



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

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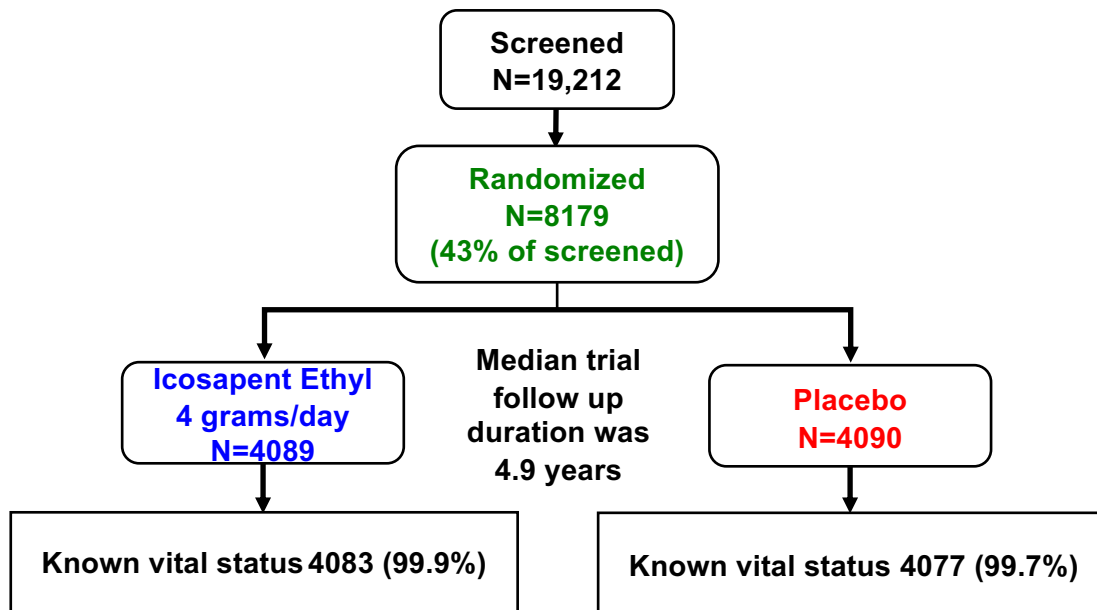
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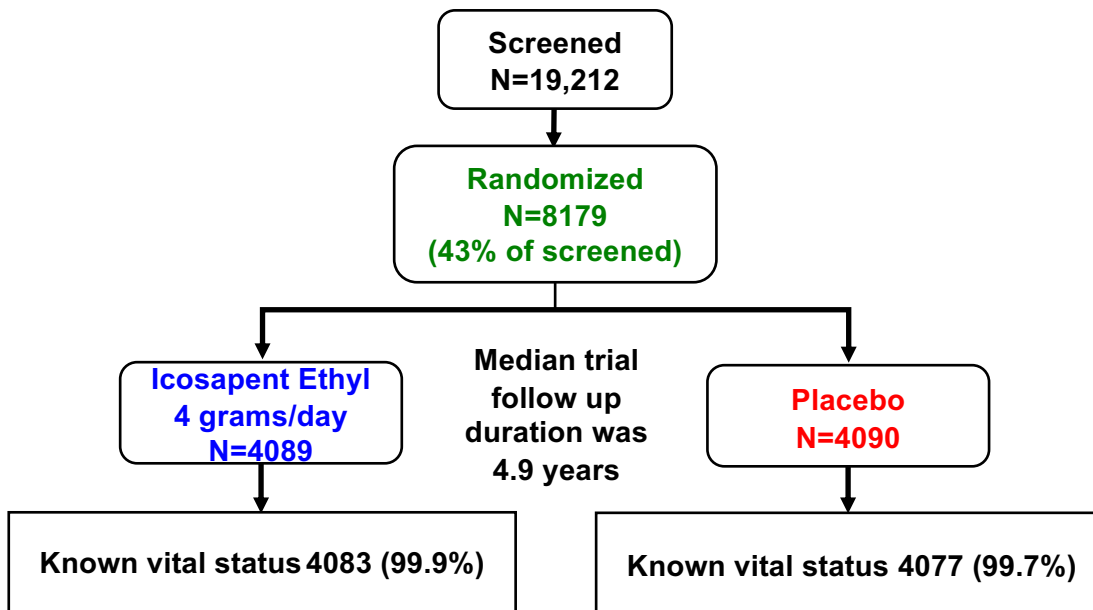
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REDUCE-IT Design



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 2. Fasting TG levels ≥ 135 mg/dL and < 500 mg/dL
 3. LDL-C > 40 mg/dL and ≤ 100 mg/dL and on stable statin therapy (\pm ezetimibe) for ≥ 4 weeks prior to qualifying measurements for randomization
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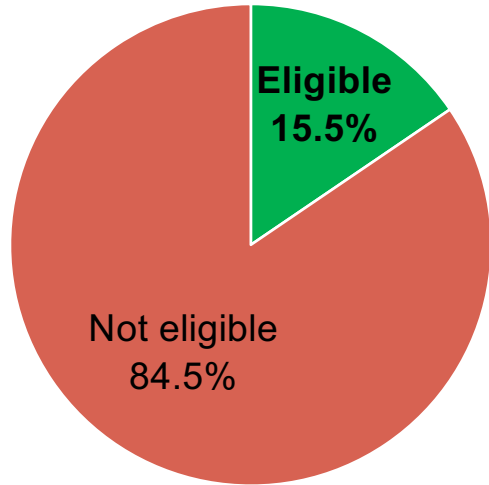
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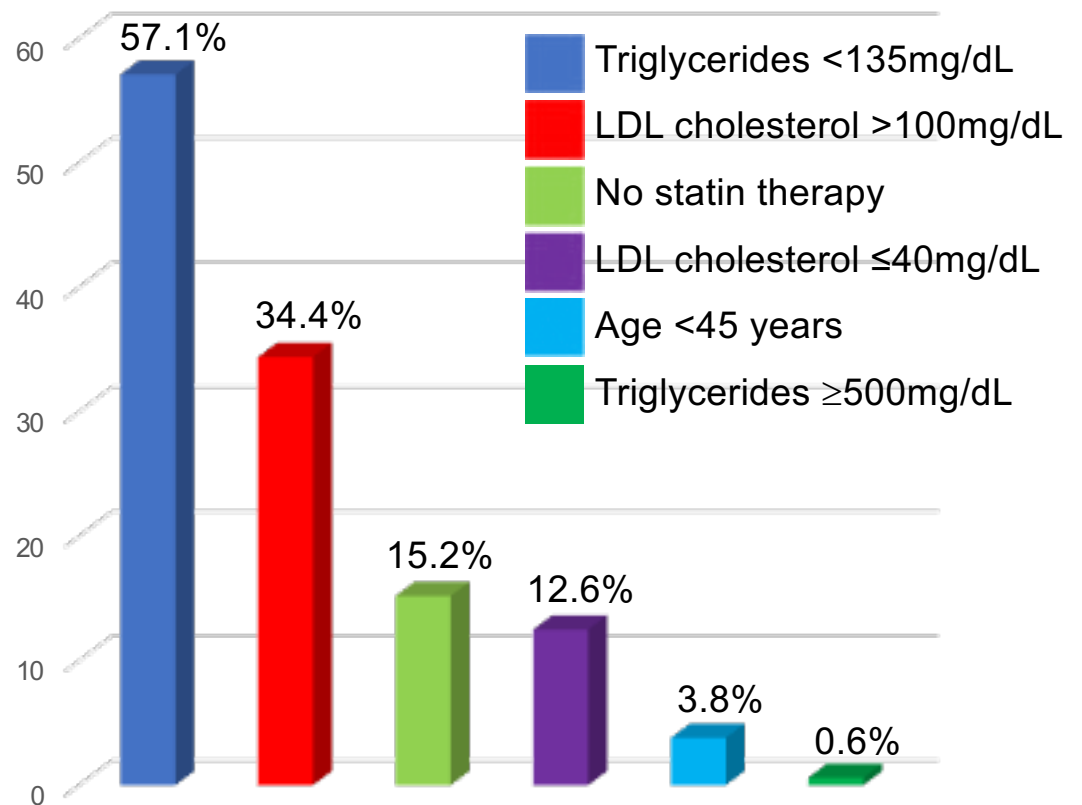
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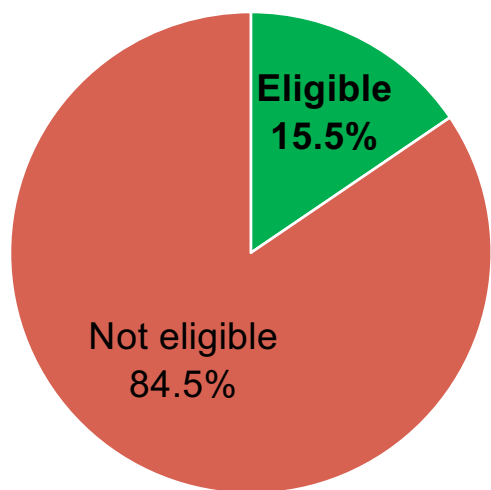
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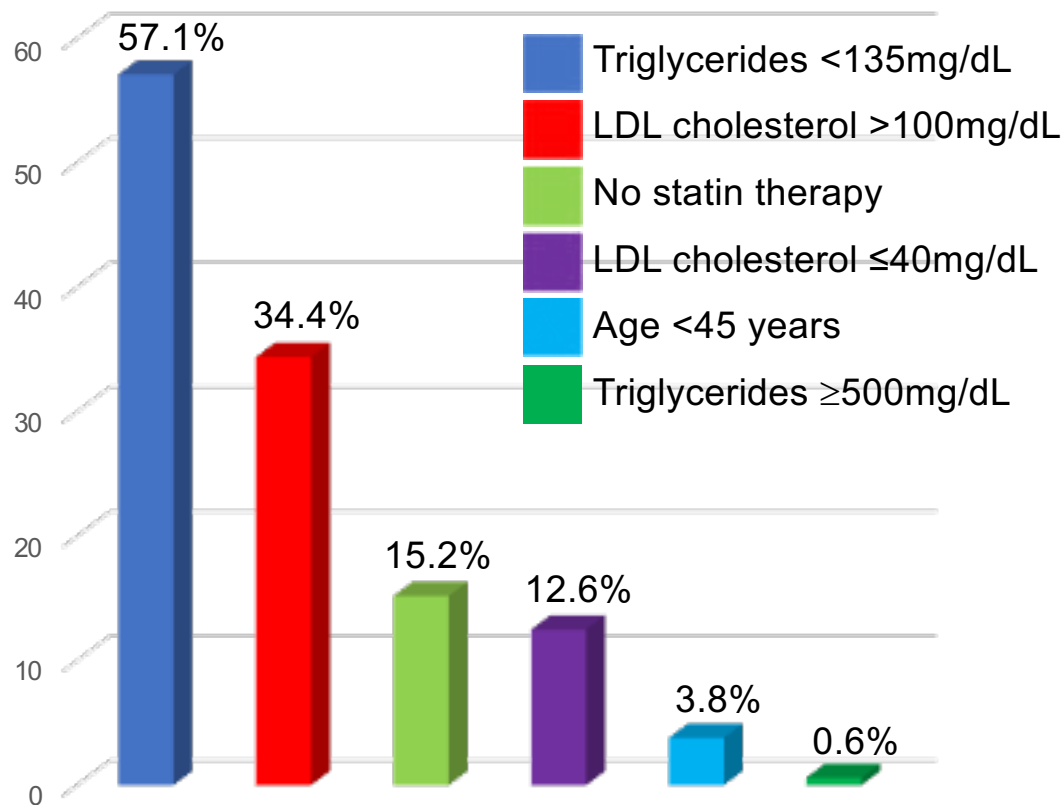


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NOTE: REDUCE-IT also enrolled patients with PAD, CVD, and DM with at least one risk factor

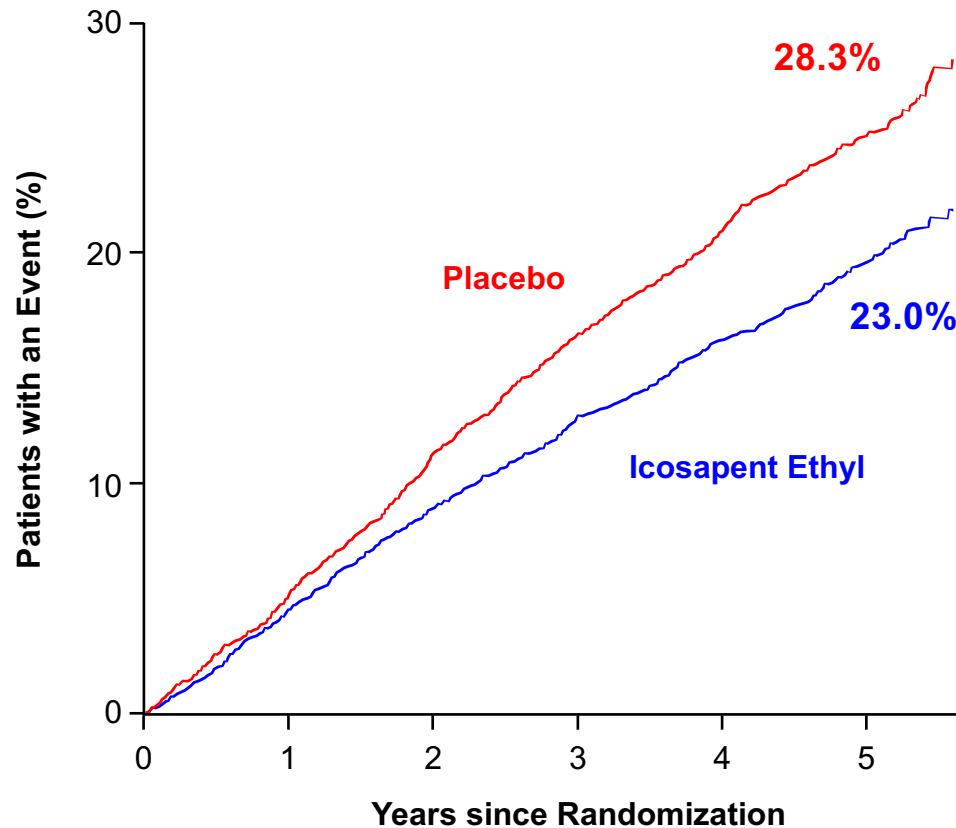
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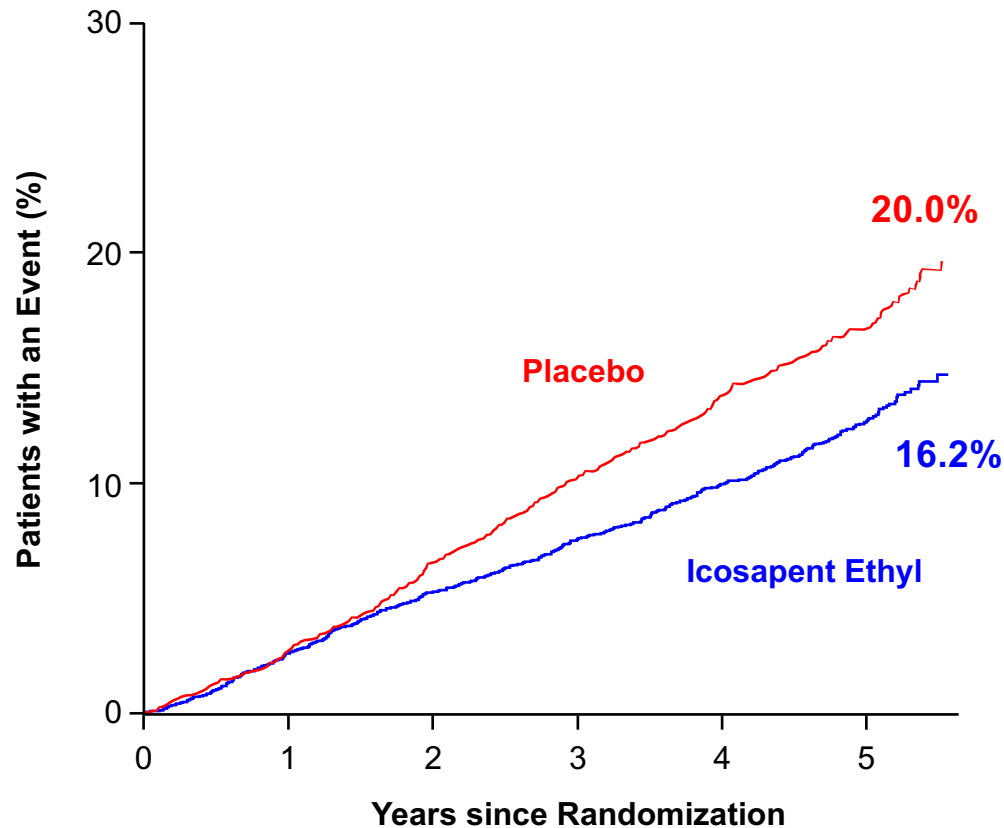
RRR = 24.8%

