



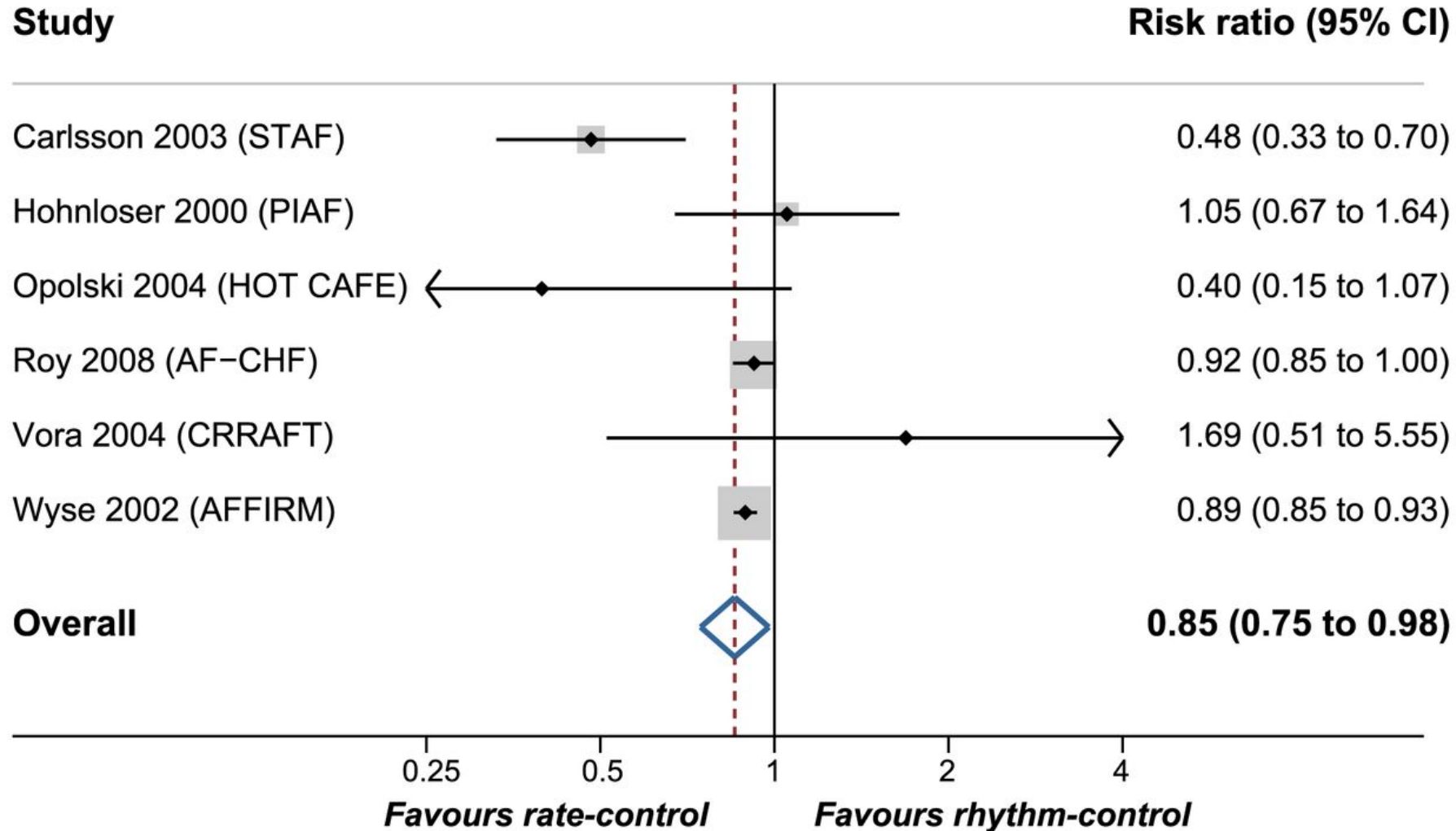
AF Ablasyon Mortalite Çalışmaları

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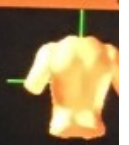
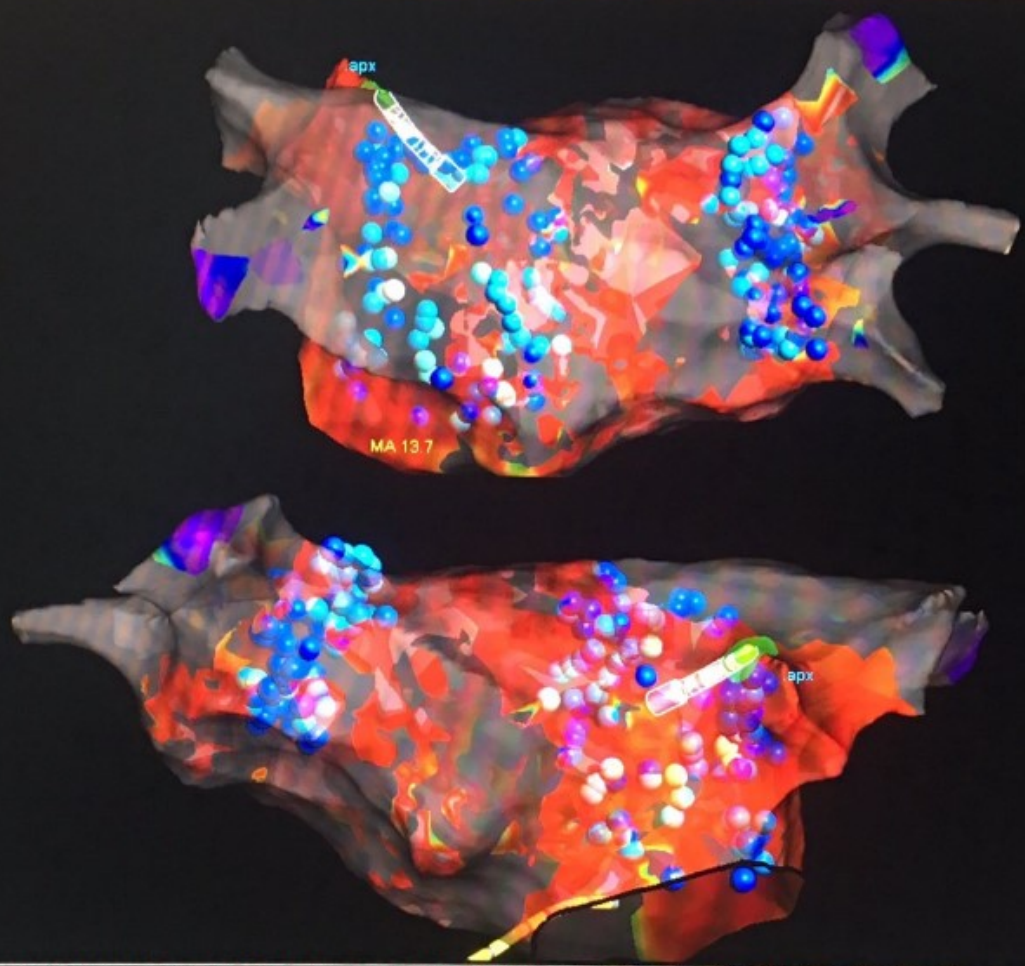
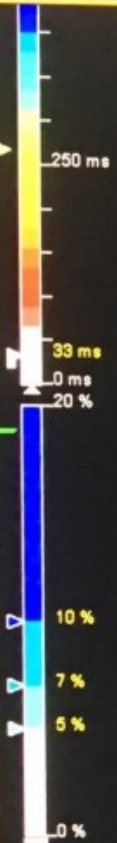
DISTRIBUTION OF INPATIENT & SELECTED OUTPATIENT COSTS FOR TREATING AFIB (Coyne 2006)



