

Neural Control of Ventricular Rate in Ambulatory Dogs with Pacing Induced Sustained Atrial Fibrillation

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Brain-Autonomic Nerves and the Heart

National Disaster

- SCD increases at times of national disaster

Experimental models

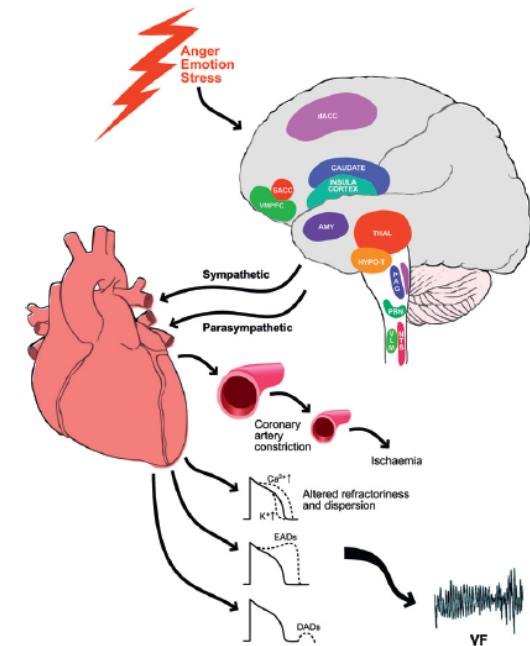
- VS protects against stress induced arrhythmia
- Stress magnifies the proarrhythmic effects of ischemia

Humans

- Stress induces coronary or microvascular constriction
- Anger potentiates ventricular arrhythmias
- Beta-blockade protective for SCD
- Emotion precipitates VF in long QT patients

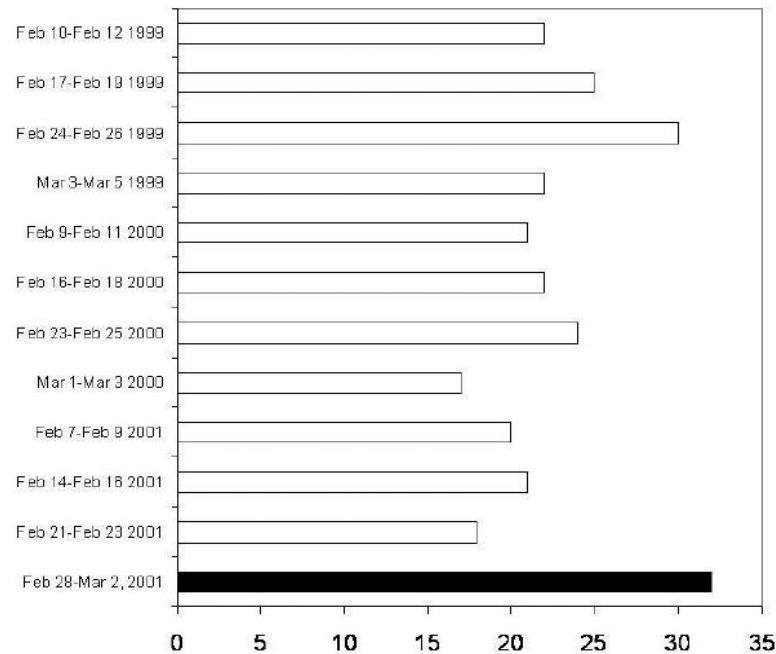
Socioeconomic influence

- Chronic psychosocial factors influence rates of arrhythmia and sudden death

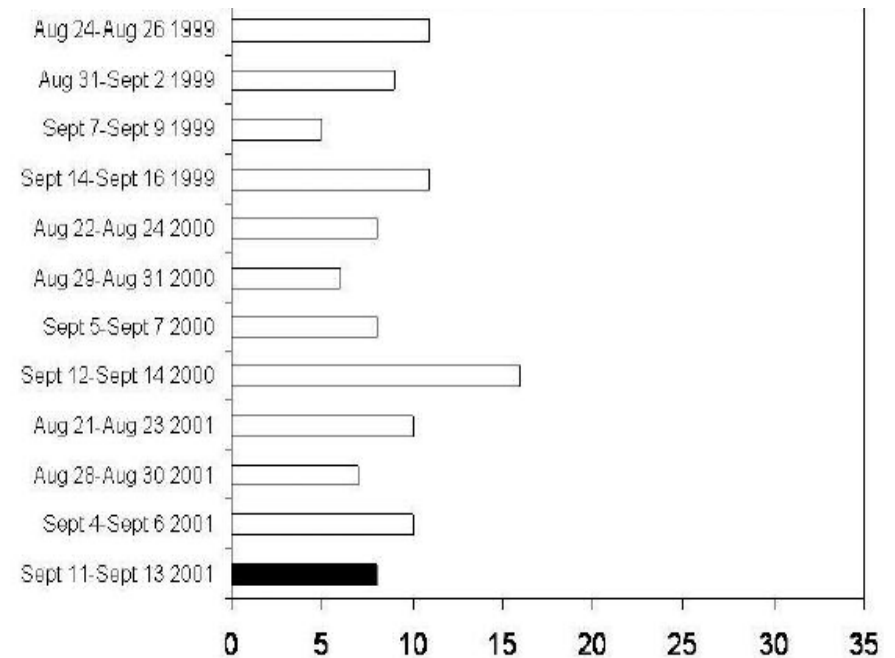


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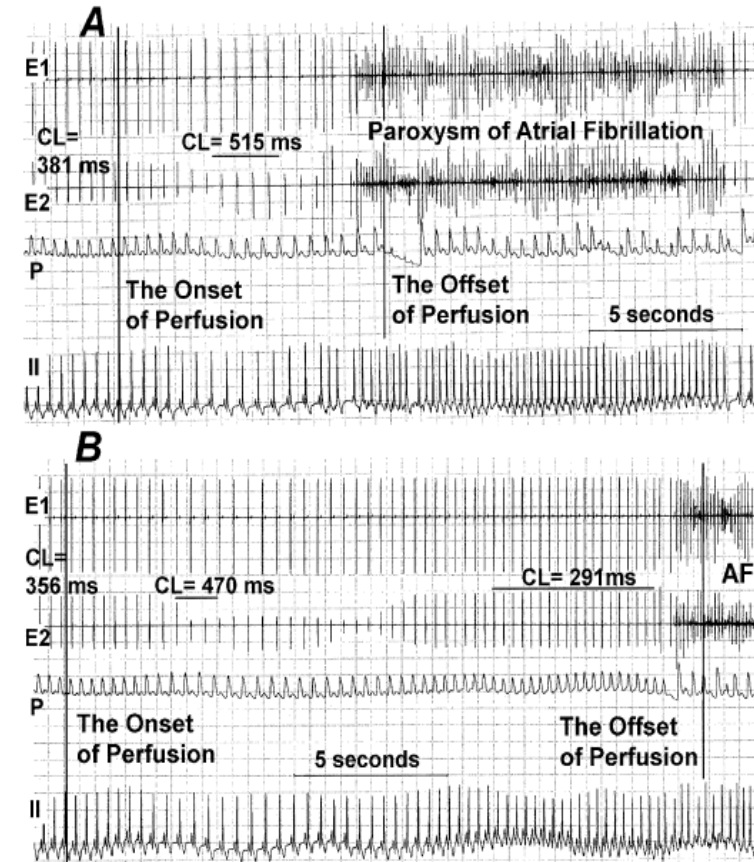
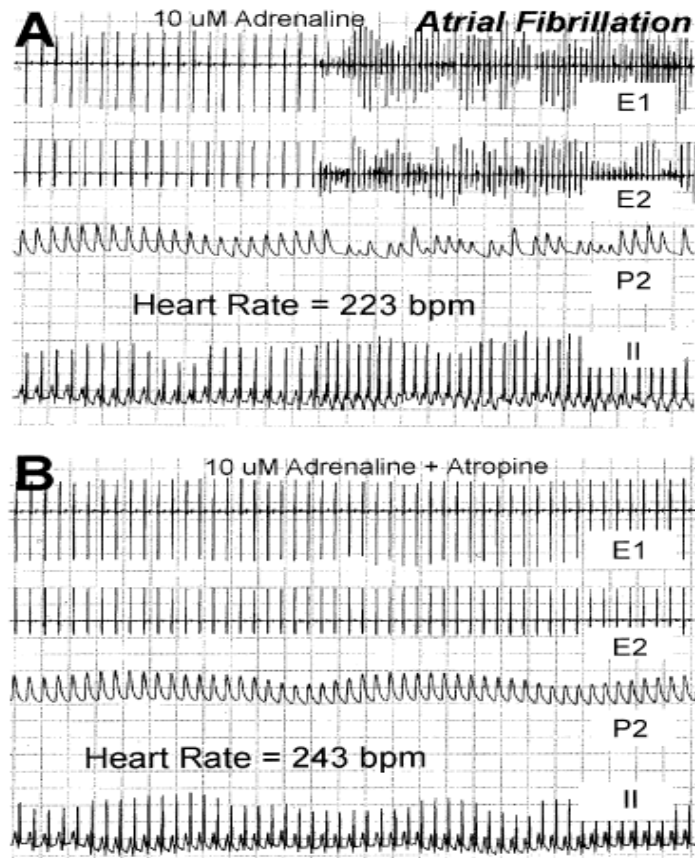
National Disaster
-- Earthquake



National Disaster
-- Terror



Role of adrenergic and cholinergic stimulation in spontaneous atrial fibrillation in dogs



Autonomic AF - Differentiation

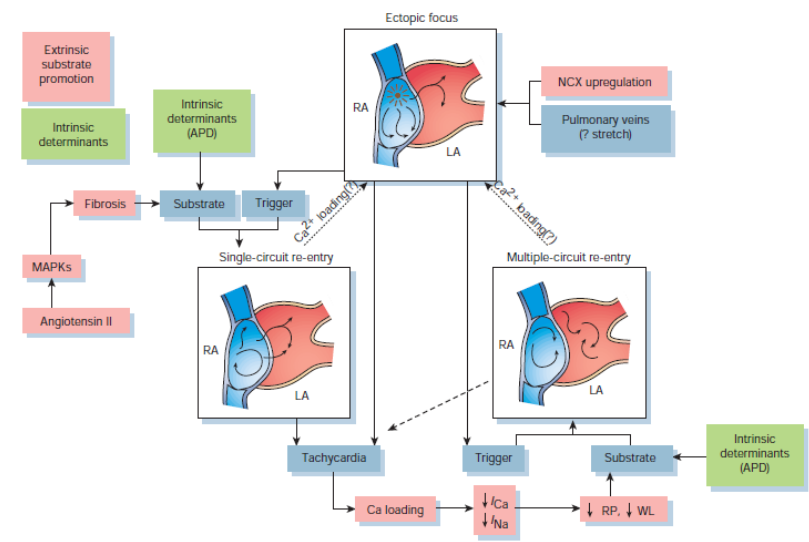
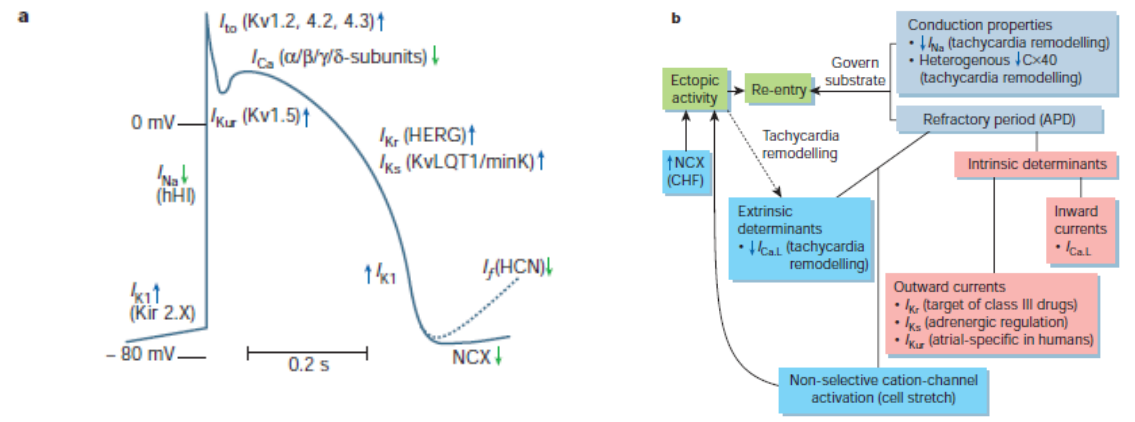
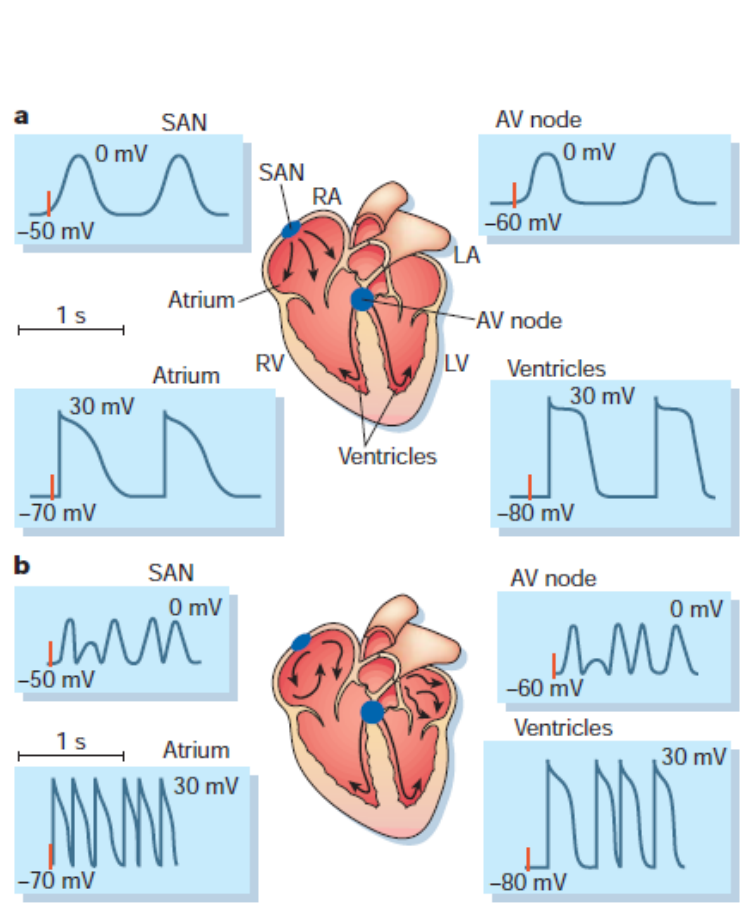
- Adrenergic AF

