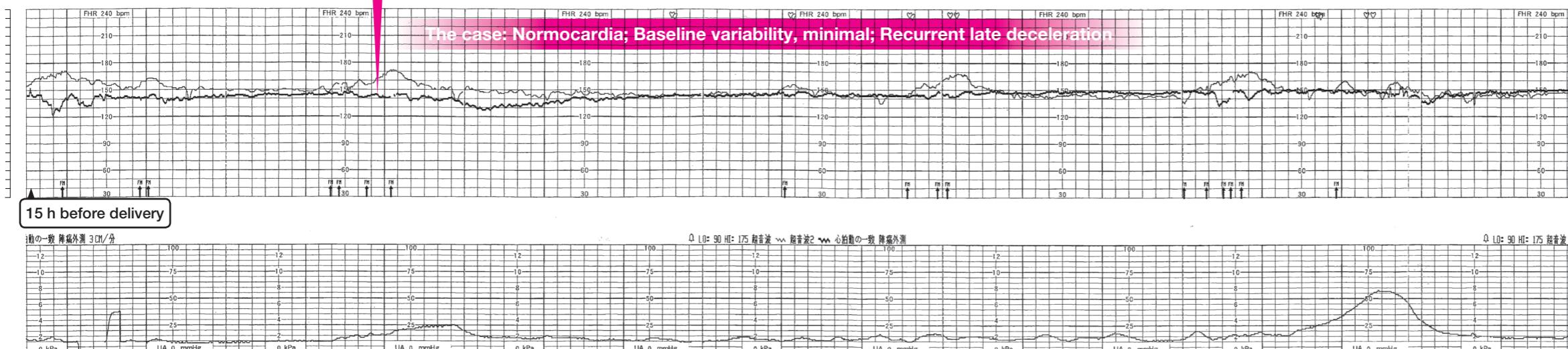
7 days before delivery
No abnormal findings on ultrasonography

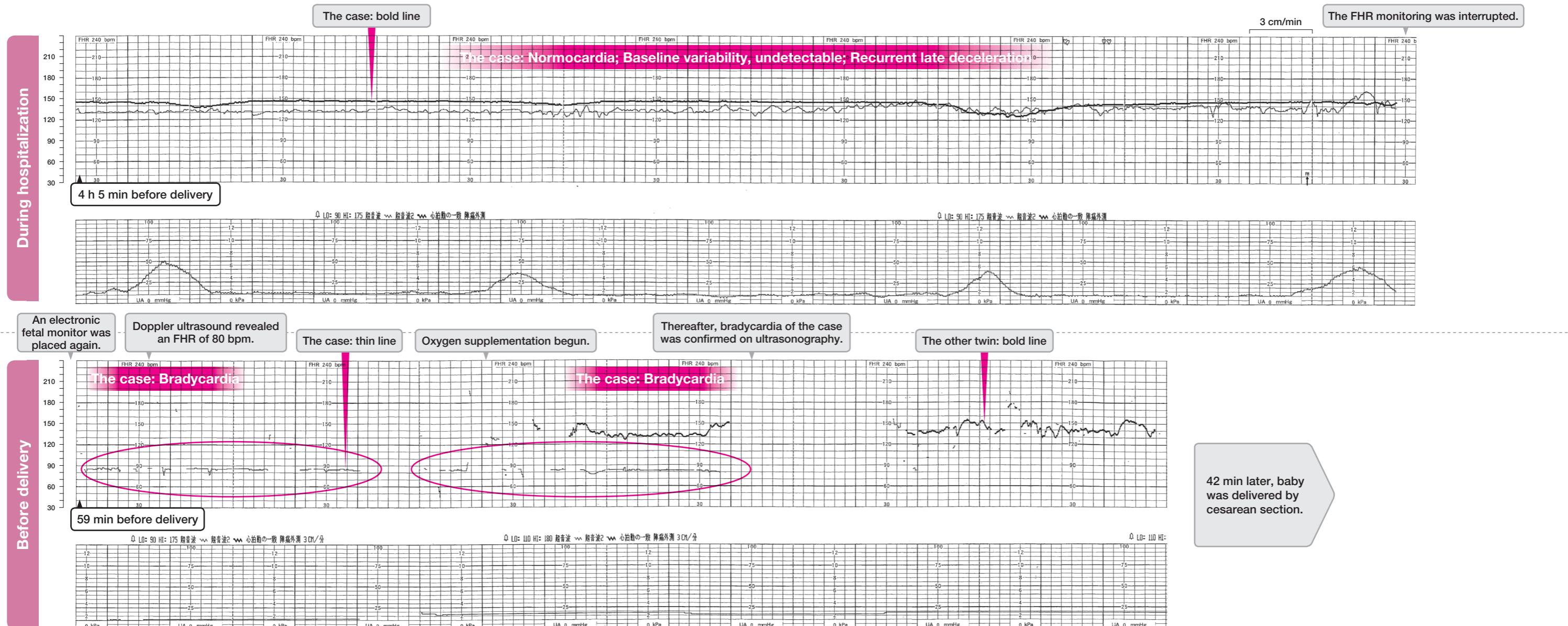
During hospitalization
(34 weeks of gestation)



8 h 27 min before delivery
No abnormal findings on ultrasonography
Active fetal movements