Hospitalisation: Rate vs rhythm-control



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**Catheter Ablation versus Standard
conventional Treatment in patients with Left
ventricular dysfunction and Atrial Fibrillation**

The CASTLE-AF trial

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Primary Endpoint

- All-cause mortality
- Worsening heart failure admissions

Secondary Endpoints

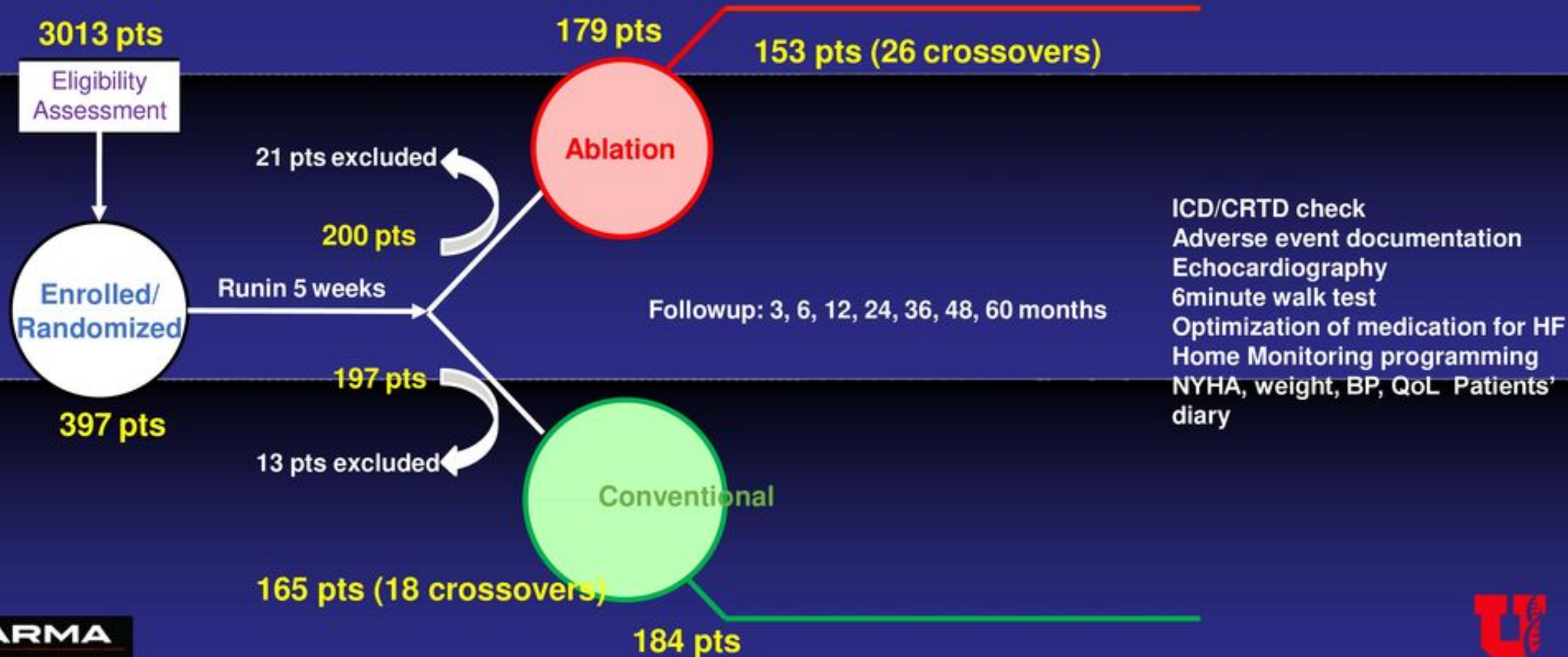
- Allcause mortality
- Worsening of heart failure admissions
- Cerebrovascular accidents
- Cardiovascular mortality
- Unplanned hospitalization due to cardiovascular reason
- Allcause hospitalization
- Quality of Life: Minnesota Living with Heart Failure and EuroQoL EQ5D
- Exercise tolerance (6 minutes walk test)
- Number of delivered ICD shocks, and ATPs (appropriate/inappropriate)
- LVEF
- Time to first ICD shock, and time to first ATP
- Number of device detected VT/VF
- AF burden: cumulative duration of AF episodes
- AF free interval: time to first AF recurrence after 3 months blanking period post ablation

Inclusion Criteria

- Symptomatic paroxysmal or persistent AF
- Failure or intolerance to ≥ 1 or unwillingness to take AAD
- LVEF $\leq 35\%$
- NYHA class $\geq II$
- ICD/CRTD with Home Monitoring capabilities already implanted due to primary or secondary prevention

Study Design—CASTLEAF

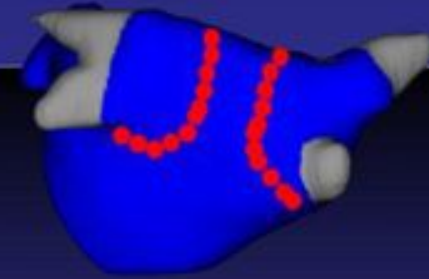
- Investigator initiated, Prospective, Multicenter (31 sites, 9 countries), Randomized, Controlled



CASTLE AF

Ablation Protocol

- Pulmonary Vein Isolation
- Additional lesions
 - ◊ at discretion of operator
- Repeat ablation after blanking period



