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Clostridium difficile: Options for Treating the Failing Patient Fidaxomicin and Other Antibiotic Strategies

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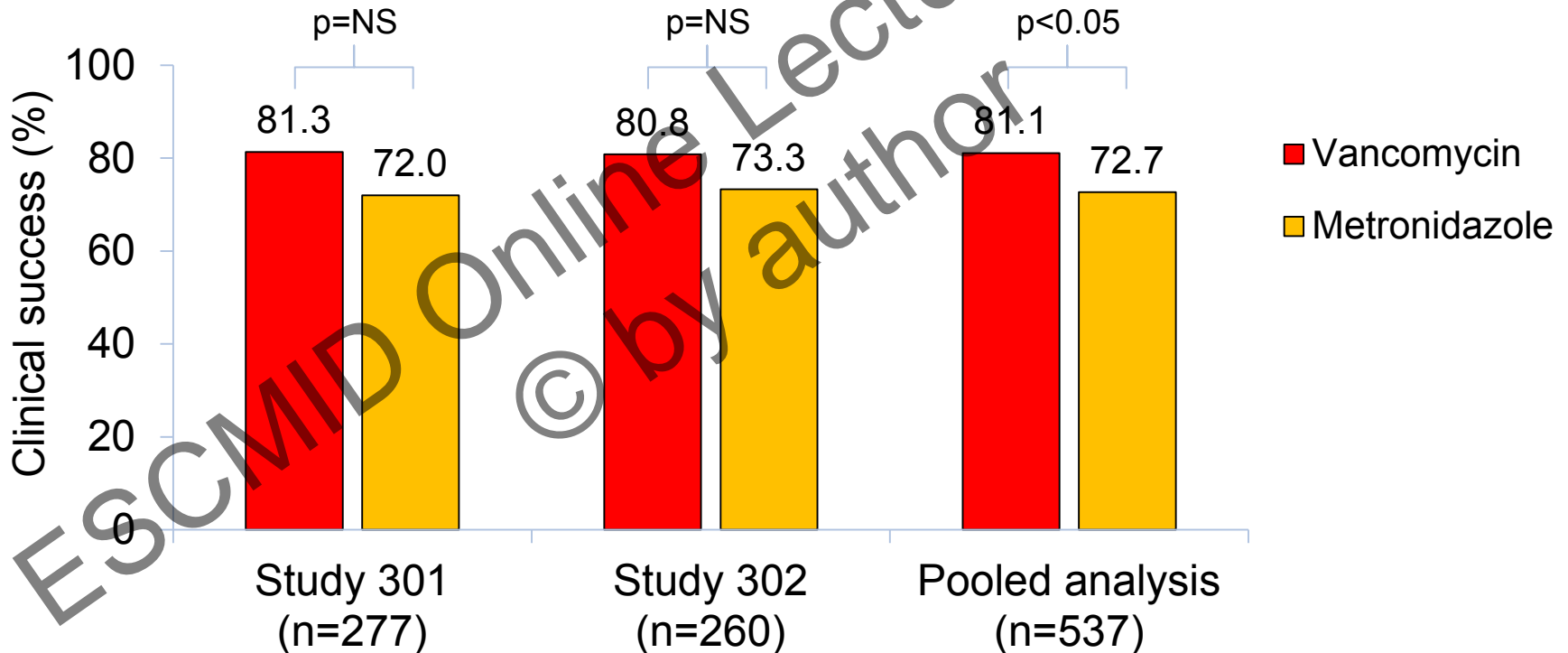
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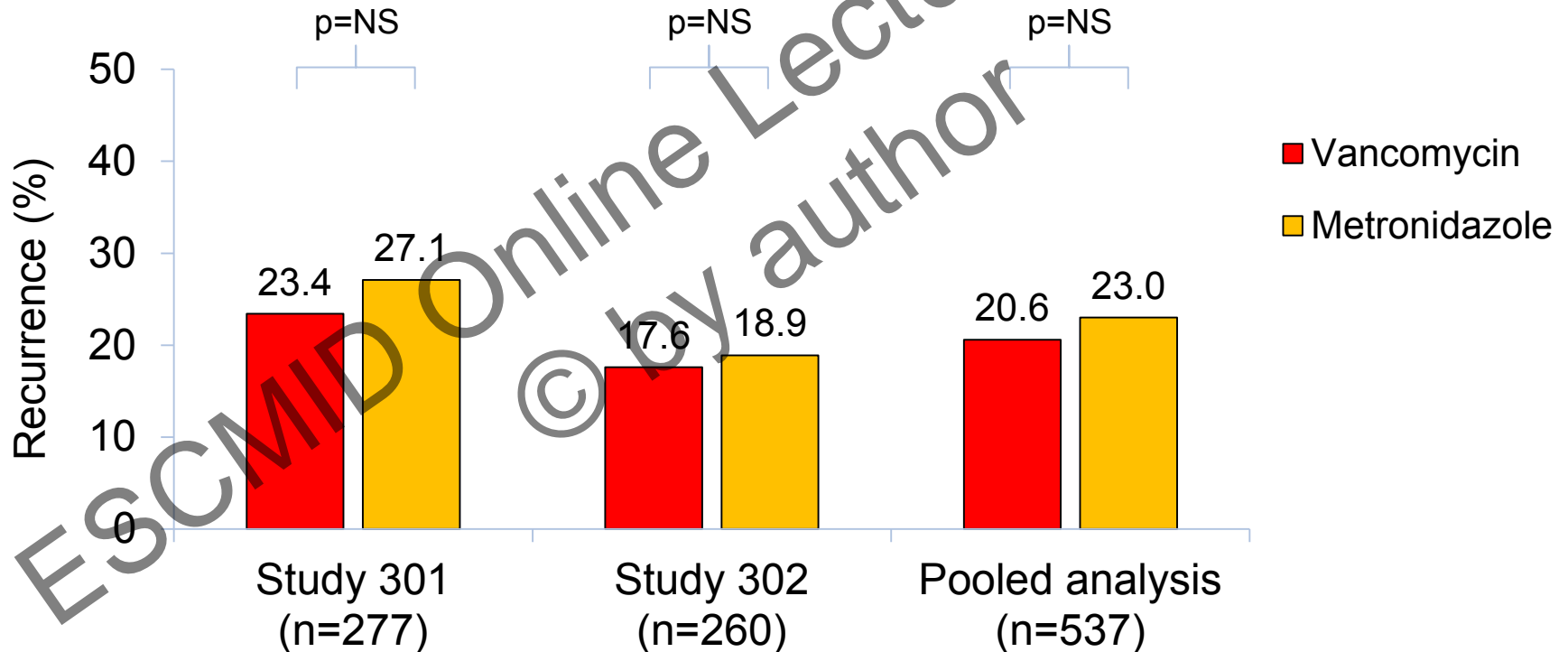
Rates of clinical success in two identical multicentre, randomised, double-blind, parallel-group trials