- Tachycardia
- Postoperative
- Alcohol
- Exercise
- Emotional stress
- Polyuria
- Better with BB
- More common with heart disease

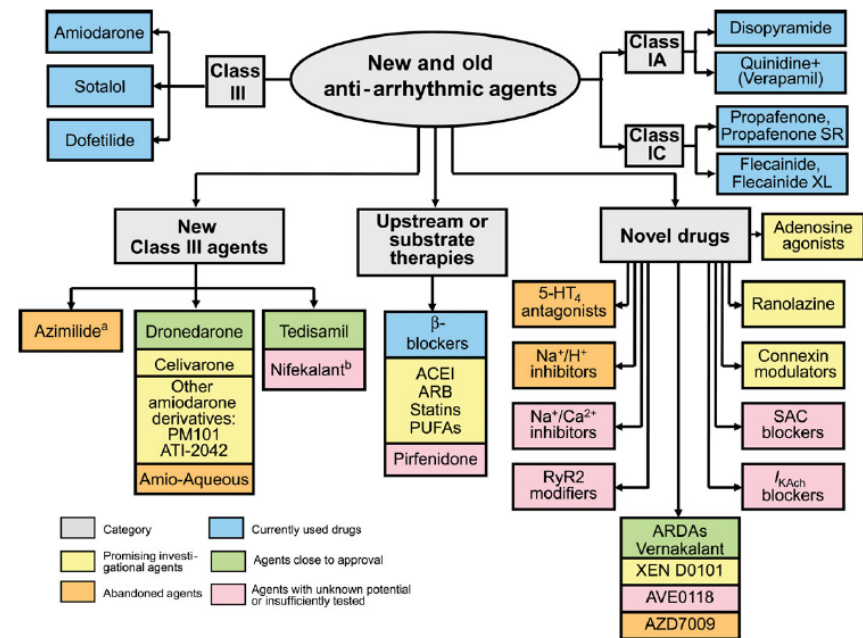
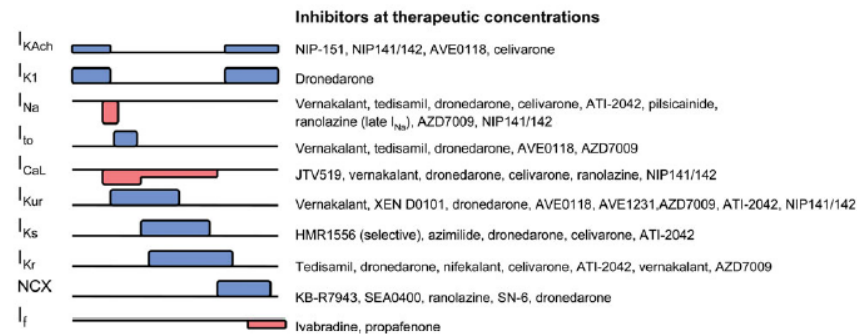
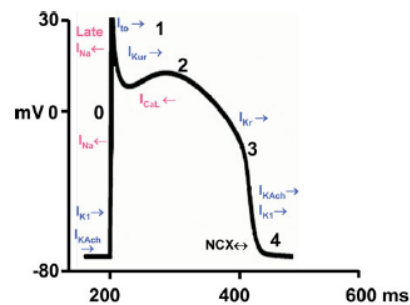
- Cholinergic AF

- Male predominance
- Age at onset 40-50
- Bradycardia
- Vomiting
- Severe constipation
- After large meal
- Cold carbonated beverages
- Rest
- Coughing
- Diving into cold water
- Valsalva
- Exacerbated with digoxin, beta-blockers
- More common without heart disease

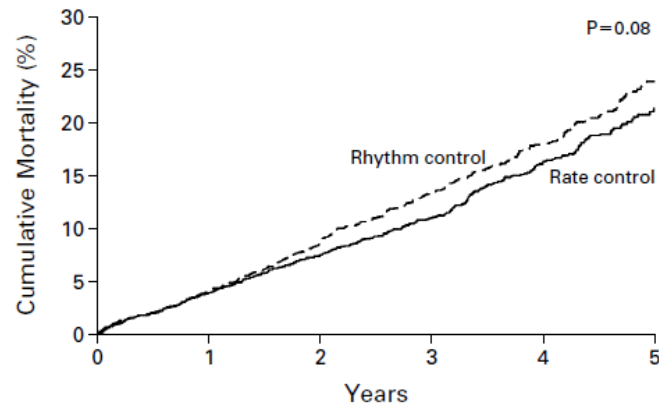
Electrical and Structural Remodeling During Atrial Fibrillation



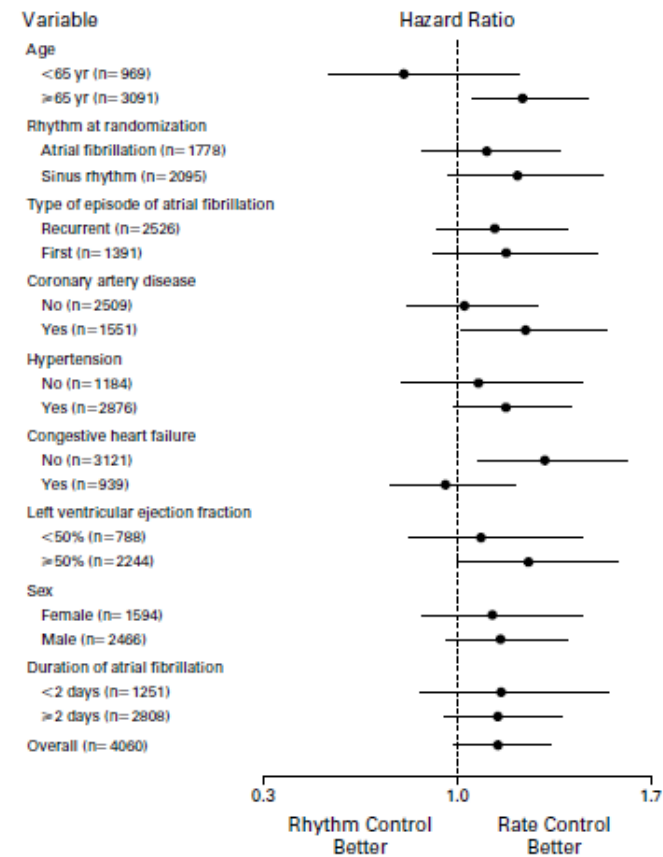
Anti-arrhythmic drug therapy for atrial fibrillation: current anti-arrhythmic drugs, investigational agents, and innovative approaches



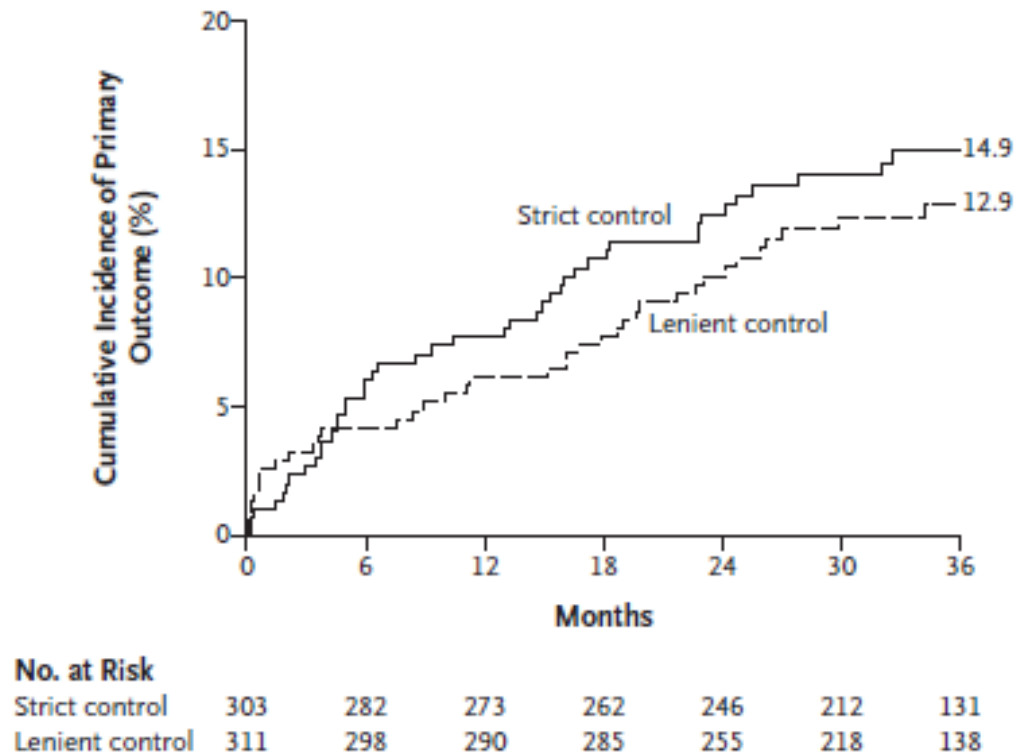
A Comparison of Rate Control and Rhythm Control in Patients with Atrial Fibrillation: Atrial Fibrillation Follow-up Investigation of Rhythm Management (AFFIRM)



NO. OF DEATHS	number (percent)					
	0	1	2	3	4	
Rhythm control	0	80 (4)	175 (9)	257 (13)	314 (18)	352 (24)
Rate control	0	78 (4)	148 (7)	210 (11)	275 (16)	306 (21)



Lenient versus Strict Rate Control in Patients with Atrial Fibrillation: RACE II

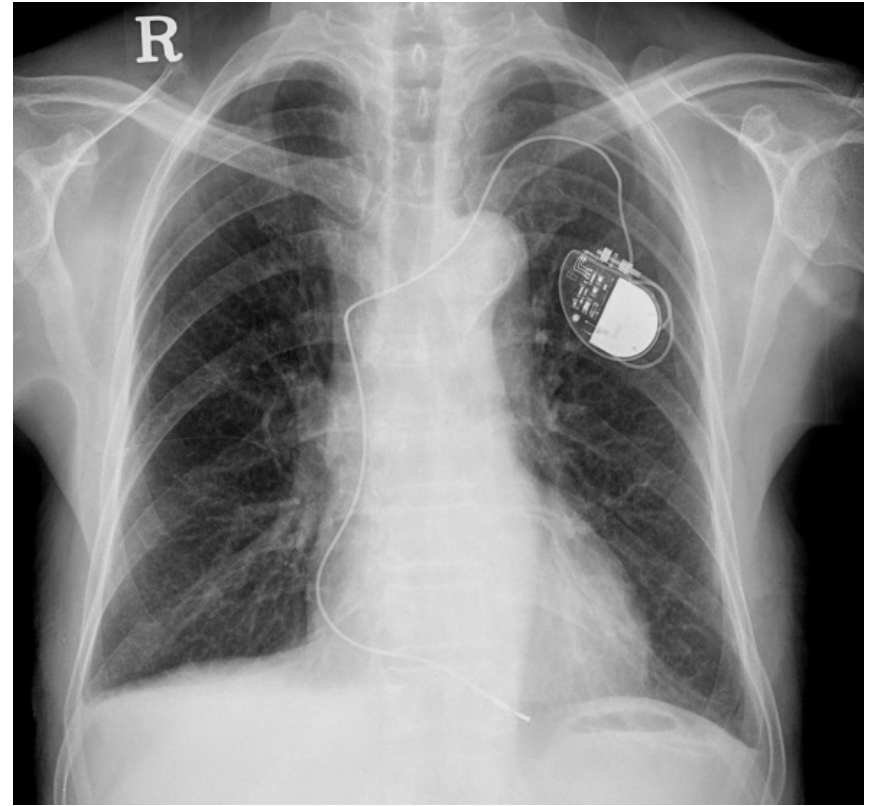


What does AV node do? What happens to AV node?