During hospitalization

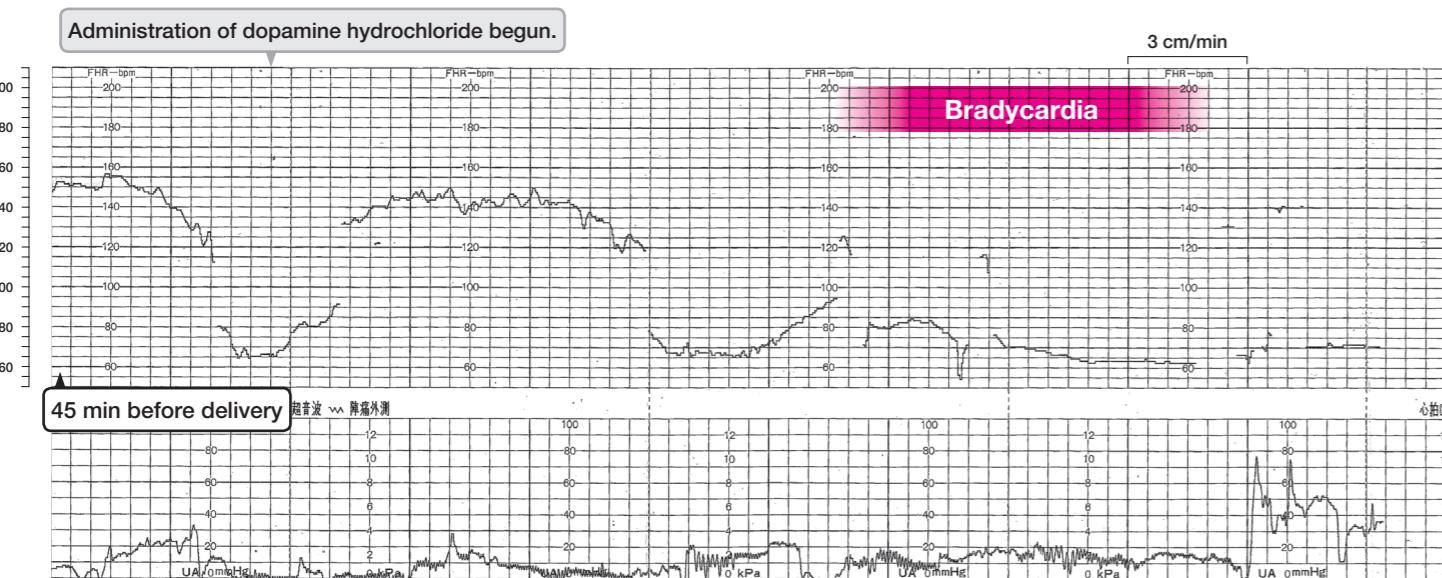




Findings associated with delivery

- Umbilical cord blood gas analysis of the case: No information
- Newborn course of the case
Apgar score: 0 at 1 min
1 at 5 min
Hemoglobin 2 g/dL level
- Findings of the amniotic fluid, umbilical cord, and placenta:
Meconium staining; Significant white infarcts
No definite vascular anastomosis was found by milk testing.
Histopathological examination ► Anemic and thick placenta
No vascular anastomosis was found on the surface of the placenta, but may have been present in the placental parenchyma.

- Causes of the development of cerebral palsy in the cause analysis report
Twin-to-twin transfusion syndrome



Findings associated with delivery

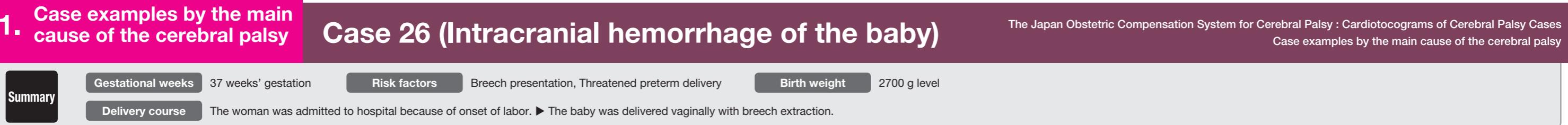
- Umbilical artery pH was 6.6 level
- Newborn course:
Apgar score; 1 at 1 min
5 at 5 min
- Operative findings:
Pale and ischemic uterus
- Findings of the amniotic fluid, umbilical cord, and placenta:
Meconium staining; Infarcts; Clots
Histopathological examination ► No abnormal findings

- Causes of the development of cerebral palsy in the cause analysis report
Maternal heart failure

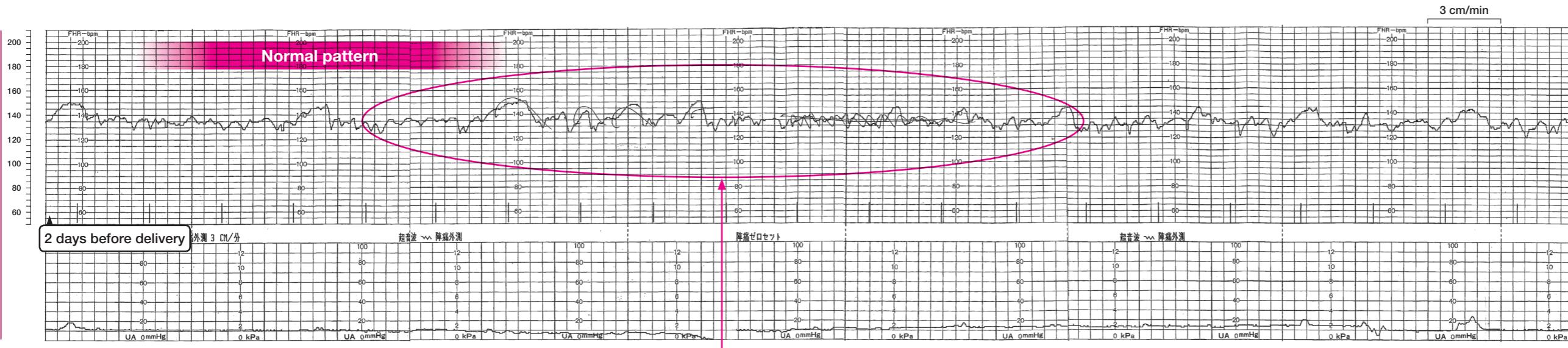
1. Case examples by the main cause of the cerebral palsy

Case 26 (Intracranial hemorrhage of the baby)

