Clonotype	Subtype	Coagulase type	Strains	<i>mec</i> DNA type	MREP type	<i>mecI-mecR1</i> polymorphism	Ribotype
I-A	3		61/NCTC10442 U.K.	I	i		4
			61/6219 U.K.	I	i		4
			64/3846 U.K.	I	i		4
			64/4176 U.K.	I	i		4
			86/4372 U.K.	NT	i		4
			87/KL3 Malaysia	NT	i		4
III-A	4		89/KL50 Malaysia	NT	iii		4
			86/961 U.K.	III	iii		4
			86/560 U.K.	III	iii		4
			85/1340 Yugoslavia	III	iii		4
			85/1762 Hungary	III	iii		4
			85/2082 New Zealand	III	iii		4
			85/2111 Norway	III	iii		4
			85/1836 W. Germany	III	iii		4
			85/2147 Hong Kong	III	iii		4
			85/3907 E. Germany	III	iii		4
			86/2652 U.K.	III	iii		4
			85/5495 Saudi Arabia	III	iii		4
			85/5328 Portugal	III	NT		4
			85/3619 Austria	III	iii		11
II-A	0	2	85/3566 Holland	III	iii		11
			82/20-1 Japan	ND	ii		12
			85/2235 U.S.A.	II	ii		12
			86/JO60 Japan	ND	ii		12
			86/BB5918 Japan	ND	ii		12
			87/27 Japan	ND	ii		12
			82/N315 Japan	II	ii		13
			87/20 Japan	ND	ii		13
I-A	2		87/25 Japan	ND	ii		13
			84/9580 South Africa	I	i		5
			86/9302 U.K.	I	i		8
			85/1774 Italy	I	i		10
II-B	1	4	85/1940 France	I	i		10
			85/4231 Canada	II	ii		50
			85/2232 U.S.A.	II	ii		49
			81/108 Japan	II?	ii		47
ii-C	7		93/H44 Japan	ND	ND		48
			85/4547 Israel	II?	ii		31

Fig. 4. The methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA) genotyping and inference of clonotype. Clonotype is described by a Roman numeral (corresponds to the type of *mec* DNA) and a capital letter, which shows the group of ribotypes to which the strains belong. Capital Roman numeral was used to indicate that the clonotype has been inferred with *mec* DNA type determined by dot-blot hybridization, and a small numeral was used to indicate the inference is made on *mec* right extremity polymorphism (MREP) typing of *mec* DNA. Ribotype number refers to that of Fig. 3. Subtyping is based on the *mecI*-gene polymorphism. Different filling pattern of *mecI* gene represent different type of *mecI* mutation.³² Asterisk shows the operator mutation of *mecA* gene which presumably has an equivalent outcome with *mecI* gene inactivation.³² Open rectangle of *mecI* gene indicates intact *mecI* gene, and the strain name with bold font means preMRSA strain to which subtype '0' is assigned. ND, not determined; NT, nontypable (MREP-PCR did not amplify the product; the right junction point might have been spontaneously deleted from the strain).

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The title contained a typographical error, "Hydroxyiminoaminothiazol", which should read "Hydroxyiminoaminothiazol" as shown above.