



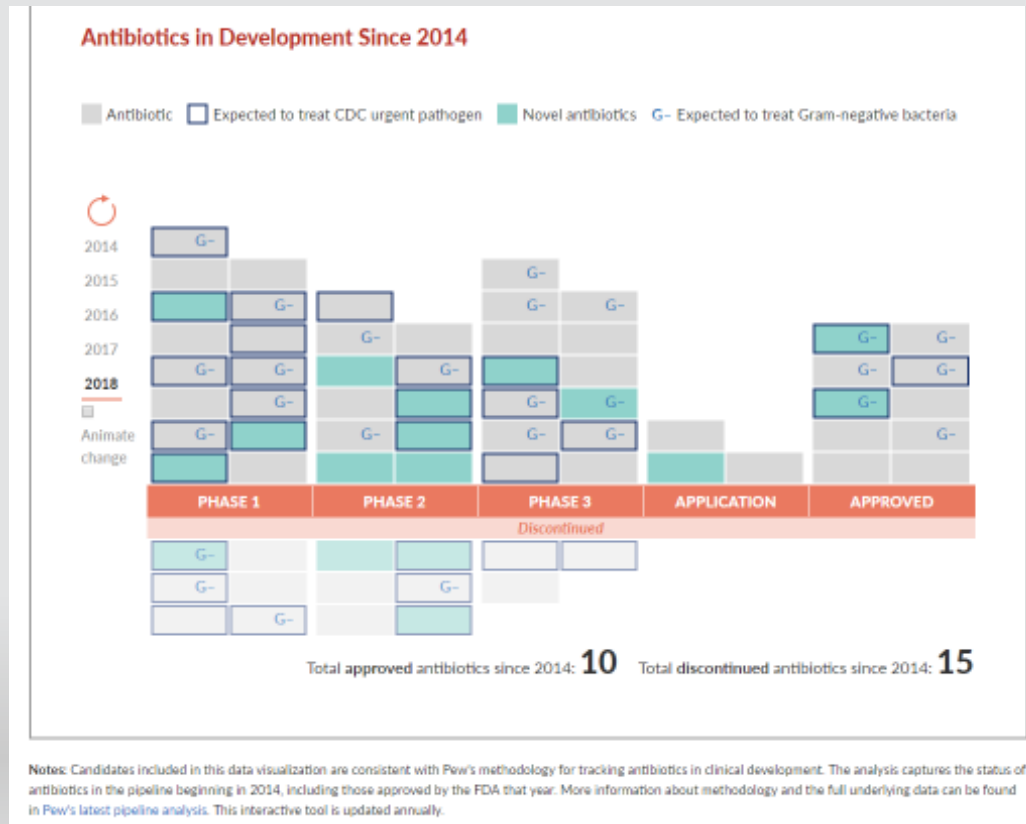
Cefiderocol

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Pew Charitable Trust: Antibiotics in Development



2014-2018:

- 10 new antibiotics approved
- 6 were for Gram-negatives
 - Ceftazidime/avibactam
 - Ceftolozane/tazobactam
 - Meropenem/vaborbactam
 - Plazomicin
 - Eravacycline
 - Omadacycline

2019:

- 3 new antibiotics approved
- 2 for Gram-negatives
 - Imipenem/Relebactam
 - **Cefiderocol [Nov 14th]**

Accessed at: <https://www.pewtrusts.org/en/research-and-analysis/data-visualizations/2019/five-year-analysis-shows-continued-deficiencies-in-antibiotic-development>

Siderophore - Antibiotic Conjugates

- Siderophores are small organic chelators with high affinity for iron
- Siderophores are secreted by bacteria to the extracellular environment to solubilize and import iron
- Sideromycins are natural products consisting of an antibiotic conjugated to a siderophore
 - Albomycin has been the most studied of the sideromycins
 - 1940s and 1950s used in the clinic in Soviet Union
- 1980s and 1990s renewed interest by Pharma companies
 - Link a more potent antibiotic to a microbial siderophore or siderophore mimic to overcome the bacteria cell wall permeability barrier and enhance concentration in periplasmic space
 - catechol- β -lactam antibiotic conjugates

Siderophore - Antibiotic Conjugates & Challenges

- Non-siderophores mechanisms for iron acquisition

Adaptation-based resistance to siderophore-conjugated antibacterial agents by *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*.

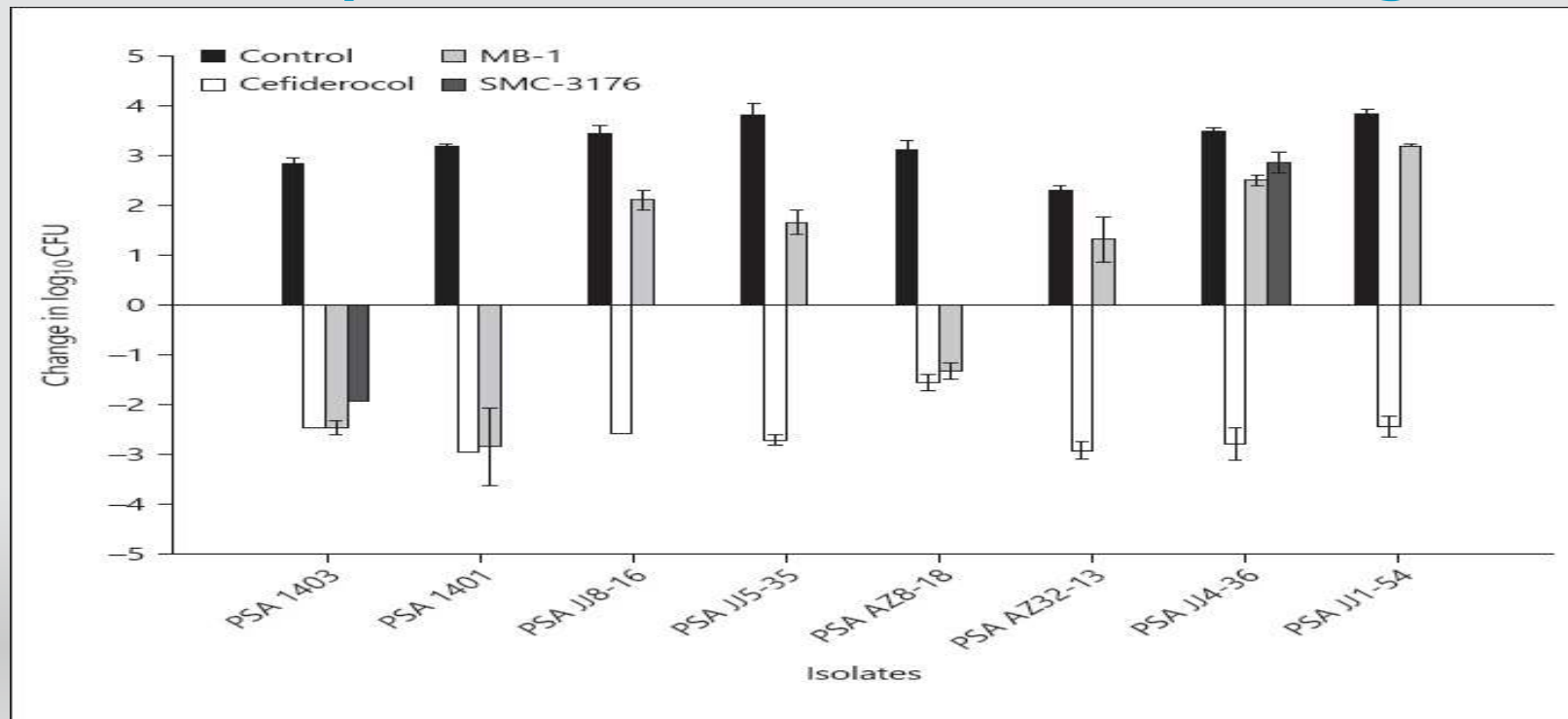
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- Standardization of in vitro susceptibility testing

