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Agenda

- Antibiotic IV to PO Conversion
- Case Discussions

When are oral antibiotics safe and effective as step-down?

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- 1.) What type of infections
- 2.) When can you consider orals
- 3.) Which oral antibiotic as step-down



What type of infections can we use oral antibiotics as step-down therapy?

- A. Bacteremia**
- B. Pneumonia**
- C. Bone and Joint**
- D. Endocarditis**
- E. None of the above**
- F. All of the above**



Gram-Negative Bacteremia

Clinical Infectious Diseases

MAJOR ARTICLE



Seven Versus 14 Days of Antibiotic Therapy for Uncomplicated Gram-negative Bacteremia: A Noninferiority Randomized Controlled Trial

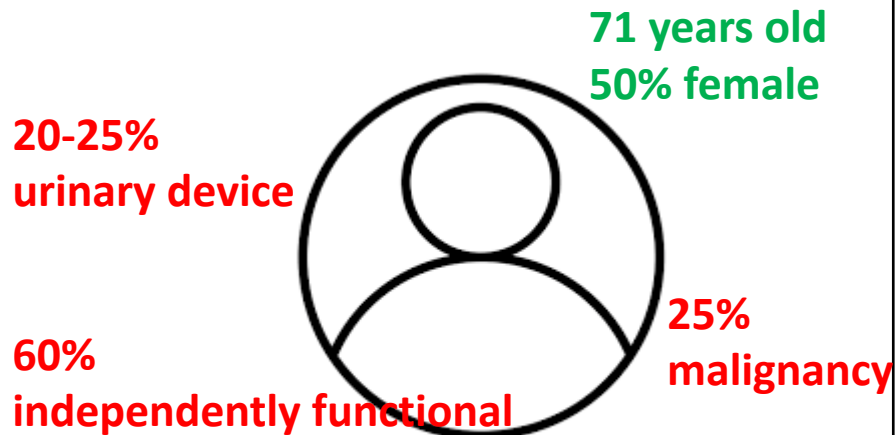
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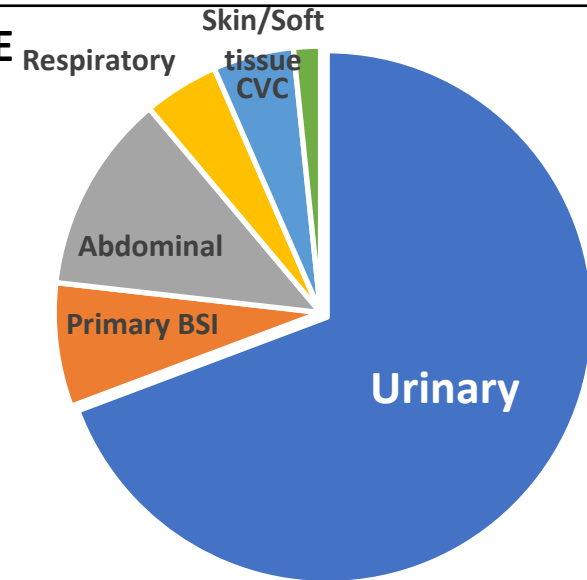