ARR = 4.8%

NNT = 21 (95% CI, 15–33)

P=0.00000001

Key Secondary End Point: CV Death, MI, Stroke



Hazard Ratio, 0.74

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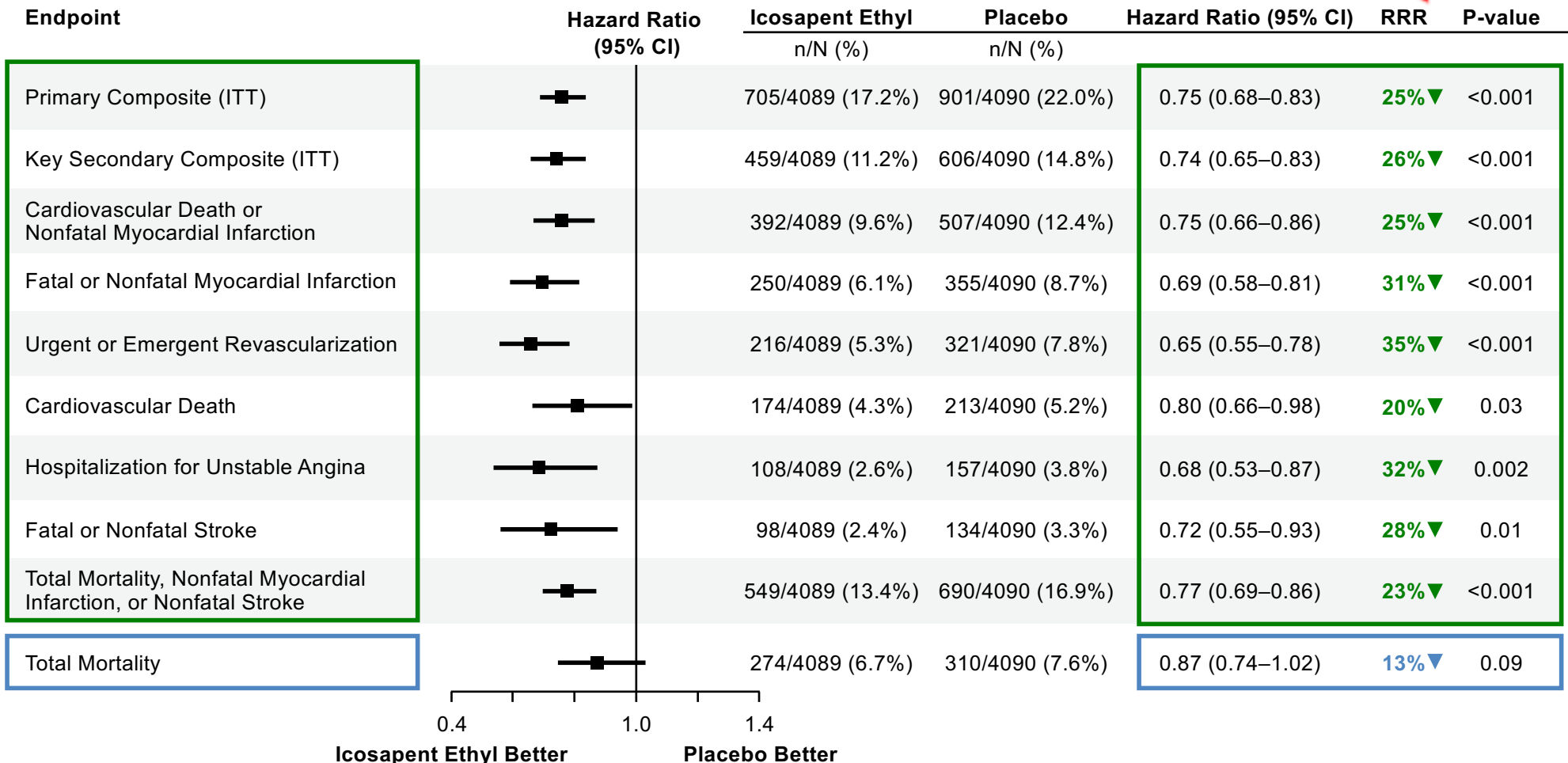
RRR = 26.5%

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 (N=4089)	Placebo (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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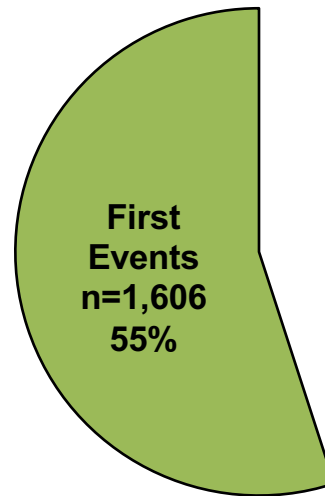
*Baseline TG calculated as average of final screening TG and subsequent TG value from date of randomization.

Key Medical Therapy



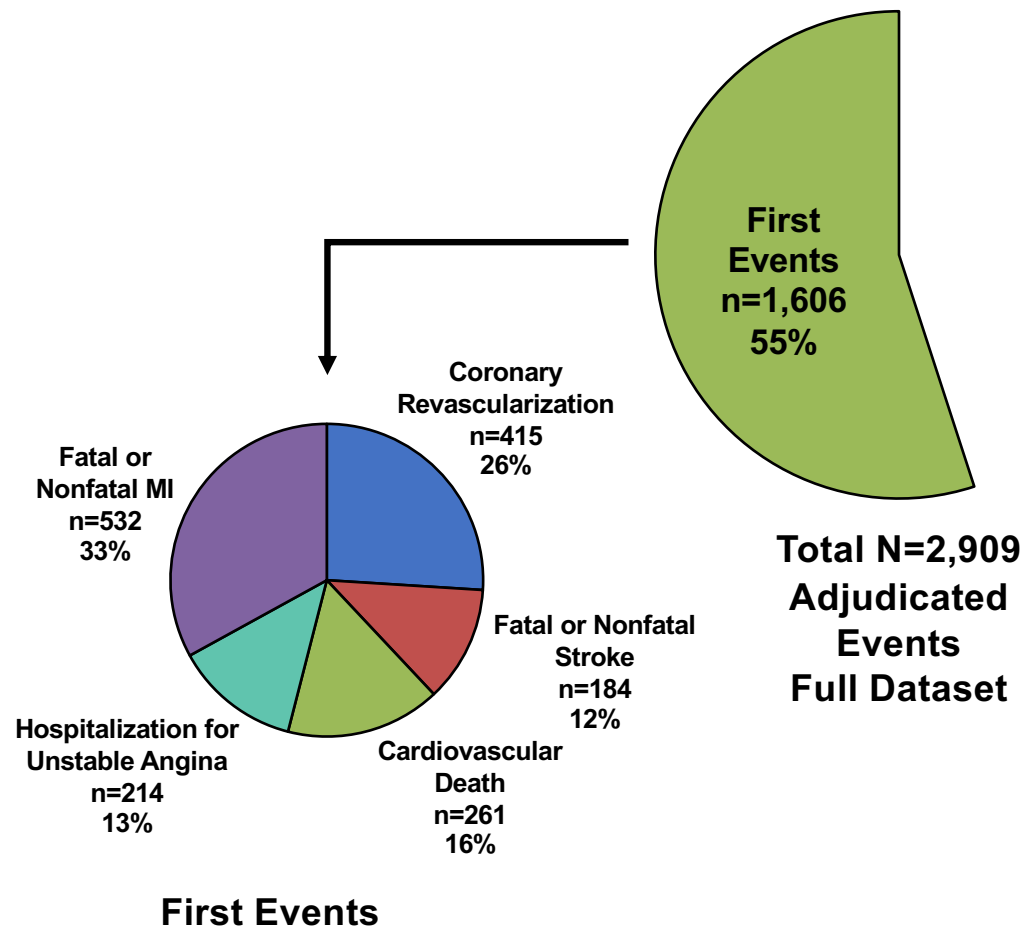
	Icosapent Ethyl (N=4089)	Placebo (N=4090)
Antiplatelet	3257 (79.7%)	3236 (79.1%)
One Antiplatelet	2416 (59.1%)	2408 (58.9%)
Two or More Antiplatelets	841 (20.6%)	828 (20.2%)
Anticoagulant	385 (9.4%)	390 (9.5%)
ACEi or ARB	3164 (77.4%)	3176 (77.7%)
Beta Blocker	2902 (71.0%)	2880 (70.4%)
Statin	4077 (99.7%)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

Proportions of First and Subsequent Events

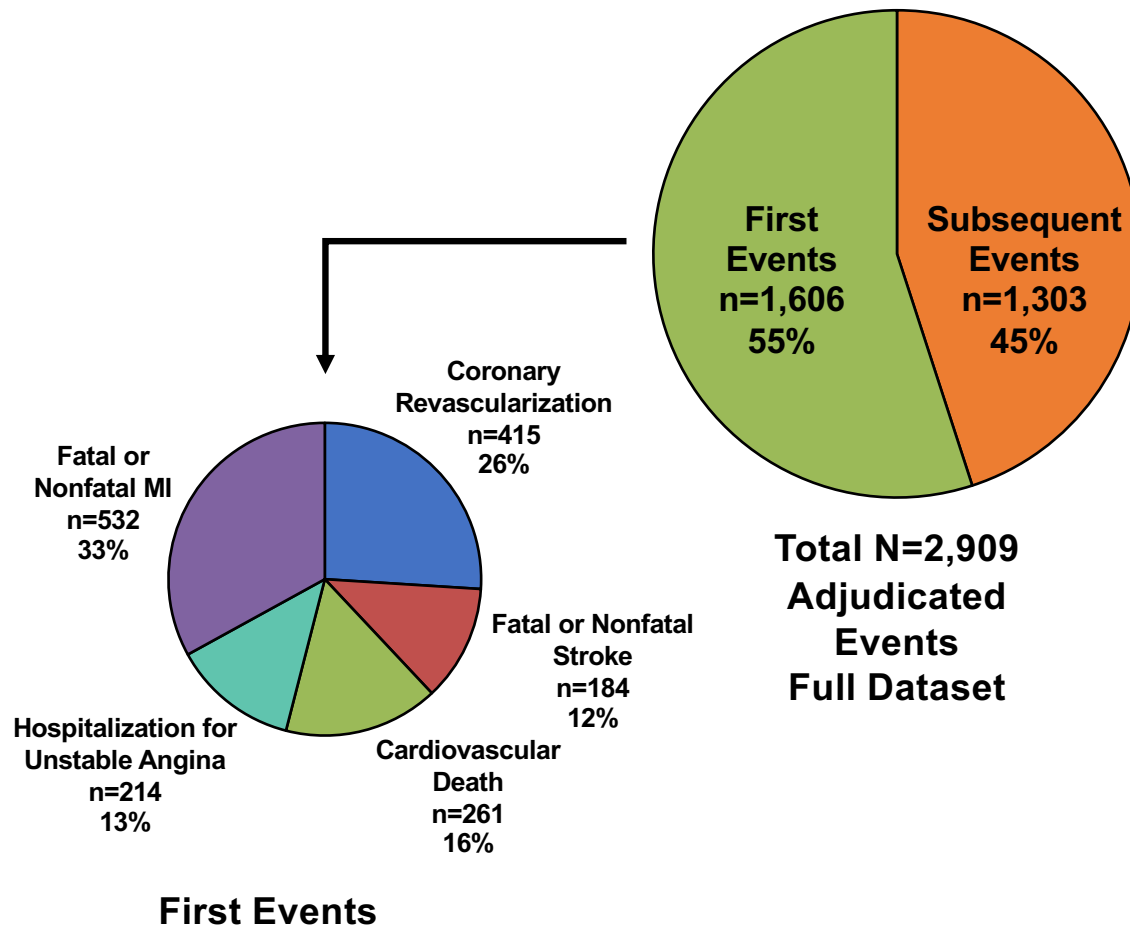


Total N=2,909
Adjudicated
Events
Full Dataset

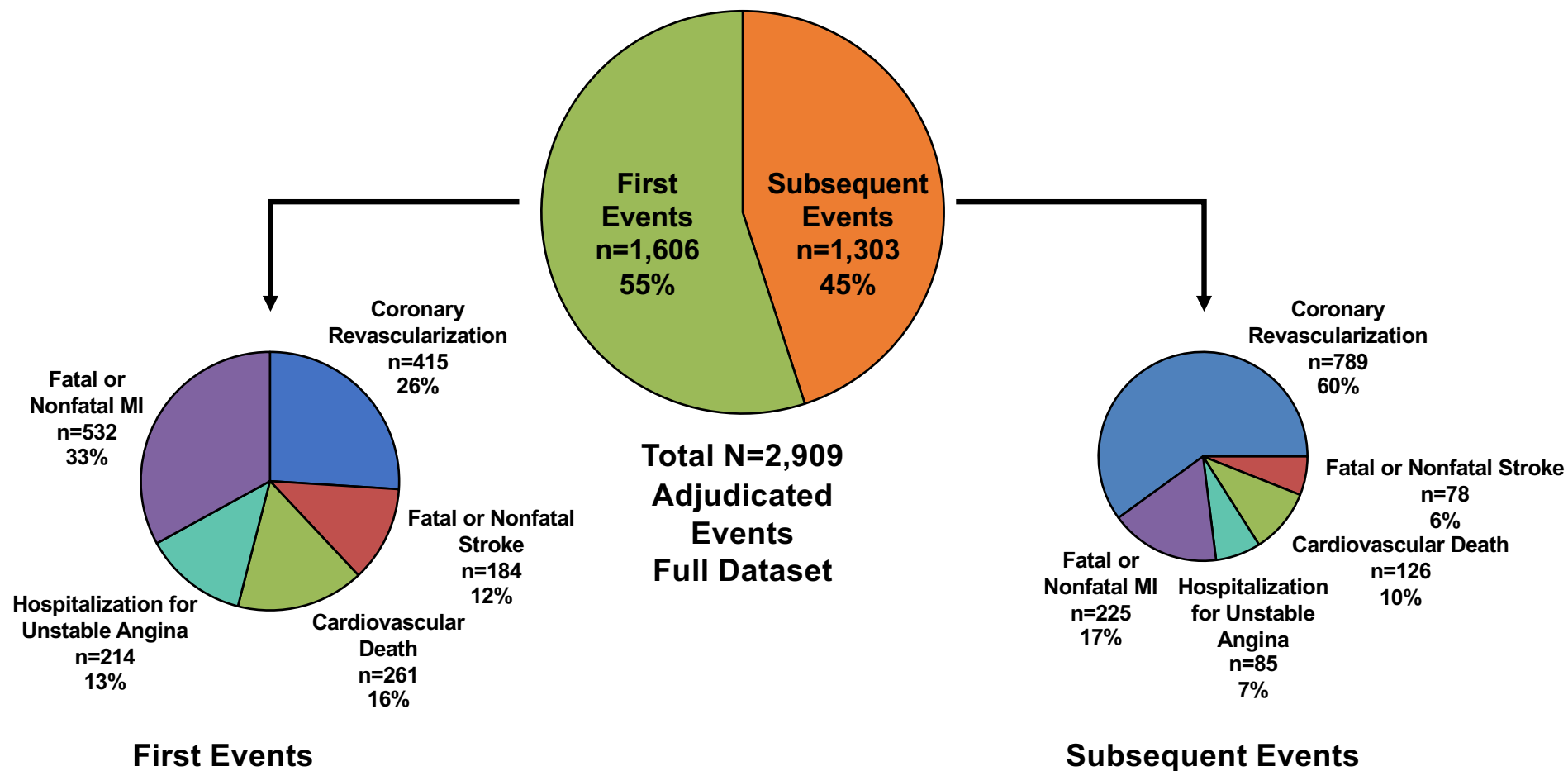
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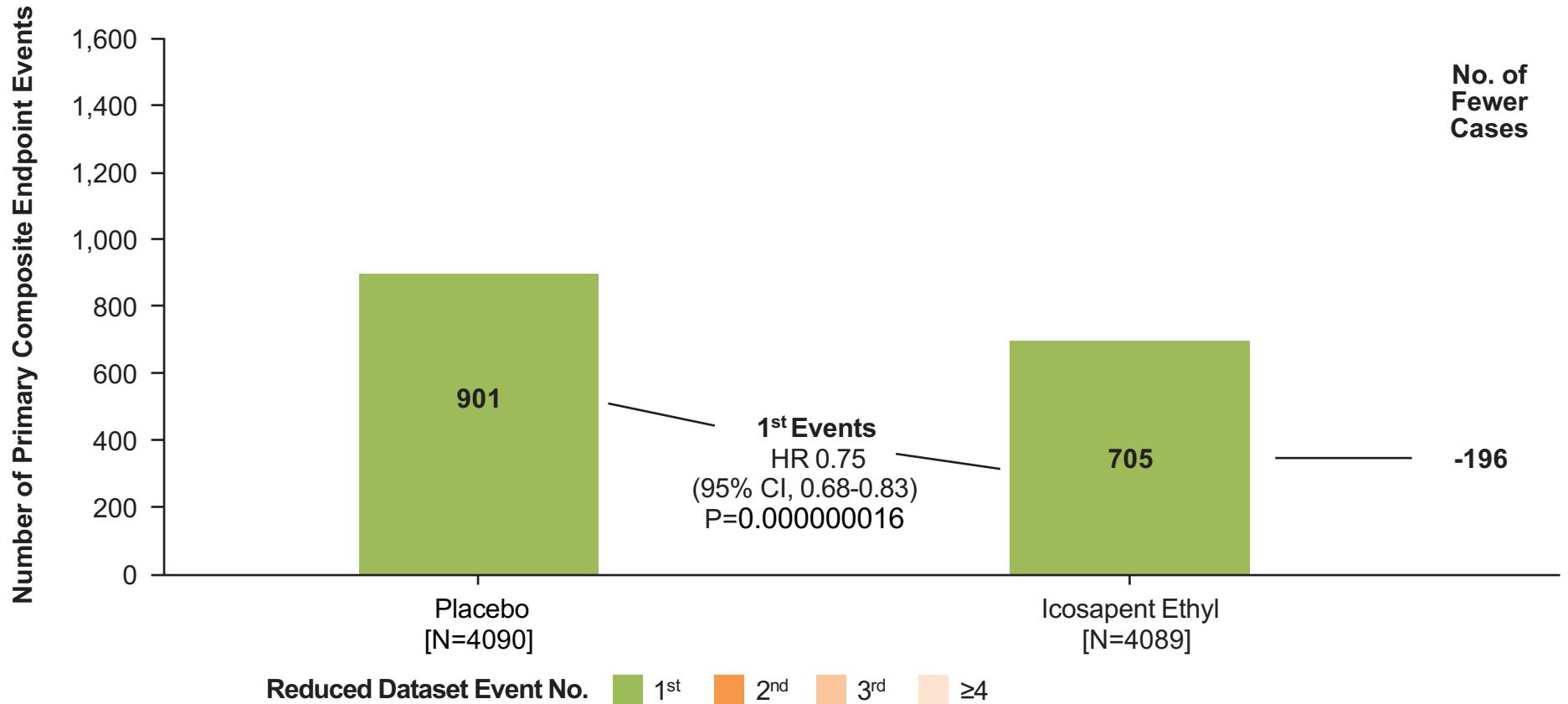
Event Counts



