

Supplementary Table S1. Atrial Fibrillation and Functional Outcome Measurement in Each Study

Study	Study year
Joinville, Brazil ⁵¹	A self-reported history of known AF was obtained from patients or their relatives by research nurses. Functional outcomes were determined using mRS by research nurses using telephone.
Melbourne, Australia ⁵²	AF was defined as either a known history or current presentation confirmed on ECG. Functional outcomes at 1 and 5 years were determined using BI by research nurses in a face-to-face interview.
Arcadia, Greece ⁵³	AF was diagnosed by ECG for hospitalized patients; for those not hospitalized, ≥ 1 ECG with documentation of AF in the last year before the event was required. Functional outcomes at 1 year were determined using mRS by attending physicians face to face.
Perth, Australia ⁵⁴	The presence of AF needed to be confirmed by an ECG within 1 month of the onset of stroke. Patients not known to be deceased were sent a letter of invitation, which was followed by a telephone call or home visit. Functional outcomes at 1 year were determined using mRS. Those who agreed to participate were assessed at their usual place of residence by the study nurse.
Orebro, Sweden ⁵⁵	AF was self reported by patients. The functional outcomes at 1 year were measured using mRS during consultation visits or telephone interviews.
Porto, Portugal ⁵⁶	The presence of AF was confirmed by ECG Functional outcomes at 1 and 7 years were determined using mRS by study neurologists. Patients who collaborated but were not willing to complete the consultation were contacted by phone, and for those unable to come to the hospital, home visits were scheduled. Functional outcome was measured using the mRS.
Auckland, New Zealand ⁵⁷	A self-reported history of AF was obtained from patients or their relatives and then confirmed by medical records. Face-to-face interviews occurred at participants' usual places of residence and included neuropsychological tests and assessment of functional outcome at 5 years (the mRS) after stroke.
L'Aquila, Italy ^{58,59}	AF was confirmed by a standard 12-lead ECG. Functional outcome assessments were not available.
Tartu, Estonia ⁵¹⁰	AF was confirmed by ECG The mRS assessments were made by the study physician by telephone at 1 year and 4 years after stroke.

AF, atrial fibrillation; BI, Barthel Index; mRS, modified Rankin Scale.



Supplementary Table S2. Characteristics of Included Studies

Authors and year of publication	Country and city	Total case	Study type	Population	Female				Male					
					n	No. of AF	%AF	Age	NIHSS	n	No. of AF	%AF	Age (years)	NIHSS
Kent 2005 ⁵¹¹	International	2,178	Randomized controlled trial	IS	988	195	19.7	66.5 (11.5)	13.0 (6.4)	1,190	213	17.9	65.4 (11.3)	13.0 (6.8)
Lasek-Bal 2014 ⁵¹²	Poland	511	Observational clinical cohort study	IS	304	101	33.2	74 (66-81)	7.1	207	41	19.8	70 (61-77)	5.63
Akanaksha 2017 ⁵¹³	India	203	Population-based registry	IS&AF	83	34	41			120	71	59		
Yesilot 2011 ⁵¹⁴	Turkey, Istanbul	1,522	Hospital registry data	IS	751	252	33.6	65.1 (15.3)	Prestroke mRS3-5 11.5%	771	144	18.7	63.6 (14.6)	Prestroke mRS3-5 5.9%
Irie 2015 ⁵¹⁵	Fukuoka, Japan	6,236	Population-based registry	IS	2,398	701	29.2	73.3 (12.3)	4 (2-10)	3,838	968	25.2	68.3 (11.5)	4 (2-7)
Huang 2010 ⁵¹⁶	China	4,782	Population-based registry	IS	1,810	162	9	66.2 (11.8)		2,972	152	5	63.7 (11.8)	
Hametner 2017 ⁵¹⁷	International	8,028	Randomized controlled trial	IS	3,630	1,149	31.7	74 (65-80)	13 (8-18)	4,398	1,038	23.6	70 (60-77)	12 (8-17)
Hametner 2015 ⁵¹⁸	Germany	1,391	Observational clinical cohort study	IS	668	272	40.7	75.3 (12.1)	12 (7-17)	723	185	25.6	68.8 (12.7)	10 (6-15)
Gray 2007 ⁵¹⁹	International	1,268	Randomized controlled trial	IS	574	69	21.3	73.4 (10.7)	Scandinavian Stroke Scale 35 (16)	694	57	15.4	68.4 (10.8)	Scandinavian Stroke Scale 36 (18)
Nakamura 2016 ⁵²⁰	Fukuoka, Japan	704	Population-based registry	IS&AF	298	42	42			406		58		
Munoz-Rivas 2015 ⁵²¹	Spain	423,475	Observational study using the Spanish National Hospital Database	IS	202,057	66,679	33			221,418	44,979	20.3		
Martin-Merino 2011 ⁵²²	United Kingdom	2,953	Population-based registry	IS	1,455	233	16			1,498	188	12.6		
Kongbunkiat 2015 ⁵²³	Thailand	25,319	Observational study using the Thailand national database system	IS/PIA&AF	14,699		58.1			10,620		41.9		
Giralto-Steinhauer 2012 ⁵²⁴	Barcelona, Spain	439	Hospital registry data	IS/PIA&AF	270		61.50342			169		38.49658		
Kim 2015 ⁵²⁵	Seoul, Republic of Korea	98	Hospital registry data	IS/PIA&AF	34		34.7			64		65.3		
Heuschmann 2004 ⁵²⁶	Germany	1,3440	Population-based registry	IS	5,049	1,302	25.8	73.2 (13)		5,751	1,006	17.5	67.3 (12)	
Candelise 1991 ⁵²⁷	Italy	211	Randomized controlled trial	IS&AF	126		59.71564			85		40.28436		
Kapral 2006 ⁵²⁸	Toronto, Canada	586	Hospital registry data	IS	263	31	12	55		323	43	13	62	
Kapral 2009 ⁵²⁹	Toronto, Canada	6,389	Population-based registry	IS	3,096	603.72	19.5			3,293	451.141	13.7		
Lin 2011 ⁵³⁰	Sichuan, China	366	Hospital registry data	IS&AF	216		59.01639			150		40.98361		
Lisabeth 2009 ⁵³¹	Michigan, United States	461	Hospital registry data	IS/PIA	224	49	21.9			237	37	15.6		
Lisabeth 2004 ⁵³²	Michigan, United States	2,715	Medicare population	IS/PIA	1,522	179.596	11.8			1,193	150.318	12.6		
Lorenzano 2013 ⁵³³	International	45,079	Population-based registry	IS	18,777	5,603	29.8			25,219	5,372	21.3		
Marini, 2005 ⁵³⁴	L'Aquila, Italy	3,530 ^a	Population-based registry	IS	1,854	529	60.9	AGE IS NOT REPORTED		1,676	340	39.1	AGE IS NOT REPORTED	
Martinez-Sanchez 2011 ⁵³⁴	Madrid, Spain	310	Observational clinical cohort study	IS	128	8	6.3			182	10	5.5		

