

Supplementary Table 2: Demographics and neurological characteristics in patients with PFO with or without ASA in cryptogenic stroke

	PFO with ASA (n=53)	PFO without ASA (n=81)	RR (95% CI)*	P-value
Age (median + interquartile range in years)	59 (47-72)	57 (48-69)	1.04 (0.95-1.15)	0.333
History of smoking	13 (24.5%)	22 (27.2%)	0.90 (0.50-1.63)	0.734
Hypertension	25 (47.2%)	40 (49.4%)	0.96 (0.67-1.37)	0.802
Hyperlipidemia	14 (26.4%)	23 (28.4%)	0.93 (0.53-1.64)	0.802
Diabetes mellitus	0 (0.0%)	2 (2.5%)	-	0.249
Known atrial fibrillation	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	-	-
Newly detected atrial fibrillation	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	-	-
Body mass index (median + interquartile range in kg/m ²)	25 (23-29)	26 (23-30)	0.99 (0.92-1.06)	0.474
NHSS admission (median + interquartile range)	2 (0-5)	1 (0-5)	1.18 (0.79-1.78)	0.420
NHSS discharge (median + interquartile range)	1 (0-3)	1 (0-3)	1.07 (0.69-1.66)	0.858
TIA	14 (26.4%)	21 (25.9%)	1.02 (0.57-1.82)	0.950
Anterior infarction	4 (7.5%)	2 (2.5%)	3.06 (0.58-16.10)	0.165
Media infarction	32 (60.4%)	53 (65.4%)	0.92 (0.70-1.20)	0.552
Posterior infarction	12 (22.6%)	21 (25.9%)	0.87 (0.47-1.62)	0.666
PFO: Patent foramen ovale NHSS: National Institute of Health Stroke Score RR: Risk ratio CI: Confidence Intervall				

* Risk ratio with 95% confidence interval for the comparison PFO with ASA vs PFO without ASA; for continuous variables geometric mean ratios are report; for NIHSS scores incidence rate ratios obtained via negative binomial regressions are reported.