**S4 Table. Growth of bacteria under various culture conditions.**

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| **Agar type** | **Incubation conditions** |
|  | **Aerobic** | **Anaerobic** |
| **LB** | - | - |
| **Tryptic Soy** | + | - |
| **5% sheep blood** | - | - |

180 bacterial cultures were set up from 6 independent lung tissue samples. Growth was found in 5 cultures (**+**: tryptic soy plates in aerobic conditions) and all contained the single bacterial species *Rastonia pickettii* (a known water borne contaminant). Abbreviations: LB; Luria broth