

The VERTIS CV Trial

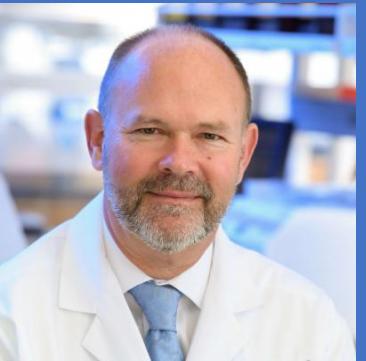
**Cardiovascular Outcomes Following Ertugliflozin
Treatment in Patients with Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus
and Atherosclerotic Cardiovascular Disease**



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S. PHARMACOLOGIC APPROACHES TO GLYCEMIC TREATMENT

The American Diabetes Association (ADA) "Standards of Medical Care in Diabetes" includes the ADA's current clinical practice recommendations and is intended to provide the components of diabetes care, general treatment goals and guidelines, to evaluate quality of care. Members of the ADA Professional Practice Committee, a multidisciplinary expert committee (<https://doi.org/10.2337/dc20-SPPC>), are responsible for updating the Standards of Care annually, or more frequently as warranted. For a detailed description of ADA standards, statements, and reports, as well as the evidence-grading system for ADA's clinical practice recommendations, please refer to the Standards of Care Introduction (<https://doi.org/10.2337/dc20-SINT>). Readers who wish to comment on the Standards of Care are invited to do so at professional.diabetes.org/SOC.

PHARMACOLOGIC THERAPY FOR TYPE 1 DIABETES

Recommendations

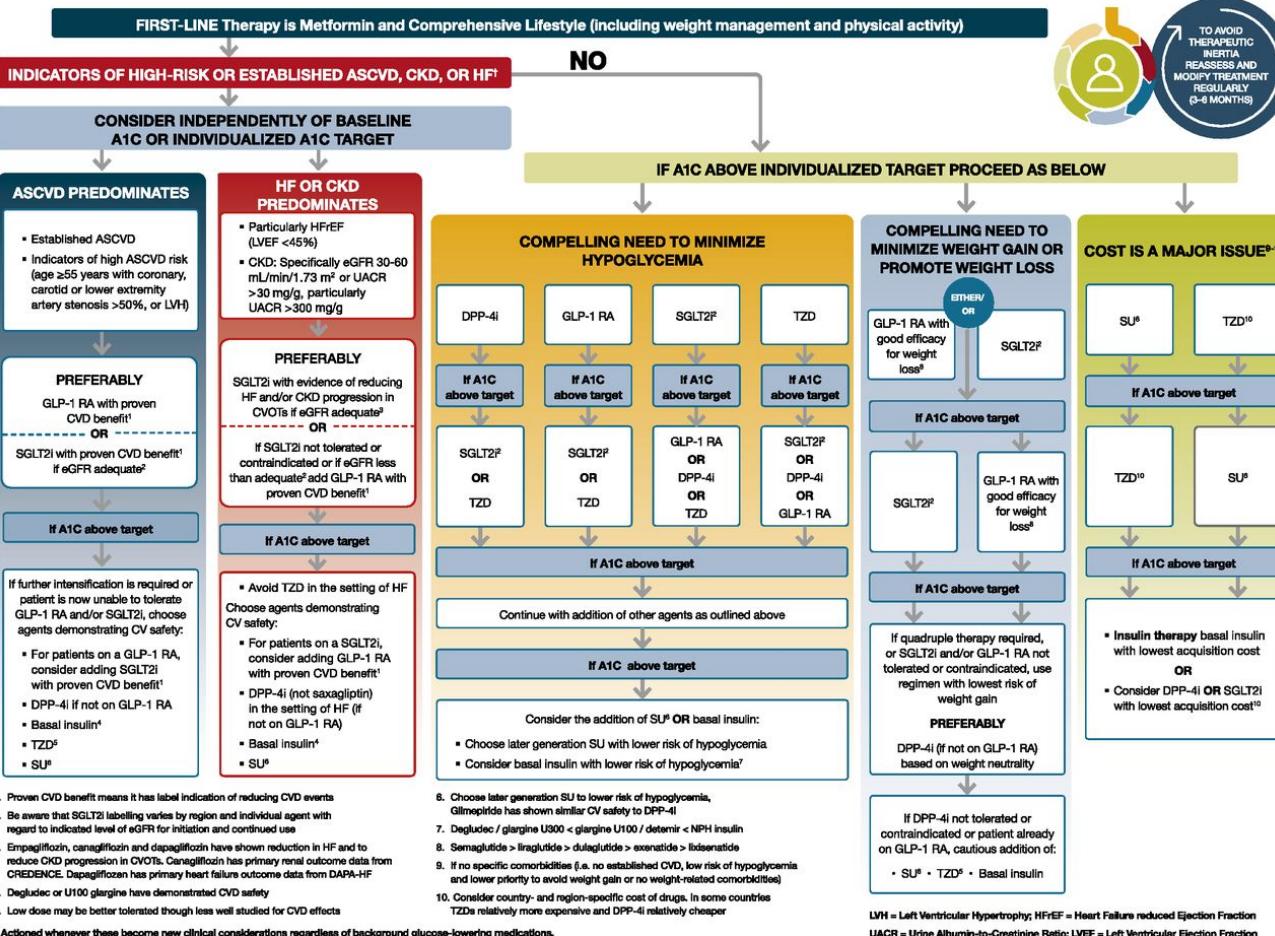
- Most people with type 1 diabetes should be treated with multiple daily injections of prandial and basal insulin, or continuous subcutaneous insulin infusion. A
- Most individuals with type 1 diabetes should use rapid-acting insulin analogs to reduce hypoglycemia risk. A
- Patients with type 1 diabetes should be taught to match prandial insulin doses to carbohydrate intake, premeal blood glucose, and anticipated physical activity. C

Insulin Therapy

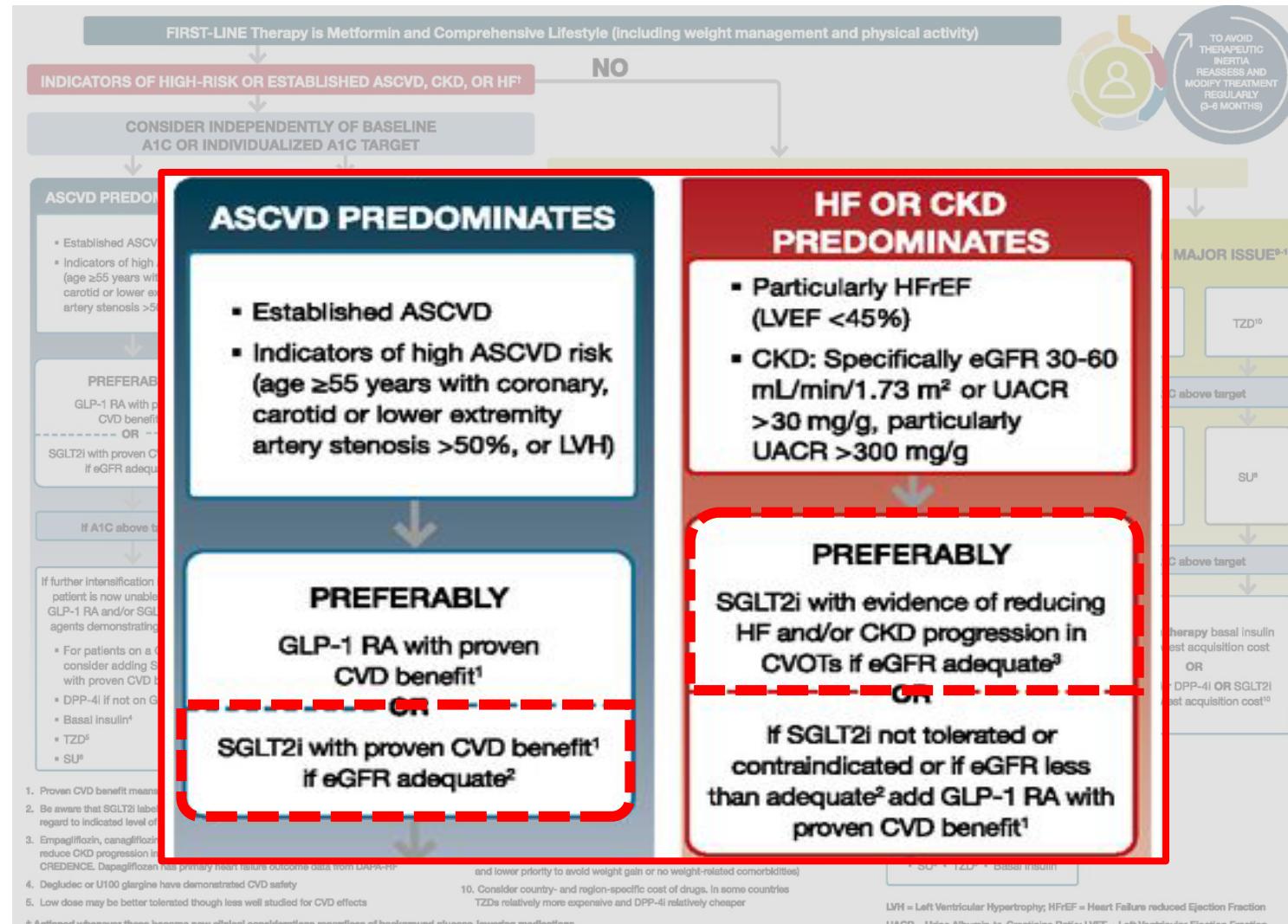
Because the hallmark of type 1 diabetes is absent or near-absent β-cell function, insulin treatment is essential for individuals with type 1 diabetes. In addition to hyperglycemia, insulinopenia can contribute to other metabolic disturbances like hyperlipidemia and ketoacidosis as well as tissue catabolism that can be life threatening. Severe metabolic decompensation can be, and was, mostly prevented with once or twice daily injections for the six or seven decades after the discovery of insulin. However, over the past three decades, evidence has accumulated supporting more intensive insulin replacement, using multiple daily injections of insulin or continuous subcutaneous administration through an insulin pump, as providing the best combination of effectiveness and safety for people with type 1 diabetes. The Diabetes Control and Complications Trial (DCCT) demonstrated that intensifying therapy with multiple daily injections or continuous subcutaneous insulin infusion (CSII) reduced A1C and was associated with improved long-term outcomes (1–3). The study was carried out with short-acting (regular) and intermediate-acting (NPH) human insulins. In this landmark trial, lower A1C with intensive control (7%) led to ~50% reductions in microvascular complications over 6 years of treatment.

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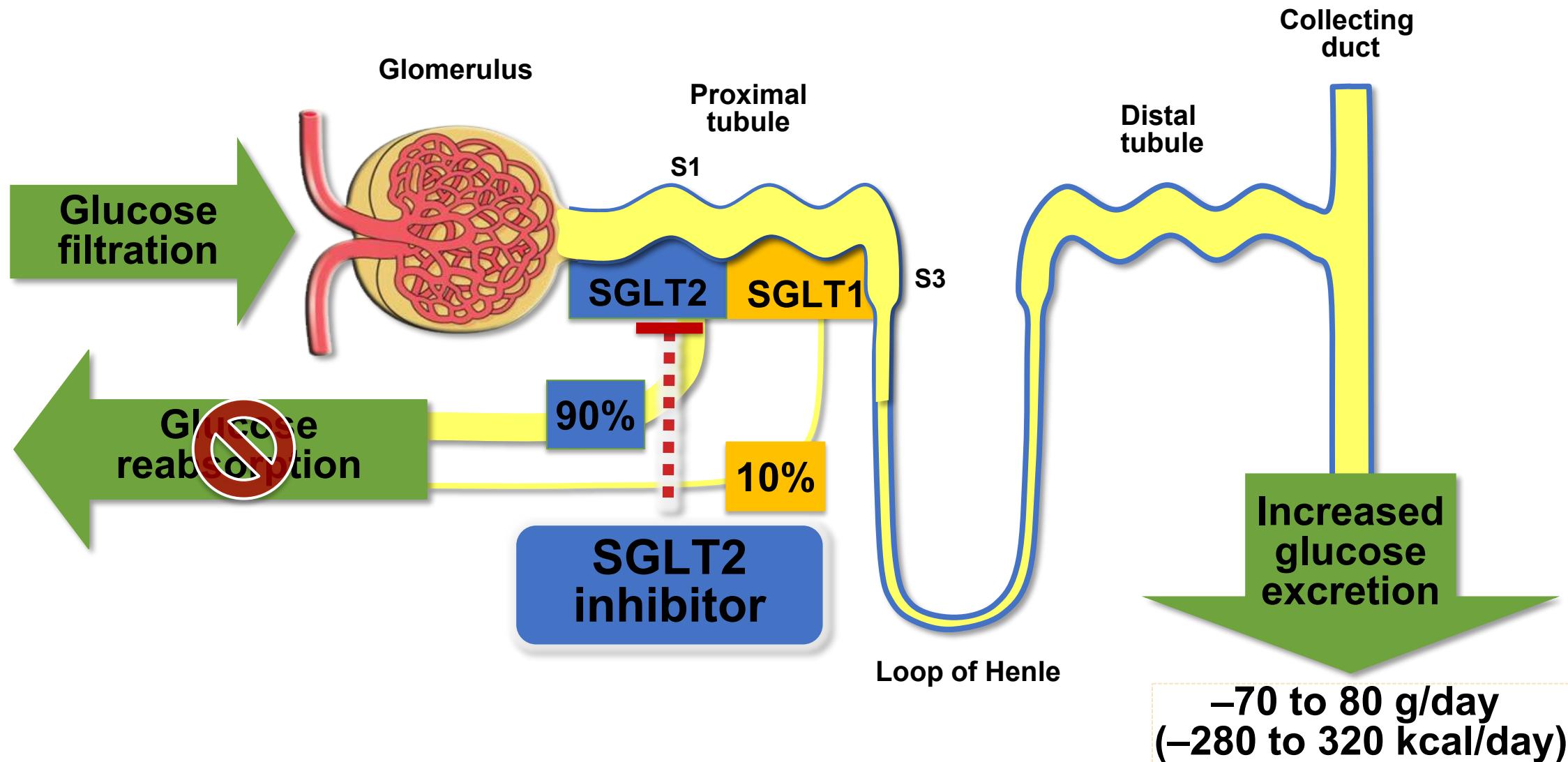
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ADA Standards of Medical Care in Diabetes - 2020



SGLT2 inhibition reduces renal glucose reabsorption



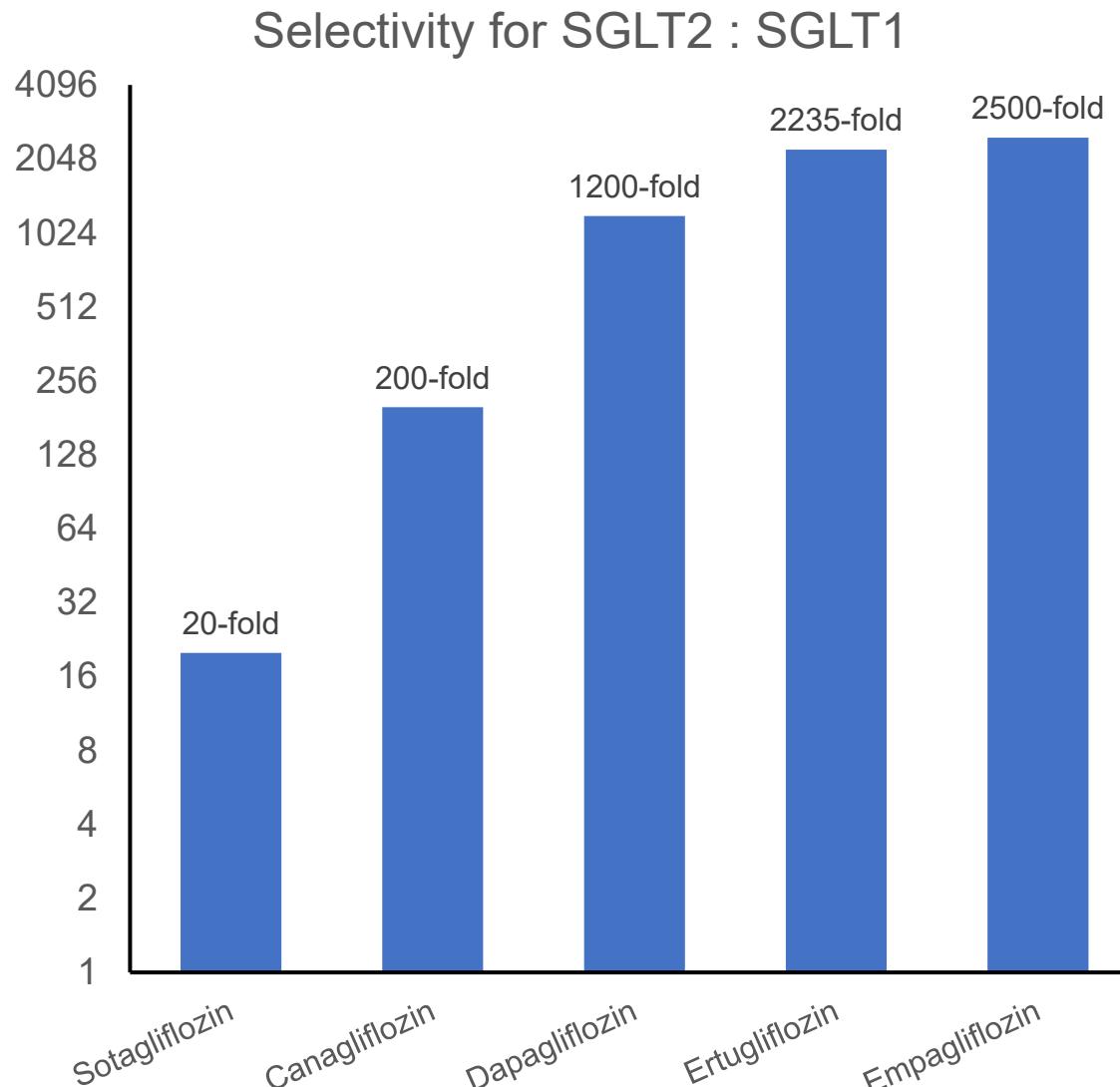
SGLT1, sodium-glucose cotransporter 1; SGLT2, sodium-glucose cotransporter 2.

Wright EM. *Am J Physiol Renal Physiol* 2001;280:F10-F18. Lee YJ et al. *Kidney Int Suppl* 2007;106:S27-S35.
Han S et al. *Diabetes* 2008;57:1723-1729. Inzucchi SE et al. *Diabetes Care* 2015;38:140-149.

Ertugliflozin is a selective SGLT2 inhibitor

In vitro potency/selectivity of ertugliflozin

- >2000-fold selectivity for SGLT2 compared with SGLT1
 - IC_{50} for SGLT2 = 0.9 nmol/L
 - IC_{50} for SGLT1 = 1960 nmol/L



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Mascitti V et al. J Med Chem 2011;54:2952-2960.

