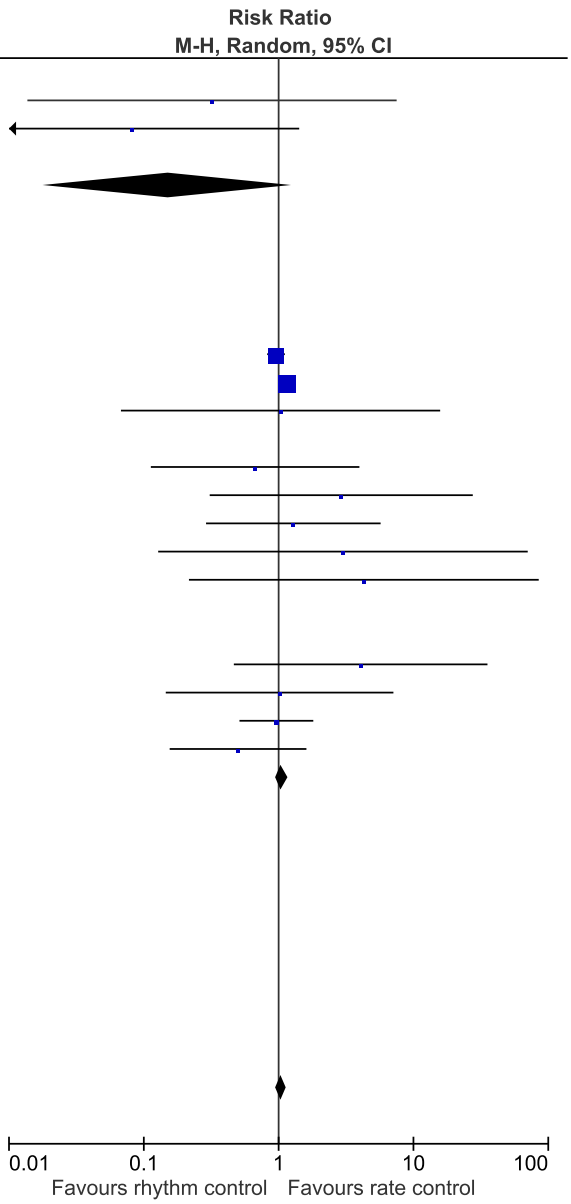Study or Subgroup	Rhythm control Events	Rhythm control Total	Rate control Events	Rate control Total	Weight	Risk Ratio M-H, Random, 95% CI
2.6.1 0-59 years of age						
CAMTAF 2014	0	25	1	24	0.1%	0.32 [0.01, 7.50]
CRRAFT 2004	0	45	5	40	0.1%	0.08 [0.00, 1.42]
Hu 2005	0	92	0	91		Not estimable
Subtotal (95% CI)		**162**		**155**	**0.2%**	**0.15 [0.02, 1.26]**
Total events	0		6			
Heterogeneity: Tau² = 0.00; Chi² = 0.42, df = 1 (P = 0.52); I² = 0%						
Test for overall effect: Z = 1.75 (P = 0.08)						
2.6.2 60-79 years of age						
AF-CHF 2008	217	647	228	650	43.7%	0.96 [0.82, 1.11]
AFFIRM 2002	356	2033	310	2027	51.1%	1.14 [1.00, 1.32]
CAFÉ-II 2009	1	30	1	31	0.1%	1.03 [0.07, 15.78]
Fengsrud 2016	0	15	0	19		Not estimable
Gillinov 2016	2	261	3	262	0.3%	0.67 [0.11, 3.97]
HOT CAFE 2004	3	104	1	101	0.2%	2.91 [0.31, 27.55]
J-RHYTHM 2009	4	419	3	404	0.4%	1.29 [0.29, 5.71]
Jones 2013	1	26	0	26	0.1%	3.00 [0.13, 70.42]
Lee 2000	2	27	0	23	0.1%	4.29 [0.22, 84.97]
Marshall 1999	0	21	0	37		Not estimable
PABA-CHF 2008	0	41	0	40		Not estimable
PAF 2 2002	4	69	1	70	0.2%	4.06 [0.47, 35.40]
PIAF 2000	2	122	2	124	0.3%	1.02 [0.15, 7.10]
RACE 2002	18	266	18	256	2.5%	0.96 [0.51, 1.81]
STAF 2003	4	100	8	100	0.7%	0.50 [0.16, 1.61]
Subtotal (95% CI)		**4181**		**4170**	**99.8%**	**1.05 [0.95, 1.16]**
Total events	614		575			
Heterogeneity: Tau² = 0.00; Chi² = 8.53, df = 11 (P = 0.66); I² = 0%						
Test for overall effect: Z = 1.01 (P = 0.31)						
2.6.3 Above 80 years of age						
Subtotal (95% CI)		**0**		**0**		**Not estimable**
Total events	0		0			
Heterogeneity: Not applicable						
Test for overall effect: Not applicable						
Total (95% CI)		**4343**		**4325**	**100.0%**	**1.05 [0.95, 1.16]**
Total events	614		581			
Heterogeneity: Tau² = 0.00; Chi² = 12.10, df = 13 (P = 0.52); I² = 0%						
Test for overall effect: Z = 0.93 (P = 0.35)						
Test for subgroup differences: Chi² = 3.22, df = 1 (P = 0.07), I² = 68.9%