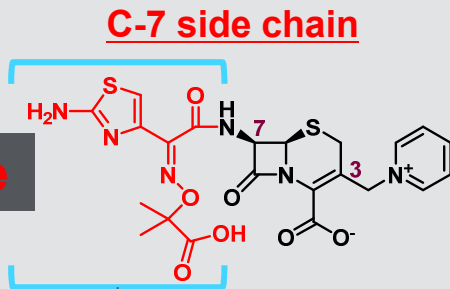
Humanized Exposures of Cefiderocol, a Siderophore Cephalosporin, Display Sustained *in vivo* Activity against Siderophore-Resistant *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*



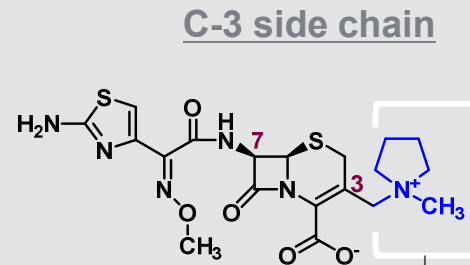
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Cefiderocol Is Structurally Different From Other Recently Developed Siderophore-Conjugated Antibacterial Agents

Ceftazidime



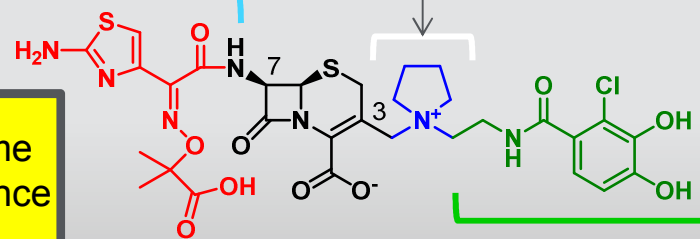
Cefepime



Cefiderocol is able to overcome common carbapenem resistance mechanisms due to:

- Mechanism of cell entry
- Unique catechol structure

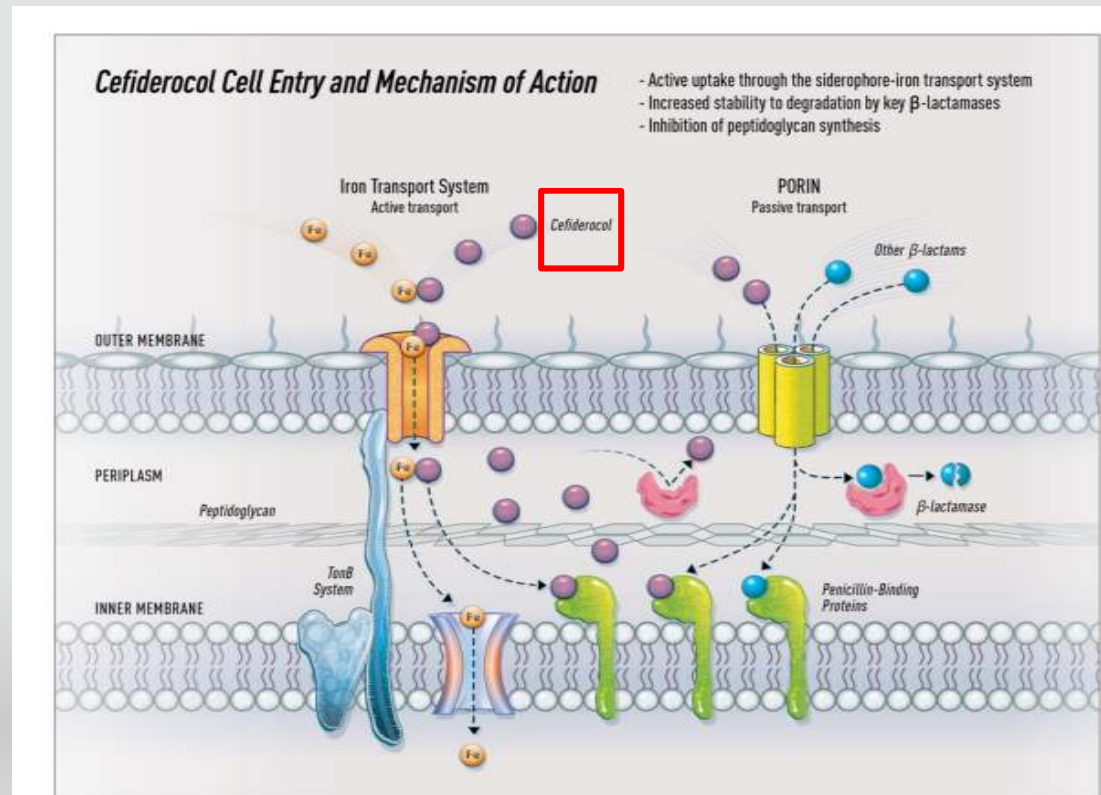
Cefiderocol



Catechol moiety
• Binds to free iron

Cefiderocol – A Novel Siderophore Cephalosporin

- The entry mechanism of cefiderocol takes advantage of the native active iron transport system which enables the drug to penetrate the bacterial cell
 - Not dependent on porin channels for cell entry
- Inhibits peptidoglycan synthesis
 - PBP3
- Once inside the cell, cefiderocol resists inactivation by all known classes of beta-lactamase enzymes