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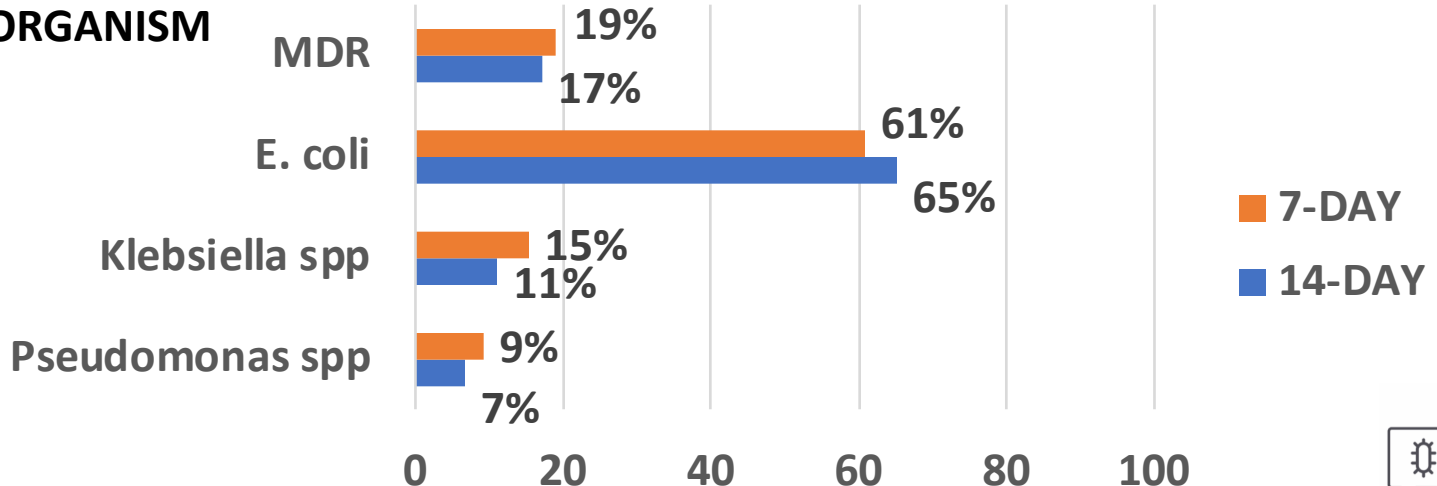
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SOURCE



BACTERIAL ORGANISM



Inpatient adults with GNR bacteremia,
afebrile & hemodynamically stable x48h

N = 604

CONTROL GROUP:
14 days of antibiotics

N = 298

TREATMENT GROUP:
7 days of antibiotics

N = 306

PRIMARY OUTCOME (composite endpoints within 90 days):
All-cause mortality ▪ Relapse of bacteremia ▪ Local/distant infectious complications ▪
Readmission ▪ Extended hospital stay > 14 days

