Table 2

Physical examination in a patient with suspected syncope

General inspection

- Head injury, lacerations, extremity fractures or other signs of trauma
- Tongue biting

Cardiopulmonary examination

- Heart rhythm abnormalities
- Heart murmurs
- Carotid bruits
- Peripheral oedema, raised jugular venous pressure, bilateral crackles or other signs of heart failure
- Peripheral SaO_2

Repeated blood pressure measurements

- While lying
- During active standing (after 3 min)

Neurological examination

- Focal neurological deficits