From patient's EP strip

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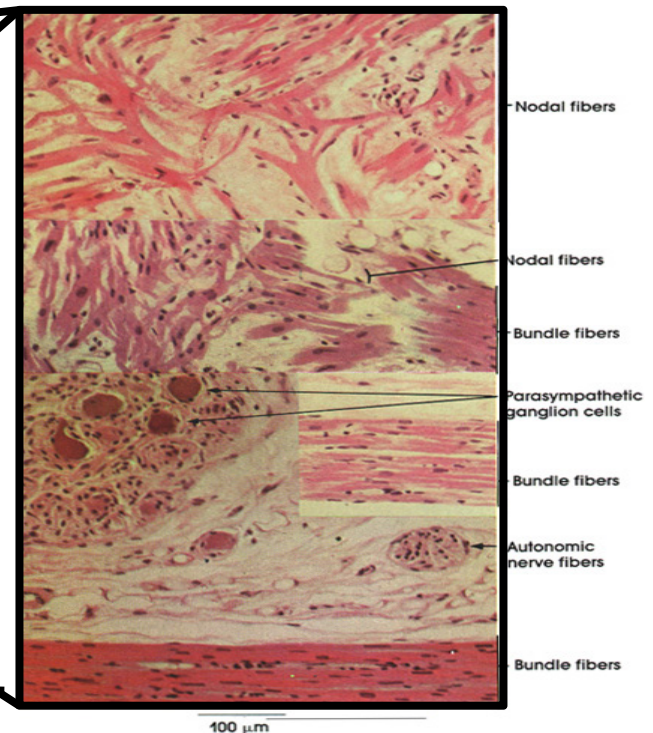
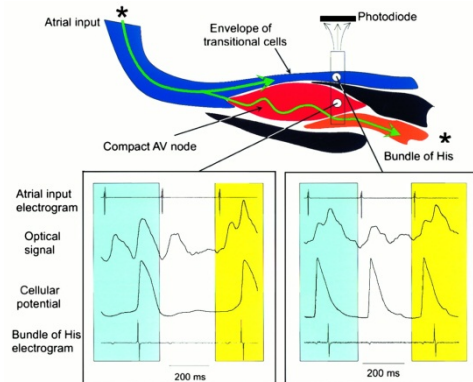
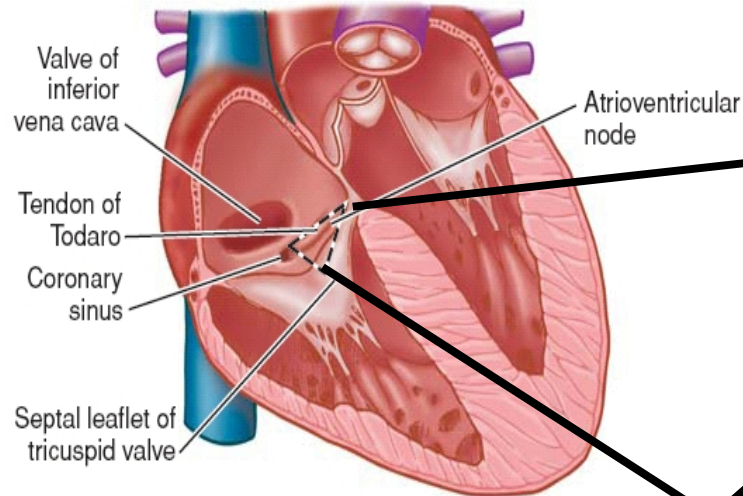
AV node



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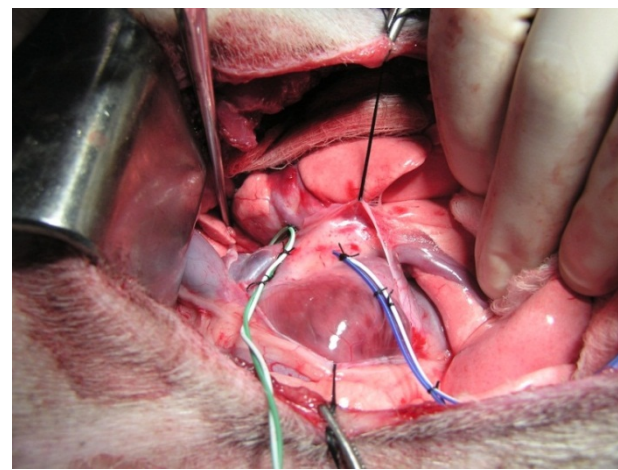
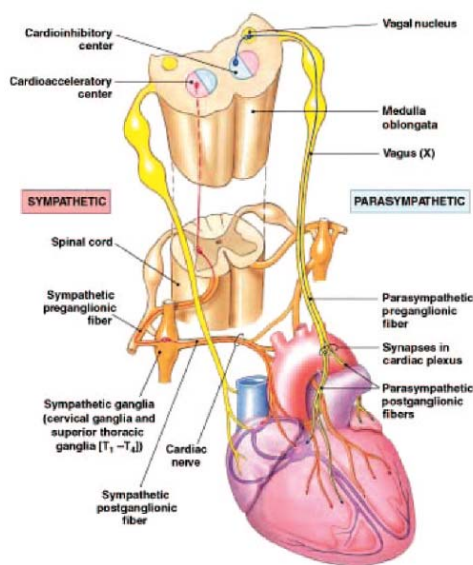
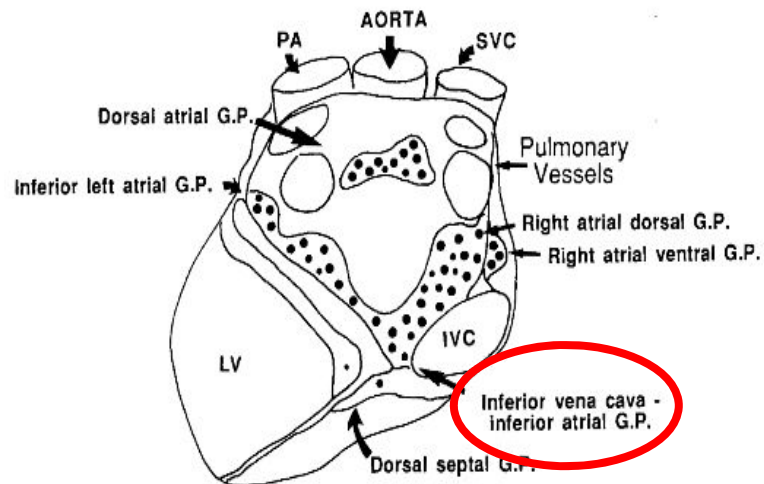
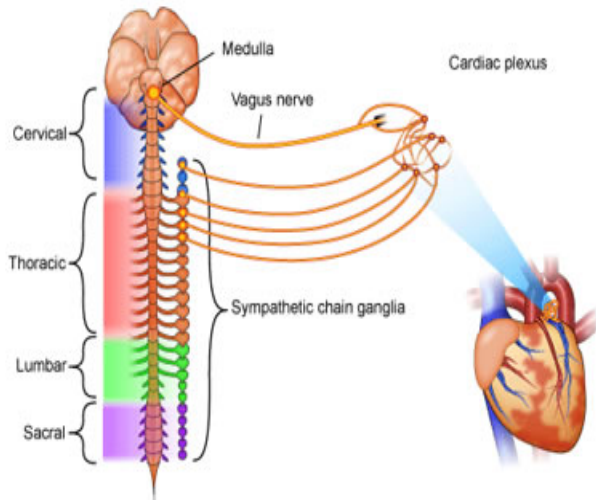
AV Node

- Mystery of conduction delay -

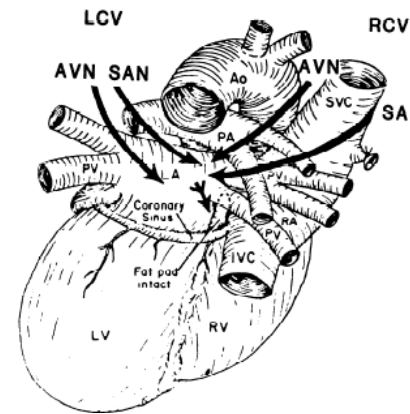
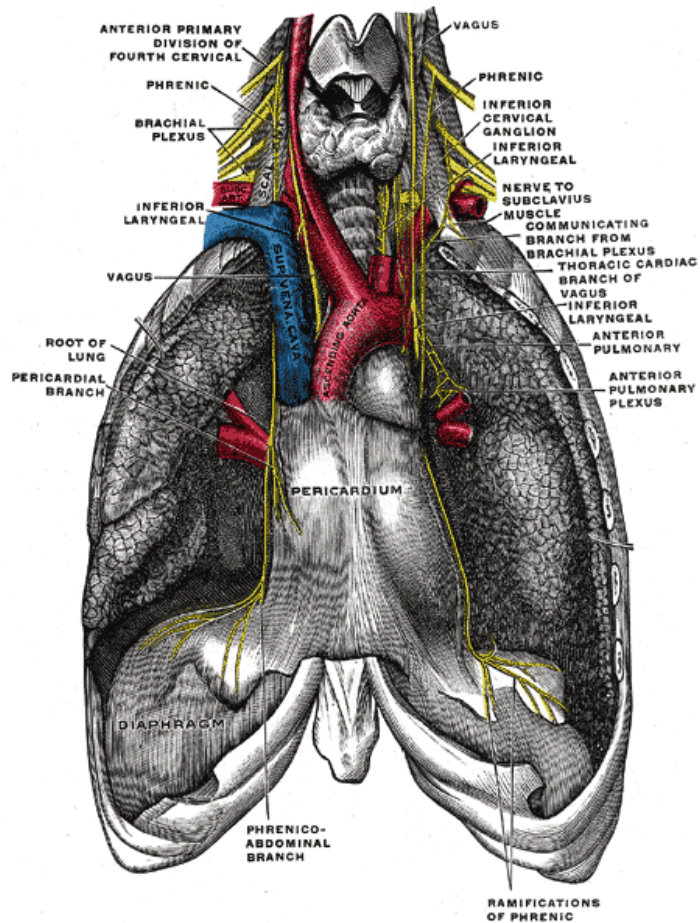


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Anatomy of the Extrinsic and Intrinsic Cardiac Nervous System



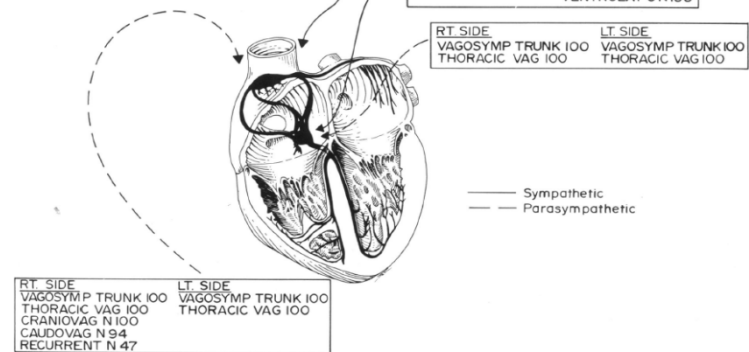
Selective innervation of SA and AV node and Little brain of the Heart



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ANT ANSA SUB 100	ANT ANSA SUB 47
POST ANSA SUB 100	POST ANSA SUB 82
STELLATE C N 100	VENTROLAT C N 47

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POST ANSA SUB 55	POST ANSA SUB 73
	VENTROLAT C N 100

