

# Clinical trials of electrical cardioversion

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## 1 atrial fibrillation

Trial	Treatments	Patients	Trials design and methods
<b>electrical cardioversion vs rate control</b>			
<a href="#">Hot cafe , 2004</a> n=104/101 follow-up: 1.7 y	Cardioverted using internal or external cardioversion and then given prophylactic anti-arrhythmic drugs versus rate control (beta-blockers, digitalis, calcium antagonists or atrioventricular node ablation/modification with or without pacemaker implantation	patients with persistent atrial fibrillation	Parallel groups open
<a href="#">RACE , 2002</a> n=266/256 follow-up: 2.3 y	Rhythm control: serial cardioversions and antiarrhythmic drugs and oral anticoagulants versus Rate control (rate slowing medication and anticoagulation	patients with persistent atrial fibrillation after a previous electrical cardioversion	Parallel groups open
<a href="#">STAF , 2003</a> n=100/100 follow-up: 1.6 y	Direct current cardioversion with drugs to maintain sinus rhythm versus rate control and anticoagulants (or antithrombotics)	patients with persistent atrial fibrillation	Parallel groups open
<a href="#">J-RHYTHM</a> <i>ongoing</i> n=NA	-	-	Parallel groups

More details and results :

- rhythm control for atrial fibrillation in all type of patients at <http://www.trialresultscenter.org/go-Q112>

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ongoing trial