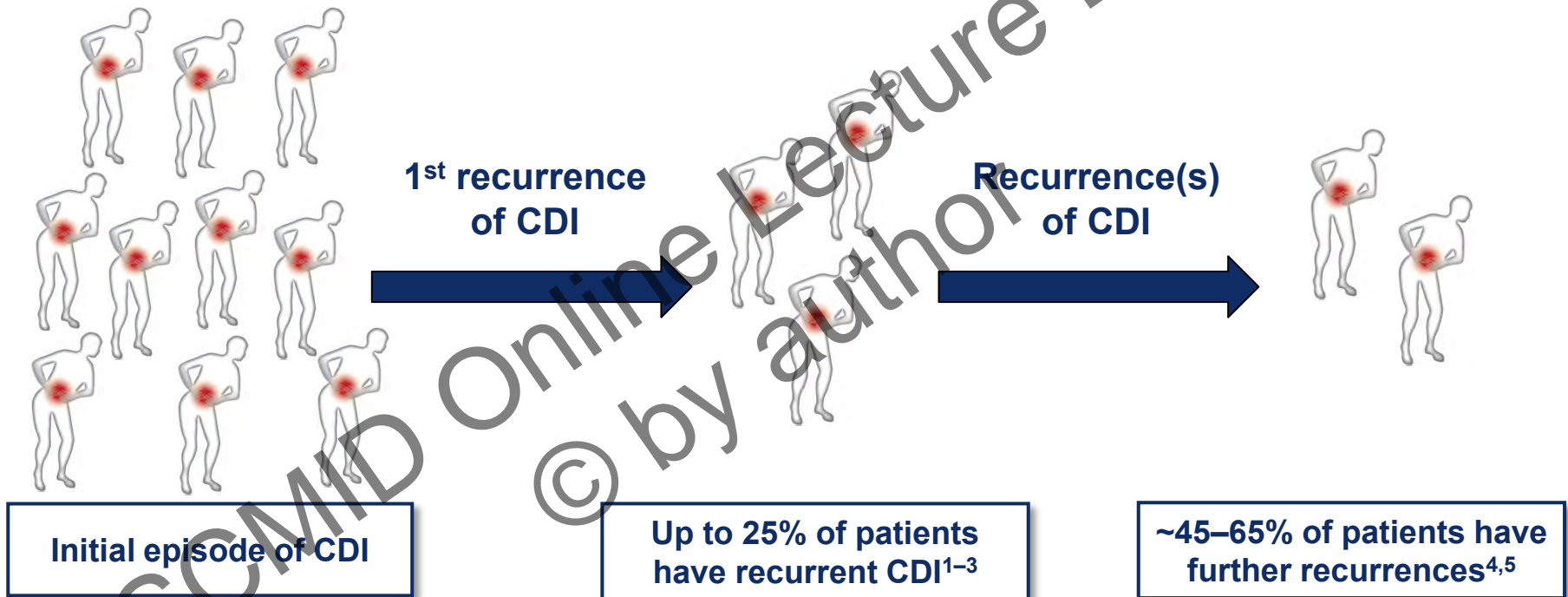
Clinical success was defined as diarrhoea resolution and absence of severe abdominal discomfort due to CDI on Day 10; NS, not significant



Rates of recurrence in two identical multicentre, randomised, double-blind, parallel-group trials



NS, not significant



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Diagnosis	ESCMID recommended treatment
Non-severe first recurrence	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Metronidazole 500 mg tid orally for 10 days*
Severe first recurrence	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Vancomycin 125 mg qid orally for 10 days• IV metronidazole 500 mg tid for 10 days plus intracolonic vancomycin 500 mg in 100 ml saline every 4–12 hours and/or vancomycin 500 mg qid by nasogastric tube if oral therapy impossible

