

TABLE 1**Quality Assessment Questions****A. Representativeness of Study Population**

1. Were the setting and population described?
2. Were subject inclusion and exclusion criteria provided?
3. Was a log of excluded patients provided?
4. Were patient characteristics described (demographics, arrhythmia, comorbidities)?

B. Bias and Confounding

1. What was the degree of randomization?
2. What was the degree of blinding?
3. Did the patients in the treatment arms differ in important ways?

C. Description of Therapy

1. Was there a complete description of the therapeutic regimens?
2. Was there an assessment of compliance?
3. Was there a description of ancillary medications and procedures?
4. Were there differences between treatment arms in ancillary medications and procedures?

D. Outcomes and Follow-up

1. Were all the relevant outcomes reported?
2. Were the criteria for determining outcomes described?
3. Were the outcome assessment procedures objective?
4. Were the numbers, reasons, and outcomes of withdrawing patients reported?
5. What was the number of withdrawals?
6. What was the planned length of follow-up?

E. Statistical Quality and Interpretation

1. Was the magnitude of the difference in outcomes between groups reported with a measure of variability?
2. Were the statistical tests for all analyses identified?
3. Were outcomes assessed at multiple time points?
4. Were potential confounders controlled for in the analysis?
5. Were cross-overs handled appropriately in the analysis?