

1 **Supplementary appendix**

2 **Table 5. Search terms used for gathering all analyzed manuscripts**

Search	Query
#2	("postoperative period"[MeSH Terms] OR ("postoperative"[All Fields] AND "period"[All Fields]) OR "postoperative period"[All Fields] OR ("post"[All Fields] AND "operative"[All Fields]) OR "post operative"[All Fields]) AND ("atrial fibrillation"[MeSH Terms] OR ("atrial"[All Fields] AND "fibrillation"[All Fields]) OR "atrial fibrillation"[All Fields]) AND "atrial fibrillation"[MeSH Terms] AND "POAF"[All Fields] AND ("hospital costs"[MeSH Terms] OR ("hospital"[All Fields] AND "costs"[All Fields]) OR "hospital costs"[All Fields] OR ("hospital"[All Fields] AND "cost"[All Fields]) OR "hospital cost"[All Fields] OR ("hospital costs"[MeSH Terms] OR ("hospital"[All Fields] AND "costs"[All Fields]) OR "hospital costs"[All Fields]))
#1	("post-operative atrial fibrillation"[All Fields] OR "postoperative atrial fibrillation"[All Fields]) AND ("length of stay"[MeSH Terms] OR ("length"[All Fields] AND "stay"[All Fields]) OR "length of stay"[All Fields] OR ("hospital costs"[MeSH Terms] OR ("hospital"[All Fields] AND "costs"[All Fields]) OR "hospital costs"[All Fields] OR ("hospital"[All Fields] AND "cost"[All Fields]) OR "hospital cost"[All Fields]))

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