*IV if oral therapy is not possible



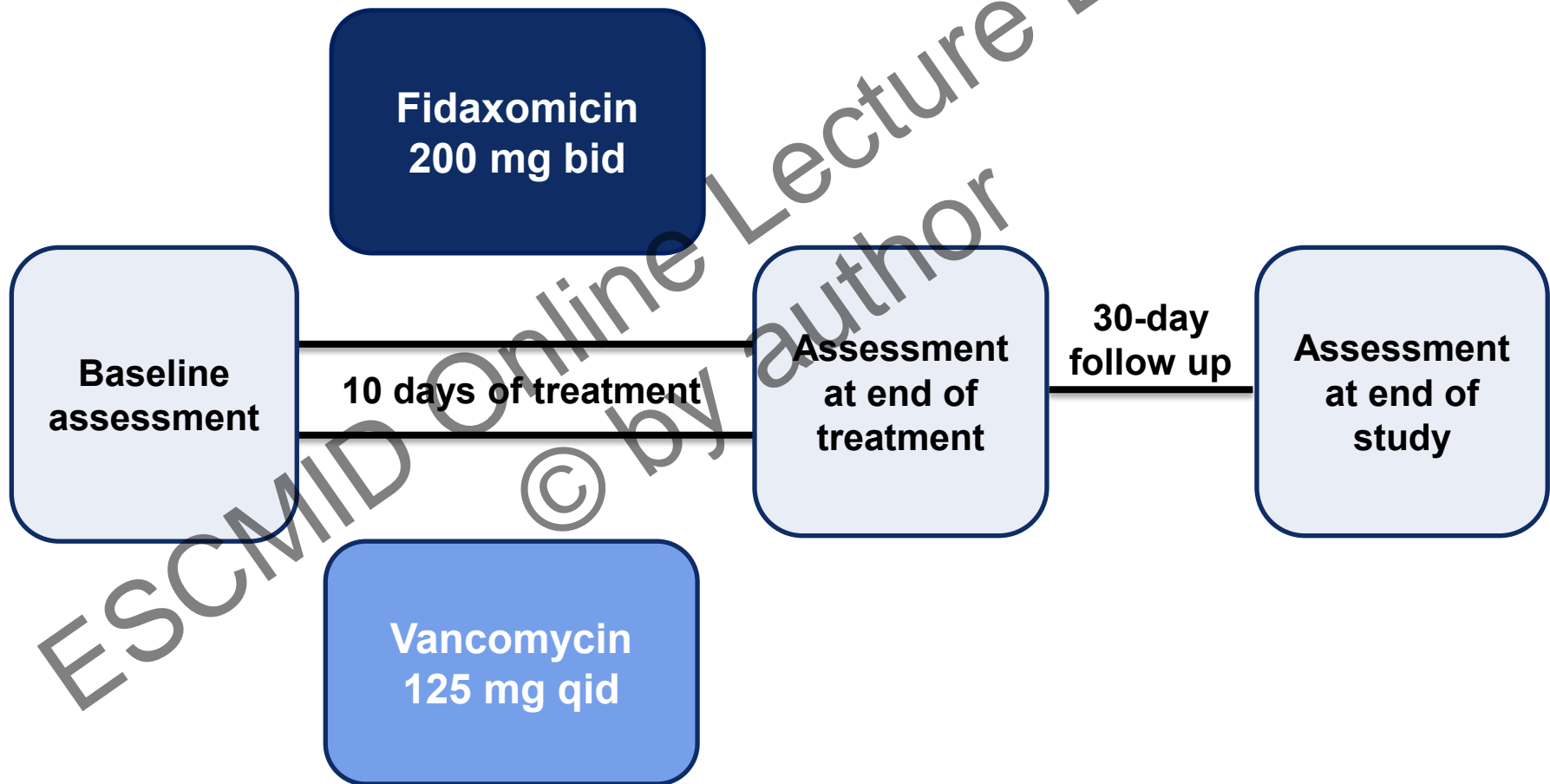
ESCMID recommends treating second or later recurrences in the same way as severe first recurrence

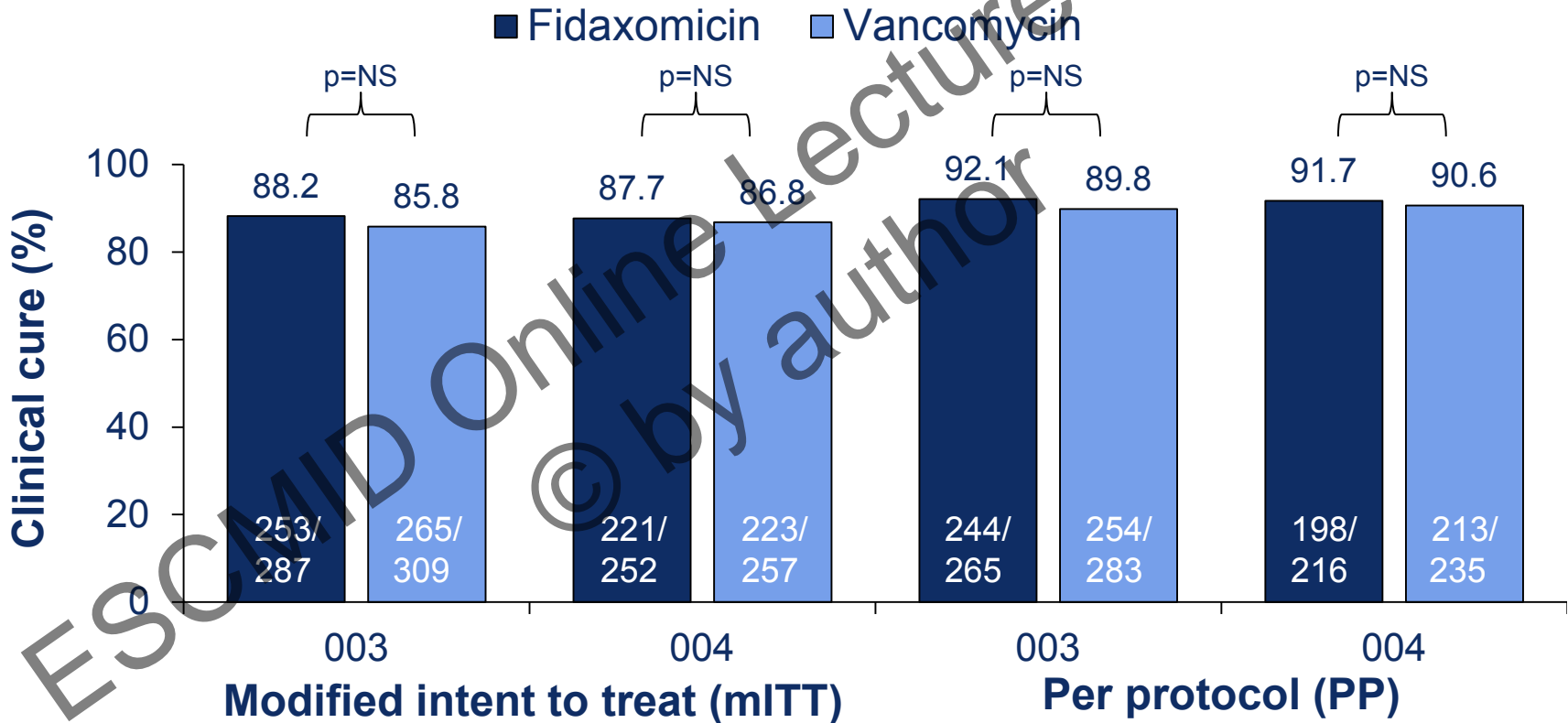
- With the option of using tapered or pulsed dosing regimens

