

**Table I.** Pathogens identified in patients with deep sternal infections following open heart surgery in Iceland 1997-2004. Modified from ref. 7.

	No. of cases (%)
Gram positive bacteria	
<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>	16 (39)
Coagulase negative staphylococci	10 (24)
Other	4 (15)
Gram negative rods	4 (10)
Candida species	2 (5)
No pathogens identified	3 (7)