

# CLINICAL EXPERIENCE WITH DALBAVANCIN IN A TERTIARY HOSPITAL BAR19-0944

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## BACKGROUND & PURPOSE

Very limited labelled indications have been approved for the newer antimicrobials and extensively drug-resistant gram-positive bacterial infections are a clinical challenge. Data on the clinical uses, efficacy and safety of Dalbavancin, a novel lipoglycopeptide, in real-life is scarce thus here we sought to describe our clinical experience.

## MATERIAL AND METHODS

Observational prospective utilization and clinical outcomes study from June 2016 to September 2017 on dalbavancin

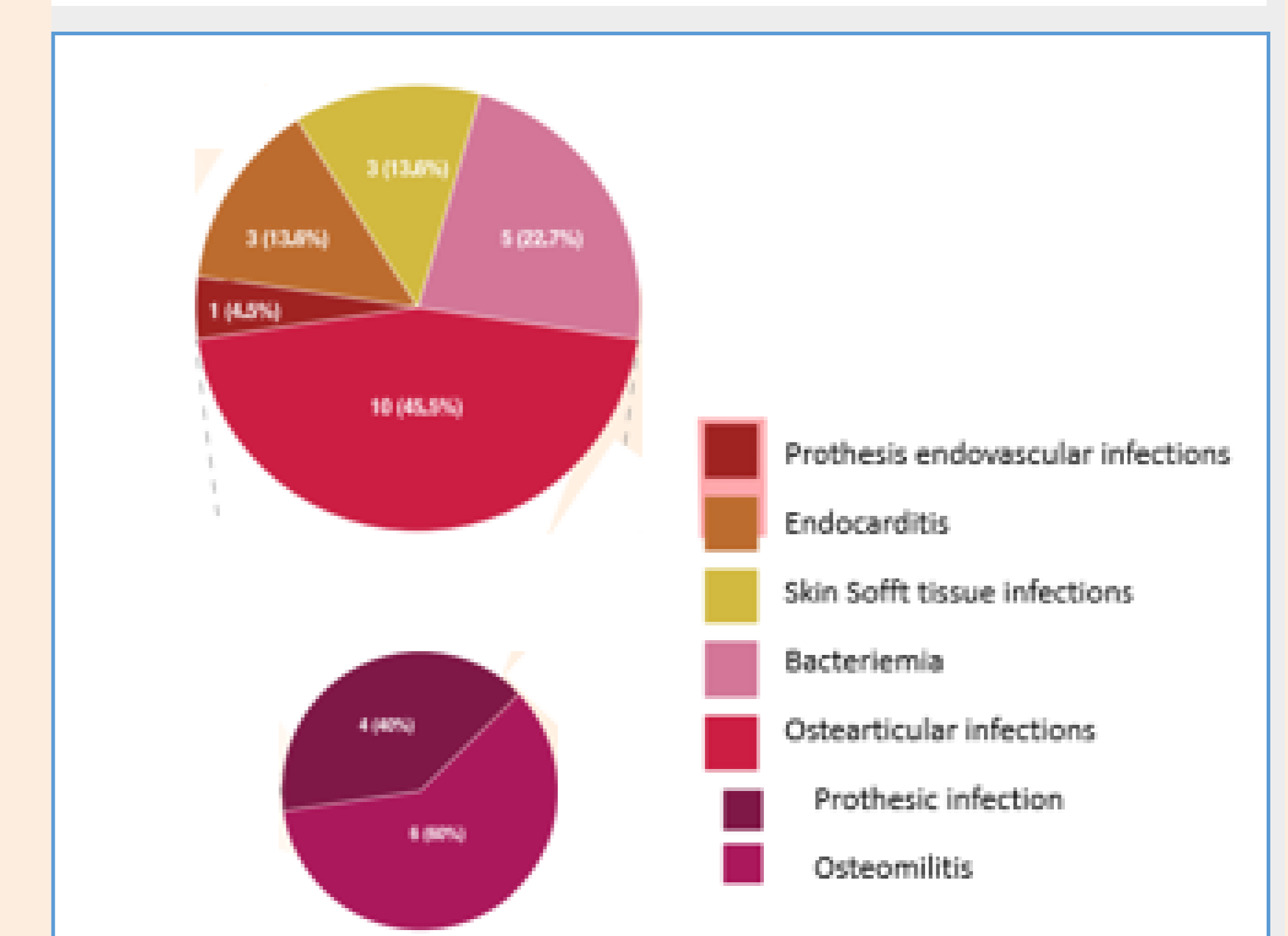
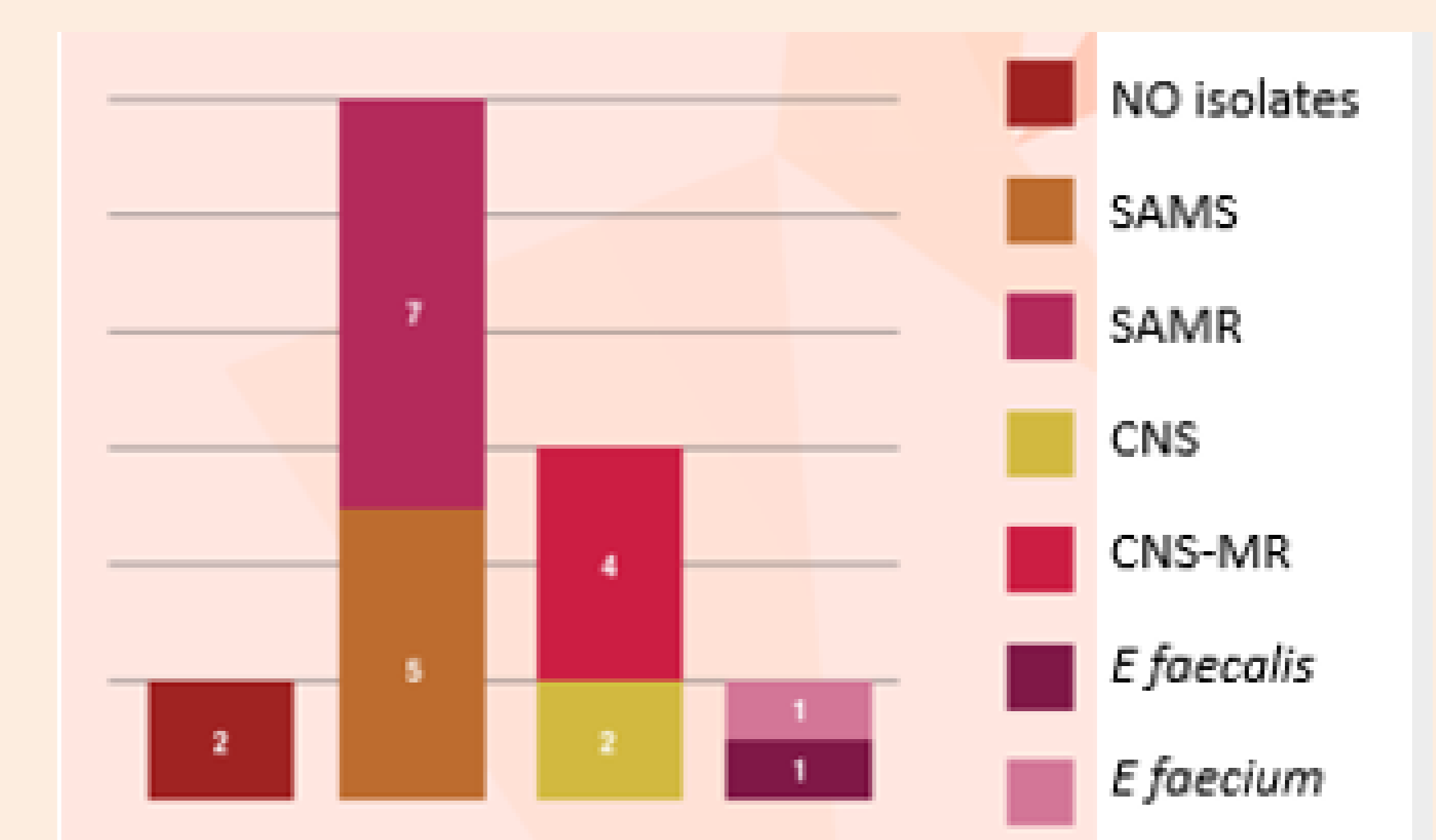
## RESULTS

