Patients enrolled (N = 88)

Lactulose (N = 44)

Safety population (N = 44)

ITT population (N = 44)

Poor compliance: 3, Forbidden medication: 2

PP population (N = 39)

PEG 4000 (N = 44)

Safety population (N = 44)

ITT population (N = 43)

Loss to follow-up: 1, Poor compliance: 3, Randomisation error: 1

PP population (N = 38)

No efficacy measure: 1