

Table II. CDC criteria for the diagnosis of DSWI (Horan et al., 2008).

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| i) | Organisms cultured from mediastinal tissue or fluid obtained during a surgical operation or needle aspiration |
| ii) | Evidence of mediastinitis seen during a surgical operation or histopathological examination |
| iii) | At least one of the following signs or symptoms with no other recognized cause: fever ($> 38^{\circ}\text{C}$), chest pain, or sternal instability and at least 1 of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) purulent discharge from mediastinal areab) organisms cultured from blood, or discharge from mediastinal areac) mediastinal widening on X-ray |