Events on the Same Day:

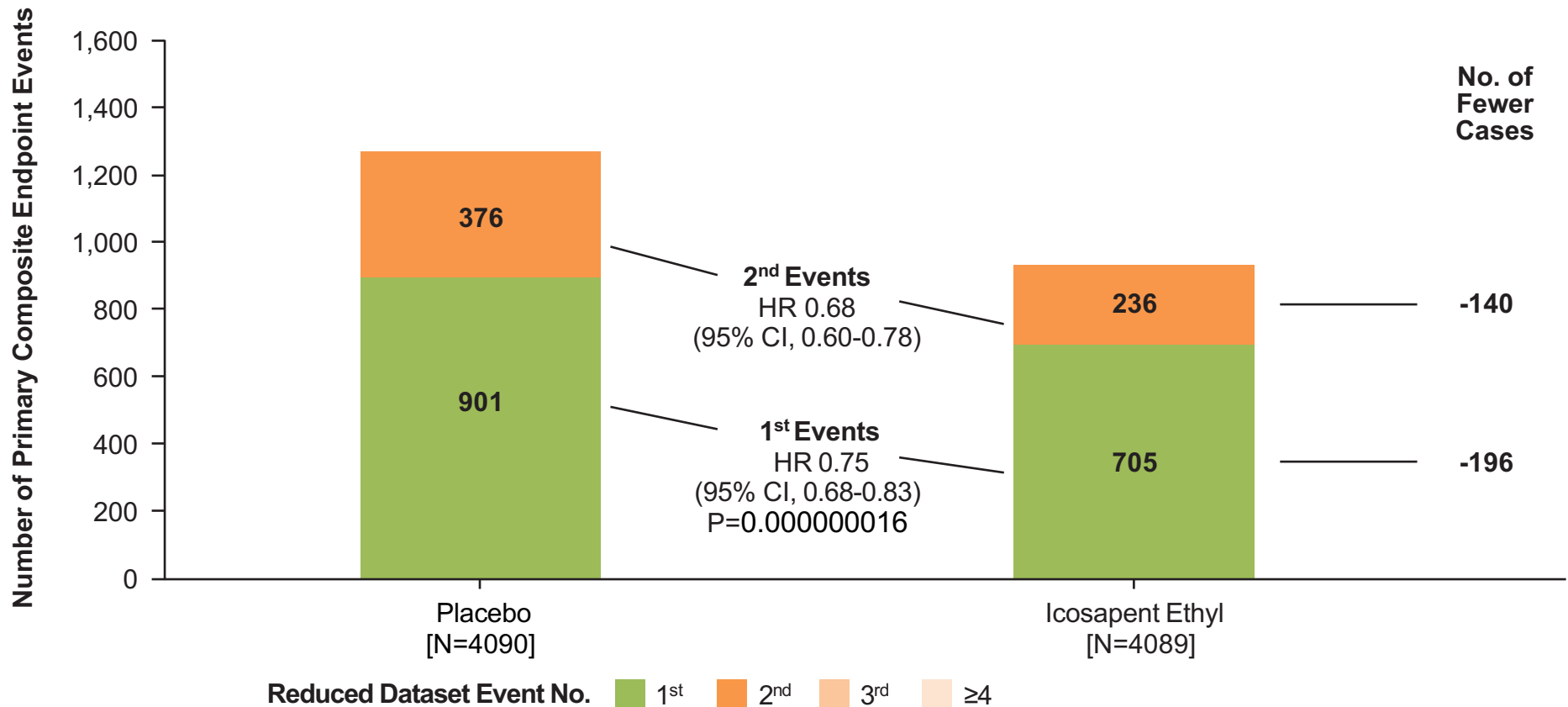
- To improve model performance an event-bundling approach was employed
 - Nonfatal events occurring on the same day as a CV death were excluded and, at most, one nonfatal event was counted on any given day
 - Analyses using this approach are identified as using the “Reduced Dataset” – a more conservative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

First and Subsequent Events



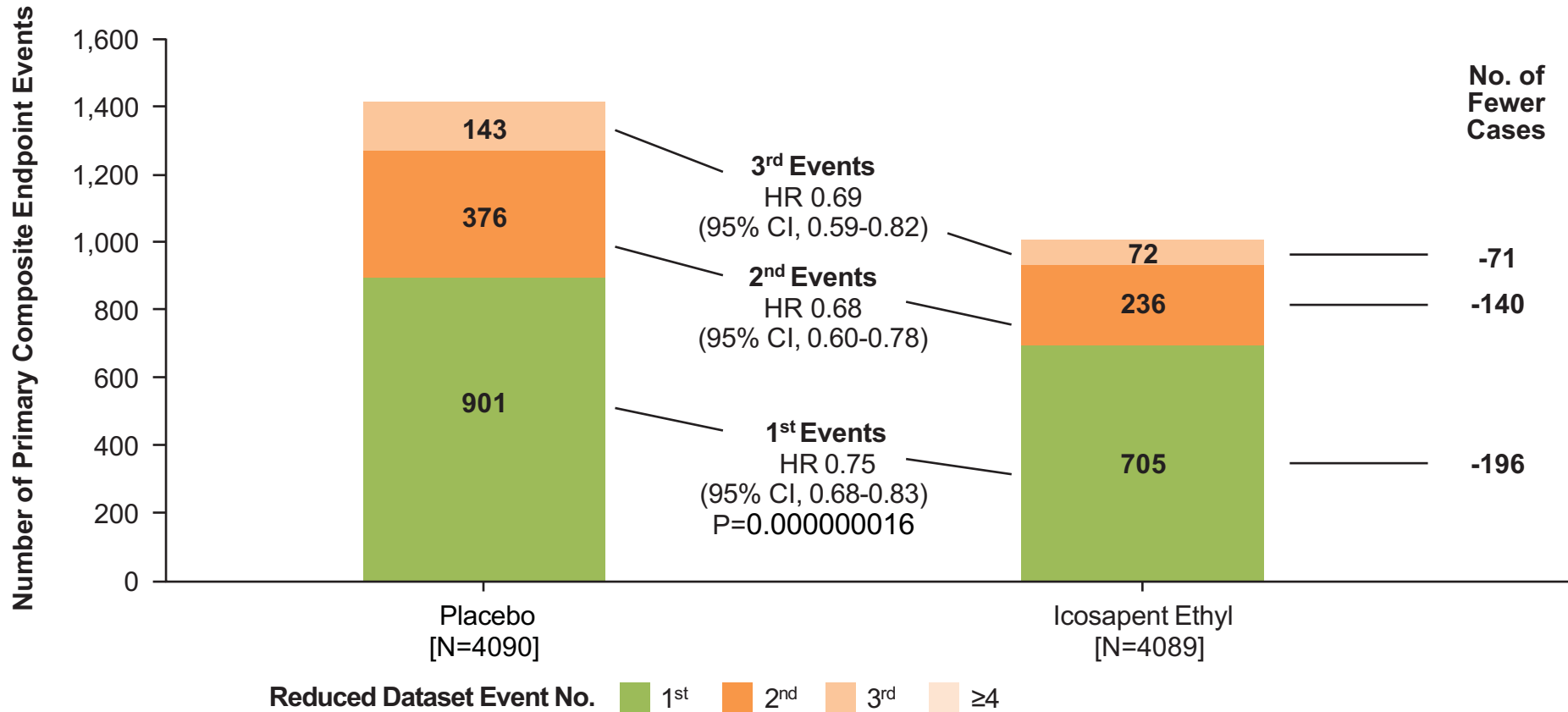
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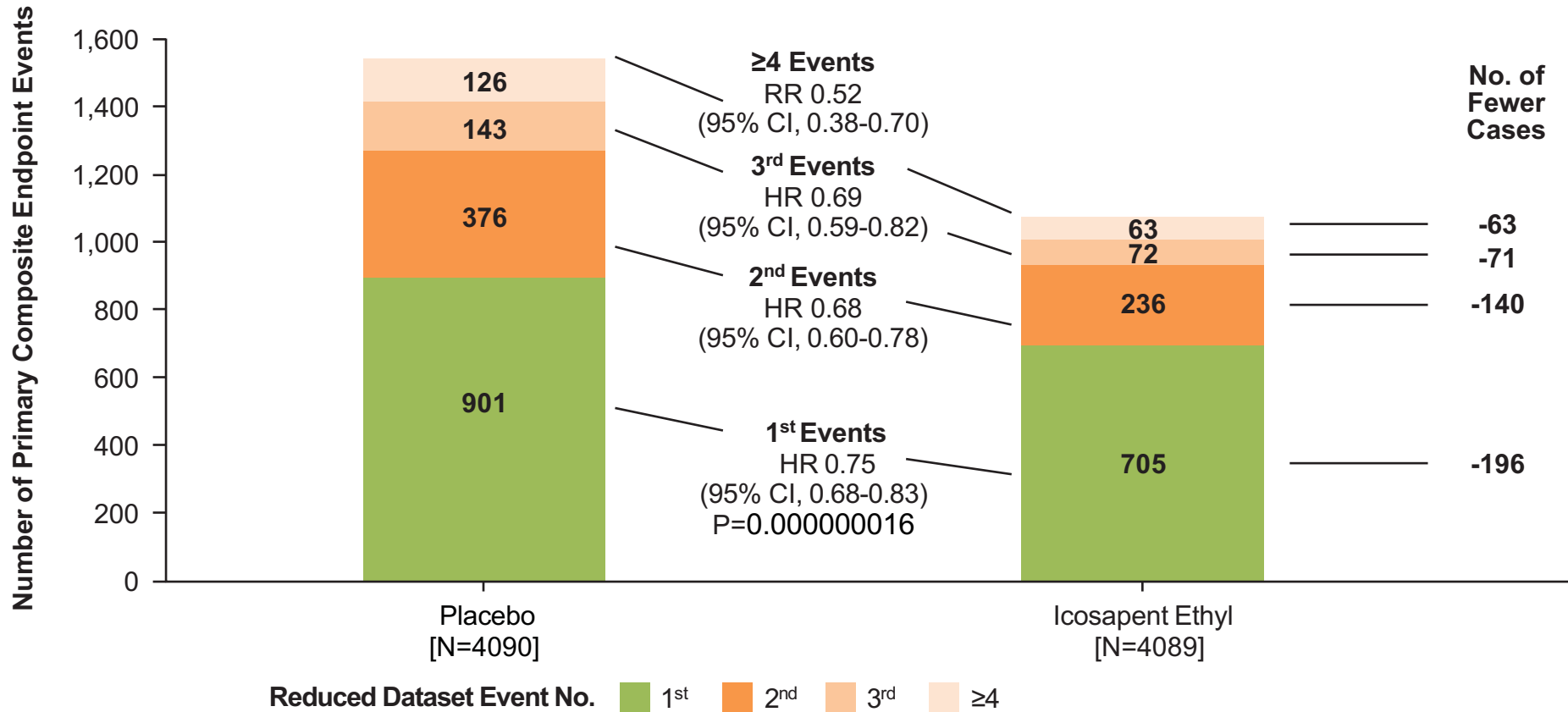
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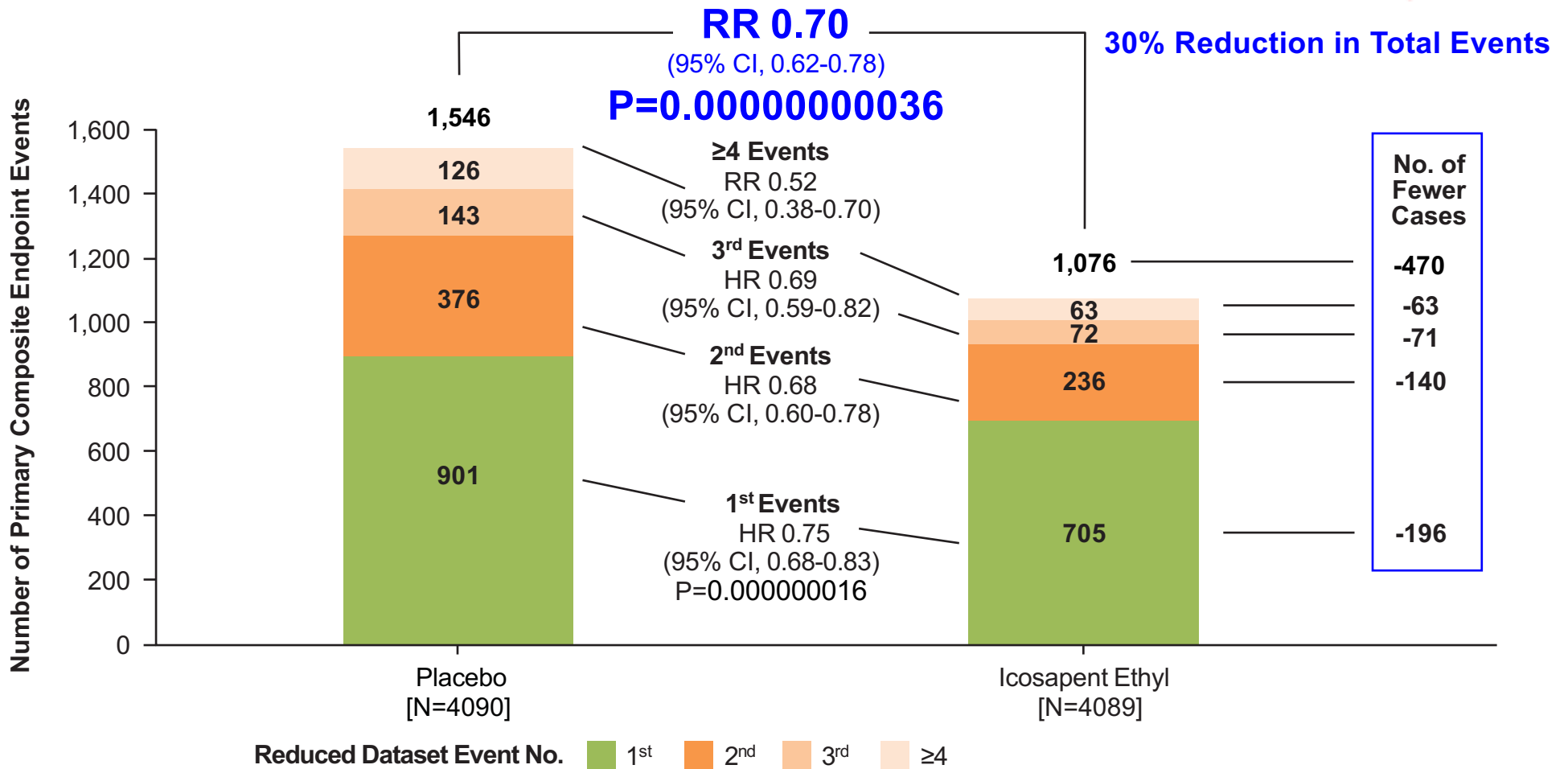
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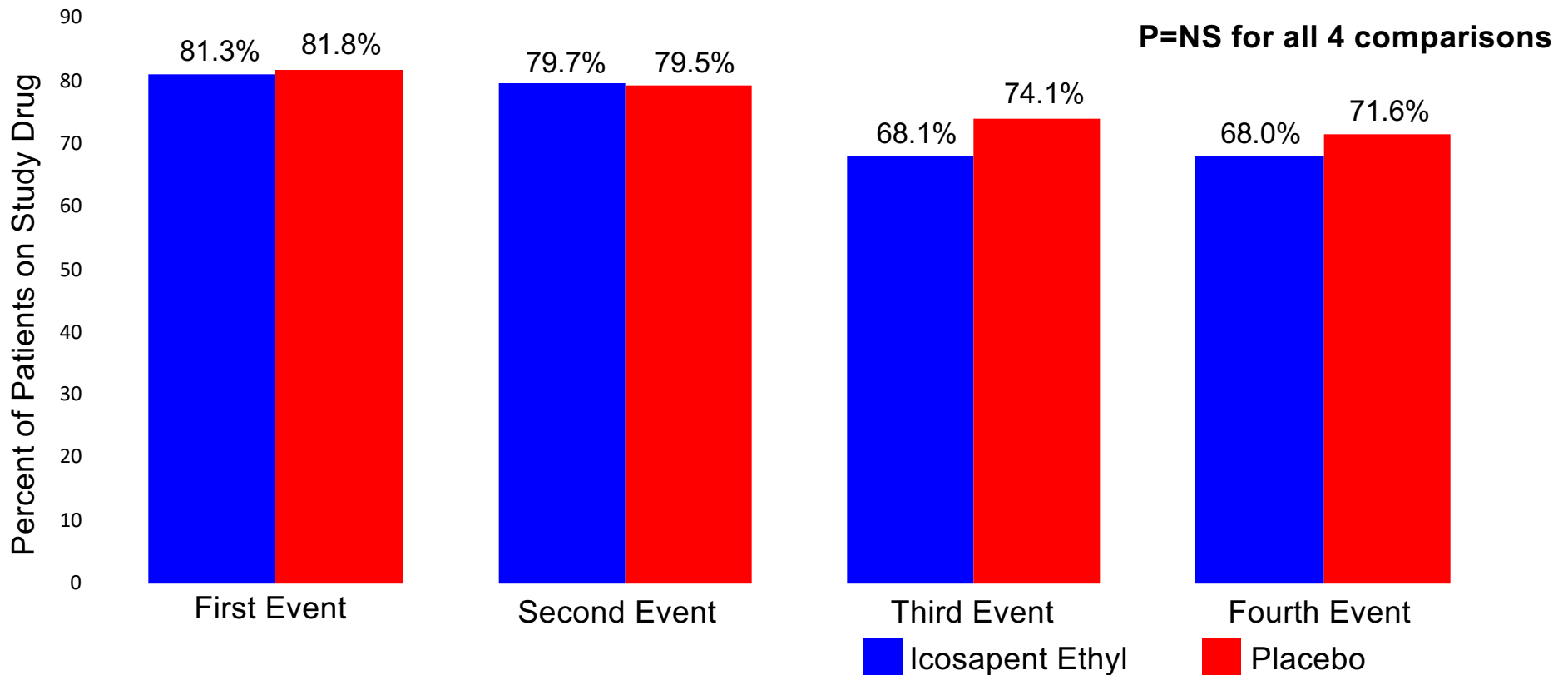


