Table 1   Baseline characteristics in all patients

Patient number; n	52
Age; yr	61±16
Male gender; n (%)	31 (60)
Hypertension; n (%)	29 (56)
Diabetes mellitus; n (%)	14 (27)
Atrial fibrillation; n (%)	9 (17)
previous embolic events; n (%)	8 (15)
Systolic blood pressure; mmHg	128±21
Blood test	
White blood cell; $\times 10^9$/l	11.8±5.1
Hemoglobin; g/dl	10.9±2.0
Platelet count; $\times 10^9$/l	200±94
C-reactive protein; mg/dl	8.5±6.6
Albumin; g/dl	2.7±0.7
Creatinine; mg/dl	1.35±1.44
LDL-cholesterol; mg/dl	84±29
Fasting blood glucose; mg/dl	118±28
Hemoglobin A1c; %	5.7±0.7
Brain natriuretic peptide; pg/ml	483±678

LDL: low-density lipoprotein