

Table 3 Results of direct cefoxitin disk diffusion (CFDD) test on MecA-positive and MecA-negative *Staphylococcus aureus* and coagulase-negative staphylococci compared with standard microbiological methods

Standard method results	CFDD results (no. of isolates) for cefoxitin zone diameters:										
	≤ 16 mm	17 mm	18 mm	19 mm	20 mm	21 mm	22 mm	23 mm	24 mm	25 mm	≥ 26 mm
MRSA (n = 19)	6	2	3	4	2	2	0	0	0	0	0
MSSA (n = 17)	0	0	0	0	1	2	2	1	3	2	6
MRCoNS (n = 12)	3	0	3	2	0	2	1	0	1	0	0
MSCoNS (n = 9)	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	2	3

n = total number of isolates tested.

MRSA = methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus*; MSSA = methicillin-sensitive *S. aureus*; MRCoNS = methicillin-resistant coagulase-negative staphylococci; MSCoNS = methicillin-sensitive coagulase-negative staphylococci.