

Table 3 Portal of entry in relation to microbial findings, location and source of brain abscess

	Portal of entry				Total 102
	Contiguous N=37	Haematogenous N=29	Postneurosurgical/trauma N=9	Unknown N=27	
Microbe					
Streptococcus species	19	16	1	19	55
Staphylococci	4	5	5	2	16
Gram-negative bacteria	5	1	1	1	8
Anaerobic bacteria	6	3	2	3	14
Nocardia	1	1	0	0	2
Other	1	1	0	2	4
Negative culture	5	3	1	5	14
Abscess Location					
Frontal	15	8	6	8	37
Parietal	5	11	3	8	27
Temporal	8	4	0	2	14
Occipital	3	3	0	3	9
Pontine	0	3	0	0	3
Cerebellar	5	0	0	3	8
Basal ganglia	1	1	0	2	4
Multiple abscesses	3	11	3	4	21
Source of abscess					
Sinusitis	13				13
Dental	15				15
Otogenic	9				9
Lung		9			9
Endocarditis/congenital heart disease		4			4
Abdominal/urinary infection		4			4
Other		12			11
Postneurosurgical/trauma			9		9
Unknown				27	27

Cranial imaging was reported in 65 studies and

