

Table I. Patient characteristics and outcome of treatment

Patient number	Age	Gender	Result after one month*	Result after six month*	Time in month with MRSA carriage before treatment	Type of MRSA
1	32	Male	Pos	-	2	CC** 22, t*** 5168
2	32	Female	Neg	Neg	4	CC 398, t 034
3	76	Female	Neg	Pos	4	CC un****, t 15034
4	65	Male	Neg	Neg	5	CC 7, t 091
5	31	Male	Neg	Neg	16	CC 72, t 127
6	46	Male	Neg	Pos	10	CC 398, t un
7	71	Female	Neg	Neg	3	CC 5, t 105
8	45	Female	Neg	Pos	3	CC 7, t 205
9	59	Female	Neg	Neg	3	CC 22, t 223
10	50	Female	Pos	-	18	CC 8, t304
11	24	Female	Neg	Pos	6	CC 398, t un
12	57	Female	Neg	Pos	4	CC 398, t un
13	36	Female	Neg	Neg	14	CC 54, t 437
14	26	Female	Neg	Pos	8	CC 72, t 148
15	71	Female	Neg	Pos	24	CC 88, t 5147
16	73	Male	Pos	-	4	CC 398, t un
17	58	Male	Neg	Neg	3	CC 22, t 005
18	76	Male	Neg	Pos	2	CC 77, t 148
19	57	Male*****	-	-	2	CC97, t 267
20	25	Female*****	-	-	4	CC 88, t 4045

*: Pos/Neg: Samples from throat are positive/negative for Methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus*. None of the patients had a positive sample from the nose.

** Clonal Complex

*** Typing of spa genes

**** Unable to determine

*****: Patient excluded due to lack of compliance to the treatment protocol

*****: Patient excluded due to development of skin abscess and hordeolum. The patient had suffered from this before, but was without any symptoms at inclusion