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Comparative Activity of Cefiderocol to Ceftazidime-Avibactam, Ceftolozane-Tazobactam, Colistin, and Ciprofloxacin Against Gram-Negative Collected in N. America

Organism	Cefiderocol (MIC \leq 4 μ g/mL)	Ceftazidime-Avibactam (MIC \leq 8 μ g/mL)	Ceftolozane-Tazobactam (*MIC \leq 4 or \leq 2 μ g/mL)	Colistin (MIC \leq 2 μ g/mL)	Ciprofloxacin %S (MIC \leq 1 μ g/mL)
All Gram-Negative (N=4239)	99.9	93.7	89.5	85.8	79.1
Enterobacteriaceae (N=3007)	99.96	99.9	94.2	82.4	86.2
Non-fermenters (N=1232)	99.6	79.4	77.9	94.0	61.7
Carbapenem-NS Enterobacteriaceae (N=30)	100	96.7	13.3	66.7	20
Carbapenem-NS <i>P. aeruginosa</i> (N=151)	100	90.7	90.1	99.3	43.7
Carbapenem-NS <i>A. baumannii</i> (N=173)	98.3	17.9	15.6	91.3	1.7
<i>S. maltophilia</i> (N=152)	100	51.3	38.2	68.4	34.9

*Ceftolozane/Tazobactam breakpoints by organism: Non-fermenters MIC \leq 4 μ g/mL, Enterobacteriaceae \leq 2 μ g/mL; Non-fermenters include: *P. aeruginosa*, *A. baumannii*, *S. maltophilia* and *B. cepacia*.

Hackel MA et al. *Antimicrob Agents Chemother.* 2017;61(9). pii: e00093-17.

Bacterial-Density Study in an *in vivo* Neutropenic Thigh Infection Model

- 95 isolates (21 *P. aeruginosa*, 35 *A. baumannii*, and 39 Enterobacteriaceae) with various phenotypic profiles
 - Cefiderocol MICs ranged from 0.12 to >256 µg/mL

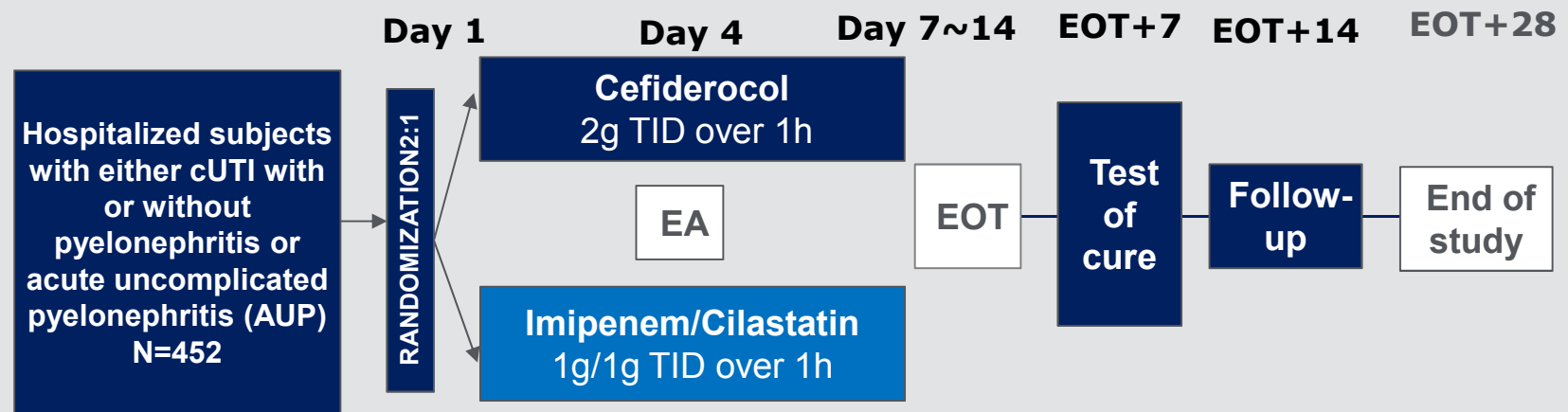
Bacterial stasis or ≥ 1-log-unit reduction at 24h with humanized cefiderocol exposures

	MIC ≤ 2 µg/mL	MIC ≤ 4 µg/mL
Enterobacteriaceae, % (n)	82% (17 strains)	77% (31 strains)
<i>A. baumannii</i> , % (n)	87% (15 strains)	88% (16 strains)
<i>P. aeruginosa</i> , % (n)	81% (16 strains)	85% (20 strains)

- For isolates with CFDC MIC of ≥8 µg/ml, bacterial stasis or 1-log-unit reduction was observed in 2 of 28 strains