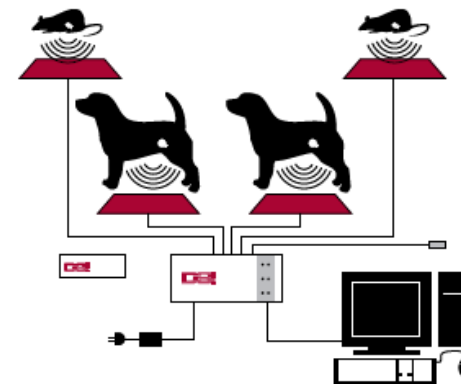
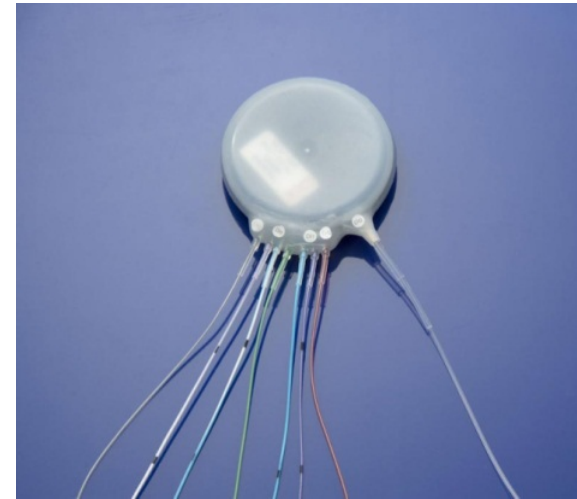
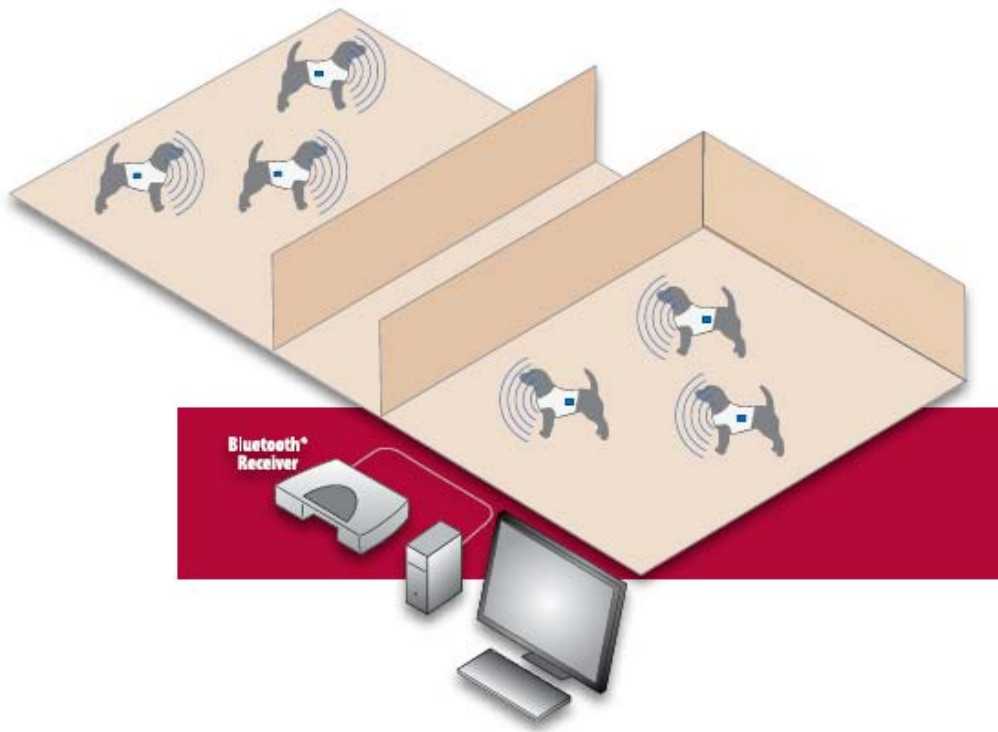
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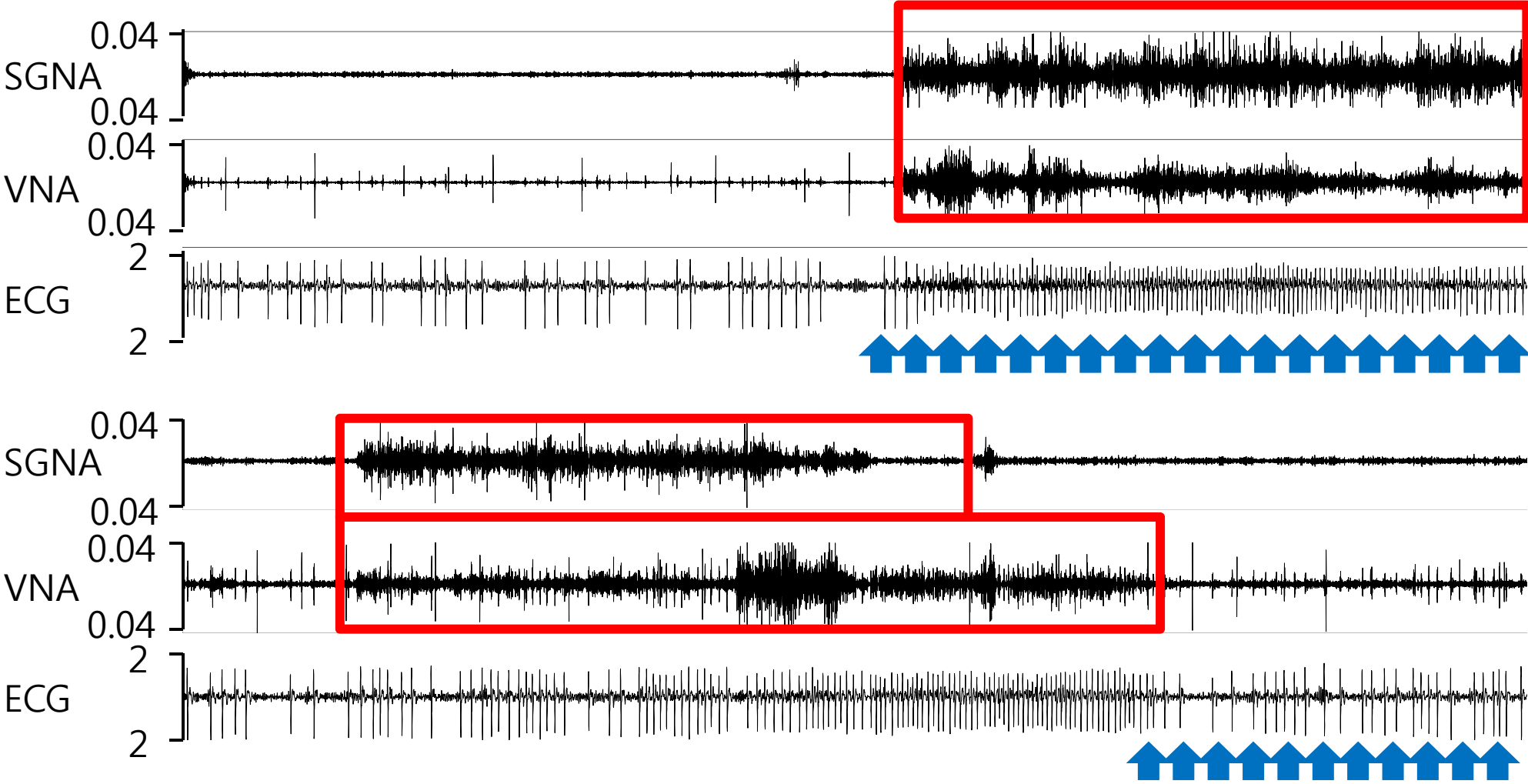
— Sympathetic
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Direct evidence of nerve discharge and cardiac arrhythmia in ambulatory animal

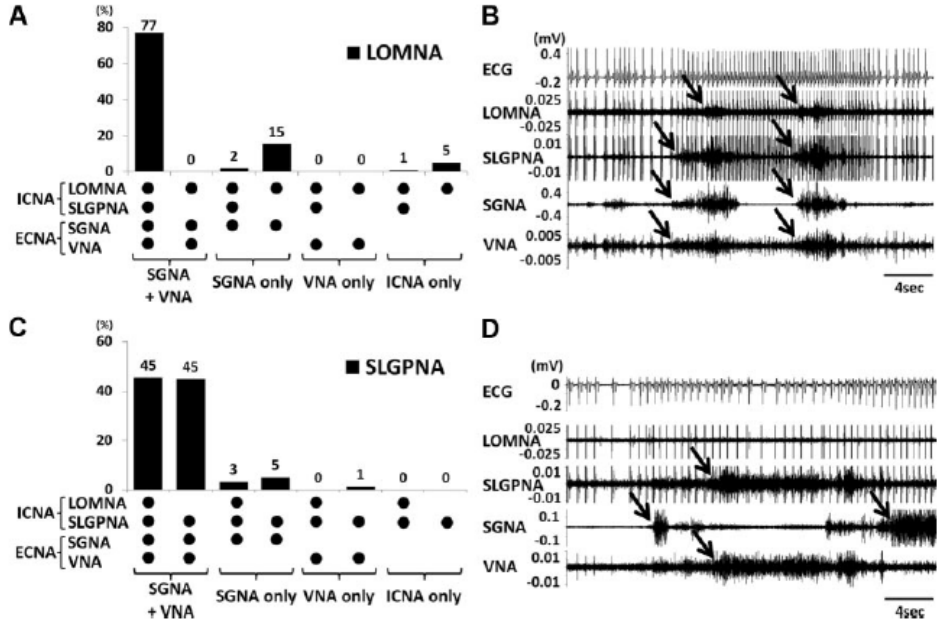
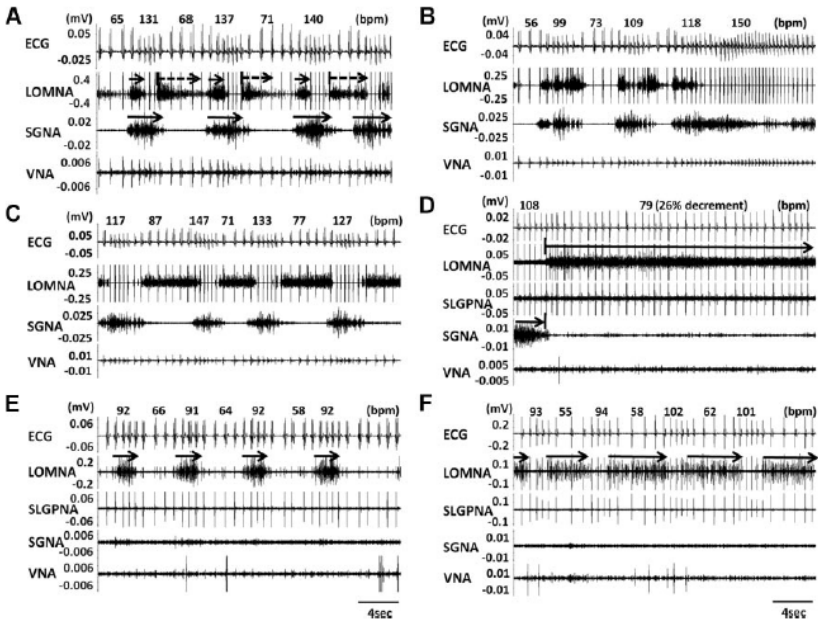
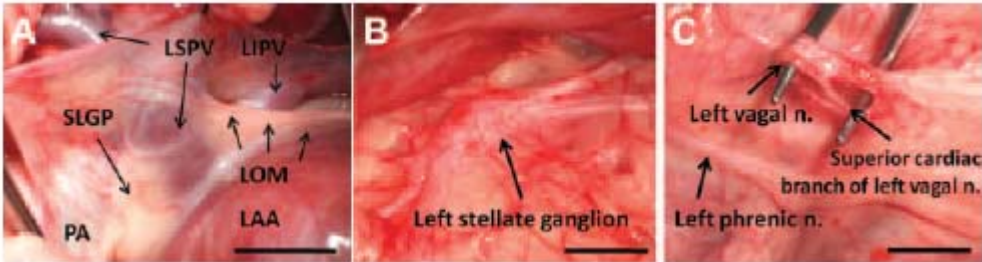


Sympathovagal coactivation associated with rapid VR during AF



SGNA; Stellate ganglion NA, VNA; Vagal nerve activity

Intrinsic Cardiac Nerve Activity and Paroxysmal Atrial Tachyarrhythmia in Ambulatory Dogs

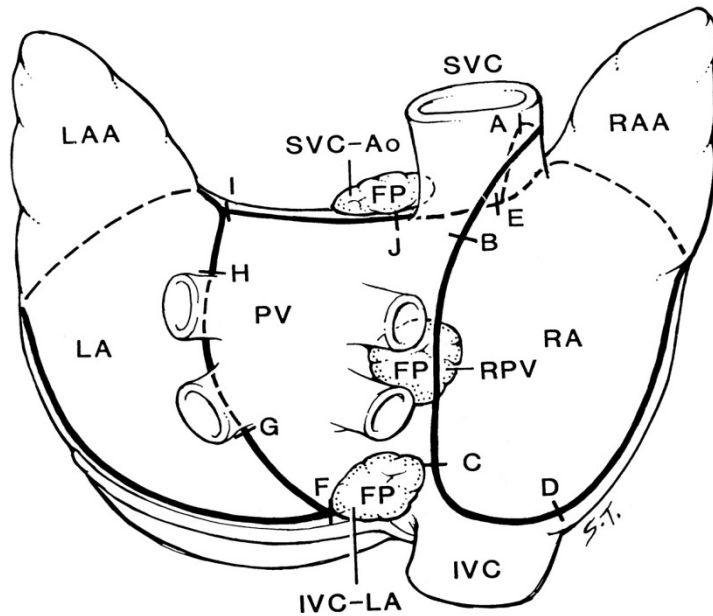


Purpose

- Relative importance of RVNA and LVNA
- Relation of IVC-IAGPNA and VNA
- Sole role of IVC-IAGPNA without VNA