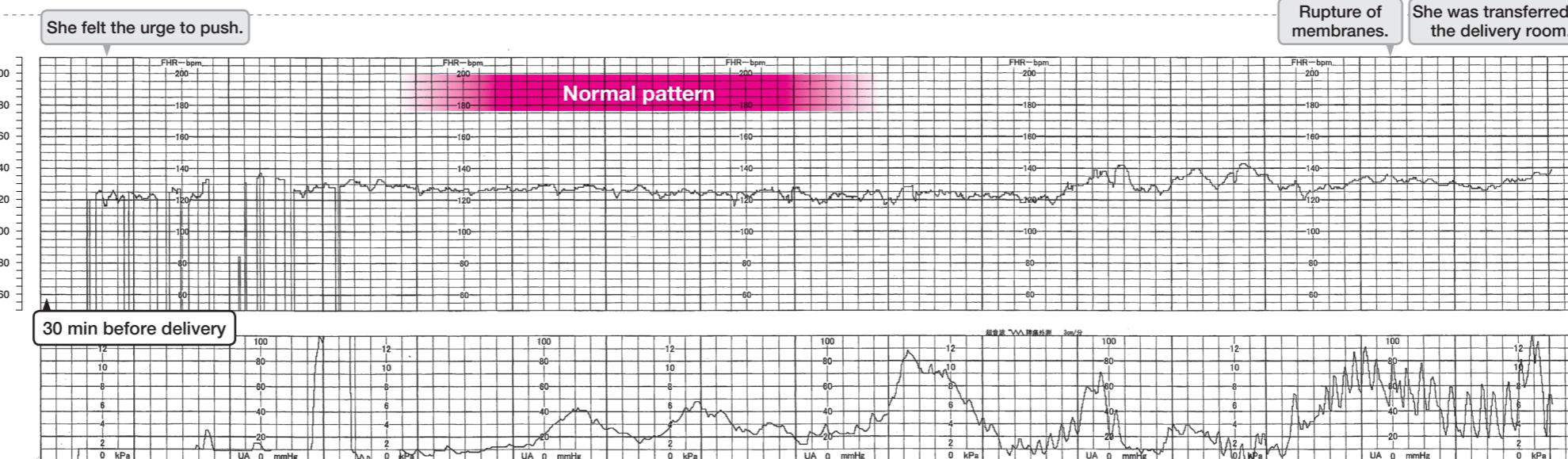
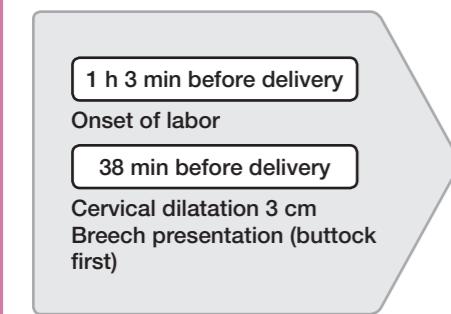
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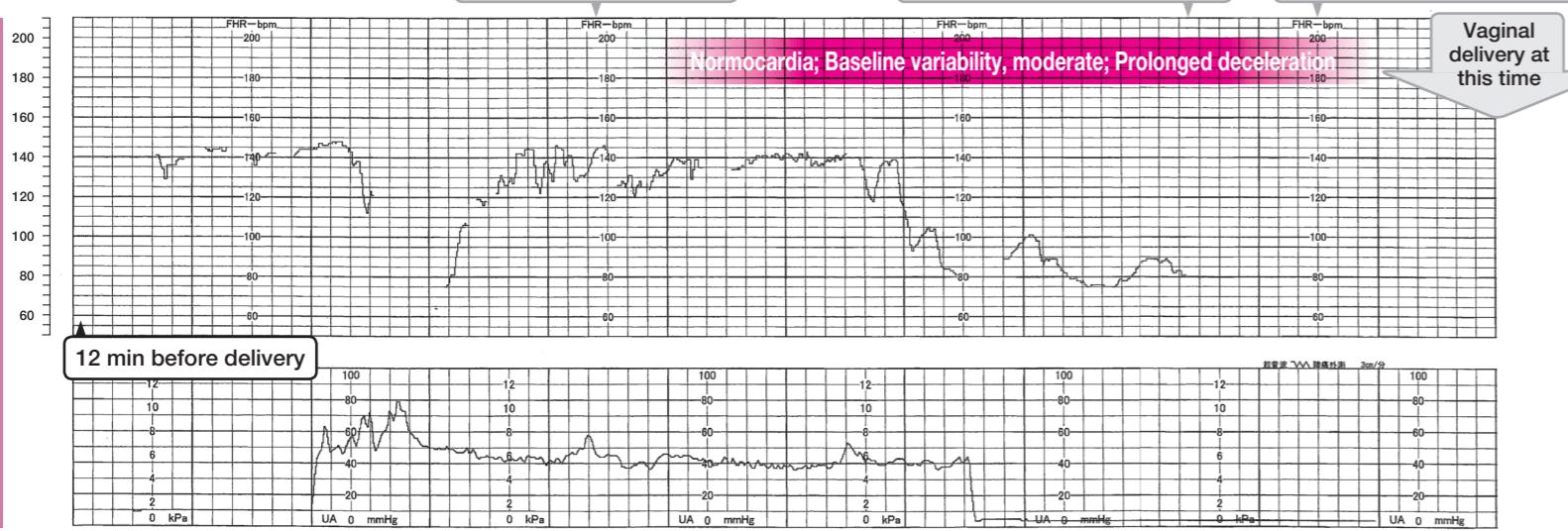
At the outpatient prenatal care



On admission



Before delivery



Findings associated with delivery

- Umbilical venous pH was 7.3 level.
- Newborn course:
Apgar score: 4 at 1 min
8 at 5 min
- Findings of the amniotic fluid, umbilical cord, and placenta:
Histopathological examination ► No information

- Causes of the development of cerebral palsy in the cause analysis report
Intracranial hemorrhage of the baby

1. Case examples by the main cause of the cerebral palsy

Case 27 (Multiple factors- 1)

The Japan Obstetric Compensation System for Cerebral Palsy : Cardiotocograms of Cerebral Palsy Cases
Case examples by the main cause of the cerebral palsy

Summary

Gestational weeks 38 weeks' gestation

Risk factors

Pregnancy-induced hypertension(preeclampsia)

