Comparison of the BD MAX MRSA Assay and the BD GeneOhm MRSA Achromopeptidase Assay for the Detection of Methicillin-Resistant Staphylococcus aureus against Direct and Enriched Culture Techniques in Clinical Specimens

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