VERTIS Phase 3 clinical trial program

9 trials in ~13,000 patients in >40 countries

Diet and Exercise

VERTIS MONO
Ertu vs Pbo
n=461

VERTIS SITA
Ertu/Sita vs Pbo
n=291

Metformin Add-on

VERTIS SU
Ertu vs Glim
n=1326

VERTIS FACTORIAL
Ertu +/- Sita
n=1233

VERTIS MET
Ertu vs Pbo added to Met
n=621

VERTIS ASIA
Ertu vs Pbo added to Met
n=506

Add-on to Dual Combination

VERTIS SITA2
Ertu vs Pbo added to Met + Sita
n=464

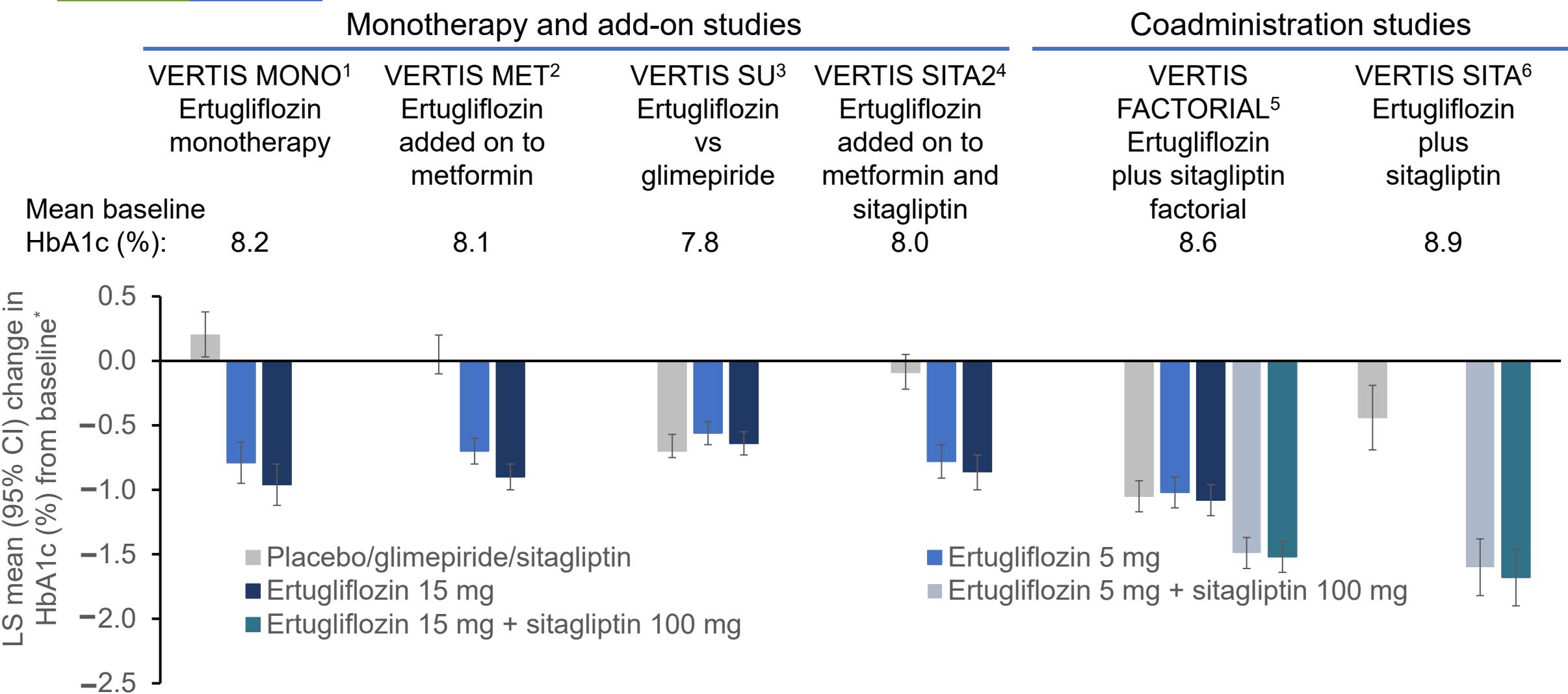
Special Populations

VERTIS RENAL
Ertu vs Pbo in pts with CKD
n=468

VERTIS CV
Ertu vs Pbo in pts with ASCVD
n=8246

**Ertugliflozin 5 mg and 15 mg
were studied**

Ertugliflozin: mean HbA1c reductions of 0.8–1.2%



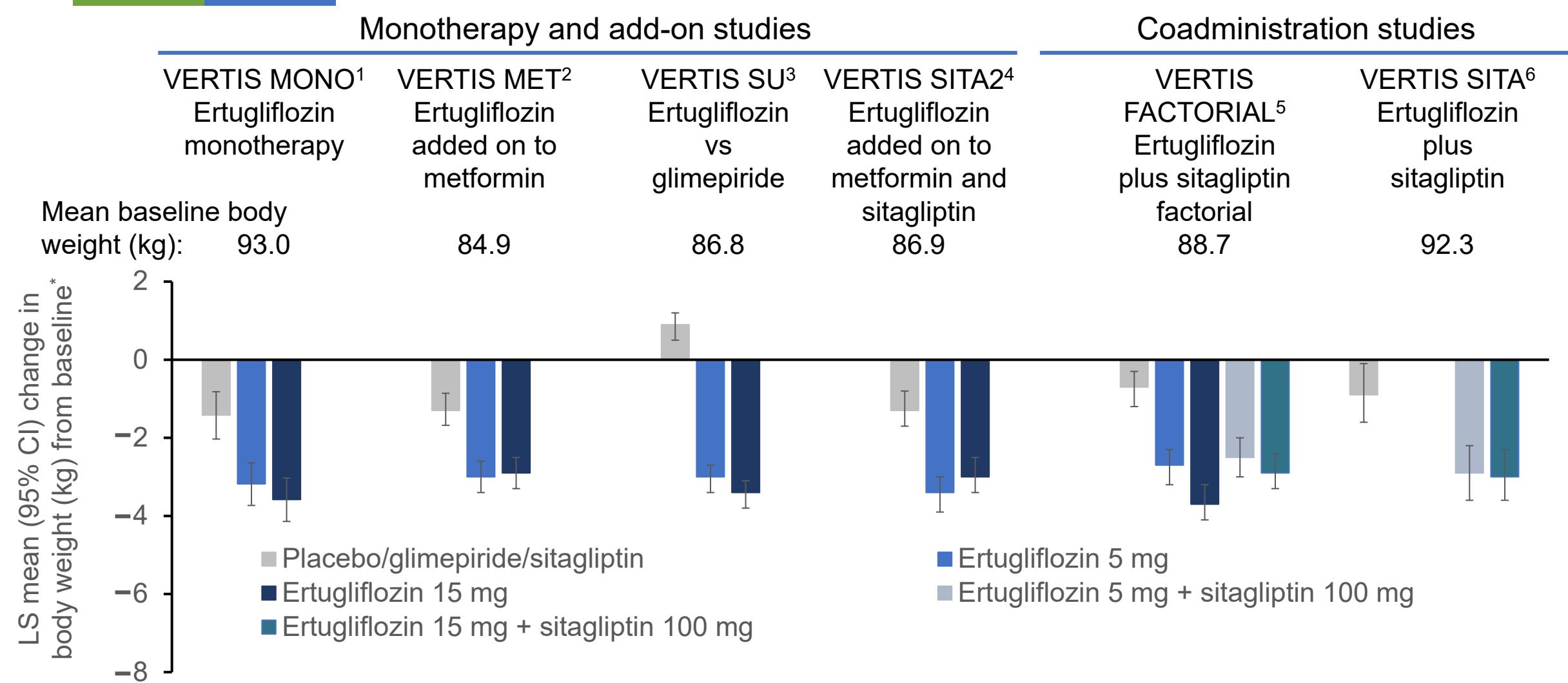
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Ertugliflozin: mean body weight reductions of ~3kg



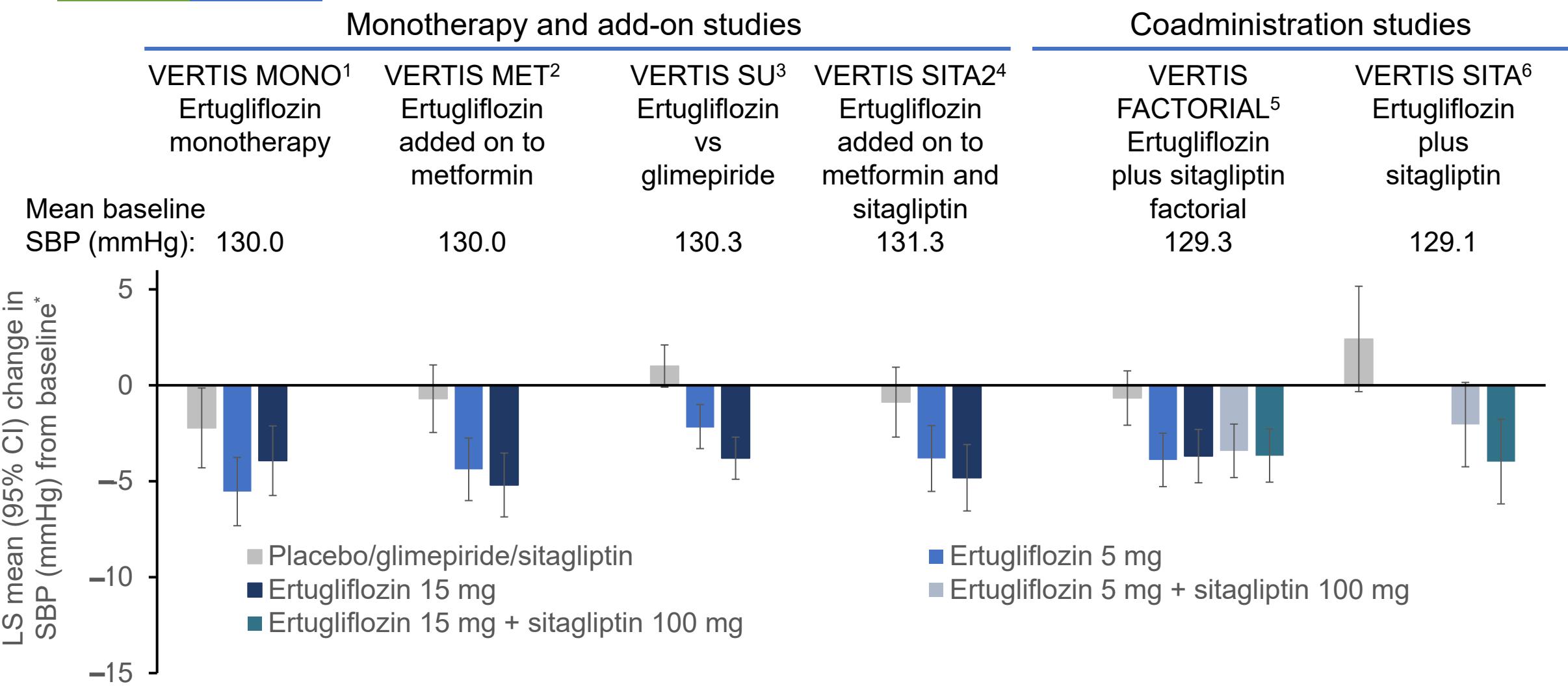
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Ertugliflozin: mean SBP reductions of ~4-6 mmHg



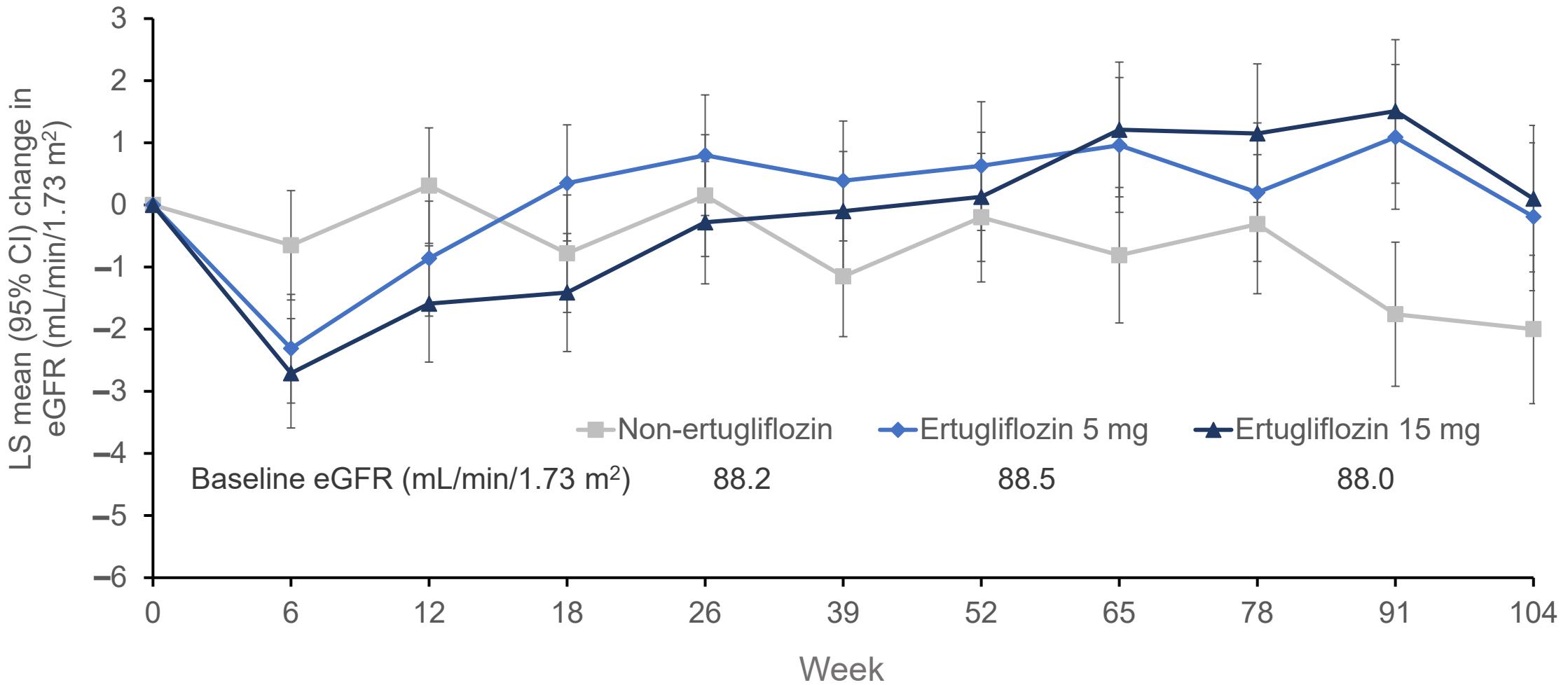
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Ertugliflozin: transient, reversible decrease in eGFR, consistent with class



Pooled analysis of two randomized controlled, active comparator studies: VERTIS SU and VERTIS MET. In the VERTIS SU study, ertugliflozin was evaluated vs glimepiride over 104 weeks. In the VERTIS MET study, ertugliflozin was evaluated vs placebo over 26 weeks.

Non-ertugliflozin refers to placebo or glimepiride.

eGFR, estimated glomerular filtration rate; LS, least squares.

Cherney D et al. *Diabetologia* 2020; doi: 10.1007/s00125-020-05133-4.

Study Design and Methodology



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Timelines of SGLT2 inhibitor CV outcome trials designed to fulfill 2008 FDA regulatory guidance

2010

2012

2014

2016

2018

2020

2022

EMPA-REG OUTCOME

CANVAS Program

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VERTIS CV
Dec 2013-Dec 2019

First patient visit

- March 2016: Protocol Amendment
- Doubled sample size to ~8000
 - Added efficacy objectives for superiority of CV/renal outcomes

Last patient visit

VERTIS CV: global study assessing long-term effects of ertugliflozin

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EVALUATION OF ERTUGLIFLOZIN EFFICACY AND SAFETY CARDIOVASCULAR OUTCOMES TRIAL

8246 randomized patients with Type 2 diabetes and ASCVD from 531 enrolling centers across 34 countries



ASCVD, atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease; CV, cardiovascular.
Cannon CP et al. Am Heart J 2018;206:11–23.

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Study design

Multicenter, randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled, event-driven trial

Randomization 1:1:1

Placebo

Ertugliflozin 5 mg

Ertugliflozin 15 mg

Primary endpoint (non-inferiority):

- Composite outcome of MACE (CV death, nonfatal MI, nonfatal stroke)

Secondary endpoints (superiority):

- Composite outcome of CV death/HHF
- CV death
- Renal composite (renal death, dialysis/transplant, doubling of serum creatinine)

Other prespecified endpoints:

- Individual components of MACE
- Composite of MACE-plus (MACE plus hospitalization for unstable angina)
- Fatal or nonfatal MI
- Fatal or nonfatal stroke
- HHF
- All-cause mortality

Statistical analyses

- Primary and secondary time-to-first event outcomes analyzed by Cox proportional hazards model
 - Pooled ertugliflozin dose groups vs placebo
- Noninferiority margin of 1.3 on the HR for MACE, as per regulatory guidance
- Hierarchical testing sequence across primary and key secondary superiority outcomes
- Non-inferiority analysis of MACE: analyzed by FAS
 - Includes all patients who were randomized and received at least 1 dose and included confirmed events occurring up to 365 days after the last confirmed dose for those with premature discontinuation
- Superiority analyses of secondary CV and renal outcomes: analyzed by ITT
 - Includes all randomized patients and all confirmed events with no upper limit on the event ascertainment window

Study population

Selected inclusion criteria

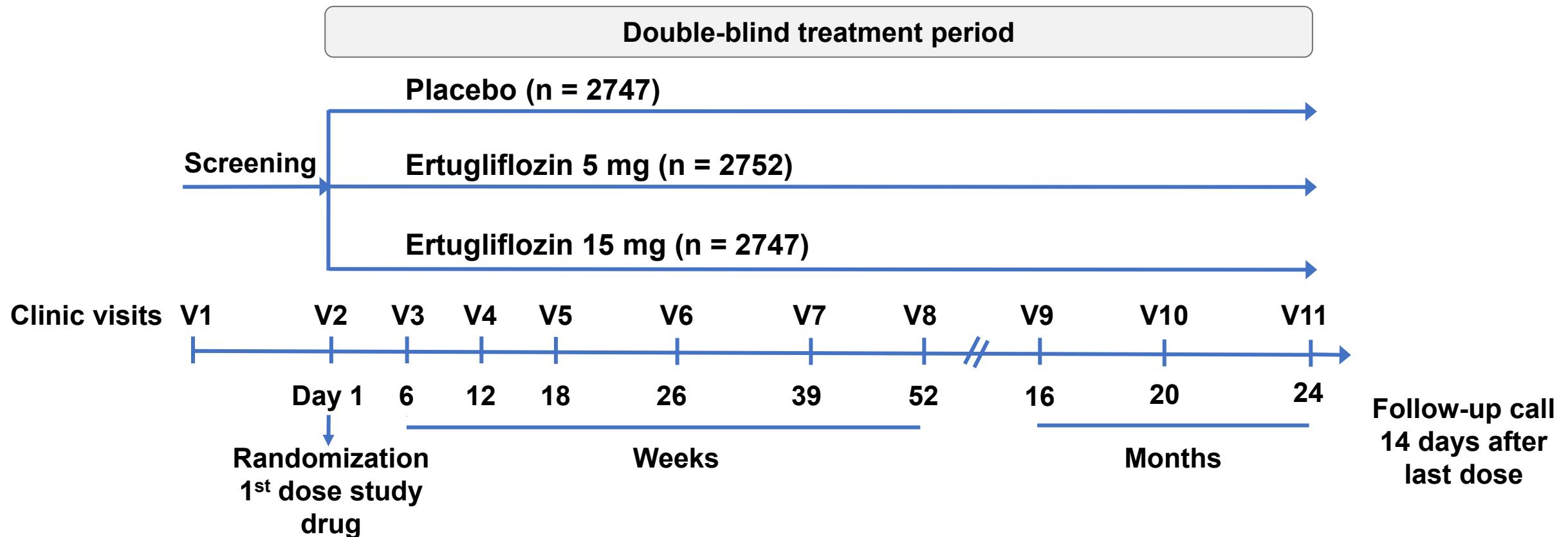
- Aged ≥40 years
- T2DM diagnosis according to ADA guidelines – HbA1c 7.0%–10.5% (53–91 mmol/mol)
- Established ASCVD involving the coronary, cerebrovascular, and/or peripheral arterial systems
- Stable on allowable AHA or on no background AHA for ≥8 weeks prior to study participation

Selected exclusion criteria

- History of T1DM or ketoacidosis
- Experiencing a CV event (e.g., myocardial infarction or stroke) or undergoing coronary or peripheral intervention procedure between the screening visit and randomization
- Undergoing any CV surgery (e.g., valvular surgery) within 3 months of the screening visit
- Planned revascularization or peripheral intervention procedure or other CV surgery
- eGFR <30 mL/min/1.73 m² at the screening visit
- NYHA Class IV heart failure at screening visit (Class III–IV prior to protocol amendment)

Treatment protocol

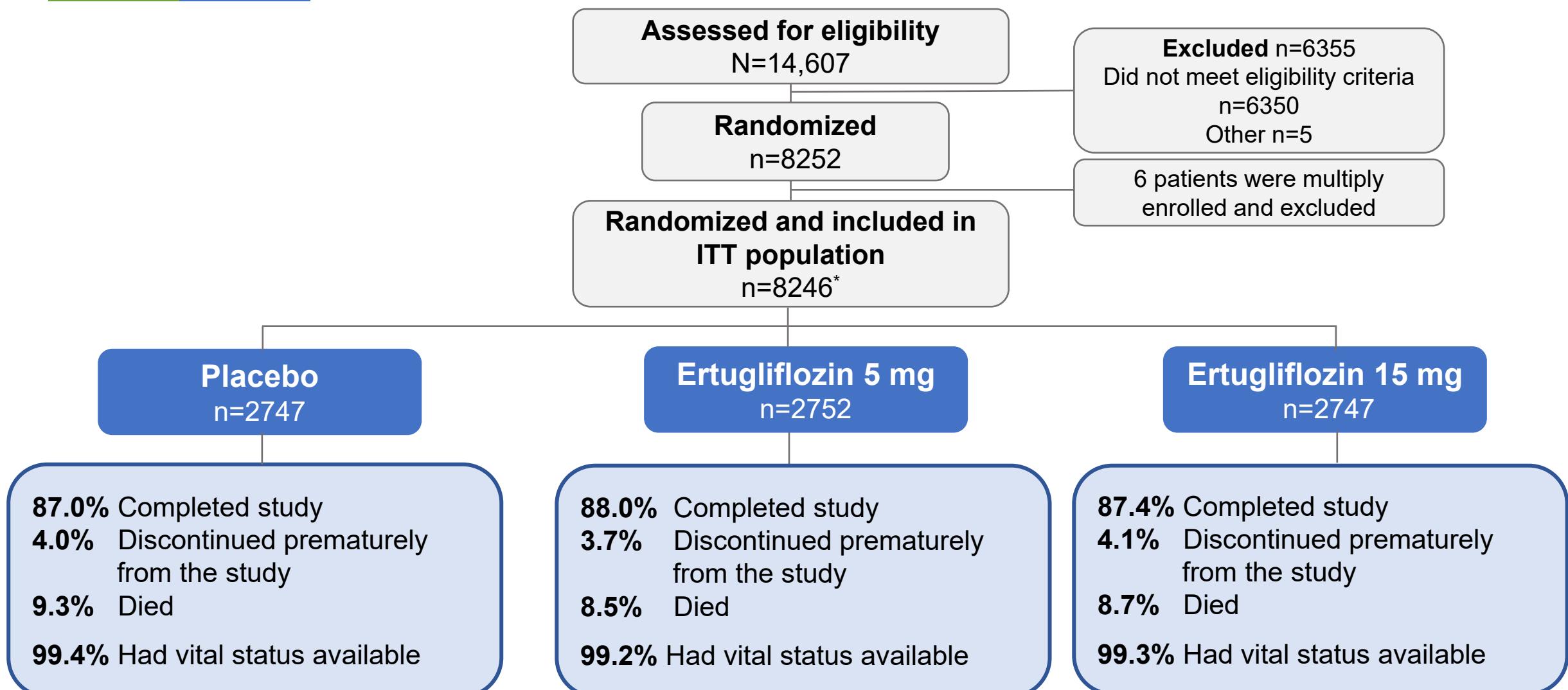
- Once-daily treatment of study medication added to background standard of care*, which was held stable during the first 18 weeks of the study†



*Excluding SGLT2 inhibitors, rosiglitazone, and chlorpropamide

†Except for patients meeting the glycemic rescue criteria or with clinically significant hypoglycemia.
V, visit.

