Table S1. The analysis of differences in sensitivity, specificity and positive and negative predictive values of PCR and culture methods in otopathogensidentification.

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|  |  | **PCR method** | |  |  |
| **Culture method** |  | Condition positive | Condition negative |  | 95%CI |
| Test positive | 6 | 0 | 1.0  PPV | 0.54-1.0 |
| Test negative | 44 | 18 | 0.29  NPV | 0.18-0.42 |
|  |  | Sensitivity  0.12 | Specificity  1.0 |  |  |
|  | 95%CI | 0.045-0.24 | 0.81-1.0 |  |  |