

Table 1. Demographic and atrial fibrillation-related characteristics

Variable	Rate control n = 1622 (64.3%)	Rhythm control n = 900 (35.7%)	p value
Mean age (years)	71.0 ± 10.0	65.6 ± 11.2	<0.001
Age ≥ 75 years	669 (41.2)	201 (22.3)	<0.001
Female sex	749 (46.2)	402 (44.7)	0.022
Alcohol abuse	71 (4.4)	35 (3.9)	0.349
Paroxysmal AF	239 (14.7)	616 (68.4)	<0.001
Permanent AF	1005 (62.0)	21 (2.3)	<0.001
AF history of less than 1 year	216 (13.3)	163 (18.1)	<0.001
AF history of more than 5 years	384 (23.7)	130 (14.4)	<0.001
Asymptomatic AF currently*	350 (21.6)	437 (48.6)	0.001
Symptoms attributable to AF	1310 (80.8)	689 (76.6)	0.001
Symptoms			
Palpitations	659 (40.6)	551 (61.2)	<0.001
Chest pain	389 (24.0)	215 (23.4)	0.996
Shortness of breath	885 (54.6)	348 (38.7)	<0.001
Syncope	72 (4.4)	35 (3.9)	0.796
Dizziness	288 (17.8)	125 (13.9)	0.015
Fatigue	740 (45.6)	296 (32.9)	<0.001
Fear, anxiety	170 (10.5)	92 (10.2)	0.302

EHRA symptom score (mean)	2.2 ± 0.8	2.2 ± 0.8	0.979
EHRA I	311 (19.2)	210 (23.3)	0.001
EHRA II	784 (48.3)	390 (43.3)	0.098
EHRA III	442 (27.3)	248 (27.6)	0.432
EHRA IV	85 (5.2)	51 (5.7)	0.409

*As judged by responsible physician/ investigator

AF, atrial fibrillation, EHRA, European Heart Rhythm Association.