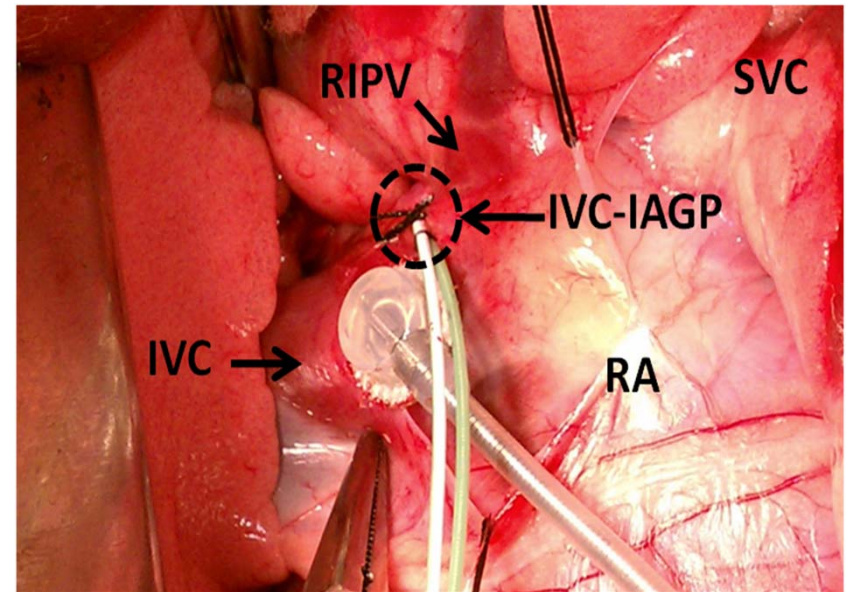
IN AMBULATORY DOGS WITH PACING INDUCED
SUSTAINED ATRIAL FIBRILLATION

Posterior view of the atria and GP



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Operation view of the atria and GP

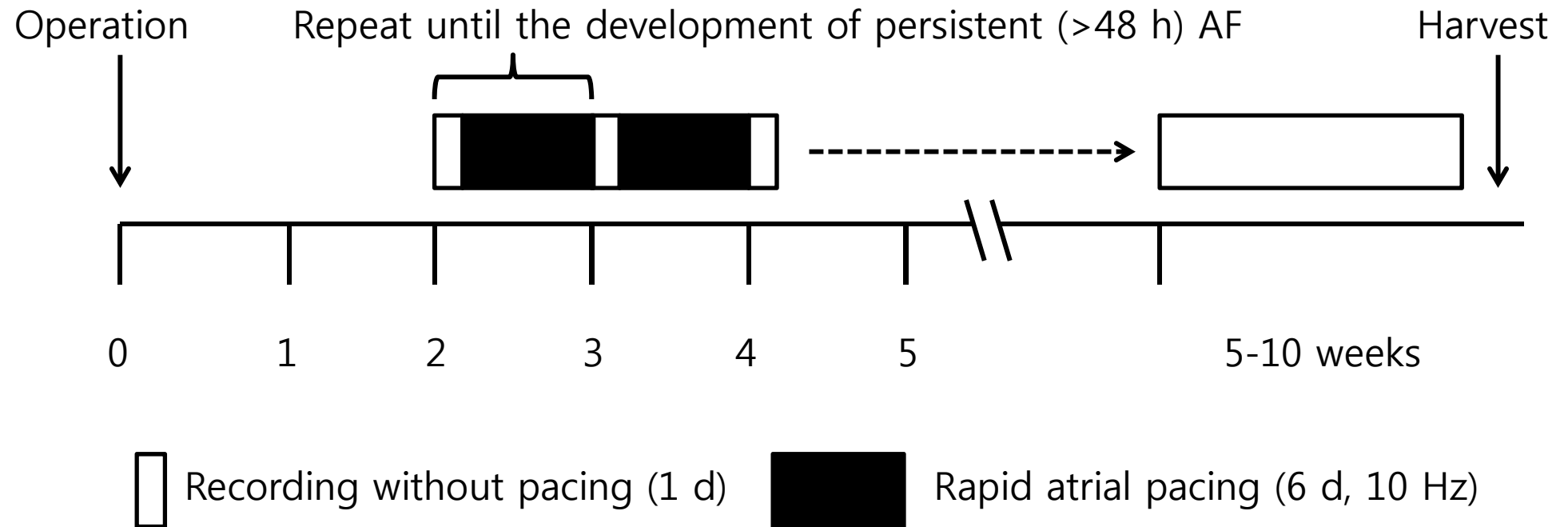


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Methods

- Bilateral vagus nerve activity (VNA) and IVC – inferior atrial ganglionated plexus nerve activity (IAGPNA) recording during sustained (>48 hours) AF in ambulatory dogs.
- NAs were integrated over 10-s segments, resulting in 8640 data points/24 hours. We also determined the average VR during AF for that 10-s period.

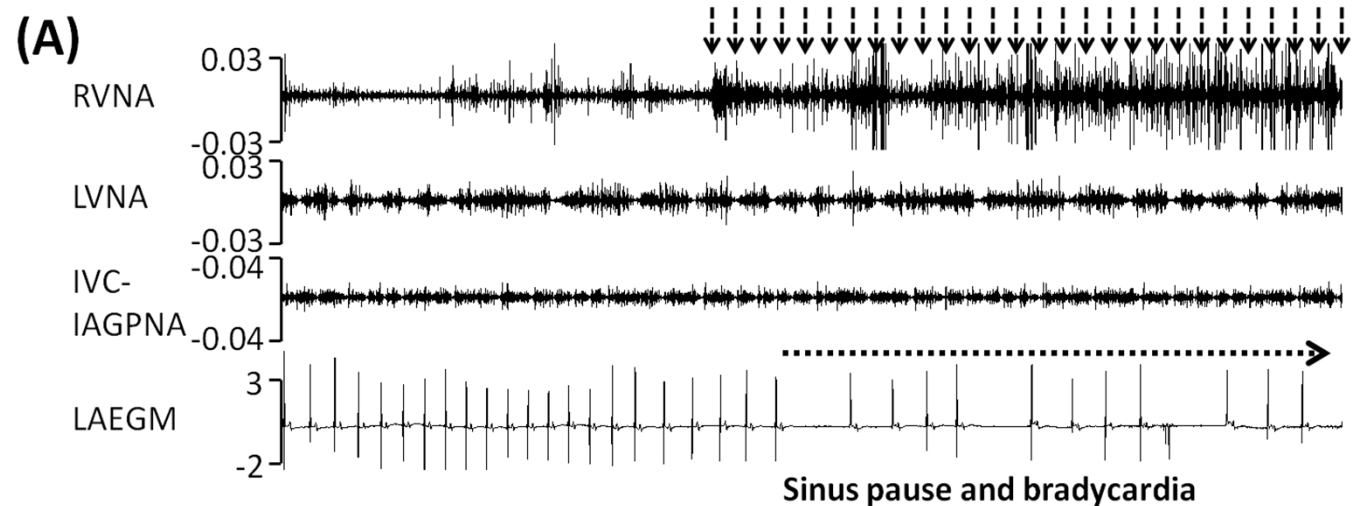
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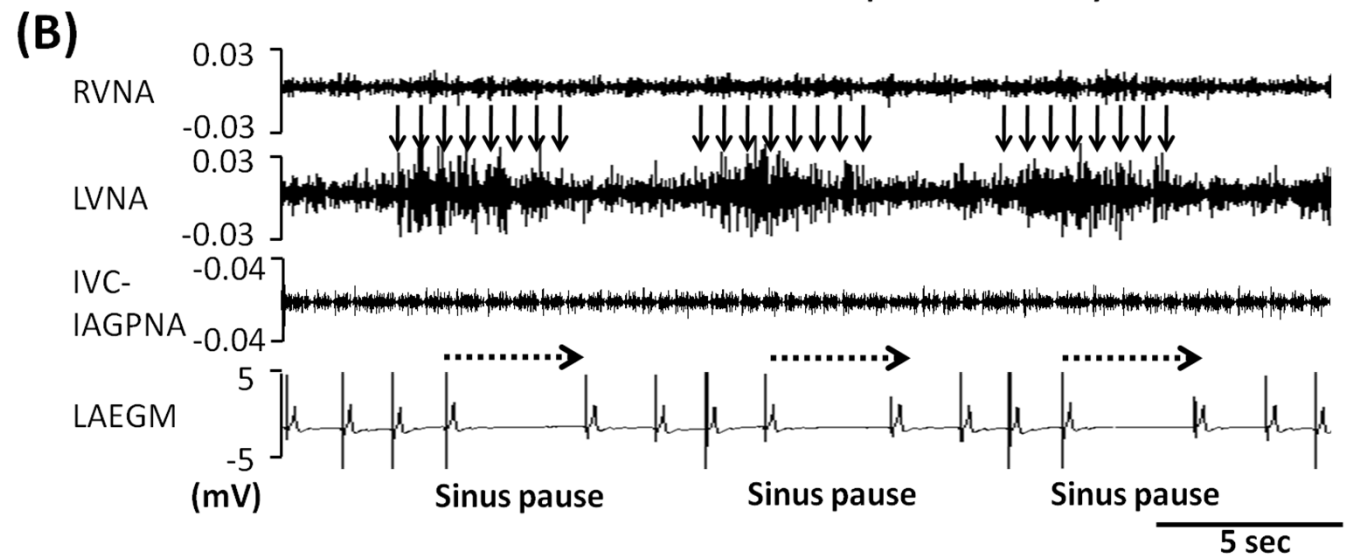
Results

RVNA, LVNA and bipolar left atrial electrogram in sinus rhythm

RVNA associated with SB and pause

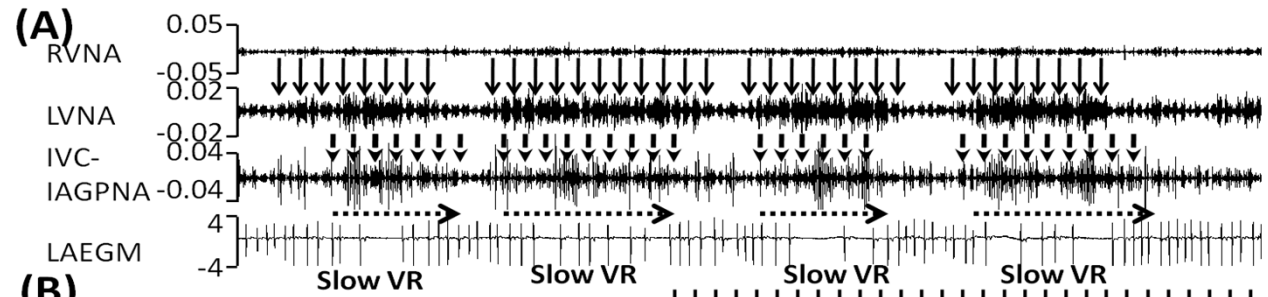


LVNA associated with SB and pause

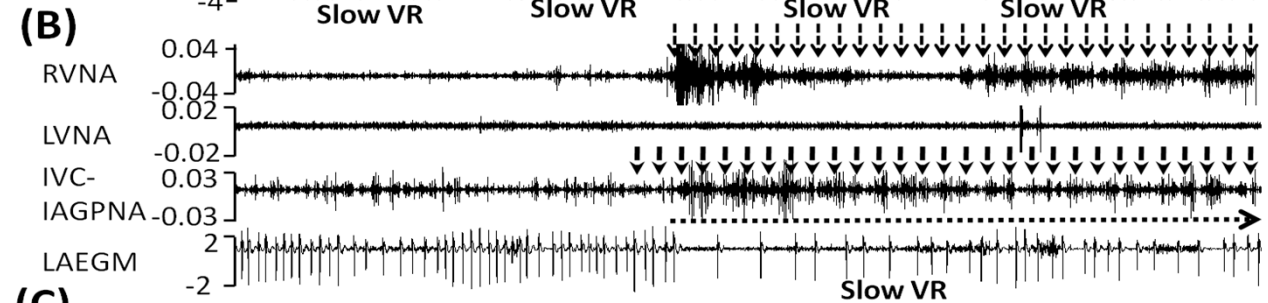


RVNA, LVNA, IVC-IAGPNA during sustained AF

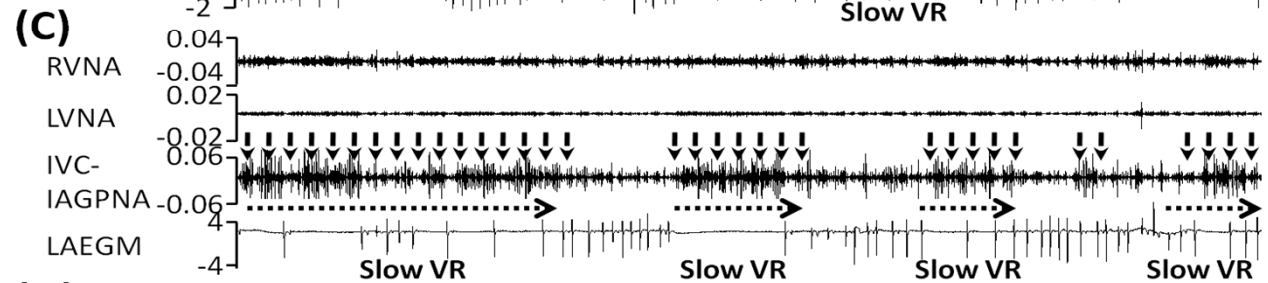
IVC-IAGPNA with LVNA (+)



