

Table 1. Characteristics of the MRSA clones isolated from Tunisian hospitals and the community

	ST	Predicted founder group (old clonal complex)	<i>agr</i> type	<i>spa</i> type	SCCmec type
HA-MRSA PVL-positive (n=21) (n=41)	ST80 (n=20)	80	III	70 (n=16)	IVc (n=16)
				346 (n=1)	IVc (n=1)
				435 (n=2)	IVc (n=2)
				new (n=1)	IVc (n=1)
	ST1440 (n=1)	80	III	70 (n=1)	IVc (n=1)
	PVL-negative (n=20)	ST1 (n=1)	III	35 (n=1)	^b NT-1 (n=1)
		ST5 (n=3)	II	45 (n=2)	IVc (n=1)
				NT-A (n=1)	NT-A (n=1)
				335 (n=1)	IVc (n=1)
		ST22 (n=1)	II	998 (n=1)	NT-N (n=1)
		ST97 (n=2)	I	3 (n=1)	NT-B (n=1)
			I	new (n=1)	NT-B (n=1)
		ST239 (n=4)	I	3 (n=4)	III (n=3)
		ST241 (n=3)	I	125 (n=2)	III (n=2)
				4 (n=1)	III (n=1)
		ST247 (n=3)	I	40 (n=3)	I (n=3)
		ST1819 (n=3)	I	new (n=3)	I (n=3)
CA-MRSA PVL-positive (n=22) (n=28)	ST80 (n=19)	80	III (n=19)	70 (n=17)	IVc (n=15)
				NT-B (n=2)	NT-B (n=2)
				346 (n=1)	IVc (n=1)
				new (n=1)	IVc (n=1)
	ST153 (n=1)	80	III	new (n=1)	NT-B (n=1)
	ST2563 (n=1) ^a	80	III	70 (n=1)	IVc (n=1)
	PVL-negative (n=6)	ST1 (n=1)	III	35 (n=1)	NT-Bc (n=1)
		ST5 (n=2)	II	381 (n=1)	I (n=1)
				1021 (n=1)	IVc (n=1)
		ST45 (n=1)	I	^a ND (n=1)	NT-B (n=1)
		ST80 (n=2)	II	1021 (n=1)	IVc (n=1)
			III	ND (n=1)	IVc (n=1)

^aND: could not be detected.^bNT: non typeable