14-DAY TREATMENT: **48%**

Mortality: 10.7%

Readmission: 42.6%

LOS >14 d: 6.4%

Relapse BSI: 2.7%

Complications: 3.7%

7-DAY TREATMENT: **46%**

Mortality: 11.8%

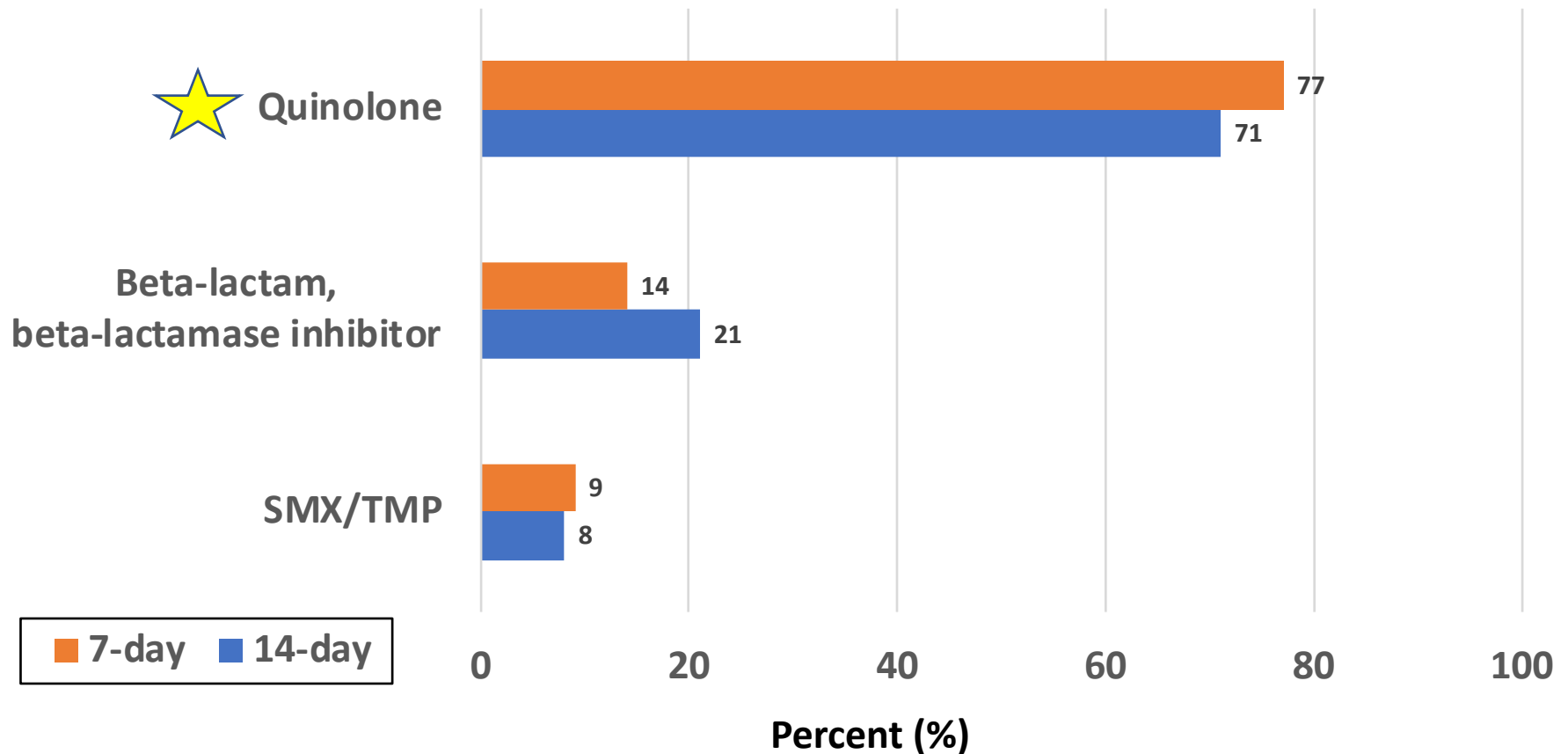
Readmission: 38.9%

LOS >14 d: 4.9%

Relapse BSI: 2.6%

Complications: 5.9%

Oral antibiotic step-down



64% (7-d) and 81% (14-d) groups received oral antibiotics



ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Oral versus Intravenous Antibiotics for Bone and Joint Infection

- 1054 patients with osteomyelitis/septic joint infections at 26 UK centers
- 7d IV (with or w/o surgery), randomized to PO vs IV x ≥ 6 wks

Outcome	IV (n=527)	PO (n=527)	
Failure	74 (14%)	67 (13%)	Non-inferior
Catheter complication	9%	1%	P<0.001
Discontinuation of therapy	19%	13%	P=0.006
Length of stay	14 days	11 days	P<0.001



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Partial Oral versus Intravenous Antibiotic Treatment

- 400 patients with positive blood cultures for *Streptococcus pneumoniae*
- At least 10 days of treatment



