

**Table 2 Reported ranges of virulence elements in Gulf Cooperation Council countries**

Prevalence of MRSA	Prevalence in respective countries (%)				
	Kuwait (9,10,21, 22, 25,26,31,33, 34,36,38)	Oman (13,14)	Qatar (8)	Saudi Arabia (15,16,18,20,27,32)	UAE (11,12,19,24)
Among <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> isolates	31	37	21	15-55	29
Community acquired (CA-MRSA)	24-91	91	95	31-63	30-98
SCCmec types	I = 0-1 II = 0.5-5 III = 6-55 IV = 32-72 V = 8-39 VI = 0-9 NT = N/A	I = 0 II = 1 III = 3 IV = 86 V = 10 VI = N/A NT = N/A	I = 0 II = 0 III = 0 IV = 90 V = 10 VI = N/A NT = N/A	I = 0-31 II = 0-12 III = 9-47 IV = 19-77 V = 0-13 VI = 0 NT = 2	I = 0 II = 0 III = 8 IV = 69 V = 0 VI = N/A NT = 23
PVL in MRSA	15-45	44	66	12-59	30-49
TSST-1	5	—	—	7-14	14-19
ACME	0.3	—	8	0	3
SCCfus ( <i>fusC</i> )	23-28	—	—	7-43	29

ACME = arginine catabolic mobile element; CA-MRSA = community-acquired MRSA; MRSA = methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus*; PVL = Pantone-Valentine leucocidin; TSST-1 = toxic shock syndrome toxin 1; UAE = United Arab Emirates.