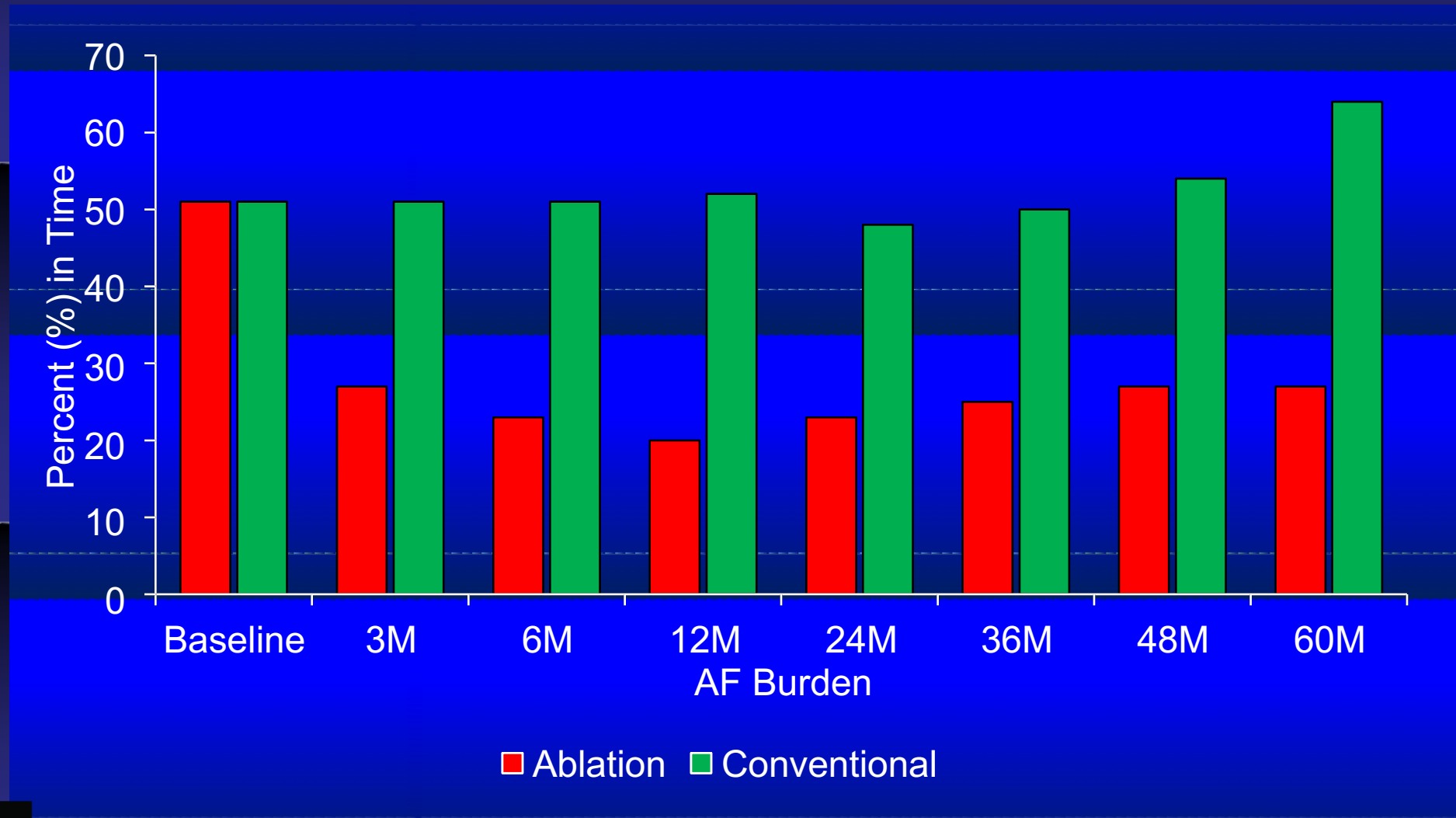
Baseline Characteristics CASTLE AF

	Ablation group (179 patients)	Conventional group (184 patients)
Age – years	64 (5671)	64 (5673.5)
New York Heart Association class		
I (%)	11	11
II (%)	58	61
III (%)	29	27
IV (%)	2	1
Left ventricular ejection fraction – %	32.5 (25.038.0)	31.5 (27.037.0)
Current type of atrial fibrillation		
Paroxysmal (%)	30	35
Persistent (%)	70	65
CRTD implanted (%)	27	28
ICD implanted (%)	73	72

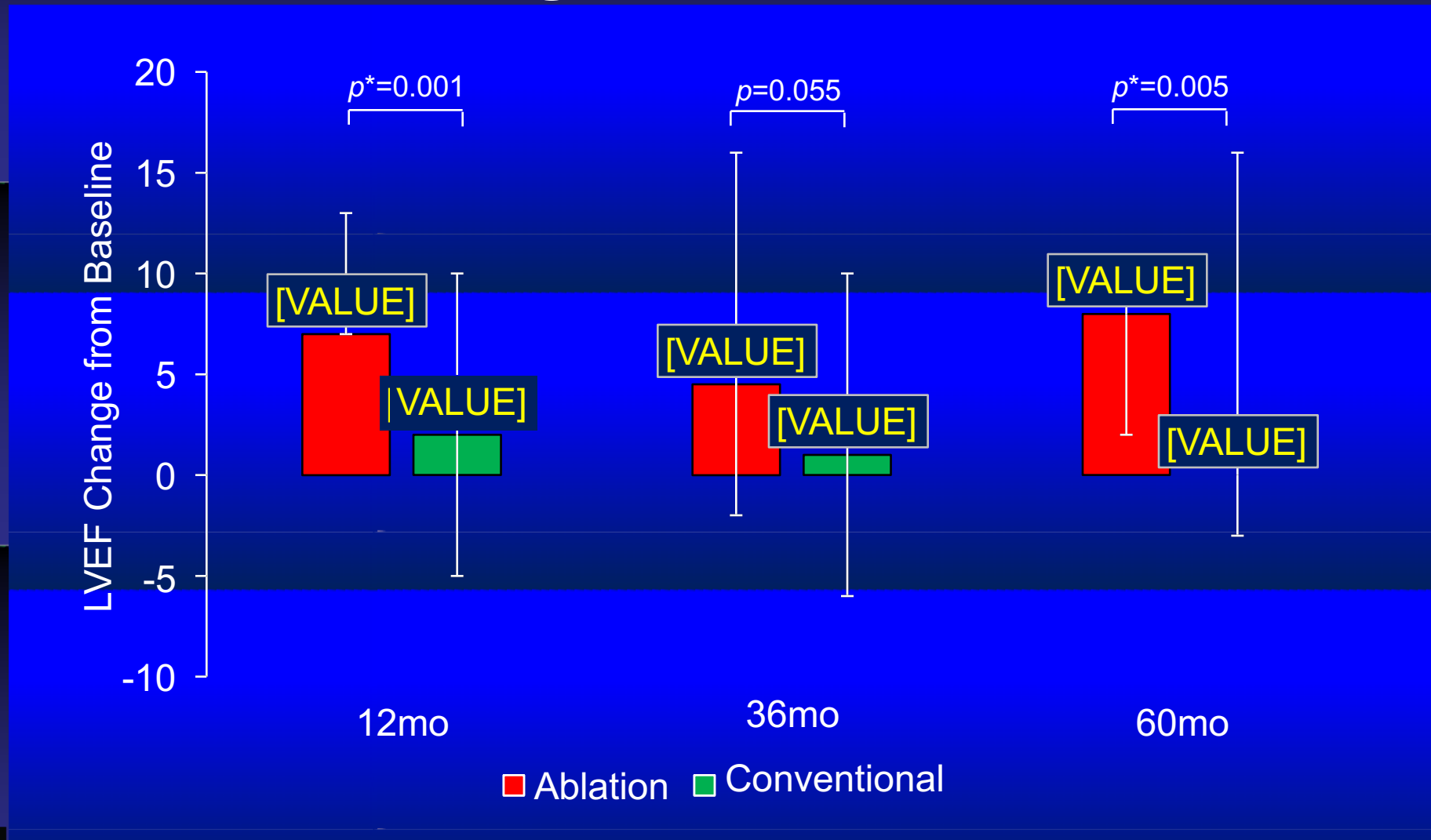
Baseline Characteristics CASTLE AF

	Ablation group (179 patients)	Conventional group (184 patients)
ACEinhibitor or ARB – no. (%)	94	91
Betablocker – no. (%)	93	95
Diuretic – no. (%)	93	93
Digitalis – no. (%)	18	31
Oral anticoagulant – no. (%)	93	96
Antiarrhythmic drug – no. (%)	32	30
Amiodarone – no. (%)	97	85