APEKS-cUTI Study Design

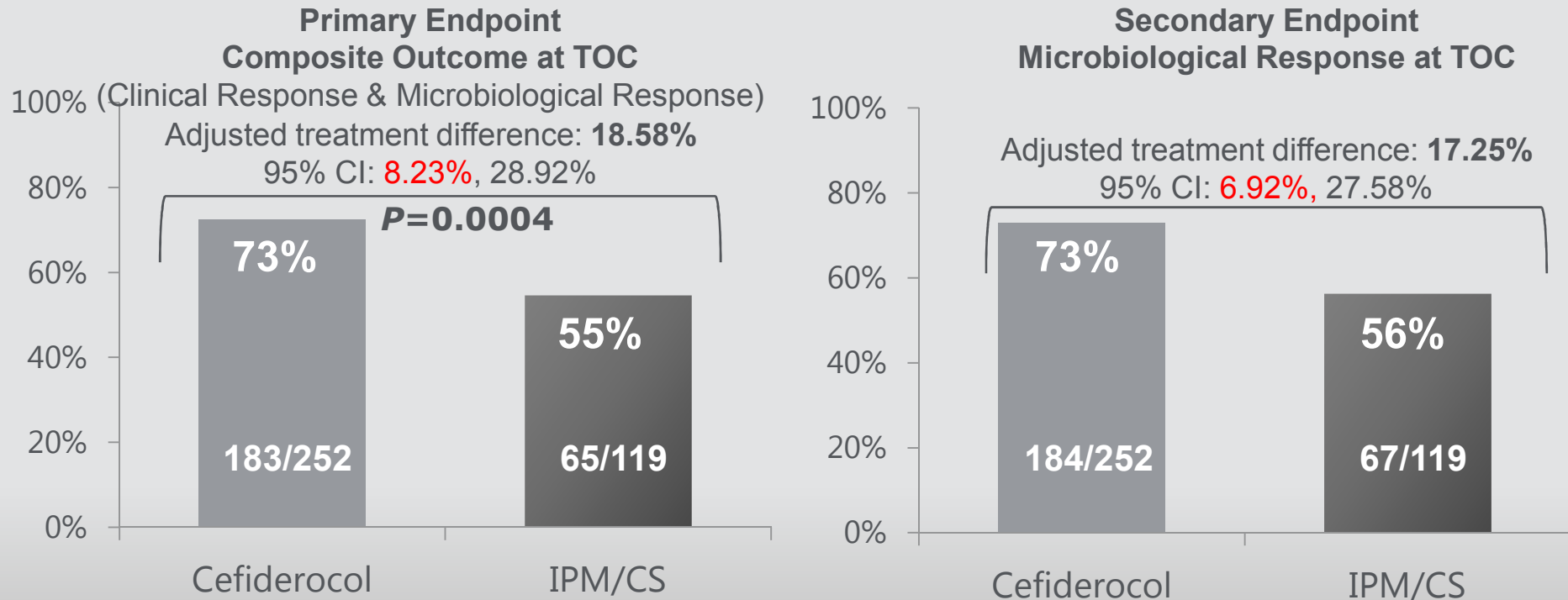
- Multicenter, double-blind, randomized, noninferiority trial
 - 2-sided 95% confidence interval (CI), noninferiority margin 15%



- **Primary endpoint:** Composite clinical and microbiological response at TOC in MITT population
- **Secondary endpoint:** Safety, Clinical and Microbiological response at early assessment, EOT, and follow-up in MITT population
- No oral antibiotic step-down was permitted

TID, 3 times a day; EOT, end of treatment; MITT, microbiological intent-to-treat – patients who received at least 1 dose and had a-qualifying Gram-negative uropathogen; TOC, test of cure.

APEKS-cUTI Primary and Secondary Endpoints



Treatment difference (cefiderocol minus IPM/CS) is the adjusted estimate of the difference in the responder rate between the 2 treatment arms. The adjusted difference estimates and the 95% CIs (2-sided) are calculated using a stratified analysis with Cochran-Mantel-Haenszel weights based on the stratified factor at baseline (cUTI with or without pyelonephritis vs acute uncomplicated pyelonephritis).

cUTI Study: AEs With an Incidence >2% in Each Group

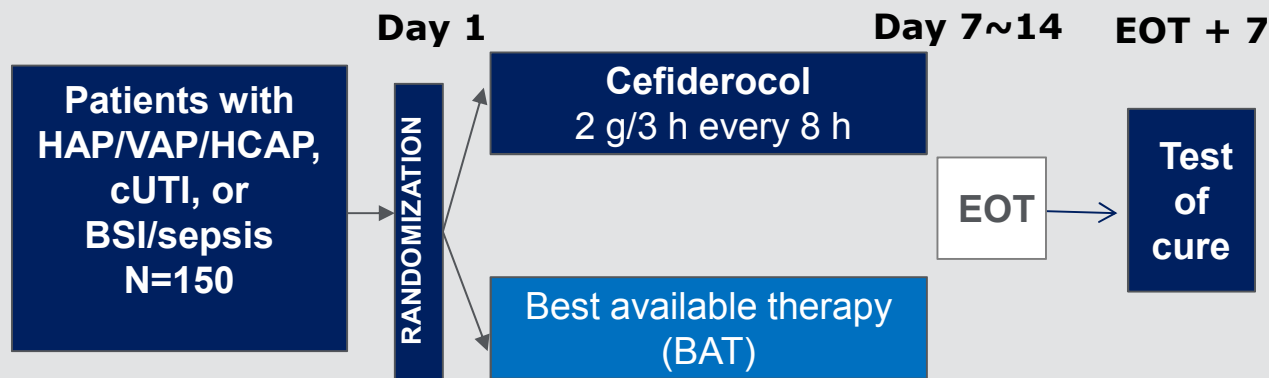
AE Incidence >2.0% in Safety Population	Cefiderocol (N=300)	Imipenem/Cilastatin (N=148)	Total (N=448)
Diarrhea	13 (4%)	9 (6%)	22 (5%)
Hypertension	13 (4%)	8 (5%)	21 (5%)
Constipation	10 (3%)	6 (4%)	16 (4%)
Infusion site pain	9 (3%)	5 (3%)	14 (3%)
Headache	7 (2%)	8 (5%)	15 (3%)
Nausea	7 (2%)	6 (4%)	13 (3%)
Cough	7 (2%)	1 (1%)	8 (2%)
Vomiting	6 (2%)	2 (1%)	8 (2%)
Hypokalemia	5 (2%)	4 (3%)	9 (2%)
Insomnia	4 (1%)	3 (2%)	7 (2%)
Renal cyst	4 (1%)	5 (3%)	9 (2%)
Infusion site erythema	3 (1%)	3 (2%)	6 (1%)
Abdominal pain upper	2 (1%)	5 (3%)	7 (2%)
Cardiac failure	2 (1%)	3 (2%)	5 (1%)
Clostridium difficile colitis*	1 (<1%)	4 (3%)	5 (1%)
Vaginal infection	1 (<1%)	3 (2%)	4 (1%)

* An additional adverse event with the preferred term of *C. difficile* infection was reported in the imipenem-cilastatin group.

