



# **Reduction in Total Ischemic Events in the Reduction of Cardiovascular Events with Icosapent Ethyl–Intervention Trial**

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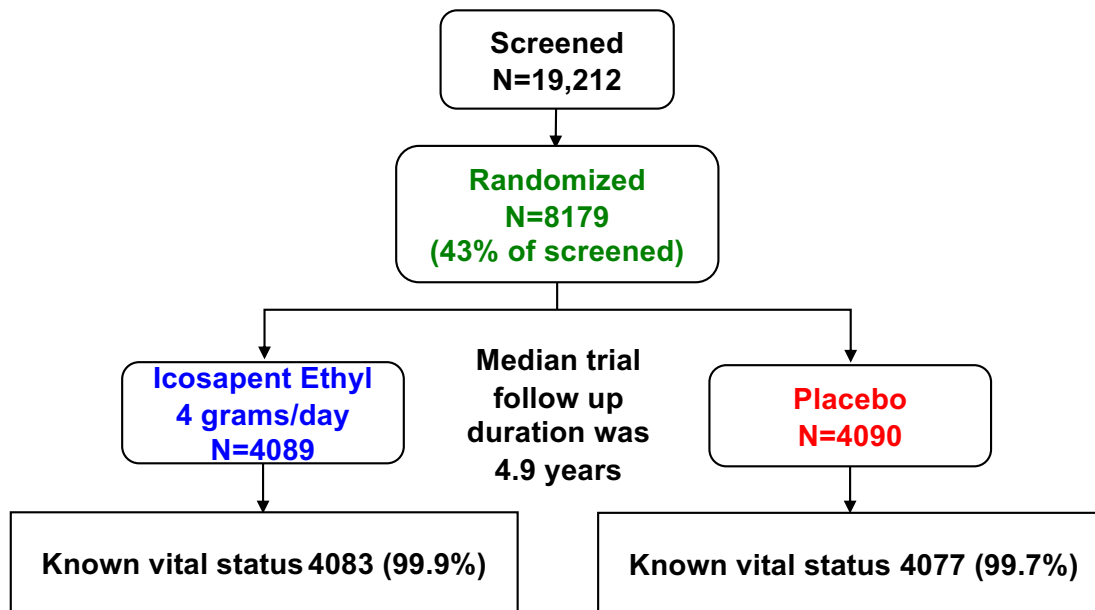
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# REDUCE-IT Design



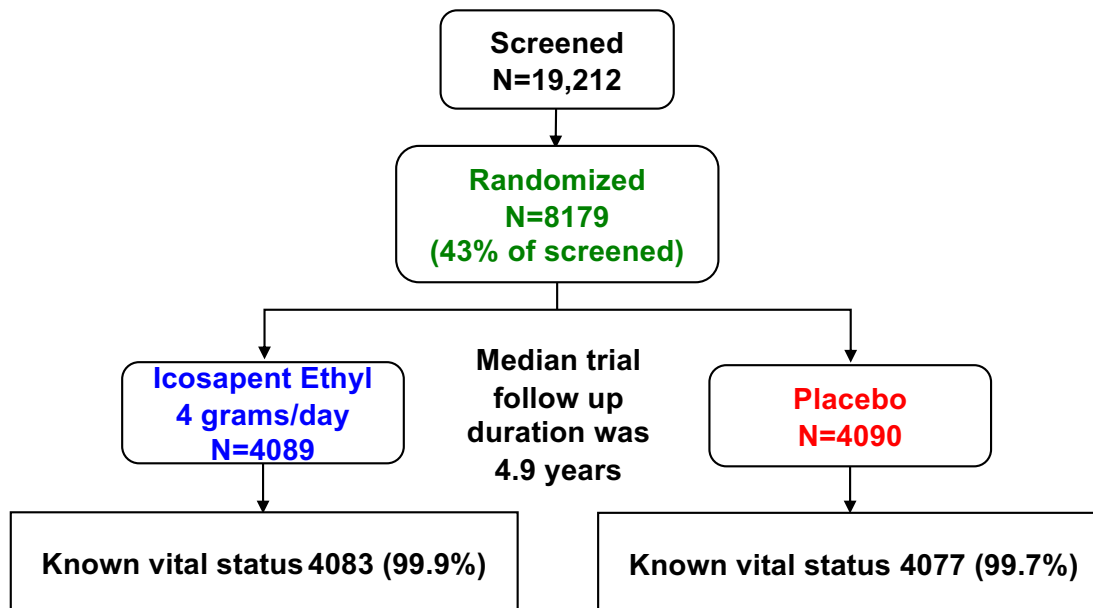
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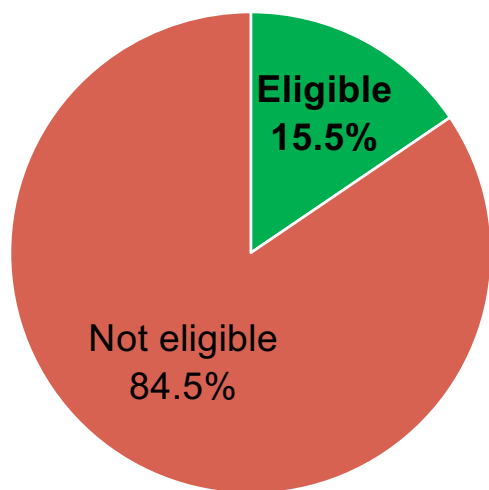
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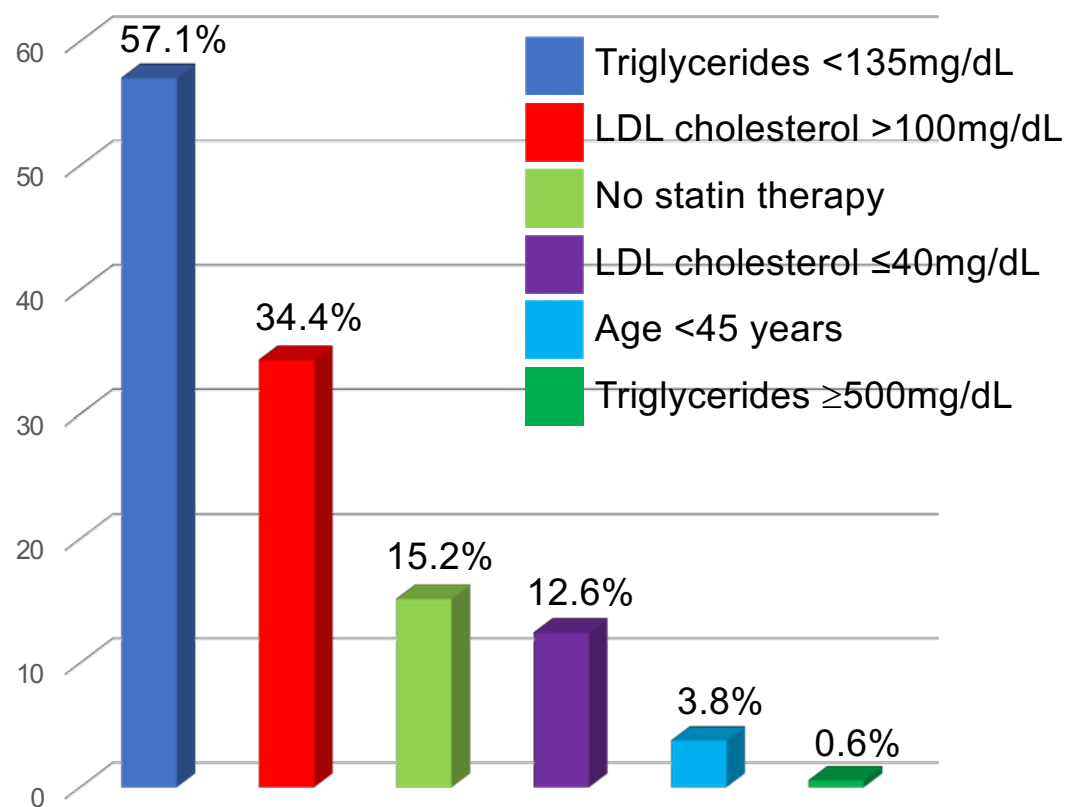
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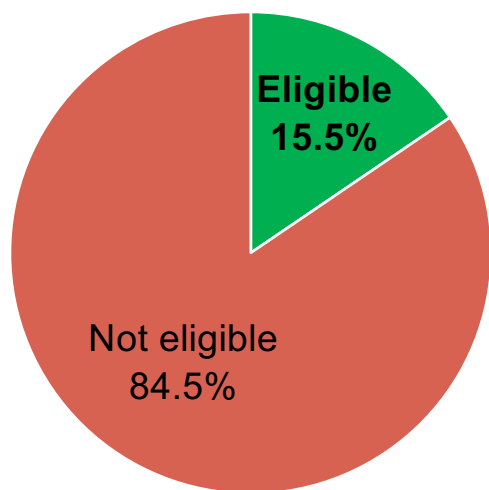
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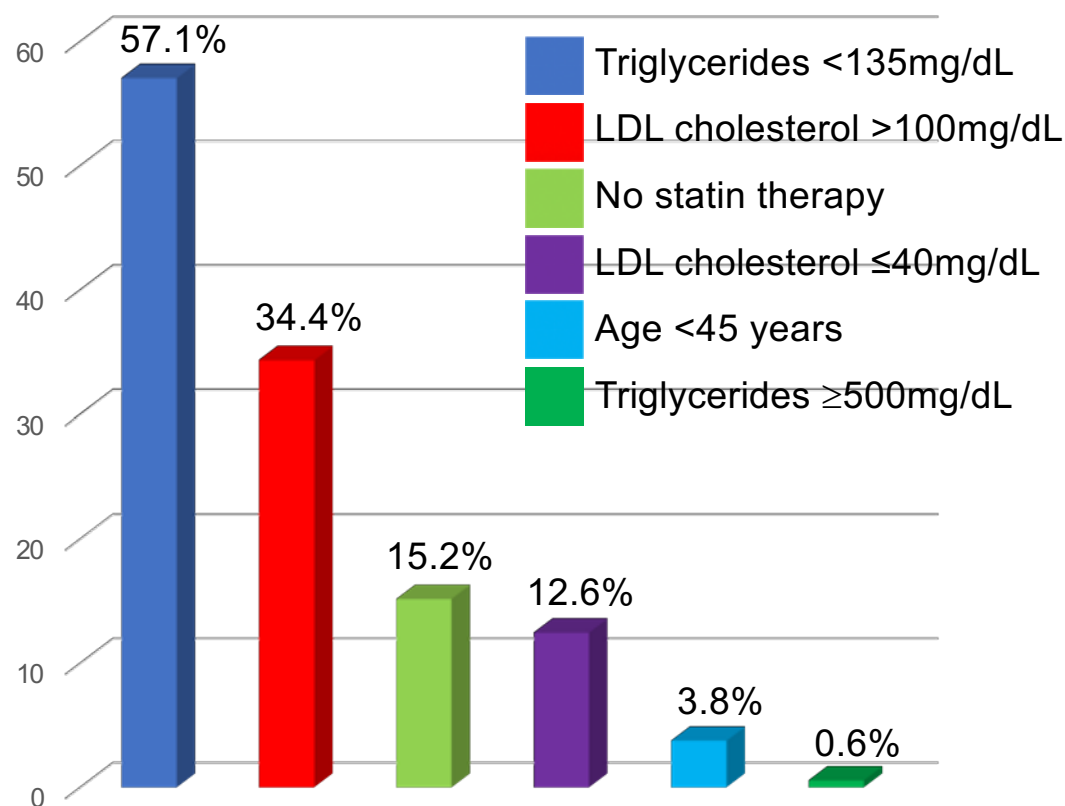


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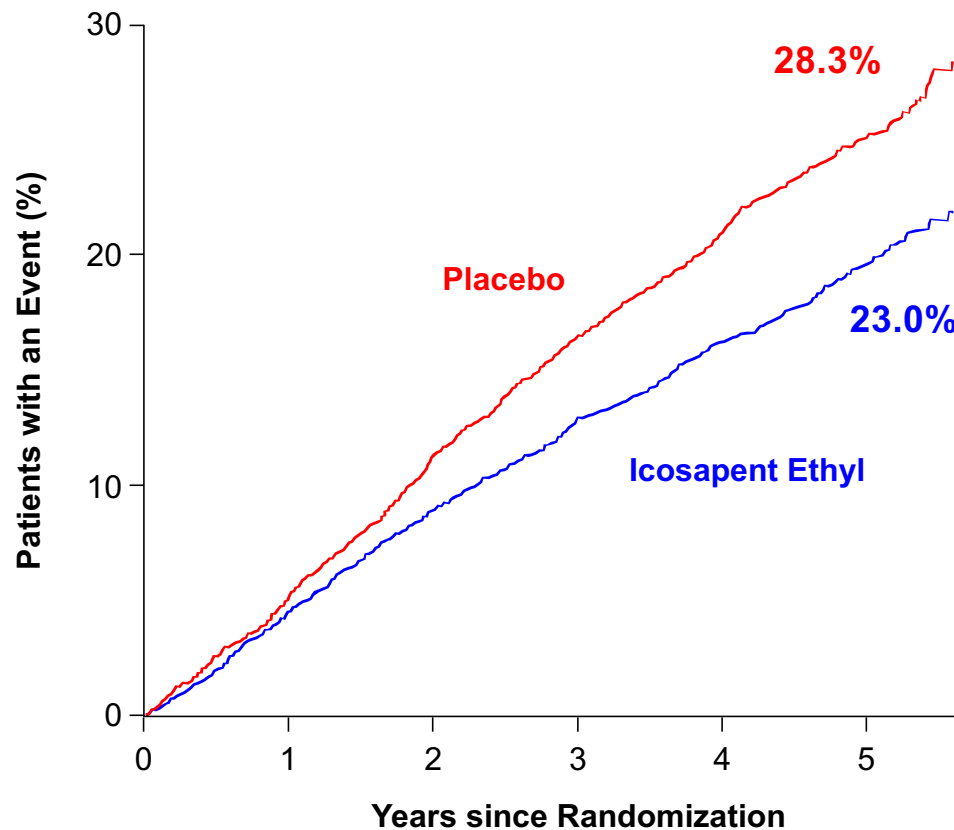
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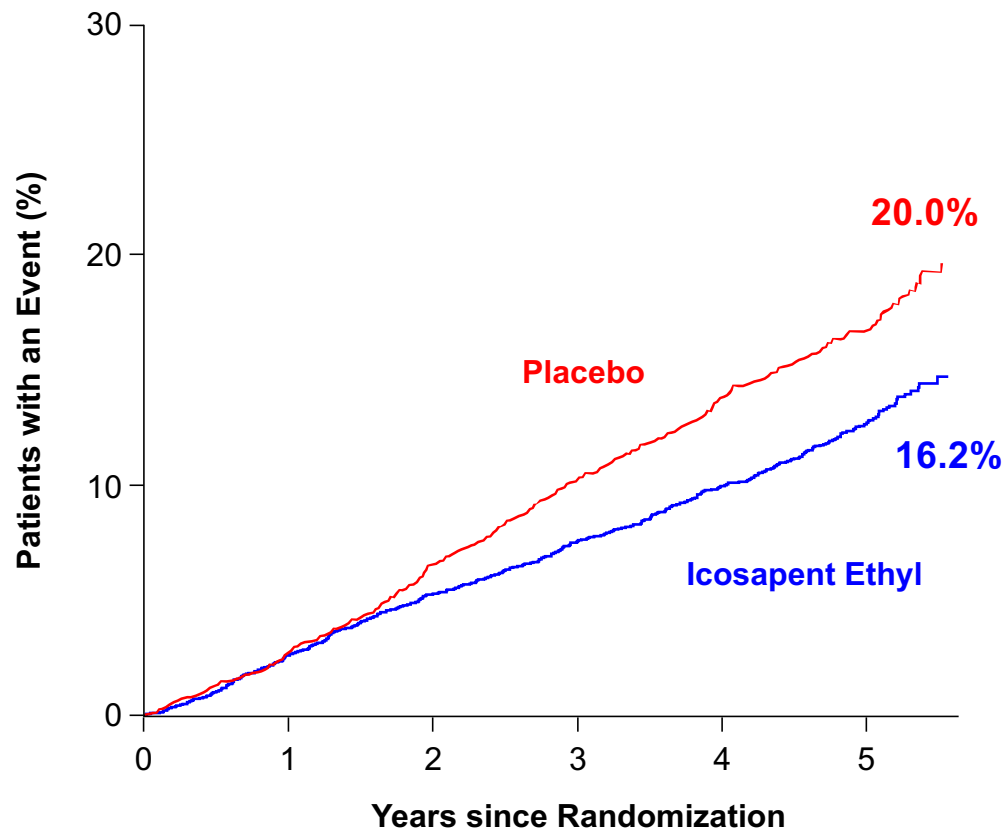
**ARR = 4.8%**

**NNT = 21** (95% CI, 15–33)

**P=0.00000001**



# Key Secondary End Point: CV Death, MI, Stroke



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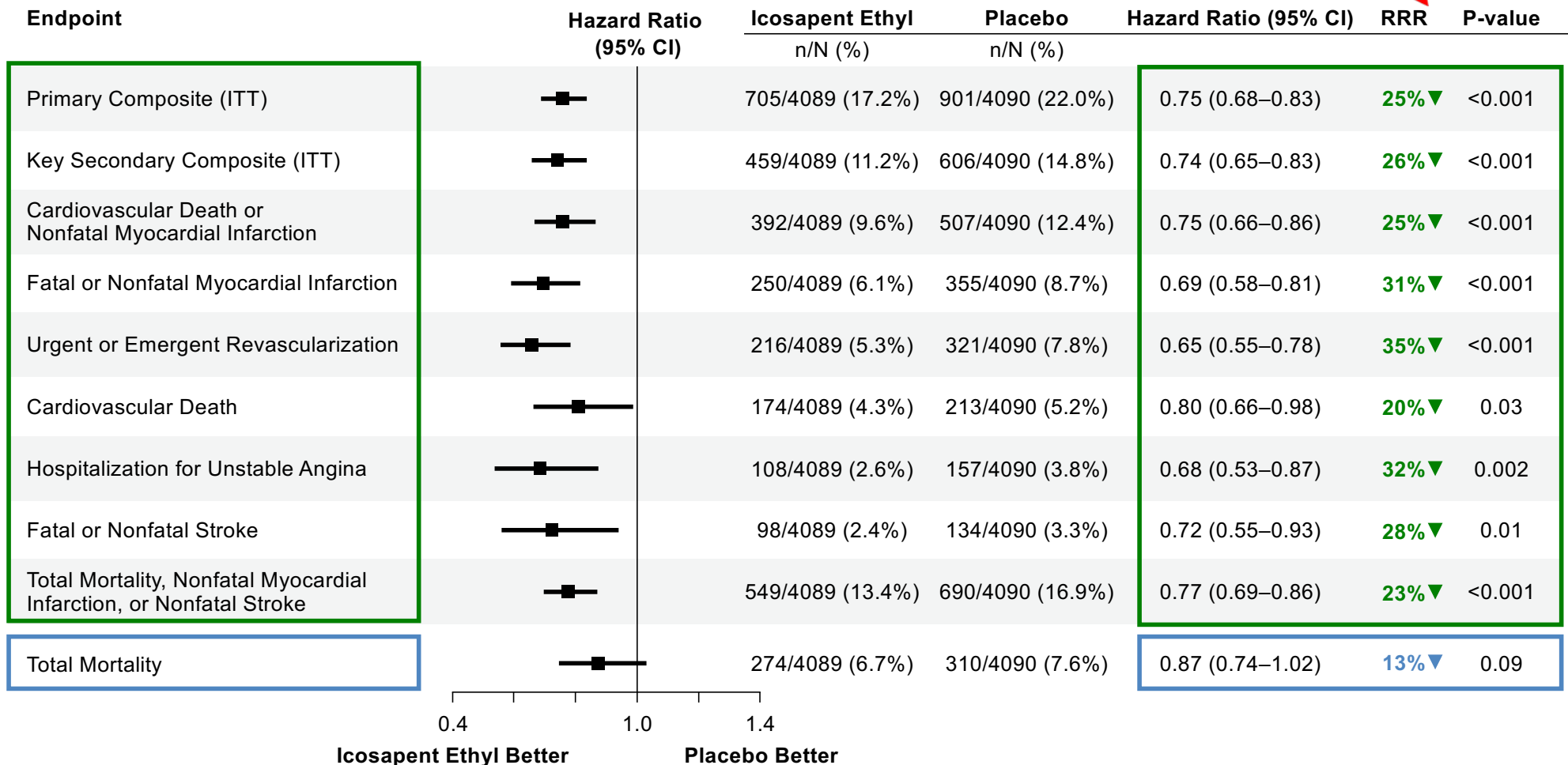
**RRR = 26.5%**