negative *Staph*

no

significant difference

Table 2. Distribution

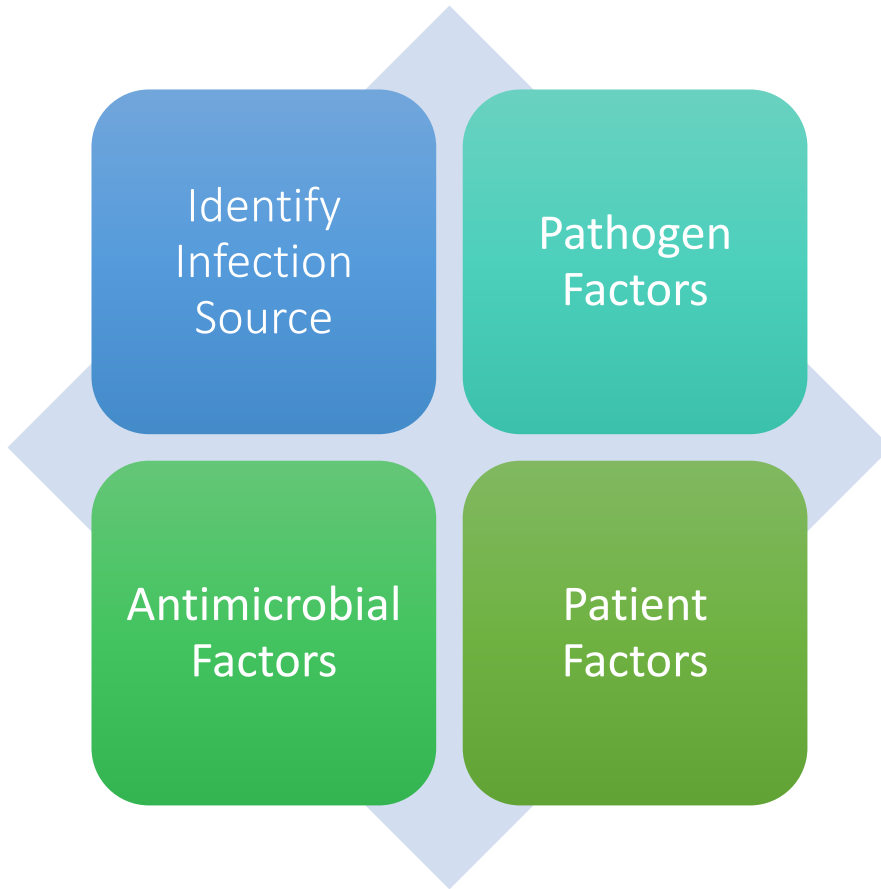
Component	number (percent)		percentage points (95% CI)	Hazard Ratio (95% CI)
All-cause mortality	13 (6.5)	7 (3.5)	3.0 (−1.4 to 7.7)	0.53 (0.21 to 1.32)
Unplanned cardiac surgery	6 (3.0)	6 (3.0)	0 (−3.3 to 3.4)	0.99 (0.32 to 3.07)
Embolic event	3 (1.5)	3 (1.5)	0 (−2.4 to 2.4)	0.97 (0.20 to 4.82)
Relapse of the positive blood culture†	5 (2.5)	5 (2.5)	0 (−3.1 to 3.1)	0.97 (0.28 to 3.33)

Benefits of oral antibiotic

- Reduce hospital length of stay
- Improve quality of life
 - Discomfort of IV catheter
 - Improve mobility
 - Perception of health and functional capacity
- Decrease risk of infectious and non-infectious catheter associated complications
- Supported by Choosing Wisely Initiatives and CDC
 - Preference for oral antibiotics whenever possible



Check List



- **Identify Source**
 - Source control
- **Bacterial Factors**
 - Susceptibility profile
- **Antibiotic Factors**
 - Bioavailability
 - Tolerability
 - Safety profile
 - Drug interactions
- **Patient Factors**
 - Clinical improvement
 - Absorption
 - Dietary consideration
 - Adherence
 - Follow up



Tissue Penetration and Bioavailability

TABLE 1. Penetration of Select Oral Antimicrobials to Tissue Sites^{7,44}

Antimicrobial	Bloodstream Bioavailability	Lung	Liver	Urinary Tract	Prostate	Bone	GI	Skin	Bile	CSF	Synovial
Ciprofloxacin	70%	++	+++	+++	+++	+++	+++	+++	+++	+	+++
Levofloxacin	99%	+++	+++	+++	+++	+++	+++	+++	+++	+	+++
Moxifloxacin	90%	+++	+++	+++	+++	+++	+++	+++	+++	+	+++
Trimethoprim-Sulfamethoxazole	90%	++	++	+++	++	++	++	+++	++	+	++
Doxycycline	95%	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	+	++
Minocycline	95%	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	+	++
Linezolid	99%	+++	++	+++	++	++	++	+++	++	++	++
Metronidazole	90%	++	+++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++
Clindamycin	90%	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	+	++
Ampicillin	50%	+	++	++	+	++	++	++	++	++	+
Penicillin V	50%	++	++	++	+	++	++	++	++	++	+
Amoxicillin	85%	+	++	++	+	++	++	++	++	++	+
Cephalexin	60%	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	+	++



Which oral antibiotics?