Portsmouth S et al. Lancet Infect Dis 2018. Published online Oct 25 2018

CREDIBLE-CR: Cefiderocol Treatment of Severe Infections Caused by Carbapenem-Resistant Gram-Negative Pathogens

- Multicenter, randomized, open-label, parallel-group phase 3 efficacy trial in adult patients with carbapenem-resistant Gram-negative pathogens



Key Inclusion: Documented infection caused by GN pathogen with evidence of CR; Prior treatment with antibiotics and failure (clinical and microbiological)

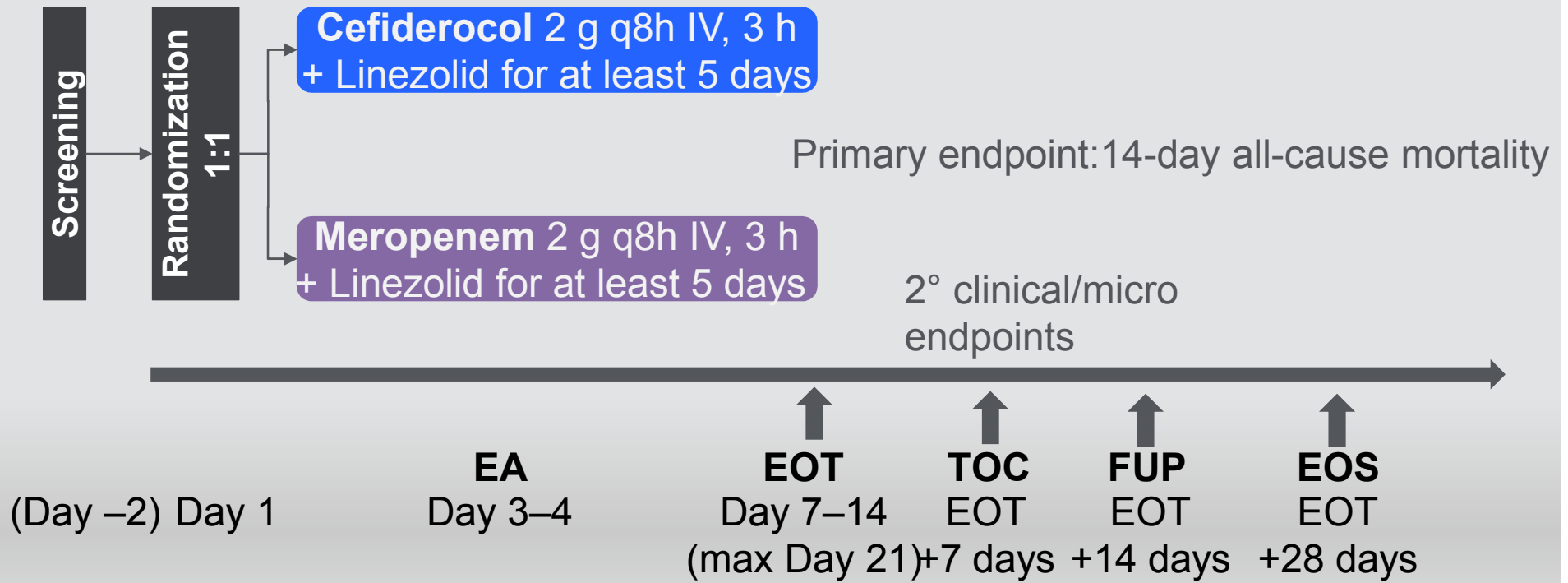
Key Exclusion: Need for >3 systemic antibiotics for BAT; Co-infection with invasive fungal infection; CNS infection; Need for >3 weeks antibiotic therapy; Neutropenia; Refractory Septic Shock, APACHE II>30

Primary Endpoints

- Clinical outcome per patient at test of cure (TOC) in patients with HAP/VAP/HCAP or BSI/sepsis
- Microbiological outcome (for Gram-negative pathogen) per patient at TOC in patients with cUTI

BAT, best available therapy; BSI, bloodstream infection; cUTI, complicated urinary tract infection; EOT, end of treatment; HAP, hospital-acquired pneumonia; HCAP, health care-associated pneumonia; TOC, test of cure; VAP, ventilator-associated pneumonia.

APEKS-NP: Schematic Randomization and Treatment Arms



EA, early assessment; EOS, end of study; EOT, end of therapy; FUP, follow-up; IV, intravenous; LZD, linezolid; TOC, test of cure.

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APEKS-NP: Baseline Characteristics and Demographics in the ITT Population

Characteristics	Cefiderocol N=148	Meropenem N=150
Age, years		
• Mean (SD)	64.7 (14.5)	65.6 (15.1)
Region, %		
• North America	4.1	4.0
• Europe	66.9	66.7
• Asia Pacific	29.1	29.3
Male sex, %	68.2	69.3
Clinical diagnosis, %		
• VAP	40.5	45.3
• HAP	40.5	40.7
• HCAP	18.9	16.0
Ventilation status at randomization, %	61.5	58.0
Creatinine clearance, mL/min		
• Mean (SD)	77.8 (55.1)	82.1 (56.2)
• >120 mL/min	14.9	17.3
• <30 mL/min	13.5	13.3
APACHE-II score		
• Mean (SD)	16.1 (6.1)	16.3 (6.9)

APACHE, Acute Physiology, Age, Chronic Health Evaluation; HAP, hospital-acquired pneumonia; HCAP, healthcare-associated pneumonia; SD, standard deviation; VAP, ventilator-associated pneumonia.

