# ANALYSIS OF THE USE AND EFFECTIVENESS OF FIDAXOMICIN IN CLOSTRIDIOIDES DIFFICILE INFECTION

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# **Background and Objectives**

Clostridioides difficile infection (CDI) is the main cause of infectious diarrhoea in the hospital setting. The aim of this study is to analyze the use and effectiveness of fidaxomicin in CDI.

### **Materials and Methods**

#### **Observational, Descriptive and Retrospective Study**



- Patients treated with fidaxomicin
- April 2018- August 2023



- Clinical Cure Rate: Outpatients were excluded
- **Overall Cure Rate:** absence of stoolpositive toxin and diarrhoea within 4 weeks after treatment

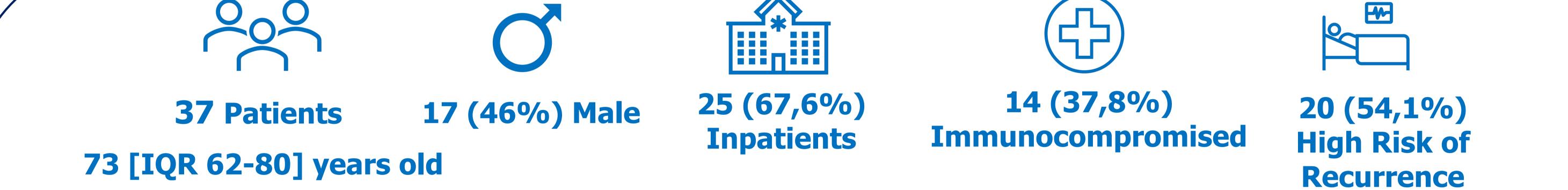
**Recurrence Rate** 

- Sex
- Age

#### **Variables Collected**

- Patient location
- Immunosuppression
- Severity and type of episode
- Previous antibiotic treatment
- Indication
- Dose and duration of treatment
- Time to clinical cure: days between fidaxomicin started and diarrhoea resolution
- Time to recurrence: presence of diarrhoea or positive toxin in stool within 4 weeks after treatment

#### Results



**Fidaxomicin was started** during the first (13 (35.1%)) or higher (16 (40,5%)) **recurrence episode** 

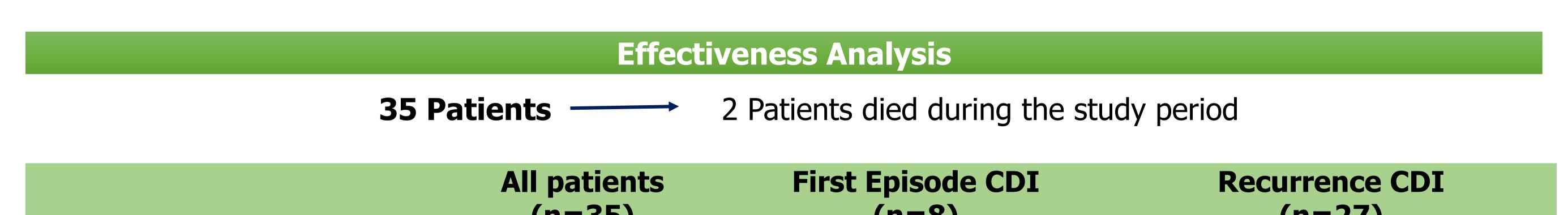
Dose

200mg/12h for 10 [IQR 10-15] days



**Previously,** 28 (75,7%) patients received **oral vancomycin** and 22 (59.5%) **metronidazole** 

Vancomycin refractoriness (35 (94.6%)) was the main indication



	(n=35)	(n=ð)	(n=27)	
<b>Clinical Cure (days)</b>	5 [IQR 3-6]	5 [IQR 3-6]	5 [IQR 3-6,8]	
<b>Recurrence Rate (N(%))</b>	12 (34,3)	2 (25)	10 (37)	
Days to Recurrence (days)	14 [IQR 13,3-16,8]	18,5 [IQR 17,2-19,8]	14 [IQR 12,3-14,8]	
<b>Overall Cure Rate (N(%))</b>	23 (65,7)	6 (75)	17 (63)	

## **Conclusion and Relevance**

In this study, fidaxomicin has been shown to be effective in resolving CDI diarrhoea, although with a less favourable clinical cure, recurrence and overall cure rate than obtained in pivotal trials. Due to the small sample size further research is needed to support the results obtained here.