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Mcdermott 2017 ^{S35}	Texas, United States	757	Population-based brain attack surveillance	IS	391	68	17.4	72 (60.81)	5	366	45	12.3	65 (57.77)	4
Meseguer 2009 ^{S36}	Paris, France	274	Hospital registry data	IS&thrombolysis	111	39	35.2	70.6 (16.1)	12 (7-17)	163	38	23.3	62.7 (13.9)	15 (9-19)
Mizrahi 2011 ^{S37}	Israel	707	Hospital registry data	IS	303	79	26.1			404	47	11.6		
Nagaraja 2012 ^{S38}	Detroit, United States	602	Hospital registry data	IS	320	51	15.9			282	34	12.1		
Mizrahi 2012 ^{S39}	Israel	919	Observational clinical cohort study	IS	405	246	60.7	76.2 (7.9)		514	202	39.3	75.3 (8.0)	
Olsen and Andersen 2010 ^{S40}	Denmark	4,015	National Stroke registry	IS	19,301	3,443	17.8	74.5		20,854	2,860	13.7	69.7	
Padjen 2013 ^{S41}	Lille, France, and Belgrade, Serbia	734	Observational clinical cohort study	IS&thrombolysis	347	90	25.9			387	65	16.8		
Rodriguez-Campello 2016 ^{S42}	Barcelona, Spain	388	Observational clinical cohort study	IS	140	24	17.1			248	31	12.5		
Siiva 2010 ^{S43}	Brazil	676	Hospital registry data	IS	322	81	25.2	72.2 (15.8)	mrs >0 35.2%	354	66	18.6	65 (13.9)	mrs >0 24%
Smith 2005 ^{S44}	Texas, United States	381	Population-based Brain Attack Surveillance	IS	220	28	12.7			161	21	13		
Spaander 2017 ^{S45}	Europe	9,495	Population-based registry	IS&thrombolysis	4,155	1,354	32.6	71.9 (14.5)		5,208	1,250	24	67 (13.2)	9 (5-16)
Tafreshi 2010 ^{S46}	San Diego, United States	294	Observational clinical cohort study	IS&thrombolysis	148	51	34.5	72		146	27	18.5	68	
Tomita 2015 ^{S47}	Japan	355	Observational clinical cohort study	Cardioembolic stroke	157	129	82	80 (8)		198	155	78	75 (9)	
Turaj 2009 ^{S48}	Cracow, Poland	1,488	Observational clinical cohort study	IS	755	216	28.6	70.9 (13.7)		733	116	15.8	66.2 (12.7)	5 (3-10)
Vodonos 2017 ^{S49}	Israel	1,174	Observational clinical cohort study	IS	509	148	35.1	73.8 (12.6)		665	95	17.2	66.8 (12.7)	
Zhang 2011 ^{S50}	Guangzhou, China	669	Observational clinical cohort study	IS	220	24	10.9	39.5 (6.7)		449	20	4.5	39.2 (6.9)	5 (2-8)
Asdaghi 2016 ^{S51}	Florida, Puerto, United States	51,317	Population-based registry	IS	25,381	4,721	18.6	73 (14.7)		25,936	4,072	15.7	68.8 (13.5)	10 (6-16)
Buijs 2016 ^{S52}	Groningen, the Netherlands	887	Hospital registry data	IS&thrombolysis	397	104	26	72 (13.7)		490	75	15	67.4 (11.8)	
Caso 2010 ^{S53}	Italy	1,136	Observational clinical cohort study	IS	494	110	22	76 (12.9)		642	108	17	70 (13)	7.6 (6.3)
de Ridder 2017 ^{S54}	The Netherlands	5,515	Population-based registry	IS	2,778	144	19	74 (13)		2,737	153	17	70 (12)	5 (3-10)
Denti 2013 ^{S55}	Parma, Italy	1,993	Observational clinical cohort study	IS	987	276	28	76.9 (12.7)	Scandinavian Stroke Scale 39 (2-56)	1,006	177	17.5	71.4 (13.3)	Scandinavian Stroke Scale 48 (4-58)
Dhmoon 2017 ^{S56}	Ontario, Canada	2,549	Population-based health care database	IS&diabetes	11,902	2,501	21	75.6 (11.5)		13,593	2,113	15.5	71.5 (11.3)	
Kim 2013 ^{S57}	Seoul, Republic of Korea	424	Observational clinical cohort study	IS&AF	176		41.5			248		58.5		OR 2.19 (1.18-4.05)
Chiti 2015 ^{S58}	Pisa, Italy	164	Observational clinical cohort study	IS&AF	99		60.4			65		39.6		
Benbir 2007 ^{S59}	Istanbul, Turkey	106	Observational clinical cohort study	IS&AF	65		61.3			41		38.7		

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Batrova 2016 ⁵⁶⁰	Rochester, United States	55	Observational clinical cohort study	IS&AF	19	35	35	36	65	36	65		
Allende 2016 ⁵⁶¹	Salamanca, Spain	94	Observational clinical cohort study	IS&AF	51	54.3	73.2 (14.5)	43	45.7	43	45.7	68.1 (12.8)	
Hornor 2008 ⁵⁶²	Austria	1,3831	Population-based registry	IS	6,670	2,074.37	31.1	7,161	1,489.488	20.8	20.8	62.7	
Etherton 2017 ⁵⁶³	Boston, United States	319	Observational clinical cohort study	IS	131	28	21.4	188	23	12.2	12.2		
Colello 2018 ⁵⁶⁴	South Carolina, United States	663	Hospital registry data	IS	354	96	27.11864	309	52	16.82848	16.82848		
Niewada 2005 ⁵⁶⁵	International	1,7370	Randomized controlled trial	IS	8,003	1,673	20.9	9,367	1,321	14.1	14.1	69.3	
Perera 2016 ⁵⁶⁶	International	2,144	Global registry	Cardioembolic stroke of undetermined source	969	295	30.44376	1,175	295	25.10638	25.10638		
Sakamoto 2014 ⁵⁶⁷	Japan	244	Hospital registry data	IS&AF	124	50.81967		120	49.18033	49.18033			
Salihovic 2010 ⁵⁶⁸	Tuzia, Bosnia, and Herzegovina	2,833	Hospital registry data	IS	1,484	329	22.2	1,349	190	14.1	14.1	65.7 (10.5)	Scandinavian Stroke Scale 34 (15)
Seo 2015 ⁵⁶⁹	Seoul, Republic of Korea	1,355	Hospital registry data	IS	521	162	31.09405	834	151	18.10552	18.10552		
Waldenhiort 2016 ⁵⁷⁰	Stockholm, Sweden	174	Observational clinical cohort study	Cardioembolic stroke/TIA	70	9	12.85714	104	6	5.769231	5.769231		
Yesilot-Bardas 2013 ⁵⁷¹	International	575	Population-based registry	Cardioembolic stroke	245	29	11.8	330	58	17.6	17.6		
Forster 2009 ⁵⁷²	Mannheim, Germany	237	Observational clinical cohort study	IS&thrombolysis	111	21	18.9	126	18	14.3	14.3	67.8 (11.9)	11.3 (5.2)
Martin 2017 ⁵⁷³	Florida, United States	221	Hospital registry data	IS&AF	137	61.99095	78.5 (11.8)	84	38.00905	38.00905	38.00905	71.6 (11.9)	
Nezu 2016 ⁵⁷⁴	Japan	1,2701	Population-based registry	IS&AF	5,653	44.50831	80.3 (9.4)	7,048	55.49169	73.7 (9.9)	55.49169	73.7 (9.9)	8 (3-18)
Lang 2017 ⁵⁷⁵	Austria	6,3563	Population-based registry	IS	29,799	10,581	55.8	33,764	8,381	44.2	44.2		
Li 2015 ⁵⁷⁶	Tianjing, China	810	Observational clinical cohort study	IS& aged >75 years	383	70	18.3	488	75	15.4	15.4		
Min 2017 ⁵⁷⁷	Seoul, Republic of Korea	1,053	Observational clinical cohort study	IS	477	40	8.4	576	41	7.1	7.1	65.7 (11.9)	4.5 (2.7)
Jonsson 2015 ⁵⁷⁸	Lund, Sweden	155	Observational clinical cohort study	IS&AF	94	61	84.8 (8.1)	61	39	79.5 (8.7)	79.5 (8.7)		
Cuadrado-Godia 2009 ⁵⁷⁹	Barcelona, Spain	591	Hospital registry data	IS	273	109	39.9	318	62	19.5	19.5		
Zou 2017 ⁵⁸⁰	Hellongjiang, China	1,070	Observational clinical cohort study	IS& aged >75 years	406	36	8.9	536	44	8.2	8.2		
Ong 2017 ⁵⁸¹	Taiwan	4,278	Observational clinical cohort study	IS	1,757	393	22.4	2,521	373	14.8	14.8	68.3 (11.8)	≥16 13.1%
Hong 2017 ⁵⁸²	Tianjing, China	951	Population-based registry	IS&AF	433	45.53102	72.6 (8.7)	518	54.46898	70.2 (11.1)	54.46898	70.2 (11.1)	9 (14)
Yao 2012 ⁵⁸³	Shanghai, China	1,027	Observational clinical cohort study	IS	406	30.856	7.6	621	24,219	3.9	3.9	65	
Boehme 2013 ⁵⁸⁴	LA, TX, United States	4,925	Hospital registry data	IS	2,372	430	18.2	2,605	345	13.3	13.3	63 (26-100)	6 (0-40)
Putala 2009 ⁵⁸⁵	Helsinki, Finland	1,008	Observational clinical cohort study	IS	380	12	3.2	628	30	4.8	4.8		
Park 2014 ⁵⁸⁶	Korea	9,417	Population-based registry	IS	3,958	888	22.4	5,459	867	15.9	15.9	64.8 (12.5)	5.9 (6.2)