Birth weight

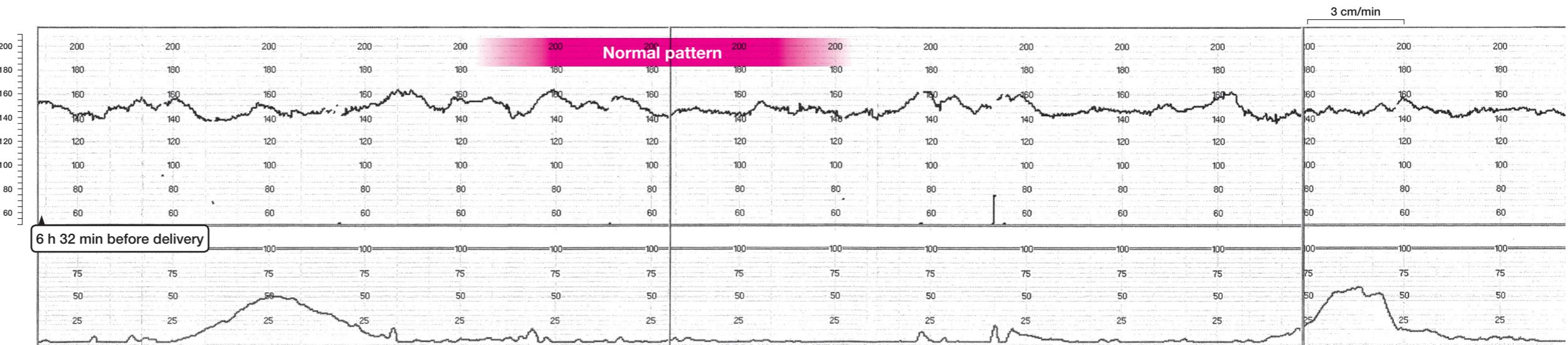
2600 g level

Delivery course

The woman visited the transport source birthing facility because of onset of labor and massive vaginal bleeding. ► Mother was transported because of the suspicion of placental abruption and rupture of the marginal venous sinus of the placenta. ► Baby was delivered vaginally.

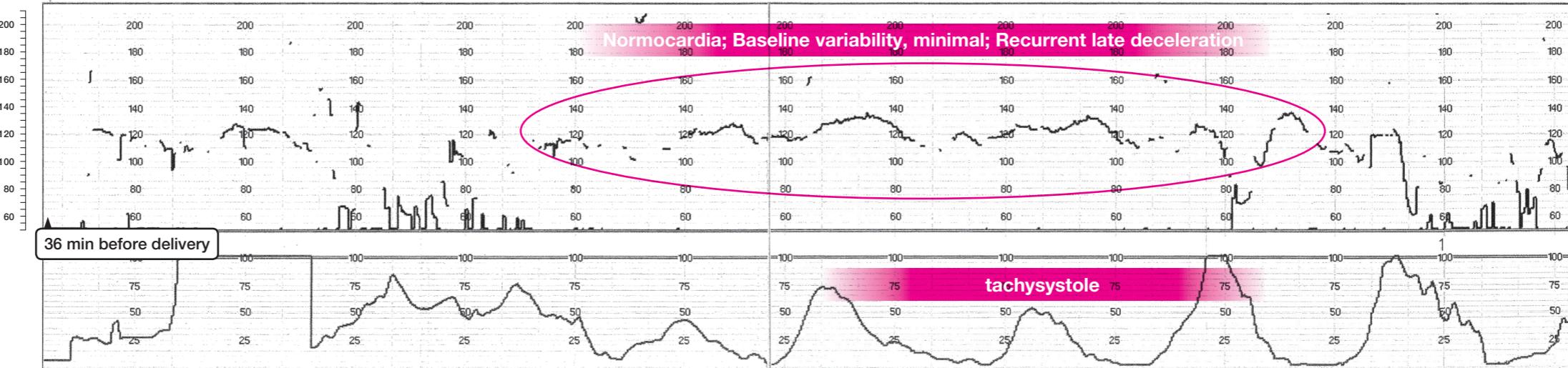
At the outpatient prenatal care

No abnormal findings on ultrasonography
Urinalysis (Proteinuria 4+)
BP 140/96 mmHg



Cervical dilatation 5 cm; Massive vaginal bleeding; No board-like abdominal rigidity; BP 94/69 mmHg; PR 103 bpm
Ultrasonography revealed a hematoma in the margin of the placenta in the lower uterine segment. Securing vascular access.

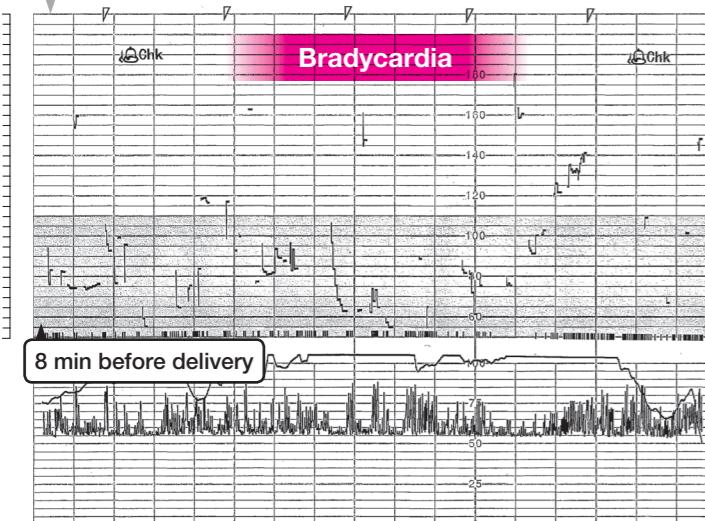
1 h 59 min before delivery
Onset of labor
1 h 24 min before delivery
Massive vaginal bleeding



Mother was transported because of the suspicion of placental abruption and rupture of the marginal sinus of the placenta. Cervical dilatation 8 cm

At the visit of the transport source birthing facility
(on the day of the outpatient prenatal care)

Full dilatation of cervix
BP 144/- mmHg



3 min later, baby was delivered vaginally.