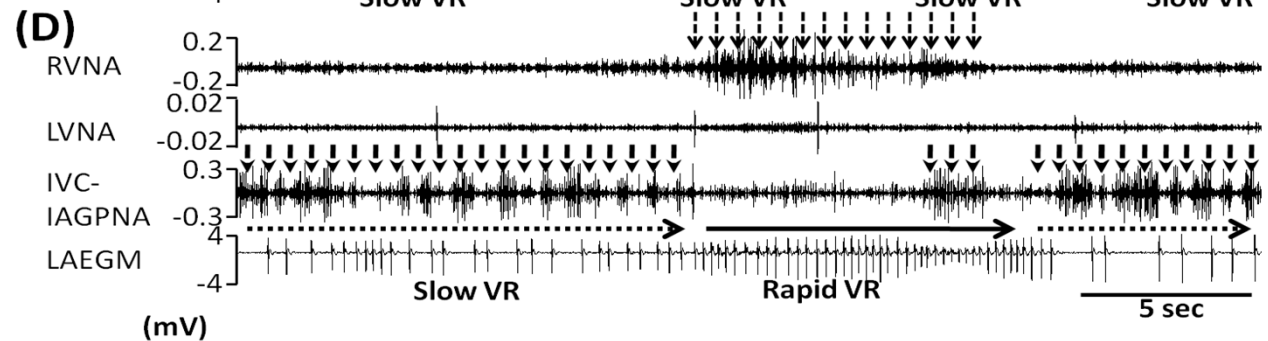
IVC-IAGPNA with RVNA (+)



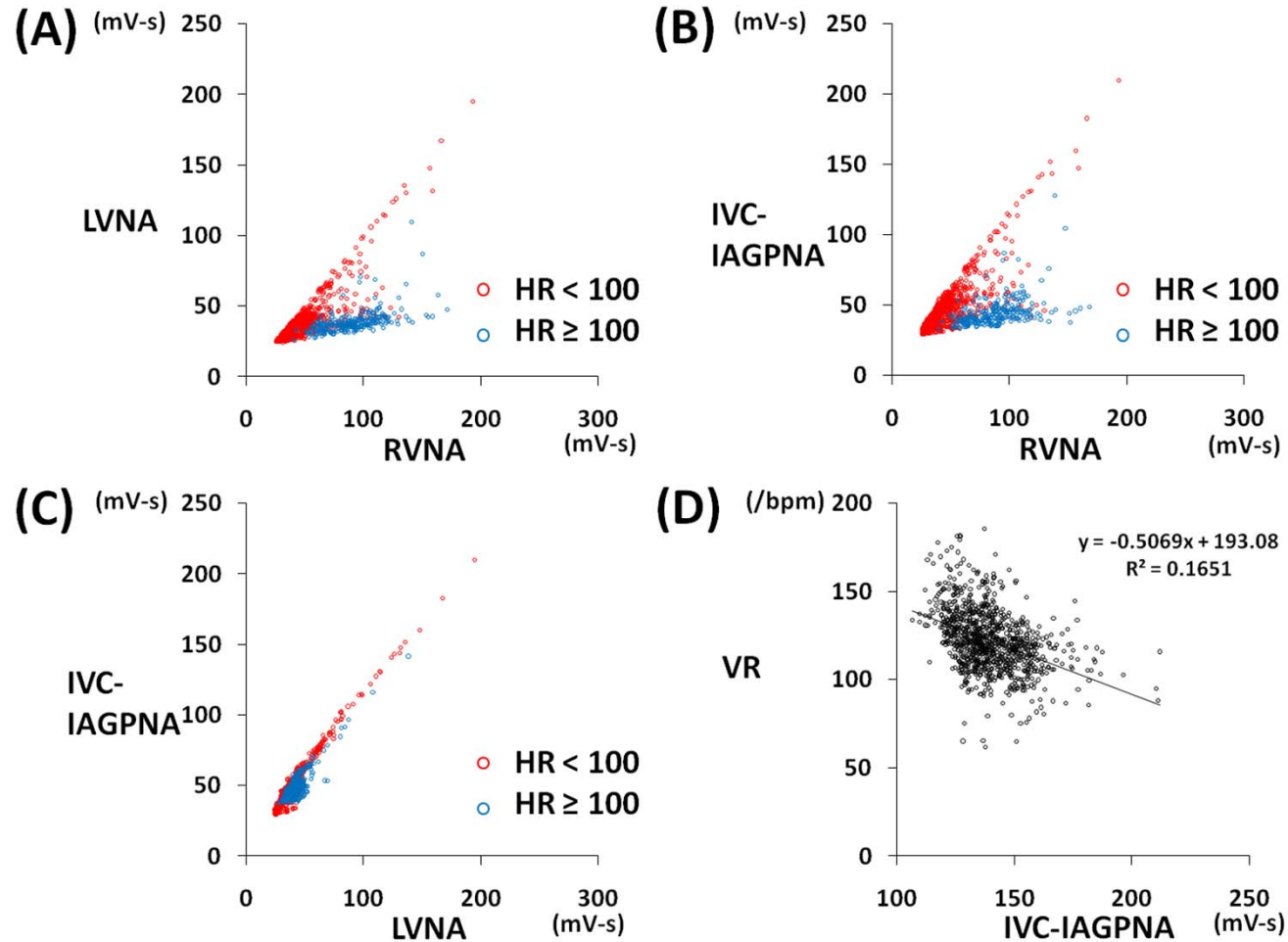
IVC-IAGPNA independent with VNA



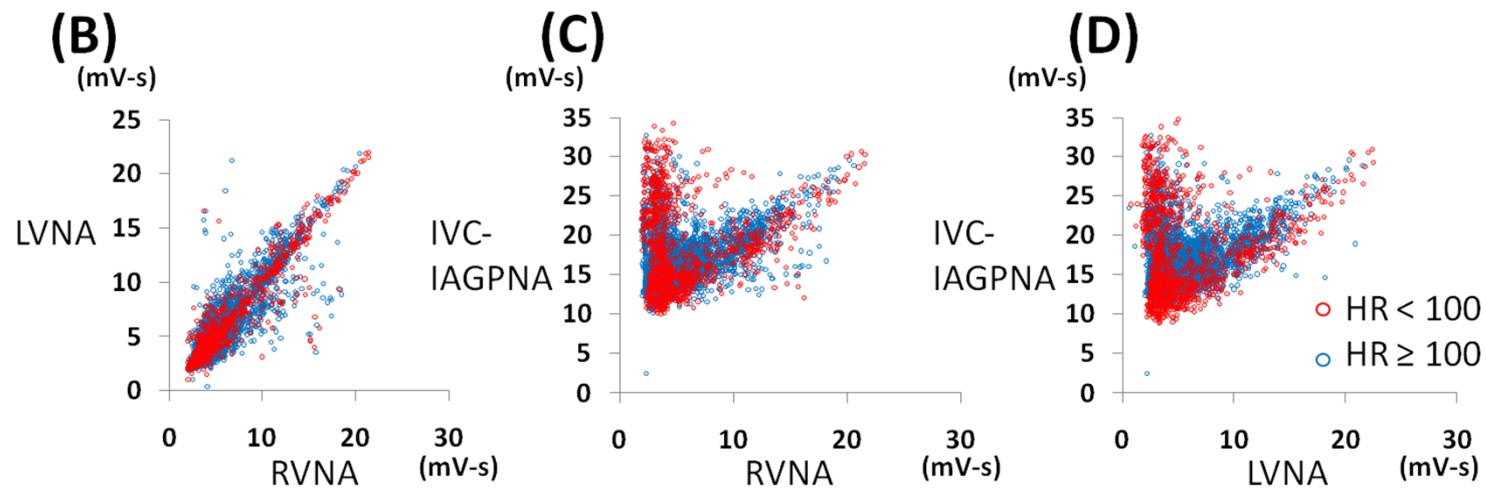
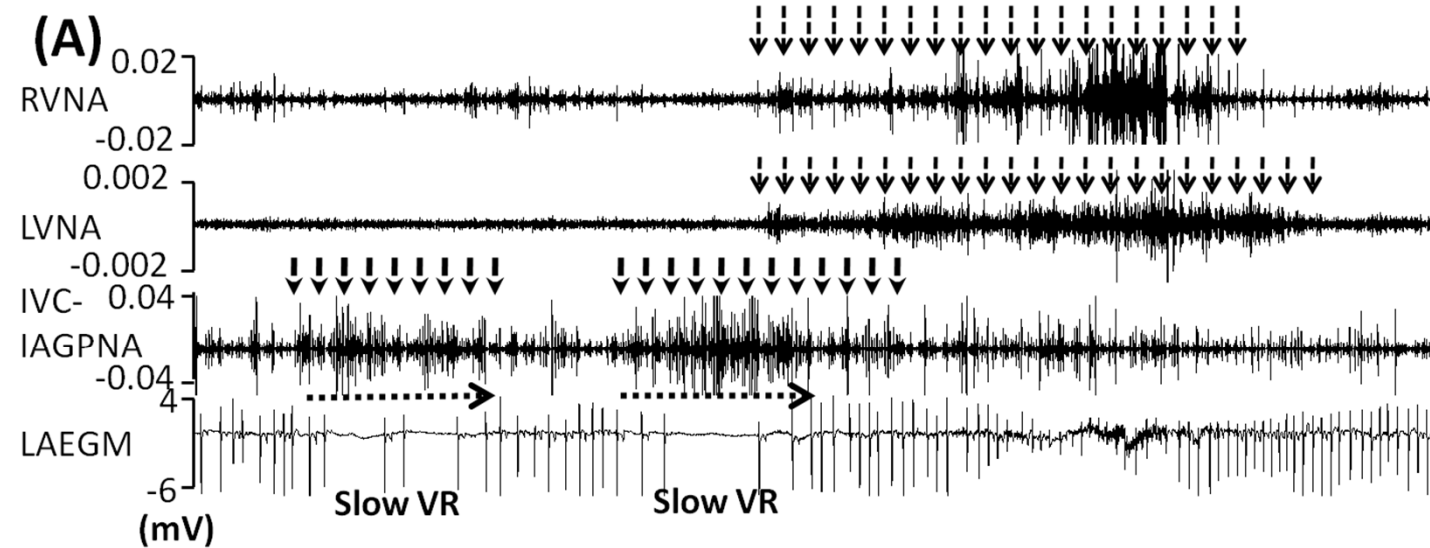
RVNA activation after IVC-IAGPNA withdrawal



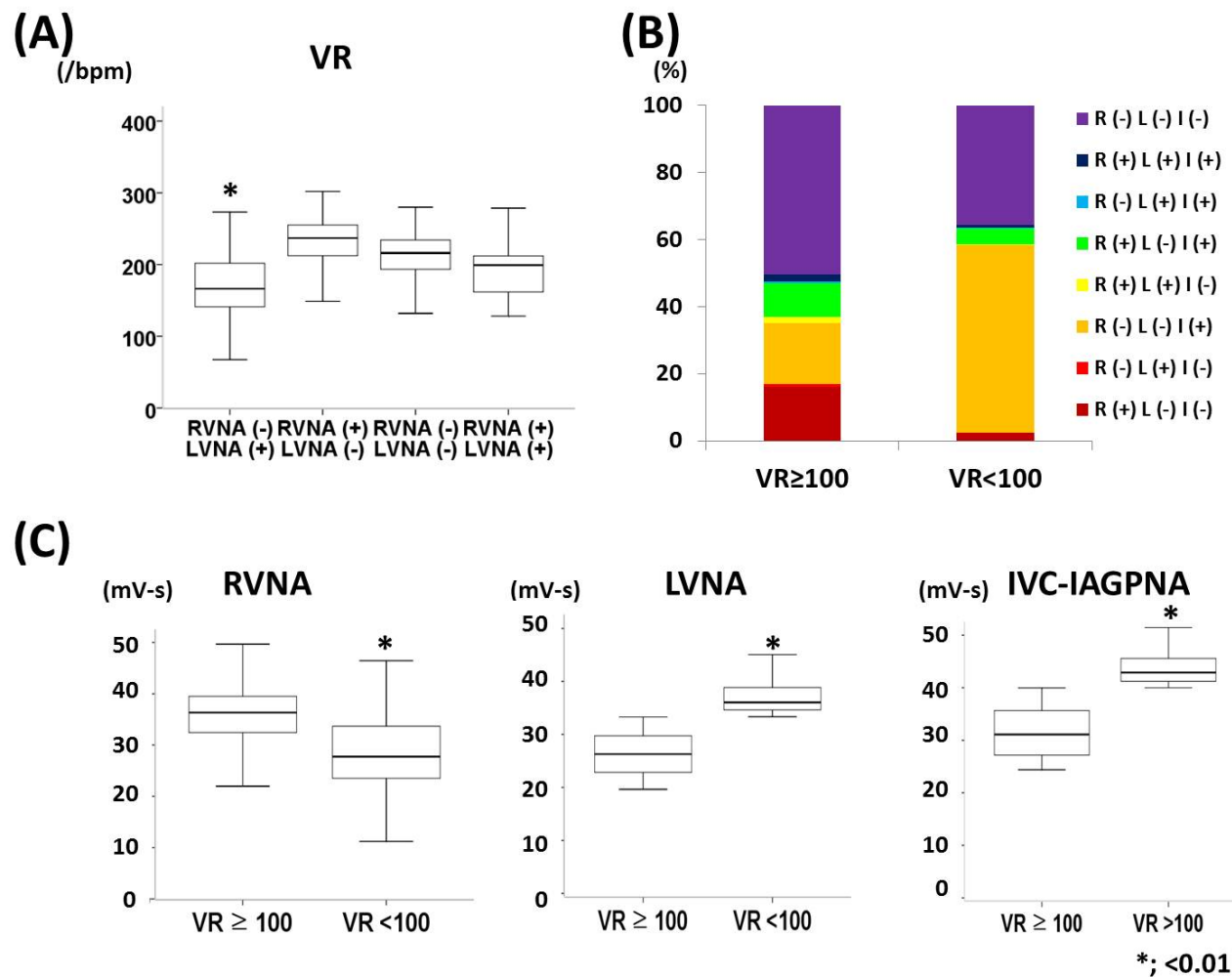
10-s integrated NA and ventricular rate: “L” shape relationship



