



# The prevalence of upper common pathway in atrio-ventricular nodal reentry tachycardia : Late atrial premature depolarization

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### Introduction

AV nodal tissue connected to atrial and ventricular tissue
Upper common pathway (UCP) / Lower common pathway (LCP)

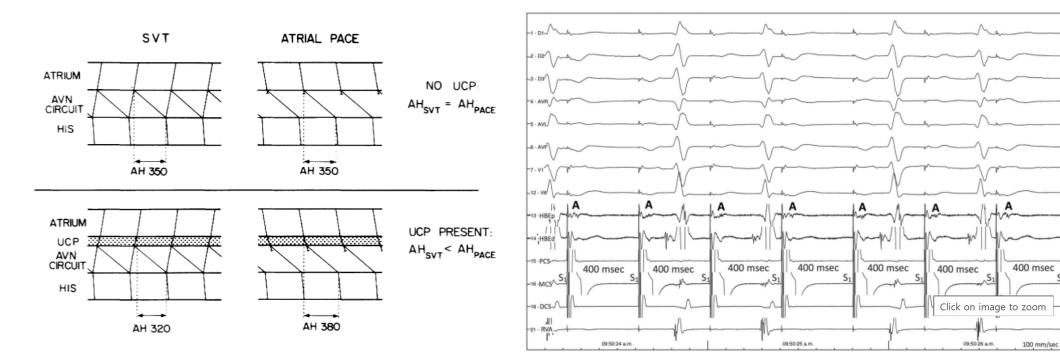
- LCP
  - Distal junction of AVN tissue and the HIS bundle
- UCP ?





### Introduction

- AV nodal tissue connected to atrial tissue and ventricular tissue
  - Upper common pathway (UCP): 28% of UCP prevalence



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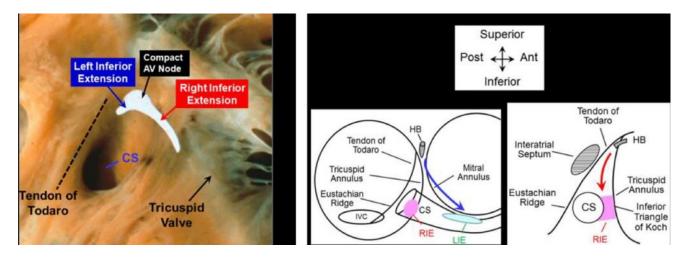


### Introduction

Orthodromic atrial capture during atrial pacing in SVT

(Satoh M, Miyajima S, Koyama S, Ishiguro J, Okabe M. Orthodromic capture of the atrial electrogram during transient entrainment of atrioventricular nodal reentrant tachycardia. Circulation 1993;88:2329-36.)

• Anatomical evidence of compact AV nodal extension to right (left) inferior direction of RA (slow pathway)



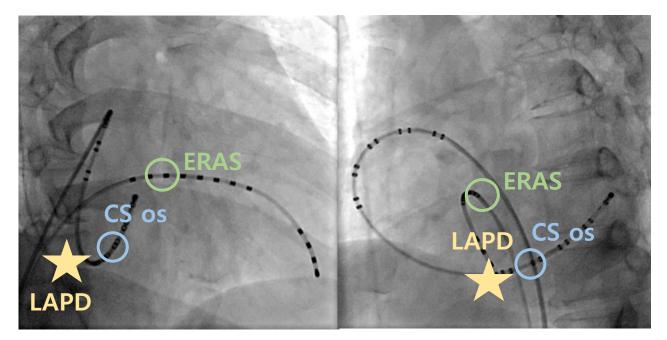






### **Methods**

- Single center retrospective study
- AVNRT using a right inferior slow pathway by electrophysiologic studies in the Seoul St. Mary's Hospital from 2019 to 2022
- Late atrial premature depolarization (LAPD +) maneuver.
- Analysis of the earliest atrial activation sequence (ERAS ()) and tachycardia cycle length