Findings associated with delivery

- Umbilical artery pH was 6.7 level.
- Newborn course: Apgar score; 1 at 1 min
1 at 5 min
- Findings of the amniotic fluid, umbilical cord, and placenta:
Entanglement of the umbilical cord; Marginal insertion of the cord; bloody amniotic fluid; Clots; Placental degeneration; Dark purple color
Histopathological examination ► No information

- Causes of the development of cerebral palsy in the cause analysis report
Multiple factors (placental abruption, maternal pre-shock)

Case 28 (Multiple factors- 2)

Summary

Gestational weeks 41 weeks' gestation

Risk factors GBS colonization

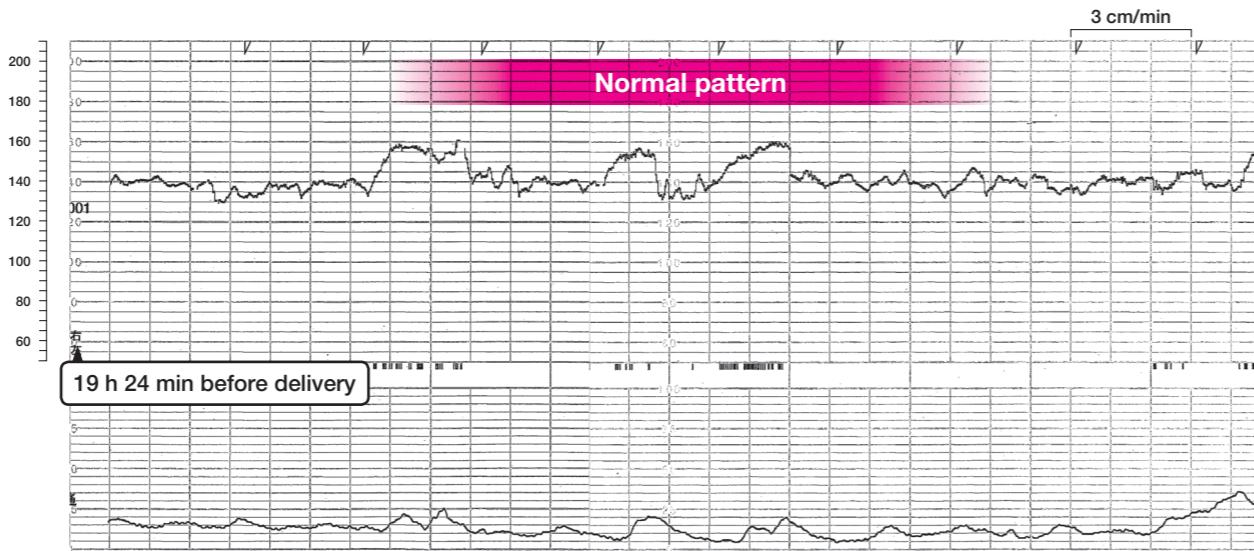
Birth weight 2900 g level

Delivery course

The woman was admitted to hospital for induction of labor. ► Obstetric balloon (Metreurynter) was used for the induction of labor. ► Drip infusion of oxytocin was used for augmentation of labor. ► Vacuum extraction was performed based on the diagnosis of non-reassuring fetal status.

During hospitalization

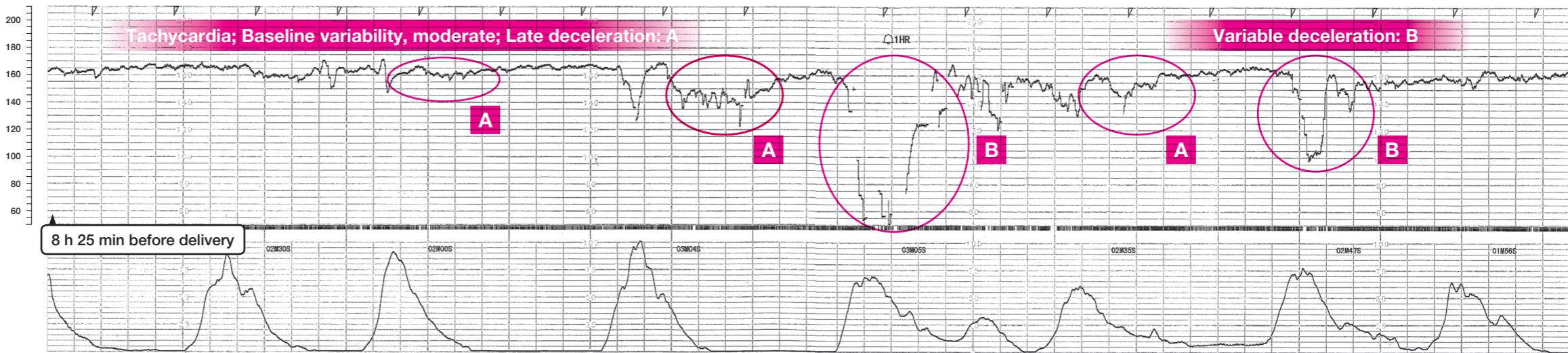
25 h 4 min before delivery
Obstetric balloon (Metreurynter) was inserted.



17 h 19 min before delivery
Obstetric balloon (Metreurynter) slipped down into the vagina.
Onset of labor
12 h 44 min before delivery
Securing vascular access.
Blood test (WBC 14300/μL)