**ARR = 3.6%**

**NNT = 28 (95% CI, 20–47)**

**P=0.0000006**

# Prespecified Hierarchical Testing



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# Methods – Subsequent and Total Events

First events were significantly reduced, including CV death

- However, patients with non-fatal events are at increased risk for subsequent ischemic events

Multiple validated statistical models used to examine subsequent events

- Negative binomial regression (prespecified)
- Andersen-Gill (prespecified)
- Wei-Lin-Weissfeld with Li and Lagakos modification (prespecified)
- Joint-frailty (*post hoc*)

# Key Baseline Characteristics



|  | Icosapent Ethyl<br>(N=4089) | Placebo<br>(N=4090) |
|--|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| Age (years)  | 64                          | 64                  |
| Female, %  | 28.4%                       | 29.2%               |
| CV Risk Category, %                                |                             |                     |
| Secondary Prevention Cohort                        | 70.7%                       | 70.7%               |
| Primary Prevention Cohort                          | 29.3%                       | 29.3%               |
| Prior Atherosclerotic Coronary Artery Disease, %   | 58.4%                       | 58.5%               |
| Prior Atherosclerotic Cerebrovascular Disease, %   | 15.7%                       | 16.2%               |
| Prior Atherosclerotic Peripheral Artery Disease, % | 9.5%                        | 9.5%                |
| LDL-C (mg/dL), Median (Q1-Q3)                      | 74 (62 - 88)                | 76 (63 - 89)        |
| Triglycerides (mg/dL), Median (Q1-Q3)              | 217 (177 - 272)             | 216 (176 - 274)     |
| Triglyceride Category (by Tertiles)*               |                             |                     |
| ≥81 to ≤190 mg/dL                                  | median 163 mg/dL            |                     |
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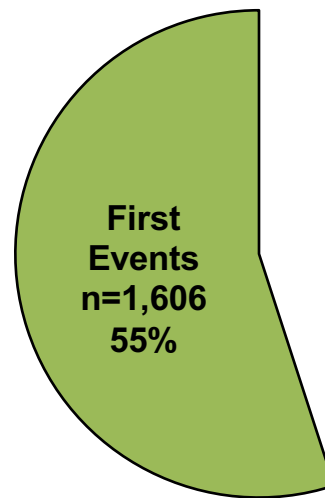
\*Baseline TG calculated as average of final screening TG and subsequent TG value from date of randomization.

# Key Medical Therapy



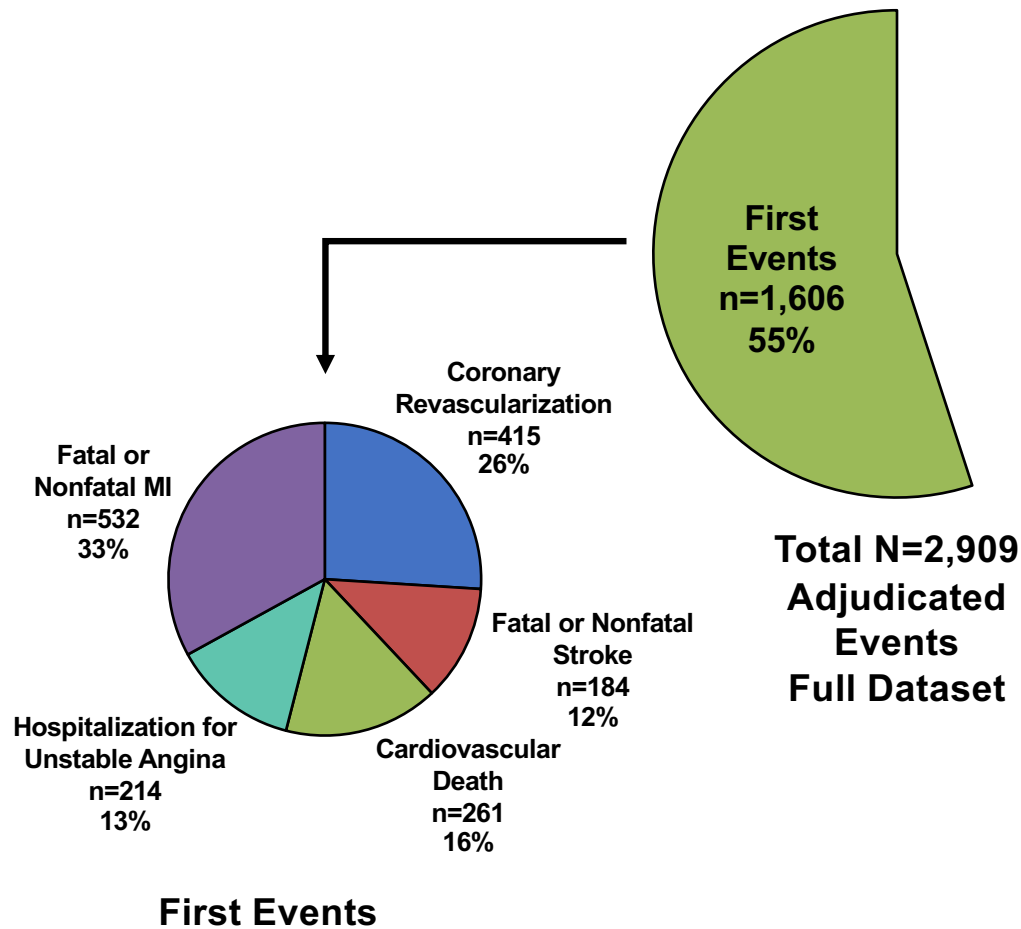
|                           | <b>Icosapent Ethyl<br/>(N=4089)</b> | <b>Placebo<br/>(N=4090)</b> |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Antiplatelet              | 3257 (79.7%)                        | 3236 (79.1%)                |
| One Antiplatelet          | 2416 (59.1%)                        | 2408 (58.9%)                |
| Two or More Antiplatelets | 841 (20.6%)                         | 828 (20.2%)                 |
| Anticoagulant             | 385 (9.4%)                          | 390 (9.5%)                  |
| ACEi or ARB               | 3164 (77.4%)                        | 3176 (77.7%)                |
| Beta Blocker              | 2902 (71.0%)                        | 2880 (70.4%)                |
| Statin                    | 4077 (99.7%)                        | 4068 (99.5%)                |

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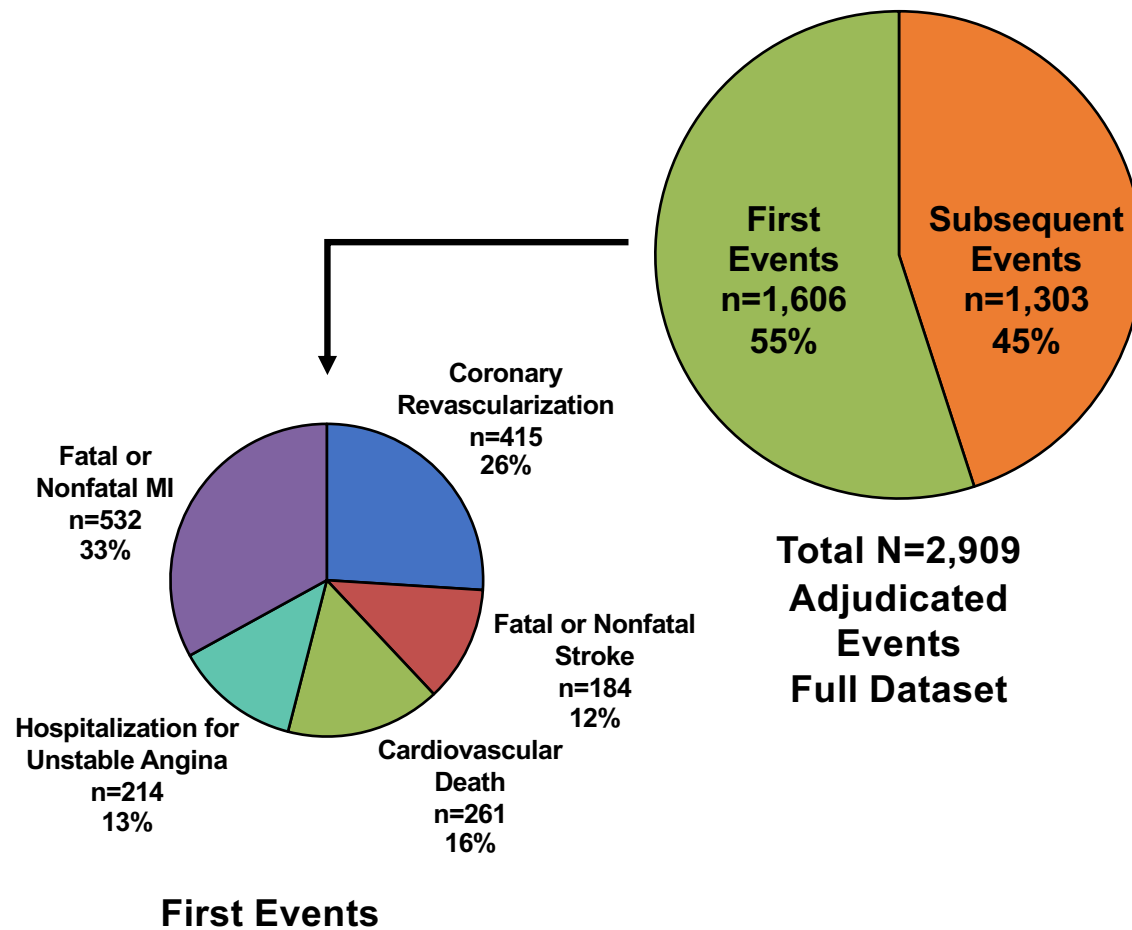


Total N=2,909  
Adjudicated  
Events  
Full Dataset

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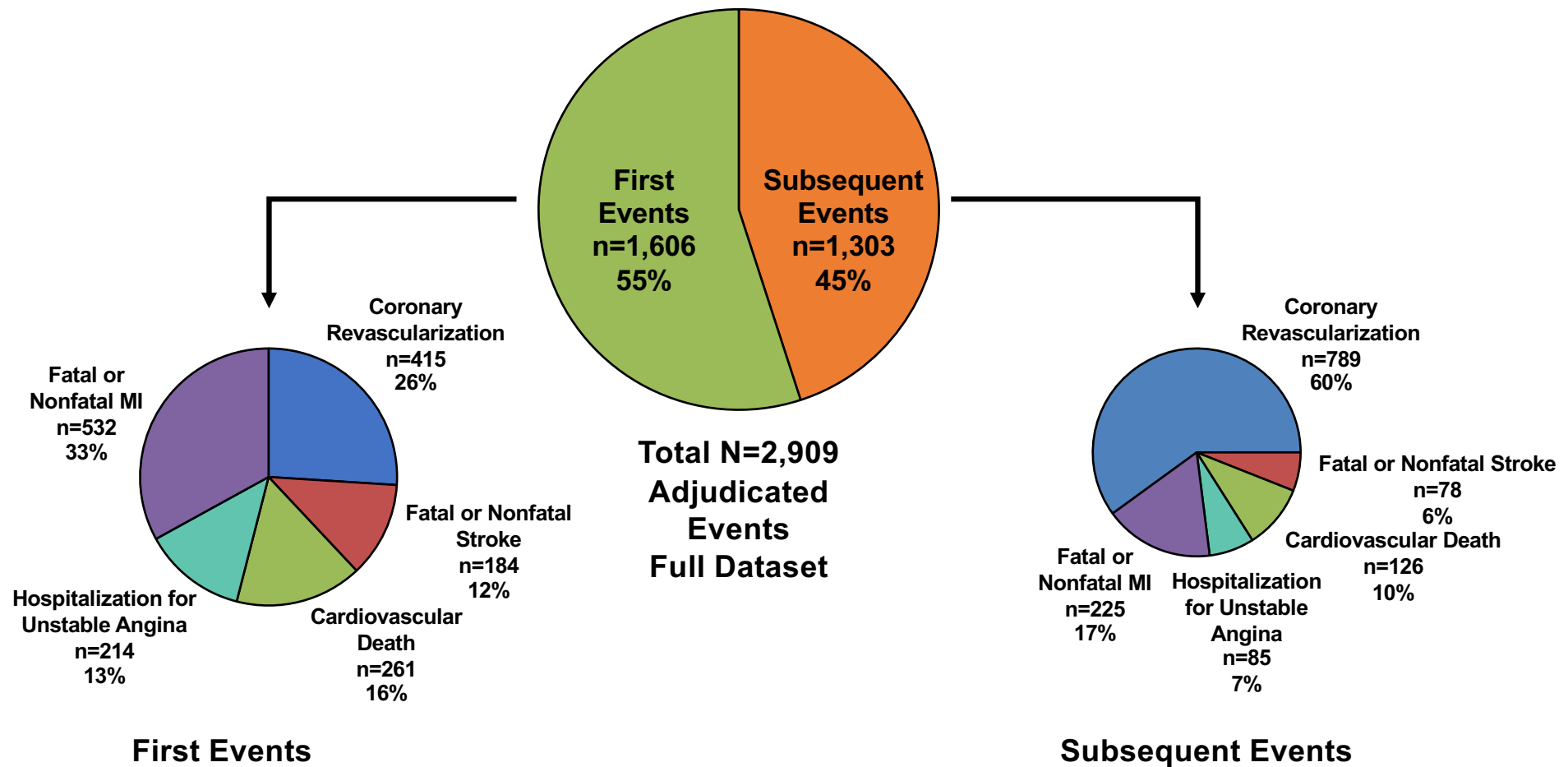


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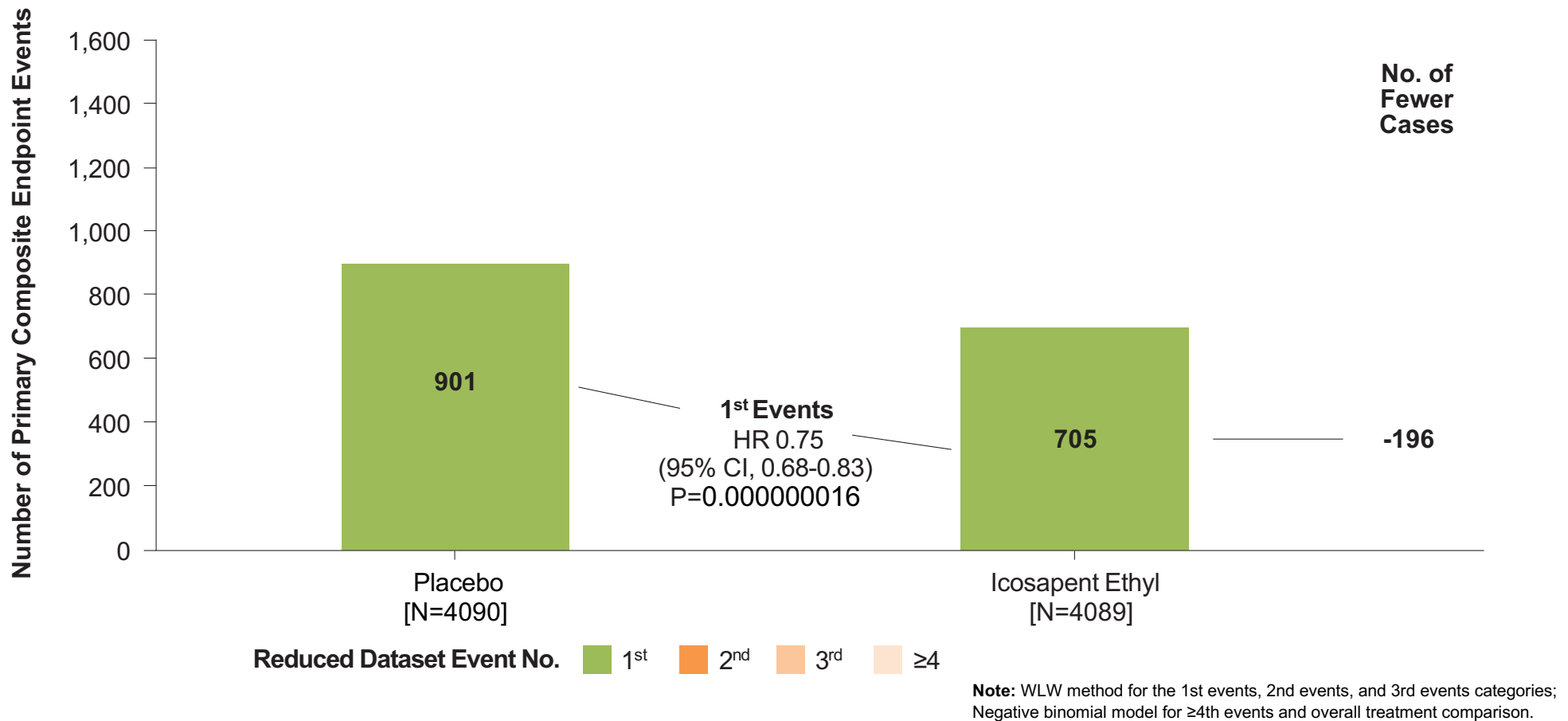
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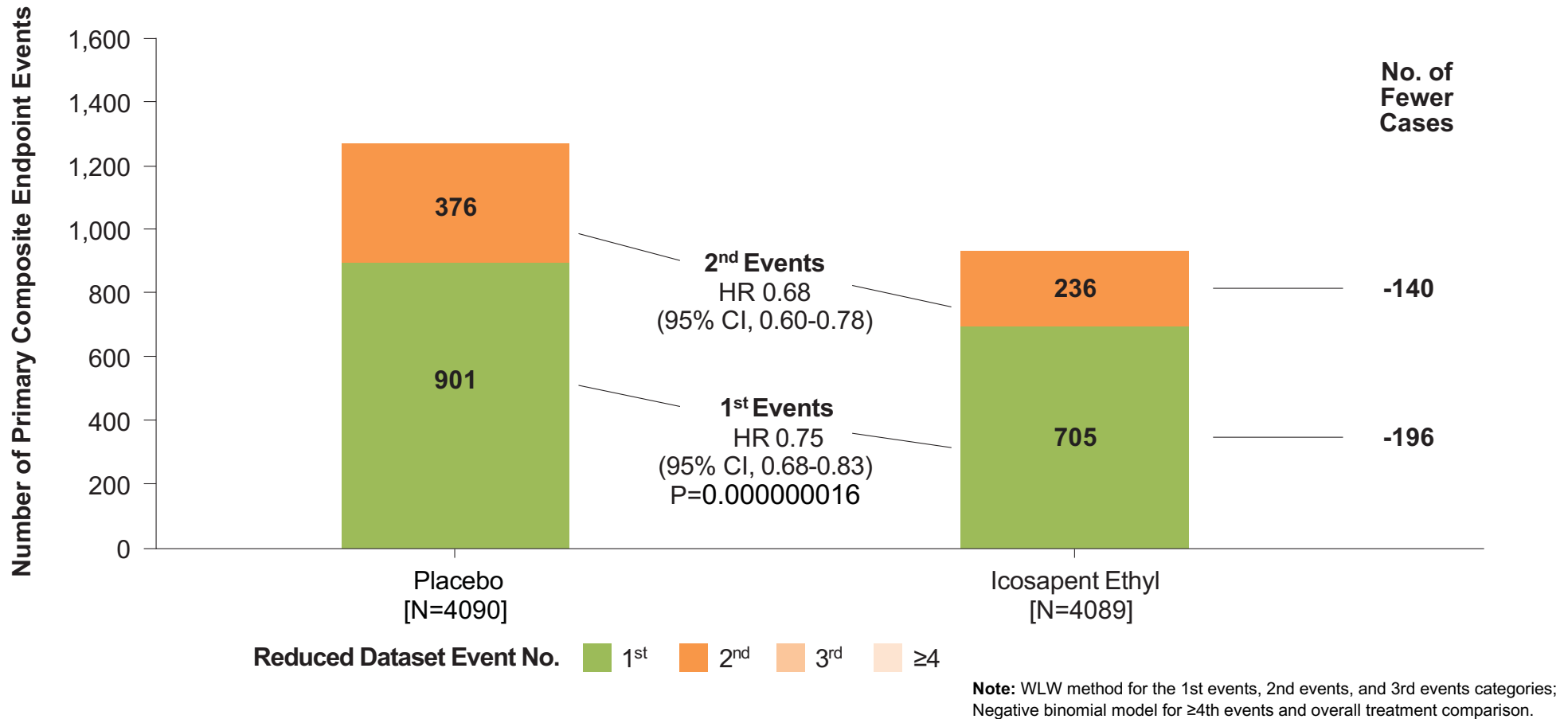
## Events on the Same Day:

- To improve model performance an event-bundling approach was employed
  - Nonfatal events occurring on the same day as a CV death were excluded and, at most, one nonfatal event was counted on any given day
  - Analyses using this approach are identified as using the “Reduced Dataset” – a more conservative approach
  - Results are qualitatively very similar to our prespecified approach using the “Full Dataset”

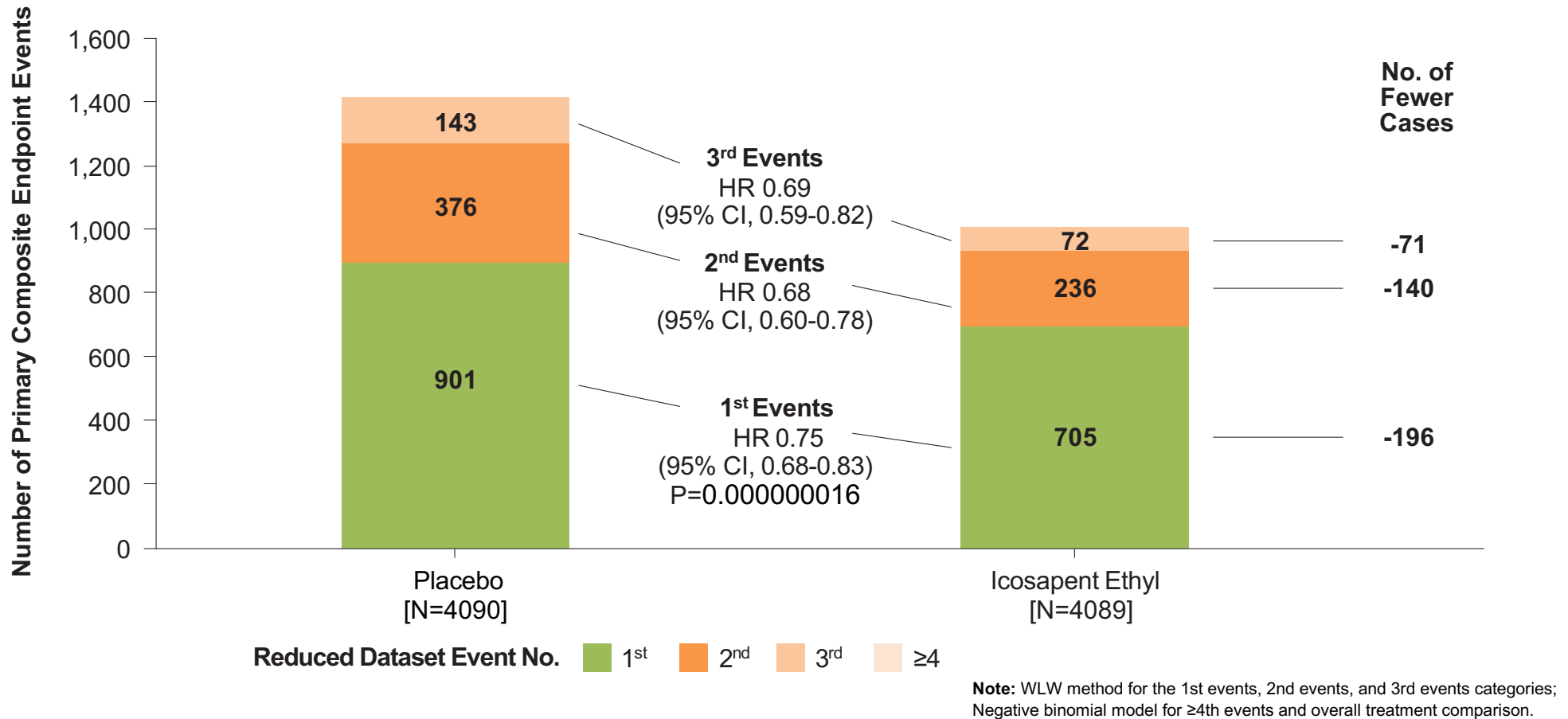
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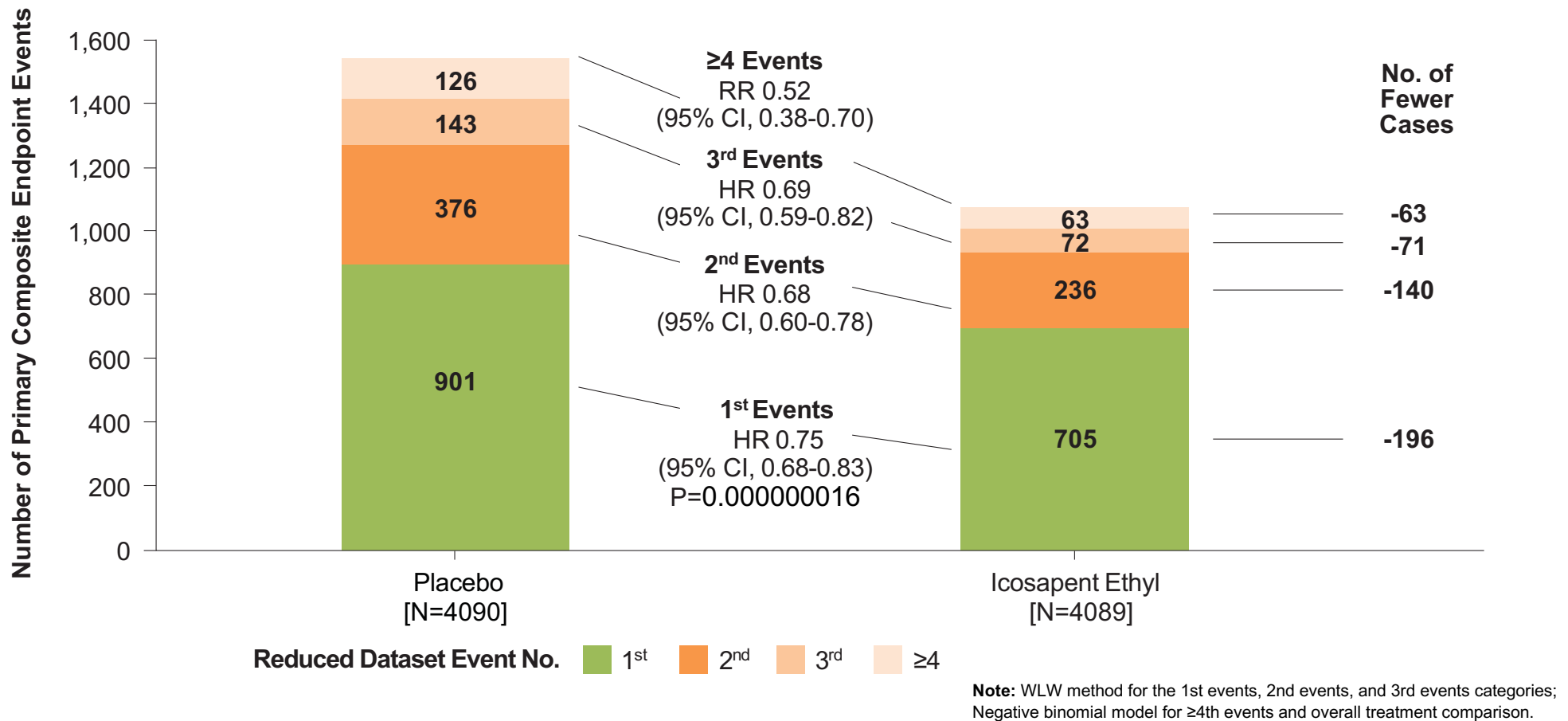
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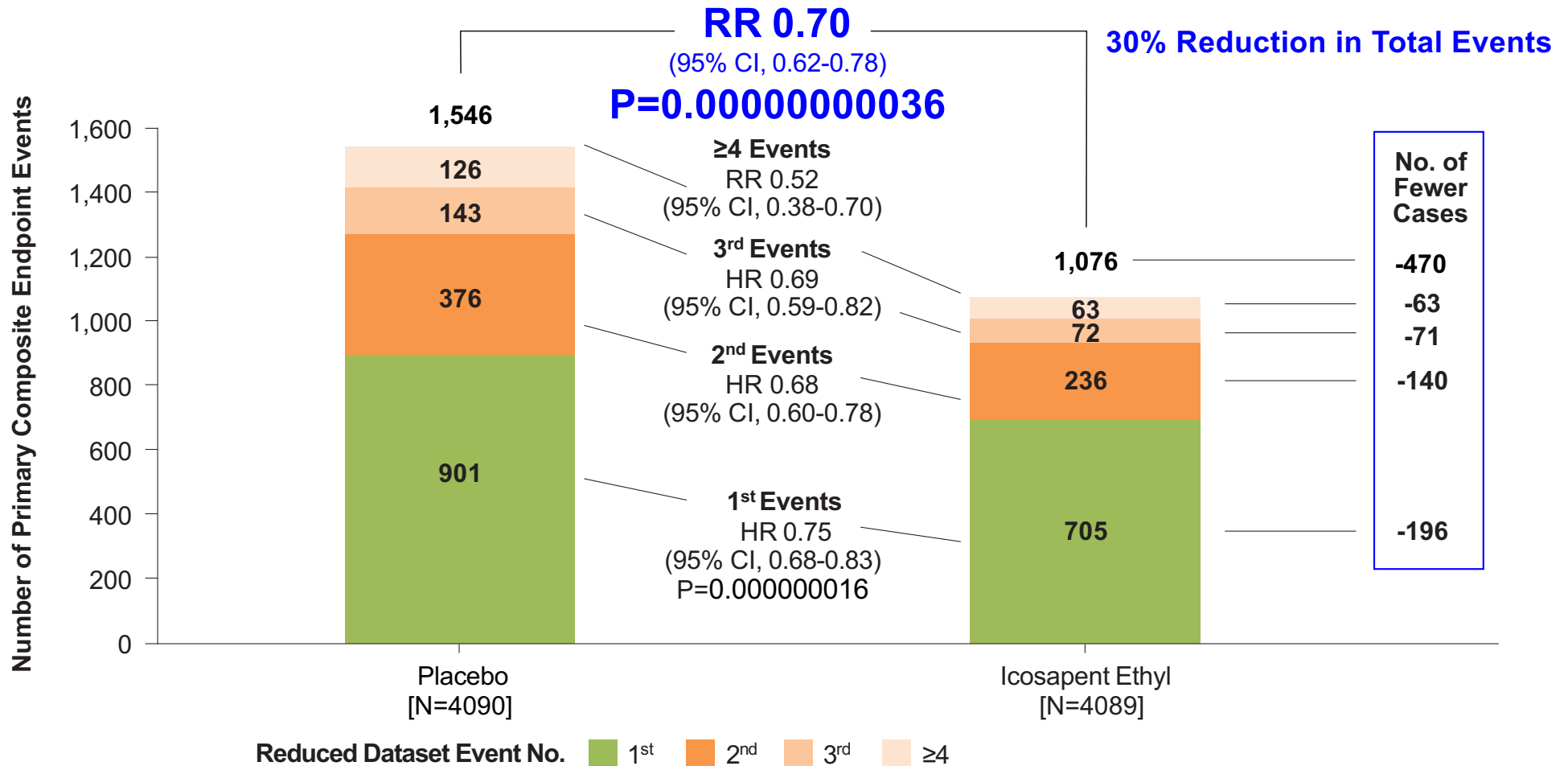
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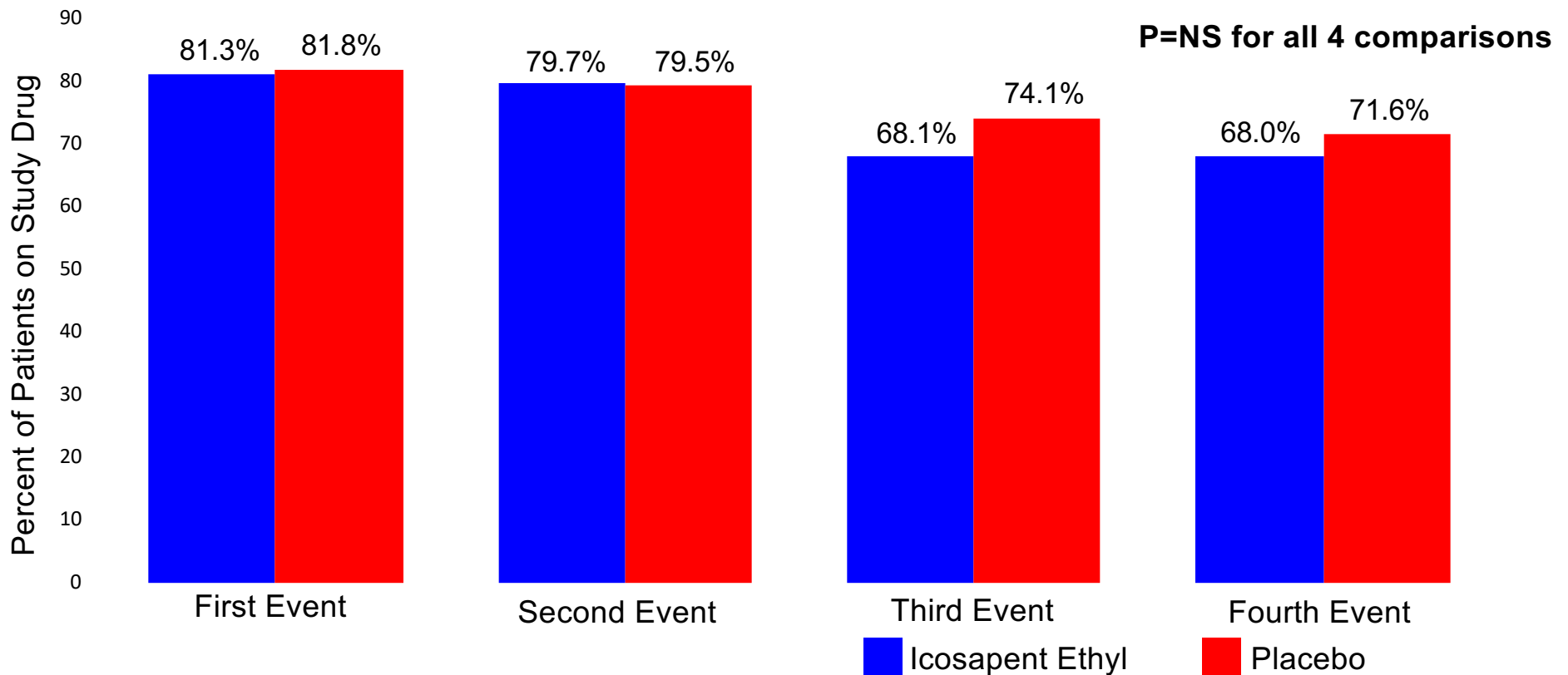


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# Adherence



- As is common in long-term trials, study drug adherence waned over time
- Despite this, there was strong sustained treatment effect on total events



