

**Supplementary Table 1.** Comparison between performed transesophageal echocardiography (TEE) or not performed

	TEE (+) (n= 737)	TEE (-) (n= 759)	P value
Demographic data			
Sex (male)	461 (62.6)	452 (59.6)	0.234
Age, years $\pm$ standard deviation (SD)	63 $\pm$ 12	67 $\pm$ 12	0.001
Risk factors			
Hypertension	580 (78.7)	622 (81.9)	0.113
Diabetes Mellitus	248 (33.6)	253 (33.3)	0.897
Hyperlipidemia	56 (7.6)	48 (6.3)	0.333
Smoking	202 (27.4)	169 (22.3)	0.021
Atrial fibrillation	125 (17.0)	128 (16.8)	0.960
Previous stroke	135 (18.3)	180 (23.7)	0.010
Coronary artery disease	159 (21.6)	148 (19.5)	0.321
Congestive heart failure	29 (3.9)	41 (5.4)	0.179
Metabolic syndrome	284 (38.5)	292 (38.5)	0.980
Previous medications			
Anti-platelet	199 (27.0)	214 (28.2)	0.606
Anti-coagulant	51 (6.9)	57 (7.5)	0.659
Lipid lowering agents	94 (12.8)	97 (12.8)	0.988

Values are number (%) or means  $\pm$  SD.