During hospitalization

8 h 49 min before delivery
Body temperature 37.7 °C



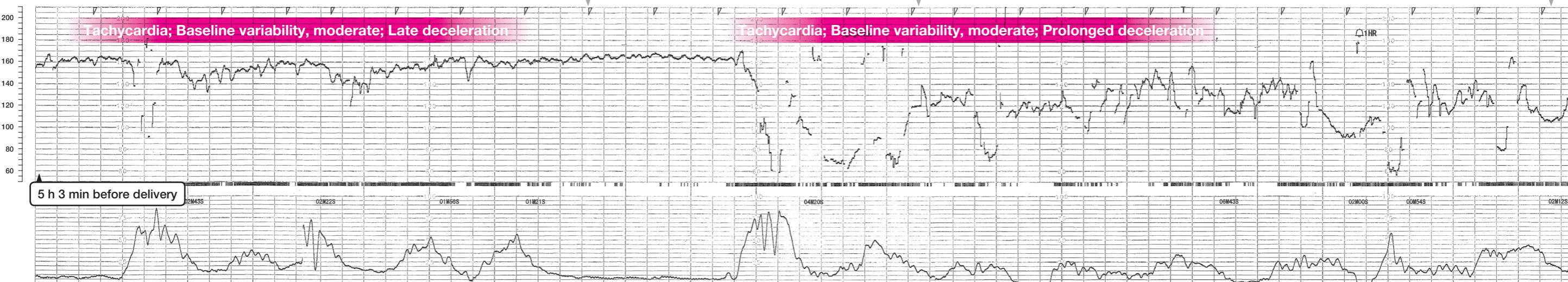
During hospitalization

5 h 3 min before delivery

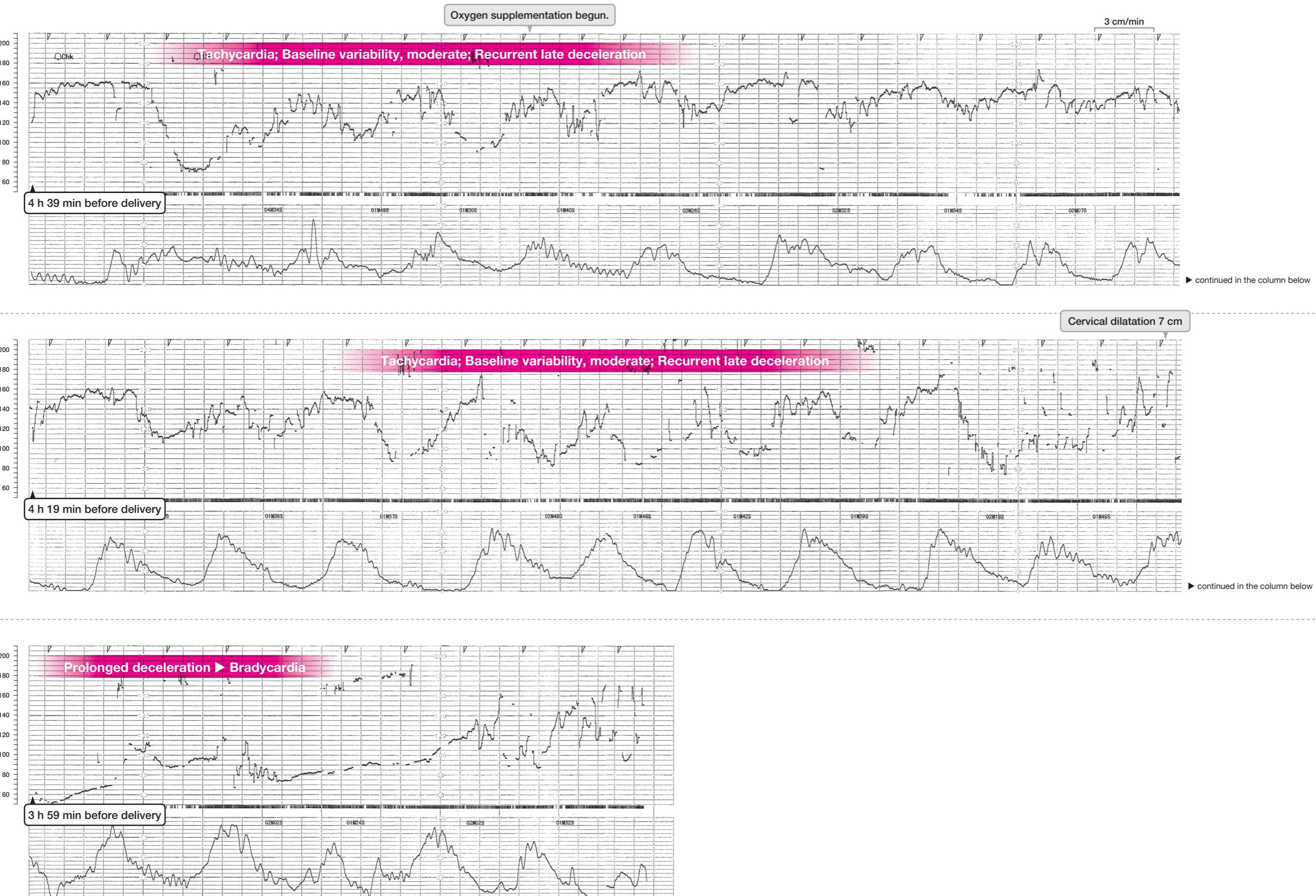
Oxytocin drip infusion begun.

Maternal repositioning

Oxytocin drip infusion stopped.