Patient disposition



*8246 patients were randomized and constitute the ITT population for superiority testing;
8238 patients received at least one dose of investigational product and constitute the FAS for the non-inferiority analysis.
FAS, full analysis set; ITT, intention-to-treat.

Study medication disposition and overall exposure

	Placebo (n=2747)	Ertugliflozin (n=5499)
Completed the study medication	1850 (67.4)	3945 (71.7)
Died on study medication	130 (4.7)	263 (4.8)
Premature discontinuation of the study medication	767 (27.9)	1291 (23.5)
Reasons for premature discontinuation of the study medication ($\geq 2\%$ of patients in any group)		
Withdrawal by patient	422 (15.4)	673 (12.2)
Adverse event	184 (6.7)	403 (7.3)
Physician decision	54 (2.0)	66 (1.2)
Mean treatment exposure, years	2.8 ± 1.4	2.9 ± 1.4
Mean duration of follow-up, years	3.5 ± 1.1	3.5 ± 1.2

Summary: study design and methodology

- VERTIS CV is the latest SGLT2 inhibitor trial conducted to fulfill the 2008 regulatory guidance on new diabetes medications
- VERTIS CV: prospective, multicenter, randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled, parallel-group, event-driven trial in patients with type 2 diabetes and established atherosclerotic CV disease
 - 8246 patients were randomly assigned to receive ertugliflozin or placebo (ITT)
 - 8238 patients received ≥1 dose of study medication (FAS)
 - Mean duration of follow-up in study overall was 3.5 years
 - Rates of discontinuation from the study were low
 - Final vital status was available for >99% of patients

Baseline Characteristics and Metabolic Results

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Presenter disclosure

- Sam Dagogo-Jack has led clinical trials for AstraZeneca, Boehringer Ingelheim, and Novo Nordisk, Inc., has received consulting fees from AstraZeneca, Boehringer Ingelheim, Janssen, Merck & Co., Inc., and Sanofi, and has equity interests in Jana Care, Inc. and Aerami Therapeutics.

Baseline characteristics

	Placebo (n=2747)	Ertugliflozin (n=5499)
Age, years ± SD	64.4 ± 8.0	64.4 ± 8.1
Male, n (%)	1903 (69.3)	3866 (70.3)
Race, n (%)		
White	2414 (87.9)	4826 (87.8)
Black	69 (2.5)	166 (3.0)
Asian	162 (5.9)	336 (6.1)
Other	102 (3.7)	171 (3.1)
Ethnicity, n (%)		
Hispanic	343 (12.5)	700 (12.7)
Non-Hispanic	2399 (87.3)	4782 (87.0)
Region, n (%)		
North America	605 (22.0)	1208 (22.0)
South America	239 (8.7)	484 (8.8)
Europe	1546 (56.3)	3091 (56.2)
Asia	173 (6.3)	350 (6.4)
South Africa	126 (4.6)	251 (4.6)
Australia/New Zealand	58 (2.1)	115 (2.1)

SD, standard deviation.

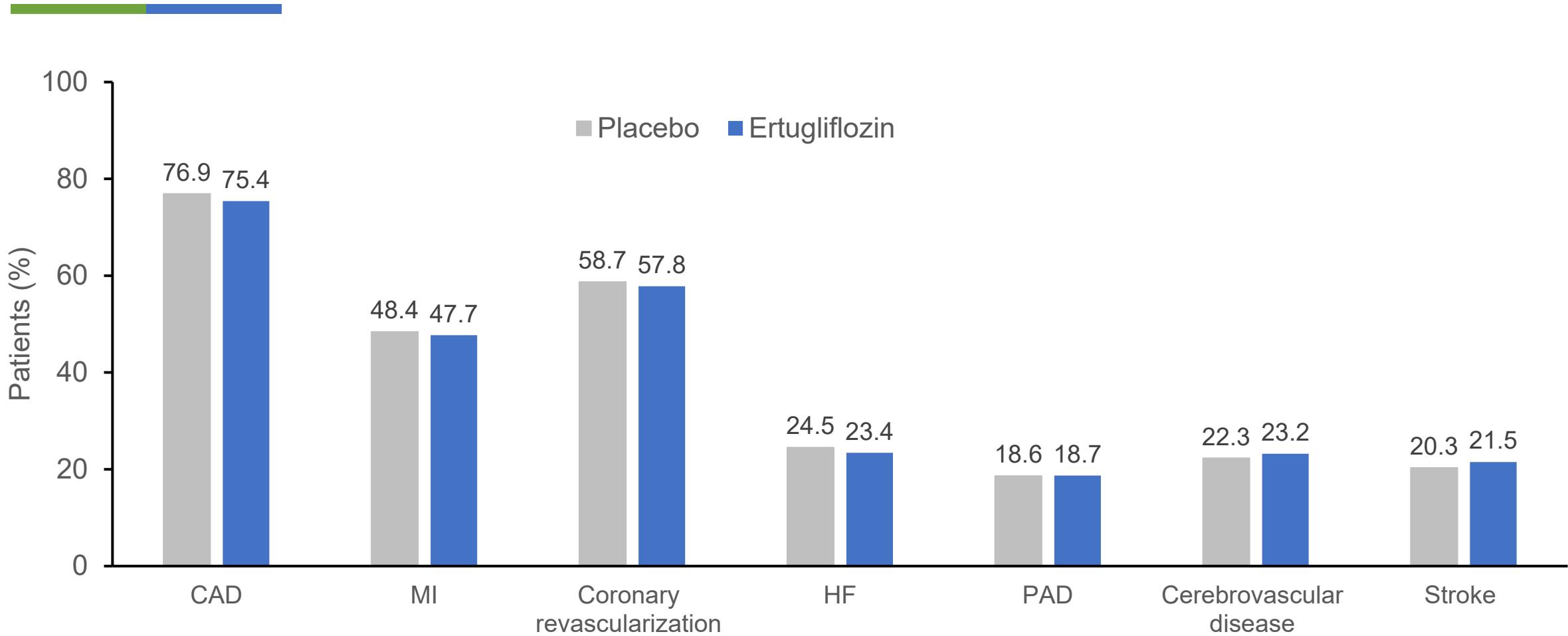
Baseline characteristics

	Placebo (n=2747)	Ertugliflozin (n=5499)
Duration of T2DM, years	13.1 ± 8.4	12.9 ± 8.3
HbA1c, %	8.2 ± 0.9	8.2 ± 1.0
BMI, kg/m ²	32.0 ± 5.5	31.9 ± 5.4
Total cholesterol, mg/dL	168.3 ± 45.5	168.9 ± 46.9
LDL cholesterol, mg/dL	88.8 ± 37.7	89.3 ± 38.5
HDL cholesterol, mg/dL	43.9 ± 12.3	43.7 ± 12.0
Triglycerides, mg/dL	178.9 ± 104.7	181.4 ± 119.2
SBP, mmHg	133.1 ± 13.9	133.5 ± 13.7
DBP, mmHg	76.4 ± 8.7	76.8 ± 8.3
eGFR, mL/min/1.73 m ²	75.7 ± 20.8	76.1 ± 20.9
eGFR <60 mL/min/1.73 m ² , n (%)	608 (22.1)	1199 (21.8)

Values are means ± SD

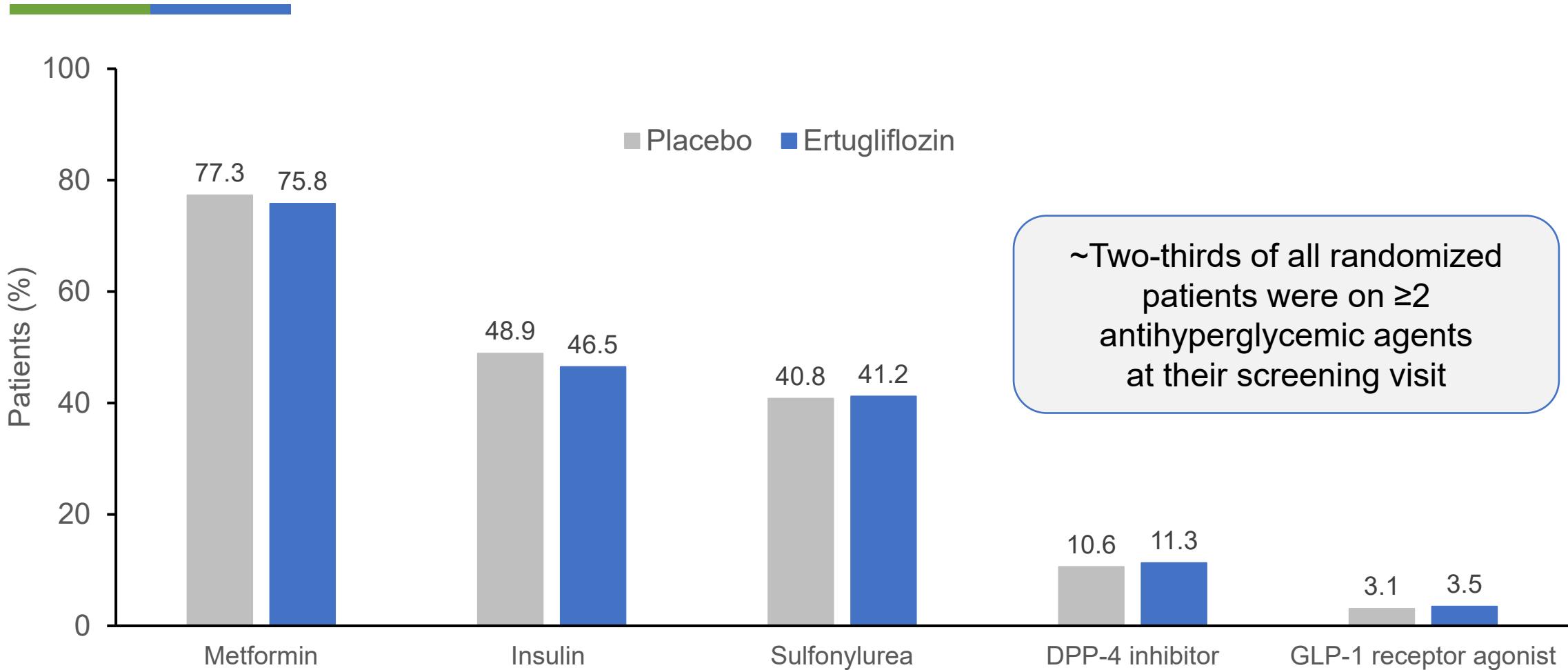
BMI, body mass index; DBP, diastolic blood pressure; eGFR, estimated glomerular filtration rate; HbA1c, glycated hemoglobin; HDL, high-density lipoprotein; LDL, low-density lipoprotein; SBP, systolic blood pressure; SD, standard deviation.

Baseline characteristics: history of CV disease



CAD, coronary artery disease; CV, cardiovascular; HF, heart failure; MI, myocardial infarction;
PAD, peripheral arterial disease.

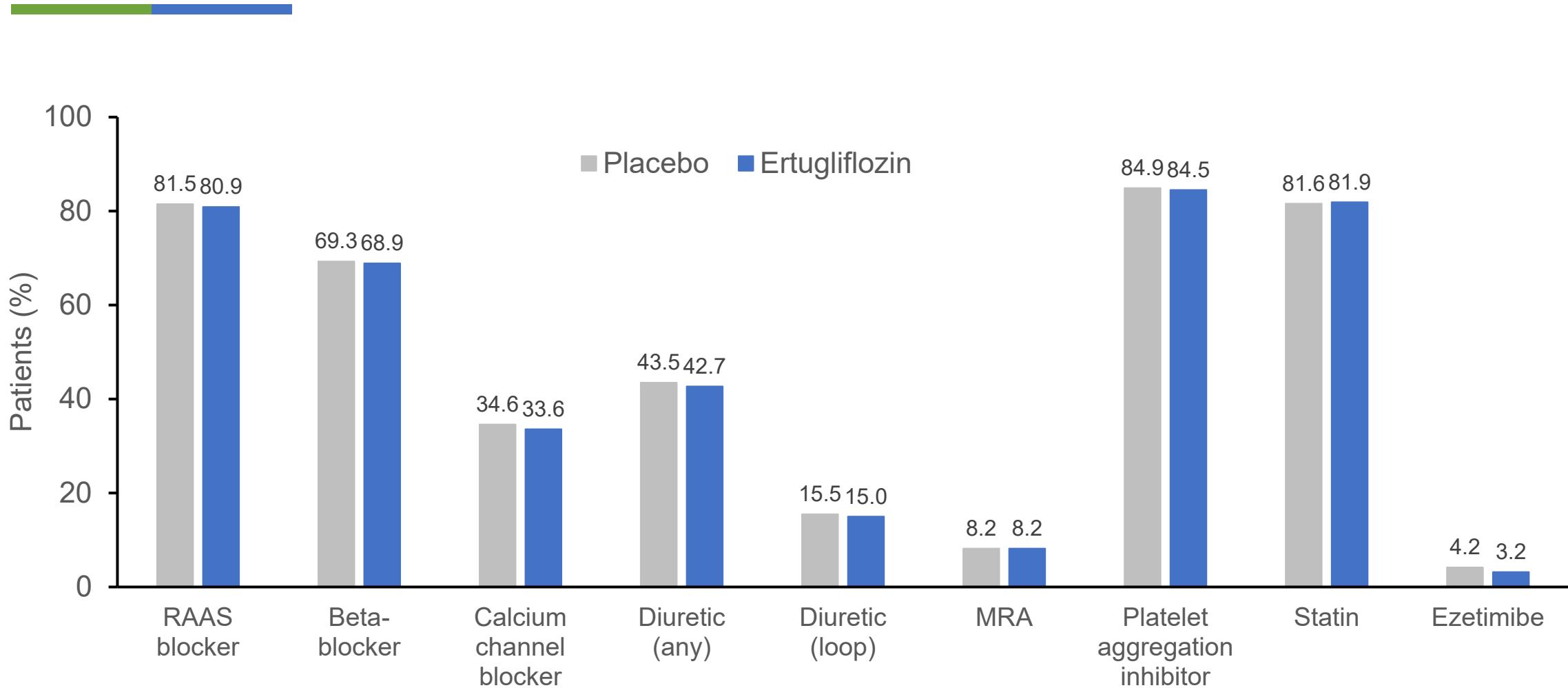
Baseline characteristics: background antihyperglycemic medications



Medications are not mutually exclusive.

DPP-4, dipeptidyl peptidase-4; GLP-1, glucagon-like peptide-1.

Baseline characteristics: background CV medications



Medications are not mutually exclusive.

CV, cardiovascular; MRA, mineralocorticoid receptor antagonist; RAAS, renin-angiotensin-aldosterone system.

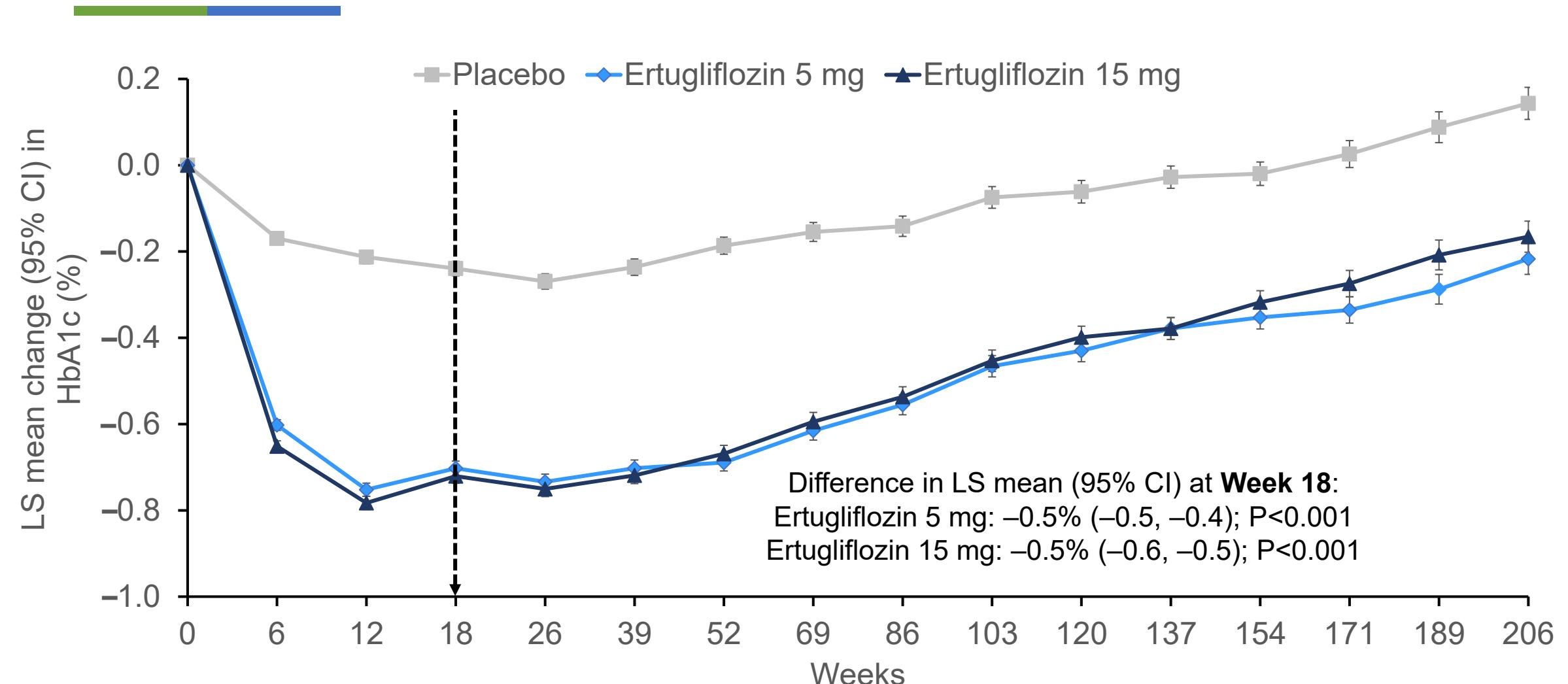
Metabolic Outcomes



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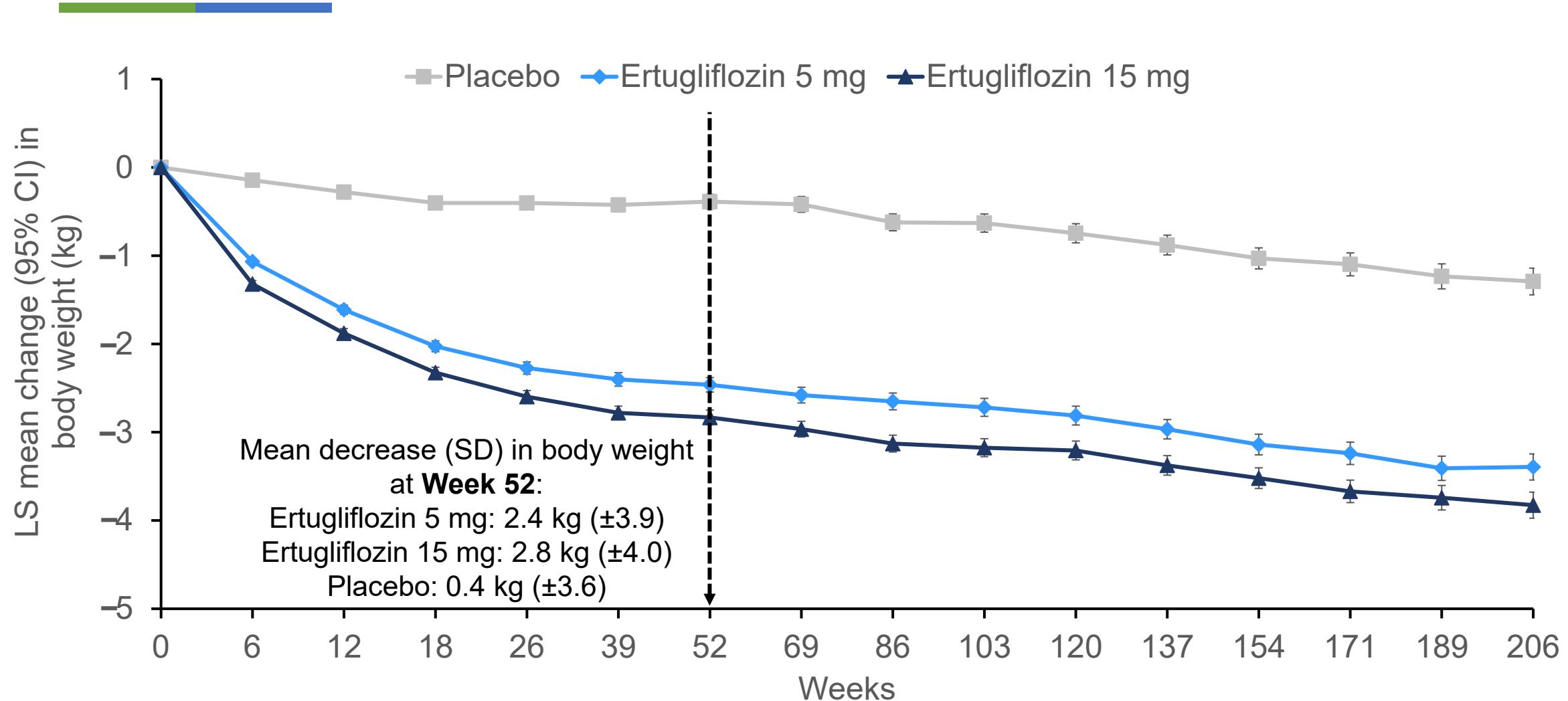
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HbA1c over time