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Andersen 2010 ^{S87}	Denmark	4,0102	Population-based registry	IS	19,207	3369	17.5			20,895	2,742	13.1		
Lin 2015 ^{S76}	Taiwan	360	Observational clinical cohort study	IS&AF	140	38,88889				220	61,11111			
Oh 2009 ^{S88}	Seoul, Republic of Korea	18,364	Population-based registry	IS	8,092	1,319	16.3	68.4 (11.8)	6.0 (6.3)	10,542	1,386	13.1	63.4 (11.9)	5.4 (5.8)
Novello 1993 ^{S89}	Genova, Switzerland	516	Observational clinical cohort study	IS	266	59	22.2	80.5 (11)		250	34	13.6	75.7 (9.3)	
Simpson 2005 ^{S90}	Scotland, United Kingdom	1,120	Population-based registry	IS&AF	567	50,625				553	49,375			
Reeves 2009 ^{S91}	United States	383,318	Population-based registry	IS	201,706	40,807	20.4	73.3		181,612	28,167	15.6	68.5	
Sjolander 2012 ^{S92}	Sweden	18,175	Population-based registry	IS	8,923	2,553	28.6	77.8		9,252	2,373	25.6	73.4	
Yu 2015 ^{S93}	Tianjing, China	1,484	Observational clinical cohort study	IS&aged >75 years	636	120	18.9		7.75 (0-37)	848	137	16.2		6.35 (0-36)
Ghandehari 2008 ^{S94}	Canada and Iran	200	Observational clinical cohort study	IS	108	20	18.5			92	5	5.45		
Morin-Martin 2003 ^{S95}	Spain	10,892	Population-based registry	IS	4,248	909	21.4	71		6,644	751	11.3	69	
Tiseo 2017 ^{S96}	L'Aquila, Italy	285	Population-based registry	IS&AF	182	63,85965				103	36,14035			
Towfighi 2013 ^{S97}	United States	605,960	Nationwide inpatient sample	IS&thrombolysis	332,225	73,089.5	22	76.5		273,735	48,724.83	17.8	71.2	
Gattringer 2014 ^{S98}	Austria	47,209	Population-based registry	IS	22,329	7,190	32.3	77.9	4 (2-11)	24,880	5,623	22.7	70.3	3 (1-7)
Nathanson 2014 ^{S99}	Stockholm, Sweden	355	Observational clinical cohort study	IS&thrombolysis	162	44	27.2	76 (67-84)		193	29	15	69 (61-76)	
Bae 2018 ^{S100}	Korea	1,350	Population-based registry	IS&AF	621	46	46			729	54	54		
Barreira 2018 ^{S101}	United States	1,364	Observational clinical cohort study	IS	636	246,768	38.8	67.4 (15.4)		728	227,864	31.3	62.5 (13.8)	
Burzhunova 2018 ^{S102}	Russian	140	Observational clinical cohort study	IS&AF	71	51	51	74 (66-79)		69	49	49	67 (63-76)	
Chou 2018 ^{S103}	Taiwan	907	Observational clinical cohort study	IS&AF	422	46.5				485	53.5			
Christensen and Christensen 2018 ^{S104}	Denmark	1,178	Observational clinical cohort study	IS	892	188	21.1	75		286	43	15.1	69	
Hung 2018 ^{S105}	Taiwan	403	Observational clinical cohort study	IS	170	51	21.9			233	45	26.5		
Keller 2018 ^{S106}	Germany	292,396	Population-based registry	IS	141,801	48,495.94	34.2			150,595	39,907.68	26.5		
Radivojevic 2018 ^{S107}	Serbia	226	Observational clinical cohort study	IS	87	34.8	40	67.5		139	31.97	23	59.5	
McGrath 2013 ^{S108}	Canada	10,528	Population-based registry	IS	5,063	1,542	30.5			5,465	1,212	22.17749		
Antonenko 2017 ^{S109}	Asia and Europe	1,029	Observational clinical cohort study	IS&AF	561			75.1 (9)	8.1 (7.5)	468			77.2 (9.7)	9.2 (6.9)

^aOnly 3,530 people with ischemic stroke were included in the analyses after excluding 64 cases without ECG evaluation out of a total of 3,594 cases.



Supplementary Table S3. Stroke Severity by Sex in the Included Studies

Authors and year of publication		Women	Men
Kim 2015	Moderate to severe neurological deficit	38.2%	37.5%
Martin 2017	CHADS2, mean (SD)	2.54 (1.12)	2.34 (1.41)
	CHA2DS2-VASC, mean (SD)	4.71 (1.44)	3.45 (1.83)
Nezu 2016	mRS4–6	72.3%	46%
	CHADS2, median (IQR)	2 (1–3)	2 (1–3)
	CHA2DS2-VASC, median (IQR)	4 (3–5)	3 (2–4)
	NIHSS, median (IQR)	14 (5–22)	8 (3–18)
Lang 2017	NIHSS, median (IQR)	9 (4–17)	6 (3–13)
	prestroke mRS0–1	62.4%	76.7%
Hong 2017	NIHSS, mean (SD)	13 (15)	9 (14)
Antonenko 2017	NIHSS, mean (SD)	8.1 (7.5)	9.2 (6.9)

IQR, interquartile range; NIHSS, National Institutes of Health Stroke Scale; SD, standard deviation.

Supplementary Table S4. Proportion of Antiplatelet Therapy by Sex in the Included Studies

Authors and year of publication	Women	Men
Tentschert 2004	112 (60%)	76 (40%)
Nakamura 2016	154 (51.7%)	247 (60.8%)
Martin 2017	16 (10.2%)	16 (19.1%)
Nezu 2016	1,356 (24%)	1,980 (28.1%)
Hong 2017	333 (76.9%)	396 (76.4%)
Li 2015	38 (27%)	88 (40%)
Simpson 2005	265 (46.7%)	321 (58.1%)
Reeves 2009	21,927 (88%)	17,159 (89.7%)
Sjolander 2012	352 (13.9%)	458 (19.6%)
Eriksson 2008	434 (48%)	646 (50.6%)
Antonenko 2017	141 (25.5%)	148 (31.9%)



Supplementary Table S5. Comorbidities by Sex in the Included Studies

	Authors and year of publication	Women	Men
Hypertension	Martin 2017	124 (90.5%)	65 (77.4%)
	Nezu 2016	3,803 (67.3%)	4,528 (64.3%)
	Lang 2017	9,166 (86.8%)	7,132 (85.1%)
	Hong 2017	299 (69.1%)	317 (61.2%)
Hyperlipidemia	Antonenko 2017	457 (82.3%)	364 (78.3%)
	Martin 2017	55 (40.2%)	33 (39.3%)
	Nezu 2016	1,183 (20.9%)	1,289 (18.3%)
	Lang 2017	4,956 (46.8%)	4,420 (52.7%)
	Hong 2017	129 (29.8%)	107 (20.7%)
Diabetes	Antonenko 2017	161 (29.2%)	171 (36.9%)
	Martin 2017	39 (28.5%)	34 (40.5%)
	Nezu 2016	989 (17.5%)	1,559 (22.1%)
	Lang 2017	2,759 (26.1%)	2,356 (28.1%)
	Hong 2017	114 (26.3%)	124 (23.9%)
History of stroke/transient ischemic attack	Antonenko 2017	144 (25.9%)	120 (25.8%)
	Martin 2017	36 (26.5%)	22 (26.2%)
	Nezu 2016	1,683 (29.8%)	2,237 (31.7%)
	Lang 2017	2,930 (27.7%)	2,386 (28.5%)
Congestive heart failure	Antonenko 2017	138 (25%)	127 (27.4%)
	Martin 2017	17 (12.4%)	16 (19.1%)
	Nezu 2016	375 (6.6%)	326 (4.6%)
	Antonenko 2017	99 (17.7%)	94 (20.2%)
History of myocardial infarction	Lang 2017	1,061 (10%)	1,265 (15.1%)
	Antonenko 2017	72 (13%)	94 (20.2%)

