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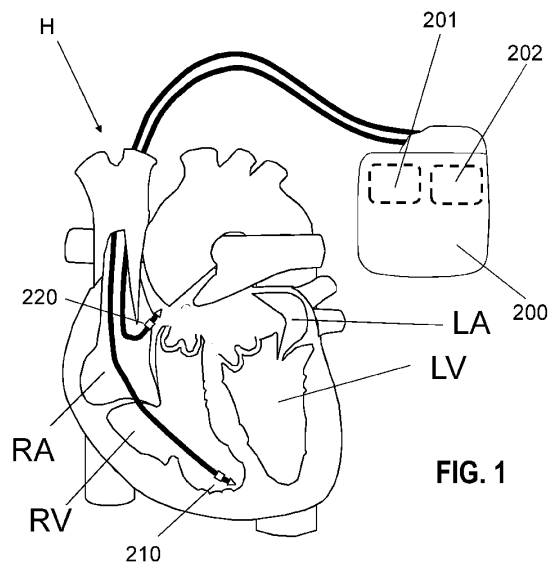


FIG. 1

(57) Abstract: The present invention relates to an implantable device (200) for stimulating a heart (H) to lower blood pressure, comprising: a stimulation unit (201) configured to stimulate a ventricle, and a sensing unit (202) for detecting atrial activity of the heart (H), wherein the stimulation (201) unit is configured to stimulate the ventricle (RV, LV) for at least one cardiac cycle with a predefined delay after detection of an atrial activity or to not stimulate the ventricle (RV, LV) for at least one cardiac cycle, wherein the implantable device is configured to suspend stimulation of the ventricle triggered by said detection of an atrial activity or triggered by an atrial stimulation after a predefined number of heart cycles or after a predetermined time period for a number of heart cycles or for a predetermined time period.

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