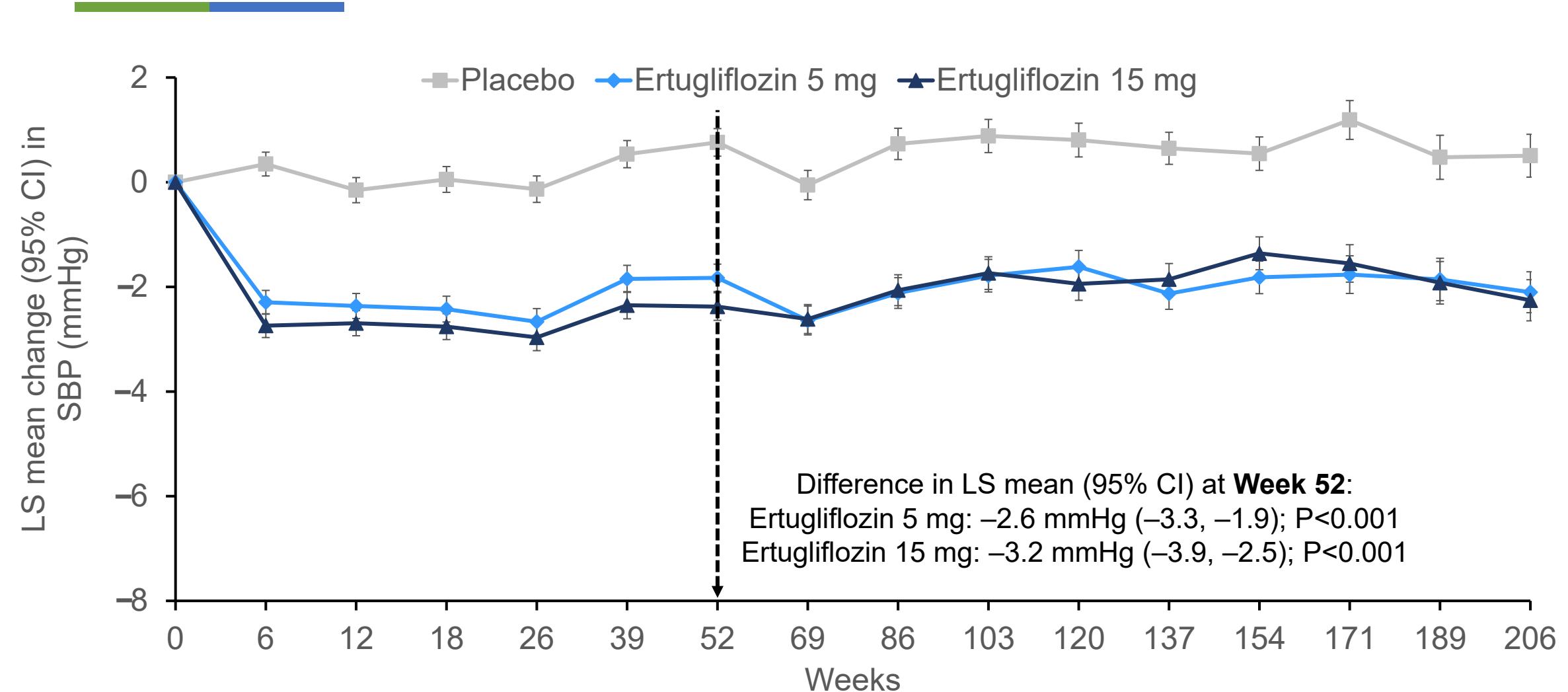


Doses of background antihyperglycemic medication were held constant for the initial 18 weeks of the study except for those patients meeting the glycemic rescue criteria or with clinically significant hypoglycemia.
CI, confidence interval; HbA1c, glycated hemoglobin; LS, least squares.

Body weight over time



SBP over time



CI, confidence interval; LS, least squares; SBP, systolic blood pressure.

Summary: baseline characteristics and metabolic results

- Baseline characteristics were well-balanced between treatment groups
- Patients were generally well treated with guideline-directed secondary prevention medications
- Ertugliflozin reduced HbA1c, body weight, and SBP compared with placebo and reductions were sustained over the course of the study

Cardiovascular and Renal Outcomes

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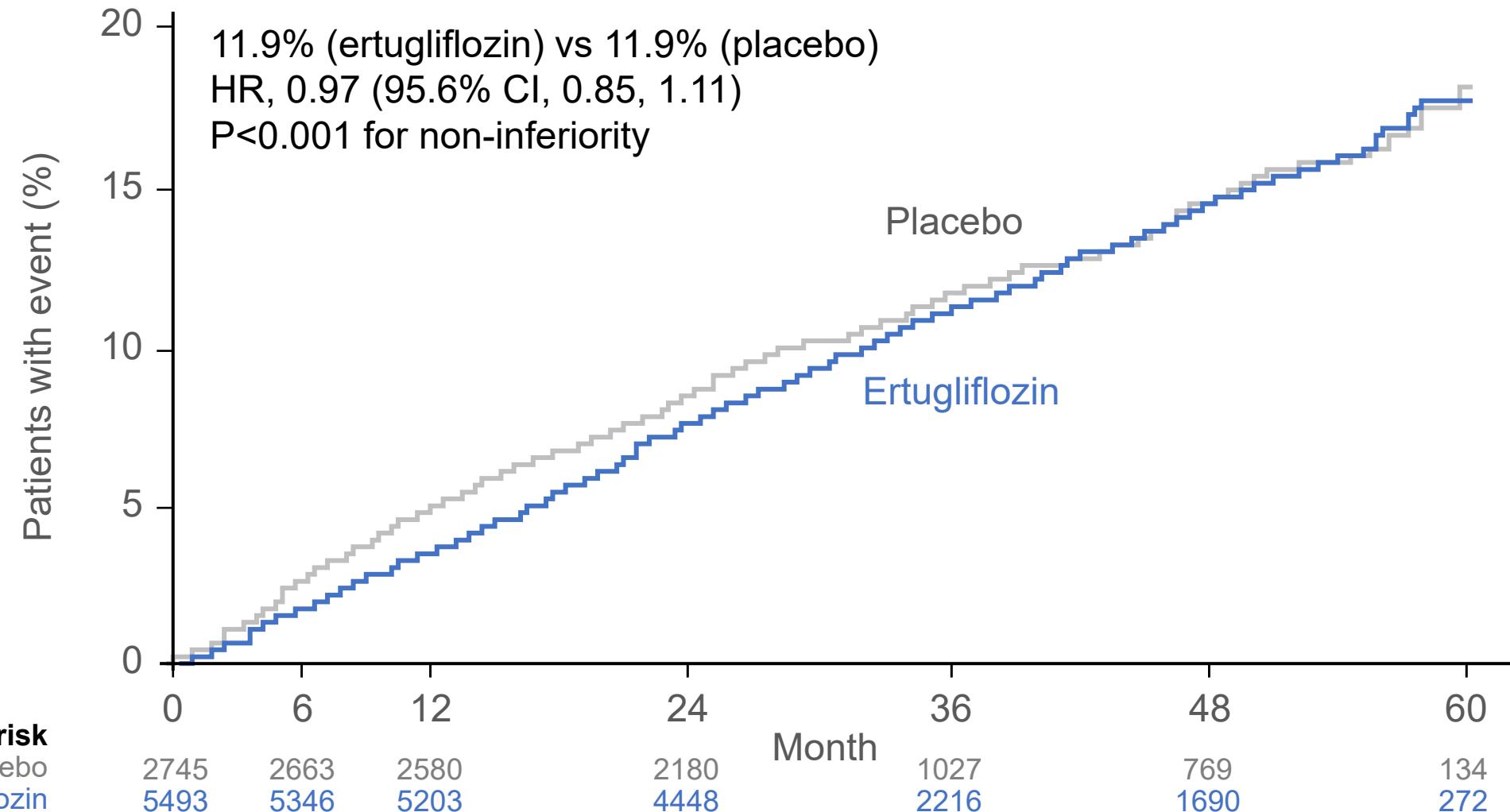
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Primary outcome: MACE*

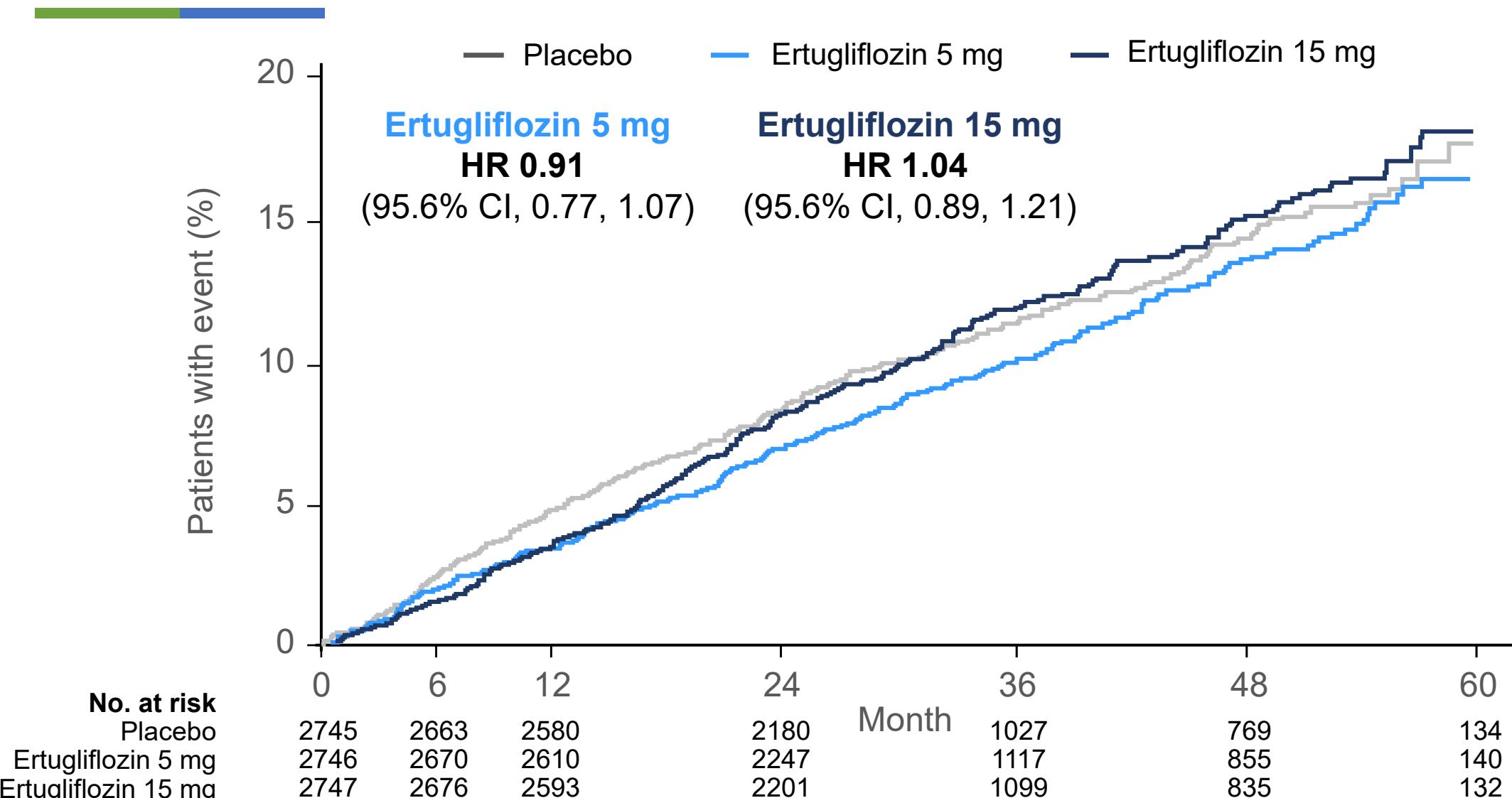
CV death, nonfatal MI, or nonfatal stroke



*Full analysis set included all randomized patients who received at least one dose of study medication (N=5493 for ertugliflozin and N=2745 for placebo). Only confirmed MACE events occurring up to 365 days after the last confirmed dose of study medication were included in the primary analysis. CI, confidence interval; CV, cardiovascular; HR, hazard ratio; MACE, major adverse cardiovascular events; MI, myocardial infarction.

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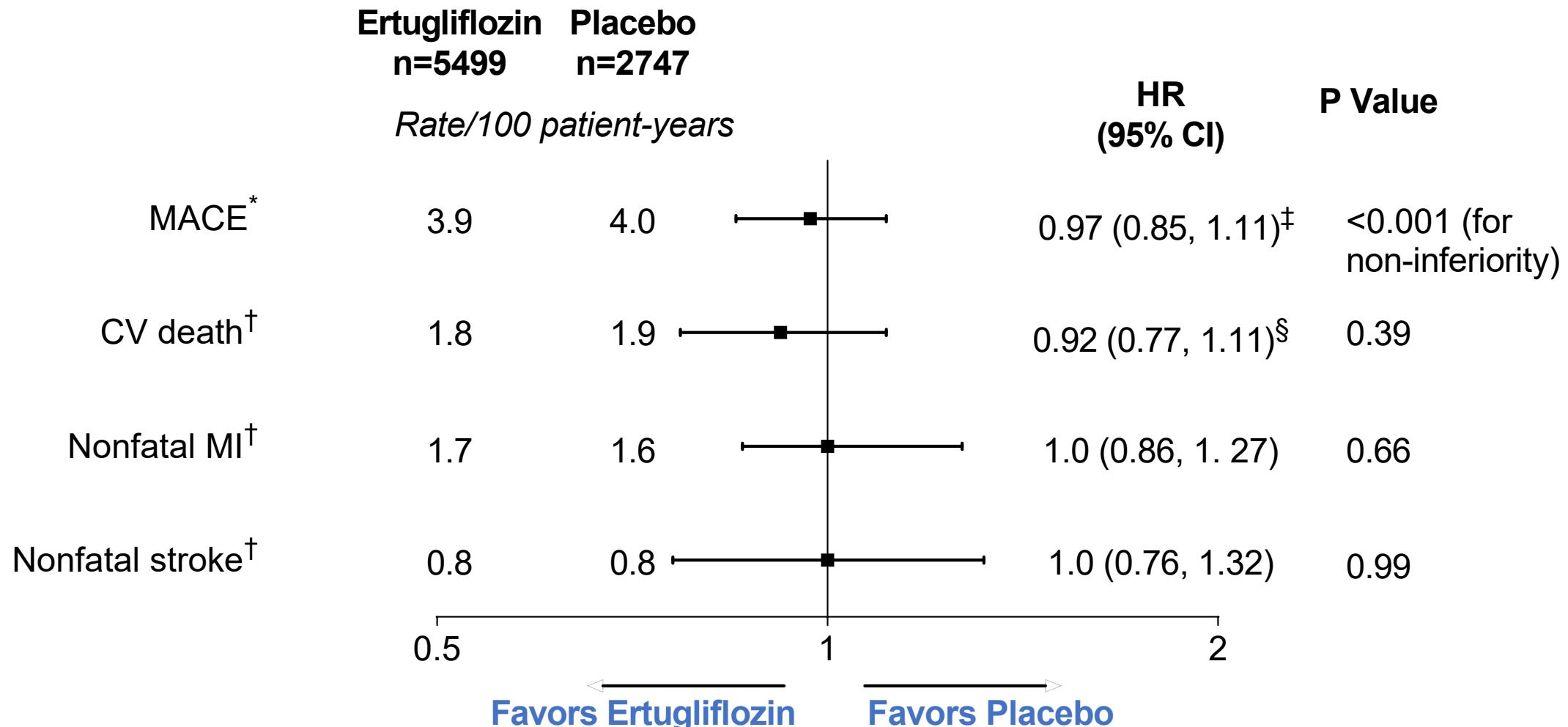
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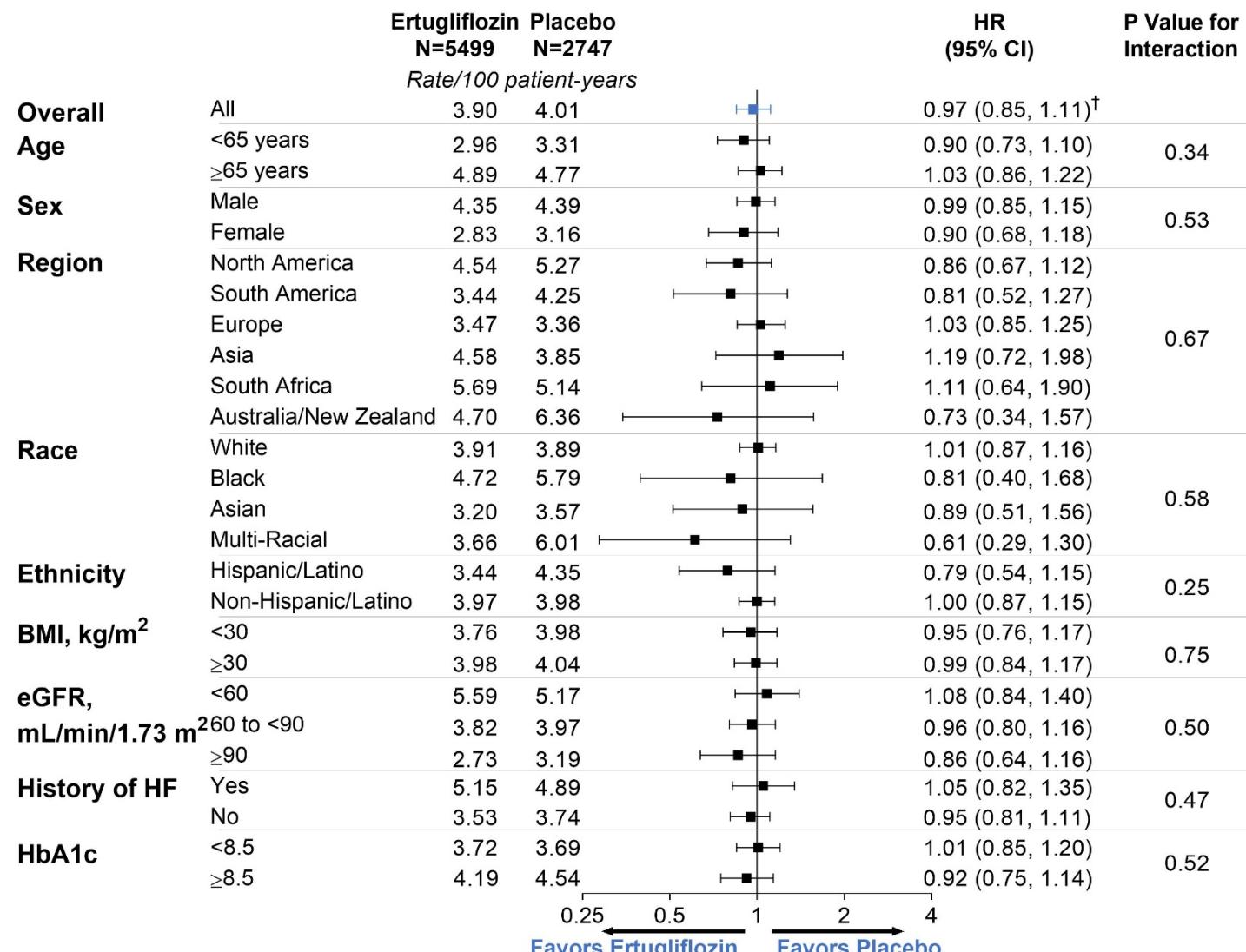
MACE and individual endpoints