49 yo female with *E. coli* bacteremia secondary to pyelonephritis. She received 3 days of Ceftriaxone and is ready to be discharged home with oral antibiotics. She has no allergy to any medication. *E. coli* is susceptible to all of the following antibiotics.

- A) Levofloxacin
- B) Cefpodoxime
- C) Amoxicillin/clavulanate acid
- D) Trimethoprim/sulfamethoxazole



Inpatient adults with GNR bacteremia with source control, Pitt bacteremia score ≤ 1 , taking orals, *in vitro* active oral abx options
Propensity score matched cohort (1:1)

Oral step-down therapy
Median IV therapy: 3d
N = 739

Intravenous therapy:
N = 739

PRIMARY OUTCOME: 30-day mortality

SECONDARY OUTCOMES: 30-day recurrent bacteremia, hospital LOS

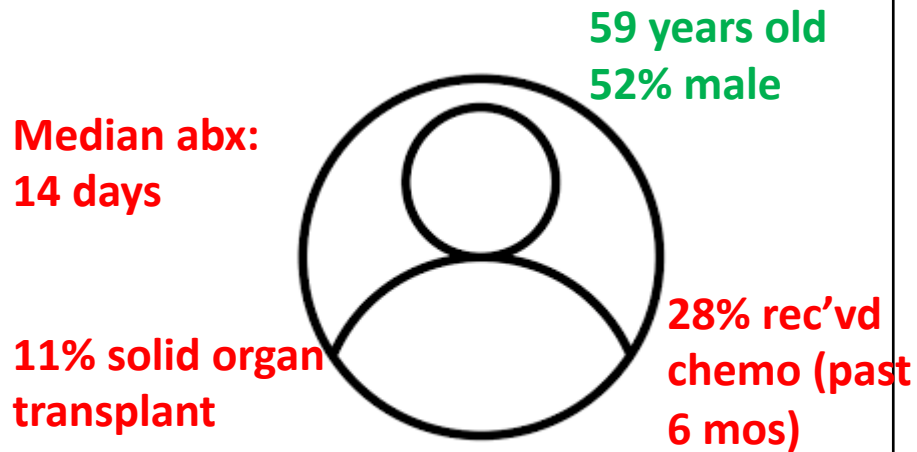
Mortality: **13.1%**
Recurrent bacteremia: 0.8%
Median hospital LOS: 3 day
(p<0.001)

