

Table 4. Independent predictors of use of rhythm control strategy in patients with paroxysmal AF

Variable	Multivariate analysis		
	OR	95% CI	p-value
Non-emergency centre	2.51	1.65-3.82	<0.001
Management by cardiologist	2.56	1.70-3.84	<0.001
Palpitations	1.77	1.20-2.61	0.004
Symptoms attributable to AF*	1.65	1.15-2.37	0.006
Mean heart rate	1.09	1.07-1.16	<0.001
Hypertension	2.03	1.41-2.92	<0.001
AF was the main reason for hospitalization	2.99	2.27-3.94	<0.001
Mean CHA ₂ DS ₂ -VASc score	0.80	0.73-0.87	<0.001
Heart failure	0.67	0.47-0.94	0.022

*As judged by the responsible physician/investigator.

AF, atrial fibrillation, CI, confidence interval, OR, odds ratio, CHA₂DS₂-VASc, congestive heart failure, hypertension, age ≥ 75 years, diabetes, stroke/transient ischemic attack (TIA), vascular disease, age 65 to 74 years, sex category (female).