

Supplementary Table 3 Microorganisms isolated by standard culture, ESwab culture, or both

Bacteria	Isolated by both standard and ESwab culture	Isolated by standard culture only	Isolated by indirect inoculation of ESwab sample only
<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> (n=6)	1	4	1
Coagulase-negative staphylococci (n=62)	14 ^a	22 ^b	26 ^c
<i>Streptococcus pneumoniae</i> (n=1)	1	0	0
<i>Streptococcus mitis</i> (n=1)	1	0	0
<i>Corynebacterium</i> spp. (n=24)	11 ^d	10 ^e	3 ^f
<i>Micrococcus</i> spp. (n=1)	0	1	0
<i>Micrococcus luteus</i> (n=1)	0	1	0
<i>Nocardia</i> sp. (n=1)	1	0	0
<i>Brachy bacterium</i> spp. (n=1)	0	1	0
Gram-positive rod (n=1)	0	0	1
Total Gram-positive (n=99)	29	39	31
<i>Haemophilus parainfluenzae</i> (n=2)	1	0	1
<i>Moraxella nonliquefaciens</i> (n=2)	1	0	1
<i>Moraxella</i> spp. (n=1)	1	0	0
<i>Enterococcus faecalis</i> (n=3)	2	1	0
<i>Enterobacter cloacae</i> (n=1)	0	0	1
<i>Pantoea septica</i> (n=2)	0	1	1
<i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i> (n=3)	2	1	0
<i>Serratia marcescens</i> (n=1)	0	0	1
Total Gram-negative (n=15)	7	3	5
<i>Cutibacterium acnes</i> (n=36)	8	9	19
<i>Cutibacterium avidum</i> (n=1)	0	0	1
<i>Veionella parvula</i> (n=1)	0	1	0
Total anaerobes (n=38)	8	10	20
Total bacteria (n=152)	44	52	56
<i>Candida albicans</i> (n=1)	0	1	0
<i>Cladosporium</i> spp. (n=1)	0	1	0

^a *S. epidermidis* (n=9), *S. capitis* (n=3), *S. lugdunensis* (n=1), *S. warneri* (n=1). ^b *S. epidermidis* (n=18), *S. capitis* (n=3), *S. hominis* (n=1). ^c *S. epidermidis* (n=17), *S. capitis* (n=2), *S. lugdunensis* (n=2), *S. saccharolyticus* (n=1), *S. haemolyticus* (n=1), *S. simulans* (n=1), *S. warneri* (n=1), CoNS – no further identified (n=1). ^d *C. macginleyi* (n=8), *C. propinquum* (n=1), *C. mastitidis* (n=1), *Corynebacterium* spp. (n=1). ^e *C. macginleyi* (n=5), *C. tuberculostearicum* (n=1), *C. accolens* (n=1), *C. bovis* (n=1), *C. pseudodiphtheriticum* (n=1), *Corynebacterium* spp. (n=1). ^f *C. macginleyi* (n=2), *C. accolens* (n=1).