Mortality: **13.4%**
Recurrent bacteremia: 0.5%
Median hospital LOS: 7 day

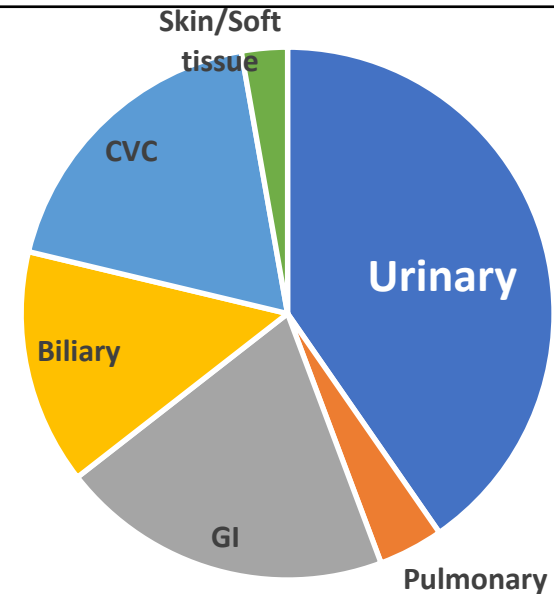


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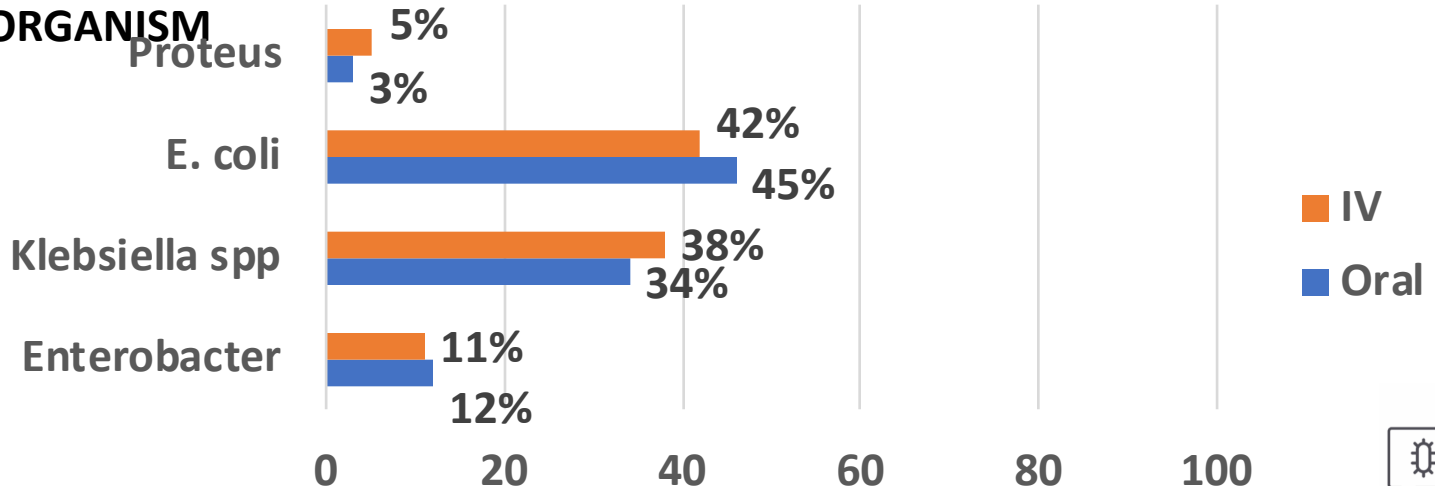
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From: **Association of 30-Day Mortality With Oral Step-Down vs Continued Intravenous Therapy in Patients Hospitalized With Enterobacteriaceae Bacteremia**

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Table 2. Antibiotic Therapy Administered to Patients Transitioned to Oral Antibiotic Therapy for Enterobacteriaceae Bacteremia

Antibiotic	Common Regimen	Bioavailability	Patients Receiving Treatment, No. (%) (n = 739)
Amoxicillin-clavulanate	500-1000 mg orally every 8-12 h	Low	38 (5.1)
Cefdinir	300 mg orally every 12 h	Low	30 (4.1)
Cefixime	200-400 mg orally every 12-24 h	Low	21 (2.8)
Cephalexin hydrochloride	500 mg orally every 6 h	Low	16 (2.2)
Cefpodoxime proxetil	200-400 mg orally every 12 h	Low	17 (2.3)
Ciprofloxacin hydrochloride	500-750 mg orally every 12 h	High	337 (45.6)
Levofloxacin	500-750 mg orally every 24 h	High	171 (23.1)
Moxifloxacin hydrochloride	400 mg orally every 24 h	High	10 (1.3)
Trimethoprim-sulfamethoxazole	160-320 mg orally every 6-12 h	High	99 (13.4)