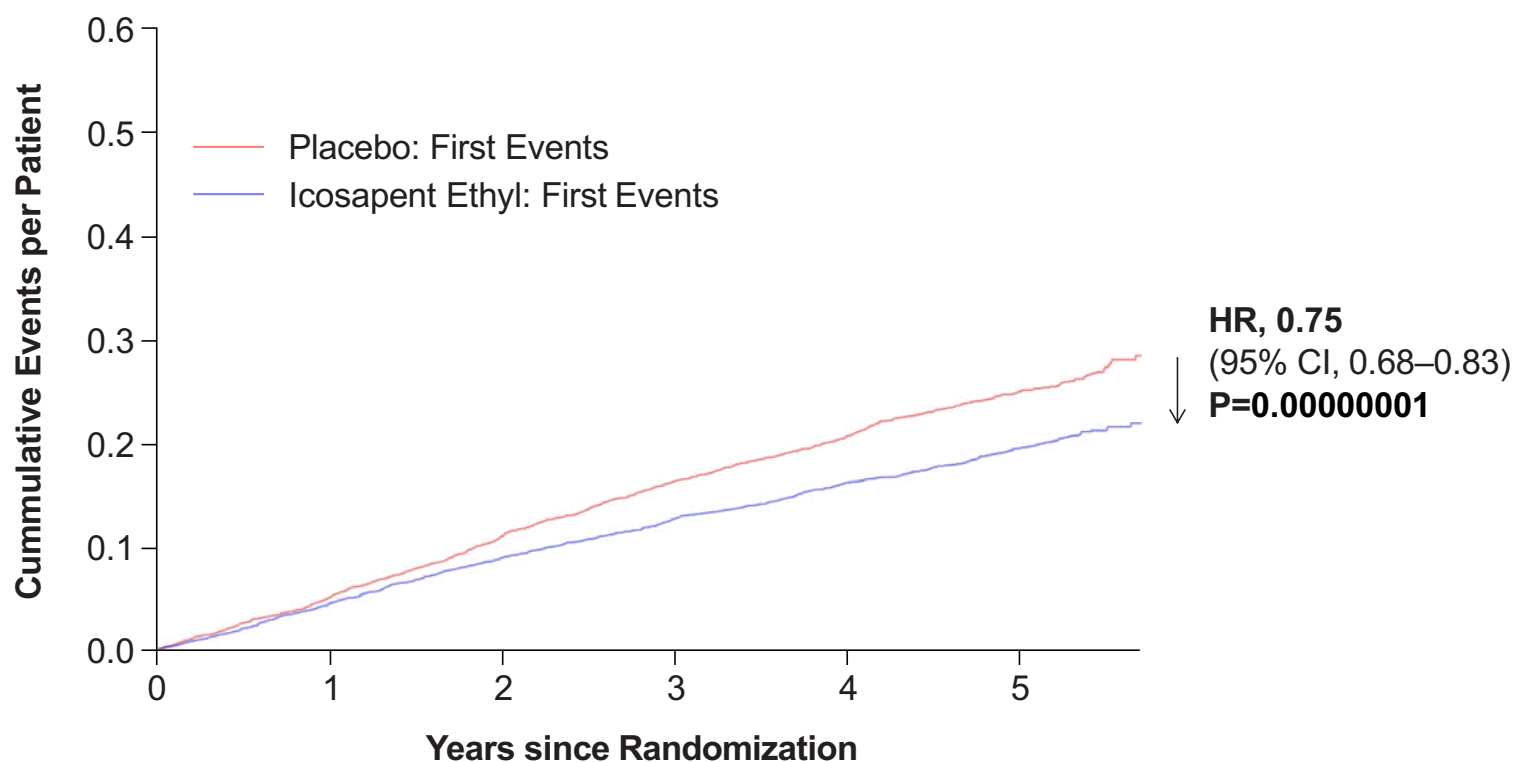


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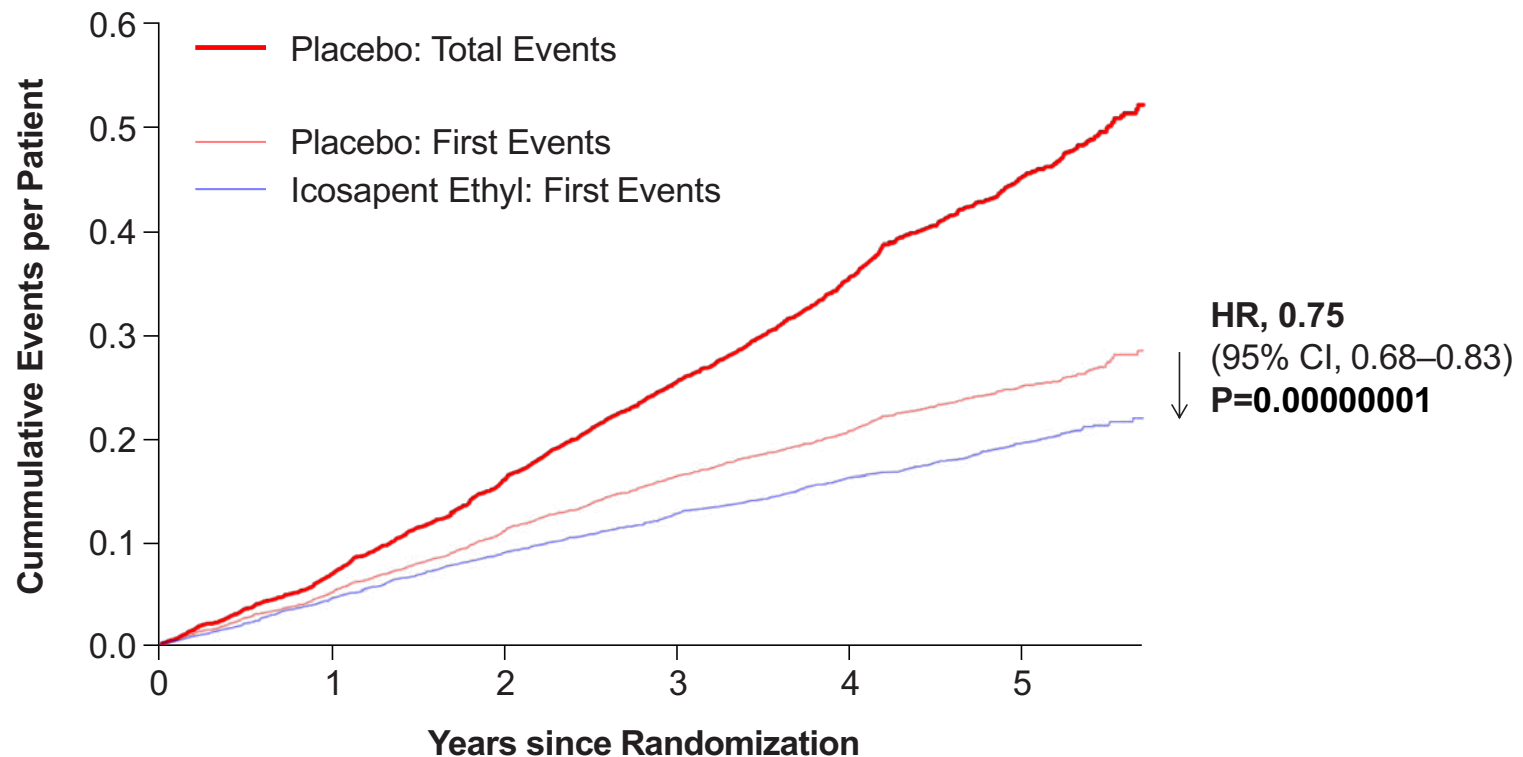


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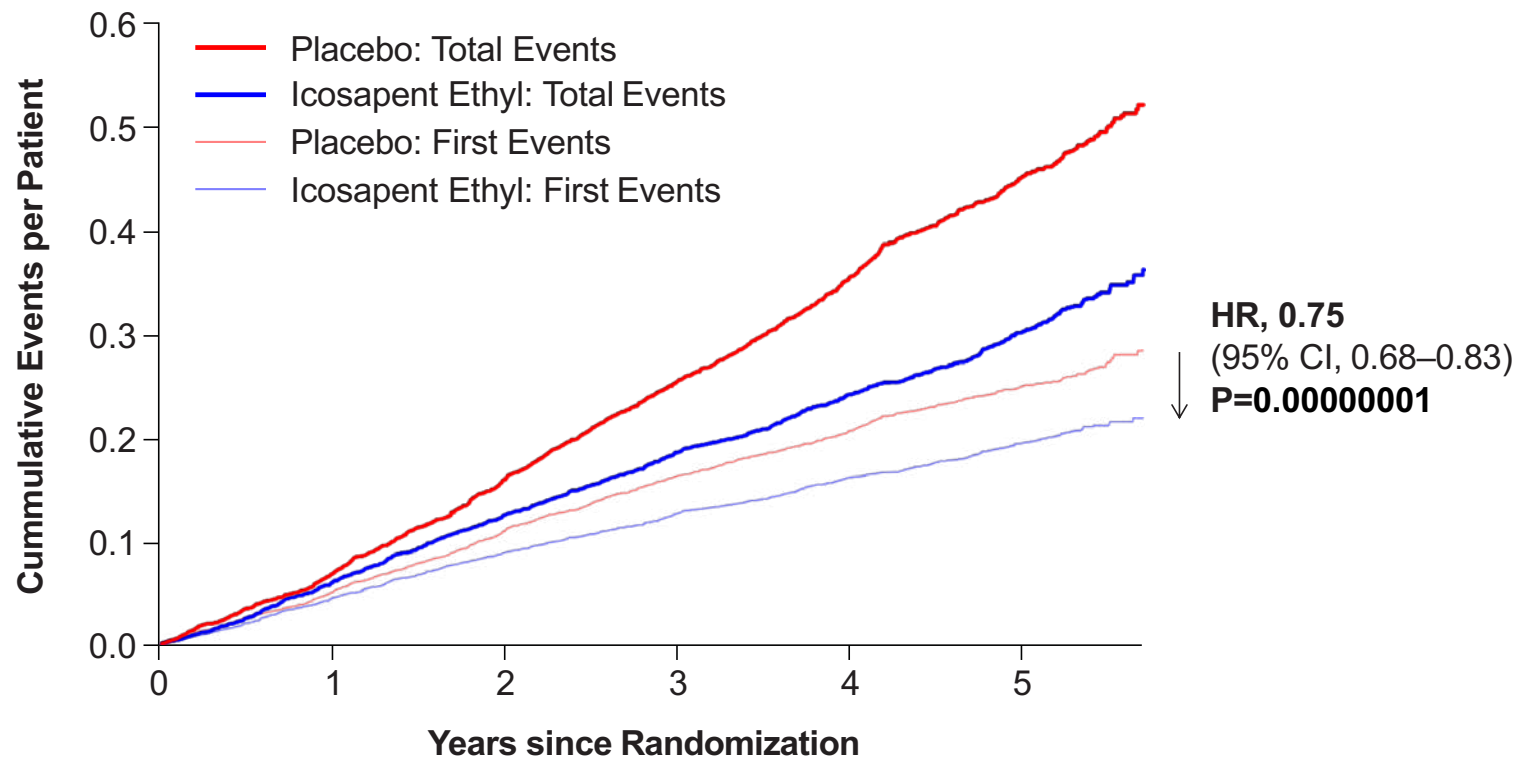


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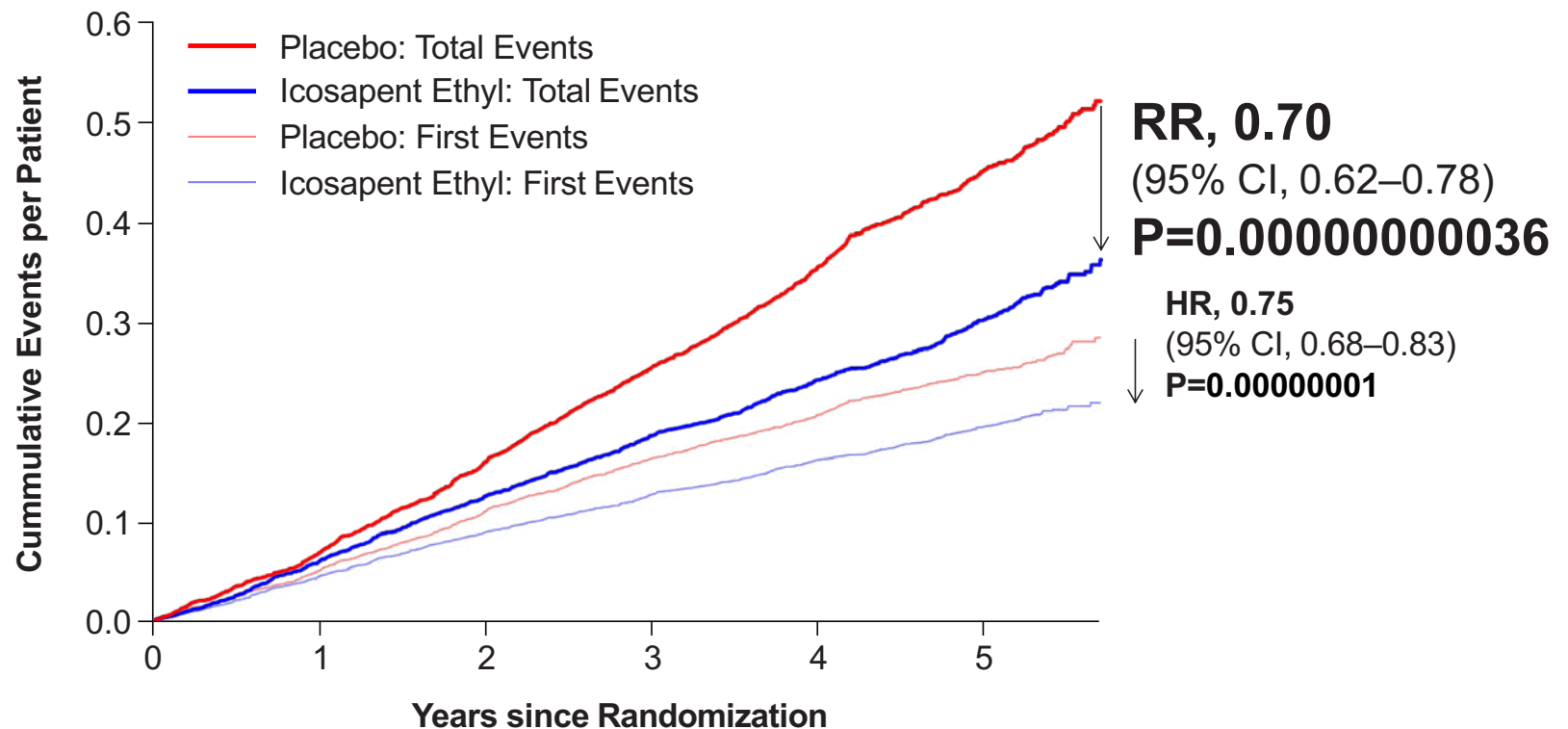


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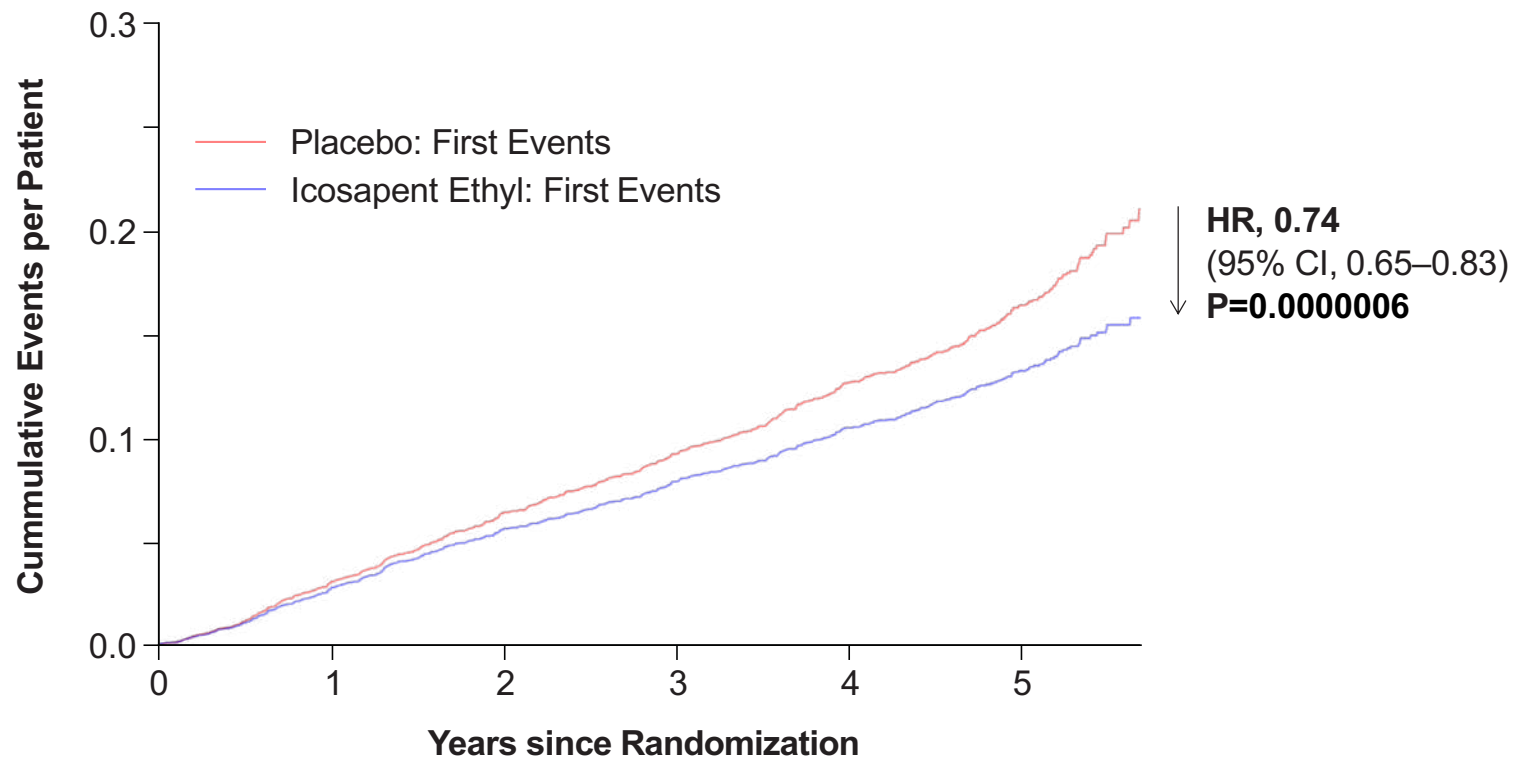


