

Table 1. Characteristics at base line

	Group 1 n=11	Group 2 n=21	p value
Age - median(IQR) yr	63(60-71)	58(50-67)	0.142
Male - no. (%)	8(72.7)	16(76.2)	1
Body mass index - median(IQR)	25.1(22.8-26.5)	24.7(22.3-28.0)	1
Body surface area - median(IQR)	1.70(1.58-1.81)	1.81(1.71-1.91)	0.168
New York Heart Association class- no. (%)			
I	4(36.4)	8(38.1)	
II	5(45.5)	5(23.8)	
III	2(18.2)	8(38.1)	
IV	0(0)	0(0)	
Type of atrial fibrillation - no. (%)			
Paroxysmal	2(18.2)	0(0)	
Persistent	7(63.6)	18(85.7)	
Long standing persistent	2(18.2)	3(14.3)	
CHADS2			
CHA2DS2-VASc	2(1.5-2.5)	2(1-2)	0.932
	3(2-4)	2(2-3)	0.683
echocardiographic parameters - median(IQR)			
LAD - mm	47.1(42.3-51.9)	44.5(37.5-45.6)	0.0843
LAV - ml	76.5(70.7-93.9)	68.1(54.0-76.8)	0.0519
LAVI - ml/m ²	46.1(41.7-52.5)	31.9(29.6-43.6)	0.0173
LVEF - %	35.7(24.0-42.4)	38.4(28.9-43.0)	0.766
LV end-diastolic diameter - mm	53.6(53.2-60.9)	49.9(47.5-57.4)	0.19
LV end-systolic diameter - mm	45.6(43.2-52.6)	40.7(34.4-47.6)	0.165
computed tomographic parameters - median(IQR)			
LAV - ml	165(154-194)	141(118-158)	0.00483
LAVI - ml/m ²	101(88-117)	75(63-88)	0.00232
Period from CT to ablation - d	11(8-13)	13(10-15)	0.187
NT-proBNP - median (IQR) pg/ml			
Hb - median (IQR) g/dl	715(522-1716)	819(586-1323)	0.755
eGFR - median (IQR) ml/min/1.73m ²	14(13.5-15.1)	14.7(14.2-16.2)	0.197
	60(56-70)	66(58-77)	0.475
Hypertension - no. (%)			
Diabetes - no. (%)	7(63.6)	15(71.4)	0.703
Chronic renal disease - no. (%)	2(18.2)	3(14.3)	1
Dyslipidemia - no. (%)	1(9.1)	2(9.5)	1
Sleep apnea syndrome - no. (%)	4(36.4)	7(33.3)	1
Alcohol consumption - no. (%)	2(18.2)	1(4.8)	0.2661
Current smoker - no. (%)	7(63.6)	13(61.9)	1
Beta-blocker use - no. (%)	1(9.1)	6(28.6)	0.3741
ARB or ACE inhibitor use - no. (%)	9(81.8)	20(95.2)	0.266
MRA use - no. (%)	7(63.6)	8(38.1)	0.2662
Loup diuretic use - no. (%)	8(72.7)	13(61.9)	0.7026
Amiodarone use - no. (%)	10(90.9)	12(57.1)	0.1058
Bepridil use - no. (%)	2(18.2)	4(19)	1
Digitalis use - no. (%)	2(18.2)	5(23.8)	1
CIED - no. (%)	0(0)	1(4.8)	1
	2(18.2)	0(0)	0.111

Abbreviations: IQR, interquartile range; LAD, left atrial diameter; LAV, left atrial volume; LAVI, left atrial volume index; LVEF, left ventricular ejection fraction; LV, left ventricular; CT, computed tomography; ARB, angiotensin II receptor blocker; ACE, angiotensin converting enzyme; MRA, mineralocorticoid receptor antagonist; CIED, cardiac implantable electronic device