

**Atrioventricular node reentrant  
tachycardia in patients with a long fast  
pathway effective refractory period:  
clinical features, electrophysiologic  
characteristics, and results of  
radiofrequency ablation.**

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摘要

**Abstract**

Twenty-two patients (group 1) with AV node reentrant tachycardia and a baseline fast pathway effective refractory period (ERP)  $\geq$  500 msec were compared with 30 consecutive patients (group 2) with AV node reentrant tachycardia and a fast pathway ERP  $<$  500 msec. Both groups underwent slow pathway ablation. In the patients with complete elimination of slow pathway, the fast pathway ERP and shortest 1:1 conduction cycle length shortened significantly after ablation but was greater in group 1 ( $n = 14$ ) than in group 2 ( $n = 21$ ) ( $125 \pm 78$  msec vs  $48 \pm 29$  msec,  $p < 0.001$  and  $103 \pm 72$  msec vs  $52 \pm 30$  msec,  $p < 0.001$ , respectively). In group 1, the shortening of fast pathway ERP was correlated to baseline difference between anterograde fast and anterograde slow ERP ( $r = 0.806$ ,  $p < 0.001$ , slope = 1.08), and the shortening of fast pathway shortest 1:1 conduction cycle length was correlated to baseline difference between anterograde fast and anterograde slow shortest 1:1 conduction cycle length ( $r = 0.885$ ,  $p < 0.001$ , slope = 1.47). During follow-up bradycardia did not develop in any patient and no one required pacing. This shortening of the fast pathway ERP and shortest 1:1 conduction cycle length after complete elimination of slow pathway reduced the concern of

subsequent impairment of AV node conduction