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- 45 **Abstract**
- Dalbavancin is a glycopeptide antibiotic with a long half-life, recently marketed in Europe for
- 47 skin and soft tissue infections (SSTI), but real-life use is not well-known. We aimed to
- describe all first prescriptions in France over an 18-month period.
- 49 We performed a retrospective study on all adult patients who received at least one dose of
- dalbavancin from July 1st, 2017 to September 31st, 2018. Data were collected thanks to a
- 51 standard questionnaire. Failure was defined as: persistent or reappearance of signs of
- infection; and/or switch to suppressive antibiotic treatment; and/or death from infection.
- We included 75 patients from 29 French hospitals.
- Main indications were bone and joint infections (BJIs) (64.0%), endocarditis (25.3%), and
- 55 SSTIs (17.3%).
- Main bacteria involved were: Staphylococcus aureus (51.4%), including methicillin-resistant
- 57 S. aureus (MRSA) (19.4%); and coagulase-negative staphylococci (CNS) (44.4%).
- 58 Median MICs for staphylococci to vancomycin and dalbavancin ranged from 0.875 mg/L to
- 59 2.0 mg/L, and 0.040 mg/L to 0.064 mg/L, respectively.
- Dalbavancin was used after a mean of  $2.3 \pm 1.2$  lines of antimicrobial treatment.
- 61 Main treatment regimens for dalbavancin were a weekly 2-dose regimen (1500mg each) in
- 62 38 (53.2%) cases, and a single-dose regimen (1500mg) in 13 (18.3%) cases.
- Overall, at the patients' last visit, clinical cure was observed in 54/72 patients, while failure
- was found in 14/72 patients.
- 65 First uses of dalbavancin in France were mostly off-label. Most of them were due to BJIs, and
- often as rescue therapy for severe infections. Even in off-label situations, dalbavancin seems
- safe and effective.
- 68 **Keywords:** dalbavancin; off-label; bone and joint infection; endocarditis; staphylococci

#### 69 **1.** Introduction

- 70 Dalbavancin is a novel long-lasting glycopeptide approved for the treatment of skin and soft
- 71 tissue infections (SSTIs) as an infusion in a single dose (1500 mg IV) or as 2 doses (1000 mg IV
- 72 followed by 500 mg IV 7 days later) [1,2].
- 73 It has an excellent bactericidal activity against Gram-positive bacteria, especially
- 74 Staphylococcus aureus, and a prolonged half-life of 14 to 15 days [3,4]. Its unique
- 75 pharmacokinetic properties enable the treatment of serious infections as bone and joint
- 76 infection (BJI) [5].

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- 77 But few data on its current use is available since it has been marketed.
- 78 The objective of this study was to describe a national cohort comprising the first
- 79 prescriptions of dalbavancin in the 18 months following access market in France.

#### 2. Material and methods

- We performed a national retrospective study of all adult patients who received at least one
- dose of dalbavancin from July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 to September 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018.
- 84 Standardized questionnaires were sent to the prescribers to collect patients' baseline
- characteristics, infection's type and management, identification of pathogens involved,
- 86 reasons for dalbavancin use, doses and duration of dalbavancin treatment, adverse drug
- 87 reactions (ADRs), and outcome.
- No patient included in the study expressed opposition to the use of clinical data in this
- 89 retrospective study. The research was conducted in accordance with the Declaration of
- 90 Helsinki and national and institutional standards.