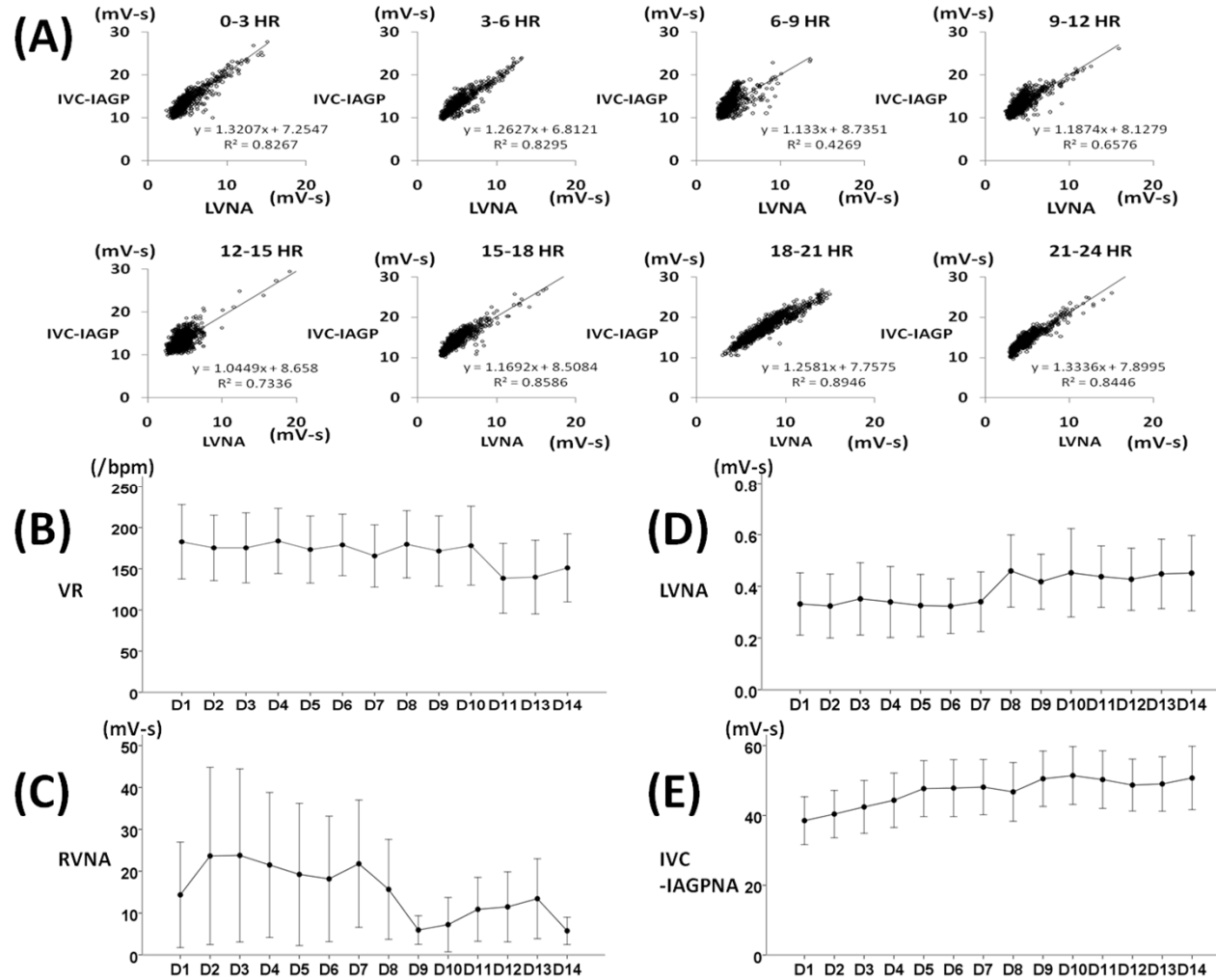
Slowing of VR associated with IVC-IAGPNA without RVNA or LVNA



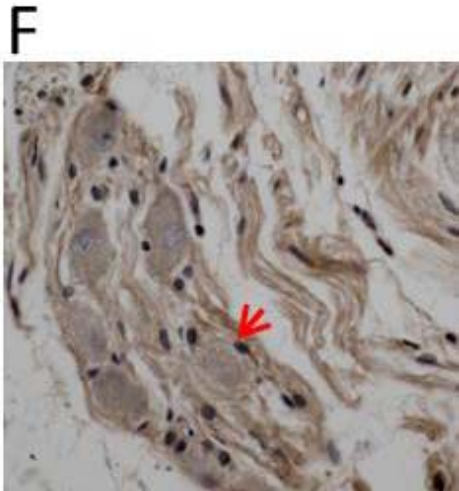
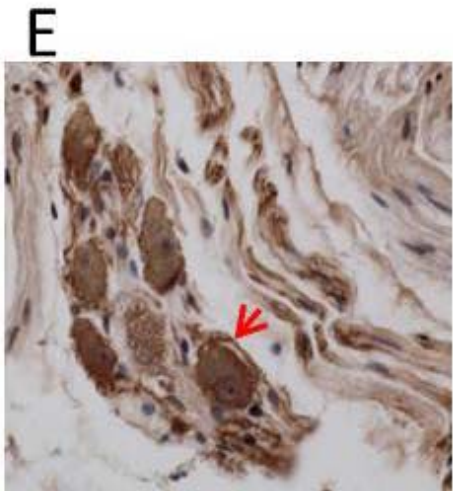
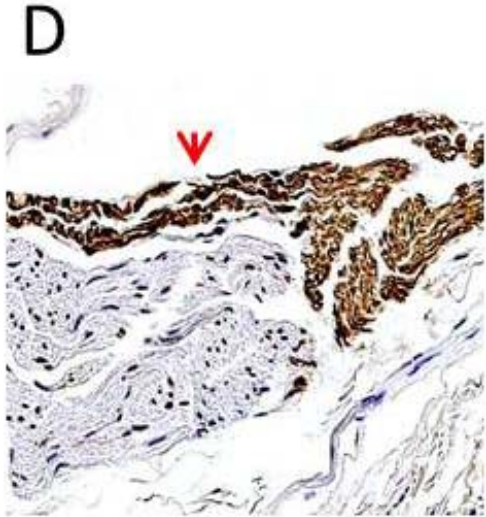
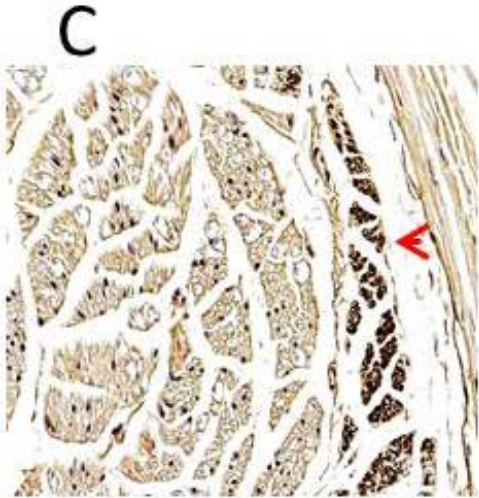
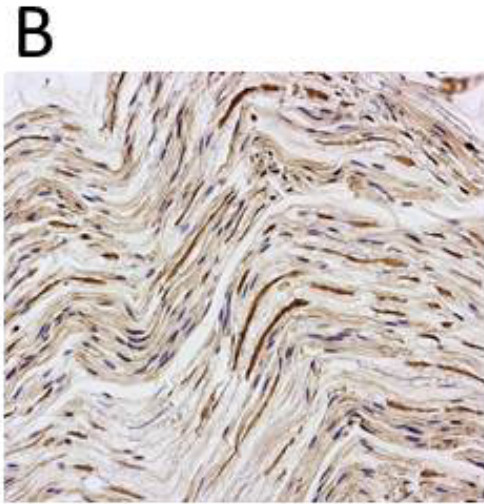
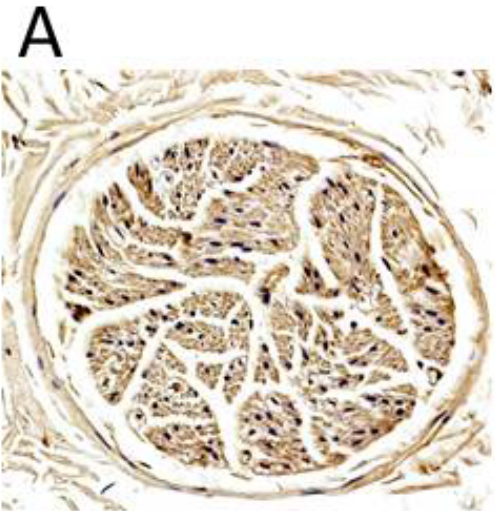
Relationship between RVNA, LVNA, IVC-IAGPNA and VR



Circadian variation of linear correlation of LVNA, IVC-IAGPNA



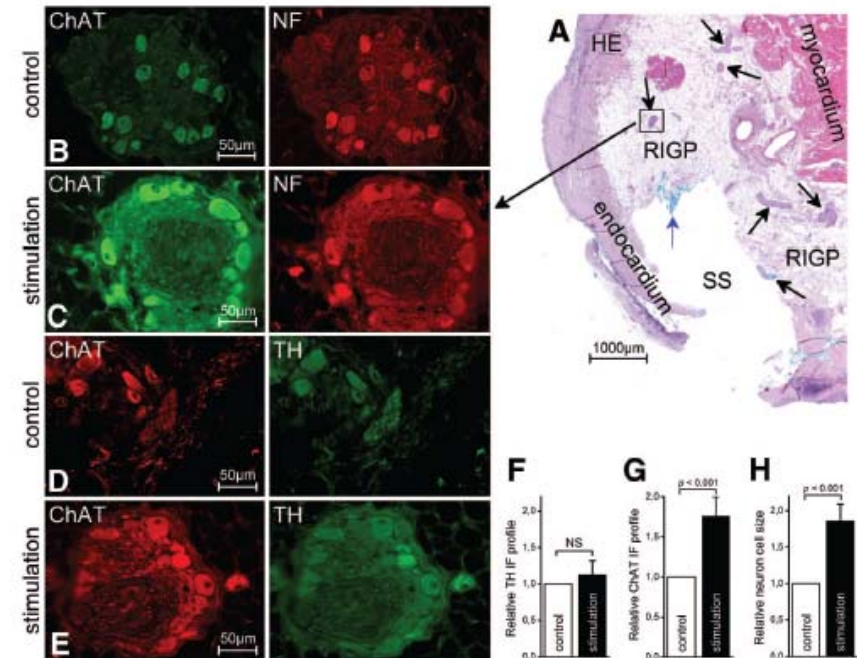
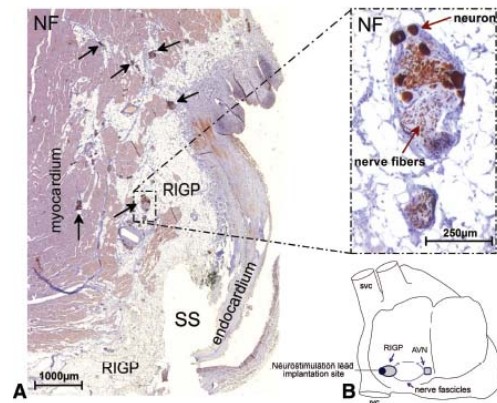
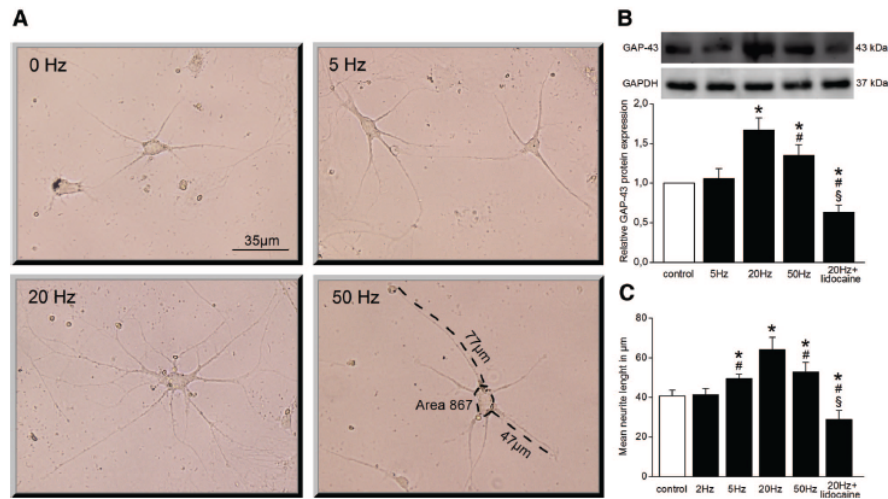
Immunocytochemical staining of the cervical vagus nerve