AF Burden Derived from Memory of Implanted Devices



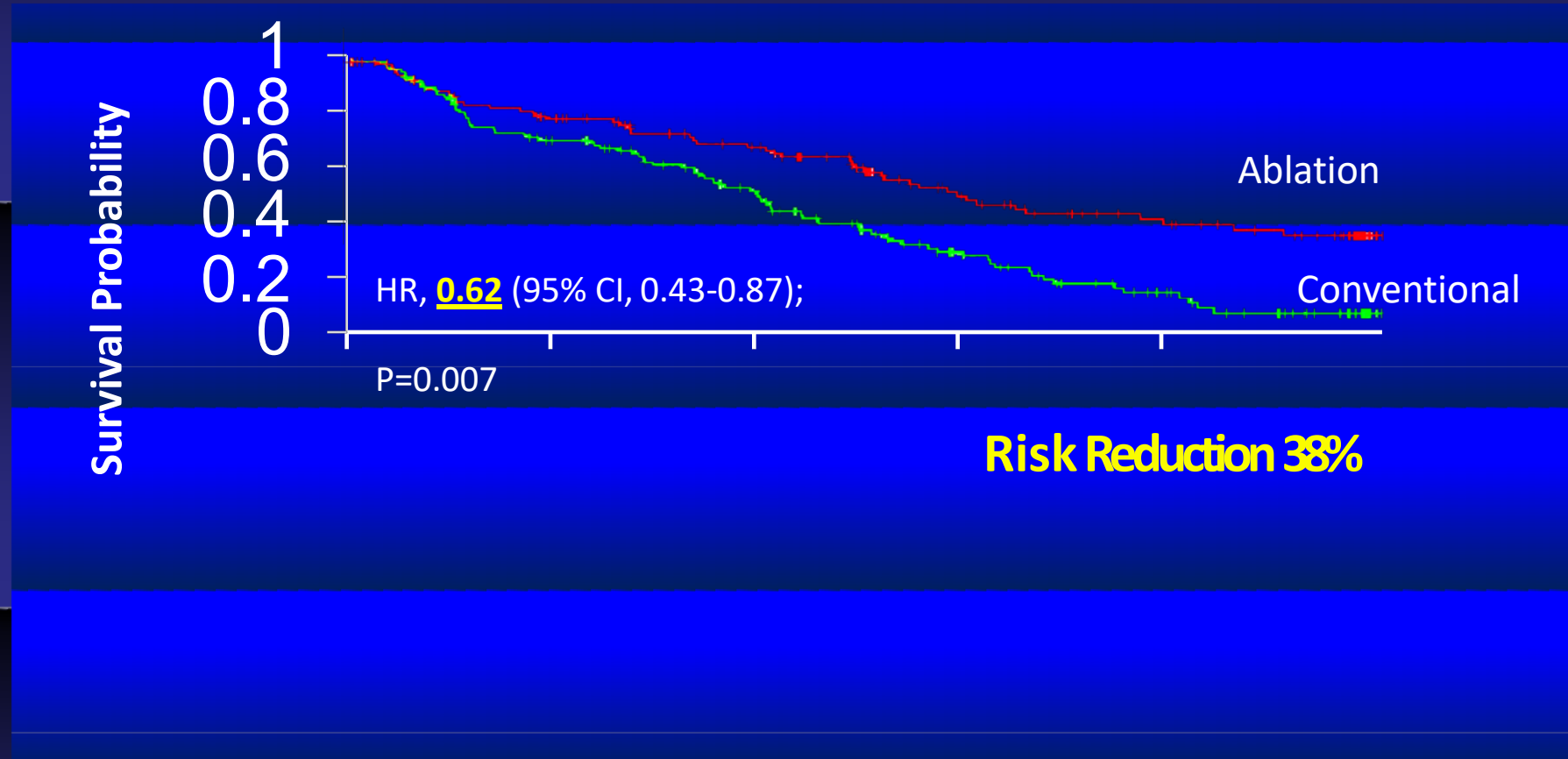
Absolute change in LVEF from baseline



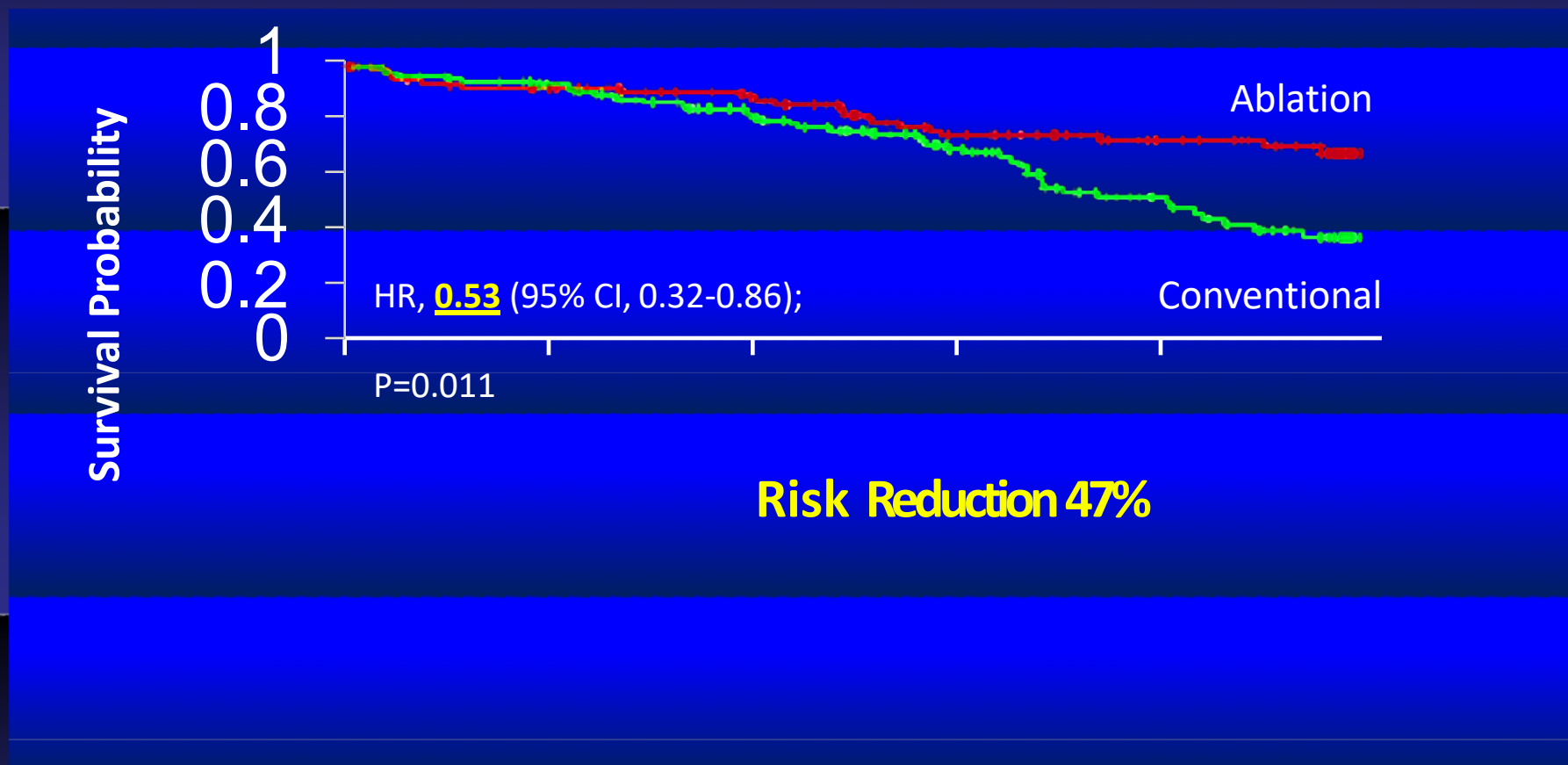
Serious Adverse Events

	Ablation Group (n=179)	Conventional Group (n=184)
Event	no. patients with event (%)	no. patients with event (%)
Pericardial effusion (acute)	3 (1.7)	0
Severe bleeding (acute)	3 (1.7)	0
Stroke or TIA	7 (3.9)	12 (6.7)
Pulmonary vein stenosis	1 (0.6)	0
Pneumonia	3 (1.7)	1 (0.5)
Groin infection	1 (0.6)	0
Worsening heart failure	1(0.6)	0

