

Table 4 Number of objects contaminated with microorganisms identical or non-identical to those found in the stool of related cases of nosocomial diarrhoea (*n* = 246 objects)

Microorganisms isolated from object and child's stool	Contaminated object:										Total	%
	Mother's hands	Bottle teat	Pacifier	Water container	Bedsheet	Mother's clothes	Cannula					
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.			
Identical	31	48	21	17	27	16	0			160	65.0	
Non-identical	12	6	5	12	23	21	7			86	35.0	
Total	43	54	26	29	50	37	7			246	100.0	

Analysis of variance, P < 0.001.