Supplementary Table S6. Comorbidities by Sex in the Included Studies

Authors and year of publication	Outcome	OR (95% CI)/proportion
Tentschert 2004	Vascular events	W vs. M 1.20 (0.80–1.90)
Kongbunkiat 2015	Hospital mortality	W vs. M 1.28 (1.18–1.39)
Giralt-Steinhauer 2012	mRS3–6 at day 90	W vs. M (57% vs. 46%)
Jonsson 2015	Hospital mortality	W vs. M (27% vs. 17%)
	1-year mortality	W vs. M (44% vs. 40%)
	5-year mortality	W vs. M (76% vs. 73%)
Hong 2017	3-month dependency	W vs. M 1.09 (0.80–1.48)
	12-month dependency	W vs. M 1.12 (0.82–1.51)
	36-month dependency	W vs. M 1.64 (1.02–2.64)
	36-month recurrence	W vs. M 2.03 (1.28–3.20)
Antonenko 2017	Mortality at 90 days	W vs. M (11.6% vs. 10.1%)
	mRS3–6 at day 90	W vs. M (57.7% vs. 41.1%)



Supplementary Table S7. Presence of Atrial Fibrillation Among People with Ischemic Stroke

Study	Study year	Total		Men AF, n/N (%)	Women AF, n/N (%)
		Baseline N	Mean age, years		
Joinville, Brazil ^{S110}	09–14	1,555	64.5	36/811 (4.4)	46/744 (6.2)
Melbourne, Australia ^{S111}	96–99	915	74.7	99/431 (23.0)	131/484 (27.1)
Arcadia, Greece ^{S112}	93–95	375	75.1	73/212 (34.4)	69/163 (42.3)
Perth, Australia ^{S113}	99–00	135	76.3	15/65 (23.1)	17/70 (24.3)
Orebro, Sweden ^{S114}	98–00	274	75.3	26/125 (20.8)	39/149 (26.2)
Porto, Portugal ^{S115}	02–03	524	71.9	30/219 (13.7)	60/305 (19.7)
Auckland, New Zealand ^{S116}	09–14	1,015	71.8	103/499 (20.6)	128/516 (24.8)
L'Aquila, Italy ^{S8}	94–98	3,530 ^a	78.8	340/1,676 (20.3)	529/1,854 (28.5)
Tartu, Estonia ^{S117}	93–95	322	72.2	40/137 (29.2)	81/195 (41.5)
Total		8,645	72.6	762/4,175 (18.3)	1,100/4,480 (24.6)

^aOnly 3,530 people with ischemic stroke were included in the analyses after excluding 64 cases without ECG evaluation out of a total of 3,594 cases.



Supplementary Table S8. Characteristics and Long-Term Outcomes of People with Ischemic Stroke and Atrial Fibrillation by Sex in the Joinville, Melbourne, Arcadia, Perth and Orebro Studies

Study	Joinville (N=82)		Melbourne (N=230)		Arcadia (N=142)		Perth (N=32)		Orebro (N=65)	
	Men, n (%)	Women, n (%)	Men, n (%)	Women, n (%)	Men, n (%)	Women, n (%)	Men, n (%)	Women, n (%)	Men, n (%)	Women, n (%)
Sociodemographic										
Mean (SD) age	69.4 (7.8)	77.8 (9.6)	77.8 (10.0)	82.3 (8.0)	78.4 (9.5)	78.0 (8.9)	79.5 (9.7)	81.8 (9.3)	77.2 (9.1)	82.3 (6.4)
Marital status										
Single/widowed	—	—	—	—	—	—	8 (53.3)	14 (82.4)	9 (34.6)	27 (69.2)
Married	2 (5.6)	0 (0)	49 (46.5)	64 (48.9)	—	—	6 (40.0)	3 (17.7)	17 (65.4)	11 (28.2)
Unknown	0 (0)	0 (0)	4 (1)	2 (1.5)	—	—	1 (6.7)	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (2.6)
Education level										
≤Grade 12	34 (91.4)	46 (100.0)	46 (946.5)	65 (49.6)	—	—	—	—	—	—
>Grade 12	2 (5.6)	0 (0)	49 (46.5)	64 (48.9)	—	—	—	—	—	—
Unknown	0 (0)	0 (0)	4 (1)	2 (1.5)	—	—	—	—	—	—
Social class										
Professional	—	—	39 (39.4)	36 (27.5)	—	—	3 (20.0)	0 (0)	—	—
Nonmanual	—	—	7 (7.1)	16 (12.2)	—	—	0 (0)	4 (23.5)	—	—
Manual	—	—	48 (48.5)	46 (35.1)	—	—	5 (33.3)	3 (17.7)	—	—
Unknown	—	—	5 (5.1)	33 (25.2)	—	—	7 (46.7)	10 (58.8)	—	—
Prestroke health										
In an institution	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Yes	—	—	13 (13.1)	22 (16.8)	—	—	2 (13.3)	1 (5.9)	1 (3.9)	5 (12.8)
No	—	—	85 (85.9)	108 (82.4)	—	—	13 (86.7)	15 (88.2)	25 (96.2)	34 (87.2)
Unknown	—	—	1 (1.0)	1 (0.8)	—	—	0 (0)	1 (5.9)	0 (0)	0 (0)
Modified Rankin score										
0–2	—	—	—	—	73 (100.0)	68 (95.6)	11 (73.3)	8 (47.1)	—	—
3–5	—	—	—	—	0 (0)	1 (1.5)	3 (20.0)	6 (35.3)	—	—
Unknown	—	—	—	—	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (6.7)	3 (17.7)	—	—
BI score										
20	—	—	20 (20.2)	29 (22.1)	—	—	11 (73.3)	8 (47.1)	17 (65.4)	19 (48.7)
<20	—	—	46 (46.5)	56 (42.8)	—	—	3 (20.0)	6 (35.3)	0 (0)	1 (2.6)
Unknown	—	—	33 (32.3)	46 (35.1)	—	—	1 (6.7)	3 (17.7)	9 (34.6)	19 (48.7)
Mean (SD) modified Rankin score	—	—	—	—	0.4 (0.6)	0.6 (0.8)	1.4 (1.5)	1.5 (1.5)	—	—
Mean (SD) BI	—	—	18.2 (4.2)	18.4 (3.6)	—	—	18.5 (3.0)	19.1 (1.3)	20.0 (0)	19.9 (0.22)
Medical history										
Hypertension										
Yes	30 (83.3)	35 (76.1)	61 (61.6)	82 (62.6)	58 (79.5)	59 (85.5)	7 (46.7)	10 (58.8)	7 (26.9)	16 (41.0)
No	6 (16.7)	11 (23.9)	37 (37.4)	47 (35.9)	15 (20.6)	10 (14.5)	7 (46.7)	7 (41.2)	17 (65.4)	22 (56.4)
Unknown	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (1.0)	2 (1.5)	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (6.7)	0 (0)	2 (7.7)	1 (2.6)
Ischemic heart disease										
Yes	6 (16.7)	4 (8.7)	26 (26.3)	23 (17.6)	15 (20.6)	15 (21.7)	5 (33.3)	3 (17.7)	2 (7.7)	7 (18.0)
No	30 (83.3)	42 (91.3)	73 (73.7)	107 (81.7)	58 (79.5)	54 (78.3)	10 (66.7)	14 (82.4)	24 (92.3)	32 (82.1)
Unknown	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (0.8)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
Peripheral vascular disease										
Yes	—	—	24 (24.2)	8 (6.1)	3 (4.1)	5 (7.3)	—	—	9 (34.6)	18 (46.2)
No	—	—	74 (74.8)	121 (92.4)	70 (95.9)	64 (92.8)	—	—	17 (65.4)	21 (53.9)
Unknown	—	—	1 (1.0)	2 (1.5)	0 (0)	0 (0)	—	—	0 (0)	1 (0.7)

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Supplementary Table S8. (Continued)

