

Table 2 Demography and clinical characteristics of patients with acute atrial fibrillation who were subsequently restudied while in sinus rhythm

Number of subjects (n)	15
Age in years (mean (SD))	61 (18)
Sex ratio (male: female)	10:5
Aspirin: no antithrombotic therapy	7:8
Smoker: non-smoker	1:14
Hypertensive:normotensive	6:19
Diabetics:non-diabetics	2:13
CVA: no CVA	1:14
IHD: no IHD	2:13
Cardiac failure: no cardiac failure	0:15

IHD, ischaemic heart disease; CVA, cerebrovascular accident