CV death, nonfatal MI, or nonfatal stroke



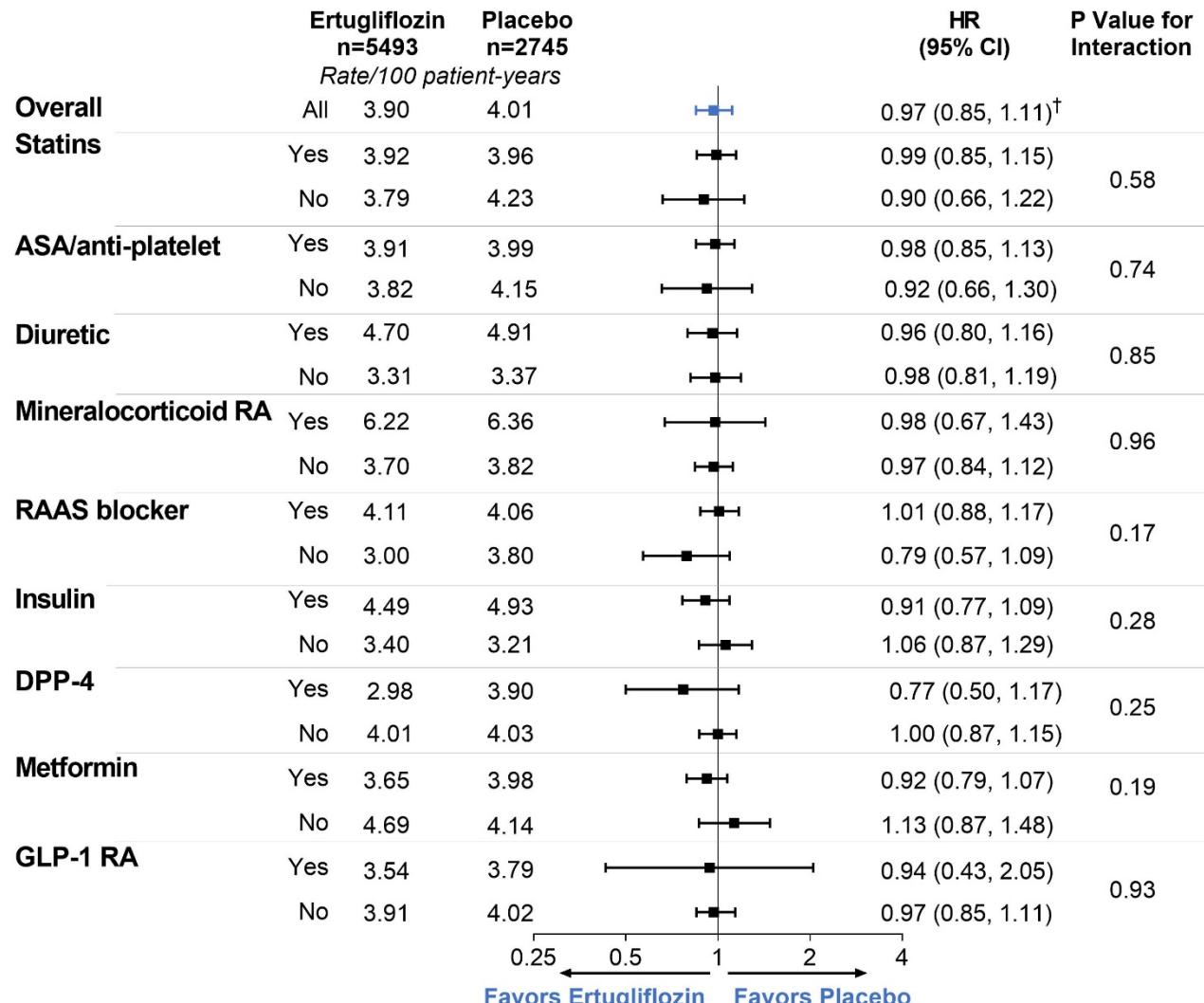
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MACE: subgroup analysis (patient demographics)*



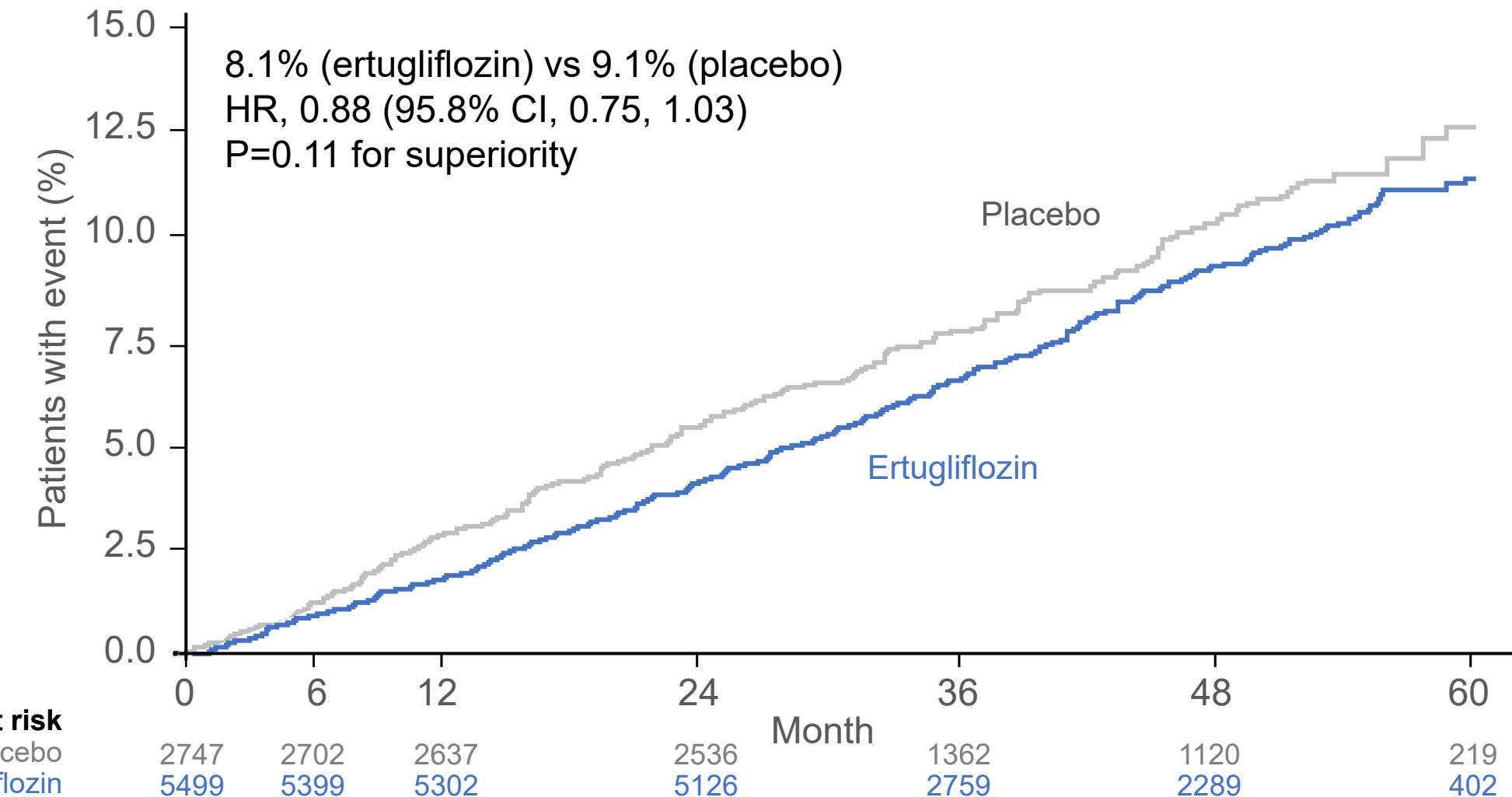
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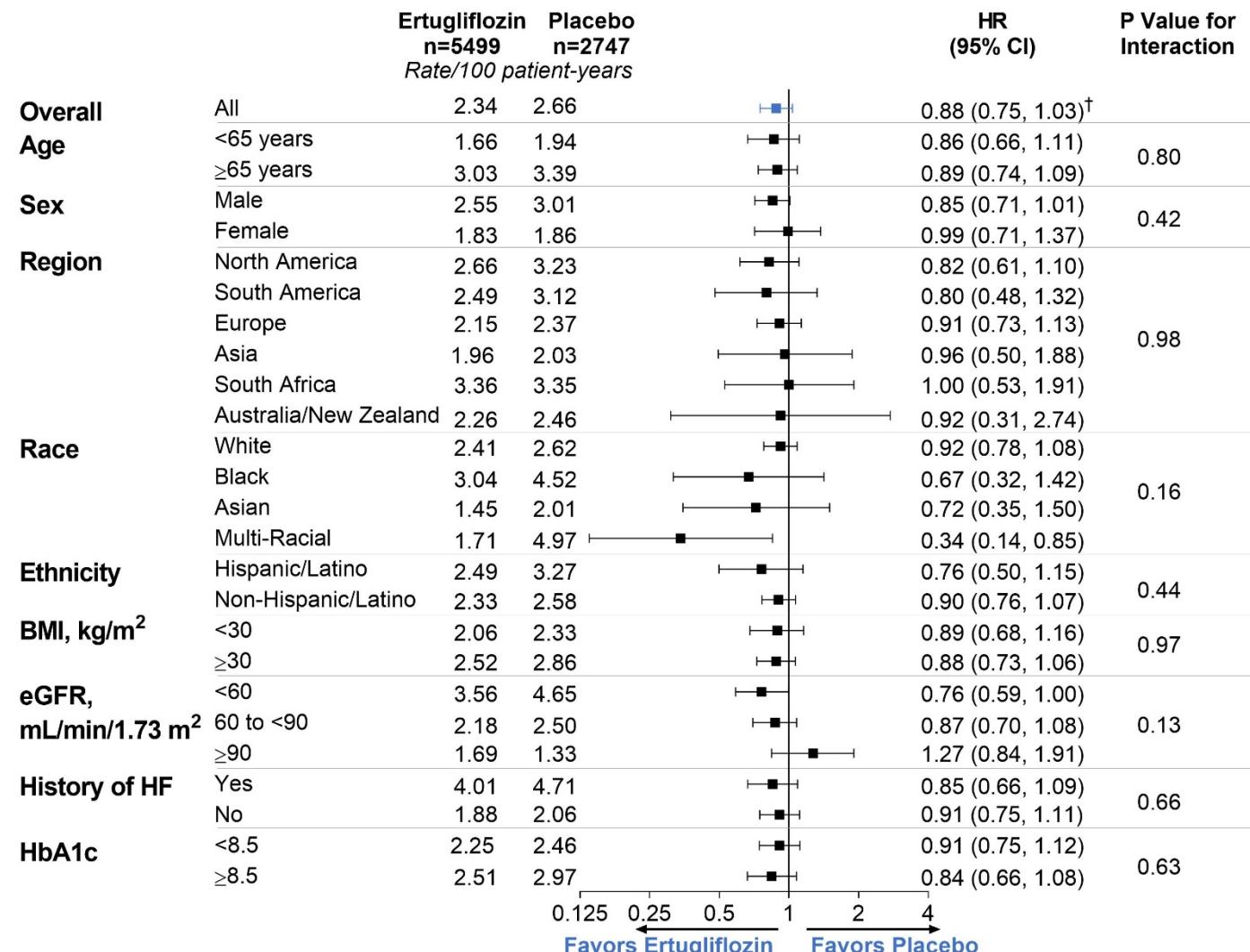


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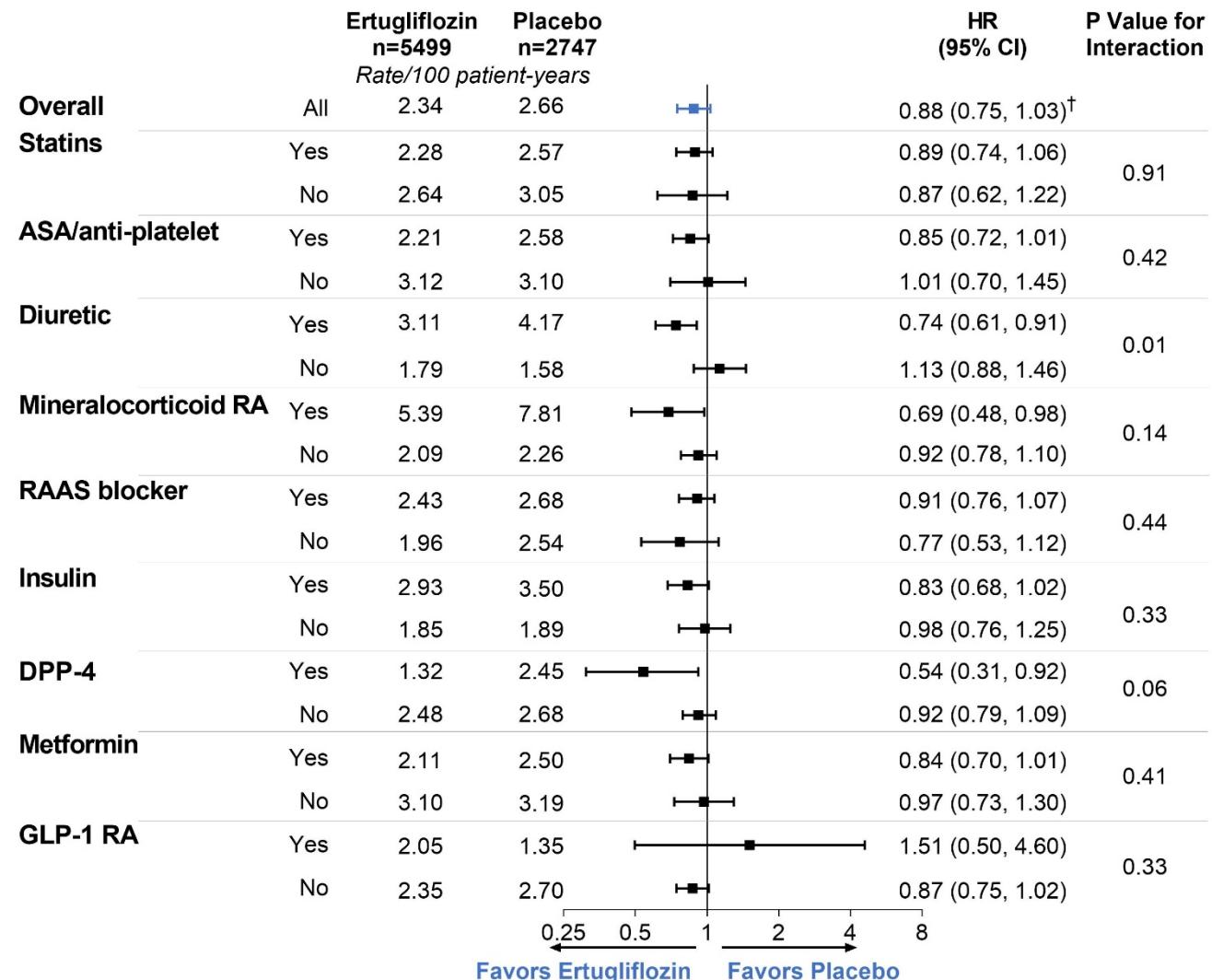
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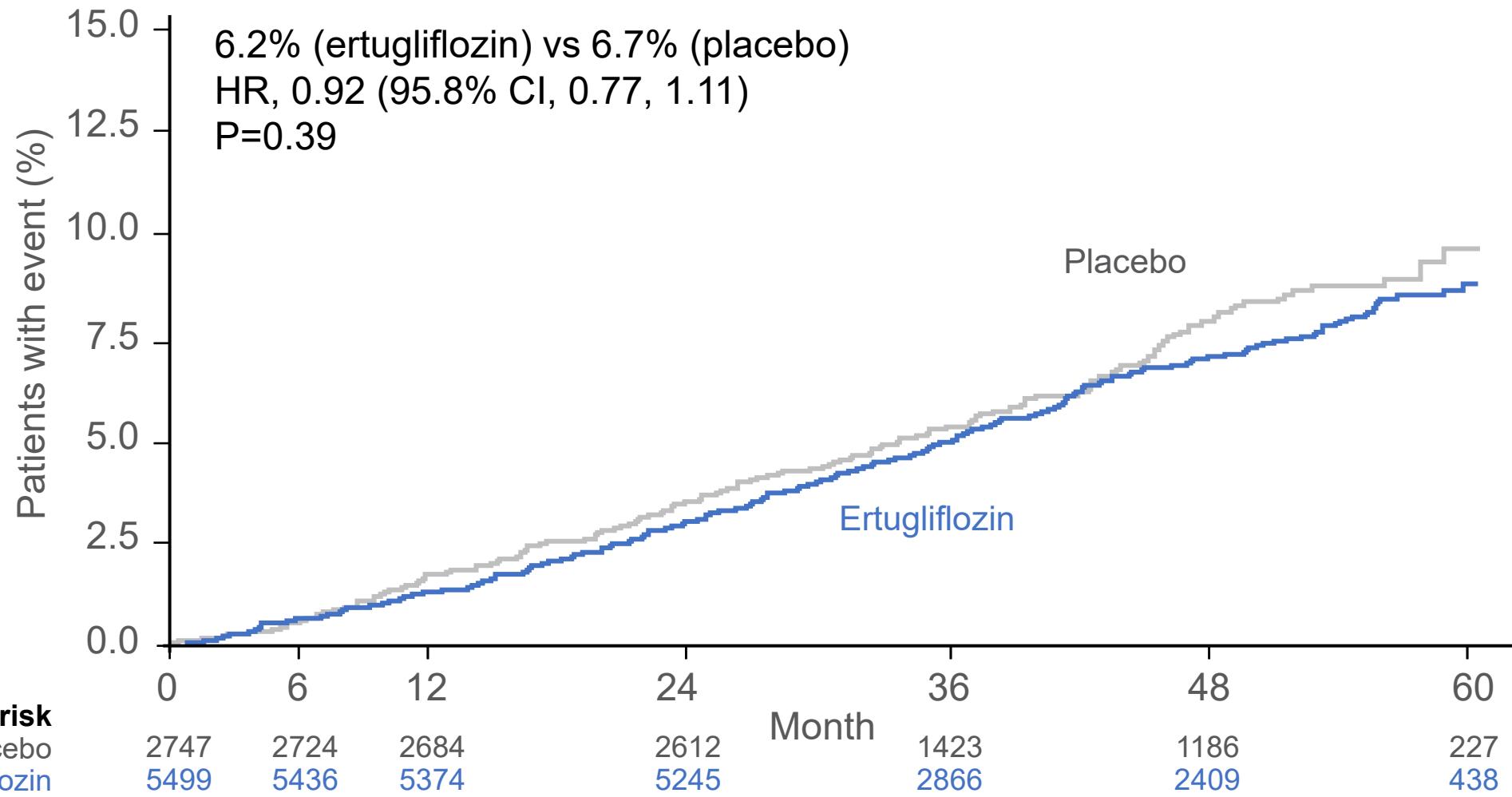
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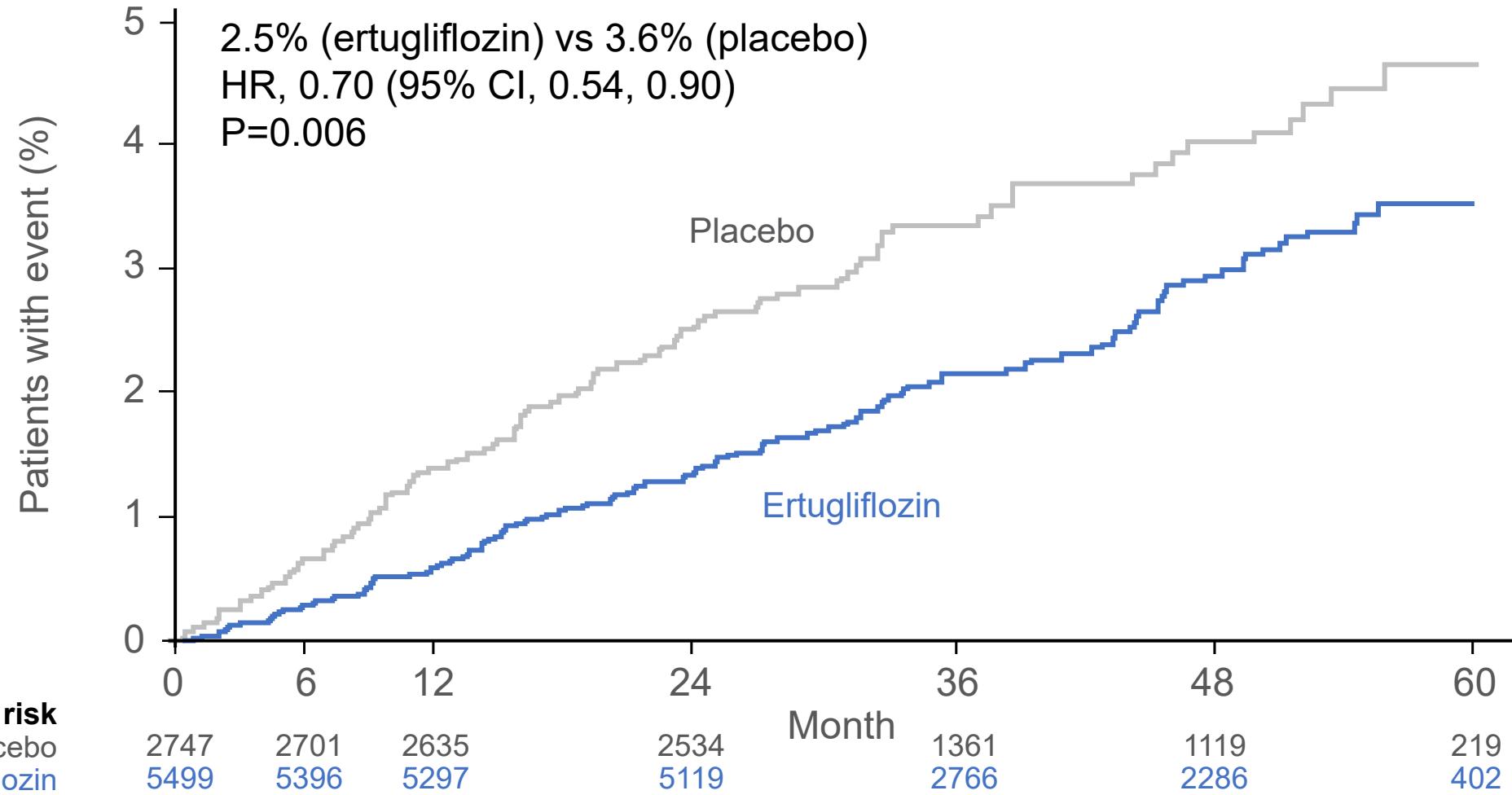
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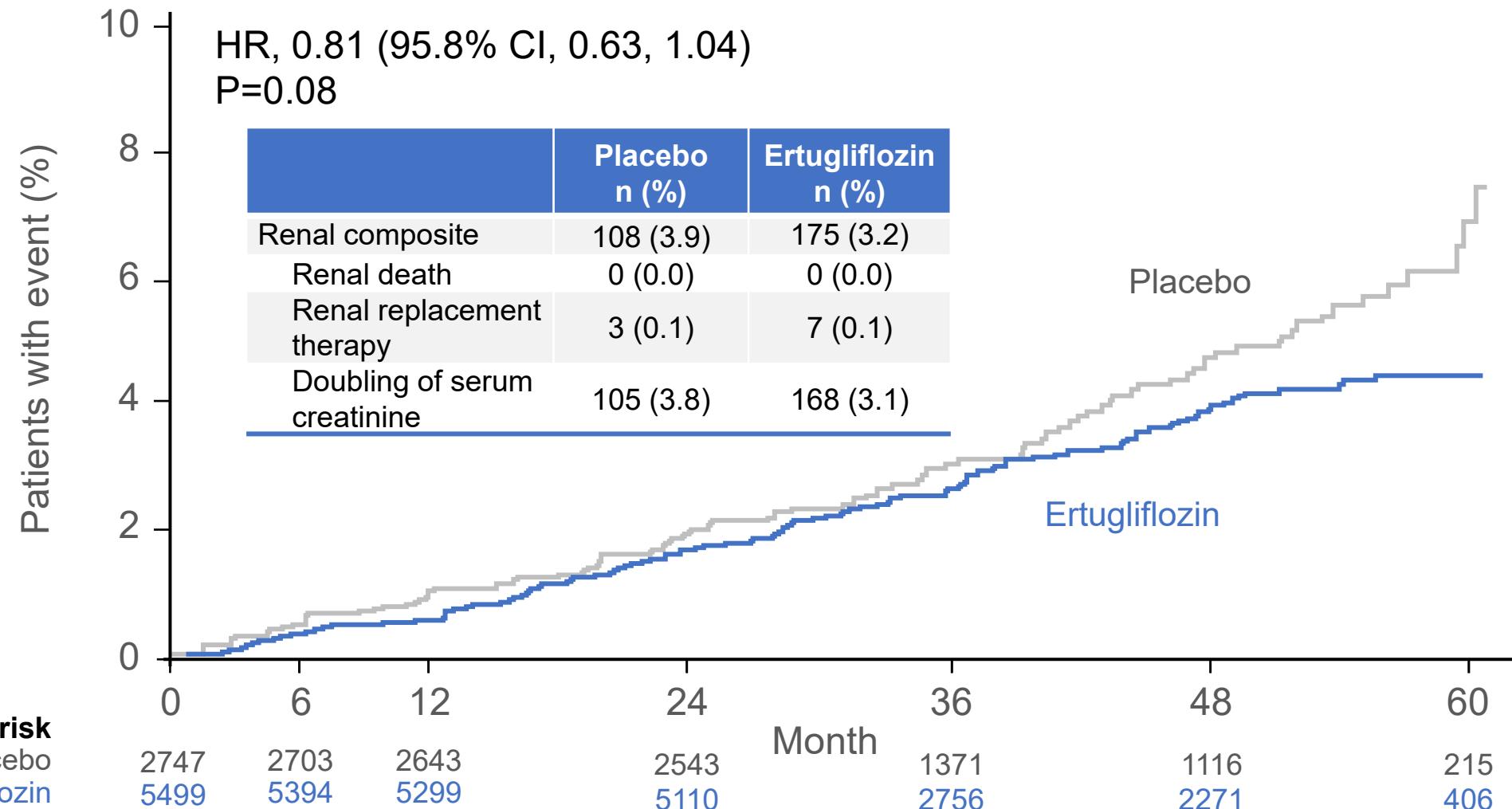


