Supplementary table 1. VIRSTA score parameters

Items	Points assigned
Cerebral or peripheral emboli	5
Meningitis	5
Permanent intracardiac device or previous IE	4
Pre-existing native valve disease	3
Intravenous drug use	4
Positive culture after 48 hours*	3
Community- or healthcare-associated bacteraemia	2
Severe sepsis or septic shock	1
CRP concentration > 190 mg/L	1

*IE: infective endocarditis; CRP: C-reactive protein. * Persistent bacteremia was defined as a positive follow-up blood culture obtained 48 h after an initial positive blood culture. A score of ≤ 2 indicates a low risk of IE, and a score of ≥ 3 indicates a high risk of IE.*