Diagnosis	ESCMID recommended treatment
Second and later recurrences	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Vancomycin 125 mg qid orally for at least 10 days• Consider tapering vancomycin dose by decreasing daily dose with 125 mg every 3 days• Consider pulse dosing with vancomycin 125 mg every 3 days for 3 weeks• IV metronidazole 500 mg tid for 10–14 days plus retention enema of vancomycin 500 mg in 100 ml saline every 4–12 hours and/or vancomycin 500 mg qid by nasogastric tube if oral therapy impossible



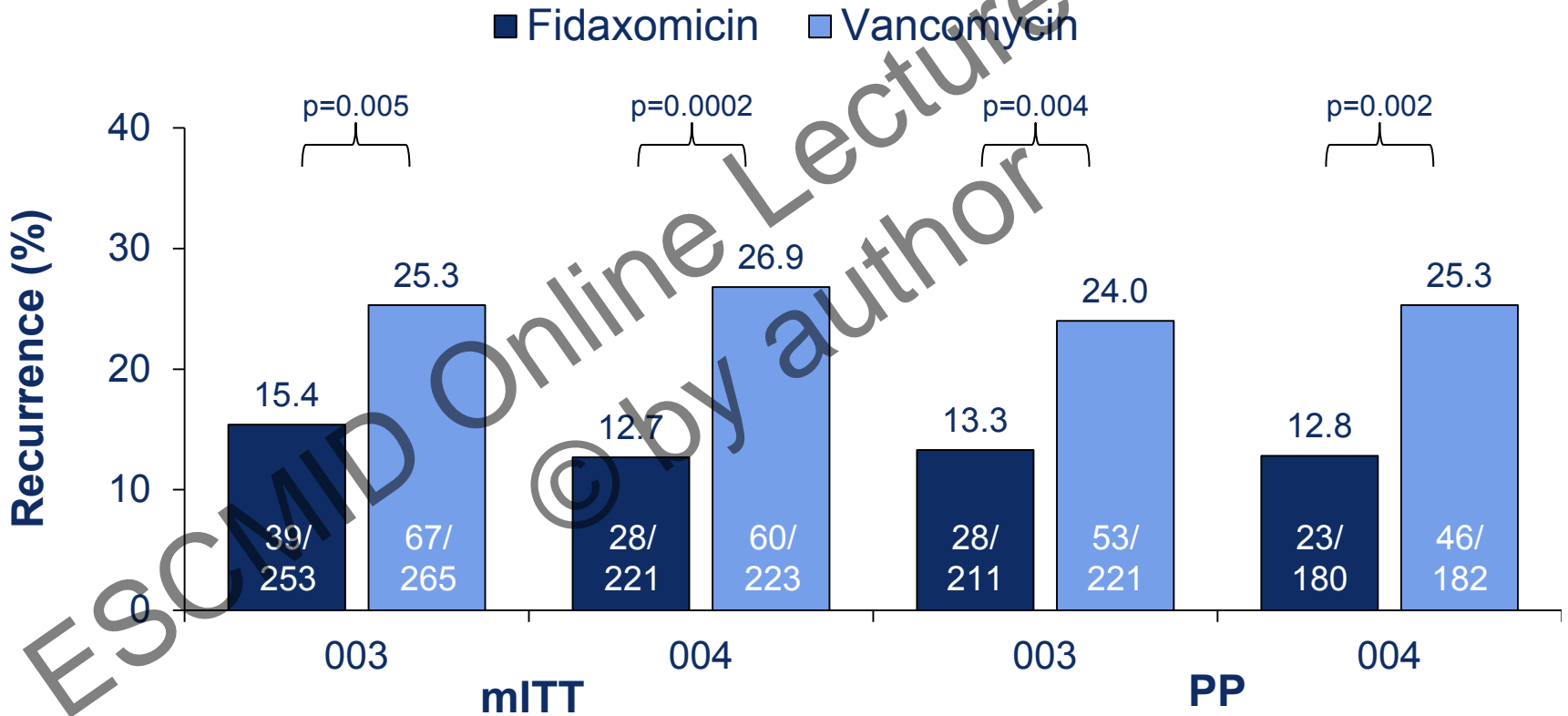
- **Fidaxomicin** Licensed for CDAD
- Bacitracin Licensed for topical use
- Fusidic acid Licensed for topical use
- Nitazoxanide Evaluated as antiparasitic
- Ramoplanin Licensed in the US for VRE infections
- Rifaximin Licensed for traveller's diarrhea
- Tigecycline Licensed for complicated BSSSI & abdominal infections
- Teicoplanin Licensed for gram-positive infections
- Cadazolid Phase II / EUDRA-CT 2010-020941-29
- Surotomycin Phase III / EUDRA-CT 2012-000252-34





mITT: Patients underwent randomisation and received ≥ 1 dose of study medication;

PP: Patients in the mITT population who received ≥ 3 days of study medication (in cases of failure) or ≥ 8 days (in cases of clinical cure) with documented adherence to study protocol and who underwent EOT evaluation