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Renal composite*

Renal death, dialysis/transplant, or doubling of serum creatinine

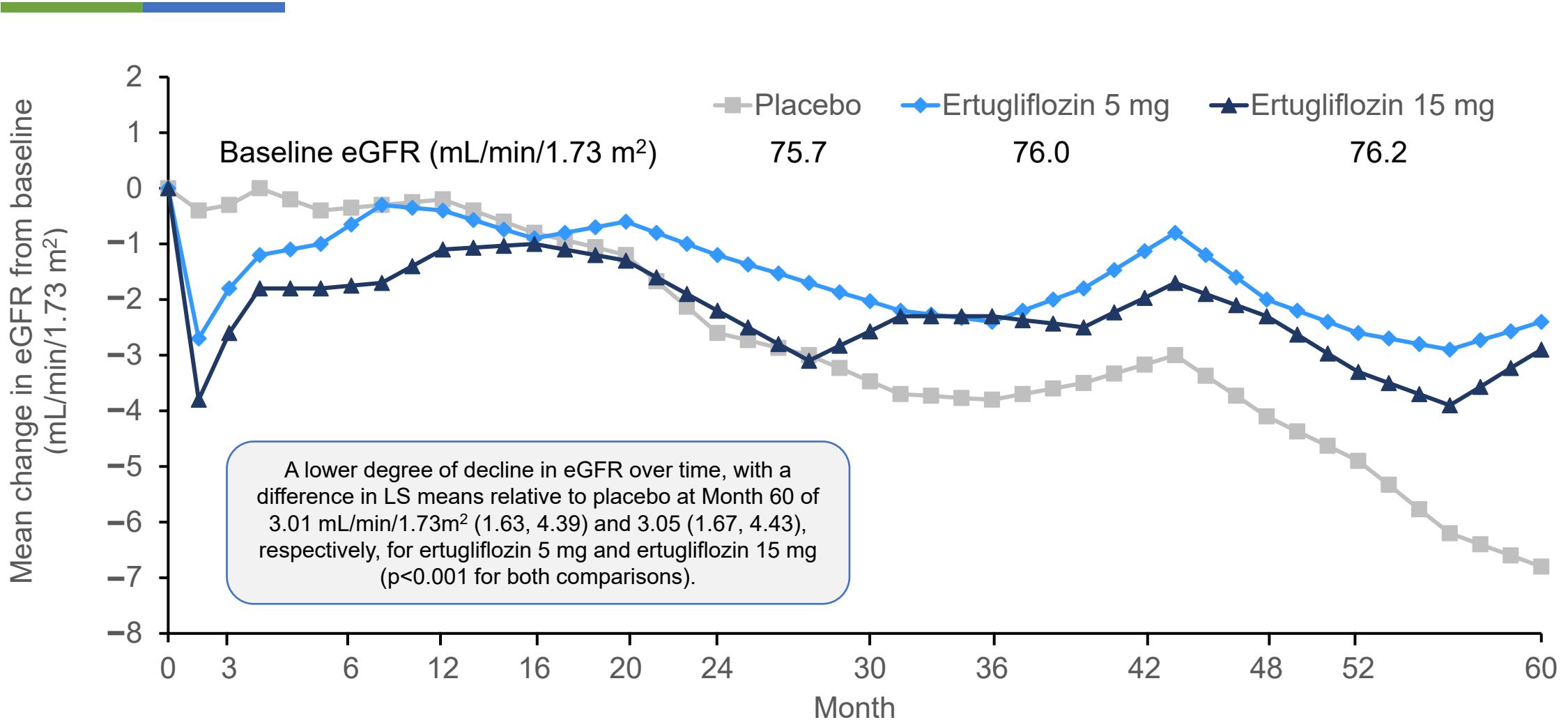


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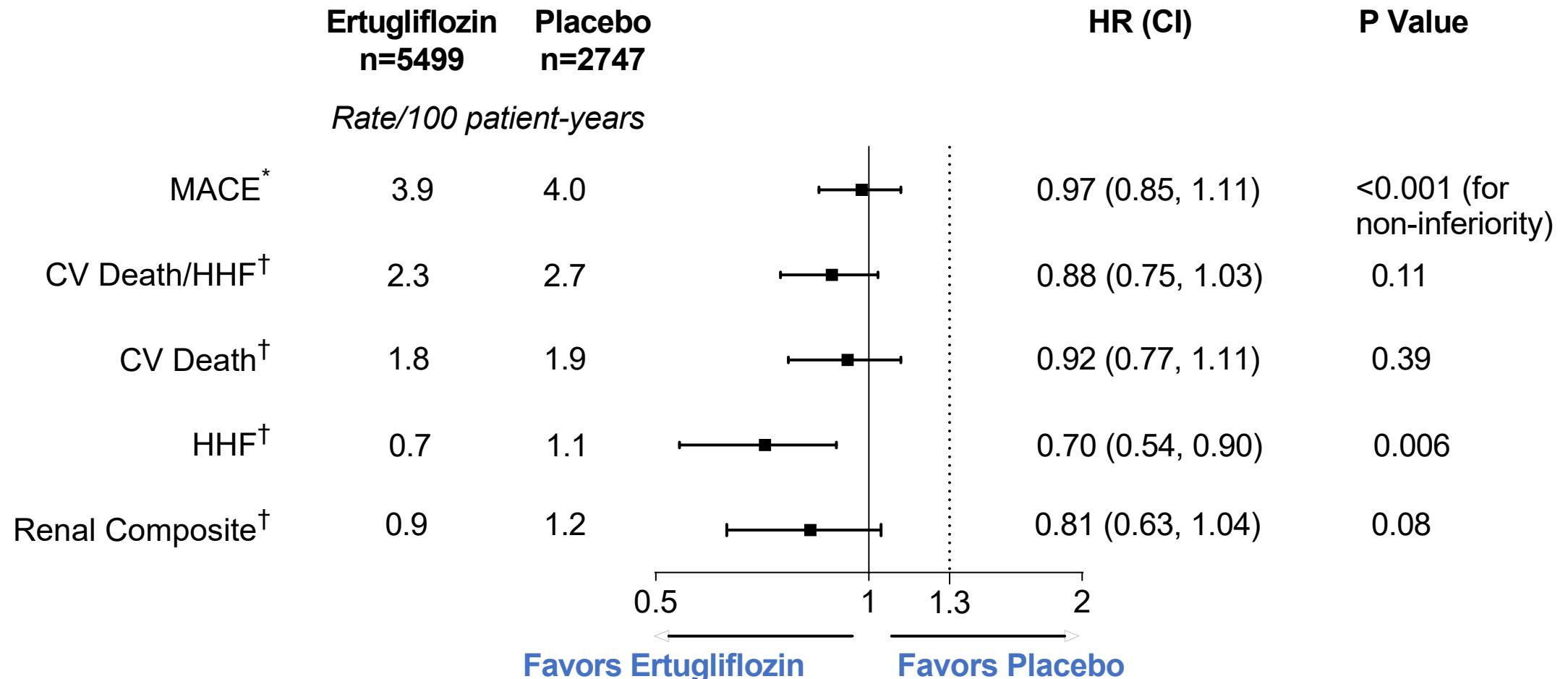
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VERTIS CV: eGFR over time



Primary and secondary endpoints



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Summary: CV and renal outcomes

- In patients with type 2 diabetes and atherosclerotic CV disease, ertugliflozin added to guideline-directed secondary prevention therapies was non-inferior versus placebo for MACE
- The key secondary composite endpoint of CV death or HHF did not differ between groups, nor did CV death, but a 30% lower risk of HHF was observed with ertugliflozin
- The renal composite outcome was 19% lower, but was not statistically significant
- The overall pattern of the effects on endpoints of HHF and renal outcomes was in line with those seen in other large trials of SGLT2 inhibitors

Safety and Updated CV Meta-Analysis

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eValuation of ERTugliflozin efficacy and Safety

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Safety



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Adverse events

	Placebo n (%) (n=2745)	Ertugliflozin 5 mg n (%) (n=2746)	Ertugliflozin 15 mg n (%) (n=2747)
≥1 AEs	2349 (85.6)	2357 (85.8)	2325 (84.6)
≥1 AEs leading to permanent study drug discontinuation	188 (6.8)	207 (7.5)	201 (7.3)
≥1 serious AEs	990 (36.1)	958 (34.9)	937 (34.1)

Selected adverse events

	Placebo n (%) (n=2745)	Ertugliflozin 5 mg n (%) (n=2746)	Ertugliflozin 15 mg n (%) (n=2747)
Urinary tract infection	279 (10.2)	336 (12.2)*	330 (12.0)*
Genital mycotic infection (male)	22 (1.2)	86 (4.4)†	98 (5.1)†
Genital mycotic infection (female)	20 (2.4)	48 (6.0)†	65 (7.8)†
Symptomatic hypoglycemia	790 (28.8)	768 (28.0)	728 (26.5)
Hypovolemia-related	106 (3.9)	118 (4.3)	118 (4.3)
Pancreatitis (adjudicated)			
Acute	10 (0.4)	12 (0.4)	5 (0.2)
Chronic	5 (0.2)	1 (<0.1)	2 (0.1)

*P<0.05 for the comparison with placebo.

†P<0.001 for the comparison with placebo.

Safety events of special interest

	Placebo n (%) (n=2745)	Ertugliflozin 5 mg n (%) (n=2746)	Ertugliflozin 15 mg n (%) (n=2747)
Acute kidney injury*	60 (2.2)	48 (1.7)	53 (1.9)
Amputation	45 (1.6)	54 (2.0)	57 (2.1)
Diabetic ketoacidosis (adjudicated)	2 (0.1)	7 (0.3)	12 (0.4)
Fracture (adjudicated)	98 (3.6)	99 (3.6)	102 (3.7)
Fournier's gangrene	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)

- Rates of amputations were 0.5 and 0.6 per 100 patient-years for placebo and ertugliflozin, respectively (risk difference, 0.1; 95% CI [-0.1, 0.3])

*Incidence of acute kidney injury was assessed using the Acute Renal Failure, narrow standard MedDRA query and a sponsor prespecified eGFR and creatinine change custom MedDRA query with potential cases adjudicated by an external committee.
CI, confidence interval.

Summary and conclusion: safety

- Ertugliflozin was generally safe and well tolerated with a safety profile consistent with known risks of the SGLT2 inhibitor class:
 - Urinary tract infection and genital mycotic infection: frequency significantly higher with ertugliflozin versus placebo
 - Acute kidney injury: frequency did not differ with ertugliflozin versus placebo
 - Diabetic ketoacidosis: frequency low, numerically higher with ertugliflozin versus placebo
 - Amputation: frequency low, numerically higher with ertugliflozin versus placebo

SGLT2 Inhibitors, Cardiovascular and Renal Outcomes in Patients with Type 2 Diabetes

Systematic Review and Meta-analysis



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eValuation of ER Tugliflozin efficacy and Safety

Background

- SGLT2 inhibitors favorably affect a spectrum of CV and renal outcomes, with such efficacy largely independent of glycemic control¹⁻⁴
- Accordingly, professional endocrinology and cardiology society recommendations and guidelines endorse the use of SGLT2 inhibitors to:⁵⁻¹⁰
 - Reduce risk for MI, stroke, and CV death in patients with T2DM with prevalent ASCVD and /or albuminuric CKD
 - Reduce risk for incident hospitalization for HF in patients with T2DM with prevalent or multiple risk factors for ASCVD and/or albuminuric CKD
 - Mitigate risk of kidney disease incidence and progression in those with or at high risk for CKD

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ASCVD, atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease; CKD, chronic kidney disease; CV, cardiovascular; HF, heart failure; SGLT2, sodium-glucose cotransporter 2; T2DM, type 2 diabetes mellitus.

Objective

- To update previous meta-analyses,¹⁻³ with data from VERTIS CV
- These results will further refine estimates of efficacy for CV and renal outcomes across the SGLT2 inhibitor class

Studies included

- All analyses were primarily conducted on the total patient population of each of the 6 trials identified:
 - EMPA-REG OUTCOME¹
 - CANVAS Trials Program²
 - CANVAS
 - CANVAS-R
 - DECLARE-TIMI 58³
 - CREDENCE⁴
 - VERTIS CV

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Meta-analysis methodology

- Hazard ratios and 95% confidence intervals were extracted from the literature to support a pooled meta-analysis across trials
- Fixed-effects modelling was performed with heterogeneity assessed using Cochran's Q test statistic, P value, and Higgins and Thompsons' I^2
- I^2 estimates the proportion of observed variance attributable to heterogeneity of effect beyond chance
 - Low: <25%
 - Moderate: 25%-75%
 - High: >75%

Meta-analysis methodology, cont'd

- Key outcomes:
 - Composite of MACE
 - CV death
 - Composite of HHF and CV death
 - HHF
 - Composite of renal outcomes
- Secondary analyses were performed on subgroups by presence or absence of ASCVD at baseline

Baseline characteristics of patient populations by trial

	EMPA-REG OUTCOME¹	CANVAS Program²	DECLARE- TIMI 58³	CREDENCE⁴	VERTIS CV
SGLT2 inhibitor	Empagliflozin	Canagliflozin	Dapagliflozin	Canagliflozin	Ertugliflozin
N	7020	10,142	17,160	4401	8246
Duration of follow-up, median, years	3.1	2.4	4.2	2.6	3.0
Age, mean ± SD, years	63.1 ± 8.6	63.3 ± 8.3	63.9 ± 6.8	63.0 ± 9.2	64.4 ± 8.1
Female, %	28.5	35.8	37.4	33.9	30.0
HbA1c, mean ± SD, %	8.1 ± 0.8	8.2 ± 0.9	8.3 ± 1.2	8.3 ± 1.3	8.2 ± 1.0
Diabetes duration, mean ± SD, years	NA	13.5 ± 7.8	11.8 ± 7.8	15.8 ± 8.6	13.0 ± 8.3
Established CV disease, %	100	65.6	40.6	50.4	100
History of HF, %	10.1	14.4	10.0	14.8	23.7
Reduced kidney function (eGFR <60 mL/min/1.73 m ²), %	25.9	20.1	7.4	59.8	21.9

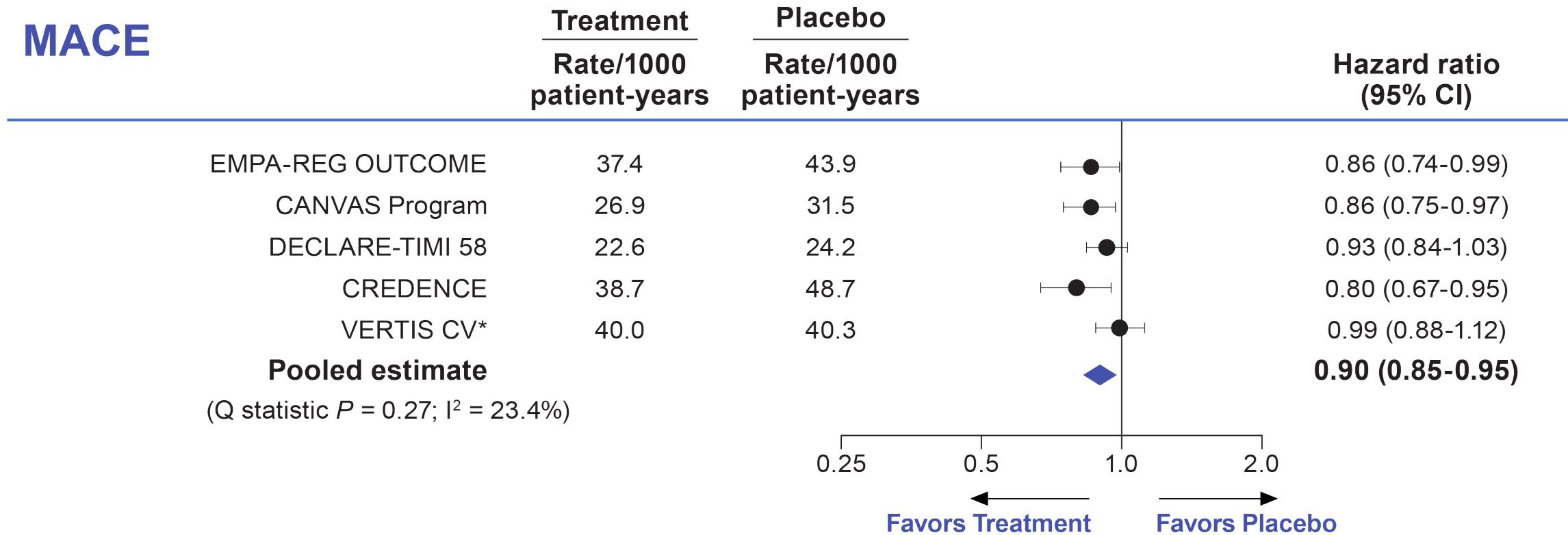
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Time to first MACE