Study	Joinville (N = 82)		Melbourne (N = 230)		Arcadia (N = 142)		Perth (N = 32)		Orebro (N = 65)	
	Men, n (%)	Women, n (%)	Men, n (%)	Women, n (%)	Men, n (%)	Women, n (%)	Men, n (%)	Women, n (%)	Men, n (%)	Women, n (%)
Transient ischemic attack										
Yes	0 (0)	1 (2.2)	10 (10.1)	12 (9.2)	20 (27.4)	13 (18.8)	6 (40.0)	0 (0)	7 (26.9)	5 (12.8)
No	36 (100)	45 (97.8)	87 (87.9)	119 (90.8)	53 (72.6)	56 (81.2)	7 (46.7)	15 (88.2)	19 (73.1)	34 (87.2)
Unknown	0 (0)	0 (0)	2 (2.0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	2 (13.3)	2 (11.8)	0 (0)	0 (0)
Diabetes										
Yes	—	—	18 (18.2)	20 (15.3)	21 (28.8)	24 (34.8)	5 (33.3)	2 (11.8)	5 (19.2)	4 (10.3)
No	—	—	81 (81.8)	111 (84.7)	52 (71.2)	45 (65.2)	10 (66.7)	15 (88.2)	20 (76.9)	34 (87.2)
Unknown	—	—	0 (0.0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (3.9)	1 (2.6)
Dementia										
Yes	—	—	9 (9.1)	17 (13.0)	—	—	—	—	1 (3.9)	6 (15.4)
No	—	—	68 (68.7)	83 (63.4)	—	—	—	—	25 (96.2)	33 (84.6)
Unknown	—	—	22 (22.2)	31 (23.7)	—	—	—	—	0 (0)	0 (0.0)
Smoking										
Never	7 (19.4)	36 (78.3)	29 (29.3)	70 (53.4)	53 (72.6)	68 (98.6)	2 (13.3)	11 (64.7)	18 (69.2)	33 (84.6)
Current	24 (66.7)	9 (19.6)	54 (54.6)	35 (26.7)	20 (27.4)	1 (1.5)	8 (53.3)	1 (5.9)	5 (19.2)	6 (15.4)
Former	5 (13.9)	1 (2.2)	8 (8.1)	6 (4.6)	—	—	0 (0)	1 (5.9)	—	—
Unknown	0 (0)	0 (0)	8 (8.1)	20 (15.3)	—	—	5 (33.3)	4 (23.5)	3 (11.5)	0 (0)
Alcohol use										
Nondrinkers	23 (63.9)	41 (89.1)	10 (10.1)	57 (43.5)	58 (79.5)	67 (97.1)	4 (26.7)	8 (47.1)	—	—
Not heavy drinkers	9 (25.0)	5 (10.9)	59 (59.6)	48 (36.6)	—	—	0 (0)	3 (17.7)	—	—
Heavy drinkers	4 (11.1)	0 (0)	3 (3.0)	1 (0.8)	15 (20.6)	2 (2.9)	3 (20.0)	1 (5.9)	—	—
Ex-drinkers	—	—	9 (9.1)	1 (0.8)	—	—	0 (0)	0 (0)	—	—
Unknown	0 (0)	0 (0)	18 (18.2)	24 (18.3)	—	—	8 (53.3)	5 (29.4)	—	—
Stroke-related factors										
Hospital admission										
Yes	36 (100)	46 (100)	97 (98.0)	129 (98.5)	72 (98.6)	67 (97.1)	12 (80.0)	11 (64.7)	25 (96.2)	38 (97.4)
No	0 (0)	0 (0)	2 (2.0)	2 (1.5)	1 (1.4)	2 (2.9)	3 (20.0)	6 (35.3)	1 (3.9)	1 (2.6)
Time to arrive at hospital										
≤4.5 hours	13 (36.1)	29 (63.0)	22 (22.2)	30 (22.9)	—	—	2 (13.3)	3 (17.7)	—	—
>4.5–24 hours	14 (38.9)	8 (17.4)	4 (4.0)	12 (9.2)	—	—	0 (0)	1 (5.9)	—	—
>24 hours	7 (19.4)	5 (10.9)	5 (5.1)	4 (3.1)	—	—	0 (0)	3 (17.7)	—	—
Unknown	2 (5.6)	4 (8.7)	68 (68.7)	85 (64.9)	—	—	13 (96.7)	10 (58.8)	—	—
Stroke severity										
Mean (SD) NIHSS	7.1 (7.7)	11.8 (8.2)	10.0 (8.6)	10.1 (8.5)	—	—	9.4 (7.7)	6.9 (7.4)	7.2 (6.7)	11.4 (9.6)
Median (IQR) NIHSS	4.0 (2.0–9.0)	11.0 (4.0–18.0)	8.0 (3.0–13.0)	8.0 (3.0–16.0)	—	—	6.5 (4.5–13.5)	4.0 (0–13.0)	6.0 (3.0–9.0)	8.0 (3.0–19.0)
Mean (SD) GCS, reversed	—	—	—	—	4.6 (2.8)	5.0 (3.3)	—	—	—	—
Mean (IQR) GCS, reversed	—	—	—	—	3.0 (3.0–4.0)	3.0 (3.0–4.0)	—	—	—	—
Loss of consciousness										
Yes	—	—	24 (24.2)	34 (26.0)	5 (6.9)	10 (14.5)	—	—	—	—
No	—	—	53 (53.5)	65 (49.6)	67 (91.8)	57 (82.6)	—	—	—	—
Unknown	—	—	22 (22.2)	32 (24.4)	1 (1.4)	2 (2.9)	—	—	—	—

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Supplementary Table S8. (Continued)

Study	Joinville (N=82)		Melbourne (N=230)		Arcadia (N=142)		Perth (N=32)		Orebro (N=65)	
	Men, n (%)	Women, n (%)	Men, n (%)	Women, n (%)	Men, n (%)	Women, n (%)	Men, n (%)	Women, n (%)	Men, n (%)	Women, n (%)
Medications at discharge										
Antiplatelet agents										
Yes	—	—	21 (21.2)	45 (34.4)	—	—	—	—	—	—
No	—	—	78 (78.8)	86 (65.7)	—	—	—	—	—	—
Unknown	—	—	0 (0)	0 (0)	—	—	—	—	—	—
Anticoagulant agent										
Yes	—	—	30 (30.3)	36 (27.5)	—	—	6 (40.0)	3 (17.7)	—	—
No	—	—	69 (69.7)	95 (72.5)	—	—	6 (40.0)	8 (47.1)	—	—
Unknown	—	—	0 (0)	0 (0)	—	—	3 (20.0)	6 (35.3)	—	—
Outcome										
1-year mortality										
Yes	6 (16.7)	20 (943.5)	42 (42.4)	55 (42.0)	32 (43.8)	28 (40.6)	5 (33.3)	6 (35.3)	9 (34.6)	19 (48.7)
No	30 (83.3)	26 (56.5)	57 (57.6)	76 (58.0)	40 (54.8)	39 (56.5)	10 (66.7)	11 (64.7)	17 (65.4)	20 (51.3)
Missing	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (1.4)	2 (2.9)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
5-year mortality										
Yes	—	—	63 (63.6)	92 (70.2)	—	—	—	—	13 (50.0)	28 (71.8)
No	—	—	36 (36.4)	39 (29.8)	—	—	—	—	13 (50.0)	11 (28.2)
Missing	—	—	0 (0)	0 (0)	—	—	—	—	0 (0)	0 (0)
Poor 1-year functional outcome ^a										
Yes (mRS >2/BI <20)	3 (10.0)	8 (30.8)	19 (33.3)	28 (36.4)	13 (32.5)	17 (43.6)	—	—	6 (35.3)	10 (50.0)
No (mRS ≤2/BI =20)	26 (86.7)	14 (53.9)	19 (33.3)	13 (16.9)	26 (65.0)	20 (51.3)	—	—	11 (64.7)	10 (50.0)
Unknown	1 (3.3)	4 (15.4)	19 (33.3)	36 (46.8)	1 (2.5)	2 (5.1)	—	—	0 (0)	0 (0)
Poor 5-year functional outcome ^a										
Yes (mRS >2/BI <20)	—	—	15 (41.7)	19 (48.7)	—	—	—	—	—	—
No (mRS ≤2/BI =20)	—	—	14 (38.9)	14 (35.9)	—	—	—	—	—	—
Unknown	—	—	7 (19.4)	6 (15.4)	—	—	—	—	—	—

Bold denotes statistically significant results.

^aAmong survivors only.

GCS, Glasgow Coma Scale.



