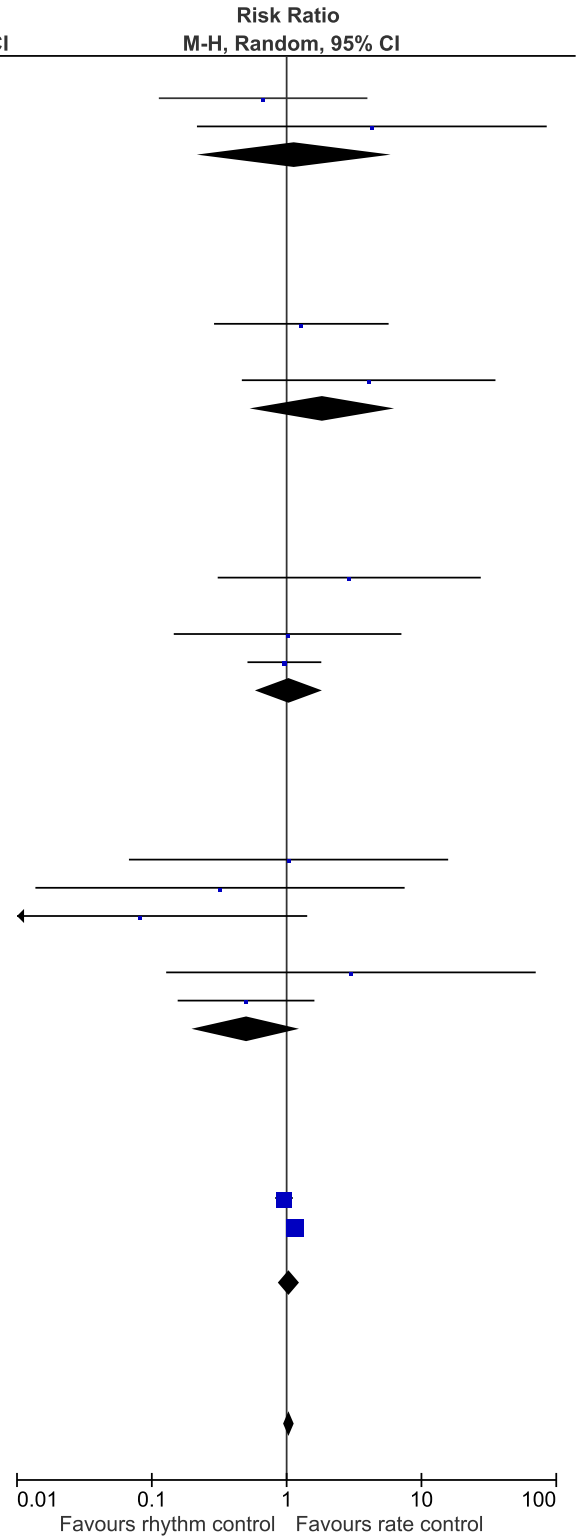Study or Subgroup	Rhythm control Events	Rhythm control Total	Rate control Events	Rate control Total	Weight	Risk Ratio M-H, Random, 95% CI
2.7.1 Recent-onset atrial fibrillation						
Gillinov 2016	2	261	3	262	0.3%	0.67 [0.11, 3.97]
Lee 2000	2	27	0	23	0.1%	4.29 [0.22, 84.97]
Subtotal (95% CI)		**288**		**285**	**0.4%**	**1.14 [0.22, 6.01]**
Total events	4		3			
Heterogeneity: Tau² = 0.18; Chi² = 1.12, df = 1 (P = 0.29); I² = 10%						
Test for overall effect: Z = 0.15 (P = 0.88)						
2.7.2 Paroxysmal atrial fibrillation						
J-RHYTHM 2009	4	419	3	404	0.4%	1.29 [0.29, 5.71]
Marshall 1999	0	21	0	37		Not estimable
PAF 2 2002	4	69	1	70	0.2%	4.06 [0.47, 35.40]
Subtotal (95% CI)		**509**		**511**	**0.7%**	**1.86 [0.54, 6.35]**
Total events	8		4			
Heterogeneity: Tau² = 0.00; Chi² = 0.74, df = 1 (P = 0.39); I² = 0%						
Test for overall effect: Z = 0.99 (P = 0.32)						
2.7.3 Persistent atrial fibrillation						
HOT CAFE 2004	3	104	1	101	0.2%	2.91 [0.31, 27.55]
Hu 2005	0	92	0	91		Not estimable
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]
Subtotal (95% CI)		**584**		**572**	**3.0%**	**1.04 [0.58, 1.86]**
Total events	23		21			
Heterogeneity: Tau² = 0.00; Chi² = 0.87, df = 2 (P = 0.65); I² = 0%						
Test for overall effect: Z = 0.14 (P = 0.89)						
2.7.4 Long-standing persistent atrial fibrillation						
CAFÉ-II 2009	1	30	1	31	0.1%	1.03 [0.07, 15.78]
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]
Fengsrud 2016	0	15	0	19		Not estimable
Jones 2013	1	26	0	26	0.1%	3.00 [0.13, 70.42]
STAF 2003	4	100	8	100	0.7%	0.50 [0.16, 1.61]
Subtotal (95% CI)		**241**		**240**	**1.2%**	**0.50 [0.20, 1.26]**
Total events	6		15			
Heterogeneity: Tau² = 0.00; Chi² = 3.21, df = 4 (P = 0.52); I² = 0%						
Test for overall effect: Z = 1.46 (P = 0.14)						
2.7.5 Mixed						
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]
PABA-CHF 2008	0	41	0	40		Not estimable
Subtotal (95% CI)		**2721**		**2717**	**94.8%**	**1.05 [0.88, 1.25]**
Total events	573		538			
Heterogeneity: Tau² = 0.01; Chi² = 3.01, df = 1 (P = 0.08); I² = 67%						
Test for overall effect: Z = 0.53 (P = 0.60)						
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 = 3.27, df = 4 (P = 0.51), I² = 0%