

**Table S1.** Baseline characteristics of the general population and of the 40 patients not included in the final analysis due to exclusion criteria.

	<b>OVERALL (n 260)</b>	<b>EXCLUDED (n 40)</b>
Age, Mean $\pm$ SD	72.7 $\pm$ 8.8	72.7 $\pm$ 11.3
Male, n (%)	175 (67%)	16 (40%)
NIDDM, n (%)	53 (20%)	4 (10%)
IDDM, n (%)	22 (8.5%)	1 (2.5%)
Hypertension, n (%)	202 (77.7%)	21 (52.5%)
Previous TIA, n (%)	24 (9.2%)	3 (7.5%)
Previous Stroke, n (%)	66 (25.4%)	10 (25%)
Previous Major Bleeding, n (%)	147 (56.5%)	16 (40%)
Congestive Heart Failure, n (%)	74 (28.5%)	16 (40%)
Coronary artery disease patients, n (%)	84 (32%)	12 (30%)
Ejection Fraction, Mean $\pm$ SD	52 $\pm$ 10	62.5 $\pm$ 13.6
Creatinine Clearance (ml/min), Mean $\pm$ SD	59 $\pm$ 27	58.1 $\pm$ 26.1
Chronic Kidney Disease, n (%)	83 (31.9%)	12 (30%)
Dialysis, n (%)	17 (6.5%)	1 (2.5%)
Hepatic Failure, n (%)	13 (5%)	0
Labile INR, n (%)	27 (10.4%)	6 (15%)
CHA <sub>2</sub> DS <sub>2</sub> -VASc score, Mean $\pm$ SD	3.8 $\pm$ 1.7	4.1 $\pm$ 1.6
HAS-BLED score, Mean $\pm$ SD	3.6 $\pm$ 1.4	3.4 $\pm$ 1.4
Previous trans-catheter ablation, n (%)	42 (16.2%)	2 (5%)
Previous surgical ablation, n (%)	1 (0.4%)	1 (2.5%)

NIDDM: non-insulin dependent diabetes mellitus; IDDM: insulin dependent diabetes mellitus; TIA: transient ischemic attack; INR: international normalized ratio.