Supplementary Table S9. Characteristics and Long-Term Outcomes of People with Ischemic Stroke and Atrial Fibrillation by Sex in the Porto, Auckland, L'Aquila, and Tartu Studies

Study	Porto (N=90)		Auckland (N=231)		L'Aquila (N=869)		Tartu (N=121)	
	Men, n (%)	Women, n (%)	Men, n (%)	Women, n (%)	Men, n (%)	Women, n (%)	Men, n (%)	Women, n (%)
Sociodemographic								
Mean (SD) Age	74.6 (11.0)	78.6 (7.7)	75.5 (9.8)	77.7 (12.4)	77.1 (9.1)	79.9 (8.5)	73.5 (7.7)	77.1 (8.3)
Marital status								
Single/widowed	—	—	37 (35.9)	80 (62.5)	—	—	—	—
Married			65 (63.1)	46 (35.9)				
Unknown			1 (1.0)	2 (1.6)				
Education level								
≤Grade 12	24 (80.0)	33 (55.0)	40 (38.8)	69 (53.9)	—	—	—	—
>Grade 12	1 (3.3)	0 (0)	34 (33.0)	34 (26.6)				
Unknown	5 (16.7)	27 (45.0)	29 (28.2)	25 (19.5)				
Social class								
Professional	3 (10.0)	1 (1.7)	16 (15.5)	13 (10.2)	—	—	—	—
Nonmanual	27 (90.0)	53 (88.3)	21 (20.4)	33 (25.8)				
Manual	0 (0)	3 (5.0)	41 (39.8)	26 (20.3)				
Unknown	0 (0)	3 (5.0)	25 (24.3)	56 (43.8)				
Prestroke health								
In an institution								
Yes	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
No								
Unknown								
Modified Rankin score								
0–2	27 (90.0)	45 (75.0)	—	—	—	—	28 (70.0)	63 (77.8)
3–5	3 (10.0)	9 (15.0)					3 (7.5)	7 (8.6)
Unknown	0 (0)	6 (10.0)					9 (22.5)	11 (13.6)
BI score								
20	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<20								
Unknown								
Mean (SD) modified Rankin score	0.6 (1.0)	1.2 (1.4)	—	—	—	—	1.2 (1.0)	1.3 (0.9)
Mean (SD) BI	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Medical history								
Hypertension								
Yes	17 (56.7)	40 (66.7)	66 (64.1)	79 (61.7)	194 (57.1)	341 (64.5)	17 (42.5)	50 (61.7)
No	13 (43.3)	20 (33.3)	33 (32.0)	40 (31.3)	144 (42.4)	183 (34.6)	23 (57.7)	31 (38.3)
Unknown	0 (0)	0 (0)	4 (3.9)	9 (7.0)	2 (0.6)	5 (0.9)	0 (0)	0 (0)
Ischemic heart disease								
Yes	4 (13.3)	10 (16.7)	43 (41.8)	41 (32.0)	122 (35.9)	175 (33.1)	25 (62.50)	46 (56.8)
No	26 (86.7)	50 (83.3)	59 (57.3)	87 (68.0)	214 (62.9)	342 (64.7)	15 (37.5)	35 (43.2)
Unknown	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (1.0)	0 (0)	4 (1.2)	12 (2.3)	0 (0)	0 (0)
Peripheral vascular disease								
Yes	1 (3.3)	1 (1.7)	—	—	55 (16.2)	91 (17.2)	—	—
No	28 (93.3)	42 (70.0)			282 (82.9)	422 (79.8)		
Unknown	1 (3.3)	17 (28.3)			3 (0.9)	16 (3.0)		
Transient ischemic attack								
Yes	2 (6.7)	6 (10.0)	—	—	35 (10.3)	45 (8.5)	2 (5.0)	3 (3.7)
No	28 (93.3)	54 (90.0)			298 (87.7)	464 (87.7)	38 (95.0)	78 (96.3)
Unknown	0 (0)	0 (0)			7 (2.1)	9 (3.8)	0 (0)	0 (0)
Diabetes								
Yes	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
No								
Unknown								
Dementia								
Yes	—	—	3 (2.9)	1 (0.8)	—	—	—	—
No			99 (96.1)	125 (97.7)				
Unknown			1 (1.0)	2 (1.6)				

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Supplementary Table S9. (Continued)

Study	Porto (N=90)		Auckland (N=231)		L'Aquila (N=869)		Tartu (N=121)	
	Men, n (%)	Women, n (%)	Men, n (%)	Women, n (%)	Men, n (%)	Women, n (%)	Men, n (%)	Women, n (%)
Smoking								
Never	19 (63.3)	60 (100.0)	31 (30.1)	62 (48.4)	159 (46.8)	461 (87.2)	—	—
Current	9 (30.0)	0 (0)	57 (55.3)	47 (36.7)	150 (44.1)	14 (2.7)	—	—
Former	2 (6.7)	0 (0)	8 (7.8)	8 (6.3)	—	—	—	—
Unknown	0 (0)	0 (0)	7 (6.8)	11 (8.6)	31 (9.1)	64 (10.2)	—	—
Alcohol use								
Nondrinkers	12 (40.0)	31 (51.7)	26 (25.2)	64 (50.0)	—	—	—	—
Not heavy drinkers	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Heavy drinkers	14 (46.7)	10 (16.7)	49 (47.6)	37 (28.9)	—	—	—	—
Ex-drinkers	—	—	13 (12.6)	15 (11.7)	—	—	—	—
Unknown	4 (13.3)	19 (31.7)	15 (14.6)	12 (9.4)	—	—	—	—
Stroke-related factors								
Hospital admission								
Yes	29 (96.7)	60 (100.0)	102 (99.0)	127 (99.2)	327 (96.2)	508 (96.0)	37 (92.5)	78 (96.3)
No	1 (3.3)	0 (0)	1 (1.0)	1 (0.8)	21 (96.0)	21 (4.0)	3 (7.5)	3 (3.7)
Time to arrive at hospital								
≤4.5 hours	13 (43.3)	30 (50.0)	77 (74.8)	108 (84.4)	—	—	11 (27.5)	29 (35.8)
>4.5–24 hours	14 (46.7)	25 (41.7)	—	—	—	—	3 (7.5)	3 (3.7)
>24 hours	1 (3.3)	0 (0)	11 (10.7)	8 (6.3)	—	—	0 (0)	1 (1.2)
Unknown	2 (6.7)	5 (8.3)	15 (14.6)	12 (9.4)	—	—	26 (65.0)	48 (59.3)
Stroke severity								
Mean (SD) NIHSS	—	—	—	—	—	—	10.4 (7.8)	11.7 (9.7)
Median (IQR) NIHSS	—	—	—	—	—	—	8.0 (4.0–19.0)	12.0 (4.0–19.0)
Mean (SD) GCS, reversed	—	—	2.2 (2.5)	2.7 (2.6)	—	—	—	—
Mean (IQR) GCS, reversed	—	—	1.0 (1.0–2.0)	1.0 (1.0–3.0)	—	—	—	—
Loss of consciousness								
Yes	0 (0)	3 (5.0)	32 (31.1)	45 (35.2)	118 (34.7)	180 (34.0)	—	—
No	30 (100)	57 (95.0)	69 (67.0)	77 (60.2)	215 (63.2)	339 (64.1)	—	—
Unknown	0 (0)	0 (0)	2 (1.9)	6 (4.7)	7 (2.1)	10 (1.9)	—	—
Medications at discharge								
Antiplatelet agents								
Yes	21 (70.0)	35 (58.3)	65 (63.1)	89 (69.5)	—	—	—	—
No	9 (30.0)	25 (41.7)	38 (36.9)	37 (28.9)	—	—	—	—
Unknown	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	—	—	—	—
Anticoagulant agent								
Yes	—	—	35 (34.0)	32 (25.0)	—	—	—	—
No	—	—	68 (66.0)	94 (73.4)	—	—	—	—
Unknown	—	—	0 (0)	2 (1.6)	—	—	—	—
Outcome								
1-year mortality								
Yes	10 (33.3)	37 (61.7)	31 (30.1)	47 (36.7)	1,557 (46.2)	270 (51.0)	20 (50.0)	47 (58.0)
No	20 (66.8)	23 (38.3)	72 (69.9)	81 (63.3)	183 (53.8)	259 (49.0)	20 (50.0)	34 (42.0)
Missing	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
5-year mortality								
Yes	20 (66.7)	42 (70.0)	42 (40.8)	64 (50.0)	240 (70.6)	378 (71.5)	—	—
No	10 (33.3)	18 (30.0)	61 (59.2)	64 (50.0)	100 (29.4)	151 (28.5)	—	—
Missing	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	—	—
Poor 1-year functional outcome ^a								
Yes (mRS >2/BI <20)	11 (55.0)	14 (60.9)	—	—	—	—	6 (30.0)	13 (38.2)
No (mRS ≤2/BI =20)	9 (45.0)	9 (39.1)	—	—	—	—	8 (40.0)	18 (52.9)
Unknown	0 (0)	0 (0)	—	—	—	—	6 (30.0)	3 (8.8)
Poor 5-year functional outcome ^a								
Yes (mRS >2/BI <20)	7 (70.0)	14 (77.8)	3 (4.9)	10 (15.6)	—	—	—	—
No (mRS ≤2/BI =20)	3 (30.0)	2 (11.1)	13 (21.3)	12 (18.8)	—	—	—	—
Unknown	0 (0)	2 (11.1)	45 (43.7)	43 (65.6)	—	—	—	—