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Adherence



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

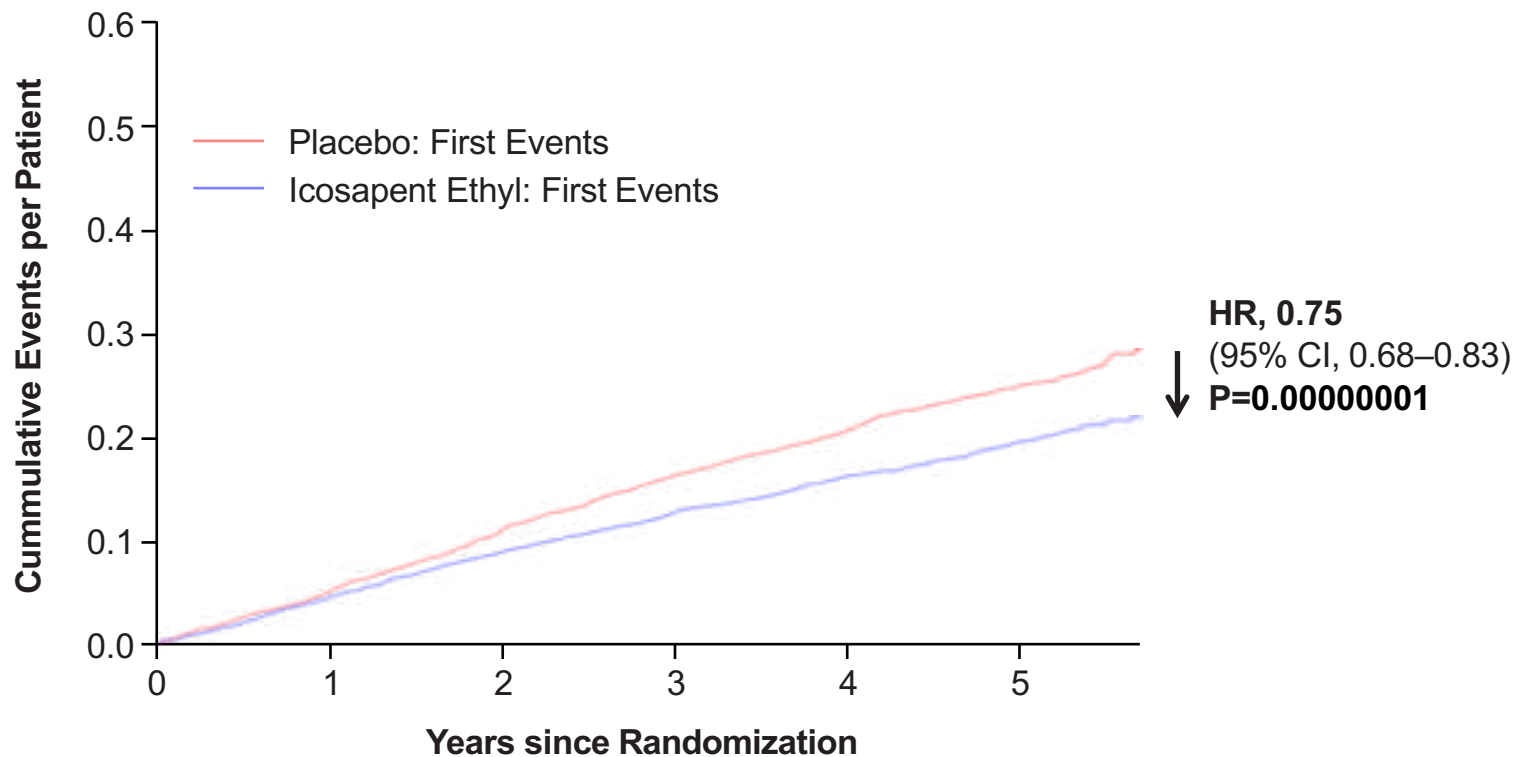


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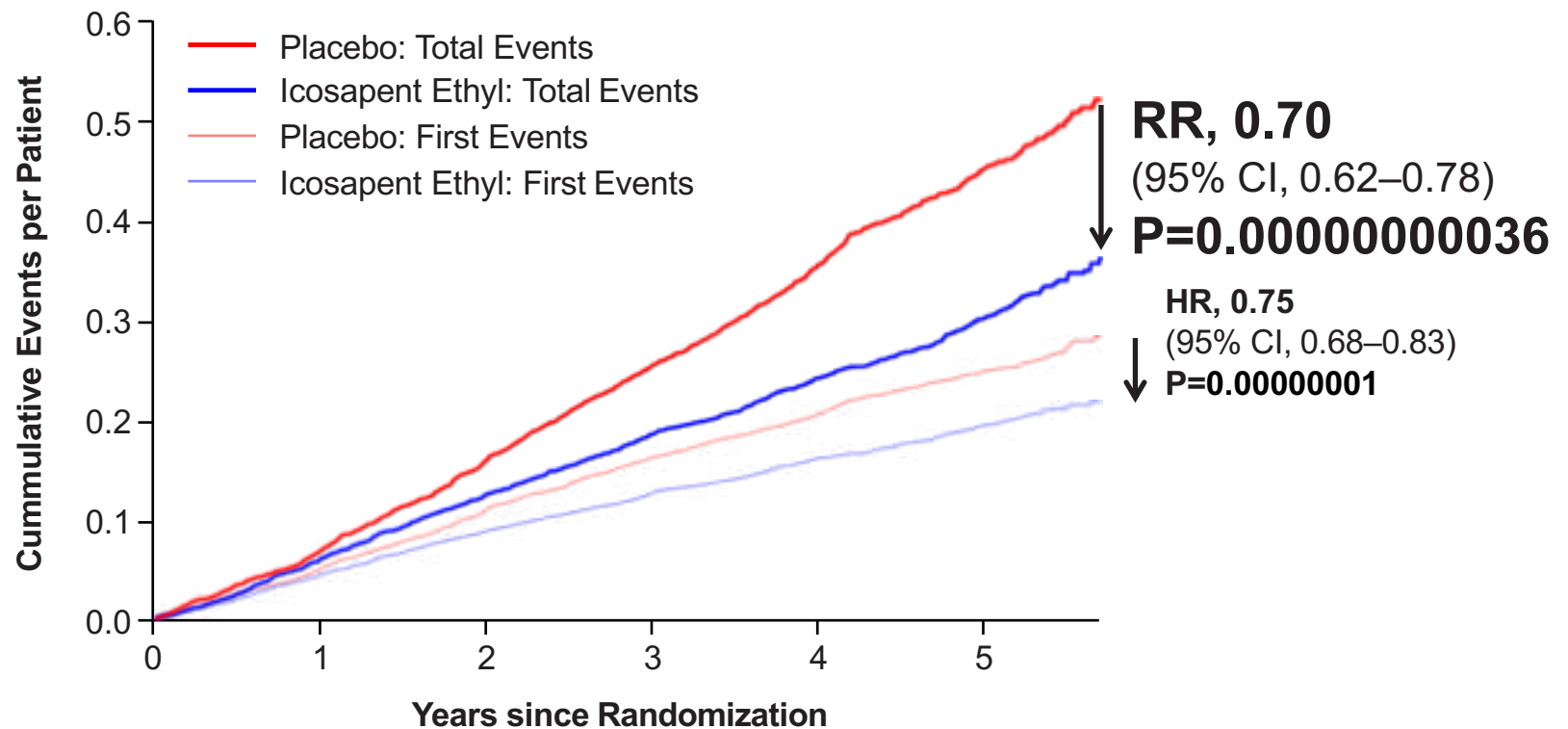


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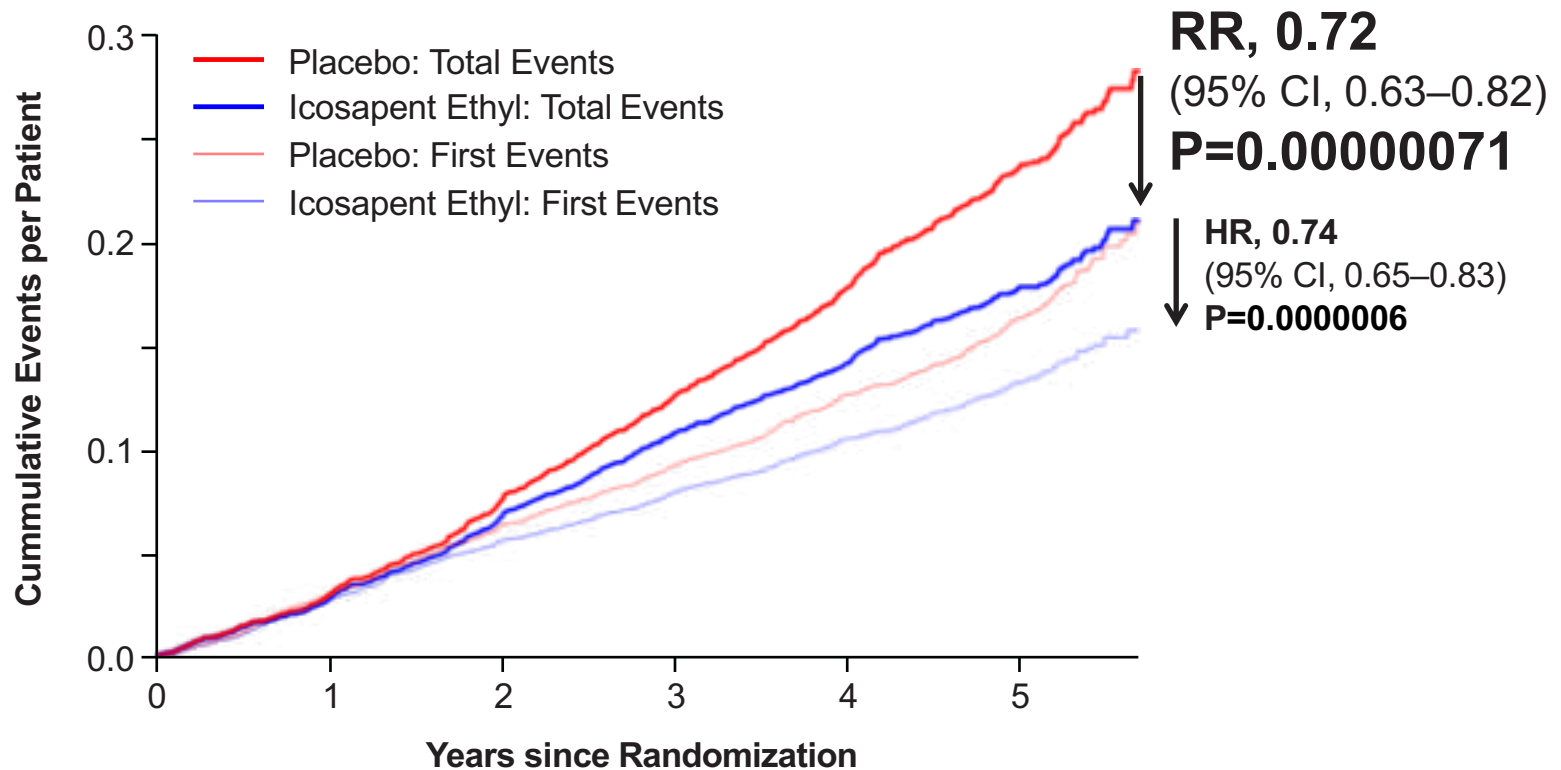


