**TABLE I. Duke Clinical Criteria for Diagnosis of Infective Endocarditis**

Definite Infective Endocarditis

Pathological criteria

— Microorganisms: demonstrated by culture or histology in a vegetation, a vegetation that has embolized, or an intracardiac abscess, or

— Pathological lesions: vegetation or intracardiac abscess present, confirmed by histology showing active endocarditis

Clinical criteria as defined in Table 1

2 major criteria, *or*

1 major criterion and 3 minor criteria, or

5 minor criteria

Possible IE

Findings consistent with IE that fall short of “definite” but not “rejected”

Rejected

Firm alternative diagnosis for manifestations of endocarditis, or

Resolution of manifestations of endocarditis with antibiotic therapy for 4 days or less

No pathological evidence of IE at surgery or autopsy, after antibiotic therapy for 4 days or less

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