**Table D-3b. Intervention characteristics of studies evaluating antibiotics for the treatment chronic venous ulcers**

| **Author, year** | **Compression** | **Antibiotics used** | **Duration of intervention** |
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| **Alinovi, 1986**[**82**](#_ENREF_82) | Bandages; merbromin 2% solution to ulcer surface, thin layer of dipropionate 0.05% cream on whole leg except ulcer and 2cm perilesional, gauze impregnated with zinc oxide and ichthammol, stocking | NA | 10 days |
| **Alinovi, 1986**[**82**](#_ENREF_82) | Bandages; merbromin 2% solution to ulcer surface, thin layer of dipropionate 0.05% cream on whole leg except ulcer and 2cm perilesional, gauze impregnated with zinc oxide and ichthammol, stocking | systemic antibiotics, selected by sensitivity test | 10 days |
| **Huovinen, 1994**[**57**](#_ENREF_57) | encouraged to use Coprilan elastic bandage and local therapy (Varitube sock and 0.2 g zinc in 1g potrlatum-parrafin-based ointment) | Placebo (twice daily) | 12 weeks |
| **Huovinen, 1994**[**57**](#_ENREF_57) | encouraged to use Coprilan elastic bandage and local therapy (Varitube sock and 0.2 g zinc in 1g potrlatum-parrafin-based ointment) | Ciprofloxacin (750 mg twice daily) or tripethoprim (160 mg twice daily) | 12 weeks |