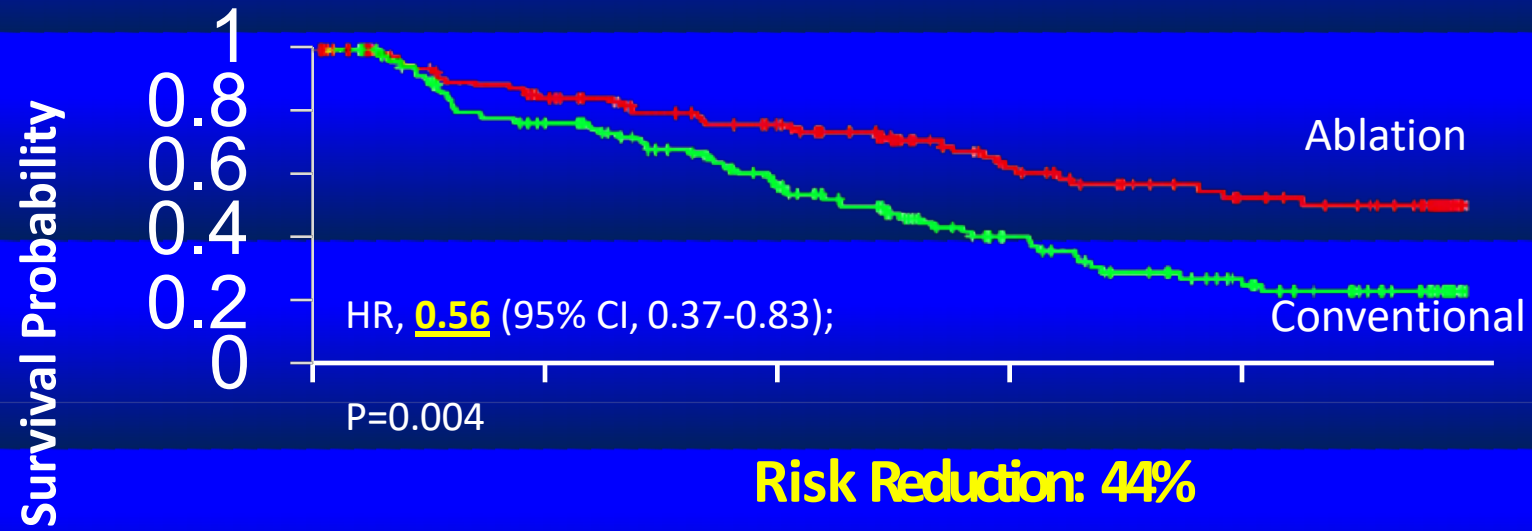
Primary Composite Endpoint



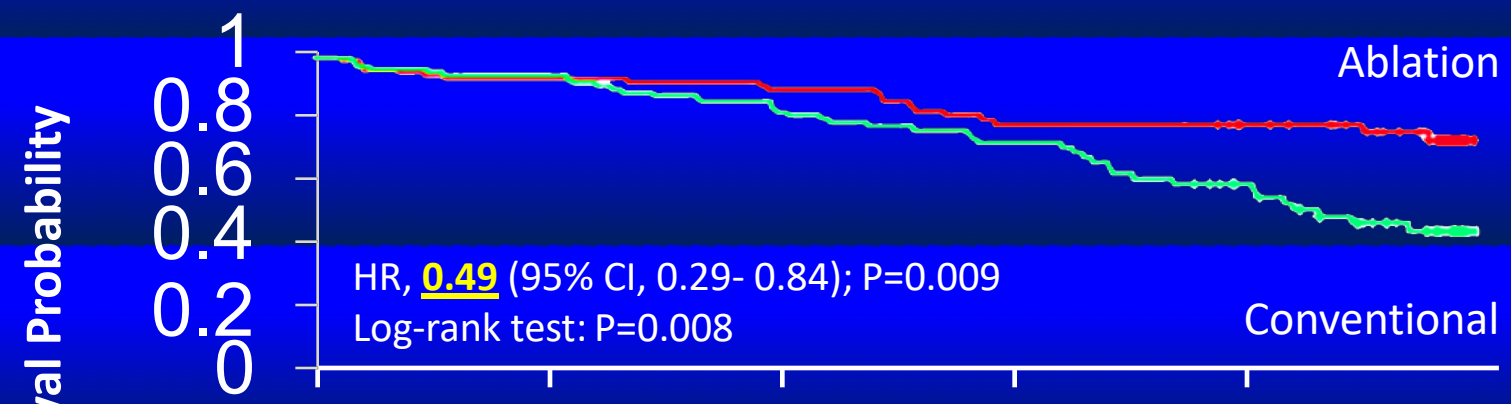
All-cause Mortality



Worsening Heart Failure Admissions

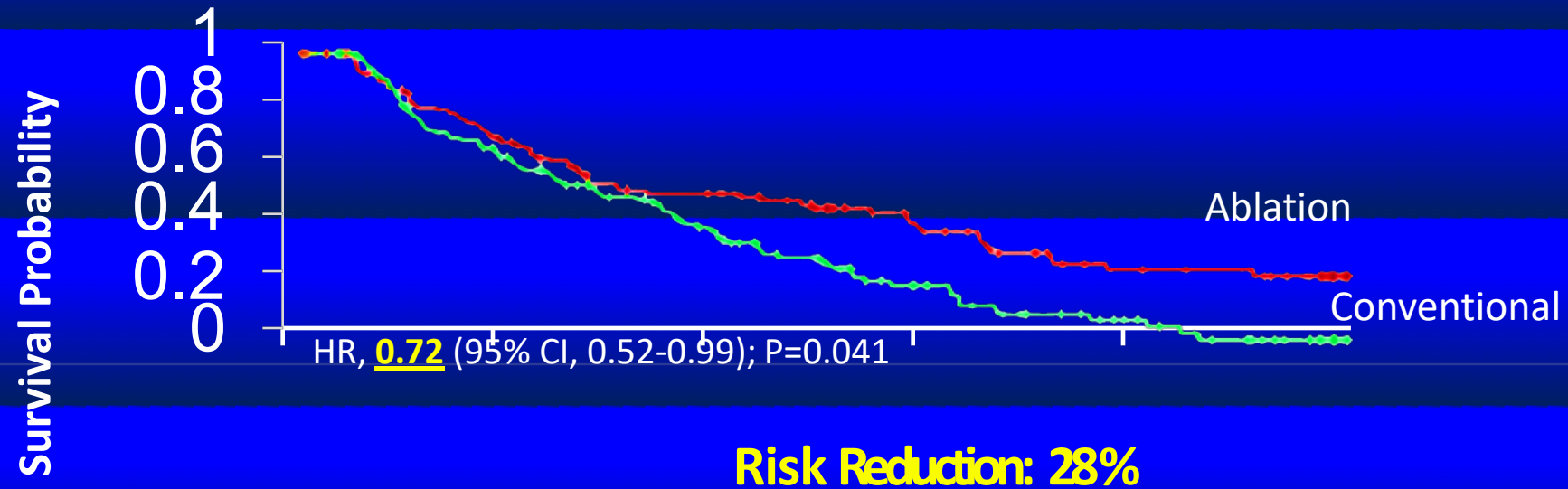


