Complex Supraventricular Tachycardia

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The role of Mahaim fibers for cardiac arrhythmias has been controversial since Dr. Ivan Mahaim first described 'Mahaim fibers' in the late 1930's. Mahaim fibers is accessory connections taking off from the His bundle and fascicles [fasciculoventricular] or from the atrioventricular node [nodoventricular] to the right ventricle. The last variety which is known as fasciculoventricular pathway seems to play no role in clinical tachycardias but as long as it is very often associated with bypass tracts they should be correctly recognized and not targeted for ablation.