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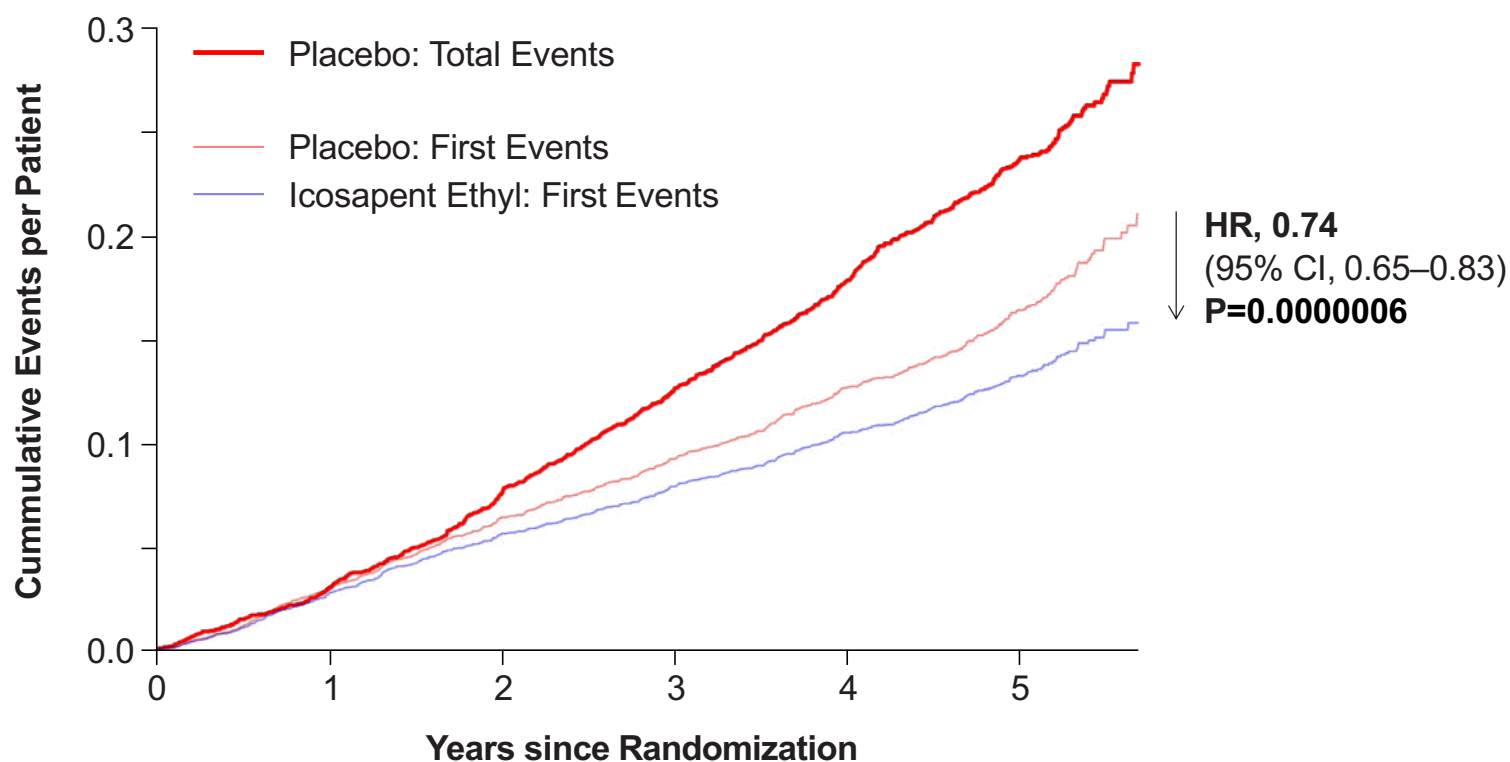


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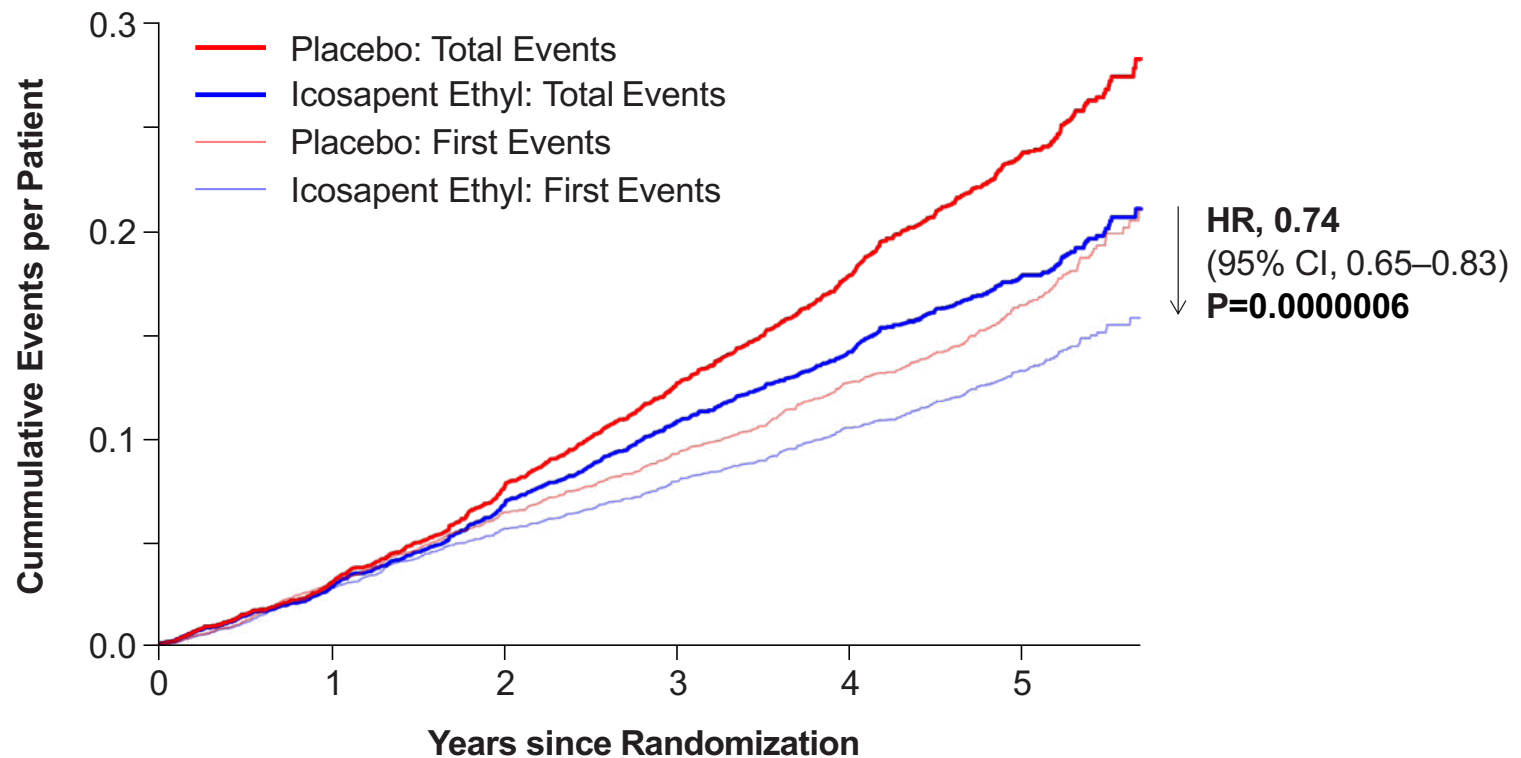


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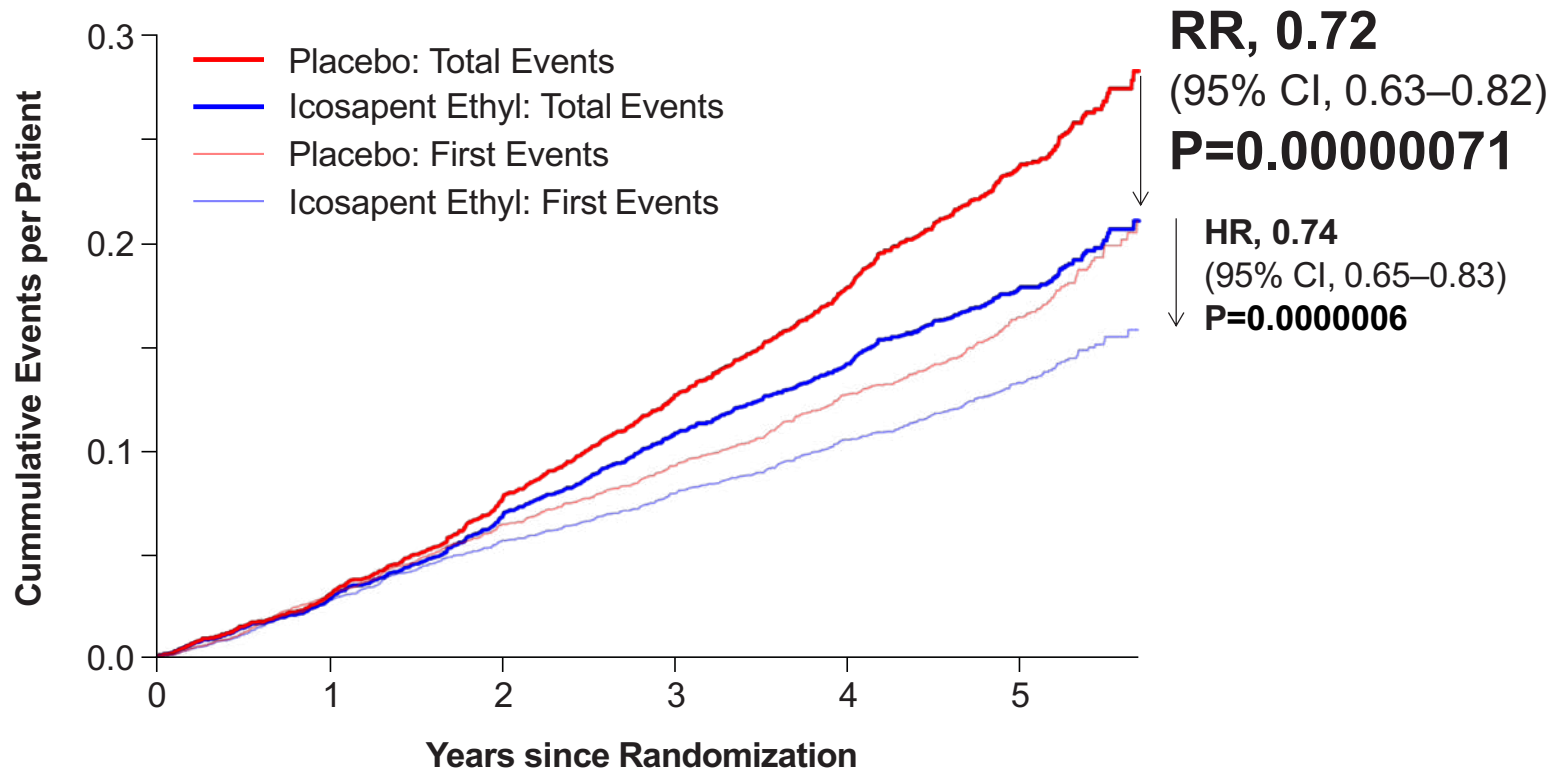


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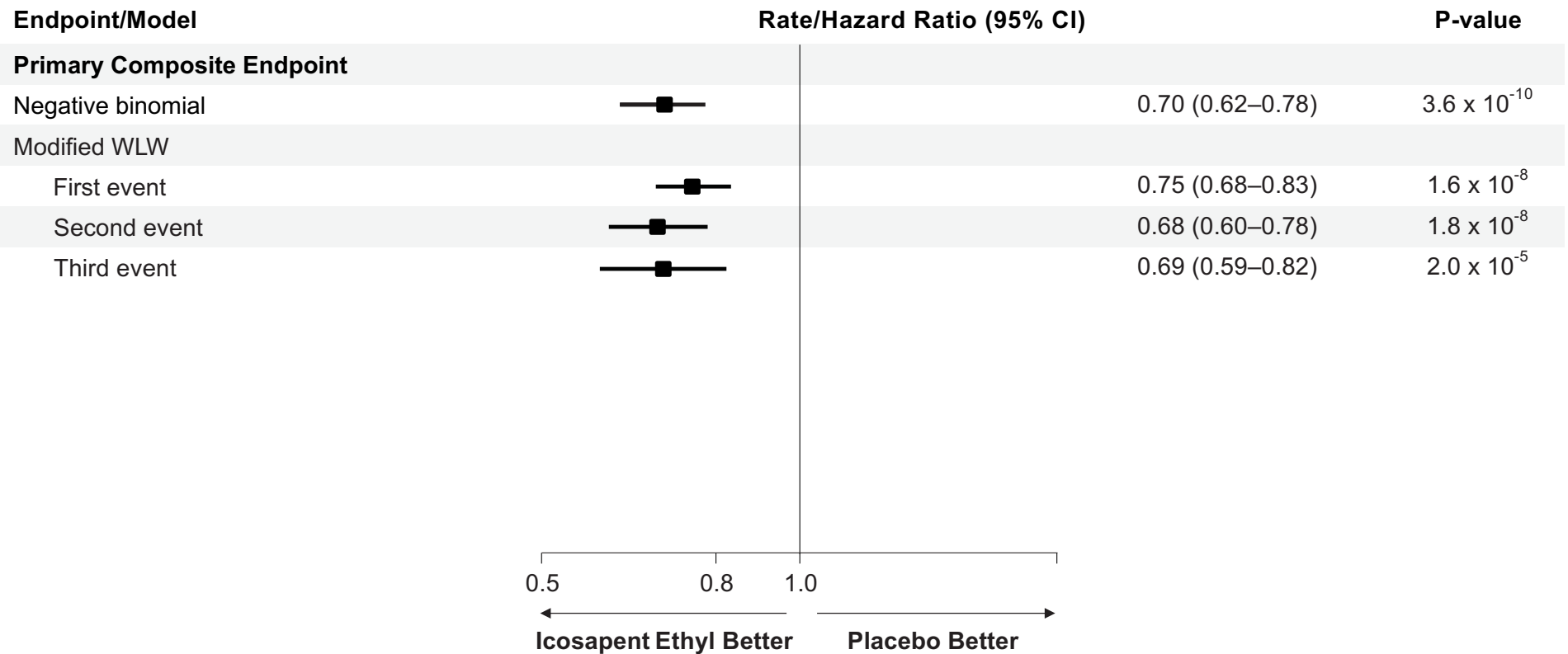


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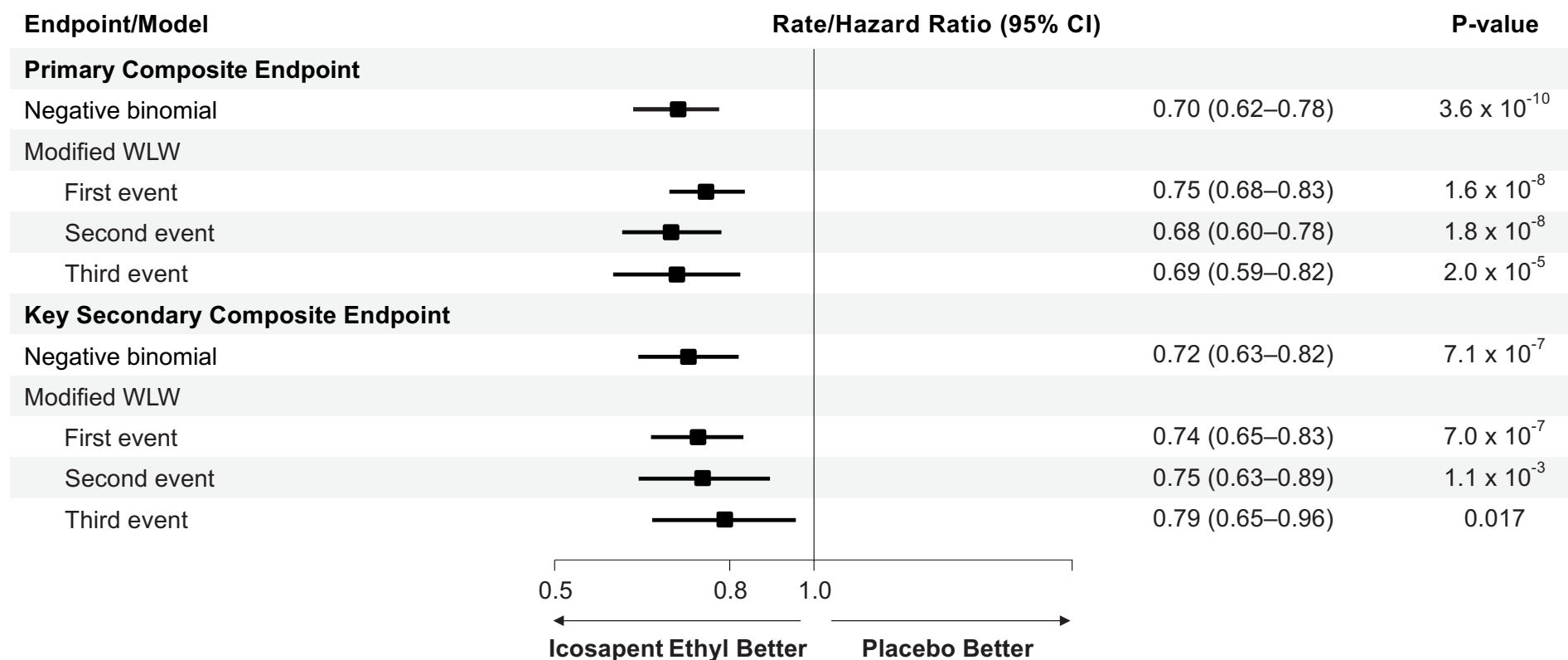




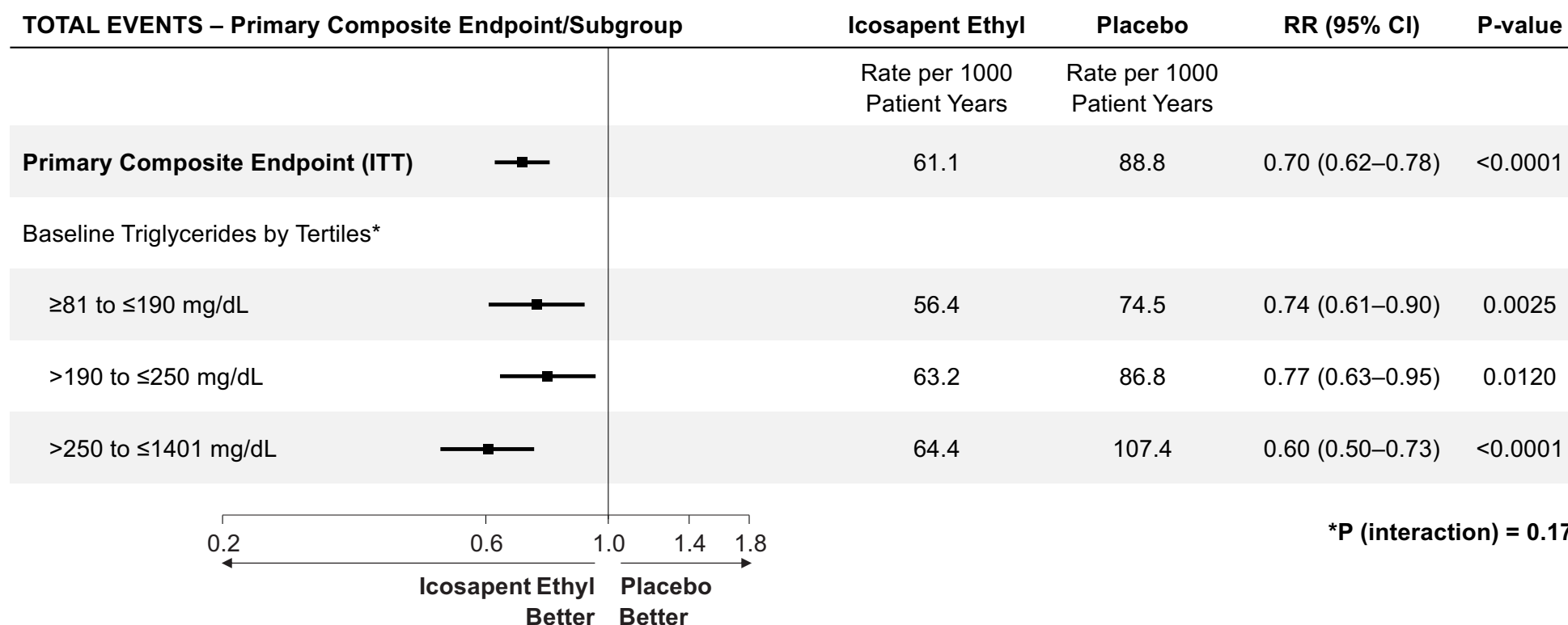
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# Primary Composite Endpoint: Total Endpoint Events by Baseline TG Tertiles