Cardiovascular Mortality



Risk Reduction: 51%

Cardiovascular Hospitalization



Primary Endpoint-Subgroups

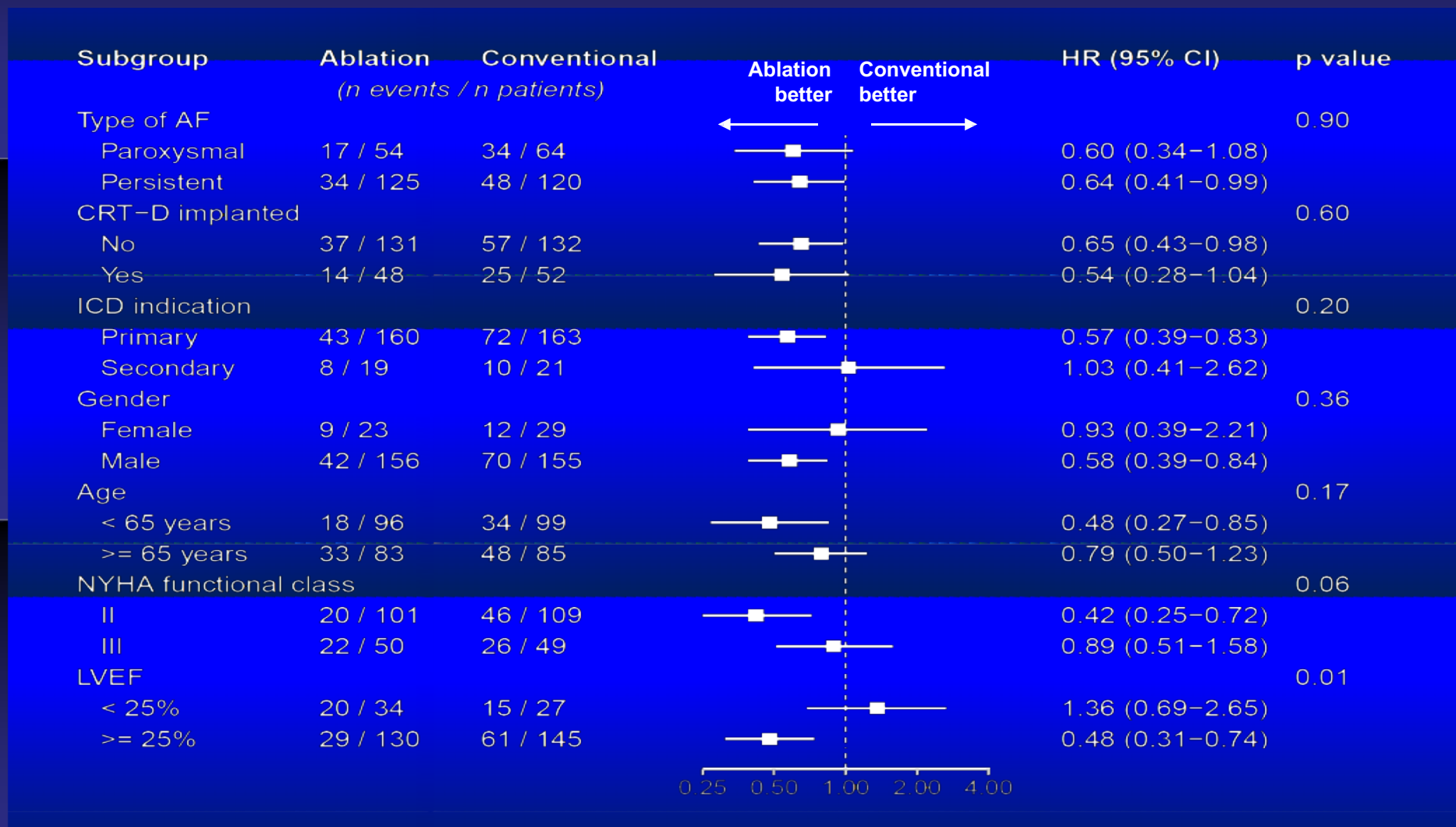
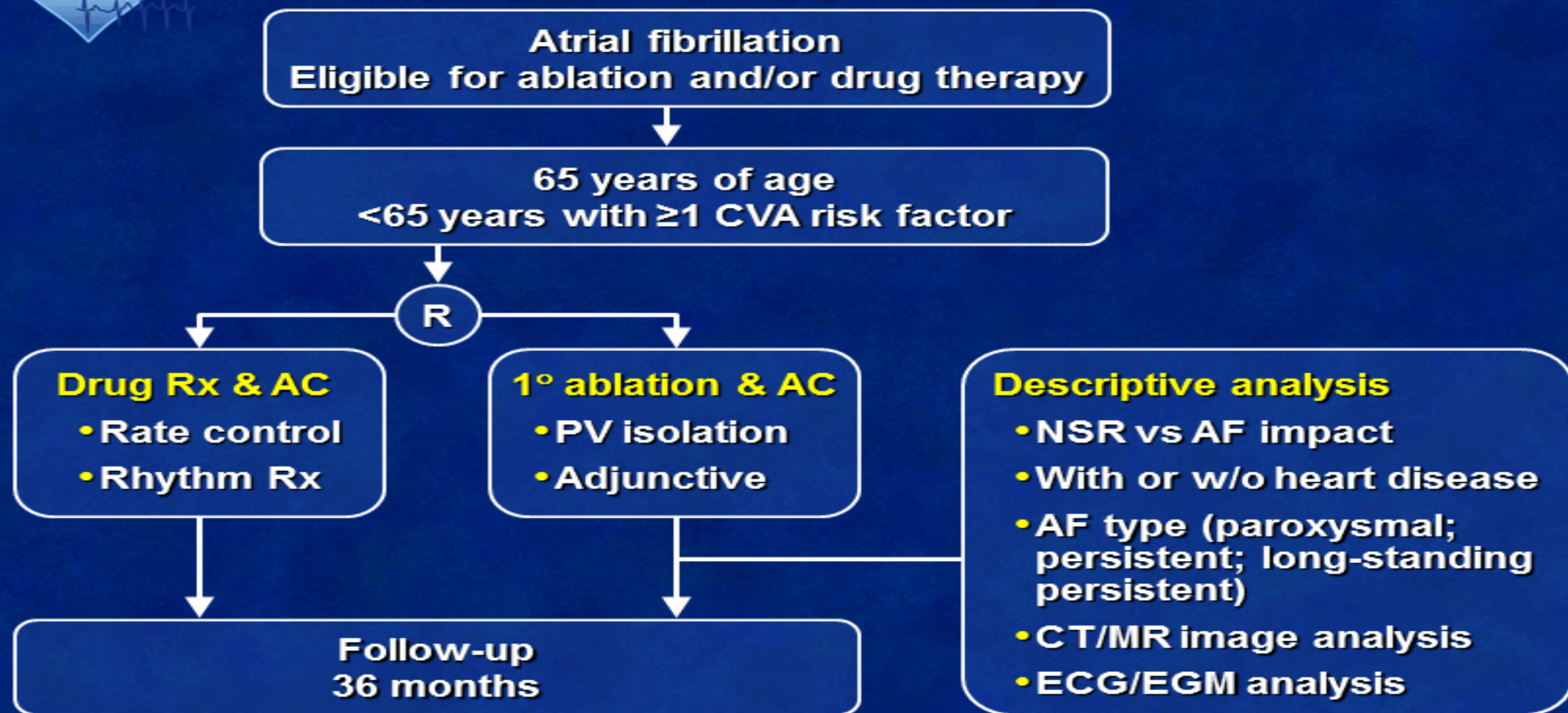