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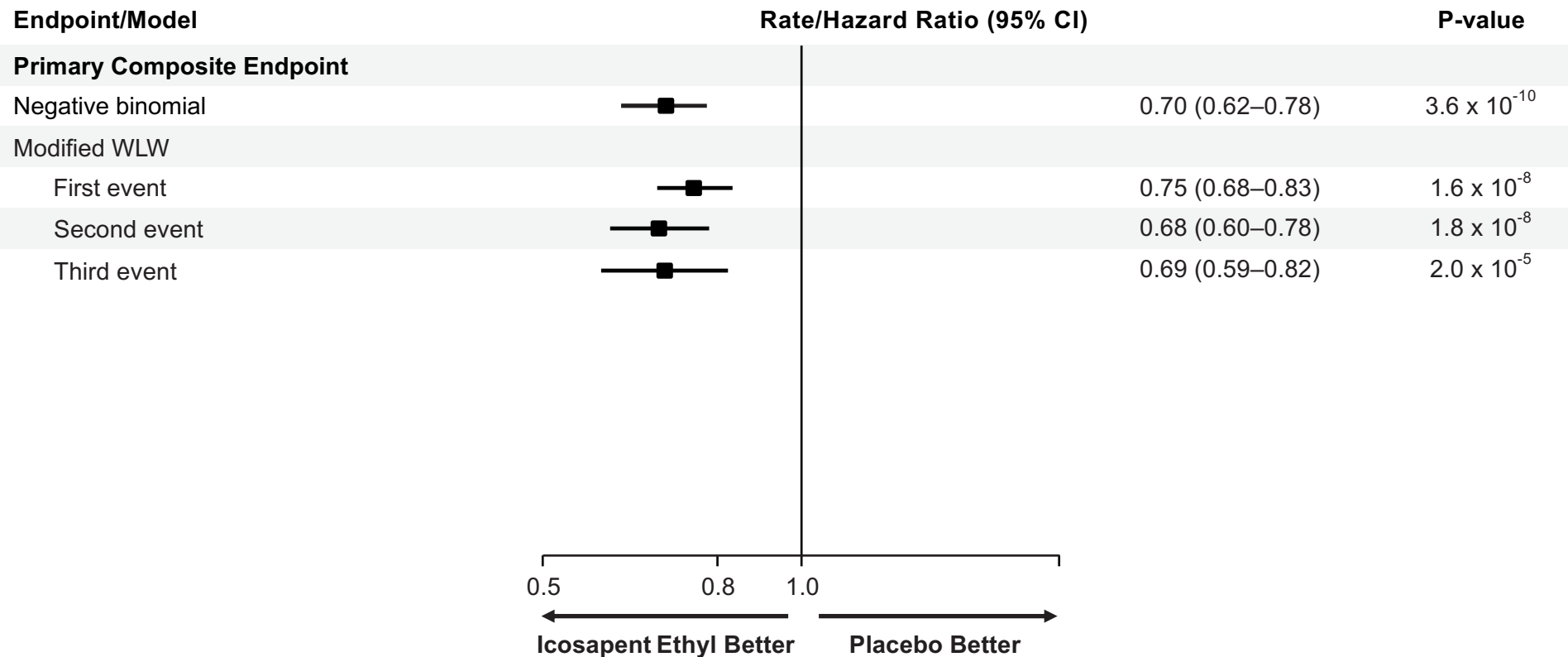
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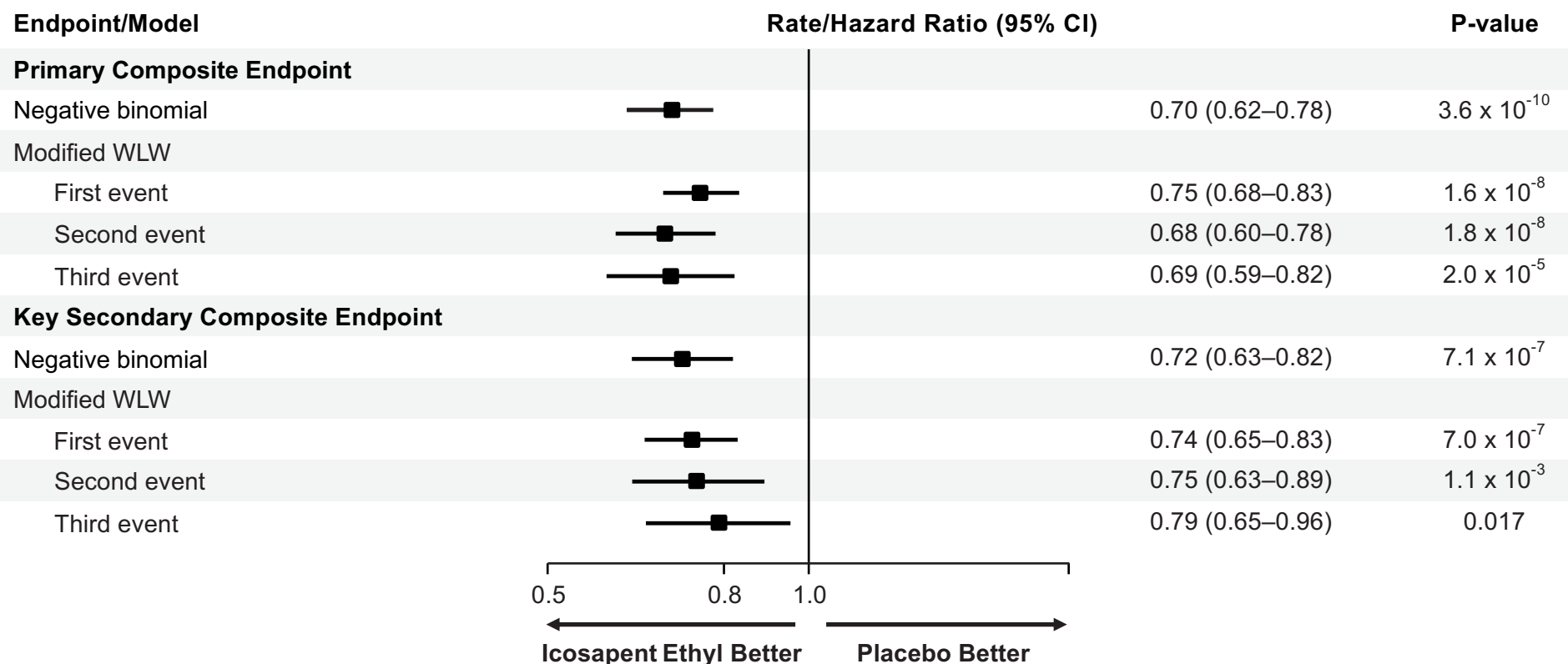
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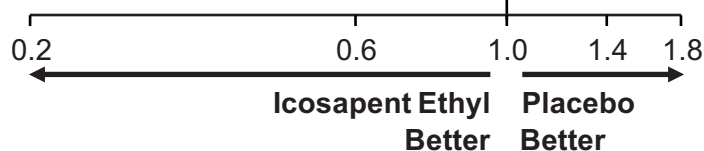
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Primary Composite Endpoint: Total Endpoint Events by Baseline TG Tertiles



TOTAL EVENTS – Primary Composite Endpoint/Subgroup		Icosapent Ethyl	Placebo	RR (95% CI)	P-value
		Rate per 1000 Patient Years	Rate per 1000 Patient Years		
Primary Composite Endpoint (ITT)		61.1	88.8	0.70 (0.62–0.78)	<0.0001
Baseline Triglycerides by Tertiles*					
≥81 to ≤190 mg/dL		56.4	74.5	0.74 (0.61–0.90)	0.0025
>190 to ≤250 mg/dL		63.2	86.8	0.77 (0.63–0.95)	0.0120
>250 to ≤1401 mg/dL		64.4	107.4	0.60 (0.50–0.73)	<0.0001



*P (interaction) = 0.17

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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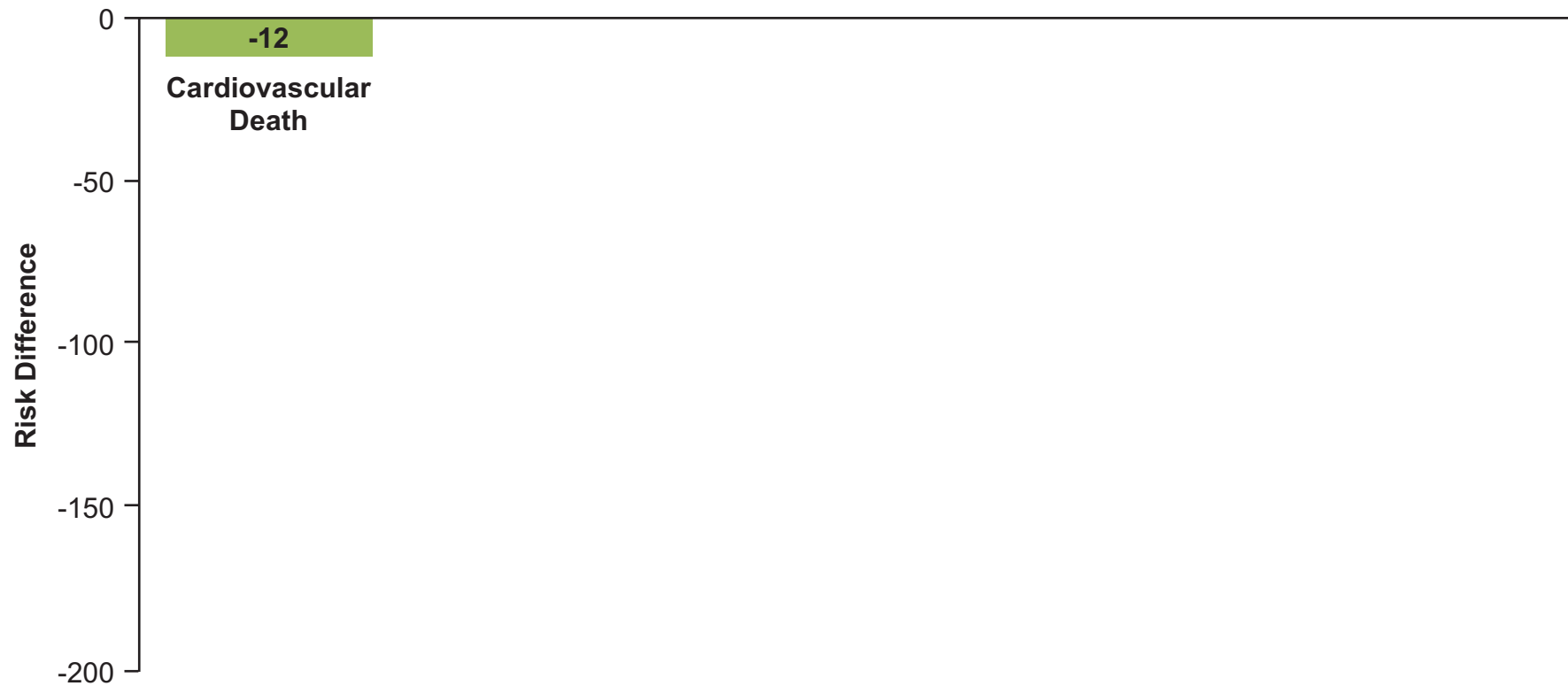


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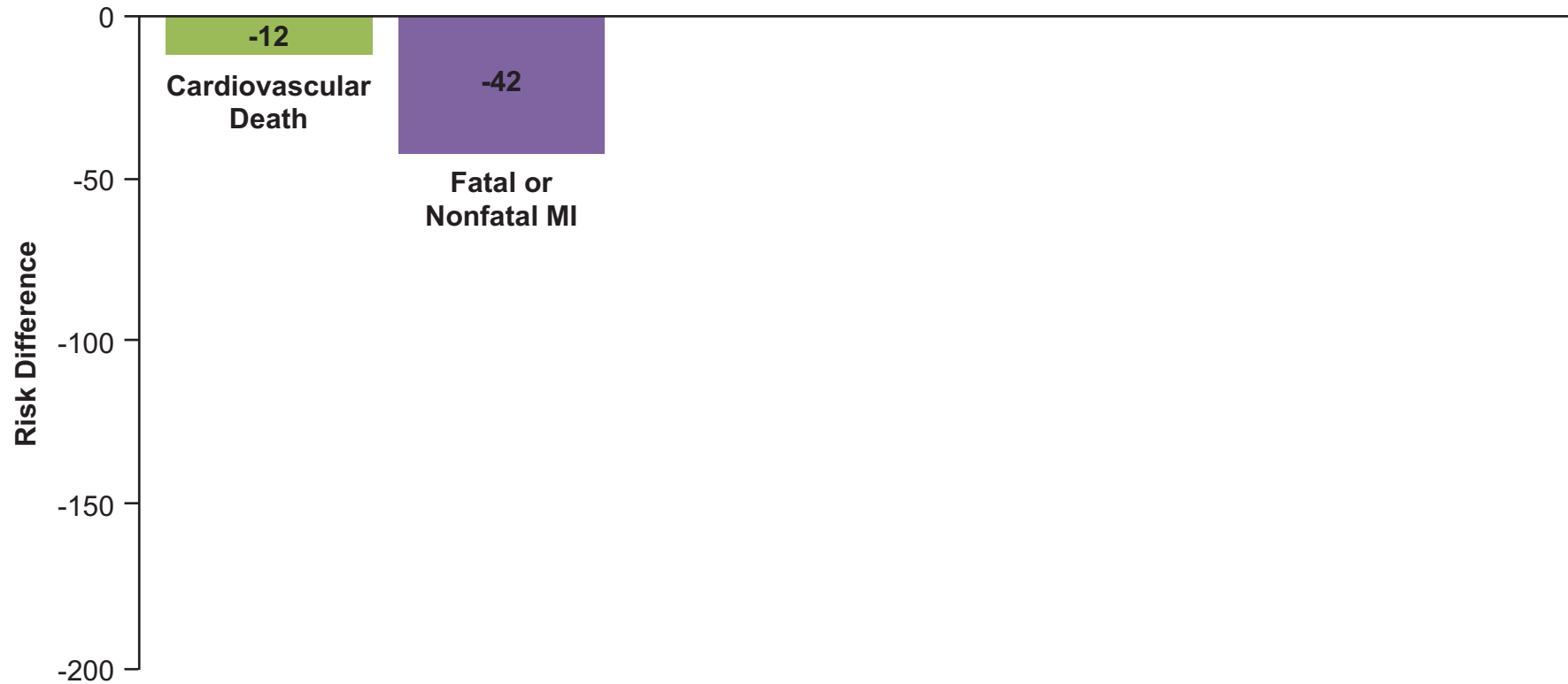
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Analysis of first, recurrent, and total events demonstrates the large burden of ischemic events in statin-treated patients with baseline triglycerides > ~100 mg/dL and the potential role of icosapent ethyl in reducing this residual risk