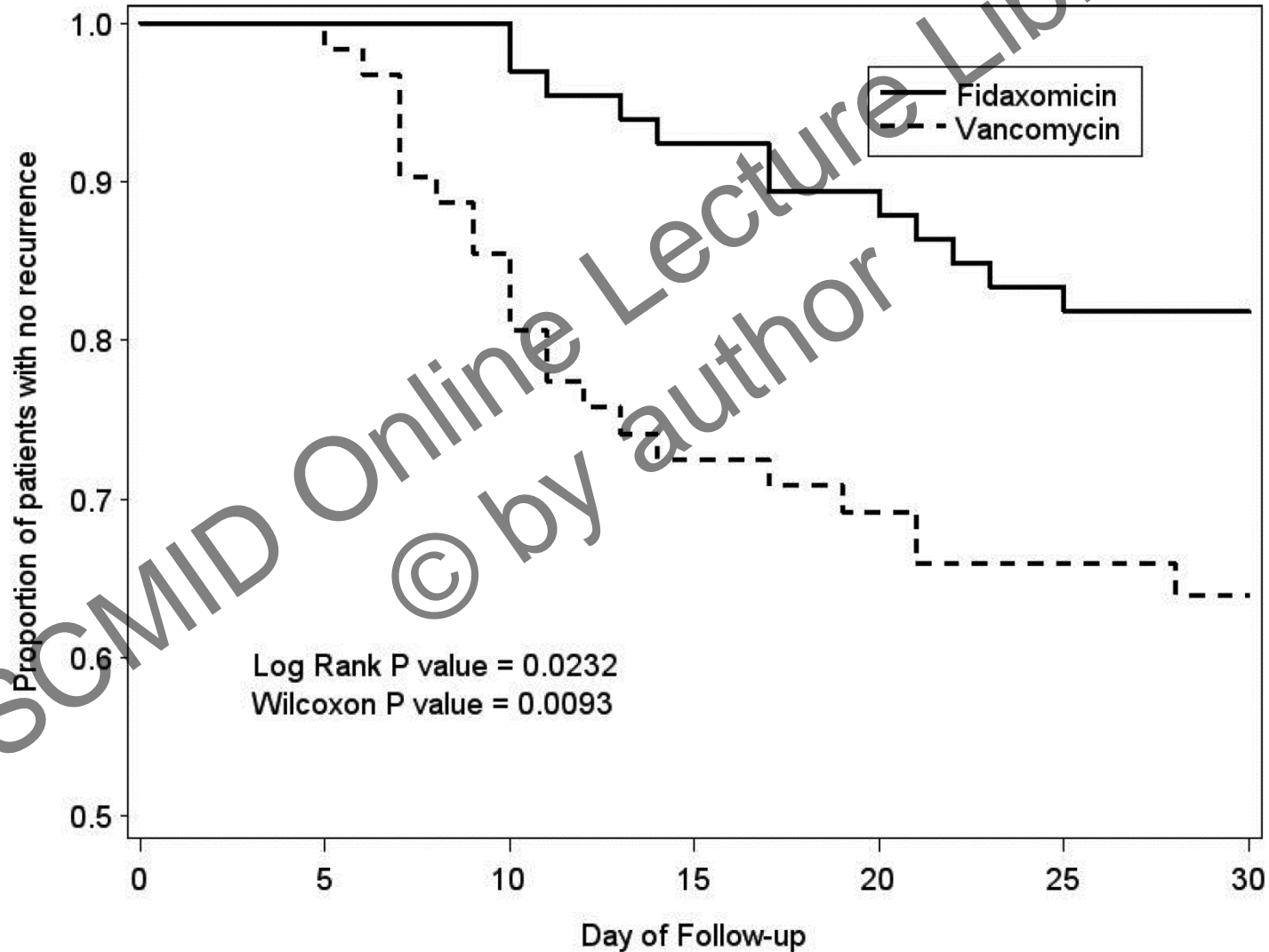
Treatment of First Recurrence of *Clostridium difficile* Infection: Fidaxomicin Versus Vancomycin

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Endpoint	Fidaxomicin	Vancomycin	P Value
Cured and evaluated for recurrence	n = 66	n = 62	
Recurrence within 14 days of follow-up	5/66 (7.6%)	17/62 (27.4%)	.003
No recurrence within 14 days	n = 61	n = 45	
Recurrence from 15 to 28 days	8/61 (13.1%)	5/45 (11.1%)	
Censored at 28 days (no recurrence)	53/66 (80.3%)	40/62 (64.5%)	





Assessed for eligibility (N = 1164)

Negative toxin test (n = 24)

Clinical diagnosis not confirmed (n = 18)

Withdrawal before treatment (n = 17)

Patients randomized, confirmed
CDAD and received at least one
dose of study drug (n = 1105)

Cancer patients allocated and
analyzed (n = 183)

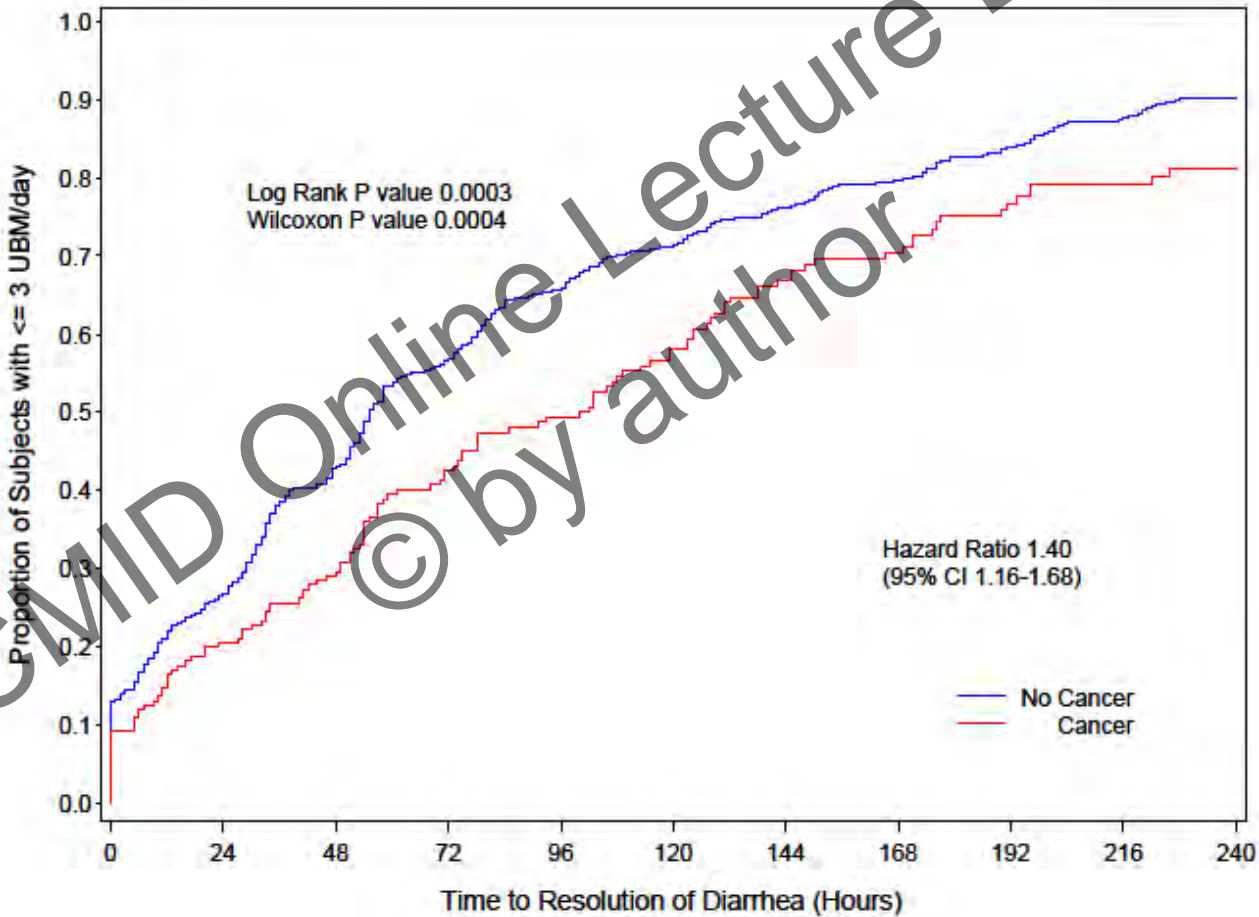
Received fidaxomicin (n = 87)