FIGURE 1



Design of the CABANA Pivotal Study



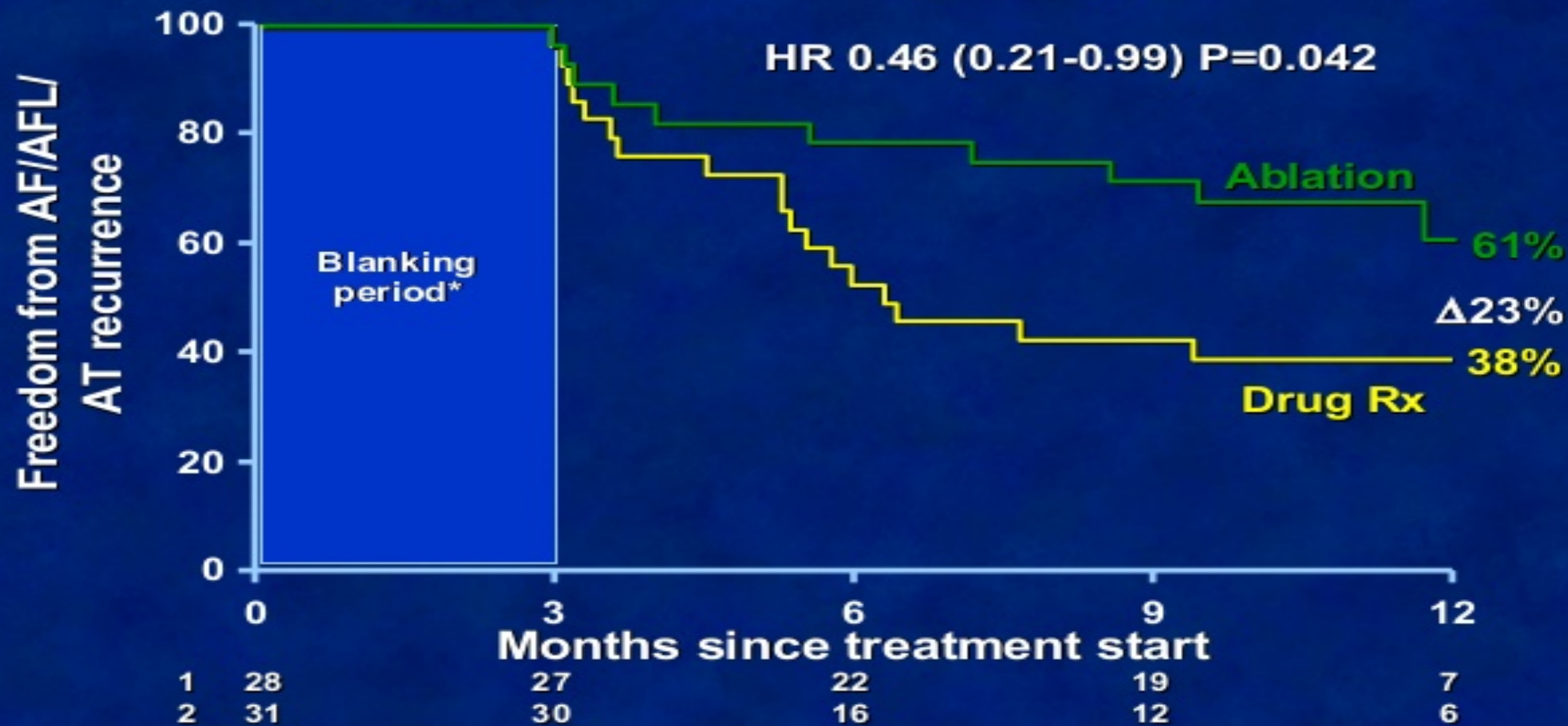


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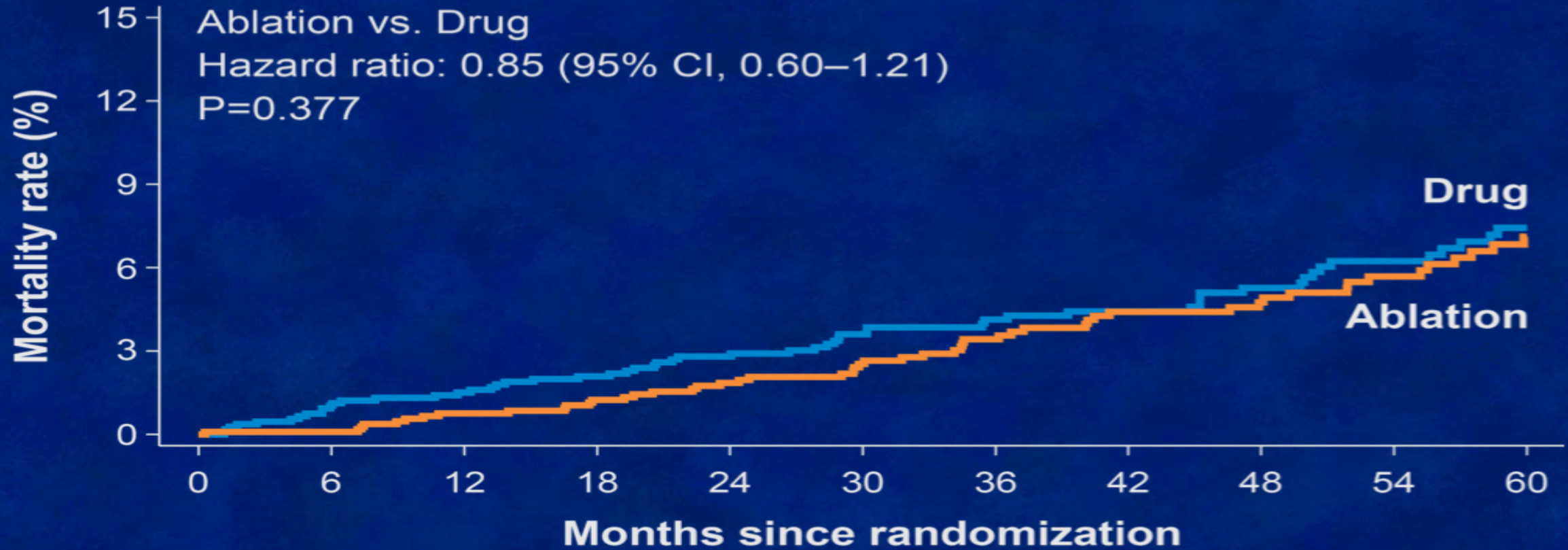
	Ablation <u>n = 1108</u>	Drug Therapy <u>n = 1096</u>
Age - Median (Q1, Q3)	68 (62, 72)	67 (62, 72)
Female	37%	37%
NYHA Class II/III	34%	37%
History of Stroke or TIA	11%	9%
CHA₂DS₂VASc -- Median (Q1, Q3)	3.0 (2.0, 4.0)	3.0 (2.0, 4.0)
Yrs from onset AF - Median (Q1, Q3)	1.1 (0.3, 4.1)	1.1 (0.3, 3.7)
Type of AF at enrollment		
Paroxysmal	42%	43%
Persistent	47%	47%
Longstanding Persistent	10%	9%

Freedom from Recurrence of Any Symptomatic AF, AFL, or AT





Estimates of All-Cause Mortality Risk (ITT)



Number at risk

Drug

1096

1046

1023

992

903

783

679

606

527

445

334

Ablation

1108

1058

1035

1013

933

814

724

632

555

455

332



Primary and Secondary Outcomes as Randomized (ITT)

	Ablation N = 1108	Drug N = 1096	Hazard Ratio (95% CI)	P- Value
Primary Outcome				
Composite:	89 (8.0%)	101 (9.2%)	0.86 (0.65, 1.15)	0.30
Death	58 (5.2%)	67 (6.1%)	0.85 (0.60, 1.21)	0.38
Disabling stroke	3 (0.3%)	7 (0.6%)	0.42 (0.11, 1.62)	0.19
Serious bleeding	36 (3.2%)	36 (3.3%)	0.98 (0.62, 1.56)	0.93
Cardiac arrest	7 (0.6%)	11 (1.0%)	0.62 (0.24, 1.61)	0.33
Secondary Outcomes				
All-cause mortality	58 (5.2%)	67 (6.1%)	0.85 (0.60, 1.21)	0.38
Death or CV hospitalization	573 (51.7%)	637 (58.1%)	0.83 (0.74, 0.93)	0.001



**Primary
Endpoint
Sub-group
Analysis**

**All-Cause
Mortality,
Disabling
Stroke,
Serious
Bleeding,
Cardiac
Arrest (ITT)**

Group	Interaction P-Value	N	Hazard Ratio	95% CI	
All Subjects		2204	0.86	0.65, 1.15	
Age	0.074				
< 65 years old		766	0.52	0.27, 1.00	
≥ 65 and < 75 years old		1130	0.84	0.57, 1.23	
≥ 75 years old		308	1.46	0.80, 2.67	
Sex	0.161				
Male		1385	0.74	0.52, 1.06	
Female		819	1.14	0.70, 1.86	
Minority status	0.065				
White		1979	0.96	0.71, 1.31	
Minority*		225	0.43	0.20, 0.95	
AF type	0.925				
Paroxysmal		946	0.82	0.51, 1.31	
Persistent		1042	0.87	0.59, 1.28	
Long-standing persistent		215	1.01	0.39, 2.61	