- 91 Immunosuppression was defined as: asplenia, neutropenia, agammaglobulinemia, organ
- 92 transplant, hematologic malignancies, known HIV and CD4<400/mm3, or Child-Pugh class C
- 93 cirrhosis.
- 94 Were considered as immunosuppressive treatment: corticosteroid if daily dose > 20mg of
- 95 prednisolone equivalent, chemotherapy or immunosuppressive treatment, such as
- 96 cyclophosphamide, azathioprine, and cyclosporine.
- 97 Liver failure was defined by a factor  $V \le 50\%$  and/or hepatic encephalopathy.
- 98 Disseminated disease was considered when, at least, two different sites were infected.
- 99 Minimum inhibitory concentrations (MIC) of dalbavancin and vancomycin were obtained
- with the agar dilution susceptibility method or the broth microdilution procedure, according
- to local procedure. The breakpoints used were those defined by the French Committee for
- 102 Antimicrobial Susceptibility Testing (CA-SFM) [6].
- 103 Outcome was evaluated by the investigators at the patients' latest visit after completion of
- their dalbavancin treatment. In case of suppressive treatment by dalbavancin, outcome was
- 105 evaluated at the latest control visit.
- 106 Clinical cure was defined as the absence of clinical signs of infection and was confirmed by
- the physician on charge.
- Failure was defined as a composite of the following criteria: persistent or reappearance of
- signs of infection with or without microbiological identification; and/or switch to suppressive
- antibiotic treatment; and/or death from infection.
- 111 Quantitative variables are presented as mean and standard deviation (SD), or median and
- interquartile range (IQR). Qualitative variables are presented as number of occurrences and
- relative frequencies. All analyses were performed using the SPSS 17.0 software (SPSS Inc,
- 114 Chicago, IL, USA).

#### **3. Results**

- Overall, 75 patients from 29 French hospitals were included in the study.
- Demographic and baseline characteristics of the study population are shown in Table 1.
- 118 The main types of infection treated by dalbavancin were: bone and joint infections (BJI)
- 119 (64.0%), endocarditis (25.3%), skin and soft tissue infections (SSTI) (17.3%). Concomitant
- bacteraemia to infections was reported in 38 patients (50.7%).
- 121 Of the 72 documented infections (Table 1), 25 (34.7%) were polymicrobial. The main Gram-
- positive pathogens identified were: *S. aureus* (n=37; 51.4%), including methicillin-resistant *S.*
- aureus (MRSA) (n=14; 19.4%); coagulase-negative staphylococci (CNS) (n=32; 44.4%).
- 124 The median minimum inhibitory concentrations (MIC) of dalbavancin depending on the
- bacteria were: 0.064 mg/L (IQR 0.051-0.064) for *S. aureus* and MRSA, 0.047 mg/L (IQR 0.047-
- 126 0.064) for methicillin-susceptible S. aureus (MSSA), 0.047 mg/L (IQR 0.025-0.064) for S.
- 127 epidermidis, and 0.032 mg/L (IQR 0.023-0.064) for methicillin-resistant *S. epidermidis*
- 128 (MRSE).
- 129 The median MICs of vancomycin depending on the bacteria were: 1.0 mg/L (IQR 0.094-1.0)
- 130 for *S. aureus*, 0.875 mg/L (IQR 0.173-1.375) for MRSA, 1.0 mg/L (IQR 0.297-1.0) for MSSA, 2.0
- mg/L (IQR 1.125-2.0) for *S. epidermidis*, and 2.0 mg/L (IQR 1.675-2.0) for MRSE.
- Among our patients, 74 (98.7%) had received a prior antibiotic treatment, with a mean of 2.3
- 133 ±1.2 lines (range 1-8).
- The most common antimicrobials prescribed were: rifampin (n=21; 28.4%), daptomycin
- 135 (n=20; 27.0%), linezolid (n=19; 25.7%), fluoroquinolones (n=19; 25.7%), vancomycin (n=17;
- 23.0%), clindamycin (n=16; 21.6%), and cefazolin (n=16; 21.6%).
- 137 Median duration of previous antibiotic therapy was 22.5 days (IQR 14.3-39.8).
- 138 Main reasons for switching to dalbavancin treatment are also described in Table 1.