70% FQ

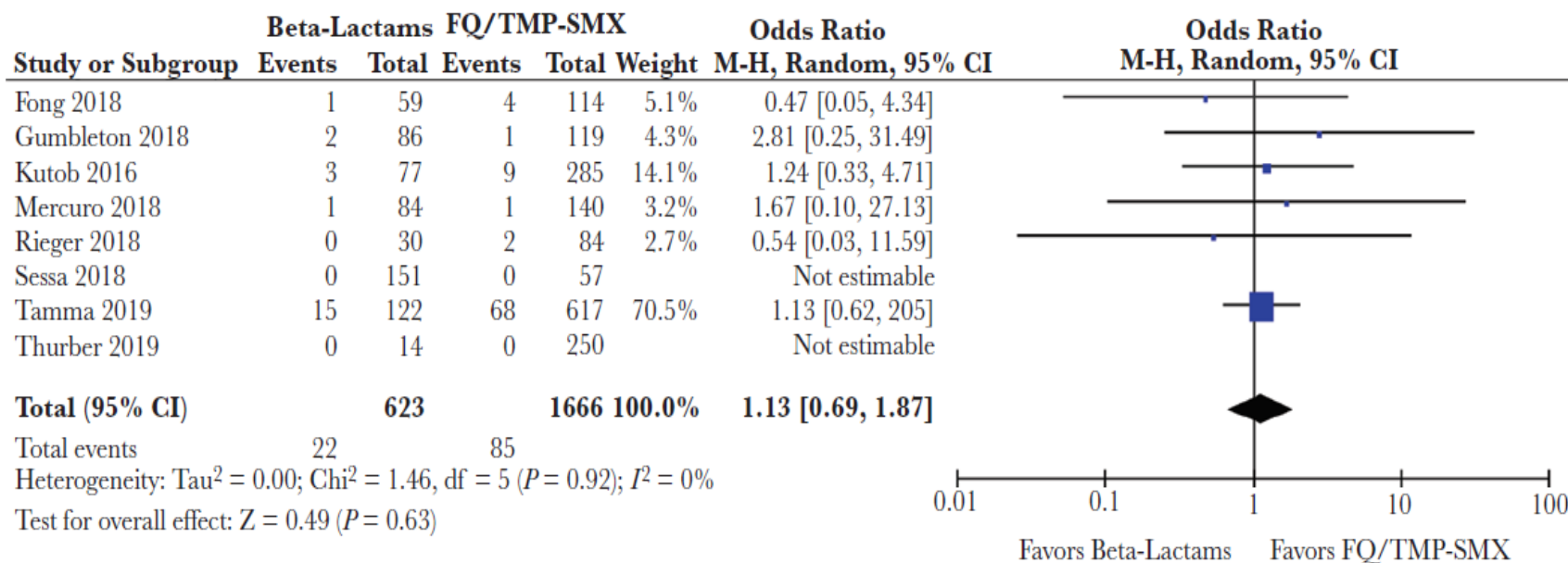
	High Bioavailability N = 617 (%)	Low Bioavailability N = 122 (%)
30-day mortality	68 (11)	15 (12)
Recurrent bacteremia	4 (0.6)	0 (0)



Oral Fluoroquinolone or Trimethoprim-Sulfamethoxazole vs β -Lactams as Step-Down Therapy for Enterobacteriaceae Bacteremia: Systematic Review and Meta-analysis

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Oral antibiotics

- Safe and effective as step-down therapy
- Which one?
 - FQ, most data and experience
 - Consider SMX/TMP, 90% bioavailable
 - β -lactam if no other options
- Once source control is achieved, and bacterial inoculum burden lessened, bioavailability may be less important



When to consider oral antibiotics?

Clinical Improvement



- Afebrile, improved WBC, hemodynamically stable, source control

Absorption



- Regular diet
- Taking other oral meds

Duration (IV + PO)



- Less is more
- Longer courses are associated with adverse effects, CDI, emergence of resistance, and longer hospital stay

