

Table 1 Baseline patient characteristics

| | First ablation | | | Re-do ablation | | |
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| Baseline characteristics | RF group (N = 346) | EIVOM/RF group (N = 133) | p value | RF group (N = 38) | EIVOM/RF group (N = 43) | p value |
| Male, n (%) | 252 (73) | 104 (78) | 0.23 | 29 (76) | 34 (79) | 0.09 |
| Age, mean (SD), y | 68 (8.9) | 67 (8.0) | 0.39 | 64 (11) | 66 (11) | 0.41 |
| Long-standing persistent AF, n (%) | 184 (53) | 57 (43) | 0.04 | 19 (50) | 13 (30) | 0.07 |
| Structural heart disease, n (%) | 75 (22) | 22 (17) | 0.21 | 10 (26) | 7 (16) | 0.27 |
| ICM | 23 | 3 | | 4 | 5 | |
| DCM | 22 | 8 | | 2 | 1 | |
| HCM | 10 | 6 | | 1 | 1 | |
| VD | 18 | 5 | | 3 | 0 | |
| CHD | 2 | 0 | | 0 | 0 | |
| LAD, mean (SD), mm | 49 (6.1) | 49 (5.0) | 0.31 | 47 (5.7) | 46 (6.4) | 0.43 |
| EF, % | 60 (11) | 59 (10) | 0.17 | 60 (10) | 63 (9.3) | 0.20 |
| BNP, median (IQR) pg/ml | 125 (79–225) | 112 (71–199) | 0.51 | 80 (35–122) | 72 (46–121) | 0.48 |
| GFR, ml/min | 63 (52–72) | 61 (49–69) | 0.07 | 66 (56–76) | 61 (48–70) | 0.08 |

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| AAD, n (%) | 24 (7.0) | 11 (8.3) | 0.61 | 5 (13) | 8 (19) | 0.50 |
| HT | 225 (65) | 88 (66) | 0.81 | 24 (63) | 29 (67) | 0.69 |
| DM | 84 (24) | 37 (28) | 0.42 | 10 (26) | 12 (28) | 0.87 |
| CHADS2 score, mean (SD) | 1.2 (0.84) | 1.2 (0.86) | 0.88 | 1.2 (0.99) | 1.3 (0.88) | 0.65 |
| CHA2DS2-VASc score | 1.6 (0.85) | 1.6 (0.95) | 0.99 | 1.5 (1.1) | 1.7 (1.0) | 0.50 |

AAD, anti-arrhythmic drug; AF, atrial fibrillation; BNP, brain natriuretic peptide; CHD, congenital heart disease; DCM, dilated cardiomyopathy; DM, diabetes mellitus; EF, ejection fraction; EIVOM, ethanol infusion in the vein of Marshall; GFR, glomerular filtration rate; HCM, hypertrophic cardiomyopathy; HT, hypertension; ICM, ischemic cardiomyopathy; LAD, left atrial diameter; RF, radiofrequency; SD, standard deviation; VD, valvular disease