Years since onset of AF	0.718				
≤ 1 year		1063	0.83	0.57, 1.21	
> 1 year		1122	0.92	0.59, 1.42	
Hypertension	0.734				
Absent		427	0.97	0.47, 2.01	
Present		1776	0.85	0.62, 1.15	
Hypertension with LVH	0.843				
Absent		1176	0.89	0.61, 1.31	
Present		587	0.83	0.47, 1.46	
Sleep apnea	0.339				
Absent		1695	0.94	0.67, 1.32	
Present		508	0.69	0.41, 1.17	
BMI	0.378				
< 30		1064	0.74	0.49, 1.11	
≥ 30		1106	0.96	0.64, 1.44	
CHADS-VASc score	0.716				
≤ 2		959	0.93	0.54, 1.58	
> 2		1245	0.83	0.59, 1.16	
History of congestive heart failure	0.196				
No		1865	0.95	0.68, 1.32	
Yes		337	0.61	0.35, 1.08	
Baseline NYHA class	0.147				
No heart failure or Class I		1408	1.04	0.71, 1.52	
≥ Class II		778	0.68	0.44, 1.05	



*Minority=Hispanic or Latino or non-white race



Primary and Secondary Outcomes (Treatment Received)*

	Ablation (N = 1307)	Drug (N = 897)	Hazard Ratio (95% CI)	P- Value
Primary Outcome	92 (7.0%)	98 (10.9%)	0.67 (0.50, 0.89)	0.006
Secondary Outcomes				
All-cause mortality	58 (4.4%)	67 (7.5%)	0.60 (0.42, 0.86)	0.005
Death or CV hospitalization	538 (41.2%)	672 (74.9%)	0.83 (0.74, 0.94)	0.002



Background

- Secondary endpoint - All cause mortality:
 - A non-significant 15% reduction with ablation was observed (ITT)
(HR 0.85; 95% CI 0.60-1.21; p=0.377)
- Analyses by *treatment received and per protocol* showed significant benefits of ablation for both the primary endpoint and for mortality

6.3. AF Catheter Ablation to Maintain Sinus Rhythm

6.3.4. Catheter Ablation in HF

Recommendation for Catheter Ablation in HF		
Referenced studies that support the new recommendation are summarized in Online Data Supplement 7 .		
COR	LOE	Recommendation
Iib	B-R	1. AF catheter ablation may be reasonable in selected patients with symptomatic AF and HF with reduced left ventricular (LV) ejection fraction (HFrEF) to potentially lower mortality rate and reduce hospitalization for HF (S6.3.4-1, S6.3.4-2). NEW: New evidence, including data on improved mortality rate, has been published for AF catheter ablation compared with medical therapy in patients with HF.