139 Several dalbavancin treatment regimens were recorded and are presented in Table 2, with 140 dosing regimens according to the site of infection. 141 Concomitant antibiotics were used with dalbavancin for 34 (45.3%) patients. The most 142 frequently antibiotics used were rifampicin (n=12; 35.3%), sulfamethoxazole-trimethoprim 143 (n=10, 29.4%), fluoroquinolones and tetracyclines (n=6; 17.6%, each). 144 Outcomes in total and according to type of infection are shown in Table 2. Overall, at the 145 patients' last visit, with a mean follow-up duration of 87.8 ± 86.9 days, clinical cure with 146 dalbavancin was observed in 54/72 patients. Failure was found in 14/72 patients. Nine 147 patients received an antibiotic suppressive treatment after the end of their dalbavancin 148 treatment. Two patients died from their infections. Also, 2 microbiological failures were 149 reported, and 1 clinical failure was not microbiologically documented (endocarditis). Finally, 150 4 patients died from non-infectious causes, 1 patient was lost to follow-up, and 2 patients 151 were initially misdiagnosed, and their antibiotic treatments were either altered or 152 discontinued. 153 Main dalbavancin treatment regimens among cured patients were: two 1500 mg injections 154 with a 7-day interval (n=26; 48.2%), or a 14-day interval (n=6; 11.1%); and a single 1500 mg 155 injection (n=7; 13.0%). 156 After patient's discharge from the hospital, dalbavancin was administered in outpatient 157 parenteral antimicrobial therapy (OPAT) setting (n=37; 49.3%). 158 Only 5 ADRs were reported, without any dalbavancin treatment discontinuation. Two ADRs 159 concurred with hypersensitivity to dalbavancin (erythematous rash; chills and fever after the 160 first infusion). One patient suffered from headaches. An increase in eosinophils level was 161 also reported, which was self-resolving. Lastly, one patient had local inflammatory signs 162 after a single infusion of 1500 mg dalbavancin.

#### 4. <u>Discussion</u>

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- Dalbavancin is a novel antibiotic with a long half-life, which received its label for SSTI.
- 165 Few recent studies present the experience of dalbavancin in some specific indications, e.g.
- osteomyelitis or endocarditis [5,7]. One study focused on real-life experience of dalbavancin,
- but not with a national scale and not since the very beginning of market access [8].
- 168 The originality of this study is to describe the first use, since dalbavancin is available, in real
- 169 life, at a national level.
- Our study results show a high off-label use, with only 4 (5.3%) patients receiving dalbavancin
- as approved. They suggest that dalbavancin is a well-tolerated and effective treatment for
- different Gram-positive infections, especially those with off-label indications. Global cure
- 173 rate was high (79.4%), despite dalbavancin being mostly used as salvage therapy.
- 174 A substantial proportion of our patients presented with BJIs.
- 175 Regarding BJIs, a randomized controlled trial recently compared dalbavancin versus standard
- of care and reported a good efficacy with two 1500 mg IV injections of dalbavancin [5].
- 177 In literature, dalbavancin is associated with a high rate of clinical success (from 78% to 97%)
- in this indication as in our study [5,8–12].
- Our study also included 19 cases of endocarditis with a 73.2% cure rate.
- 180 A recent study shows high efficacy of dalbavancin in first line or as salvage therapy during
- 181 endocarditis [7].
- However, it should be noted that most of these patients (88.9%) received dalbavancin as
- 183 salvage therapy.
- Overall, the optimal scheme of administration is still under debate in literature [5,8–
- 185 12,7,13,14].

