Reviewer’s report

Title: Thromboembolic event rate in paroxysmal and persistent atrial fibrillation: Data from the GISSI-AF trial

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The authors have done a nice job of addressing the concerns raised in my initial review.

Minor Essential Revisions:
1. On page 6, first sentence of the Statistical Methods section: the words "or uncertain" should be deleted since these patients are now excluded from the analysis.
2. On page 7, fourth sentence of the Patient Characteristics section: please double-check the number of patients with spontaneous restoration of SR and cardioversion. I would have expected these numbers to add up to 771 patients (not 761). If the numbers are correct, what accounts for the missing 10 patients?

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

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I am an employee and stockholder of Medtronic.