Table 1: Patient characteristics, clinical results and severe outcomes of 17 202 adults diagnosed with health careassociated
Clostridium difficile infection from 2009 to 2015\*

| **Variable** | **2009-2015** |
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| **Year-round surveillance** |  |
| No. of patients | 17,202 |
| Sex, female, no. (%) | 8,511 (49.5) |
| Age, yr, mean ± SD | 69.2±16.8 |
| Age group, yr, no. (%) |  |
| 18-64 | 5,878 (34.2) |
| >65 | 11,311 (65.8) |
| Time to C. difficile test from the date of admission, days, median (IQR) | 12 (6-26) |
| **March and April targeted surveillance** |  |
| No. of cases | 3,684 |
| Clinical results |  |
| Temperature, °C, mean ± SD | 37.1±0.8 |
| Leukocyte count, x109/L, median (IQR) | 12.8±20.1 |