186 The most prescribed regimen in our study was 1500 mg on day 1 and day 8, but it seems that 187 other regimens, such as 1500 mg twice with a 14-day interval or a single 1500 mg injection 188 are also effective, whatever the indication. 189 These dosages (1500mg) are higher than those used in the pivotal trial which included only 190 SSTI [15]. Indeed, data on 1500mg dosages at day 1 and 8 were supported by clinical studies 191 on BJI [5]. Nonetheless, more data on optimal dosages are still warranted. 192 Also, in our study, dalbavancin was used in combination in 34 cases with low cure rate 193 (66.7%), whereas the cure rate was 91.4% when it was used in monotherapy. 194 The need for combination during dalbavancin treatment is still discussed in the literature. 195 One previous study reported that > 35% of patients received combination treatment with a 196 worst clinical course than in our study [8]. It could probably be due to the severity of the 197 disease, thus physicians are more prone to prescribe combination therapy. 198 In a foreign-body infection experimental model with MRSA, the activity of dalbavancin, in 199 combination with rifampicin, was superior to dalbavancin alone and prevented from 200 emergence of rifampicin resistance [16]. So, the benefit of combination therapy with 201 dalbavancin, according to indications and microorganism involved, needs to be further 202 evaluated with interventional clinical studies. 203 Median MIC for staphylococci to vancomycin and dalbavancin ranged from 0.875 mg/L to 2.0 mg/L, and 0.032 mg/L to 0.064 mg/L, respectively. This underlines its efficacy even in cases 204 205 of resistant bacteria to vancomycin. 206 Lastly, the number of reported ADRs in this study was similar to what is found in literature 207 [5,8–12,7,13,14]. Therefore, in our study, dalbavancin demonstrated an excellent safety 208 profile, which is consistent with the results from a previous safety analysis [17].

- 209 There are several limitations of this study: the small number of patients and the
- 210 retrospective nature of the analysis and absence of long-term follow-up.

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212 5. Conclusions 213 In our experience, dalbavancin was used mainly in off-label indications, and often as rescue 214 therapy for severe infections. Even in these situations, dalbavancin seems safe and effective. 215 216 **Acknowledgments:** 217 The authors acknowledge as co-authors all of the following Dalbavancin French study group 218 members: 219 Chandra Adjodah (Montreuil-sur-mer), Nicolas Baclet (Lille), Odile Bouchard (Avignon), 220 David Boutoille (Nantes), Guillaume Brunin (Boulogne-sur-Mer), Daniel Carbognani 221 (Perpignan), Pierre Delobel (Toulouse), Hélène Ferrand (Libourne), Yves Imbert (Agen), 222 Sophie Leautez-Nainville (La-Roche-sur-Yon), Vincent Le Moing (Montpellier), Bouchra Loutfi 223 (Mont-de-Marsan), Natacha Mrozek (Clermont-Ferrand), Nicolas Rouzic (Lorient), Jean-224 Philippe Talarmin (Quimper), Pierre Tattevin (Rennes), Pierre Weyrich (Lille). 225 226 **Declarations** 227 Funding: No funding 228 **Competing Interests: None** 229 **Ethical Approval**: Not required 230 231

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<u>Table 1:</u> Study patients' demography, baseline characteristics, and description of dalbavancin use

|                                    | N = 75      |
|------------------------------------|-------------|
| Age (years, mean, SD)              | 63.1 ± 17.0 |
| Sex ratio (M/F)                    | 2.26        |
| Hospitalization                    |             |
| Length of stay (d, mean, SD)       | 25.2 ± 25.8 |
| Hospital ward (n, %)               |             |
| Intensive care unit (ICU)          | 6 (8.0)     |
| Medecine                           | 64 (85.3)   |
| Surgery                            | 7 (9.3)     |
| Other                              | 3 (4.0)     |
| Comorbidities (n, %)               |             |
| Chronic respiratory failure        | 6 (8.0)     |
| Heart failure                      | 28 (37.3)   |
| Chronic renal failure              | 10 (13.3)   |
| Liver failure                      | 7 (9.3)     |
| Neurological disease               | 15 (20.0)   |
| Immunosuppression                  | 25 (33.3)   |
| Blood disorder                     | 3 (4.0)     |
| Chemotherapy                       | 4 (5.3)     |
| Immunosuppressive treatment        | 5 (6.7)     |
| Corticotherapy (> 20 mg/L per day) | 2 (2.7)     |
| Diabetes mellitus                  | 19 (25.3)   |
| Organ transplant                   | 1 (1.3)     |
| Renal clearance (mL/min, mean, SD) | 90.8 ± 42.5 |
| Allergy to antibiotics             | 9 (12.0)    |
| Before hospitalization (n, %)      |             |
| Outpatient                         | 56 (74.7)   |
| Institutionalized                  | 6 (8.0)     |
| Other hospital                     | 11 (14.7)   |
| Site of infection (n, %)           |             |
| Disseminated disease               | 19 (25.3)   |
| Bone and joint infection           | 48 (64.0)   |
| Endocarditis                       | 19 (25.3)   |
| Native valve                       | 9 (12.0)    |
| Prosthetic valve                   | 10 (13.3)   |
| Skin and soft tissue infection     | 13 (17.3)   |
| Vascular infection                 | 5 (6.7)     |
| Catheter-line infection            | 4 (5.3)     |
| Bloodstream infection              | 3 (4.0)     |
| Mediastinitis                      | 2 (2.7)     |
| Severity (n, %)                    |             |
| Septic shock                       | 6 (8.0)     |
| ICU admission during episode       | 7 (9.3)     |
| Mechanical ventilation             | 2 (2.7)     |

