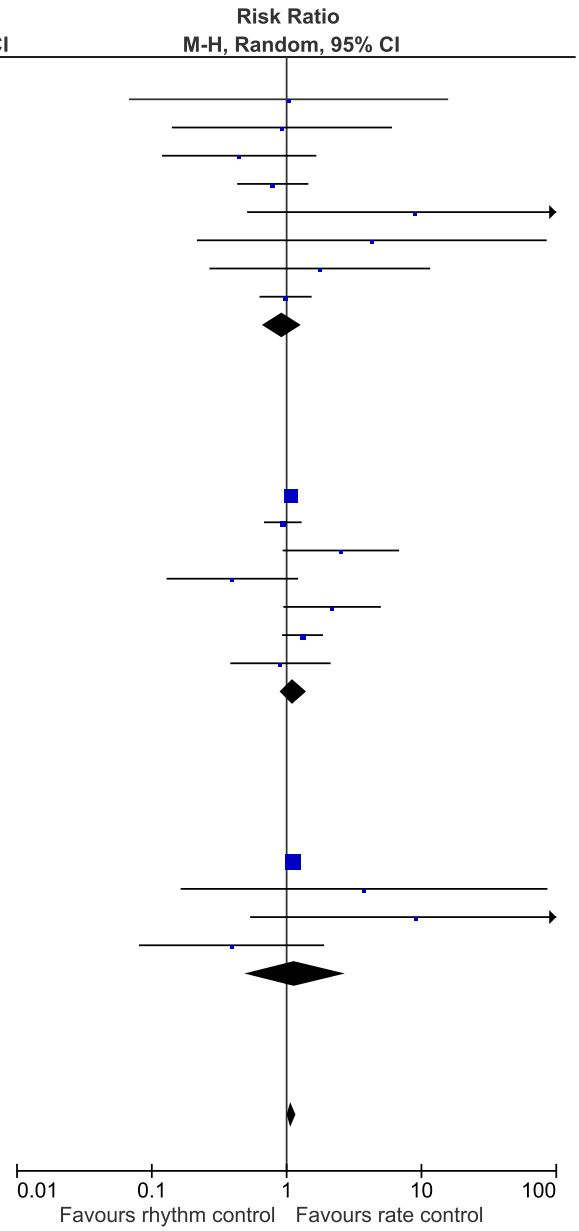Study or Subgroup	Rhythm control Events	Rhythm control Total	Rate control Events	Rate control Total	Weight	Risk Ratio M-H, Random, 95% CI
4.9.1 Maximal follow-up						
CAFÉ-II 2009	1	30	1	31	0.1%	1.03 [0.07, 15.78]
CAMTAF 2014	2	26	2	24	0.2%	0.92 [0.14, 6.05]
CRRAFT 2004	3	45	6	40	0.4%	0.44 [0.12, 1.66]
J-RHYTHM 2009	18	419	22	404	2.0%	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]
Marshall 1999	2	21	2	37	0.2%	1.76 [0.27, 11.61]
PIAF 2000	29	122	30	124	3.5%	0.98 [0.63, 1.53]
Subtotal (95% CI)		**716**		**709**	**6.6%**	**0.93 [0.67, 1.30]**
Total events	61		63			
Heterogeneity: Tau² = 0.00; Chi² = 5.44, df = 7 (P = 0.61); I² = 0%						
Test for overall effect: Z = 0.40 (P = 0.69)						
4.9.2 Sinus rhythm for at least 4 weeks						
AF-CHF 2008	436	647	409	650	34.7%	1.07 [0.99, 1.16]
Gillinov 2016	56	261	60	262	6.3%	0.94 [0.68, 1.29]
HOT CAFE 2004	13	104	5	101	0.7%	2.52 [0.93, 6.83]
Hu 2005	4	92	10	91	0.6%	0.40 [0.13, 1.22]
PAF 2 2002	15	68	7	69	1.1%	2.17 [0.95, 5.00]
RACE 2002	60	266	44	256	5.5%	1.31 [0.93, 1.86]
STAF 2003	9	100	10	100	1.0%	0.90 [0.38, 2.12]
Subtotal (95% CI)		**1538**		**1529**	**49.9%**	**1.12 [0.90, 1.40]**
Total events	593		545			
Heterogeneity: Tau² = 0.03; Chi² = 10.81, df = 6 (P = 0.09); I² = 44%						
Test for overall effect: Z = 1.03 (P = 0.30)						
4.9.3 Sinus rhythm for at least 12 weeks						
AFFIRM 2002	1374	2033	1220	2027	43.0%	1.12 [1.07, 1.18]
Fengsrud 2016	1	15	0	19	0.1%	3.75 [0.16, 85.98]
MacDonald 2011	5	22	0	18	0.1%	9.09 [0.54, 154.07]
PABA-CHF 2008	2	41	5	40	0.3%	0.39 [0.08, 1.90]
Subtotal (95% CI)		**2111**		**2104**	**43.5%**	**1.16 [0.50, 2.72]**
Total events	1382		1225			
Heterogeneity: Tau² = 0.29; Chi² = 4.39, df = 3 (P = 0.22); I² = 32%						
Test for overall effect: Z = 0.34 (P = 0.73)						
Total (95% CI)		**4365**		**4342**	**100.0%**	**1.09 [1.00, 1.19]**
Total events	2036		1833			
Heterogeneity: Tau² = 0.00; Chi² = 22.38, df = 18 (P = 0.22); I² = 20%						
Test for overall effect: Z = 2.01 (P = 0.04)						
Test for subgroup differences: Chi² = 0.86, df = 2 (P = 0.65), I² = 0%