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APEKS-NP Primary Endpoint: Day 14 ACM

Secondary endpoints Day 28 and EOS ACM

	Cefiderocol 2 g, q8h N=145	Meropenem 2 g, q8h N=146	Treatment difference 95% CI
Primary Endpoint			
Day 14	12.4%	11.6%	0.8 (-6.6; 8.2)
Secondary Endpoints			
Day 28	21.0%	20.5%	0.5 (-8.7; 9.8)
End of Study	26.8%	23.3%	3.6 (-6.3; 13.4)

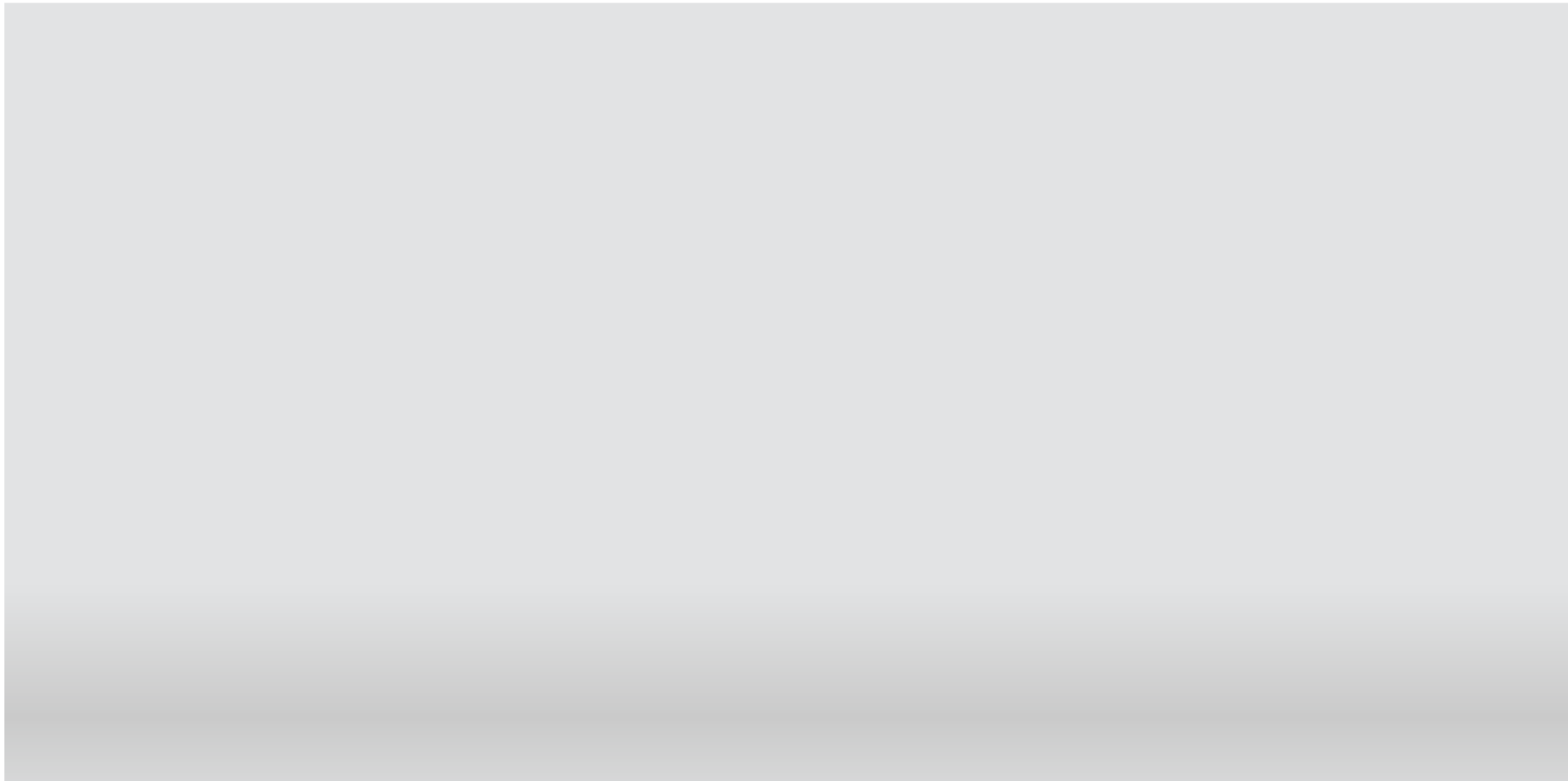
ACM, all-cause mortality; CI, confidence interval; EOS, end of study.

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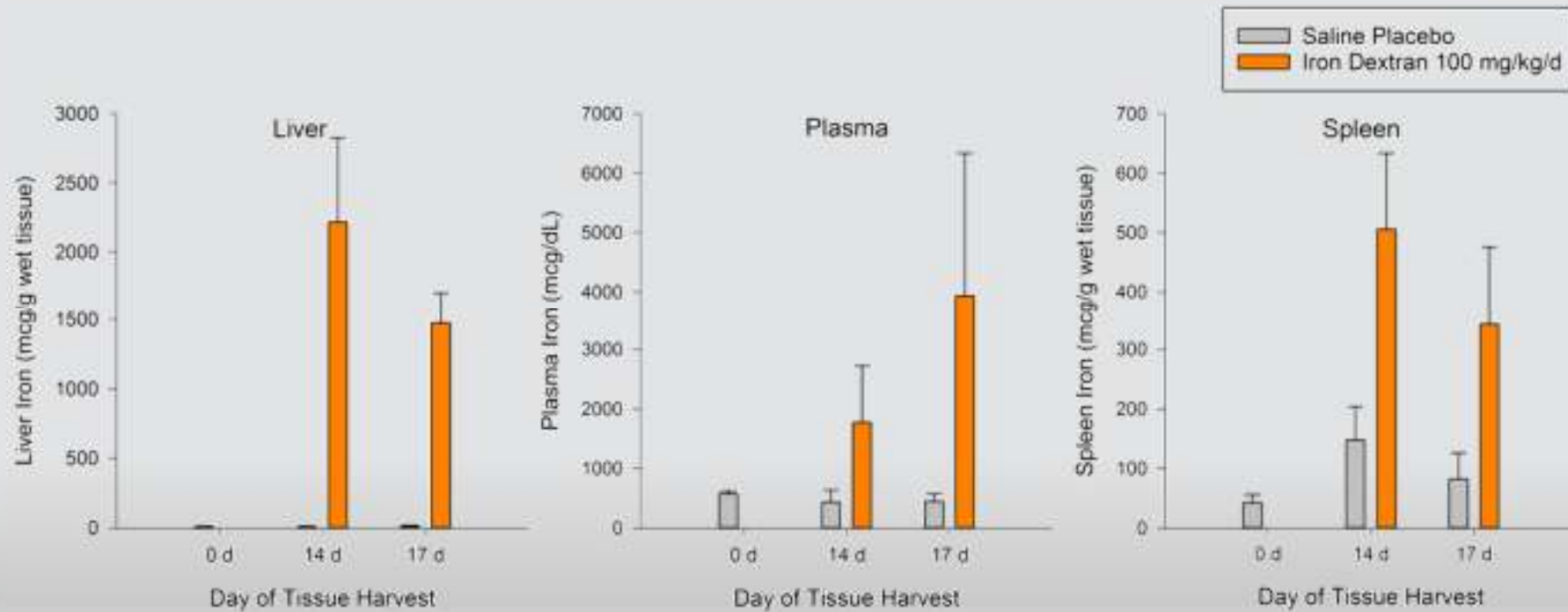