# Limitations



The “Reduced Dataset” was *post hoc*

- Though the prespecified “Full Dataset” produces effect sizes at least as large, and more extreme p values

The joint frailty model was *post hoc*

- Though all other models used were prespecified, with consistent results

Cannot formally comment on cost-effectiveness

- Likely cost-effective given large reduction in total events
- These data will provide critical information for cost-effectiveness analyses now underway

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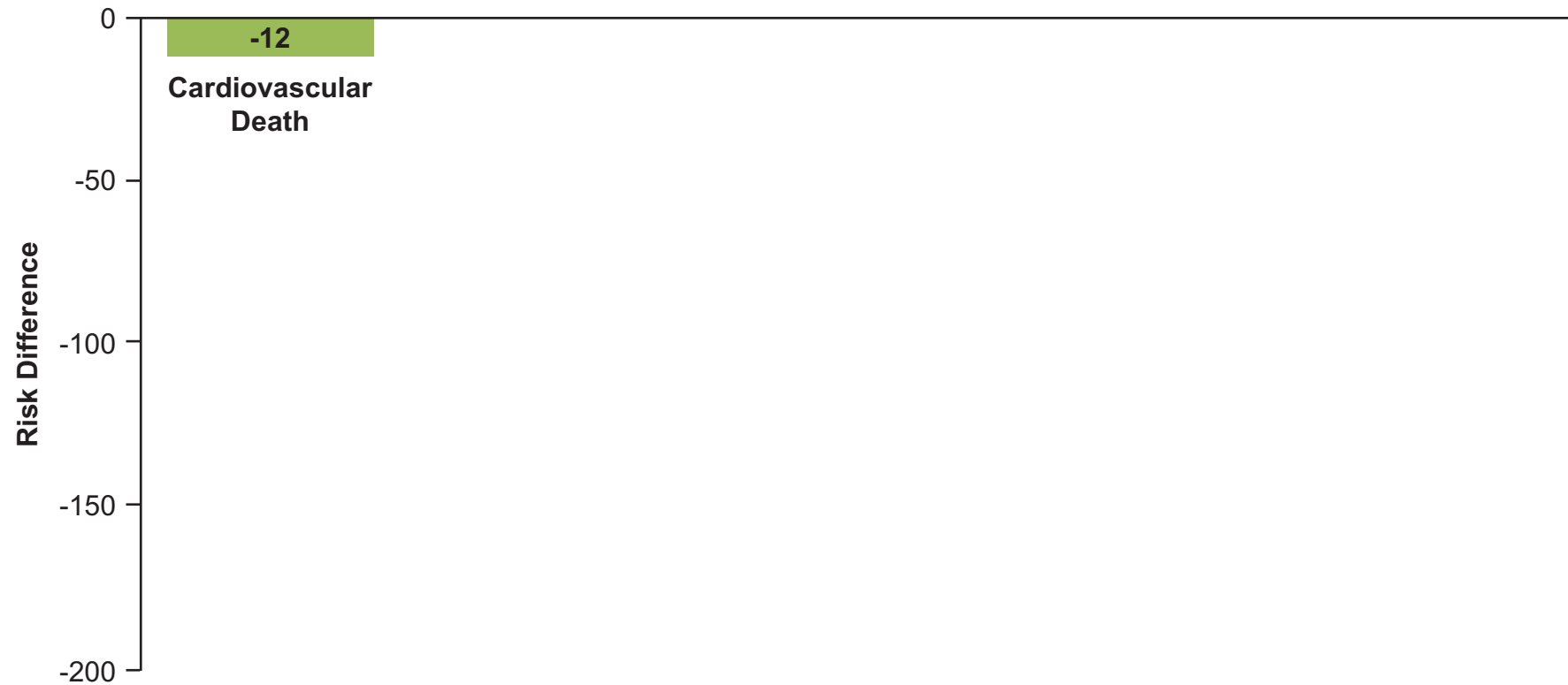


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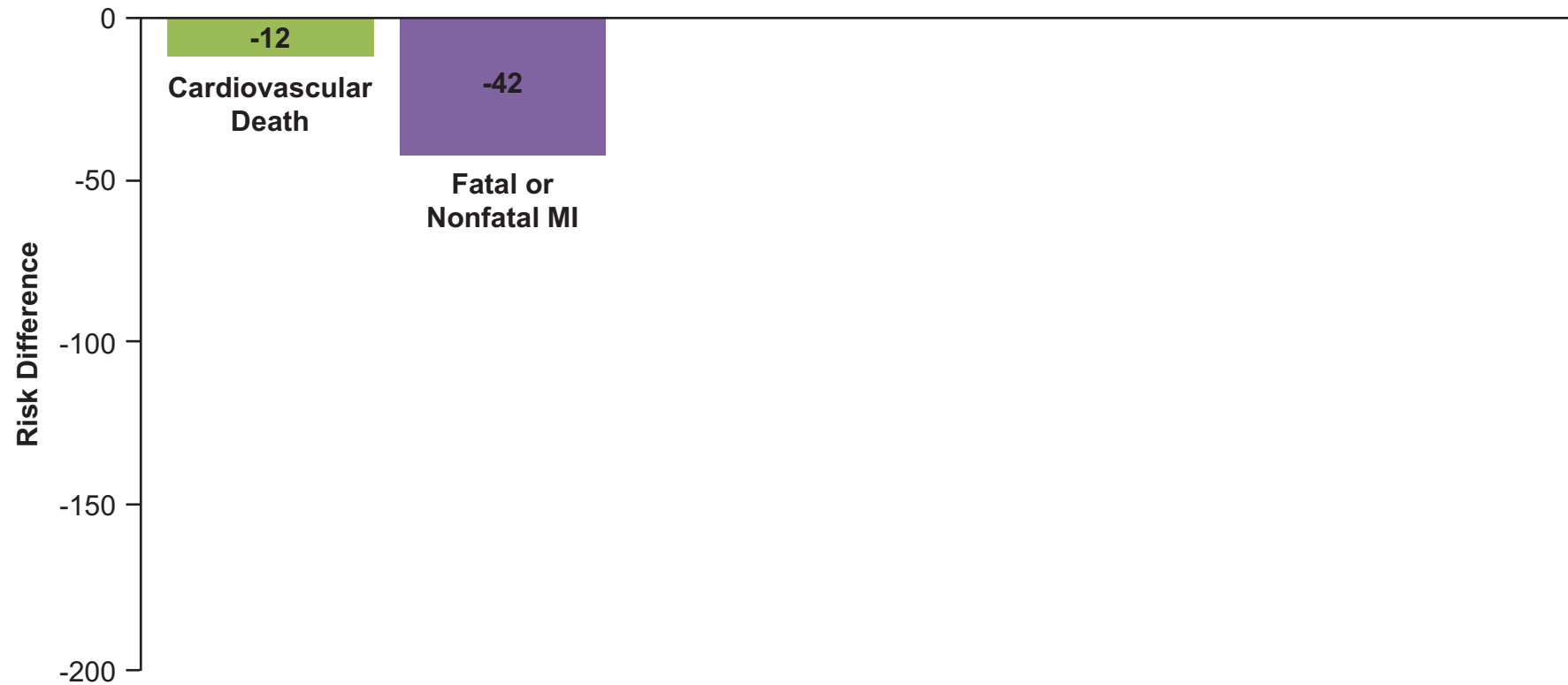
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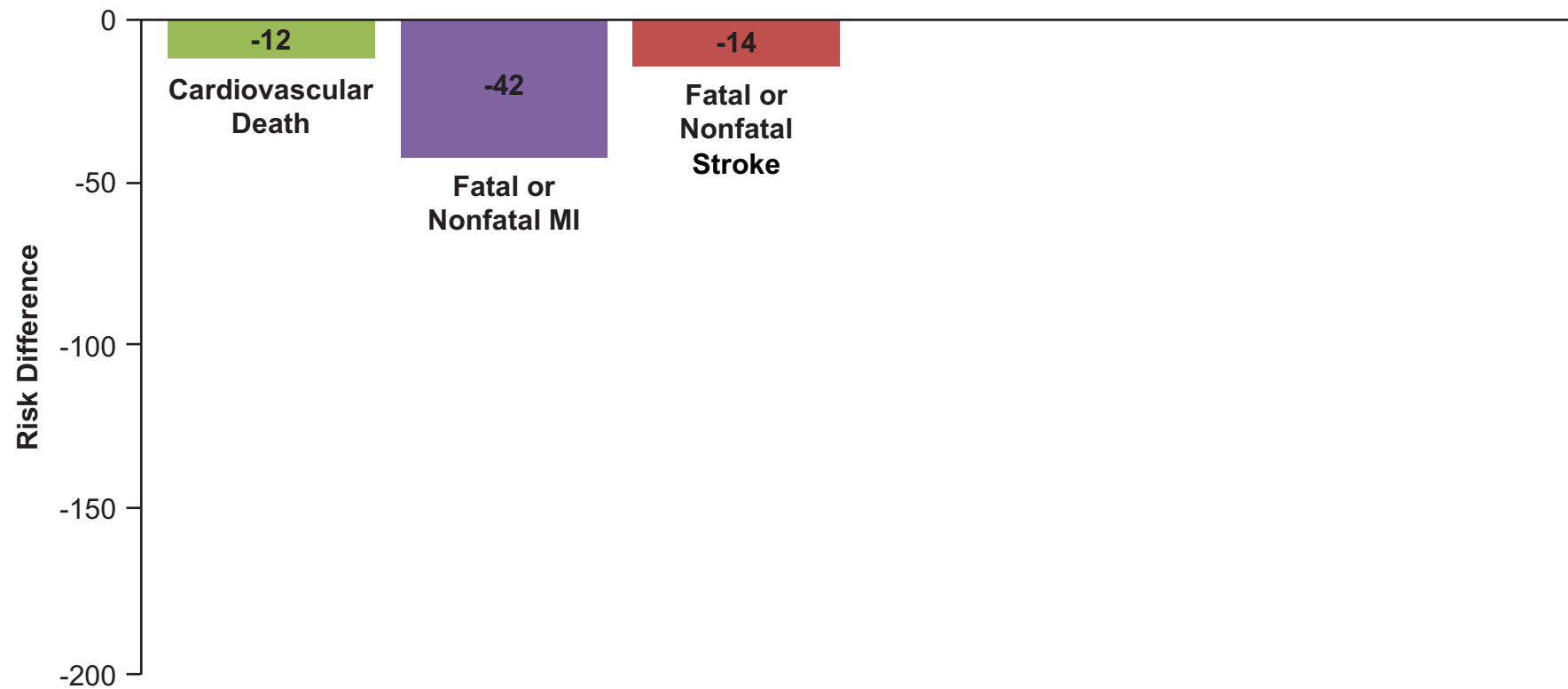
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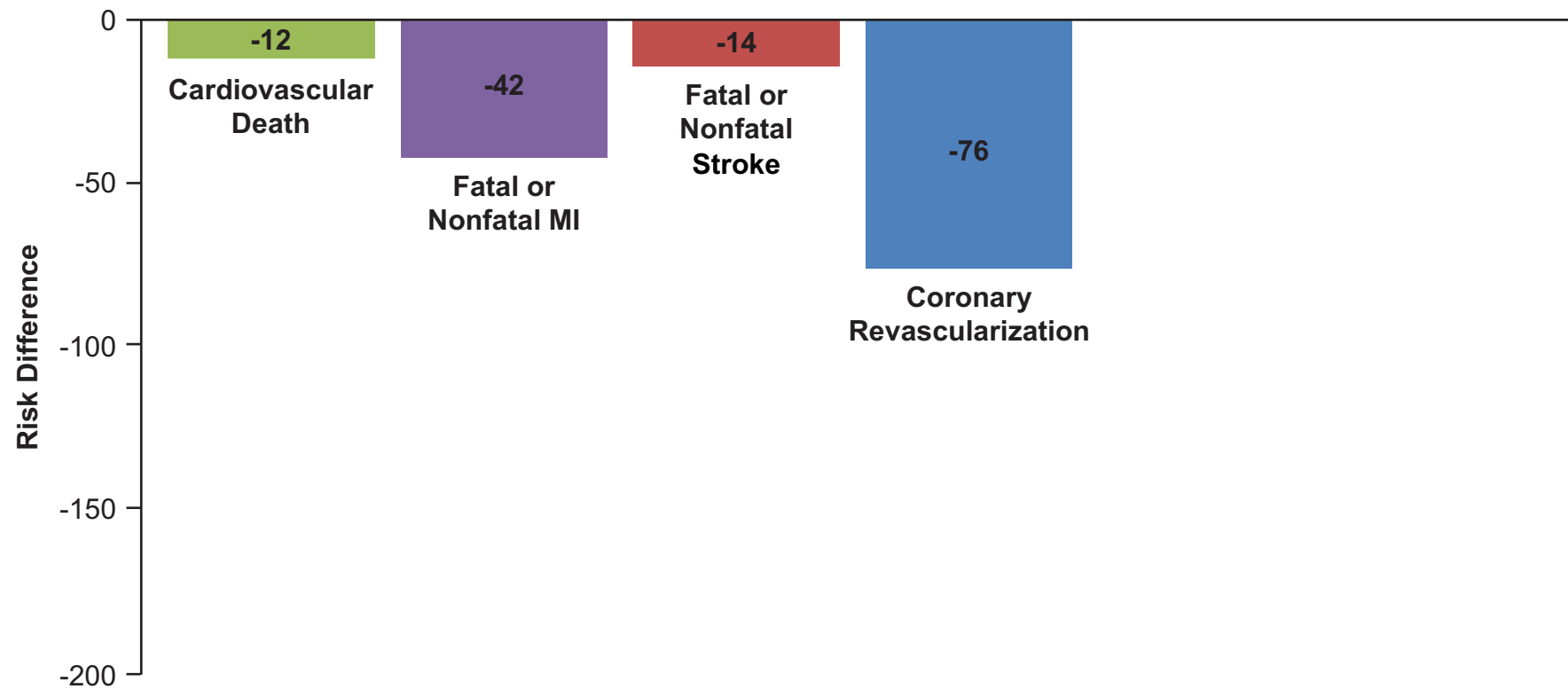
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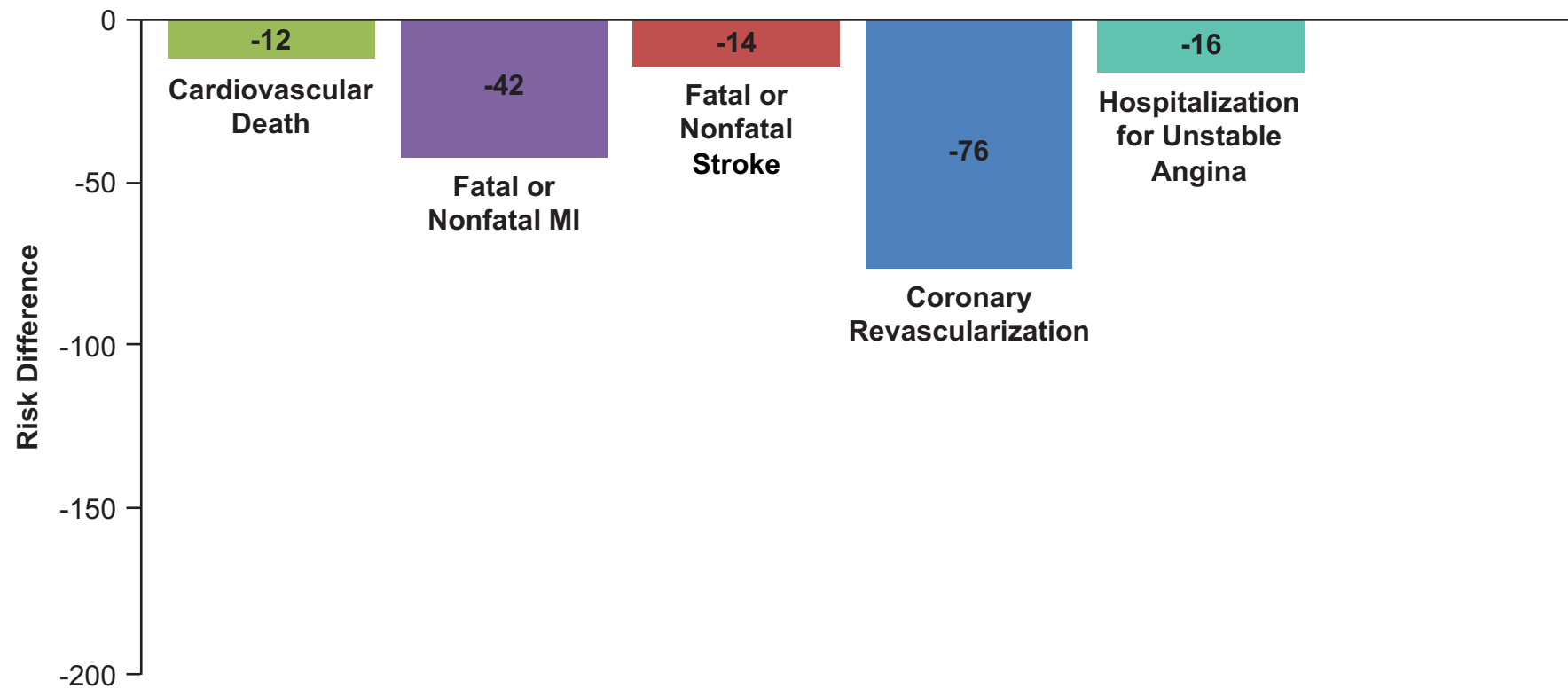
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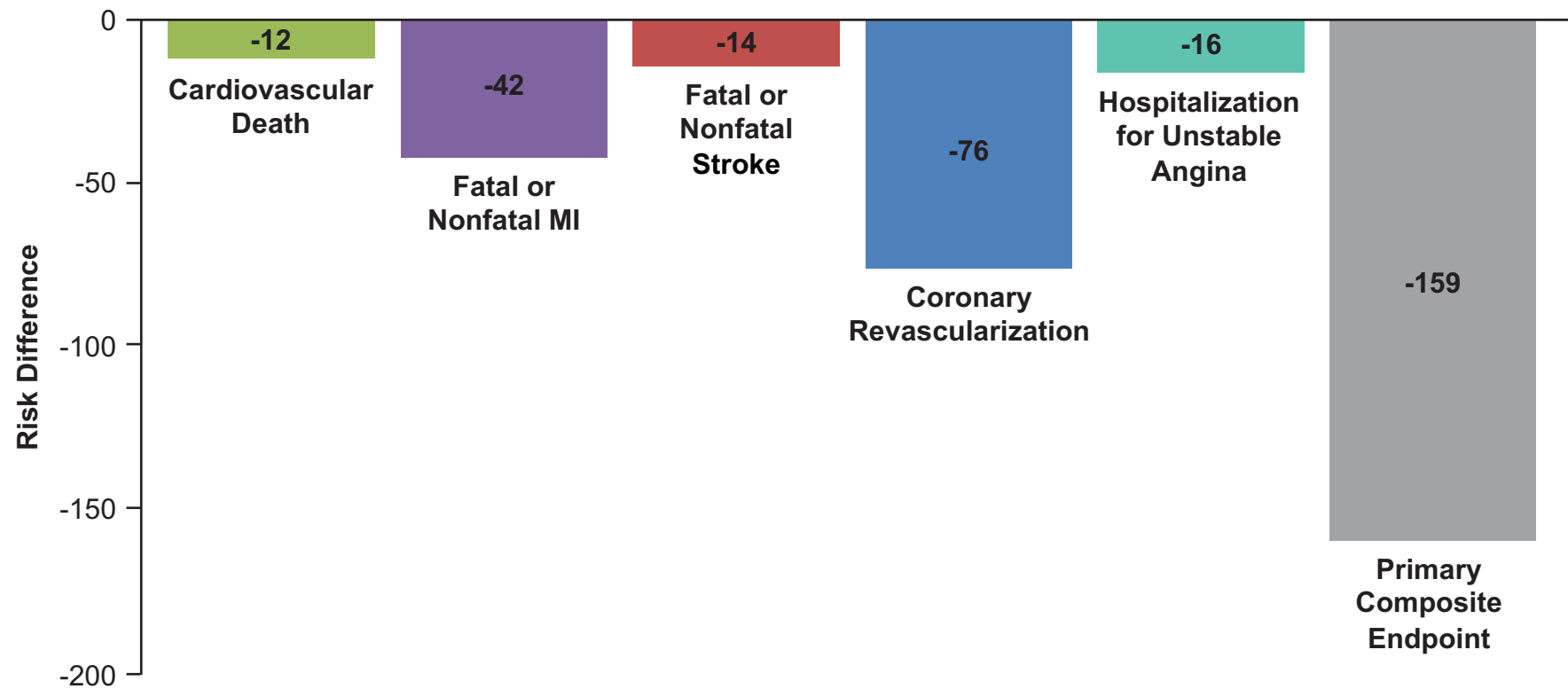
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# Baseline Triglyceride Levels



