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## Institutional review board statement

The patients in the study underwent repeat procedures after catheter ablation of atrial fibrillation using the cryoballoon technique. They were treated as clinically indicated and gave written informed consent for the repeat ablation procedures. No approval of the study by the institutional committee on Human Research was needed, because the study does only present a descriptive analysis of the outcome of procedures which were performed as clinically indicated.

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