

Table 2 Infection pathway, pathogen and vegetation characteristics

Infection pathway; n (%)	
Oral	13 (25)
Skin	4 (8)
Urinary tract	3 (6)
Others	4 (8)
Unknown	28 (53)
Causative pathogen; n (%)	
Staphylococcus aureus	7 (13)
Other staphylococci	6 (12)
Streptococci	14 (27)
Enterococcus faecalis	5 (10)
Others	9 (17)
Unknown	11 (21)
Vegetation localization; n (%)	
MV	32 (61)
AV	13 (25)
MV+AV	2 (4)
Prosthetic valve	2 (4)
None	3 (6)
Maximum vegetation length>10 mm; n (%)	20 (38)

MV: mitral valve, AV: aortic valve