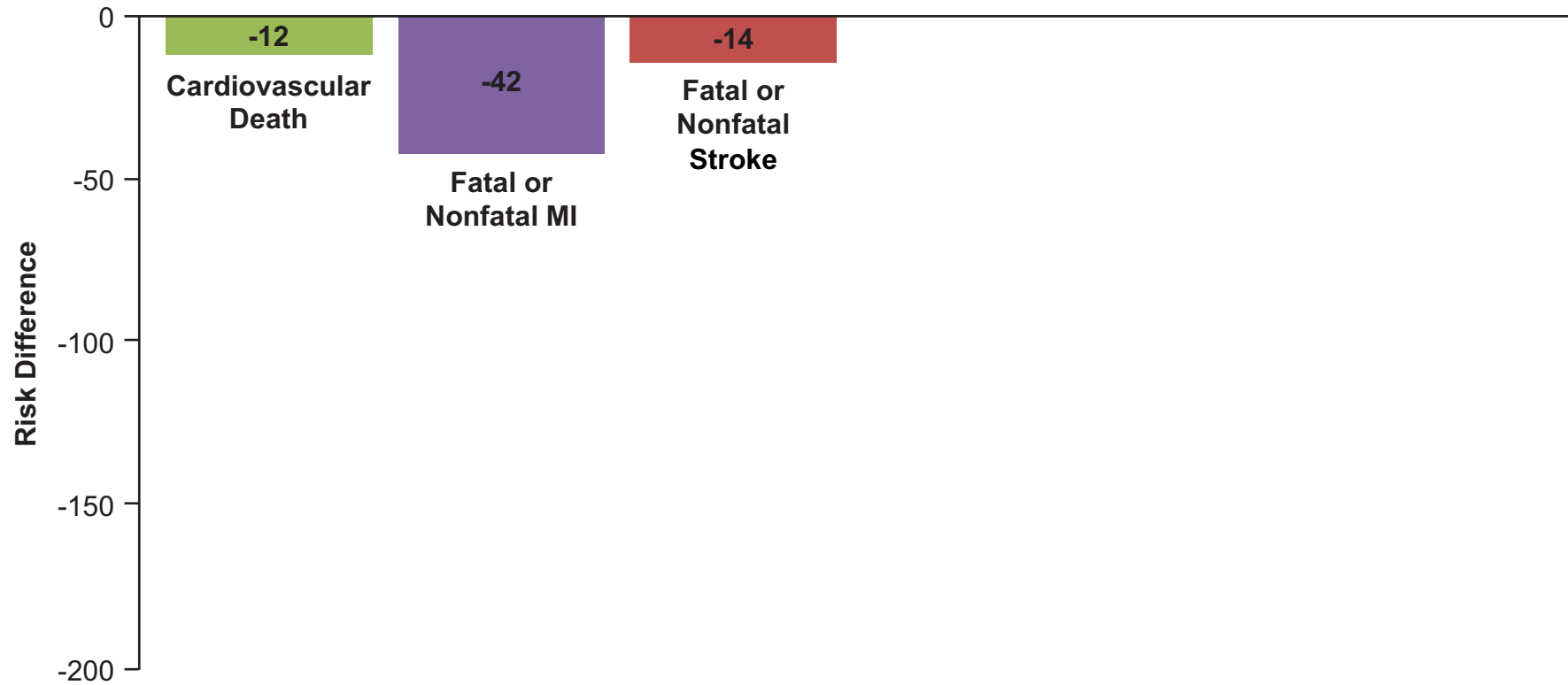
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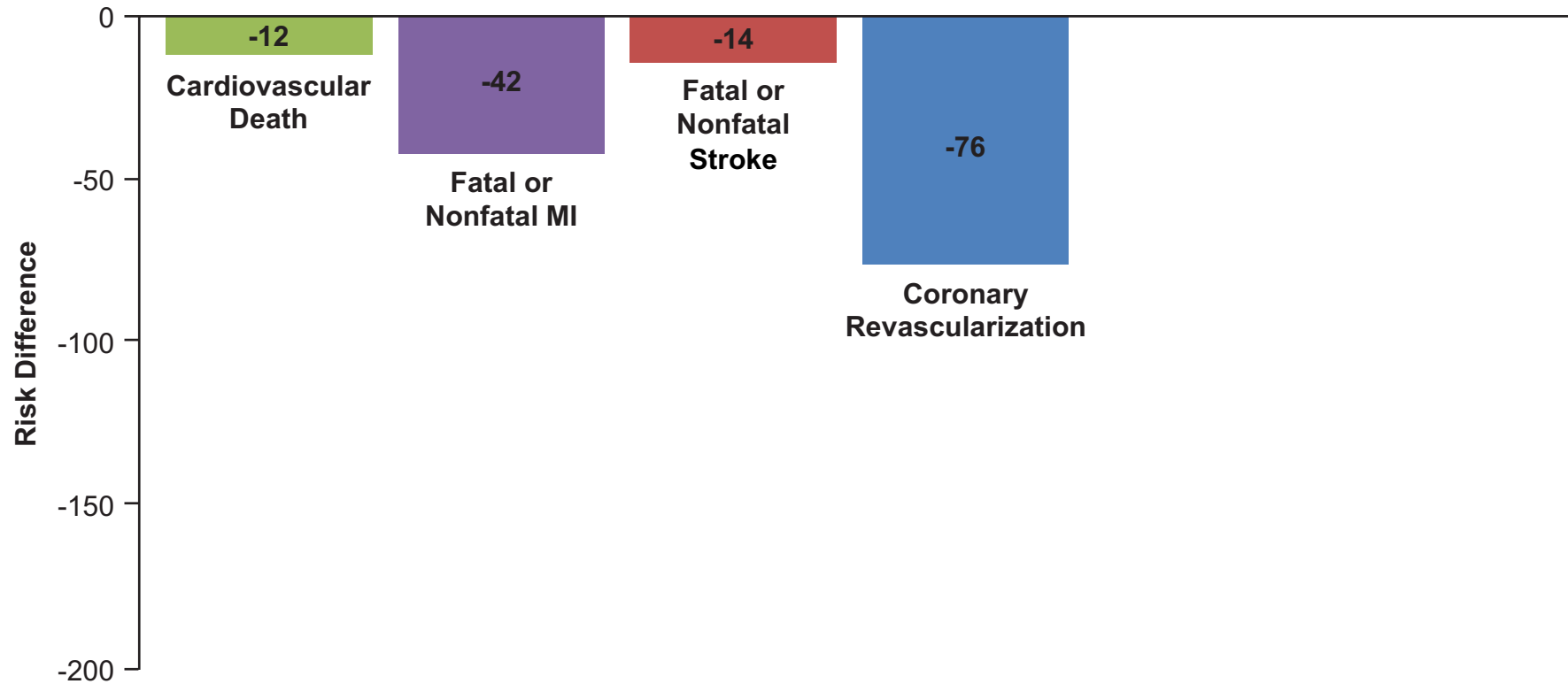
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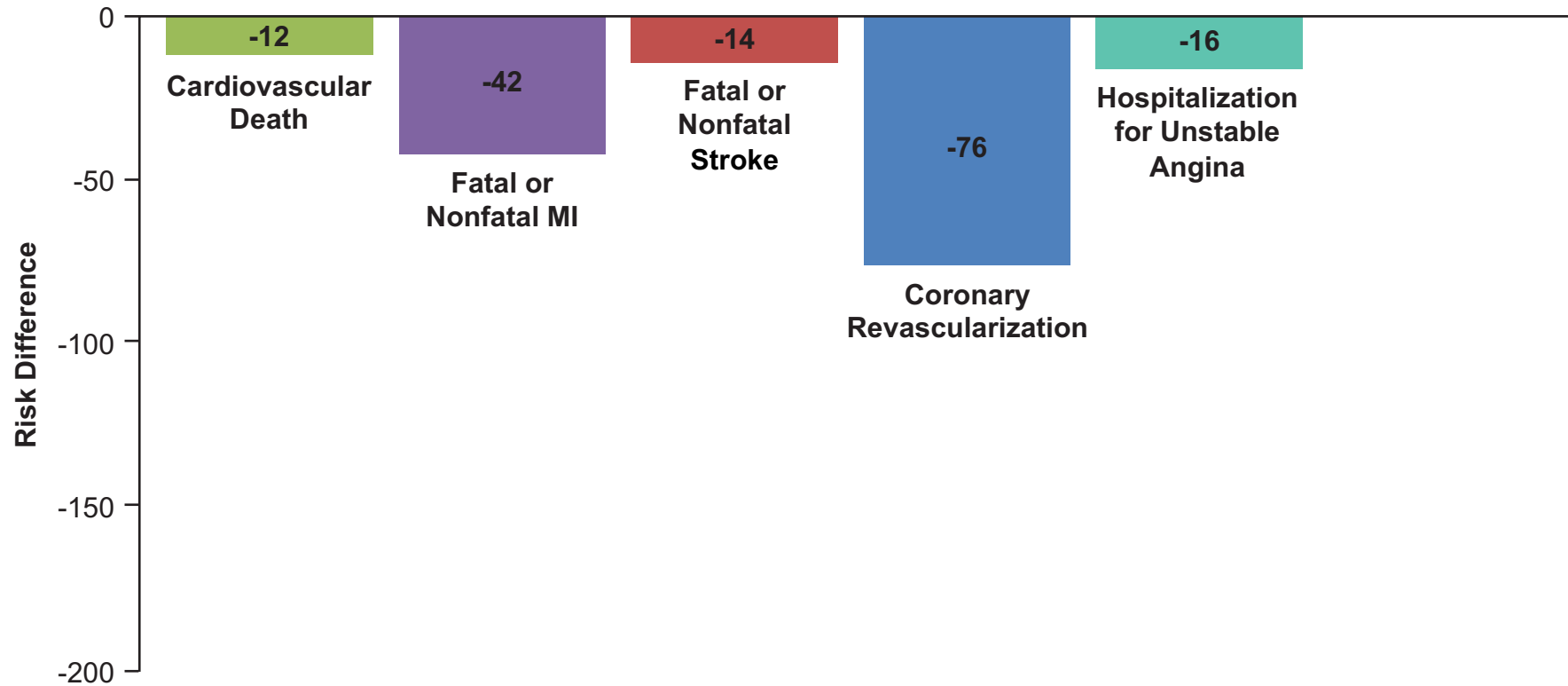
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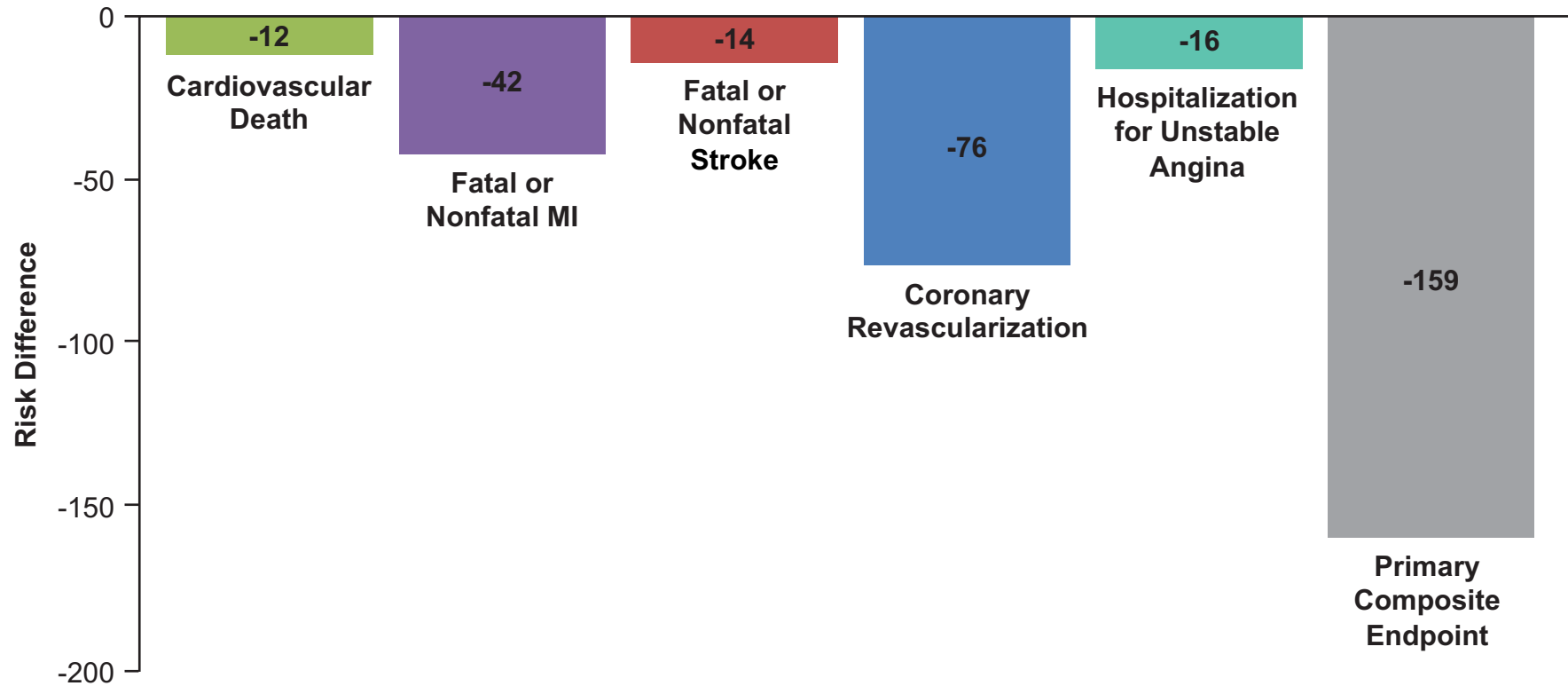
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Baseline Triglyceride Levels



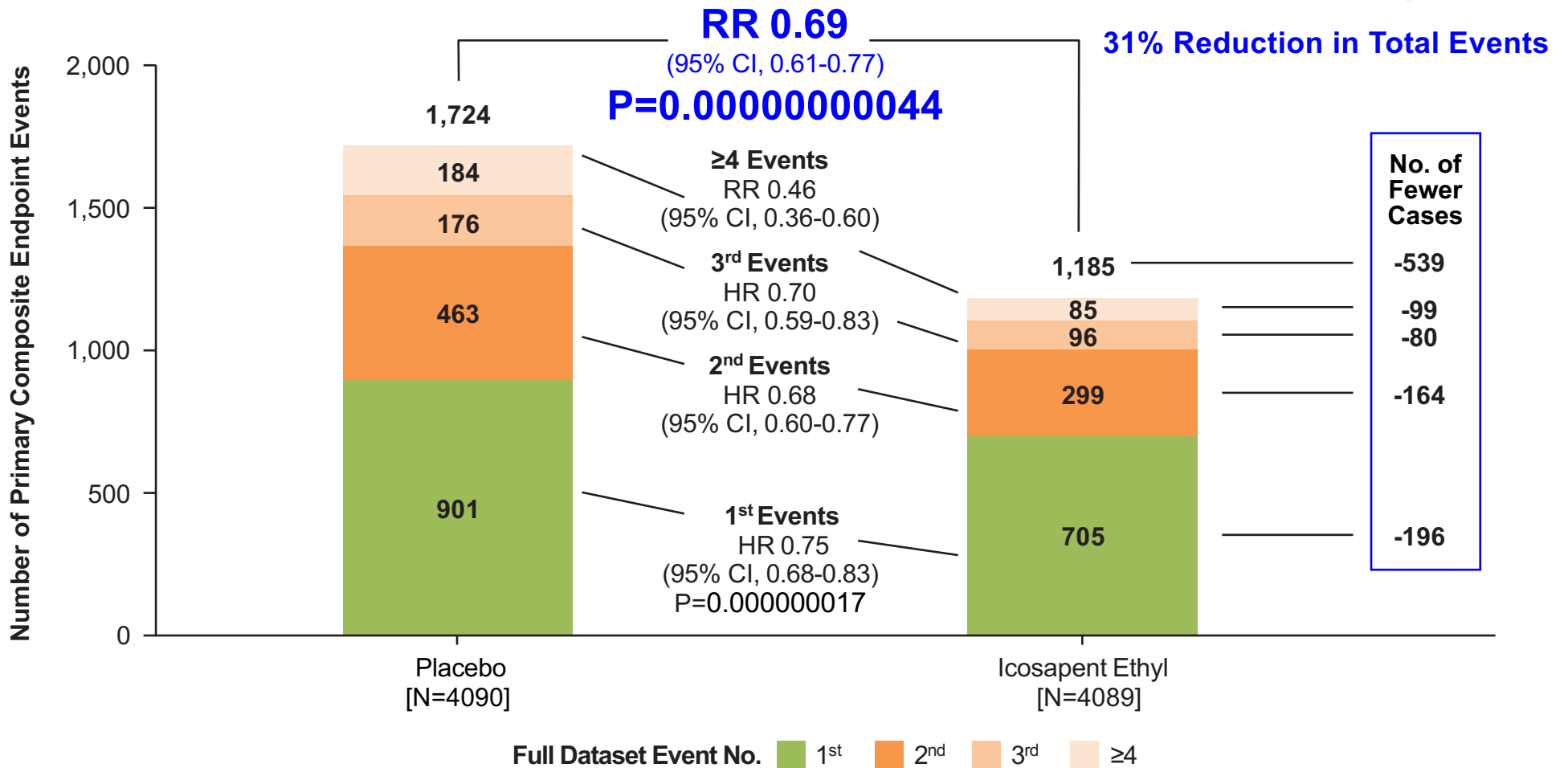
REDUCE-IT patients underwent a screening visit to determine eligibility, including testing of statin-stabilized triglyceride (TG) levels. Patients meeting inclusion and exclusion criteria, including TG levels could then be entered in the study at a subsequent randomization visit. Patients not meeting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