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| Enterococcus faecalis 5 (6.9)  |
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| Corynebacterium sp. 5 (6.9)  |
| Reason for Dalbavancin use (n, %)  |
| Clinical failure of previous antibiotic treatment 16 (21.3)  |
| Microbiological failure of previous antibiotic treatment 4 (5.3)   |
| Adverse event of previous antibiotic treatment 26 (34.7)   |
| Multidrug-resistant bacteria 17 (22.7)   |
| Impossible venous access 18 (24.0)   |
| Patient's autonomy 29 (38.7)   |
| Early hospital discharge 26 (34.7)   |
| Better compliance 21 (28.0)  |

Y: year; d: days; SD: standard deviation; M: male; F: female; DAIR: debridement, antibiotics and implant retention

<u>Table 2</u>: Dalbavancin dosing regimen and patients' outcome in total and according to site of infection

|                                | TOTAL<br>(n=75) | BJI<br>(n=48) | Endocarditis<br>(n=19) | SSTI<br>(n=13) | Vascular infection (n=5) | CLI<br>(n=4) | BSI<br>(n=3) | Mediastinitis (n=2) |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|---------------|------------------------|----------------|--------------------------|--------------|--------------|---------------------|
| Dalbavancin dosing regimen (n) |                 |               |                        |                |                          |              |              |                     |
| 1 dose                         | 15              | 5             | 2                      | 5              | 1                        | 3            | 2            | 0                   |
| 1 g                            | 2               | 1             | 0                      | 1              | 0                        | 1            | 0            | 0                   |
| 1.5 g                          | 13              | 4             | 2                      | 4              | 1                        | 2            | 2            | 0                   |
| 2 doses                        | 44              | 34            | 11                     | 7              | 2                        | 1            | 1            | 1                   |
| Unknown                        | 2               | 0             | 2                      | 0              | 0                        | 0            | 0            | 0                   |
| 7-day interval                 |                 |               |                        |                |                          |              |              |                     |
| 1 g - 0.5 g                    | 1               | 0             | 0                      | 0              | 1                        | 0            | 0            | 0                   |
| 1 g x2                         | 1               | 1             | 0                      | 0              | 0                        | 0            | 0            | 0                   |
| 1.5 g x2                       | 31              | 29            | 5                      | 5              | 0                        | 0            | 1            | 1                   |
| 14-day interval                |                 |               |                        |                |                          |              |              |                     |
| 1.5 g - 1 g                    | 1               | 1             | 1                      | 0              | 0                        | 0            | 0            | 0                   |
| 1.5 g x2                       | 7               | 2             | 3                      | 2              | 1                        | 1            | 0            | 0                   |
| 21-day interval                |                 |               |                        |                |                          |              |              |                     |
| 1.5 g - 0.5 g                  | 1               | 1             | 0                      | 0              | 0                        | 0            | 0            | 0                   |
| 3 doses                        | 2               | 1             | 1                      | 0              | 0                        | 0            | 0            | 0                   |
| 7-day interval                 |                 |               |                        |                |                          |              |              |                     |
| 1.5 g - 0.5 g x2               | 1               | 0             | 1                      | 0              | 0                        | 0            | 0            | 0                   |
| 1.5 g x3                       | 1               | 1             | 0                      | 0              | 0                        | 0            | 0            | 0                   |