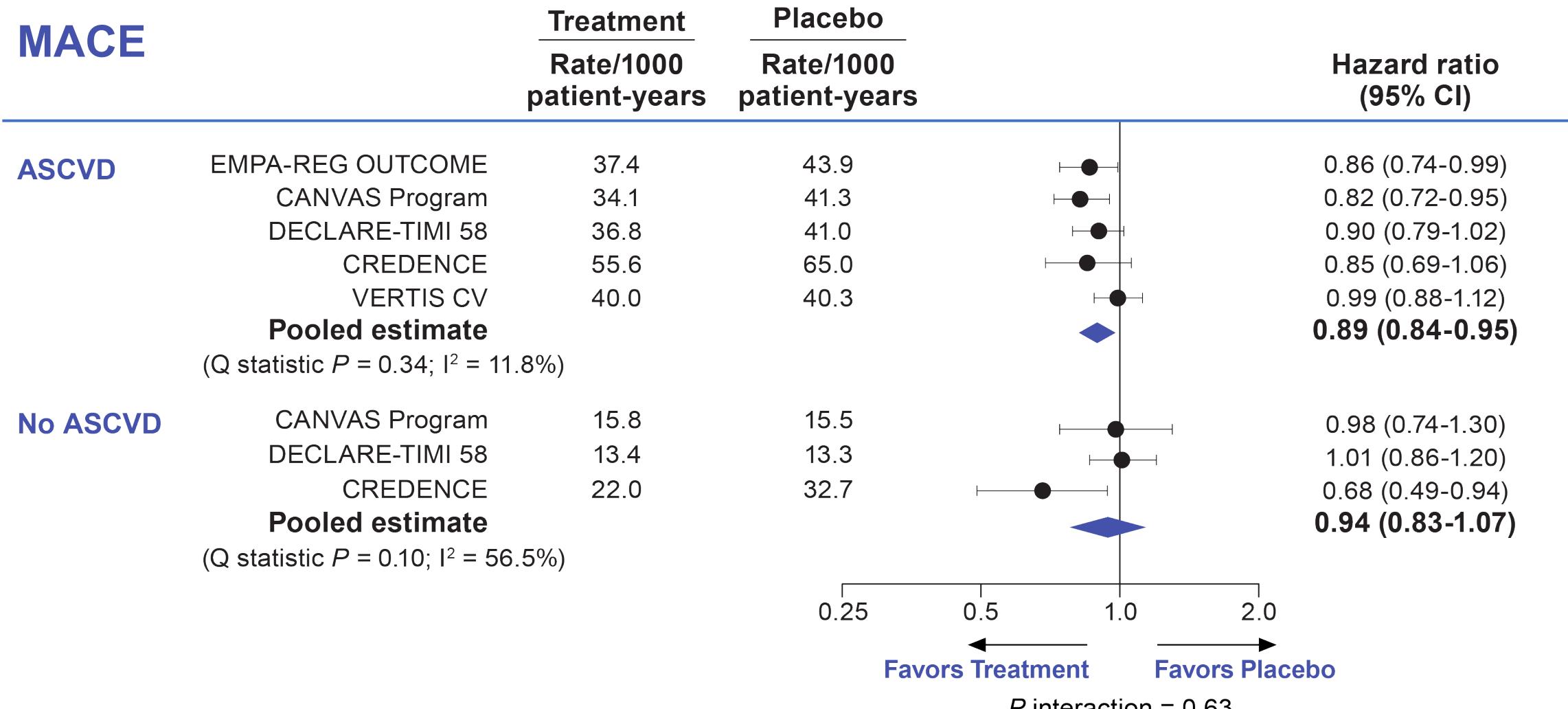
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Time to first MACE – subgroup analysis by ASCVD

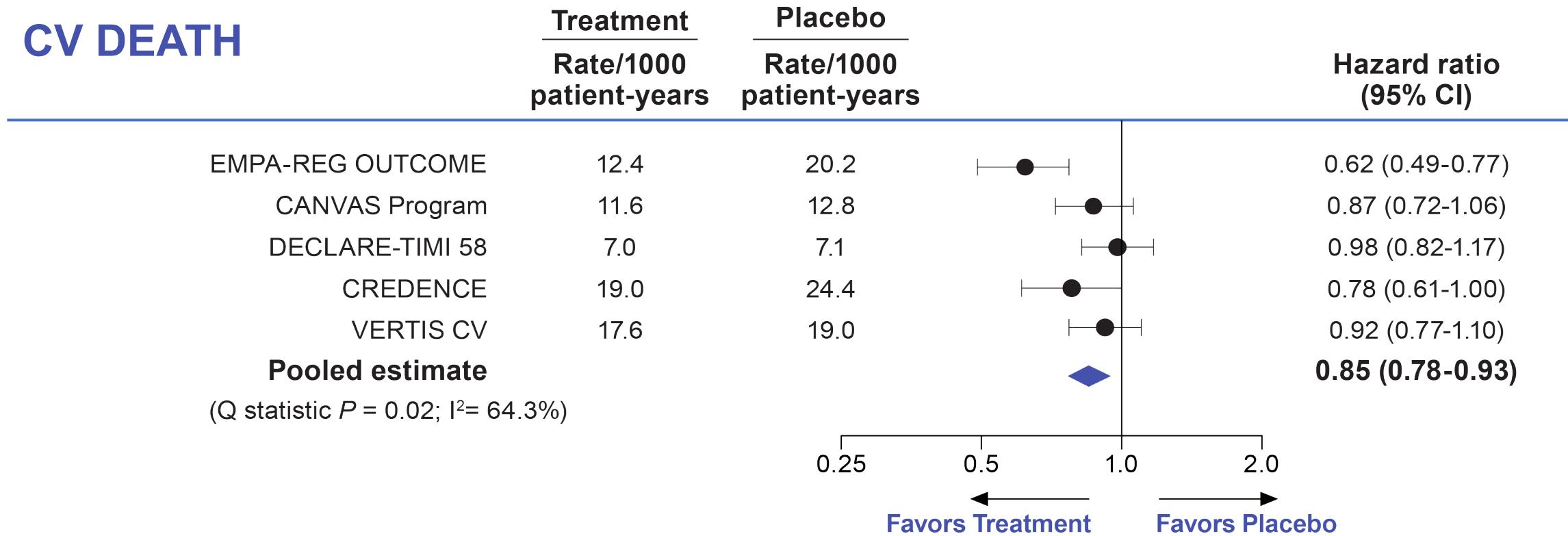
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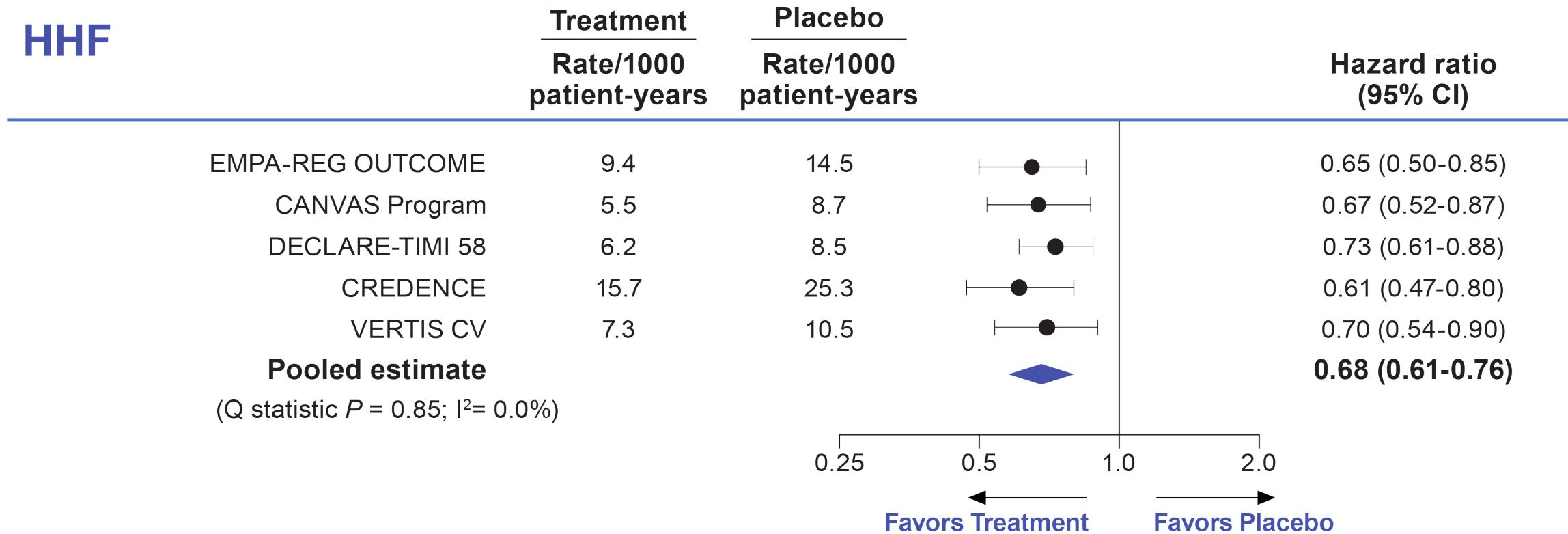
Time to CV death

CV DEATH



Time to first HHF

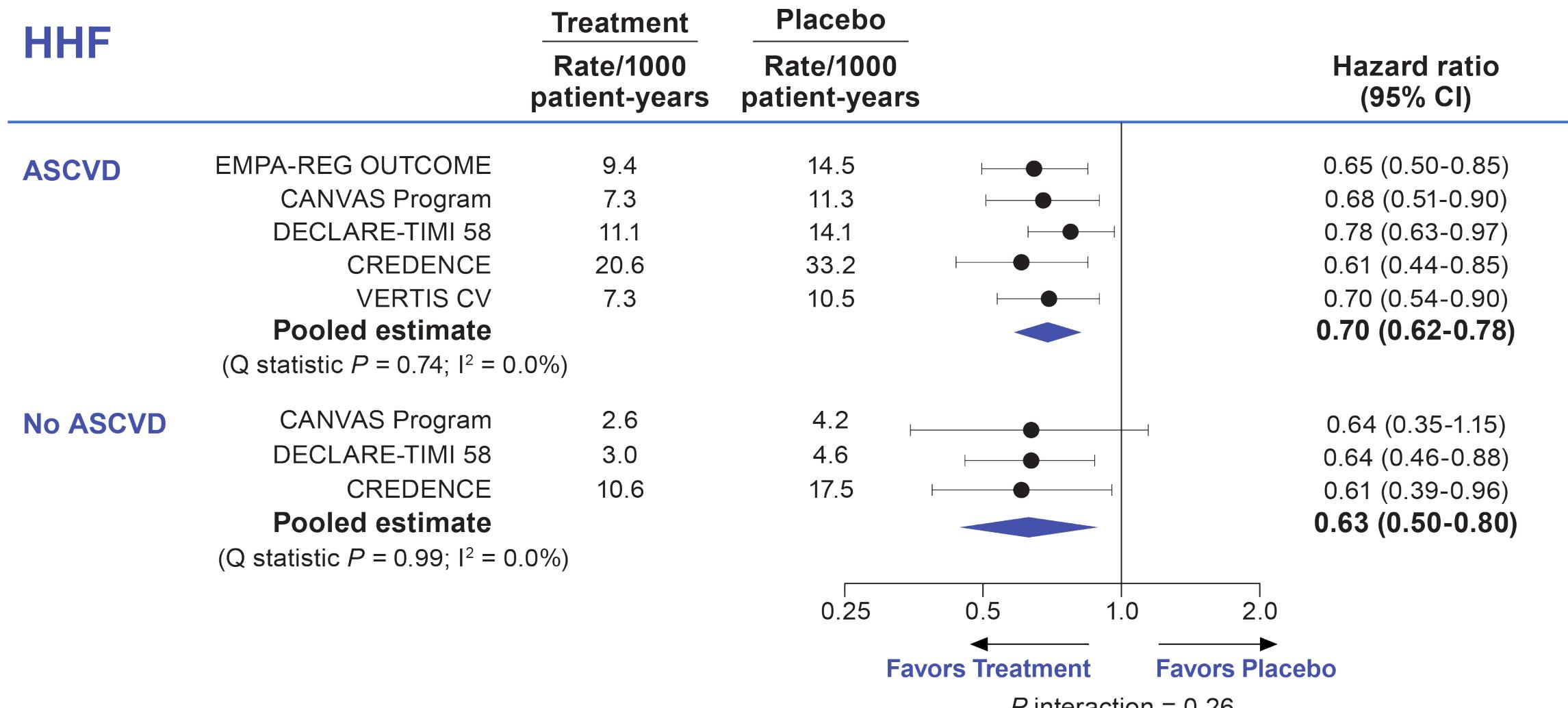
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CI, confidence interval; HHF, hospitalization for heart failure.

Time to first HHF – subgroup analysis by ASCVD

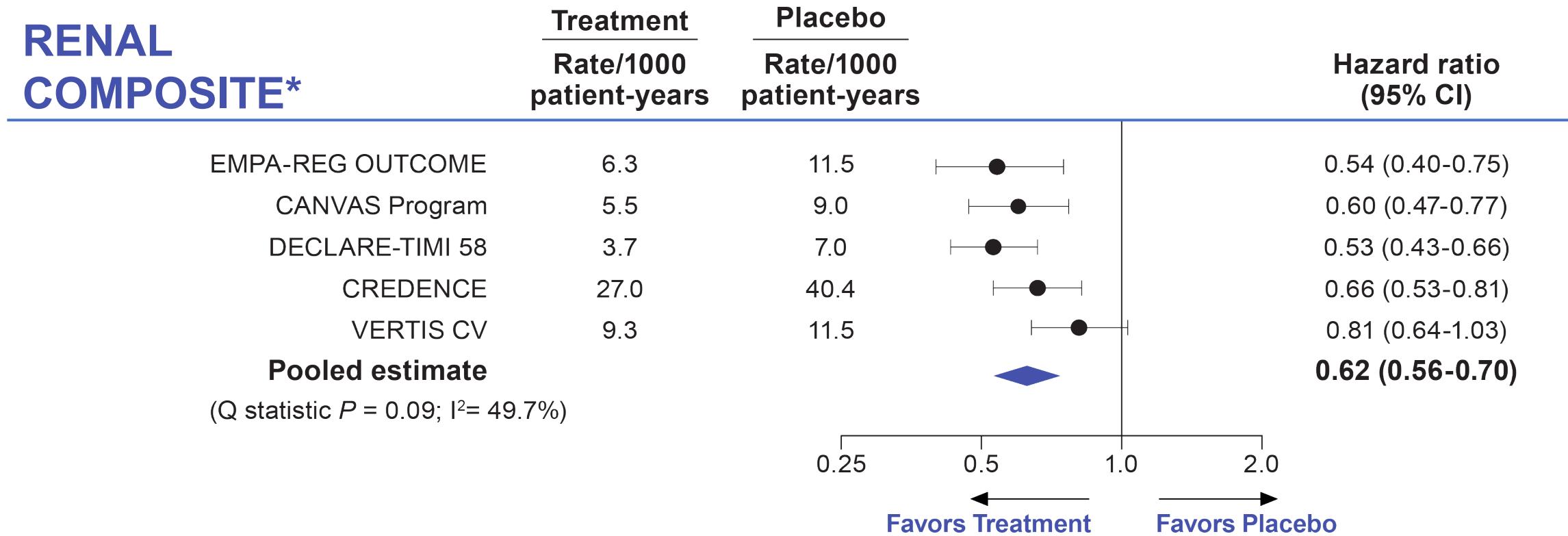
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Time to first renal composite outcome

RENAL COMPOSITE*



*Renal composite outcome definitions varied across trials.
CI, confidence interval.

Summary: Meta-analyses

- Meta-analyses represent the totality of CV and renal outcomes data for the 4 SGLT2 inhibitors available in the US
- These results confirm that the effects of SGLT2 inhibitors on CV and renal outcomes are largely consistent across the class
 - Greatest magnitude of benefit is for reduction in risk for HHF and kidney disease progression
 - Estimates of effect on HHF risk were the most consistent across the trials
- Meta-analyses support contemporary society recommendations to prioritize the use of SGLT2 inhibitors, independent of glucose control considerations, in patients with type 2 diabetes with or at high risk for CV and renal complications

Overall Conclusions

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Timelines of SGLT2 inhibitor CV outcome trials designed to fulfill 2008 regulatory guidance

2010

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Empagliflozin

CANVAS Program
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With addition of VERTIS CV, what are the latest insights?

- CV Outcomes
- Renal Outcomes
- Safety Events of Special Interest

VERTIS CV
Ertugliflozin

MACE

**EMPA-REG
OUTCOME¹**

CANVAS Program²

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HR (95% CI)

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(0.74, 0.99)

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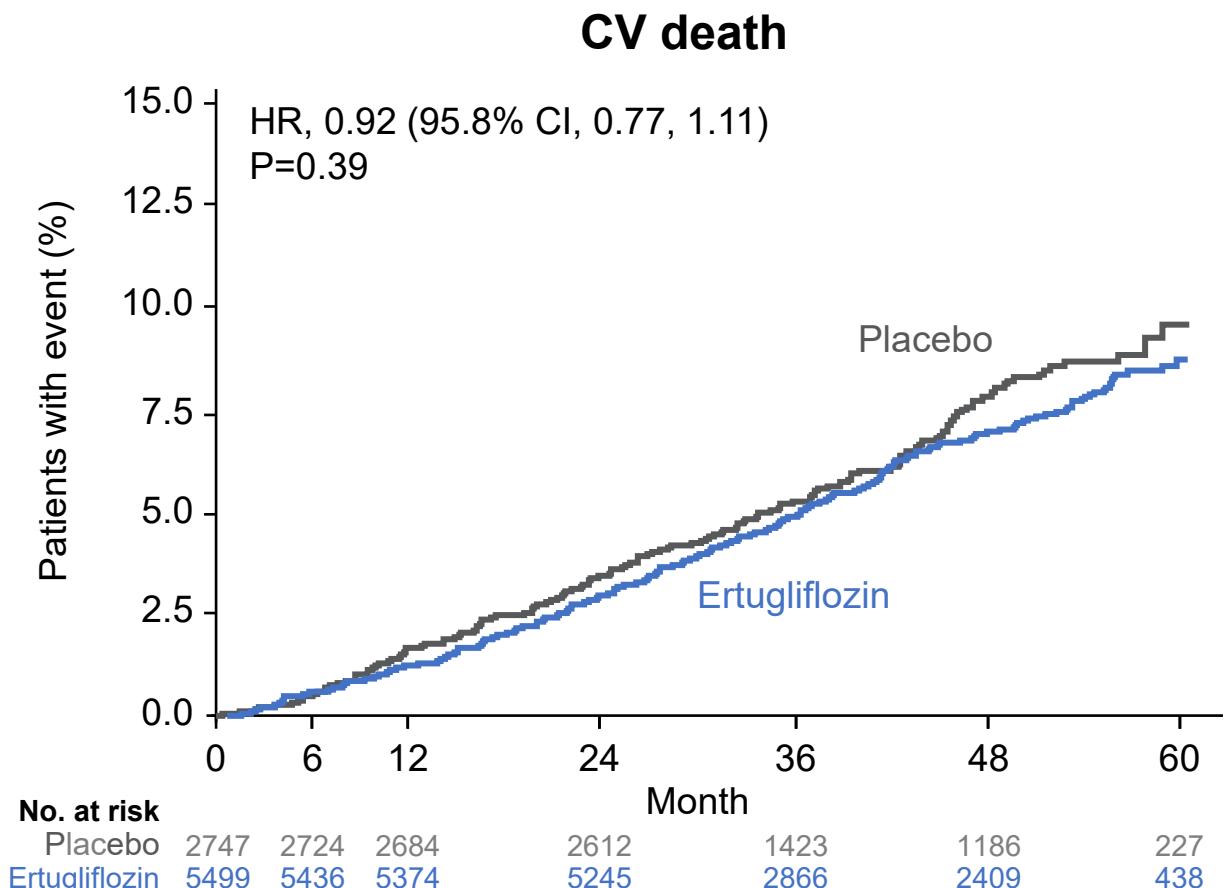
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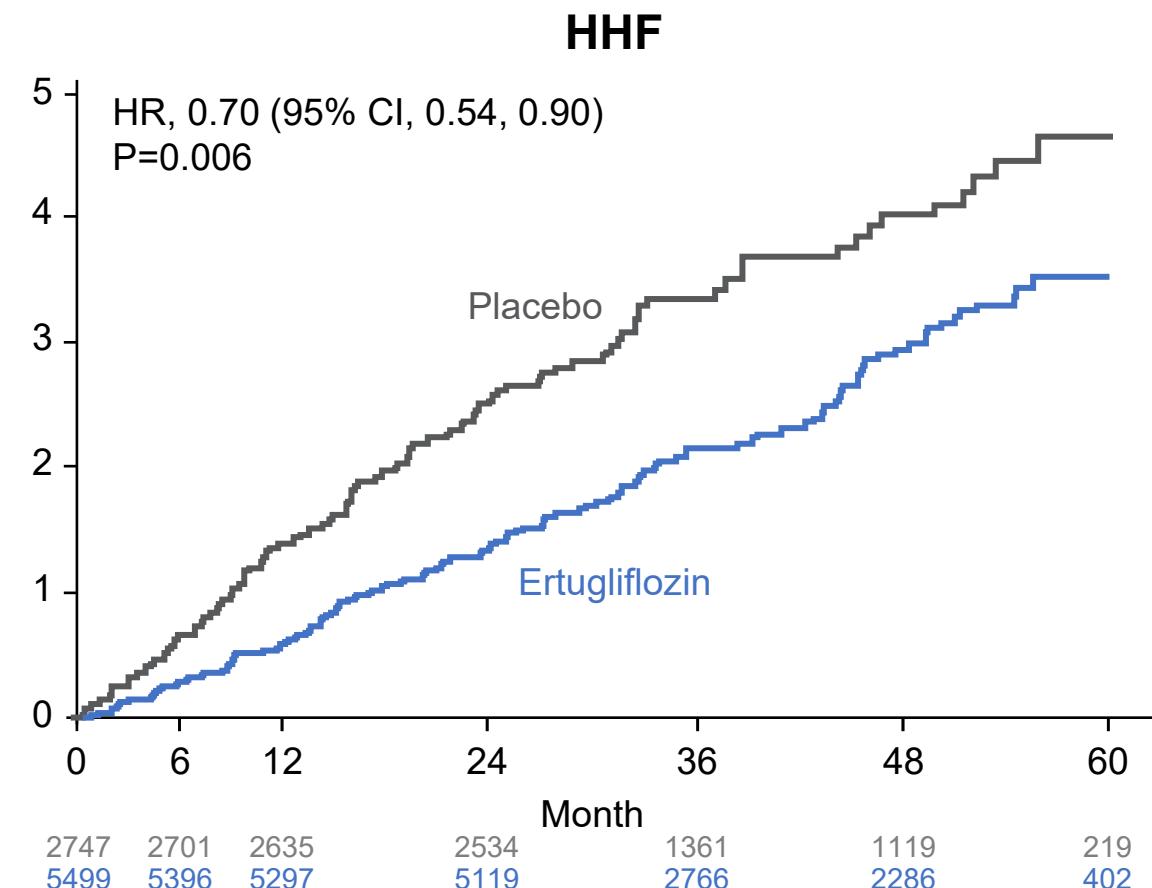
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VERTIS CV: CV death and HHF*