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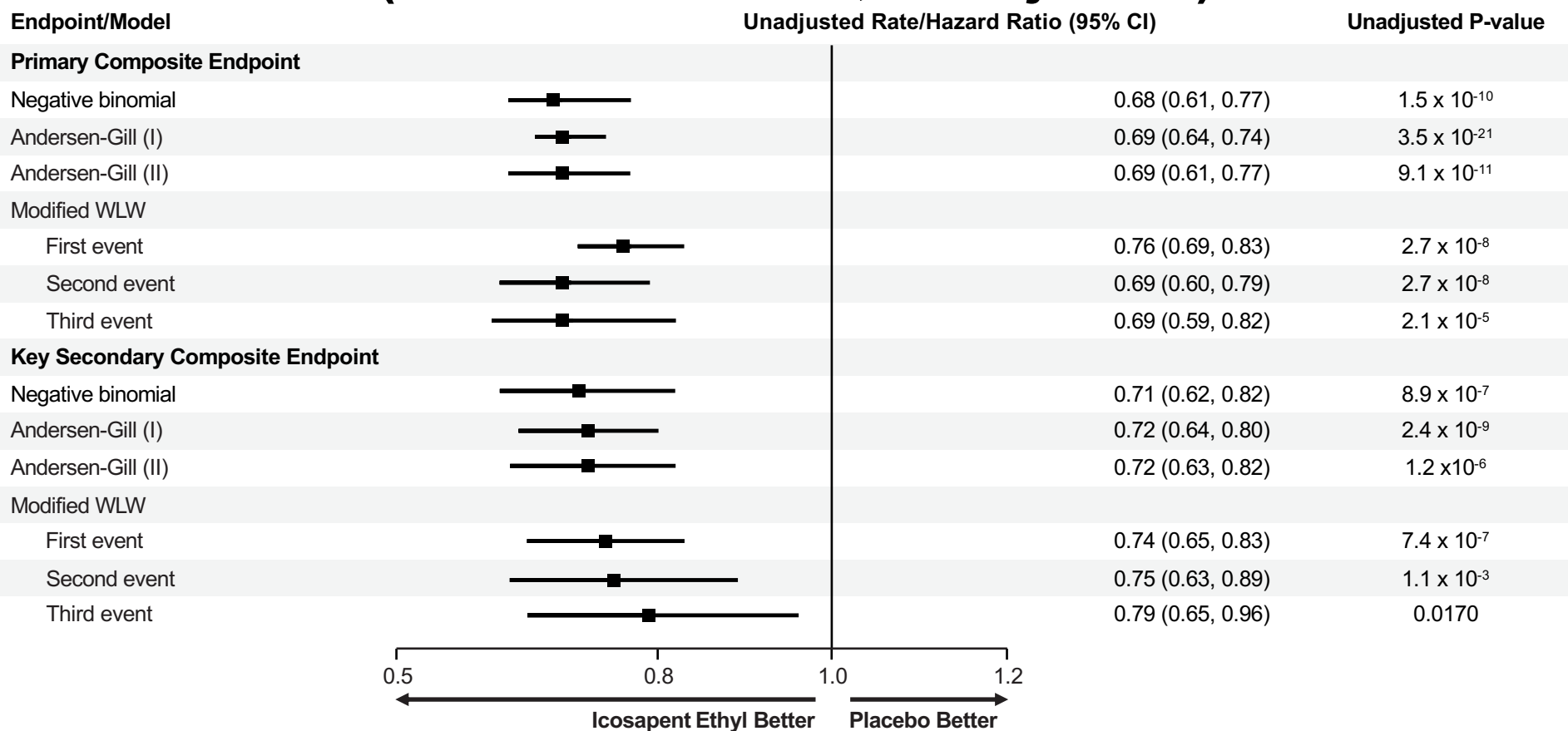
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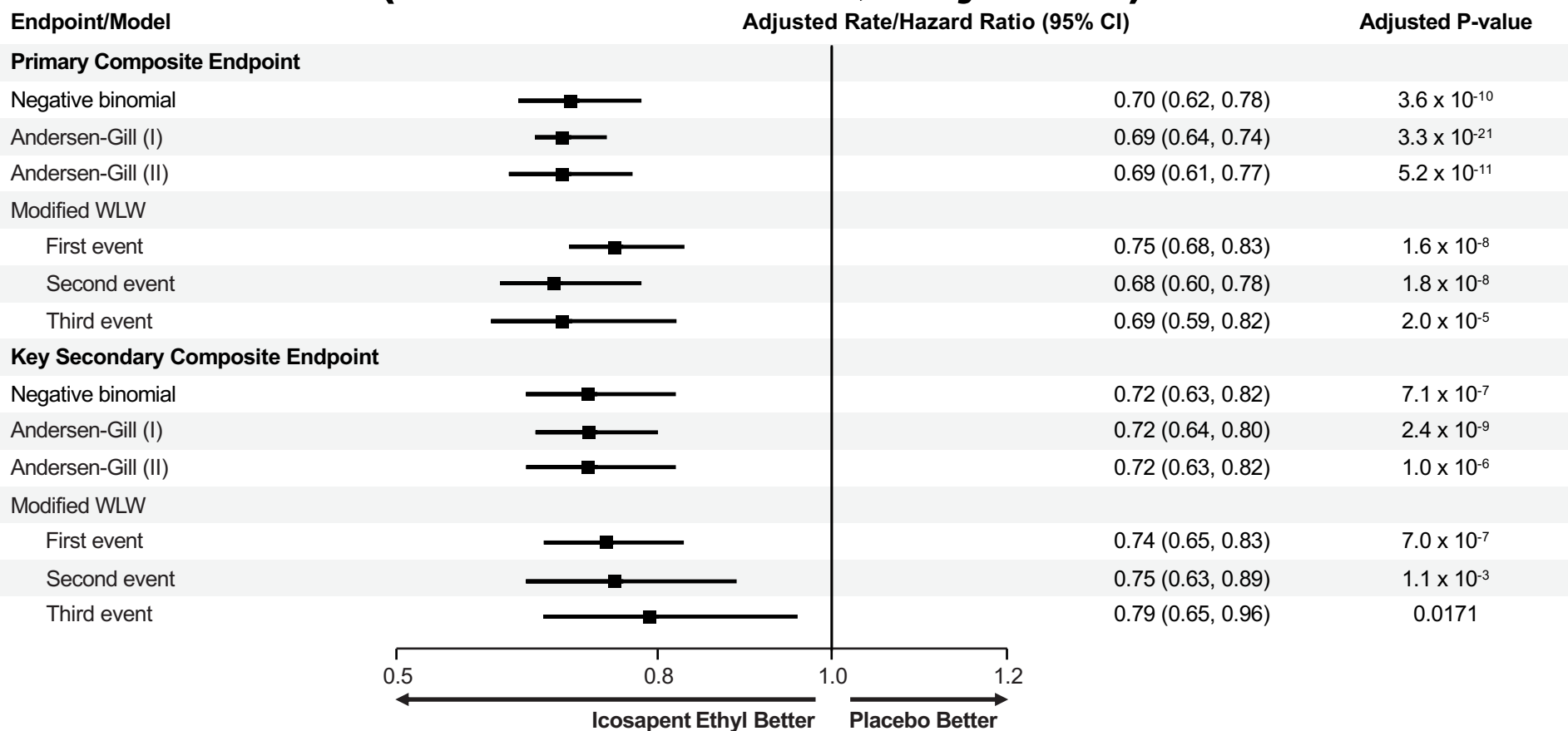


