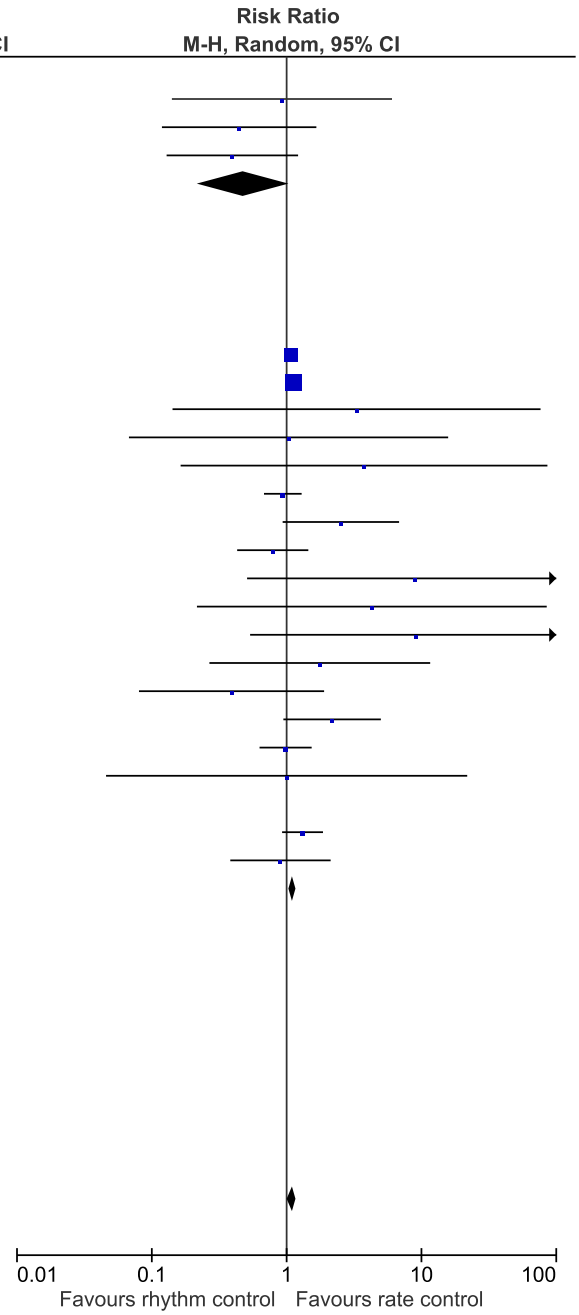Study or Subgroup	Rhythm control Events	Rhythm control Total	Rate control Events	Rate control Total	Weight	Risk Ratio M-H, Random, 95% CI
4.6.1 0-59 years of age						
CAMTAF 2014	2	26	2	24	0.2%	0.92 [0.14, 6.05]
CRRAFT 2004	3	45	6	40	0.3%	0.44 [0.12, 1.66]
Hu 2005	4	92	10	91	0.5%	0.40 [0.13, 1.22]
Subtotal (95% CI)		**163**		**155**	**0.9%**	**0.48 [0.22, 1.04]**
Total events	9		18			
Heterogeneity: Tau² = 0.00; Chi² = 0.59, df = 2 (P = 0.74); I² = 0%						
Test for overall effect: Z = 1.87 (P = 0.06)						
4.6.2 60-79 years of age						
AF-CHF 2008	436	647	409	650	35.1%	1.07 [0.99, 1.16]
AFFIRM 2002	1374	2033	1220	2027	47.3%	1.12 [1.07, 1.18]
Brignole 1997	1	19	0	21	0.1%	3.30 [0.14, 76.46]
CAFÉ-II 2009	1	30	1	31	0.1%	1.03 [0.07, 15.78]
Fengsrud 2016	1	15	0	19	0.1%	3.75 [0.16, 85.98]
Gillinov 2016	56	261	60	262	5.1%	0.94 [0.68, 1.29]
HOT CAFE 2004	13	104	5	101	0.6%	2.52 [0.93, 6.83]
J-RHYTHM 2009	18	419	22	404	1.5%	0.79 [0.43, 1.45]
Jones 2013	4	26	0	26	0.1%	9.00 [0.51, 159.15]
Lee 2000	2	27	0	23	0.1%	4.29 [0.22, 84.97]
MacDonald 2011	5	22	0	18	0.1%	9.09 [0.54, 154.07]
Marshall 1999	2	21	2	37	0.2%	1.76 [0.27, 11.61]
PABA-CHF 2008	2	41	5	40	0.2%	0.39 [0.08, 1.90]
PAF 2 2002	15	68	7	69	0.8%	2.17 [0.95, 5.00]
PIAF 2000	29	122	30	124	2.8%	0.98 [0.63, 1.53]
PIPAF 2003	1	20	0	6	0.1%	1.00 [0.05, 21.85]
PIPAF 2003a	0	10	0	6		Not estimable
RACE 2002	60	266	44	256	4.3%	1.31 [0.93, 1.86]
STAF 2003	9	100	10	100	0.8%	0.90 [0.38, 2.12]
Subtotal (95% CI)		**4251**		**4220**	**99.1%**	**1.11 [1.05, 1.17]**
Total events	2029		1815			
Heterogeneity: Tau² = 0.00; Chi² = 17.79, df = 17 (P = 0.40); I² = 4%						
Test for overall effect: Z = 3.65 (P = 0.0003)						
4.6.3 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)		**4414**		**4375**	**100.0%**	**1.10 [1.02, 1.18]**
Total events	2038		1833			
Heterogeneity: Tau² = 0.00; Chi² = 22.85, df = 20 (P = 0.30); I² = 12%						
Test for overall effect: Z = 2.37 (P = 0.02)						
Test for subgroup differences: Chi² = 4.48, df = 1 (P = 0.03), I² = 77.7%