Bold denotes statistically significant results.

^aAmong survivors only.



Supplementary Table S10. Outcomes of Nine Included Cohort Studies in Patients with Ischemic Stroke and Atrial Fibrillation, by Sex

1-year mortality (nine studies)			
Yes	312 (40.9)	529 (48.1)	0.002
No	449 (58.9)	569 (51.7)	
Missing	1 (0.1)	2 (0.2)	
5-year mortality (five studies)			
Yes	378 (63.2)	604 (68.1)	0.051
No	220 (36.8)	283 (31.9)	
Poor 1-year functional outcome ^a (six studies)			
Yes (mRS >2/BI <20)	58 (31.5)	90 (41.3)	0.007
No (mRS ≤2/BI=20)	99 (53.8)	83 (38.1)	
Unknown	27 (14.7)	45 (20.6)	
Poor 5-year functional outcome ^a (three studies)			
Yes (mRS >2/BI <20)	25 (23.4)	43 (35.5)	0.133
No (mRS ≤2/BI=20)	30 (28.0)	28 (23.1)	
Unknown	52 (48.6)	50 (41.3)	

Bold denotes statistical significance.

^aAmong survivors only.

Supplementary Table S11. Mortality Rate Ratio Between Women and Men with Ischemic Stroke and Atrial Fibrillation at 1 Year After Stroke in Crude Models and Models with Adjustment for Age, Severity, and Prestroke Dependency

Study	Total N	N ^a	Unadjusted		Adjusted for age		Adjusted for severity		Adjusted for prestroke dependency	
			MRR (95% CI)	MRR (95% CI)	Δ% ^b	MRR (95% CI)	Δ% ^b	MRR (95% CI)	Δ% ^b	
Joinville	82	82	3.42 (1.29–9.06)	3.52 (1.18–10.54)	–2	1.32 (0.43–4.09)	77	–	–	–
Melbourne	230	230	0.95 (0.60–1.50)	0.64 (0.39–1.07)	–770	0.81 (0.43–1.55)	–310	0.86 (0.53–1.38)	–194	–
Arcadia	142	139	0.90 (0.53–1.51)	0.94 (0.57–1.57)	41	0.75 (0.42–1.35)	–173	–	–	–
Perth	32	32	1.25 (0.33–4.73)	1.02 (0.26–4.03)	91	1.70 (0.38–7.51)	–138	1.24 (0.33–4.70)	4	–
Orebro	65	65	1.87 (0.79–4.44)	1.47 (0.59–3.67)	38	1.46 (0.56–3.82)	40	1.53 (0.60–3.94)	32	–
Porto	90	90	2.79 (1.24–6.31)	2.46 (1.09–5.56)	12	2.58 (1.14–5.85)	8	2.32 (0.99–5.47)	18	–
Auckland	231	179	1.07 (0.61–1.88)	0.95 (0.53–1.69)	176	0.83 (0.43–1.57)	376	1.02 (0.57–1.83)	71	–
L'Aquila	869	852	1.19 (1.03–1.38)	1.12 (0.97–1.28)	35	1.20 (1.04–1.38)	–5	–	–	–
Tartu	121	111	1.19 (0.84–1.69)	1.12 (0.78–1.61)	35	1.10 (0.82–1.47)	45	1.16 (0.82–1.64)	15	–
Pooled	1,862	1,780	1.24 (1.01–1.51)	1.12 (0.89–1.39)	47	1.14 (0.98–1.32)	39	1.14 (0.90–1.43)	39	–
			$I^2=33.1\%$ $p=0.153$	$I^2=40.3\%$ $p=0.099$			$I^2=9.2\%$ $p=0.358$	$I^2=0.0\%$ $p=0.470$		

Bold denotes statistically significant results.

^aThe sample size was the same among the unadjusted model, age-adjusted model, and other adjusted models.

^b% change of coefficient of sex difference in mortality rate ratio that was calculated by the formula (unadjusted β –adjusted β)/unadjusted β × 100. CI, confidence interval; MRR, mortality rate ratio.



Supplementary Table S12. Subgroup Analyses of Sex Difference in Mortality at 1 Year After Stroke Among Those with Ischemic Stroke and Atrial Fibrillation by the Availability of Person-Years of Follow-up

Person-years	No. of studies	I ² (%)	Unadjusted		p _{subgroup}	I ² (%)	Adjusted ^a		p _{subgroup}
			p ^H	MRR (95% CI)			p ^H	MRR (95% CI)	
Actual	7	49.6	0.064	1.38 (0.95–2.01)	0.731	0.0	0.423	0.93 (0.69–1.26)	0.314
Estimated	2 ^a	0.0	0.994	1.19 (1.04–1.36)		0.0	0.675	1.12 (0.99–1.27)	

^aThe L'Aquila and Tartu studies.

Supplementary Table S13. Mortality Rate Ratio Between Women and Men with Ischemic Stroke and Atrial Fibrillation at 5 Years After Stroke in Crude Models and Models with Adjustment for Age, Severity, and Prestroke Dependency

Study	Total N	N ^a	Unadjusted		Adjusted for age		Adjusted for severity		Adjusted for prestroke dependency	
			MRR (95% CI)		MRR (95% CI)	Δ% ^b	MRR (95% CI)	Δ% ^b	MRR (95% CI)	Δ% ^b
Melbourne	230	230	1.20 (0.80–1.78)		0.82 (0.52–1.29)	209	0.94 (0.59–1.50)	134	1.19 (0.77–1.83)	5
Orebro	65	65	2.13 (0.95–4.78)		1.69 (0.71–4.04)	31	1.91 (0.81–4.48)	14	1.89 (0.81–4.40)	16
Porto	90	90	1.41 (0.70–2.82)		1.13 (0.54–2.39)	64	1.31 (0.65–2.63)	21	1.01 (0.52–1.99)	8
Auckland	231	179	1.13 (0.71–1.78)		1.01 (0.64–1.60)	92	0.93 (0.57–1.53)	159	1.09 (0.69–1.73)	29
L'Aquila	869	852	1.11 (1.01–1.21)		1.05 (0.97–1.14)	53	1.11 (1.02–1.21)	0	—	
Pooled	1,485	564	1.12 (1.03–1.22)		1.05 (0.96–1.13)	57	1.07 (0.81–1.43)	40	1.18 (0.90–1.54)	–46
			I ² =0.0% p=0.556		I ² =0.0% p=0.670		I ² =0.0% p=0.446		I ² =0.0% p=0.678	

Bold denotes statistically significant results.

^aThe sample size was the same among the unadjusted model, age-adjusted model, and fully adjusted model.

^b% change of coefficient of sex difference in mortality rate ratio that was calculated by the formula (unadjusted β–adjusted β)/unadjusted β × 100.