CV death occurred in 6.2% of patients in the ertugliflozin group and 6.7% of patients in the placebo group



HHF occurred in 2.5% of patients in the ertugliflozin group and 3.6% of patients in the placebo group

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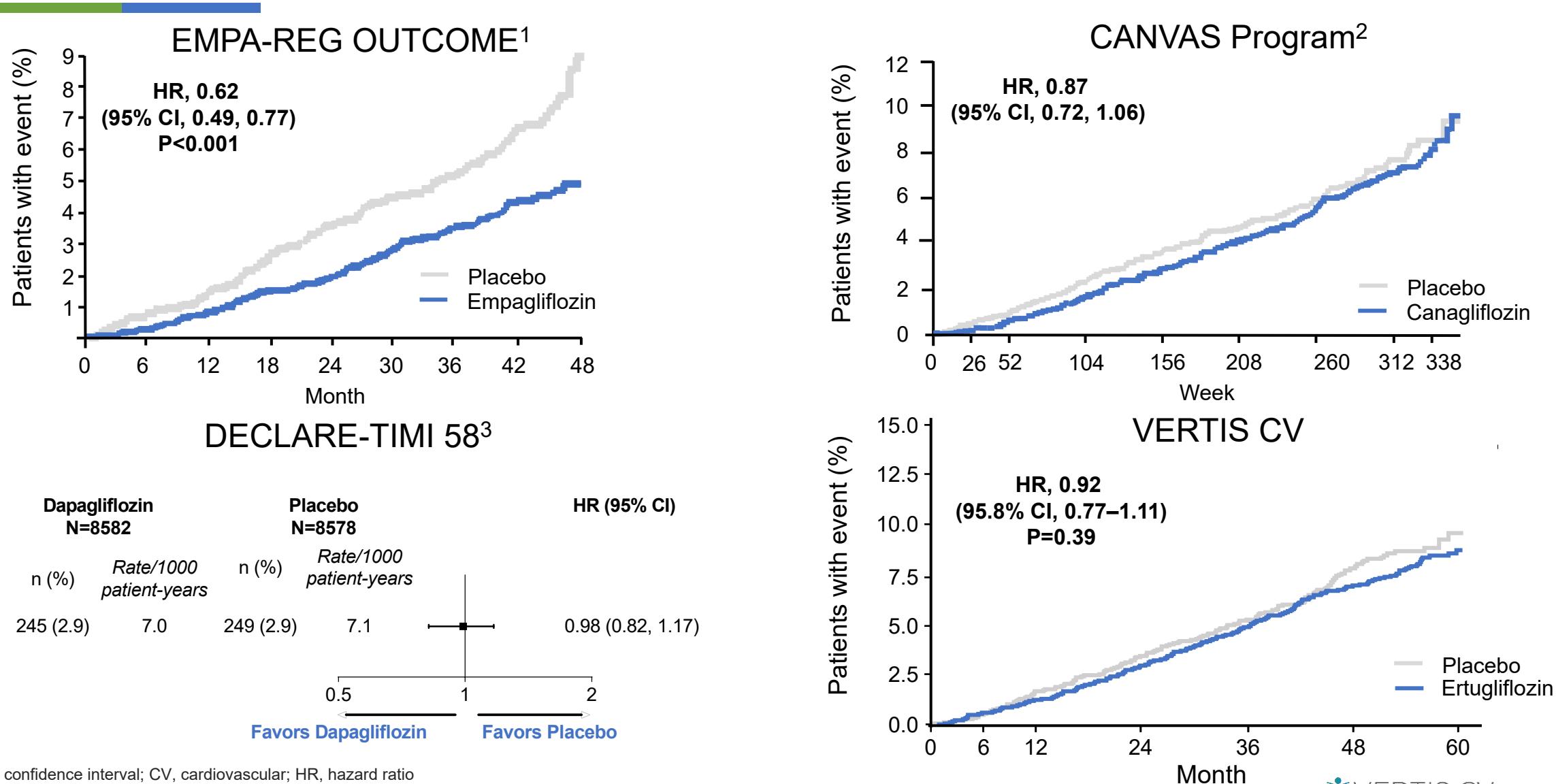
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EMPA-REG OUTCOME¹	0.86 (0.74, 0.99)	0.62 (0.49, 0.77)	0.65 (0.50, 0.85)
CANVAS Program²	0.86 (0.75, 0.97)	0.87 (0.72, 1.06)	0.67 (0.52, 0.87)
DECLARE-TIMI 58³	0.93 (0.84, 1.03)	0.98 (0.82 ,1.17)	0.73 (0.61, 0.88)
VERTIS CV	0.97 (0.85, 1.11)	0.92 (0.77, 1.11)	0.70 (0.54, 0.90)

CV, cardiovascular; HHF, hospitalization for heart failure; MACE, major adverse cardiovascular events.

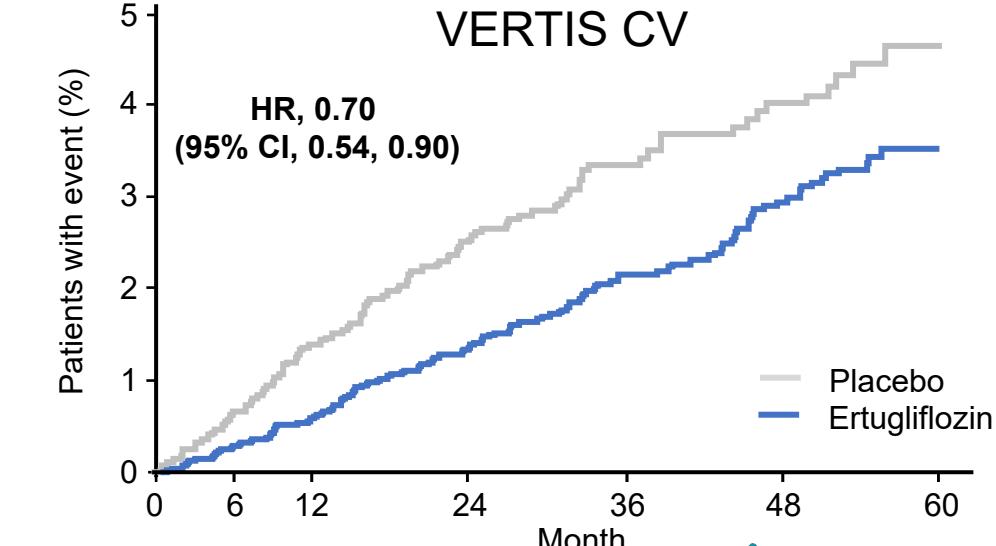
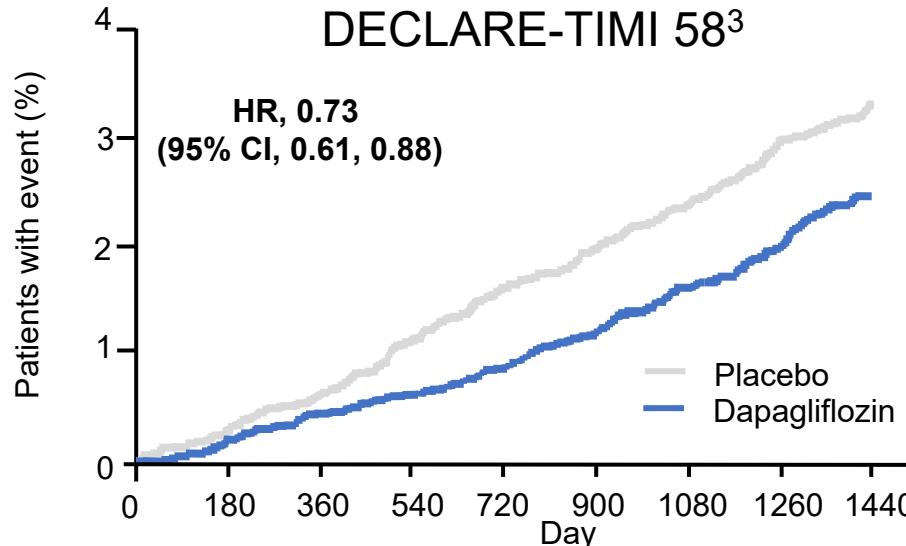
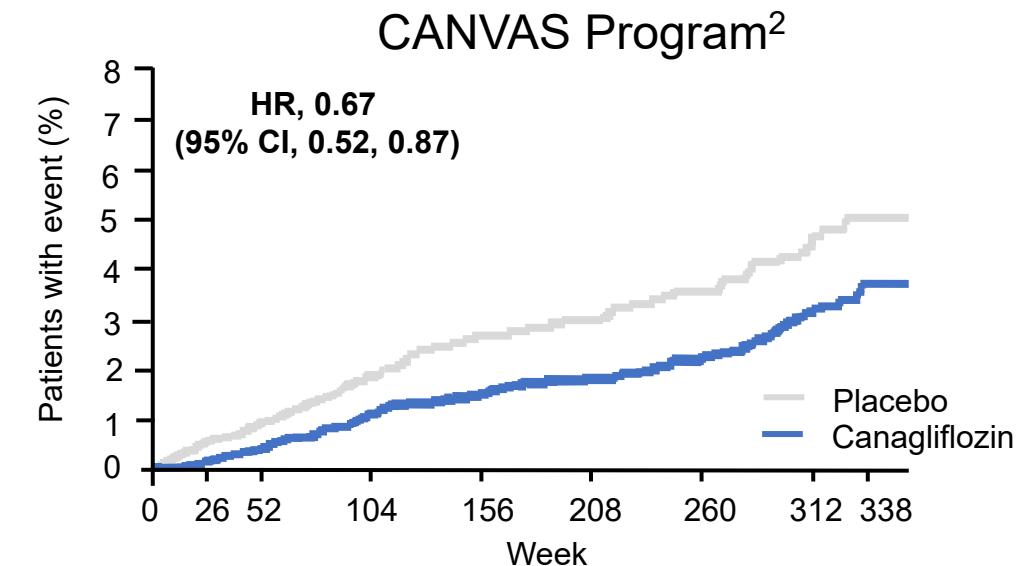
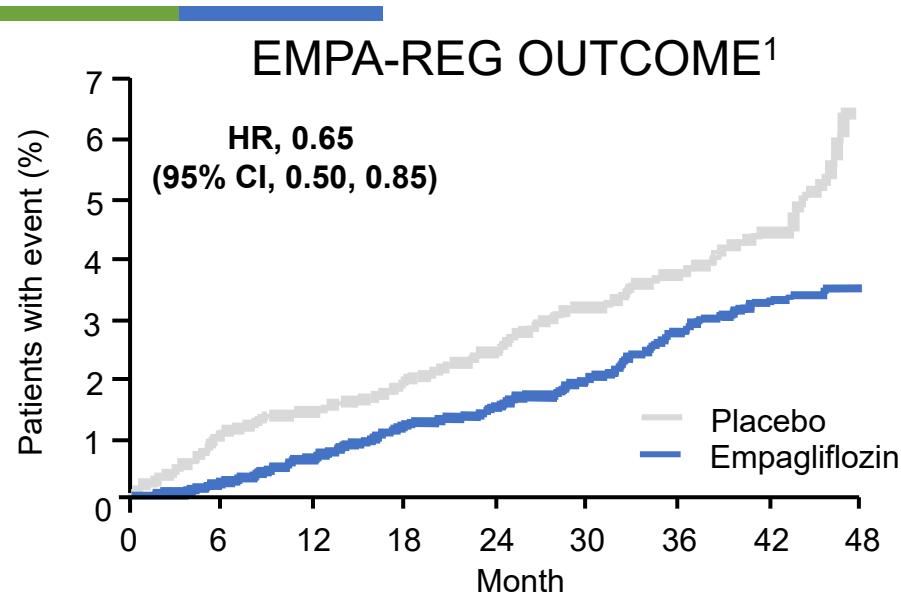
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CV death endpoint in SGLT2 inhibitor CV outcomes trials



HHF outcomes in SGLT2 inhibitor CV outcomes trials



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CV outcomes

	MACE HR (95% CI)	CV Death HR (95% CI)	HHF HR (95% CI)
EMPA-REG OUTCOME	HR 0.85 (0.75-0.95)	HR 0.85 (0.75-0.95)	HR 0.85 (0.75-0.95)
CANVAS	HR 0.87 (0.75-0.95)	HR 0.87 (0.75-0.95)	HR 0.87 (0.75-0.95)
DECLARE	HR 0.88 (0.75-0.95)	HR 0.88 (0.75-0.95)	HR 0.88 (0.75-0.95)
VERTIS CV	HR 0.90 (0.75-0.95)	HR 0.90 (0.75-0.95)	HR 0.90 (0.75-0.95)

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Why do MACE and CV death results differ across SGLT2 inhibitor trials?

- **Differences in mechanism?**
 - SGLT2 vs SGLT1 specificity? Off-target effect?
- **Differences in patient populations studied?**
 - Secondary prevention populations studied?
 - Broadly similar with MACE event rates on par with high-risk group (~4%/year)
 - Regional differences?
- **Differences in study design?**
 - Sample size?
 - Inclusion/exclusion criteria?
 - Definition of endpoints?
 - Collection of data/endpoints?
 - Analysis of endpoints?
- **Differences in comorbidity management after 2015?**
 - More intensive BP goals after SPRINT reported and guidelines updated?
 - More intensive lipid management after PCSK9 inhibitor trials reported and guidelines updated?

Renal outcomes

EMPA-REG OUTCOME¹

Renal-related Composite Outcomes

Doubling of the serum creatinine level accompanied by an eGFR ≤ 45 mL/min/1.73m², initiation of renal-replacement therapy, or death from renal disease

CANVAS Program²

Sustained 40% reduction in eGFR, renal-replacement therapy (dialysis or transplantation), or death from renal causes

DECLARE-TIMI 58³

Sustained $\geq 40\%$ decrease in eGFR to <60 mL/min/1.73 m², end-stage renal disease, or death from renal causes

VERTIS CV

Renal death, dialysis/transplant, or doubling of serum creatinine from baseline

CV, cardiovascular; CI, confidence interval; eGFR, estimated glomerular filtration rate.

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Renal outcomes

Renal-related Composite Outcomes

EMPA-REG OUTCOME¹

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HR (95% CI)

**0.54
(0.40, 0.75)**

CANVAS Program²

Sustained 40% reduction in eGFR, renal-replacement therapy (dialysis or transplantation), or death from renal causes

**0.60
(0.47, 0.77)**

DECLARE-TIMI 58³

Sustained $\geq 40\%$ decrease in eGFR to <60 mL/min/1.73 m², end-stage renal disease, or death from renal causes

**0.53
(0.43, 0.66)**

VERTIS CV

Renal death, dialysis/transplant, or doubling of serum creatinine from baseline

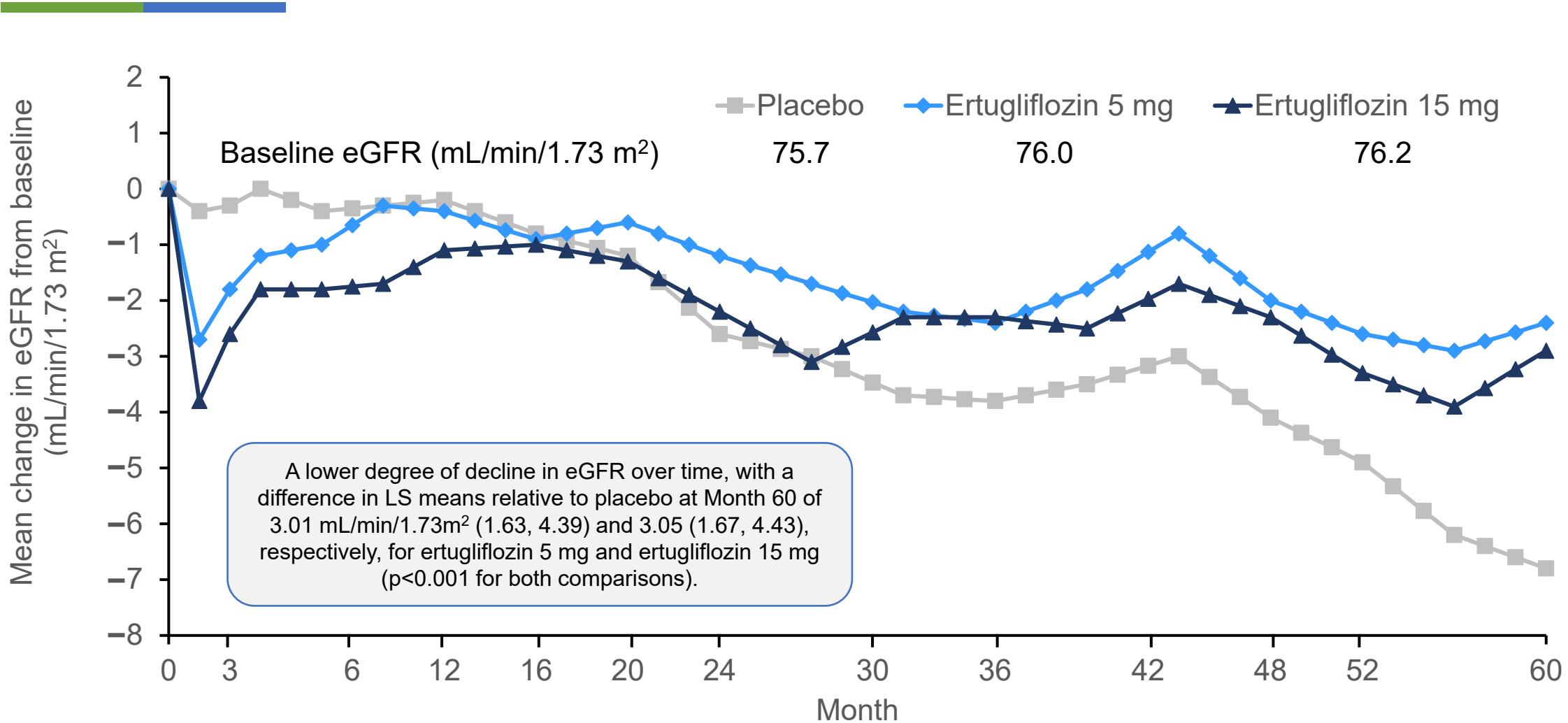
**0.81
(0.63, 1.04)**

CV, cardiovascular; CI, confidence interval; eGFR, estimated glomerular filtration rate; HR, hazard ratio.

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VERTIS CV: eGFR over time



Renal outcomes

Renal-related Composite Outcomes

HR (95% CI)

EMPA
OUT

Although other CV outcomes trials showed renal outcomes benefit,
VERTIS CV only showed a trend in this initial renal analysis

CANVAS

VERTIS CV showed:

- Effect on kidney-related outcomes generally consistent with other SGLT2 inhibitor trials
- Effects on acute and chronic eGFR consistent with other SGLT2 inhibitors
- Renal AEs in line with SGLT2 inhibitor class

DECLA

Definitions of renal-related composite outcomes vary across trials

VER

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Safety events of special interest

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	Empagliflozin N=4687	Placebo N=2333	Canagliflozin N=5790	Placebo N=4344	Canagliflozin N=2200	Placebo N=2197	Dapagliflozin N=8574	Placebo N=8569	Ertugliflozin N=5493	Placebo N=2745	
Amputation	n (%)		Rate/1000 patient-years		Rate/1000 patient-years		n (%)		n (%)		
			n (%)		n (%)						
	88 (1.9)	43 (1.8)	6.3	3.4	12.3	11.2	123 (1.4)	113 (1.3)	111 (2.0)	45 (1.6)	

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Fracture	179 (3.8)	91 (3.9)	15.4	11.9	11.8	12.1	457 (5.3)	440 (5.1)	201 (3.7)	98 (3.6)
Diabetic Ketoacidosis	4 (0.1)	1 (<0.1)	0.6	0.3	2.2	0.2				
			NA	NA	67 (3.0)	68 (3.1)				
			NA	NA	11 (0.5)	1 (<0.1)				

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Summary and conclusions

- VERTIS CV achieved its primary endpoint of non-inferiority for MACE compared with placebo in patients with T2DM and established ASCVD, demonstrating the CV safety of ertugliflozin
- VERTIS CV provides further evidence of the CV safety of SGLT2 inhibitors for the treatment of patients with T2DM and adds to the evidence of benefit on HHF consistent across the class
- VERTIS CV safety data do not alter estimates of risk for any specific safety events
- Meta-analyses support contemporary society recommendations to prioritize the use of SGLT2 inhibitors, independent of glucose control considerations, in patients with T2DM with or at high risk for CV and renal complications

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