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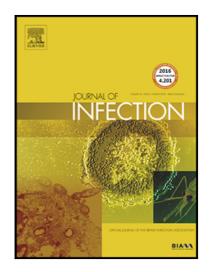
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Highlights

- Time between VAD implantation and SAB onset was longer than previously reported.
- In 75% of cases VAD drivelines were the portal of entry.
- One third of VAD patients with SAB suffered from septic shock.
- All cause 30 day-mortality was 17% and, thus, comparable to SAB without VAD.
- Prompt and aggressive management may prevent dissemination and persistent infection.

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