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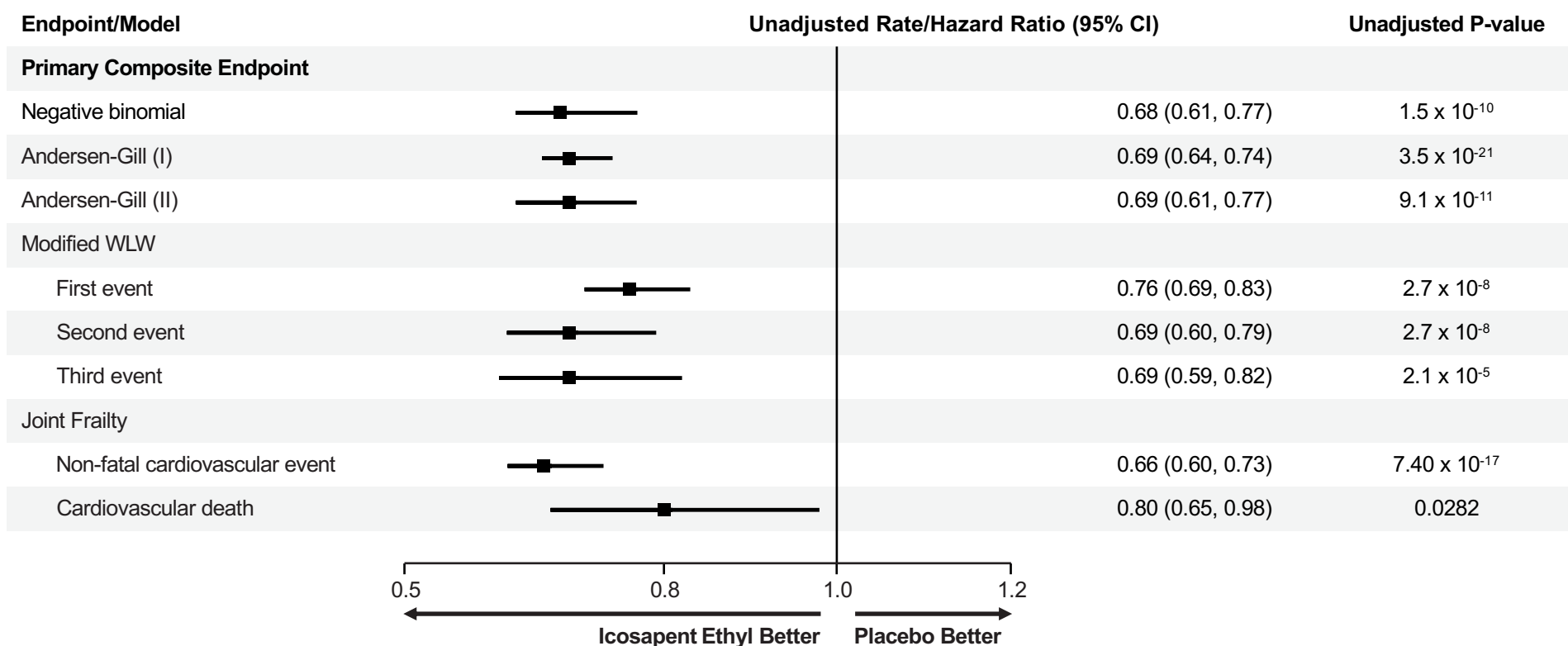
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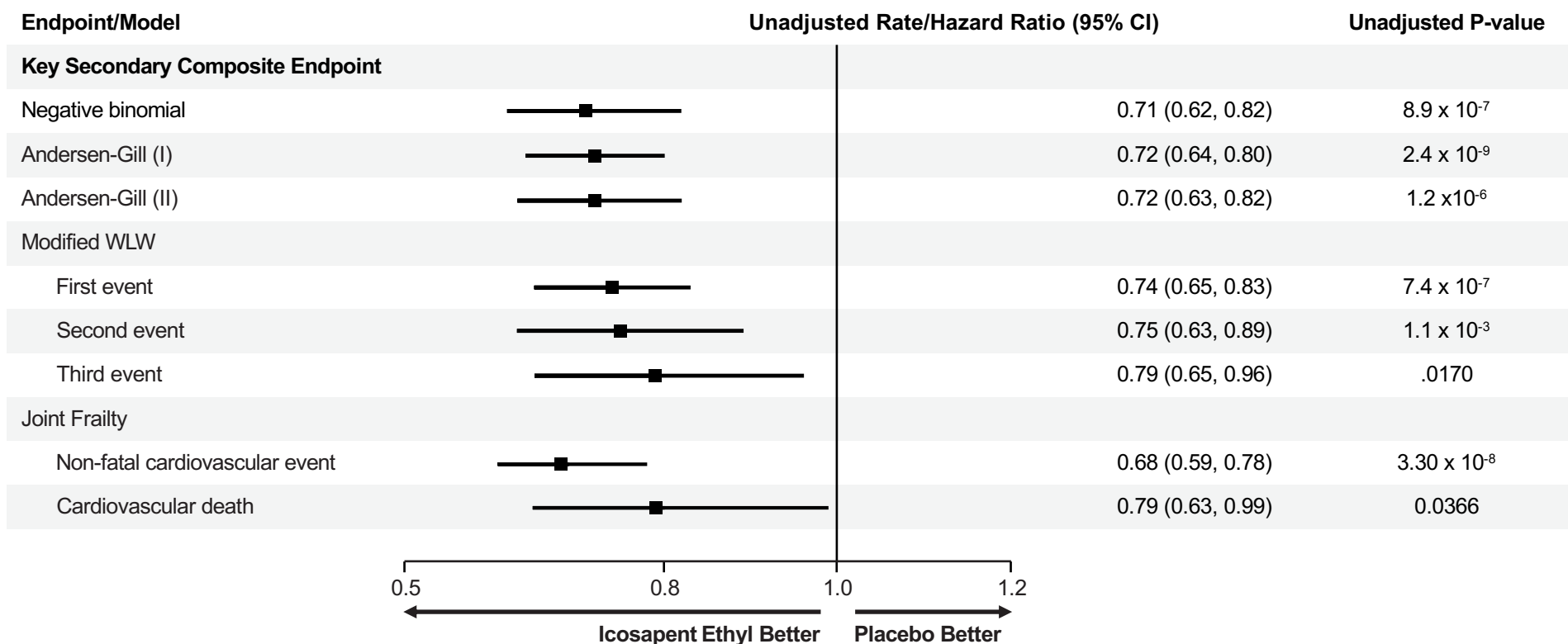
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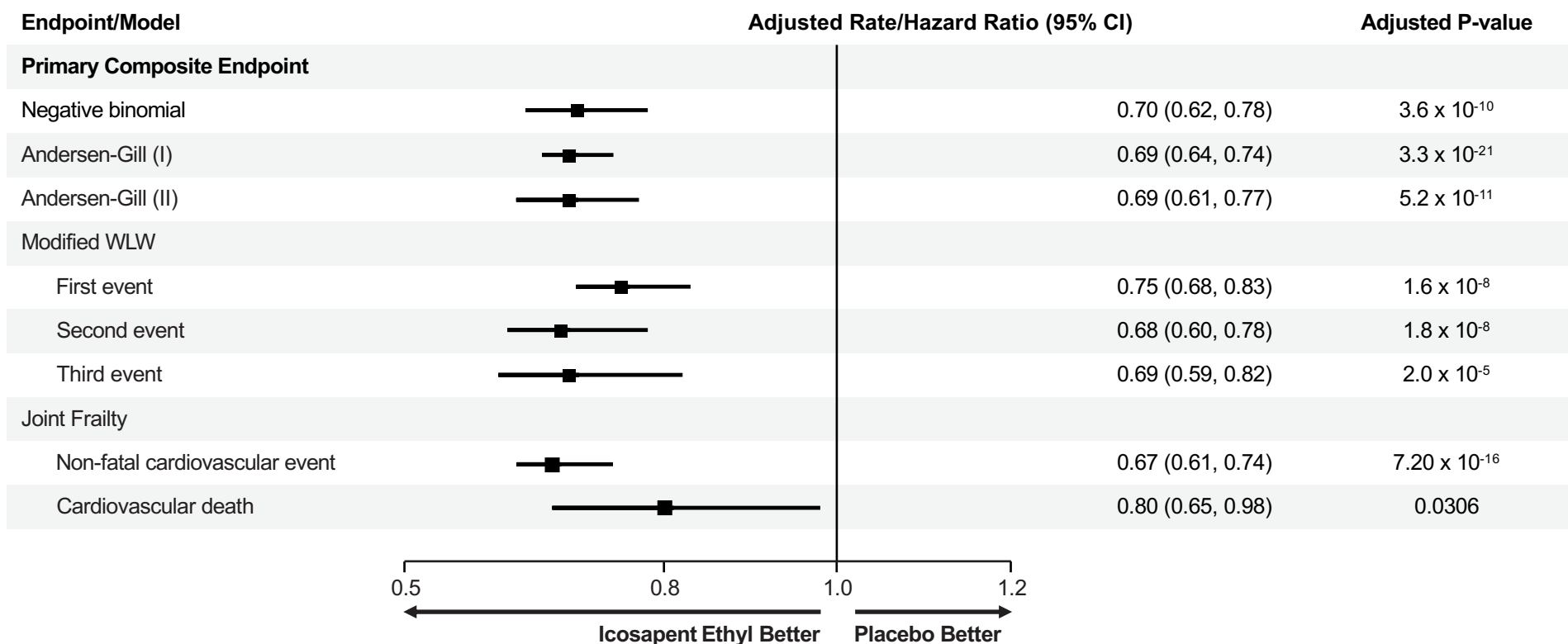
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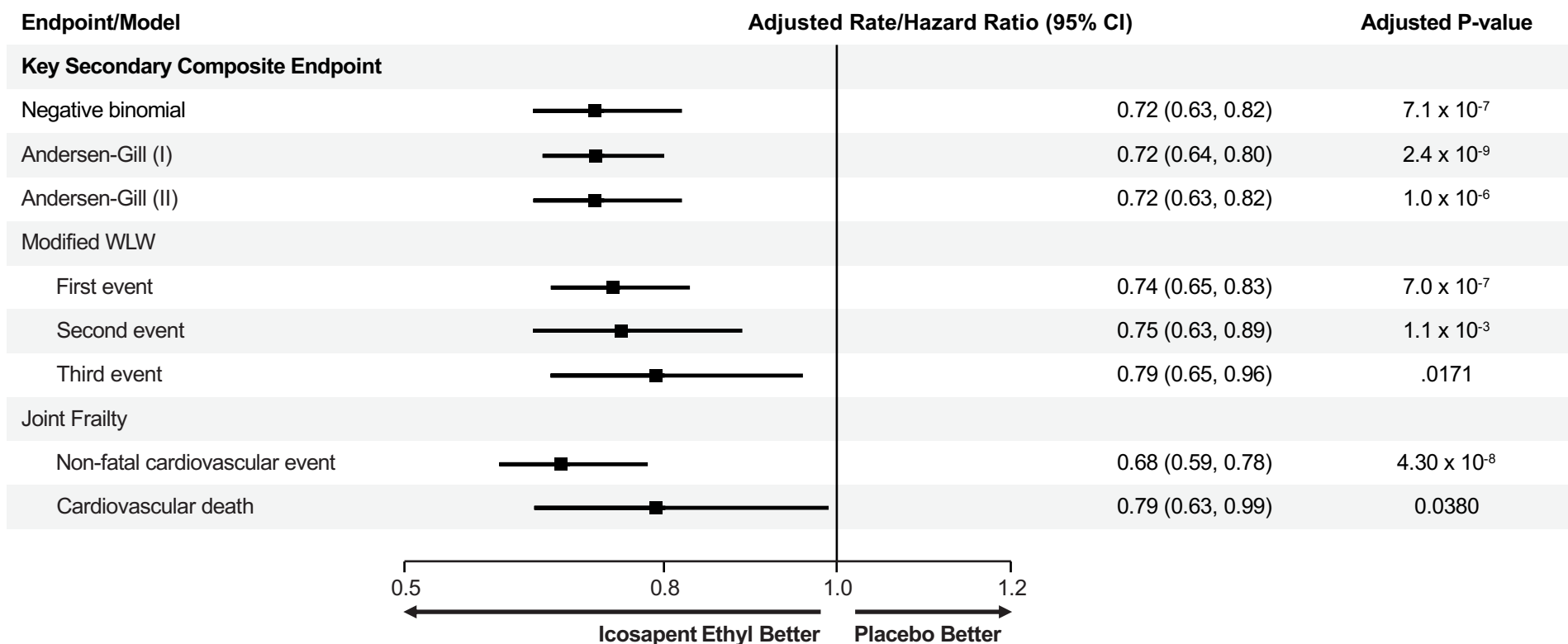
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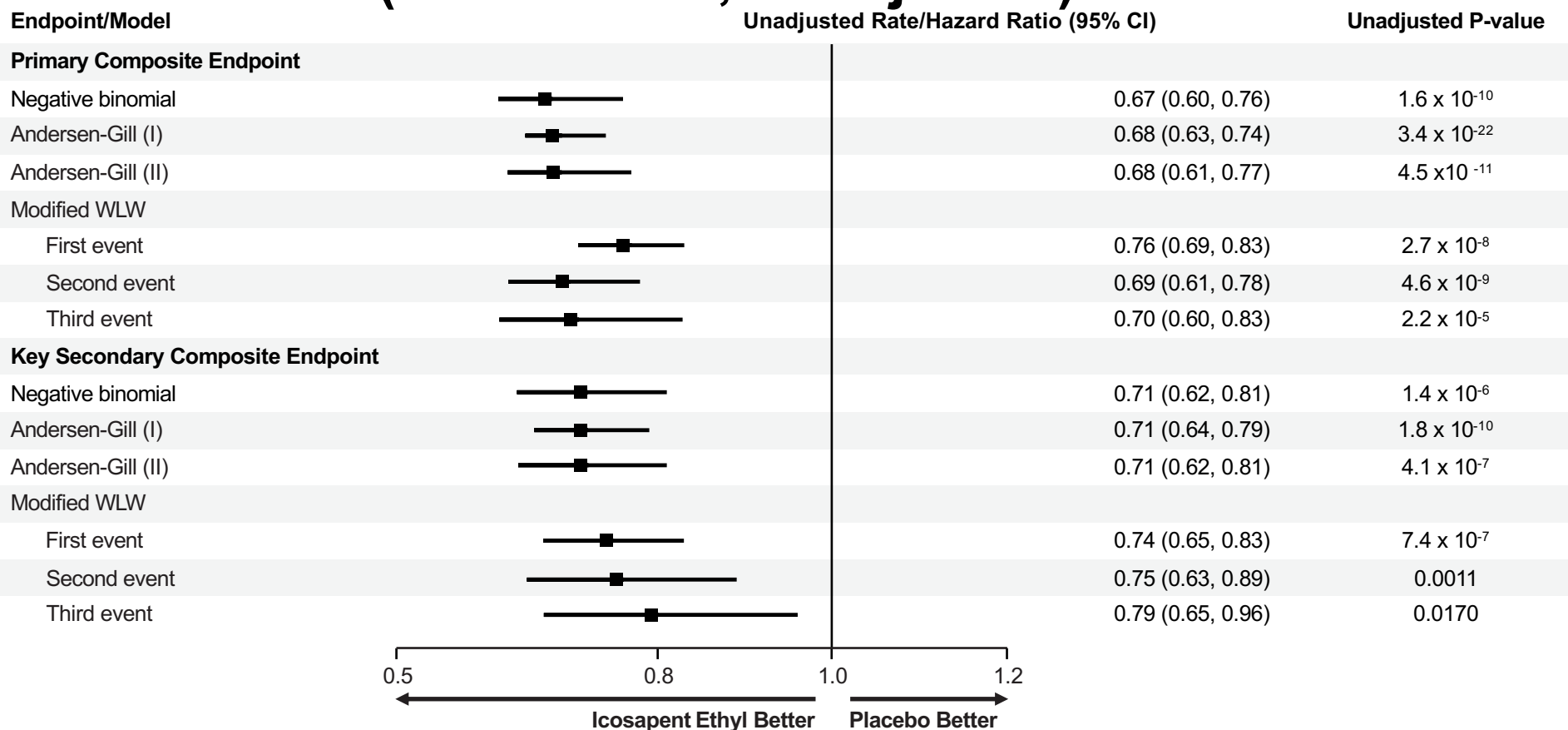
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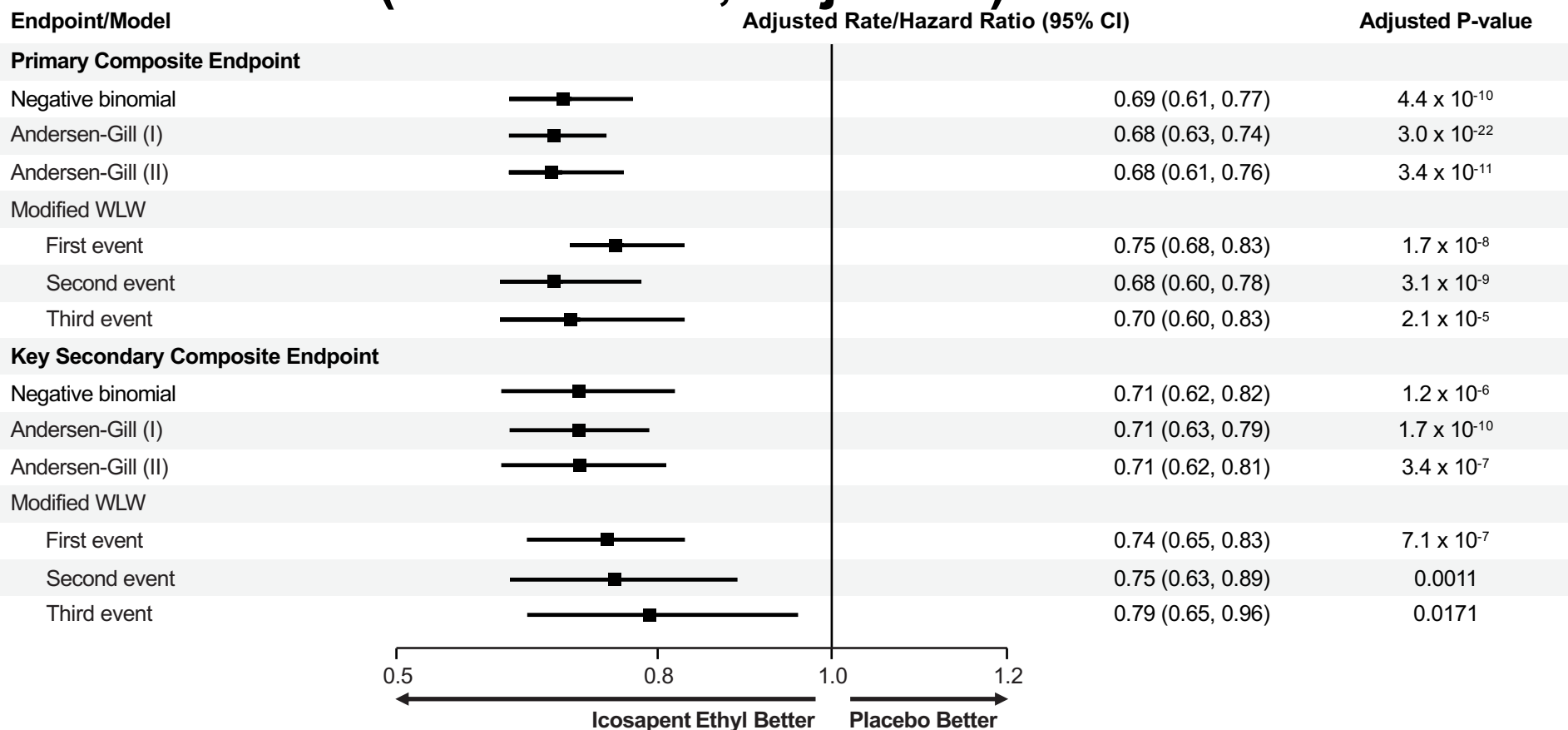
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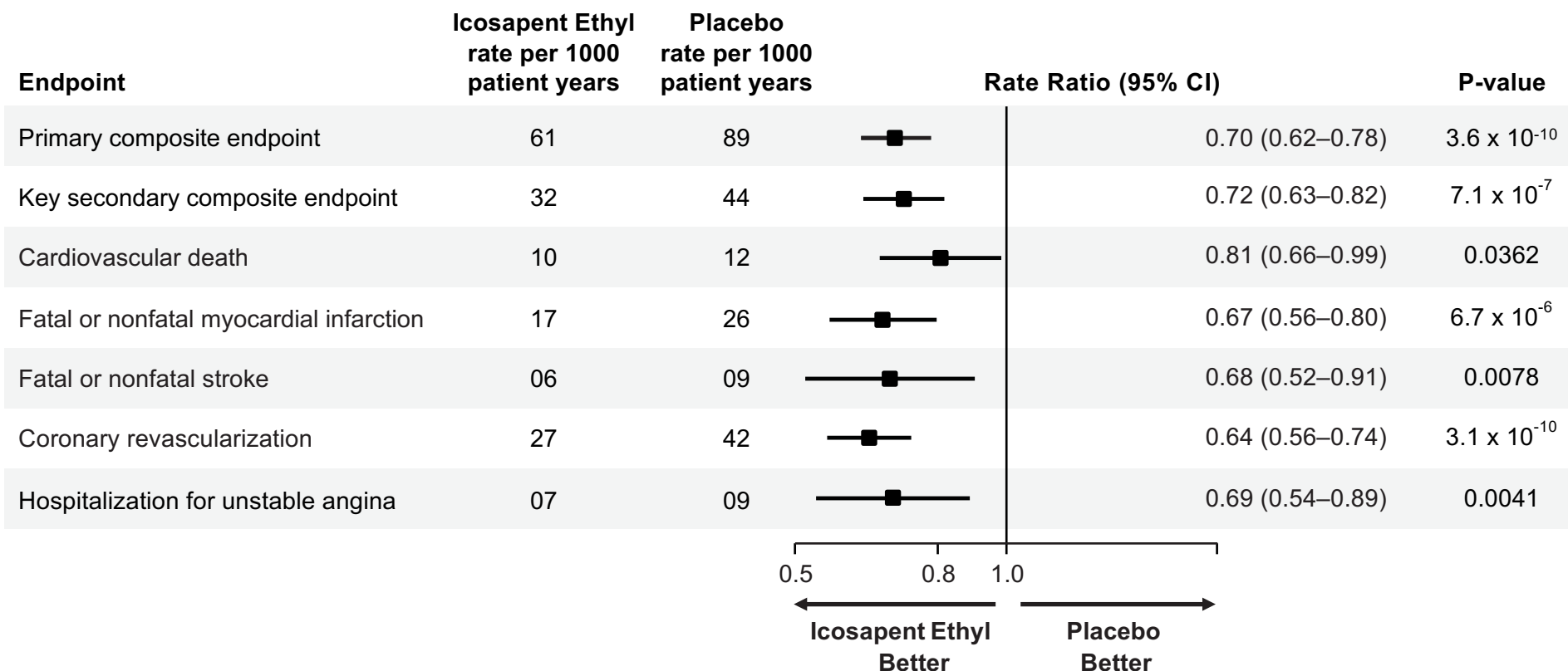
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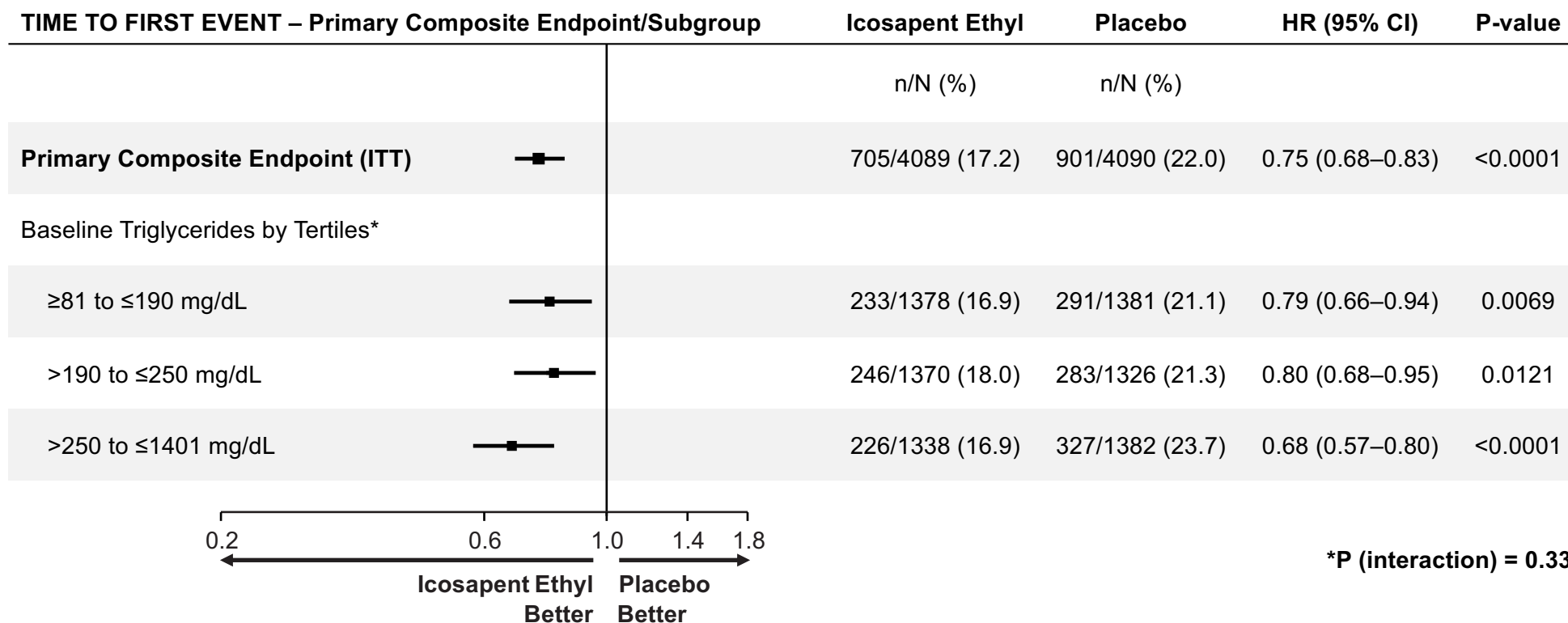
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Total Primary and Key Secondary Composite Endpoints and Each Individual Component or Other Composite Endpoints



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



*P (interaction) = 0.33