Summary: Cefiderocol Role in Clinical Practice

- Indication: Adults with limited or no alternative treatment options for cUTIs including pyelonephritis caused by susceptible Gram-negative organisms
- *Mortality Imbalance* → *Acinetobacter* in the Credible-CR study
 - Warnings & Precautions
 - Increase in All-Cause Mortality in Patients with Carbapenem-Resistant Gram-negative Bacterial Infections: An increase in all-cause mortality was observed in FETROJA-treated patients compared to those treated with best available therapy. Reserve FETROJA for use in patients who have limited or no alternative treatment options for the treatment of cUTI
- Use as monotherapy:
 - cUTI and HAP/VAP: good clinical & micro outcomes with monotherapy
 - Credible-CR: 80+% monotherapy = good outcomes; *Acinetobacter* *combo??*
- Provisional susceptibility breakpoint ≤ 4 mg/L for Enterics, PSA, ACBN & Steno → Approval breakpoints not yet provided by FDA?
- sNDA for HABP/VABP indication

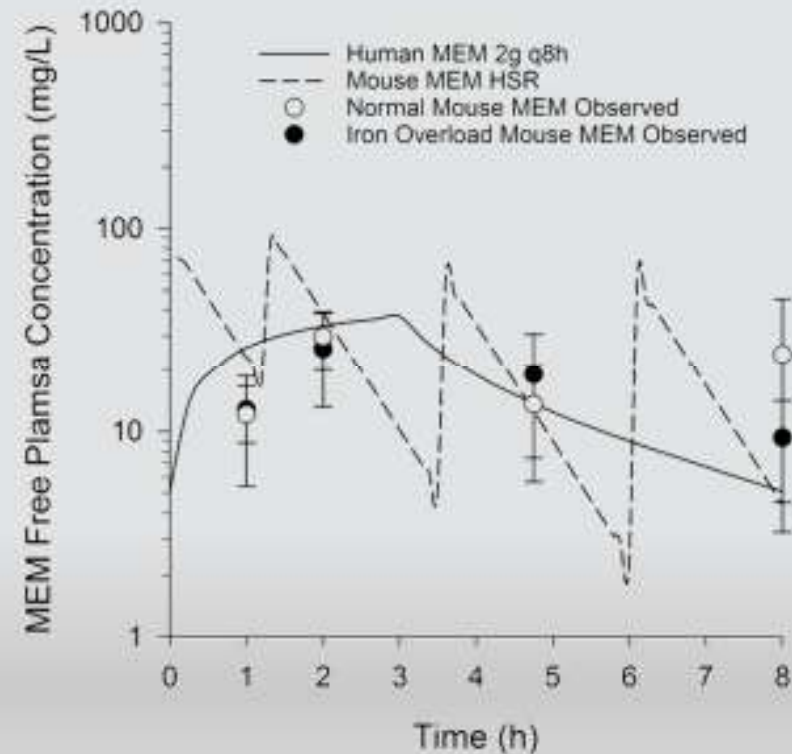
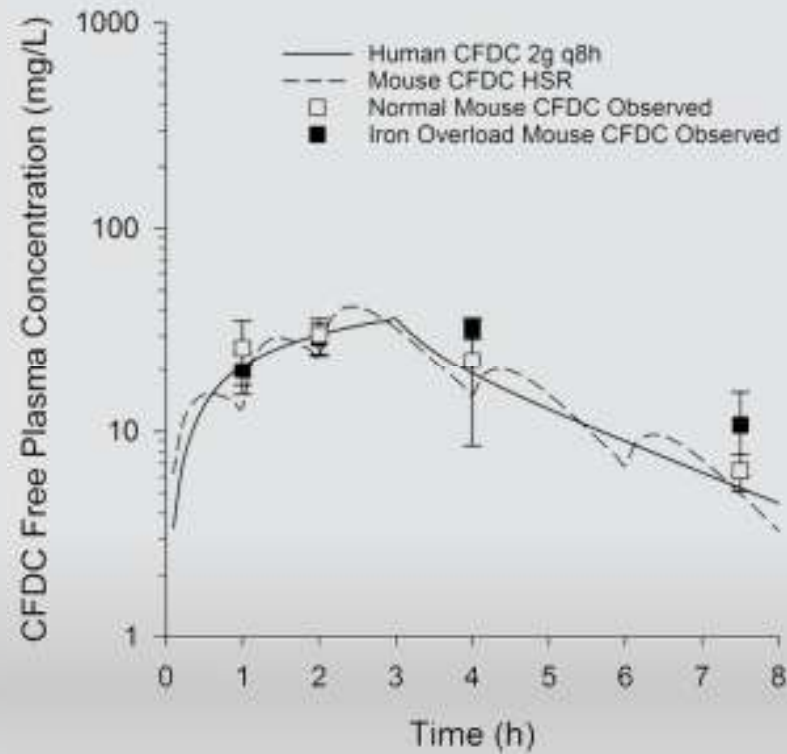