| 4 doses                        | 4               | 3             | 1                      | 1              | 0                        | 0            | 0            | 0                   |
| 7-day interval                 |                 |               |                        |                |                          |              |              |                     |
| 1.5 g x4                       | 1*              | 0             | 0                      | 0              | 0                        | 0            | 0            | 0                   |
| 14-day interval                |                 |               |                        |                |                          |              |              |                     |
| 1 g - 0.5 g x3                 | 2               | 2             | 0                      | 0              | 0                        | 0            | 0            | 0                   |
| 1.5 g x4                       | 1               | 1             | 1                      | 1              | 0                        | 0            | 0            | 0                   |
| > 4 doses (max 10)             | 5               | 3             | 1                      | 0              | 2                        | 0            | 0            | 0                   |
| 7-day interval                 |                 |               |                        |                |                          |              |              |                     |
| 1 g - 0.5 g xN                 | 1               | 1             | 0                      | 0              | 0                        | 0            | 0            | 0                   |
| 1.5 g - 0.5 g xN               | 1               | 1             | 0                      | 0              | 0                        | 0            | 0            | 0                   |
| 14-day interval                |                 |               |                        |                |                          |              |              |                     |
| 1 g - 0.5 g xN                 | 2               | 1             | 1                      | 0              | 1                        | 0            | 0            | 0                   |
| 1.5 g xN                       | 1               | 0             | 0                      | 0              | 1                        | 0            | 0            | 0                   |
| Suppressive                    | 3               | 2             | 1                      | 0              | 0                        | 0            | 0            | 1                   |
| 21-day interval                |                 |               |                        |                |                          |              |              |                     |
| 1.5 g - 0.5 g xN               | 1               | 1             | 0                      | 0              | 0                        | 0            | 0            | 0                   |
| 1.5 g x3 - 0.5 g xN            | 1               | 1             | 0                      | 0              | 0                        | 0            | 0            | 0                   |
| 1.5 g xN                       | 1               | 0             | 1                      | 0              | 0                        | 0            | 0            | 1                   |
| Outcome at last visit*         | * (n, %)        |               |                        |                |                          |              |              |                     |
| Cure                           | 54/68           | 35/46         | 13/18                  | 9/11           | 5/5                      | 2/2          | 1/1          | 1/2                 |

|                        | (79.4) | (76.1) | (72.2)      | (81.8)  | (100)  | (100)  | (100)  | (50.0) |
|------------------------|--------|--------|-------------|---------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Egiluro                | 14/68  | 11/46  | 5/18        | 2/11    | 0 (0)  | 0 (0)  | 0 (0)  | 1/2    |
| Failure                | (20.6) | (23.9) | (27.8)      | (18.2)  |        |        |        | (50.0) |
| Delay since first dose | 87.8 ± | 80.0 ± | 07.0 ± 00.7 | 102.8 ± | 88.0 ± | 36.0 ± | 82.5 ± | 100    |
| (d, mean, SD)          | 86.9   | 73.9   | 97.9 ± 99.7 | 96.6    | 81.1   | 26.9   | 27.6   | 182    |

<sup>\*1</sup> patient with other indication

BJI: Bone and joint infection; BSI: Bloodstream infection; CLI: Catheter-line infection; SSTI: Skin and soft tissue infection; d: Day; SD: Standard deviation

<sup>\*\*</sup> Patients lost to follow-up, who died from non-infectious causes, or misdiagnosed are excluded.