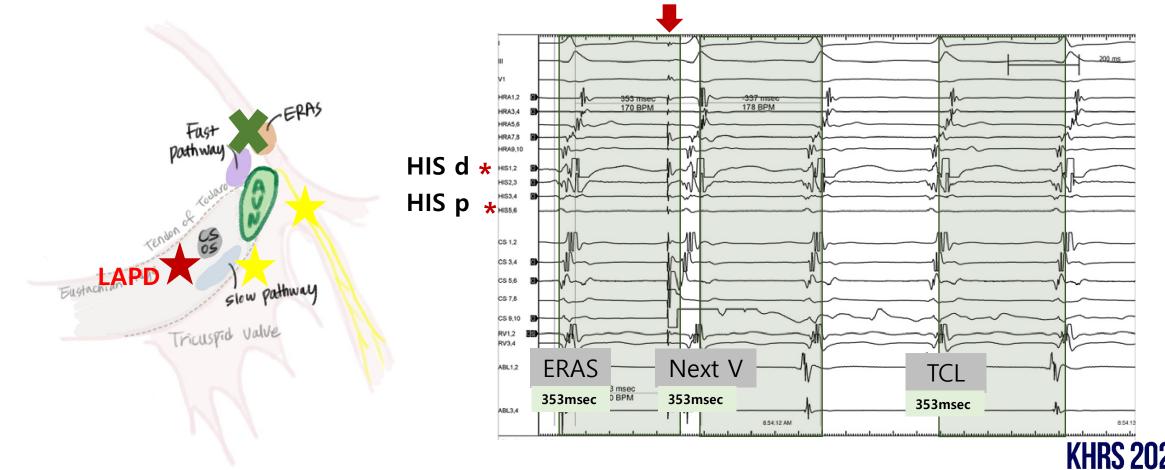


KHRS 2



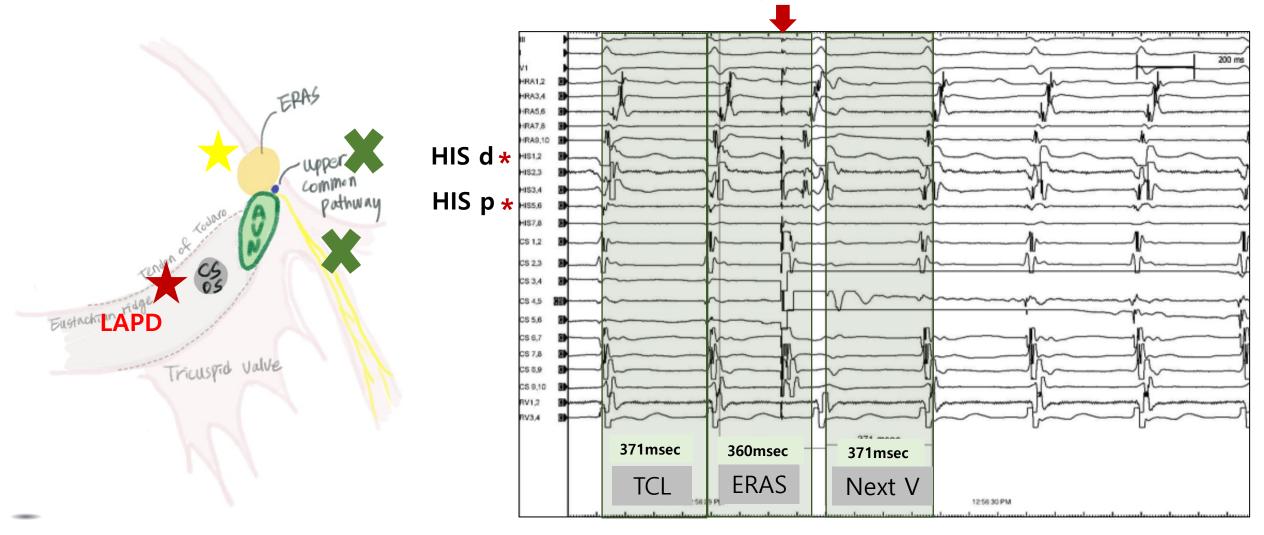
## Methods Absence of UCP

 LAPD can reset the tachycardia without depolarizing the earliest retrograde atrial activation site (ERAS) near the proximal His



## Methods Presence of UCP

• LAPD can depolarize the ERAS without resetting the tachycardia



## Methods Indeterminate

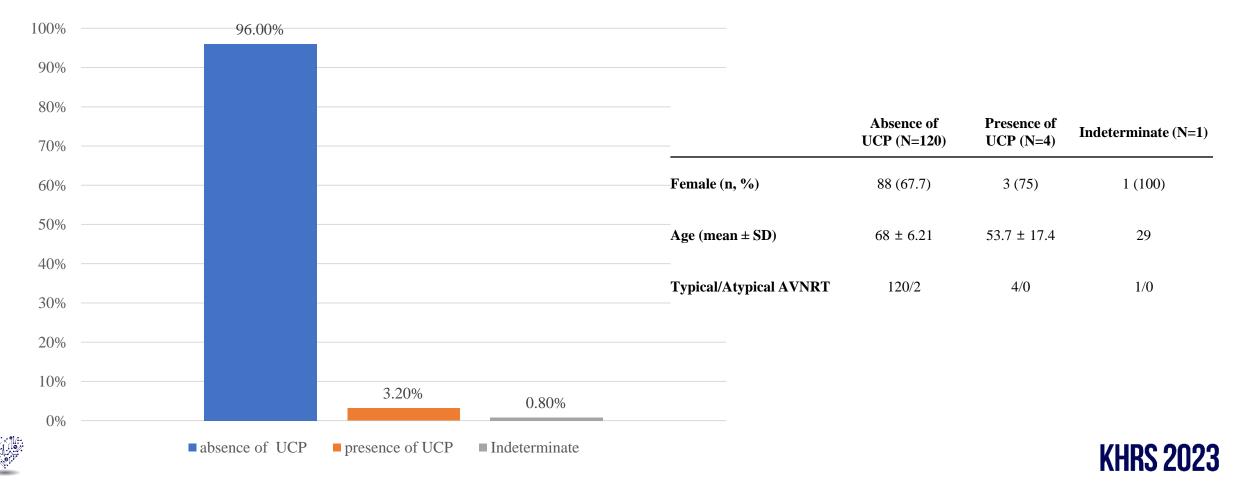
• Simultaneously advancement of atrial electrogram and reset of the tachycardia





#### **Results**

• 126 patients with AVNRT



### Conclusion

- Limitation in Atypical AVNRT and Atypical extension of slow pathway
- The prevalence of UCP could be lower than 3% of AVNRT cases
- The LAPD maneuver revealed that most AVNRTs did not exhibit a single UCP





# Thank you for listening