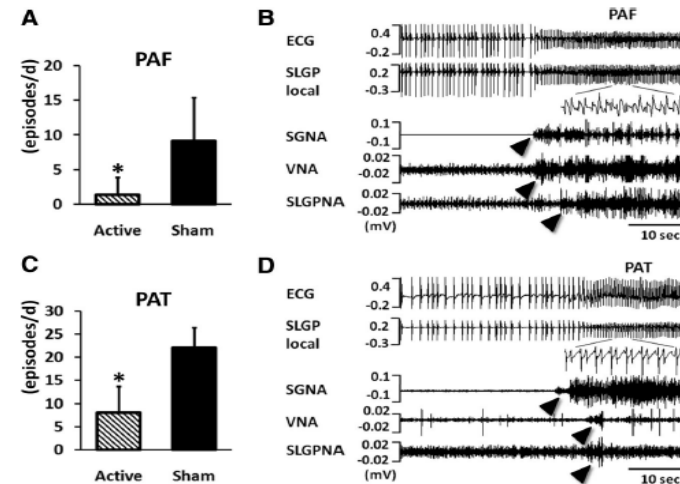
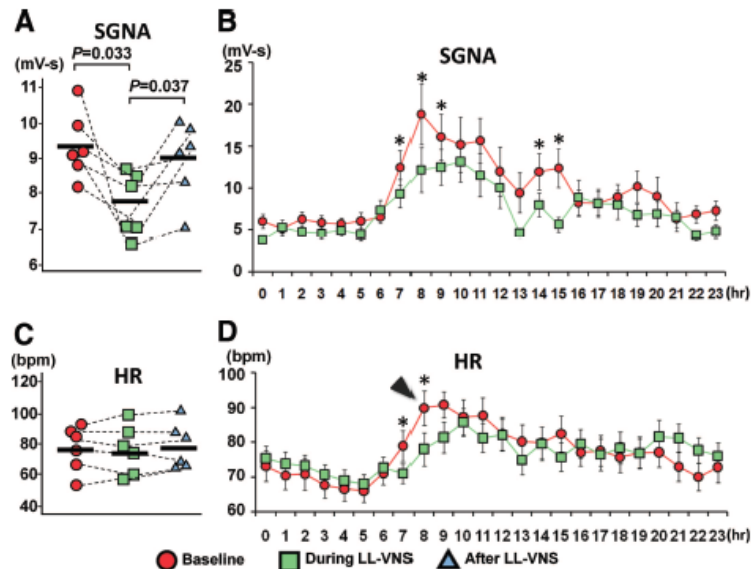
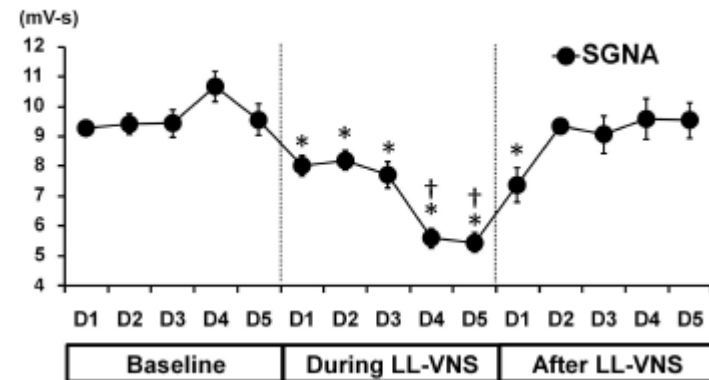
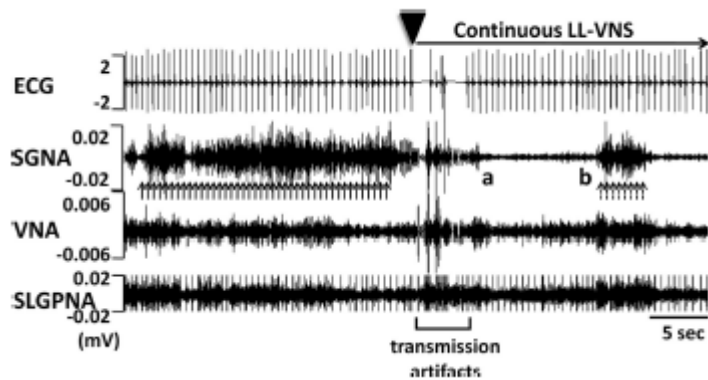
Conclusions

- IVC-IAGPNA and LVNA, but not RVNA, is associated with a reduction of VR to <100 bpm during AF in ambulatory dogs.
- It is possible that IVC-IAGP relays LVNA to atrioventricular node, resulting in VR reduction during sustained AF.

Chronic Electrical Neuronal Stimulation Increases Cardiac Parasympathetic Tone by Eliciting Neurotrophic Effects

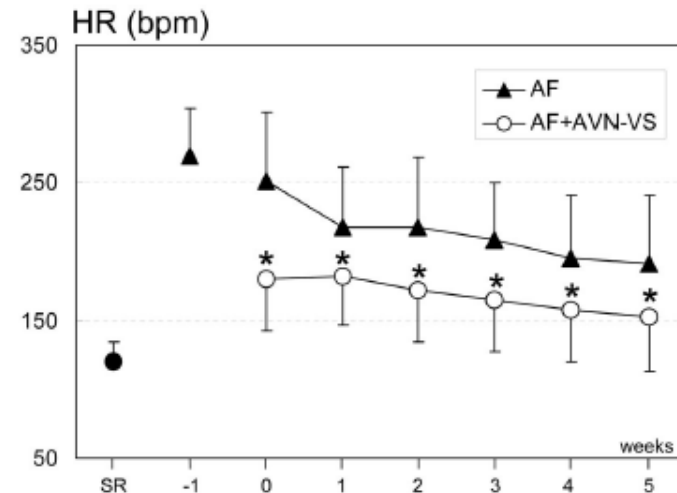
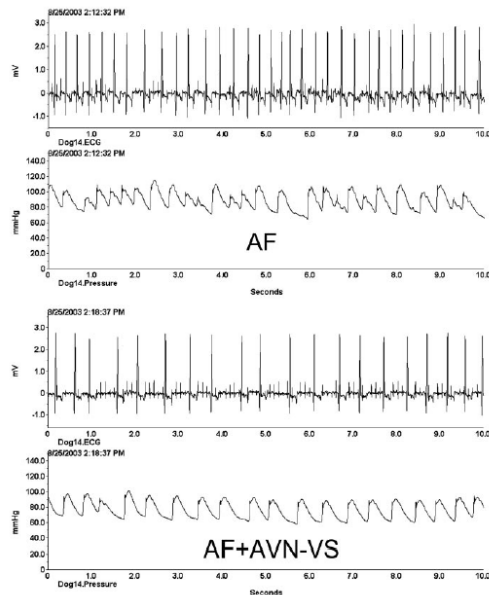


Continuous Low-Level Vagus Nerve Stimulation Reduces Stellate Ganglion Nerve Activity and Paroxysmal Atrial Tachyarrhythmias in Ambulatory Canines



Chronic Atrioventricular Nodal Vagal Stimulation First Evidence for Long-Term Ventricular Rate Control in Canine Atrial Fibrillation Model

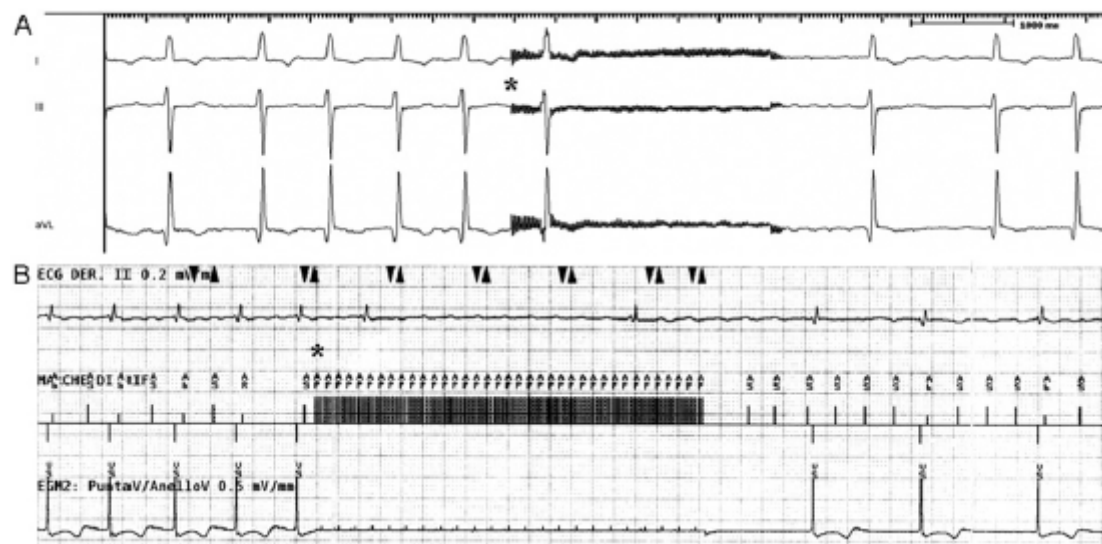
- Long-term ventricular rate slowing during AF can be achieved by implantation of a nerve stimulator attached to the epicardial AVN fat pad. This novel concept is an attractive alternative to other methods of rate control and may be applicable in a selected group of patients.



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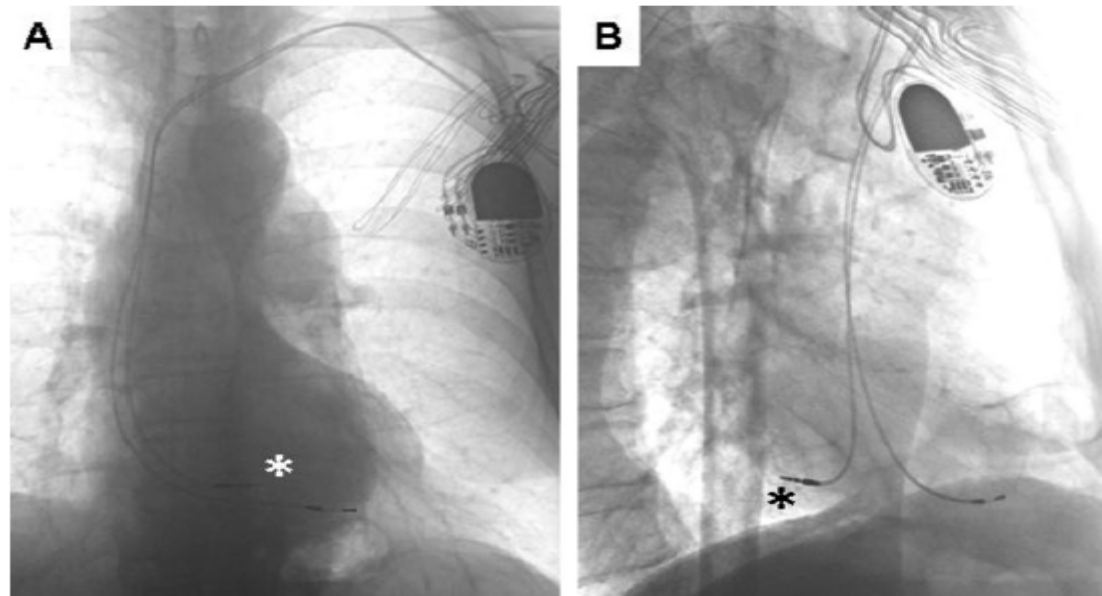
Atrioventricular (AV) node vagal stimulation by transvenous permanent lead implantation to modulate AV node function: safety and feasibility in humans

- Selective placement of the atrial lead yields electrical characteristics suitable for permanent pacing and enables VR to be significantly reduced under HFS.



Vagal tone augmentation to the atrioventricular node in humans: Efficacy and safety of burst endocardial stimulation

- Endocardial right atrial burst AVNS reduces ventricular rate during AF.
- Burst AVNS delivered during SR in the effective atrial refractory period allows optimization of lead positioning for AVNS



Therapeutic Intervention of Autonomic Nervous System

- Reduce incidence of arrhythmia
- Modulation of contribution of each nerve activity to arrhythmogenesis
- Device able to modify autonomic nerve activity by feedback