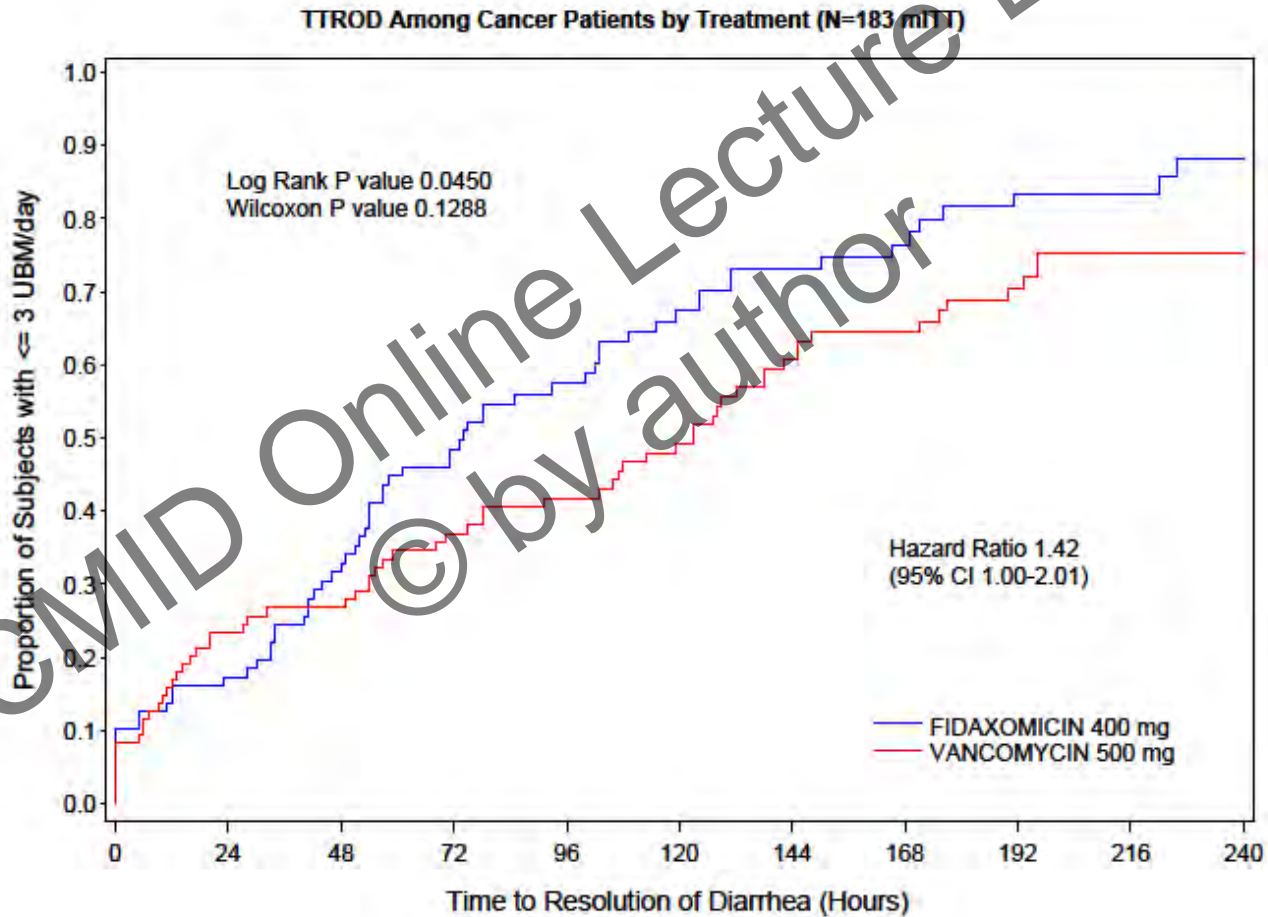
Received vancomycin (n = 96)

Non-cancer patients allocated and
analyzed (n = 922)

Received fidaxomicin (n = 452)

Received vancomycin (n = 470)







