

Pediatric cardiac surgery
(n=1767)

Excluded (n=102)
Preoperative infection (n= 49)
Infective endocarditis (n= 9)
Urgent (n= 24)
>18 years (n= 2)
Reoperation (n=18)

Study population
(n=1665)

Patients with infection (n=141)
Before matching (n=179)

Patients with colonization (n=141)
Before matching (n=253)