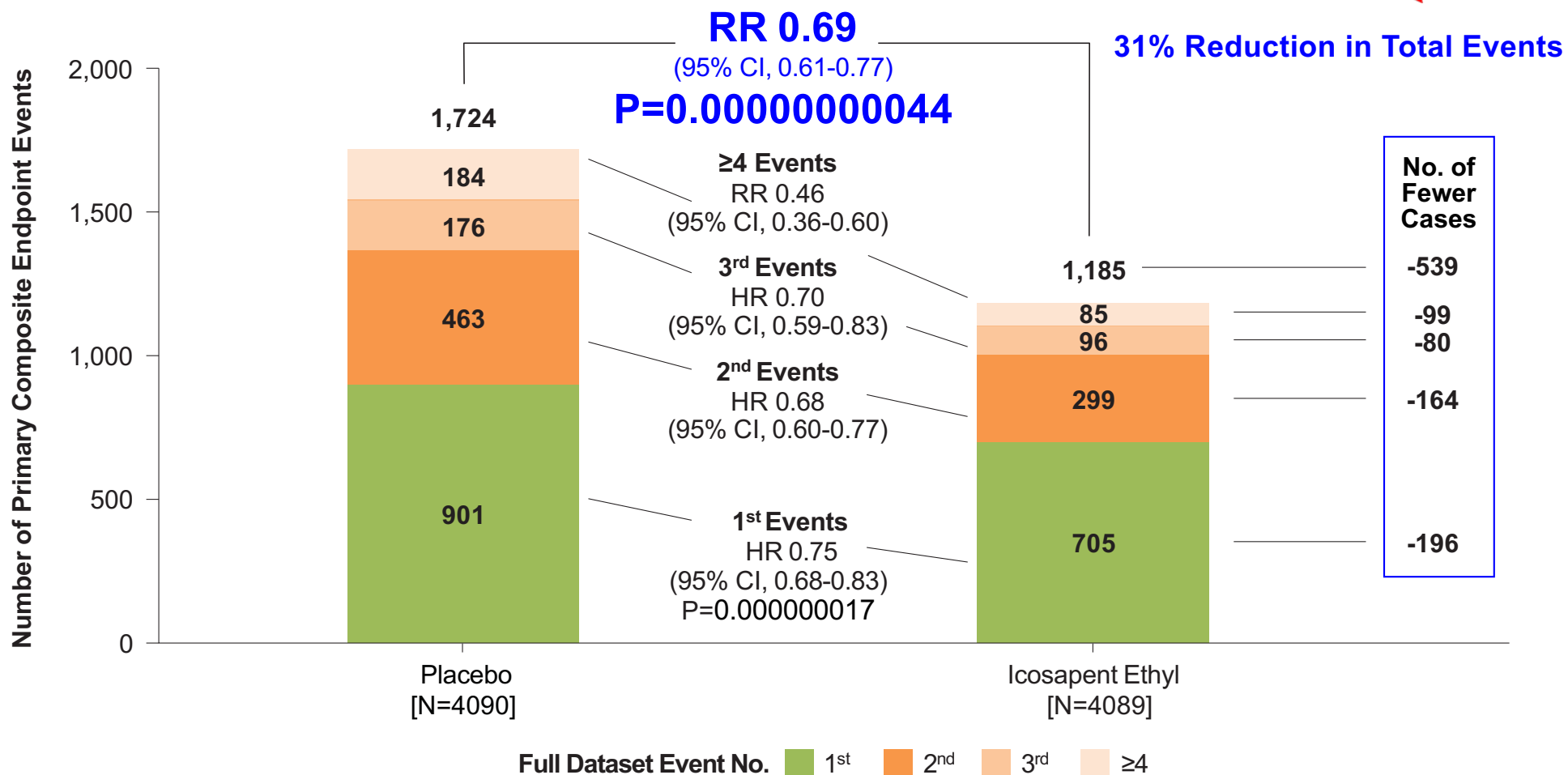
REDUCE-IT patients underwent a screening visit to determine eligibility, including testing of statin-stabilized triglyceride (TG) levels. Patients meeting inclusion and exclusion criteria, including TG levels could then be entered in the study at a subsequent randomization visit. Patients not meeting all entry criteria could undergo one additional screening visit and if qualified – could be enrolled at a subsequent randomization visit.

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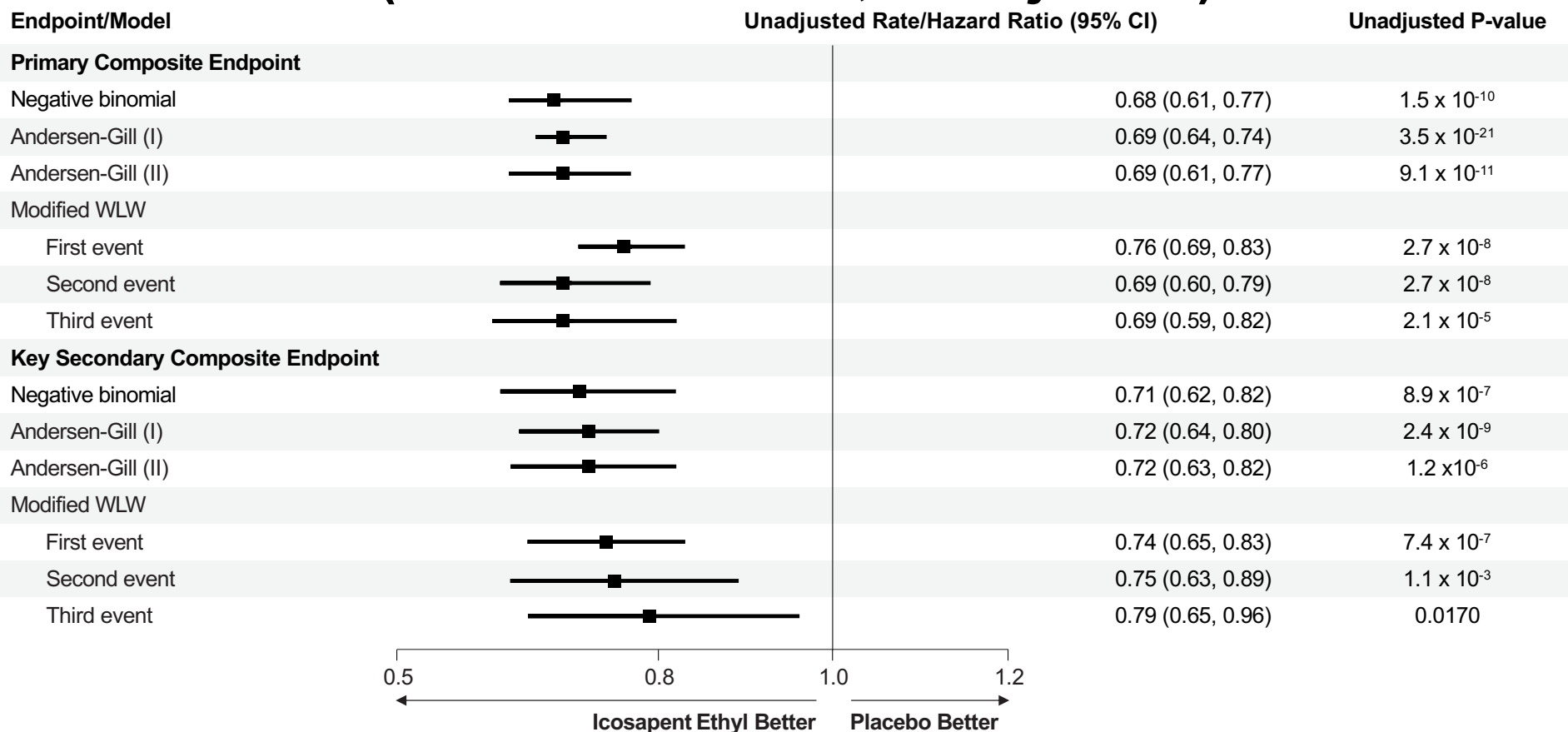
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# Distribution of First and Subsequent Events



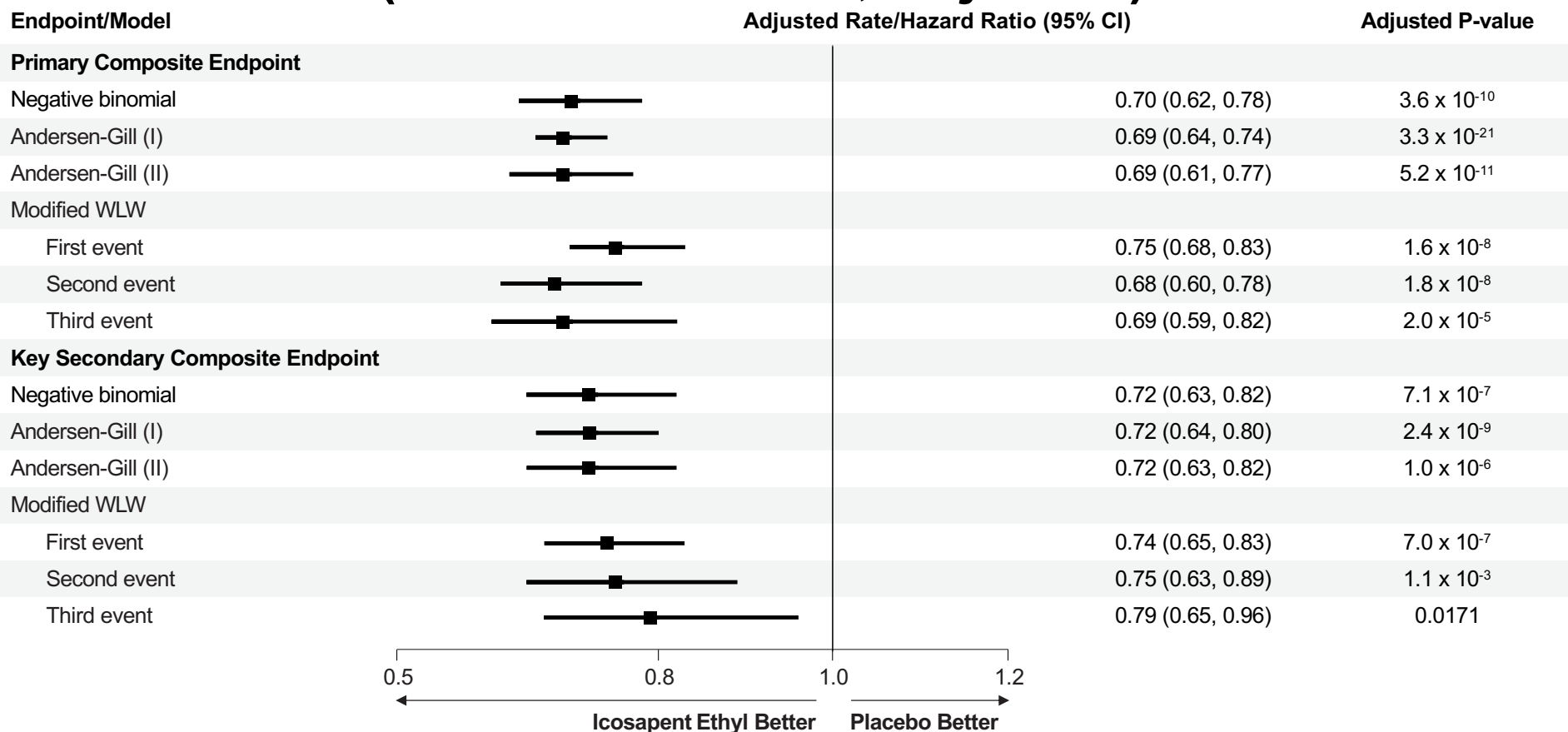
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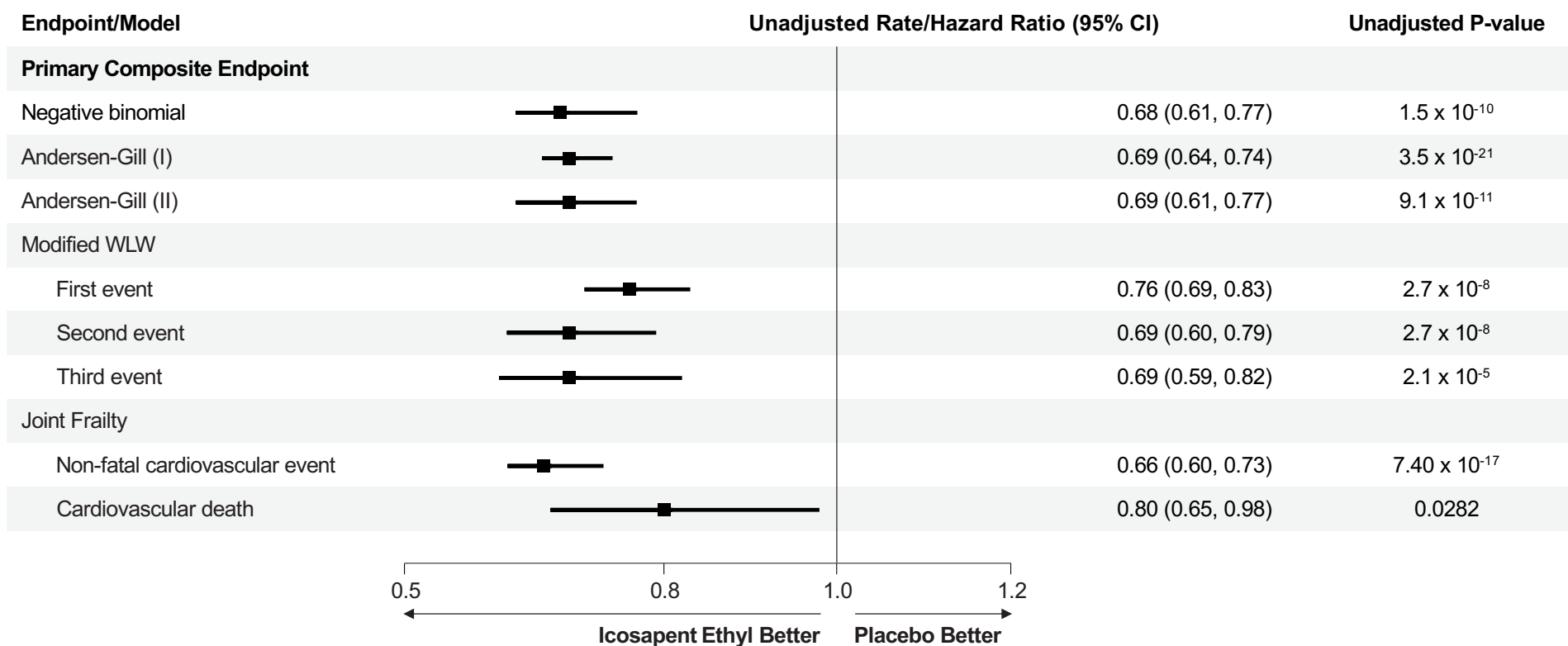




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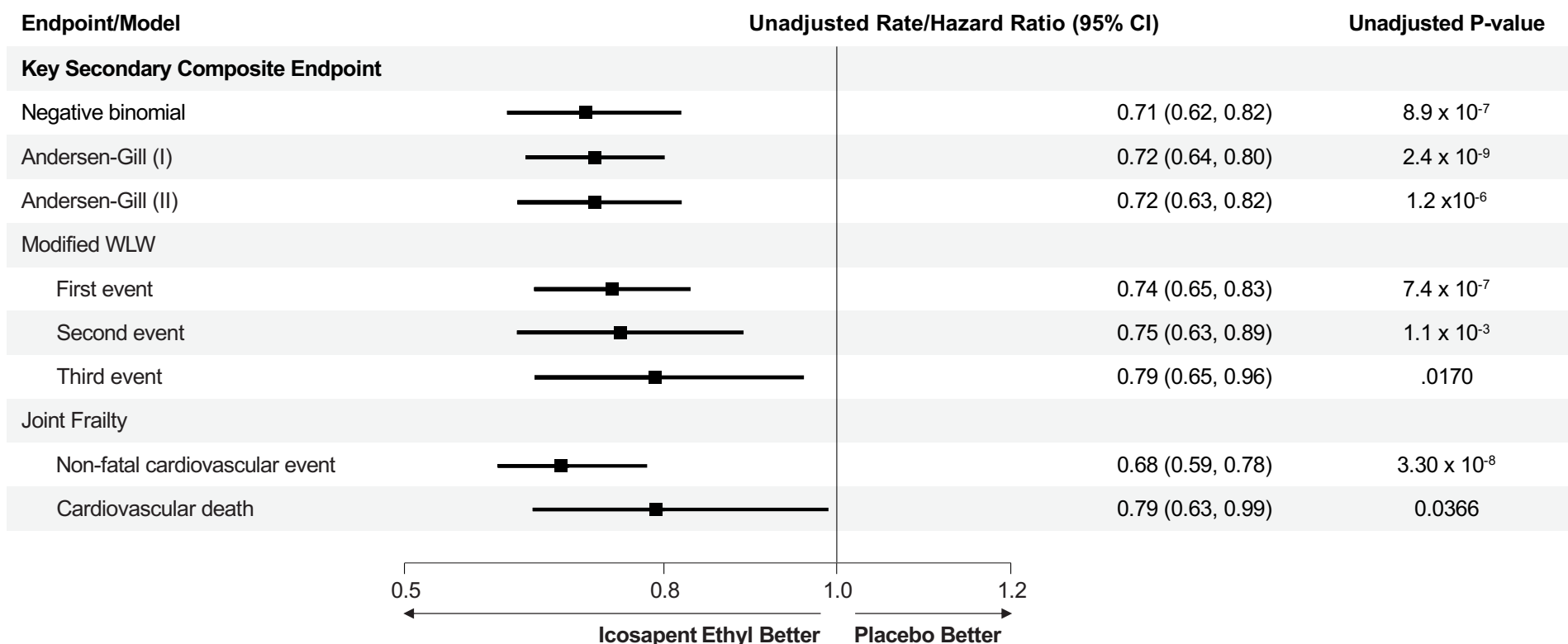


