

Erratum to: Impact of Preoperative MRSA Screening and Decolonization on Hospital-acquired MRSA Burden

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In the *Questions/Purposes* section of the abstract, the text is incorrect as published. It should read: The purposes of this study were (1) to determine the MRSA prevalence density rate at a specialty orthopaedic hospital before and after the implementation of a screening and decolonization protocol, (2) to compare our prevalence density to that of an affiliated university hospital, to control for changes in MRSA prevalence density that might have been independent of the decolonization protocol, and (3) to measure the admission prevalence density rate of MRSA in an elective orthopaedic surgery population and the compliance rate of 26 patients with the protocol.

In addition, Tables 1 and 2 in the Results section are incorrect as published. The corrected versions of the tables are below:

The authors apologize for these errors.

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Table 1. Sources of *Staphylococcus aureus* isolates before and after the implementation of screening and decolonization protocol

Culture site	Baseline		Postimplementation	
	Orthopaedic hospital (n)	University hospital (n)	Orthopaedic hospital (n)	University hospital (n)
Blood	2 (1%)	52 (6%)	1 (0.6%)	44 (5%)
Respiratory	13 (7%)	279 (33%)	8 (5%)	307 (33%)
Urine	8 (4%)	91 (11%)	4 (2%)	77 (8%)
Stool	0 (0%)	14 (2%)	0 (0%)	14 (2%)
Body fluid	2 (1%)	30 (4%)	2 (1%)	48 (5%)
Wound	141 (78%)	303 (36%)	130 (76%)	339 (37%)
Other*	14 (7%)	84 (10%)	27 (16%)	91 (10%)
Total	180	853	172	920

* Includes cerebral spinal fluid, eye, nasopharyngeal, ear, throat, genital, and unspecified site

Table 2. *Staphylococcus aureus* prevalence rates before and after the implementation of a decolonization protocol

Facility	Baseline rate (per 1000 patient-days)	Postimplementation rate (per 1000 patient-days)	p value*
MRSA			
Orthopaedic hospital	1.23	0.83	0.026
University hospital	1.27	1.24	0.787
MSSA			
Orthopaedic hospital	1.57	1.86	0.205
University hospital	1.46	1.54	0.423

* Pearson's chi-square; MRSA = Methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus*; MSSA = Methicillin-sensitive *Staphylococcus aureus*.