Demographics, microbiology, therapy characteristics, adverse events and clinical outcomes are described in Table 1. 86% were used under off-label indications in patients who had tried and/or failed other therapies. 46% for osteoarticular infections,

23% blood stream infections and 14% endocarditis. To highlight, one patient received dalbavancin as long-term suppressive therapy. Most frequent use reasons were promptly hospital discharge (65%) and the presence of resistant organisms involving limited treatment options (23%). Successful outcome was observed in >95% of the patients and only one adverse event was reported (4.5%).

DEMOGRAPHICS	N (%)	TREATMENT	N (%)
Age, median (IQR)	69.6 (46-85)	DAL administered following hospitalization	17 (77.3)
Male	13 (59.1)	Previous antimicrobials for actual episode	22 (100)
<b>DIAGNOSES</b>		<b>Reasons for switching to DAL:</b>	
Osteoarticular infections	10 (45.5)	- Discharge from hospital	11/17 (64.7)
- implanted prosthetic device infection	4/10 (40.0)	- Resistant pathogens involved	5 (22.7)
- osteomyelitis	6/10 (60.0)	- Drug-induced toxicity	3 (13.6)
Blood stream infections	5 (22.7)	- Difficult vascular access	2 (9.1)
Acute bacterial skin and skin structure infections	3 (13.6)	- Drug-drug interactions	1 (4.5)
Endocarditis	3 (13.6)	<b>DAL initial – weekly doses:</b>	
Prosthetic graft infection	1 (4.5)	- 1,000 mg – 500mg	14 (63.3)
<b>MICROBIOLOGY</b>		- 750mg - 350mg (renal dose adjustment)	1 (4.5)
Microbiology samples available	20 (90.9)	- 1,500 mg – 1,500mg	1 (4.5)
<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>	12 (54.5)	- 1,500 mg – single dose	6 (27.3)
- Methicillin-resistant <i>S. aureus</i> (MRSA)	7/12 (58.3)	<b>DAL number of doses:</b>	
<i>Coagulase-negative staphylococci</i> (CNS)	6 (27.3)	- 2 doses	8 (36.4)
- Methicillin-resistant CNS	4/6 (66.7)	- single dose	7 (31.8)
<i>Enterococcus faecalis</i>	1 (4.5)	>= 5 doses	6 (27.3)
<i>Enterococcus faecium</i>	1 (4.5)	<b>ADVERSE EVENTS</b>	
<b>OUTCOMES</b>		- Infusion site reaction	1 (4.5)
Success treatment**	20/21 (95.2)	- Others	0

\* Except where otherwise specified, data represent numbers (%) of patients  
\*\* 21 patients have completed treatment



## CONCLUSIONS

Further evidence beyond labelled indications is urgently needed. Despite the limitations, in our clinical practice, the use of dalbavancin under the multidisciplinary antimicrobial stewardship team supervision appears to be a promising, safe and effective option for adult patients who have tried and/or failed other therapies due to multidrug resistant gram-positive organisms and/or may offer added safety and potential cost reductions.



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