patients were treated with intravenous (IV) antibiotics for two weeks at home (Group A) and 15 patients received IV treatment in the hospital (Group B). The two groups did not differ in baseline disease severity (Schwachman score), age, lung function and quality of life.

Table 1: Baseline characteristics of the 35 stable pediatric patients with cystic fibrosis that participated in this prospective study. Twenty

| Group characteristics | Group A (Home care) n =20 | Group B (Hospital) n =15 | p value | |
|-----------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------|--|
| Shwachman score | 76 (46-100) | 74 (42-94) | 0.46 | |
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|-----------------------|-------------|------------|---------|
| Shwachman score | 76 (46-100) | 74 (42-94) | 0.46 |
| Age, years | 12.6 (±7) | 12.7 (±6) | 0.85 |
| | | | |

BMI (kg/m²) $18.32 (\pm 3.42)$ $18.98 (\pm 3.2)$ 0.58

Values are given as median (with range in brackets) or mean (± standard deviation in brackets), FEV,: Forced Expiratory Volume in one second,

 $51.8 (\pm 10)$

FEV1 (%) $87.2 (\pm 8.1)$

DISABKIDS (QoL) score

BMI: body mass index, OoL: quality of life.

 $78.83 (\pm 7.2)$

 $53.2 (\pm 11)$

0.54 0.35