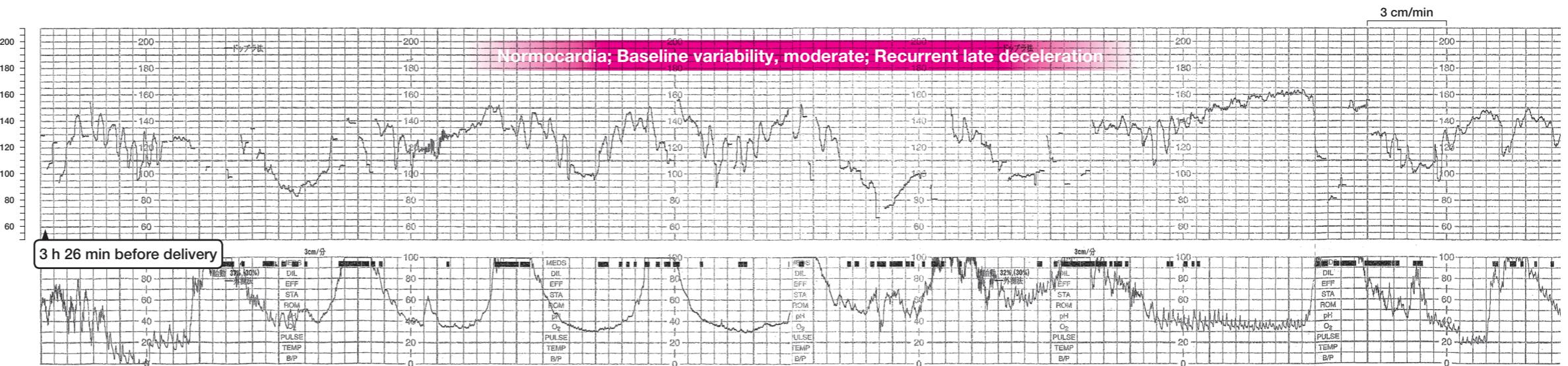


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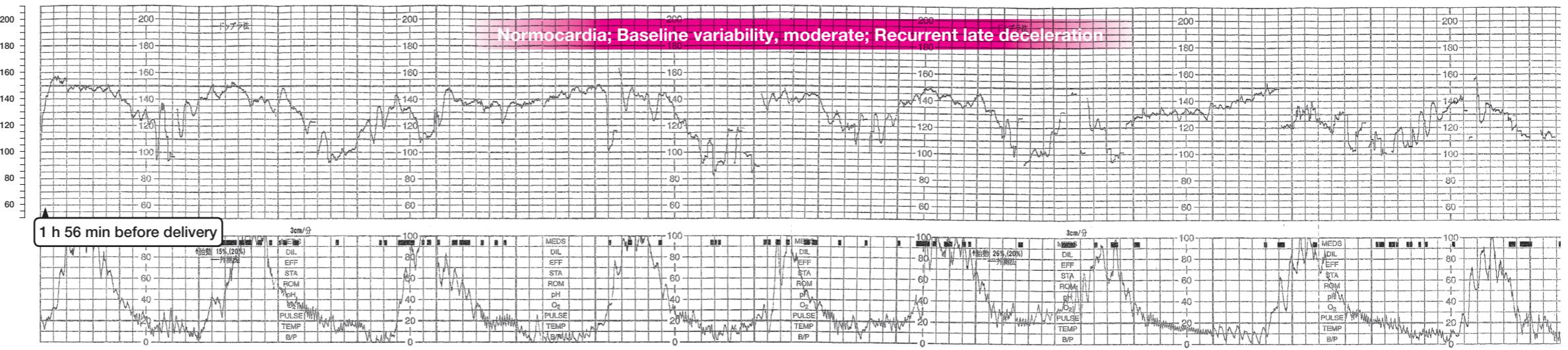
During hospitalization

3 h 34 min before delivery
Artificial rupture of membranes was performed; Meconium staining
Cervical dilatation 7-8 cm
BP 150/87 mmHg
Pulse rate 76 bpm