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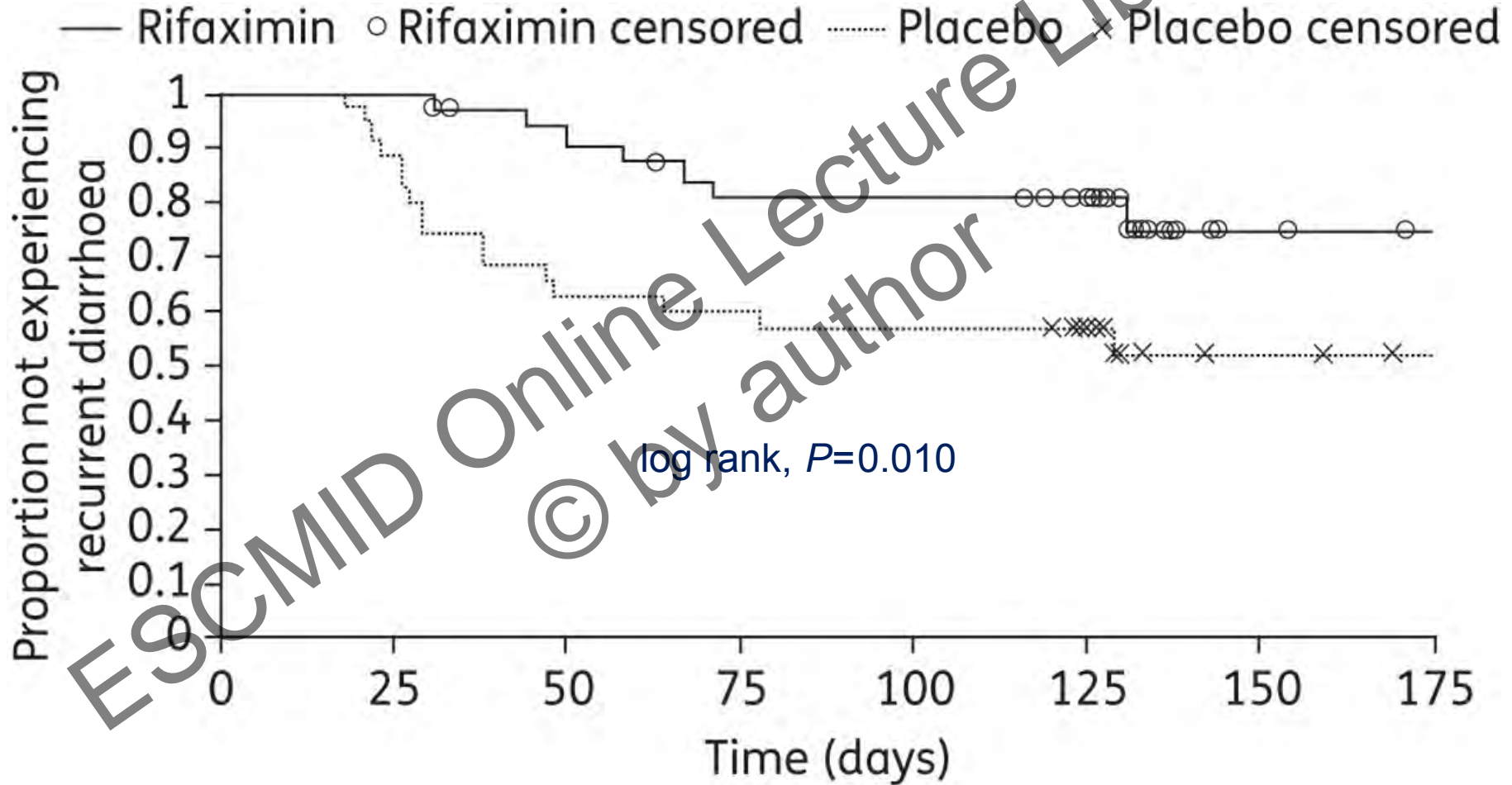
A randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled pilot study to assess the ability of rifaximin to prevent recurrent diarrhoea in patients with *Clostridium difficile* infection

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- Rifaximin 400 mg TID or placebo for 20 days immediately after CDAD treatment
- 6-7 previous episodes
- last antibiotic: 82% metronidazole, 18% vancomycin



Update of the ESCMID treatment guidance document for *Clostridium difficile* infection

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Treatment guideline summary: recommendations (4)

C. First recurrence or risk for recurrent disease

Antibiotic treatment

- Metronidazole po 500 mg tid 10 - 14 days (B-I)
- Vancomycin 125 mg qid 10 days (B-I)
- Fidaxomicin po 200 mg bid for 10-14 days (B-I)

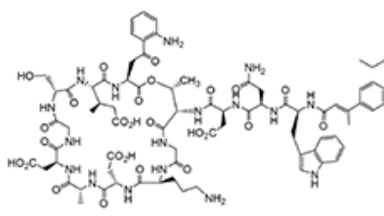
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Surotomycin Overview

<p>Compound</p>  <p>Mechanism of Action</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Disruption of membrane potential <p>Stage</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Phase 3 	<p><u>In vitro Microbiology</u></p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td><i>C. difficile</i></td> <td>MIC₉₀ = 0.5µg/mL; includes NAP1 isolates</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Selectivity</td> <td>No activity against enteric Gram-negative including bacteroides spp. Minimal vs. G(+) gut flora</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cidalty</td> <td>Rapid killing of vegetative cells (>3log in 24 hrs); includes NAP1 isolates</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Resistance (<i>C. difficile</i>)</td> <td>Low resistance incidence</td> </tr> </table> <p><u>Pharmacokinetics</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Low oral bioavailability < 1% (healthy rats and dogs) 	<i>C. difficile</i>	MIC ₉₀ = 0.5µg/mL; includes NAP1 isolates	Selectivity	No activity against enteric Gram-negative including bacteroides spp. Minimal vs. G(+) gut flora	Cidalty	Rapid killing of vegetative cells (>3log in 24 hrs); includes NAP1 isolates	Resistance (<i>C. difficile</i>)	Low resistance incidence	<p><u>Phase 2 Efficacy</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Similar cure rates to vancomycin ▪ Lower recurrence rates vs. vancomycin; 250 mg BID dose statistically superior <p><u>Commercial Outlook</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Growing CDAD market merits new agents ▪ Disease severity and recurrence rates are increasing ▪ Estimate global peak annual sales, in the range of \$400-500 million, assuming clinical and regulatory success <p><u>IP Protection</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ US patent protection through at least Dec 2020 (composition) ▪ Additional pending patent protection pending (composition through Dec 2029 if issued; formulation through May 2032 if issued)
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- The drug**
- Surotomycin, lipopeptide derived from daptomycin
 - in vitro activity against *C. difficile*
- Objective**
- Efficacy, safety and tolerability of surotomycin in patients with CDAD
- Methods**
- Phase 2, randomised, controlled, double-blind, multicenter
 - adults with diarrhoea + pos. *C. difficile* toxin test
 - received p.o. SUR 125, or 250 mg BID or vancomycin (125 mg QID) for 10 days
 - 1° end point was clinical response
 - 2° end point was recurrence within 4 weeks
- Results** N=209
- Registration**
- Funding** Cubist Pharmaceuticals Inc.

