**Intro**

Atrial fibrillation (AF) is one of the most common types of arrhythmias, which are irregular heart rhythms [1]. AF occurs when the upper chambers of the heart (atria) beat out of rhythm and as a result, blood is not pumped efficiently to the rest of the body, causing an unusually fast heart rate, quivering, or thumping sensations in the heart [2]. Often episodes of AF are actually asymptomatic [3]. AF is the most common sustained cardiac arrhythmia and as of 2020, 33 million people are affected by this disease worldwide [4]. AF patients are at moderate-to-high risk of stroke and the disease is a common factor of heart failure [5]. As such, establishing an effective monitoring system for early AF detection along with an effective approach to treating AF is essential [5].

AF is often transient or paroxysmal in nature, and the correct diagnosis of AF can be challenging in patients with paroxysmal AF [6]. The main characteristic of AF disorder is the irregular rhythm of the heartbeat or more specifically when a varying period is observed in ECG signal between R–R peaks [7].

Heart disease prediction using machine learning has been common in the last few decades. There are numerous studies using deep learning techniques to detect heart arrhythmias in general and AF in particular. We based our project on two studies regarding Detection of Paroxysmal using deep Recurrent Neural Network (RNN).

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