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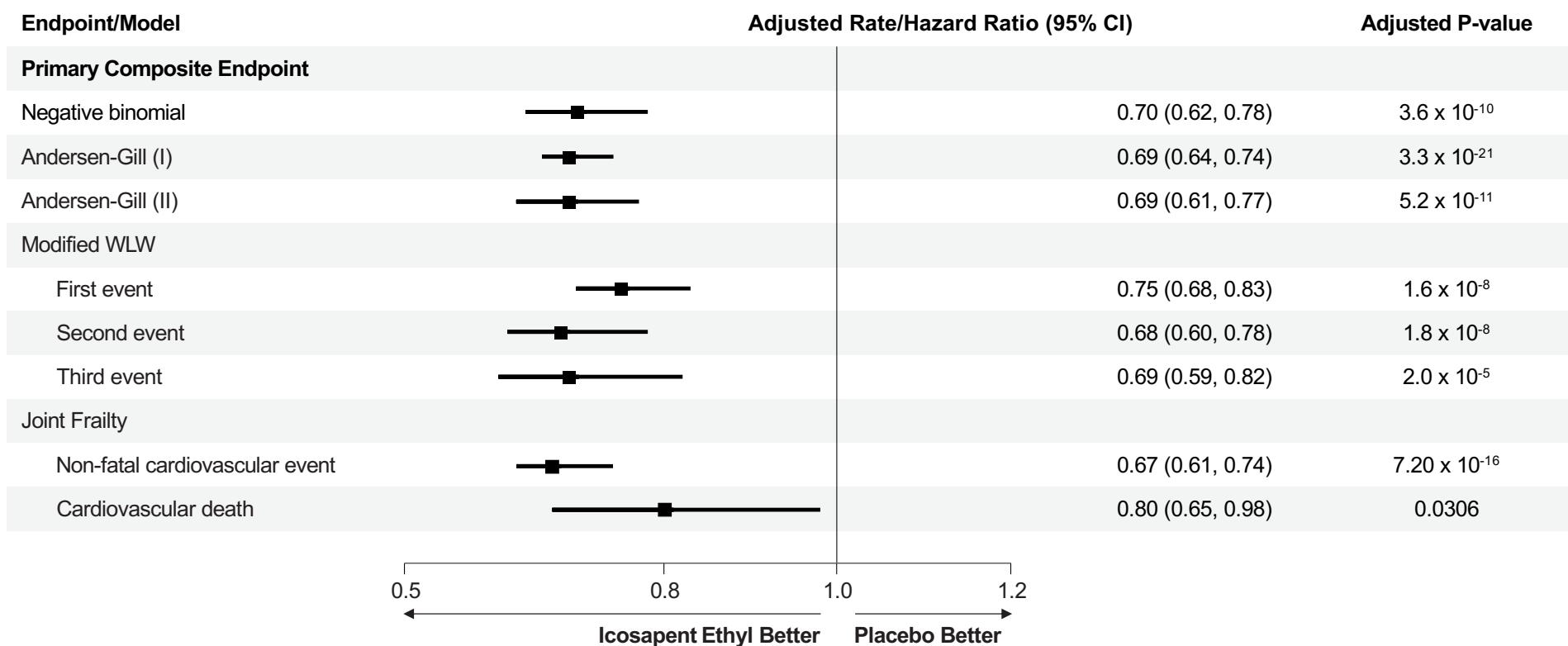




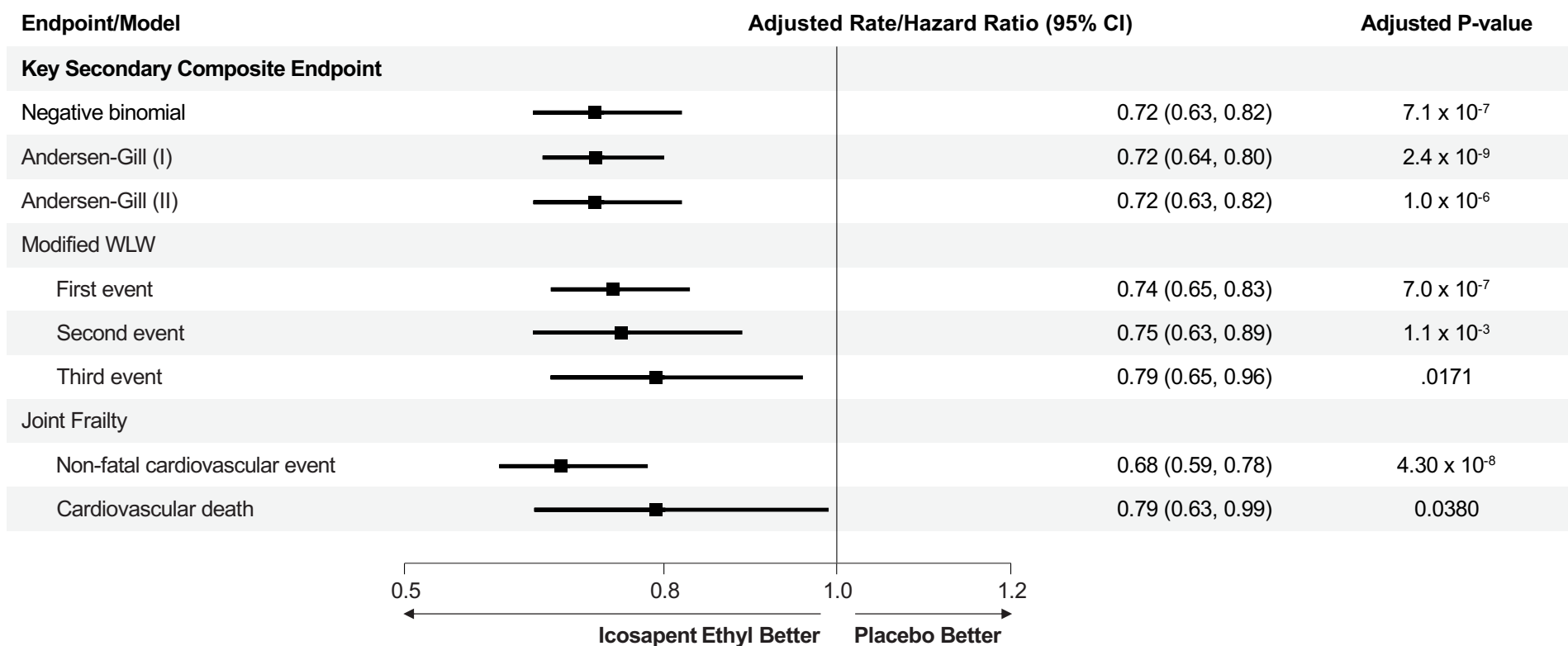
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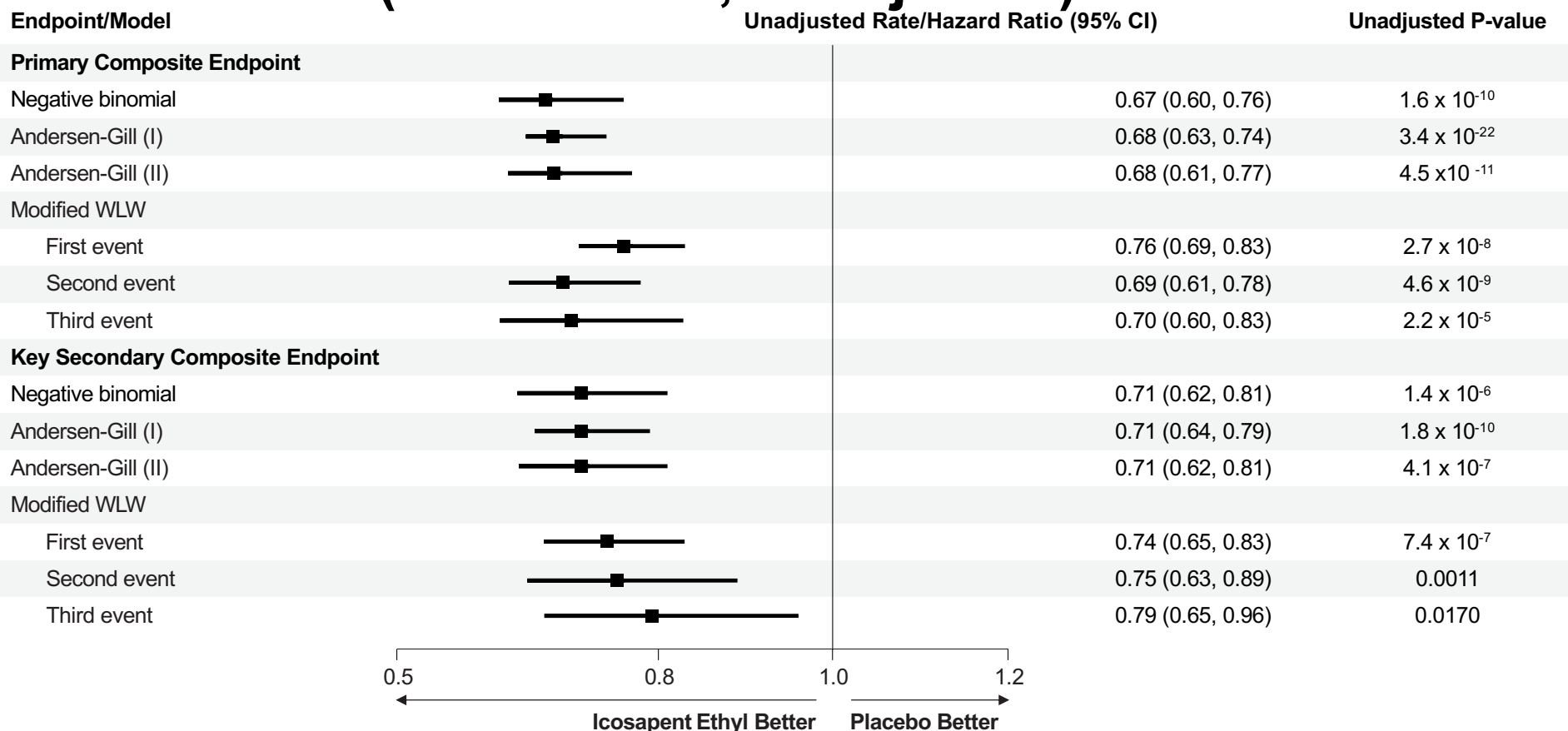
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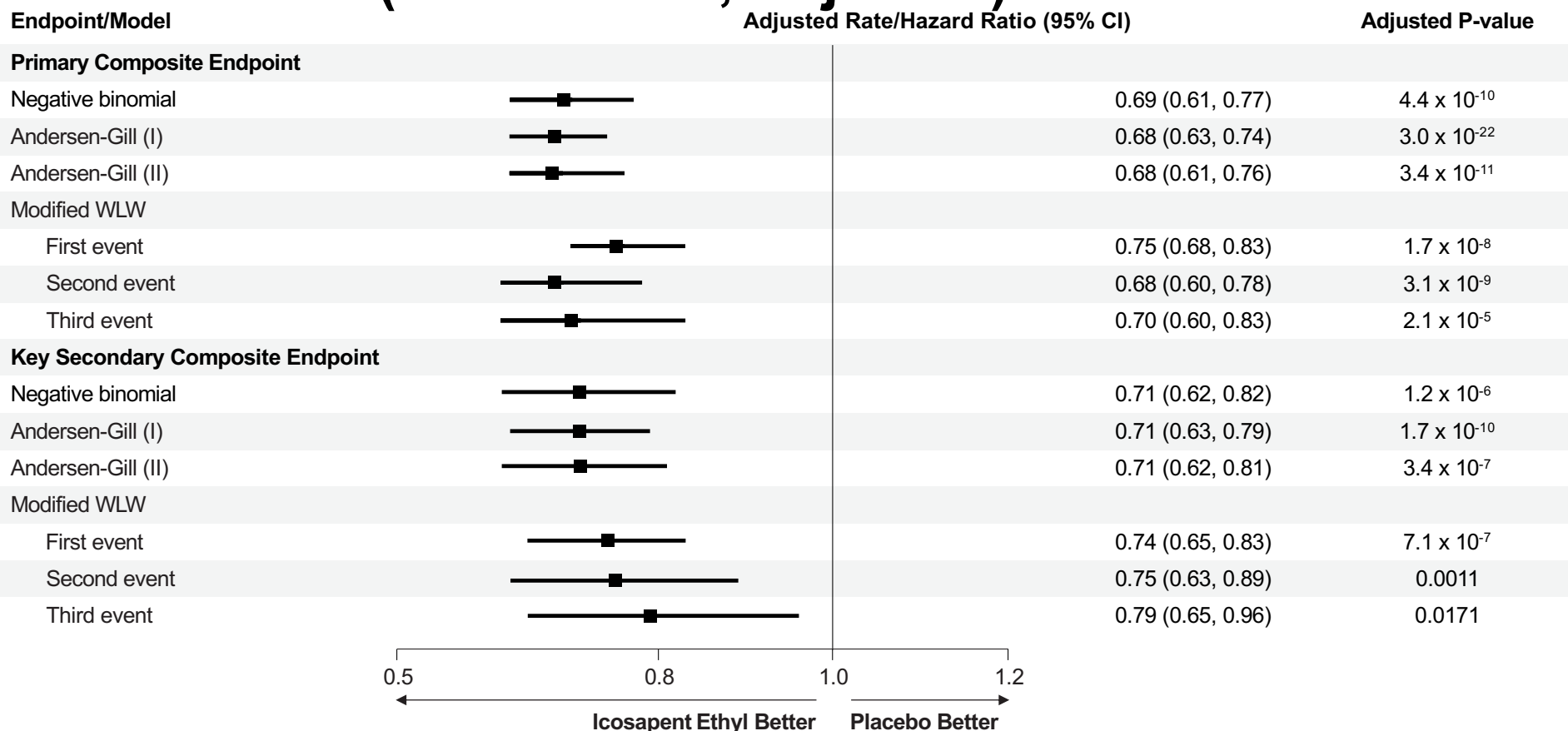
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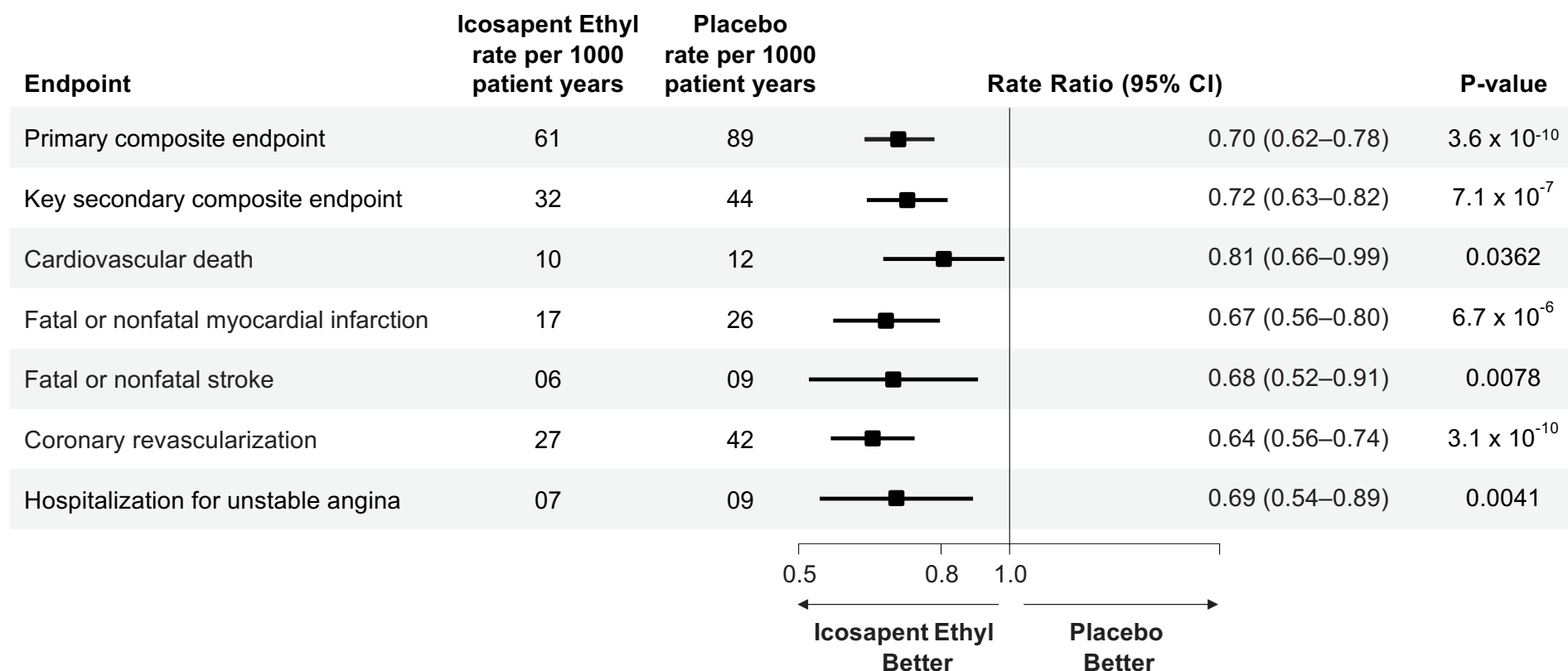
# Total Primary and Key Secondary Composite Endpoint Events and First, Second, and Third Occurrences (Full Dataset, Unadjusted)



# Total Primary and Key Secondary Composite Endpoint Events and First, Second, and Third Occurrences (Full Dataset, Adjusted)



# Total Primary and Key Secondary Composite Endpoints and Each Individual Component or Other Composite Endpoints



# Primary Composite Endpoint: Time to First Event by Baseline TG Tertiles