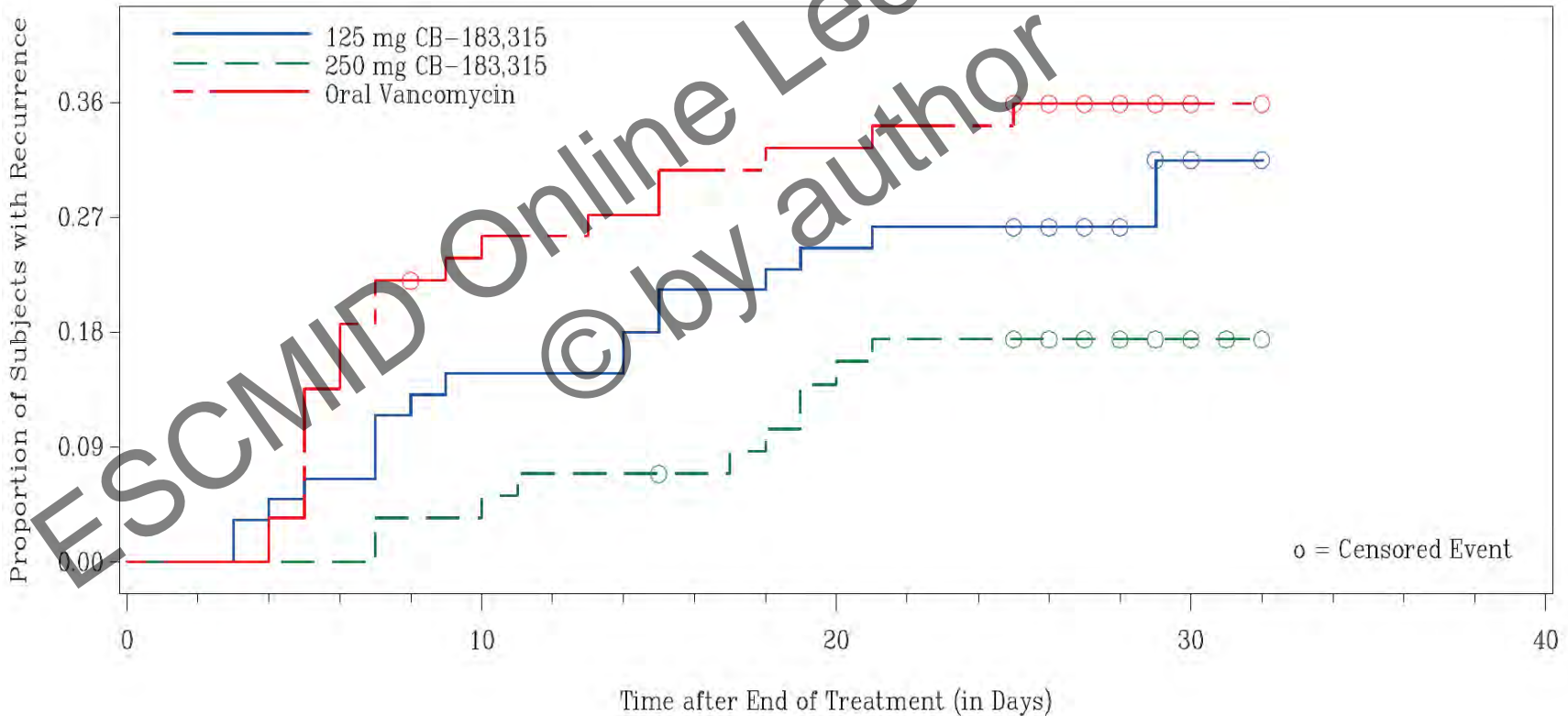


Outcome	CB-183,315 125 mg BID	CB-183,315 250 mg BID	Vancomycin 125 mg QID
Cure Rate	61/66 (92.4%)	58/67 (86.6%)	59/66 (89.4%)
Recurrence Rate	17/61 (27.9%)	10/58 (17.2%)	21/59 (35.6%)
Sustained Cure Rate	44/66 (66.7%)	47/67 (70.1%)	37/66 (56.1%)



(N=178)

Comparison	P-Values	
	Log-Rank	Wilcoxon
125 mg versus Oral Vancomycin	0.287	0.216
250 mg versus Oral Vancomycin	0.014	0.007
125 mg versus 250 mg	0.159	0.148





- The drug**
- Cadazolid, oxazolidinone with a fluoroquinolone moiety
 - in vitro activity against *C. difficile*
- Objective** Efficacy, safety and tolerability of cadazolid in subjects with CDAD
- Methods**
- Multicentre, double-blind, double-dummy, active comparator, randomised, dose-finding, parallel-group, phase 2 study
 - adults with 1st occurrence or 1st recurrence
 - diarrhoea + pos. *C. difficile* toxin test
 - received p.o. CDZ 250, 500 or 1000 mg BID or vancomycin (125 mg QID) for 10 days
- Results** N=84
- Registration** EUDRA-CT 2010-020941-29 & NCT01222702
- Funding** Actelion Pharmaceuticals Ltd.



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Cadazolid – Late Breaker Poster LB 2956 Phase 2 Study Versus Vancomycin

Clinical cure rate, recurrence rate and sustained cure rate (mITT set)

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