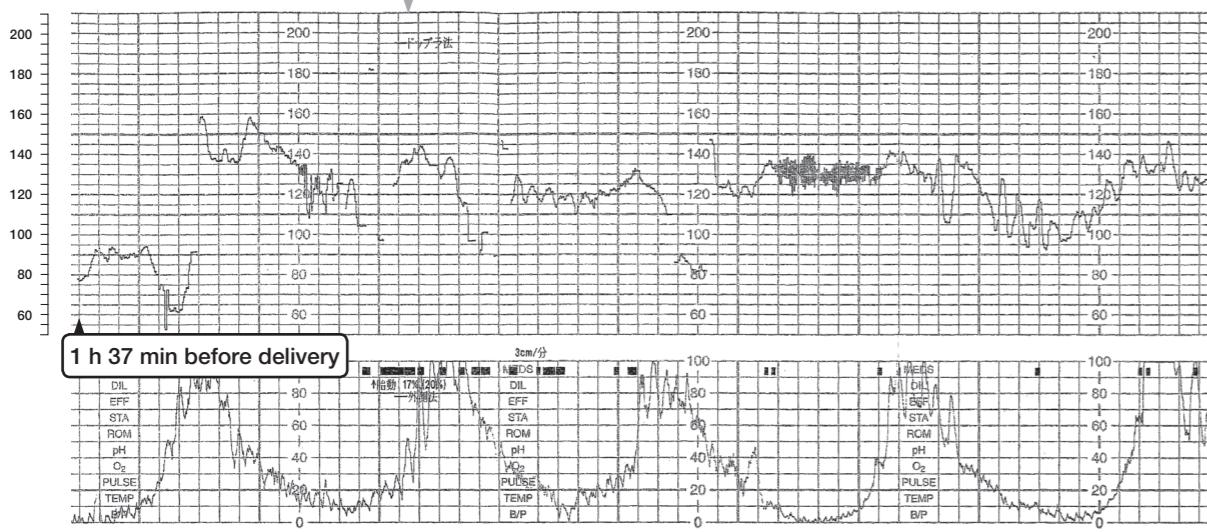


During hospitalization

2 h 9 min before delivery
Cervical dilatation 9 cm

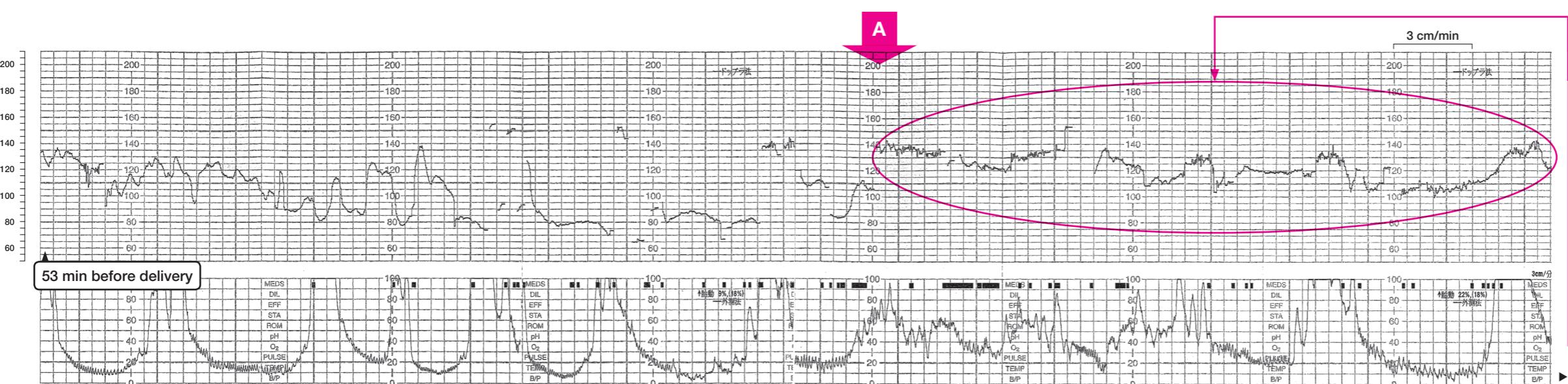


Full dilatation of cervix



1 h 17 min before delivery
BP 106/68 mmHg
Pulse rate 117 bpm

Before delivery

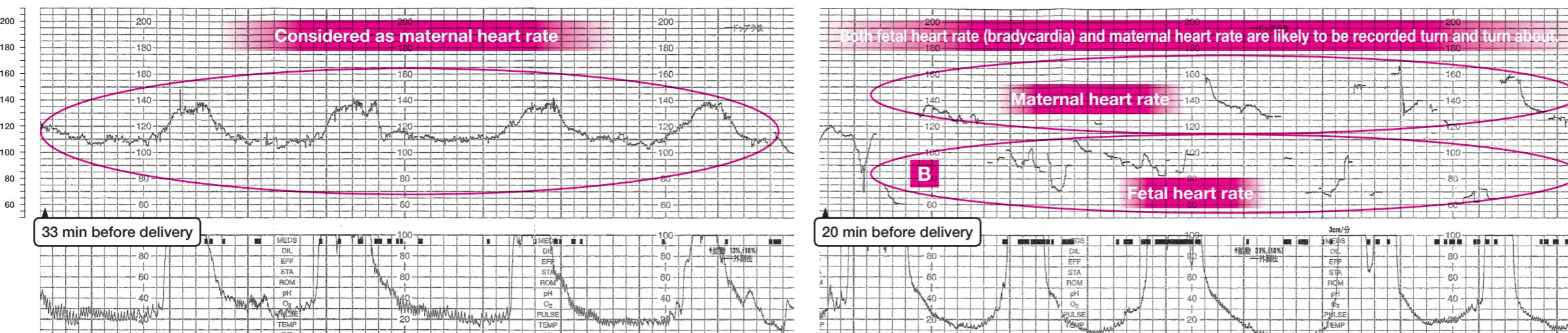


Cautions in interpretation

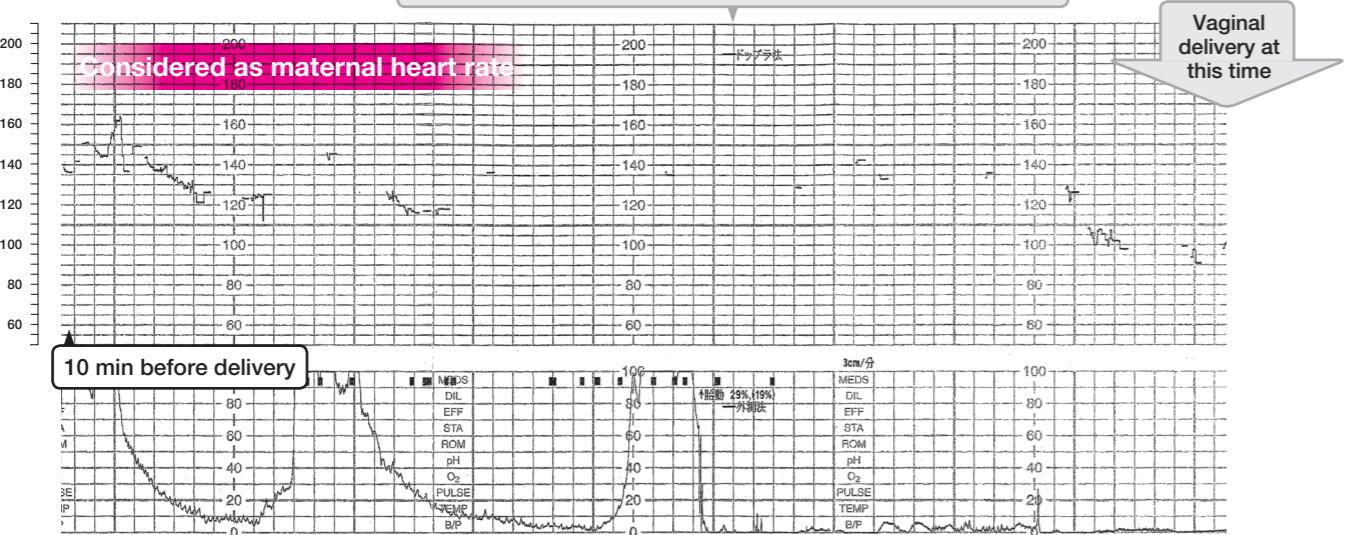
Retrospectively, fetal bradycardia (B) continued after Arrow A and the record was likely to be the maternal heart rate on the basis of the following points.

- (1) The patterns were different between before and after Arrow A.
- (2) Umbilical artery gas analysis showed a pH 6.7 level.
- (3) The pattern of maternal heart rate during uterine contractions are reported to be similar to the acceleration patterns.

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The cardiac arrest of the fetus was confirmed on ultrasonography.
Vacuum extraction begun.



Findings associated with delivery

- Umbilical artery pH was 6.7 level.
- Newborn course:
Apgar score; 0 at 1 min
1 at 5 min
- Findings of the amniotic fluid, umbilical cord, and placenta:
Entanglement of the umbilical cord (a single loop)
Histopathological examination ► Chorioamnionitis; Funisitis

- Causes of the development of cerebral palsy in the cause analysis report
Multiple factors (placental dysfunction, umbilical cord complications excluding cord prolapse)