Supplementary Table S14. Relative Risk of Having Poorer Functional Outcome for Women Survivors with Ischemic Stroke and Atrial Fibrillation Compared with Men at 1 Year After Stroke in Crude Models and Models with Adjustment for Age, Severity, and Prestroke Dependency

Study	Total N	N ^a	Unadjusted		Adjusted for age		Adjusted for severity		Adjusted for prestroke dependency	
			RR (95% CI)		RR (95% CI)	Δ% ^b	RR (95% CI)	Δ% ^b	RR (95% CI)	Δ% ^b
Joinville	51	51	3.52 (1.04–11.9)		1.43 (0.45–4.51)	72	3.09 (0.74–12.9)	10	—	
Melbourne	78	74	1.40 (0.96–2.05)		1.25 (0.86–1.82)	34	1.3 4 (0.93–1.94)	13	1.55 (1.02–2.34)	–30
Arcadia	76	76	1.38 (0.78–2.43)		1.40 (0.79–2.45)	–5	1.42 (0.81–2.46)	–9	—	
Orebro	37	37	1.42 (0.64–3.12)		1.04 (0.52–2.10)	89	1.32 (0.65–2.68)	21	1.49 (0.68–3.27)	–14
Porto	43	43	1.11 (0.66–1.86)		1.15 (0.69–1.92)	–34	1.11 (0.66–1.86)	0	1.06 (0.65–1.72)	44
Tartu	45	41	0.95 (0.44–2.05)		0.84 (0.41–1.72)	–240	0.84 (0.39–1.83)	–240	0.82 (0.40–1.67)	–287
Pooled	330	322	1.33 (1.05–1.68)		1.19 (0.94–1.49)	39	1.28 (1.01–1.61)	13	1.24 (0.96–1.61)	25
			I ² =0.0% p=0.582		I ² =0.0% p=0.906		I ² =0.0% p=0.692		I ² =0.0% p=0.431	

Bold denotes statistically significant results.

^aThe sample size was the same among the unadjusted model, age-adjusted model, and fully adjusted model.

^b% change of coefficient of sex difference in mortality rate ratio that was calculated by the formula (unadjusted β–adjusted β)/unadjusted β × 100. RR, relative risk.

Supplementary Table S15. Relative Risk of Having Poorer Functional Outcome for Women Survivors with Ischemic Stroke and Atrial Fibrillation Compared with Men at 5 Years After Stroke in Crude Models and Models with Adjustment for Age, Severity, and Prestroke Dependency

Study	Total N	N ^a	Unadjusted		Adjusted for age		Adjusted for severity		Adjusted for prestroke dependency	
			RR (95% CI)		RR (95% CI)	Δ% ^b	RR (95% CI)	Δ% ^b	RR (95% CI)	Δ% ^b
Melbourne	62	62	1.11 (0.70–1.77)		1.01 (0.64–1.60)	90	1.11 (0.70–1.77)	0	1.15 (0.69–1.91)	–34
Porto	26	26	1.25 (0.79–1.97)		1.27 (0.82–2.00)	–7	1.25 (0.79–1.97)	0	1.27 (0.81–2.00)	–7
Auckland	38	27	2.35 (0.60–9.20)		1.80 (0.45–7.22)	82	2.29 (0.58–9.06)	77	1.79 (0.42–7.63)	76
Pooled	126	115	1.22 (0.89–1.68)		1.17 (0.86–1.58)	21	1.22 (0.89–1.68)	0	1.23 (0.90–1.69)	–4
			I ² =0.0% p=0.591		I ² =0.0% p=0.639		I ² =0.0% p=0.211		I ² =0.0% p=0.835	

Bold denotes statistically significant results.

^aThe sample size was the same among the unadjusted model, age-adjusted model, and fully adjusted model.

^b% change of coefficient of sex difference in mortality rate ratio that was calculated by the formula (unadjusted β–adjusted β)/unadjusted β × 100.



Supplementary Table S16. Relative Risk of Having Poorer Outcome (Either Mortality or Poor Functional Outcome [Modified Rankin Scale >2 or Barthel Index <20]) at 1 Year After Stroke Among Survivors with Ischemic Stroke and Atrial Fibrillation in Crude Models and Adjusted Models Among Studies with Mortality and Functional Outcome Data

Study	N ^a	Unadjusted		Adjusted for age		Adjusted for severity		Adjusted for prestroke dependency		Fully adjusted	
		RR (95% CI)	$\Delta\%^b$	RR (95% CI)	$\Delta\%^b$	RR (95% CI)	$\Delta\%^b$	RR (95% CI)	$\Delta\%^b$	RR (95% CI)	$\Delta\%^b$
Joinville	77	2.59 (1.41-4.75)	21	2.12 (1.09-4.10)	27	2.01 (1.17-3.47)	—	—	1.72 (0.92-3.20)	43	
Melbourne	175	1.13 (0.98-1.31)	45	1.07 (0.93-1.22)	15	1.11 (0.97-1.28)	—	—	1.07 (0.95-1.23)	45	
Arcadia	136	1.09 (0.86-1.39)	-11	1.10 (0.87-1.39)	32	1.06 (0.84-1.34)	—	—	1.06 (0.84-1.33)	32	
Orebro	65	1.29 (0.88-1.89)	66	1.09 (0.78-1.52)	52	1.13 (0.80-1.58)	—	—	0.98 (0.72-1.33)	108	
Porto	90	1.83 (1.14-2.94)	7	1.75 (1.08-2.83)	9	1.73 (1.08-2.78)	—	—	1.61 (1.00-2.60)	36	
Tartu	105	1.01 (0.81-1.27)	615	0.95 (0.75-1.19)	303	0.98 (0.80-1.20)	—	—	0.99 (0.80-1.23)	829	
Pooled	648	1.25 (1.04-1.50)	45	1.13 (0.97-1.32)	33	1.16 (0.99-1.34)	—	—	1.14 (0.99-1.32)	74	
		$I^2 = 12.3\%$	$p = 0.030$	$I^2 = 9.2\%$	$p = 0.101$	$I^2 = 48.1\%$	$p = 0.086$	$I^2 = 23.5\%$	$p = 0.270$	$I^2 = 15.2\%$	$p = 0.317$

Bold denotes statistically significant results.

^aThe sample size was the same among the unadjusted model, age-adjusted model, and fully adjusted model.

^b% change of coefficient of sex difference in mortality rate ratio that was calculated by the formula (unadjusted β -adjusted β)/unadjusted $\beta \times 100$.



Supplementary Table S17. Relative Risk of Having Poorer Outcome (Either Died or Poorly Functioned [Modified Rankin Scale >2 or Barthel Index <20]) at 5 Years After Stroke Among Survivors with Ischemic Stroke and Atrial Fibrillation in Crude Models and Adjusted Models Among Studies with Mortality and Functional Outcome Data

Study	N ^a	Unadjusted	Adjusted for age		Adjusted for severity		Adjusted for prestroke dependency		Fully adjusted	
		RR (95% CI)	RR (95% CI)	Δ% ^b	RR (95% CI)	Δ% ^b	RR (95% CI)	Δ% ^b	RR (95% CI)	Δ% ^b
Melbourne	217	1.05 (0.94–1.17)	0.99 (0.89–1.10)	121	1.05 (0.94–1.16)	0	1.06 (0.95–1.18)	–19	1.00 (0.91–1.12)	100
Porto	72	1.76 (1.16–2.67)	1.16 (1.07–2.42)	73	1.64 (1.09–2.48)	12	1.65 (1.07–2.55)	11	1.43 (0.94–2.17)	37
Auckland	110	1.05 (0.89–1.24)	1.01 (0.86–1.18)	80	1.04 (0.88–1.22)	20	1.02 (0.87–1.20)	59	0.99 (0.85–1.16)	121
Pooled	399	1.18 (0.94–1.49)	1.11 (0.90–1.38)	37	1.15 (0.93–1.42)	16	1.14 (0.93–1.39)	21	1.06 (0.90–1.25)	65
		<i>I</i> ² =8.6% <i>p</i> =0.014	<i>I</i> ² =8.0% <i>p</i> =0.019		<i>I</i> ² =72.5% <i>p</i> =0.026		<i>I</i> ² =69.6% <i>p</i> =0.037		<i>I</i> ² =4.9% <i>p</i> =0.085	

Bold denotes statistically significant results.

^aThe sample size was the same among the unadjusted model, age-adjusted model, and fully adjusted model.

^b% change of coefficient of sex difference in mortality rate ratio that was calculated by the formula (unadjusted β–adjusted β)/unadjusted β × 100.

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