14 Days of Iron Dextran Vastly Increases Tissue Iron



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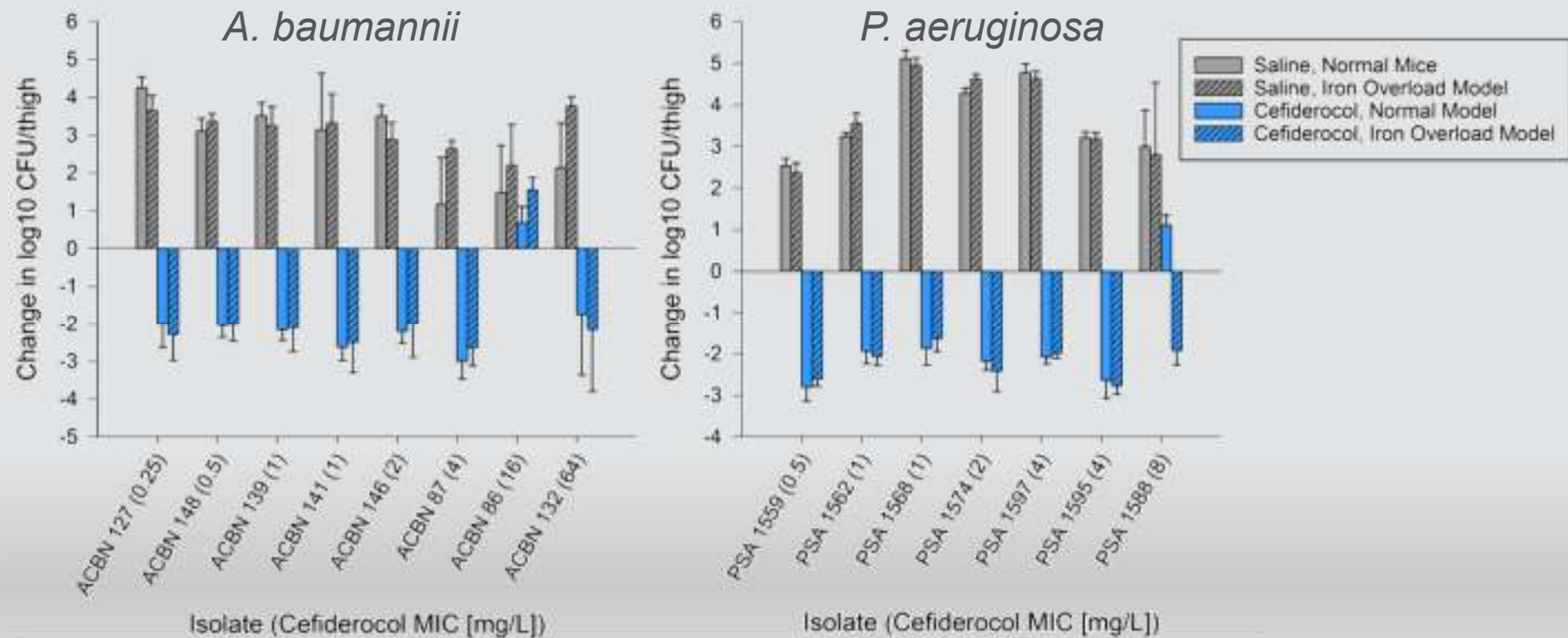
Iron Overload Does Not Alter PK of CFDC or MEM



CFDC: Cefiderocol
MEM: Meropenem
HSR: Human-Simulated Regimen

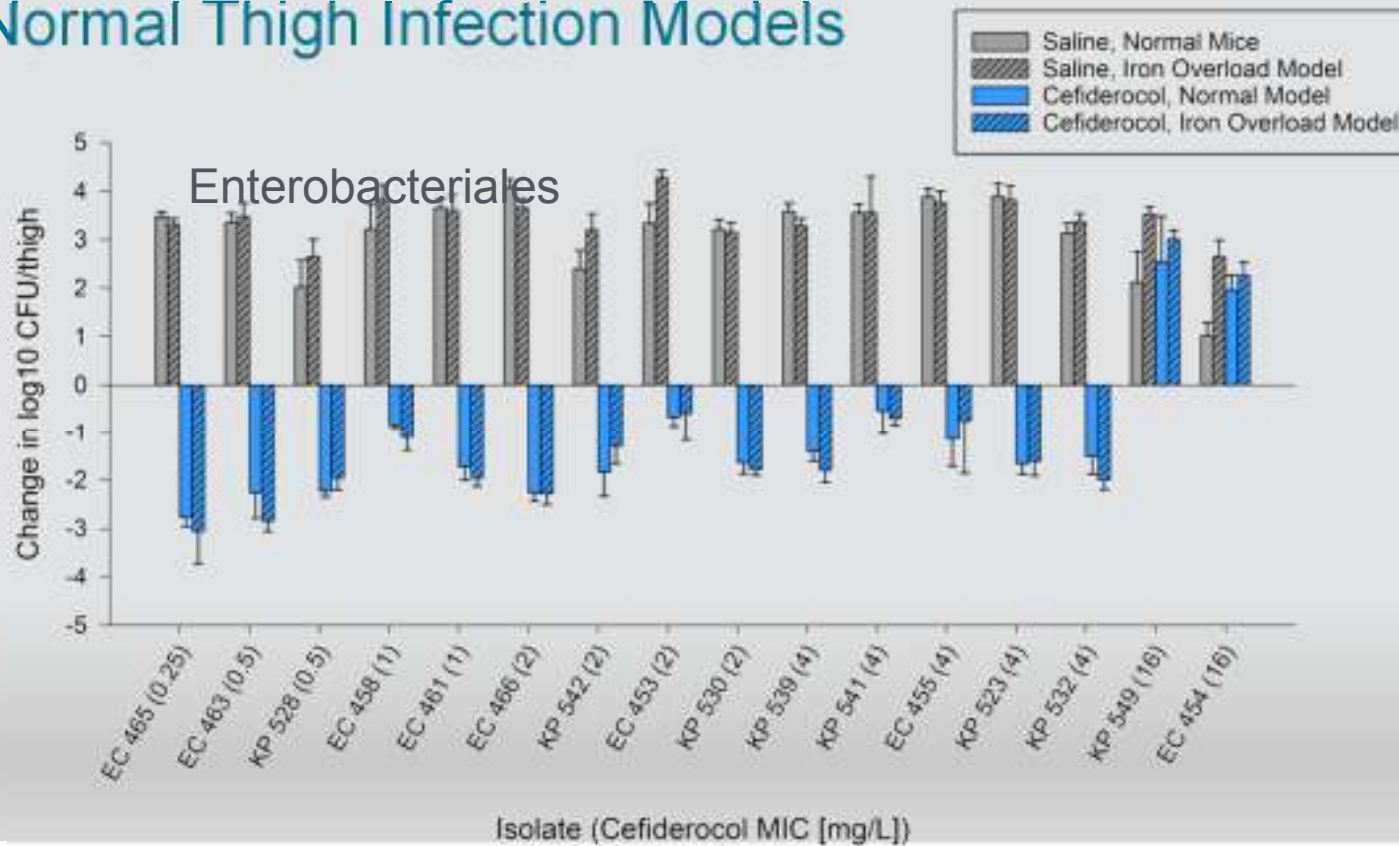
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