

Table 1 Clinical and microbiological characteristics of patients with war-trauma injuries during the 2011 conflict in Libya

Variable	No. of patients	% (n = 1200)
Anatomical location of wound		
Chest and back	379	32
Abdomen	239	20
Head and neck	202	17
Extremity (upper or lower)	189	16
Loss of limb	93	8
More than 2 locations	98	8
Mechanism of injury of wound		
Gunshot	343	29
Shrapnel	283	24
Blunt instrument	197	16
Blast	171	14
Burn	89	7
Other	117	10
Outcome of wound treatment		
Died in hospital	310	26
Discharged alive	890	74
Bacteriological culture from wound		
Positive	498	42
Negative	702	58
No. of organisms isolated from positive wound cultures		(n = 498)
1	293	59
2	148	30
> 2	57	11