**Table 5.** **Patient and disease factors stratified by initial treatment strategy**

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|  | **Conservative (n=4)** | **Neurosurgery only (n=4)** | **ENT only (n=15)** | **Combined ENT and neurosurgery (n=16)** | **Total (n=39)** | **p value** |
| **Age (median IQR)** | 10.5 (9) | 11.5 (3) | 13 (4) | 12 (3) | 11.5 (3) | 0.774 |
| **Sex (female, %)** | 3 (75) | 4 (100) | 9 (60) | 7 (43.8) | 26 (59) | 0.238 |
| **Size of collection (mm), median IQR**  **n=29** | 7.5 (6) | 10 | 5.5 (4) | 6 (6) | 6.5 (5) | 0.342 |
| **³10mm of collection diameter**  **n=28 (%)** | 1 (25) | 2 (50) | 1 (10) | 4 (36.4) | 8 (28.6) | 0.2 |
| **Time to first surgery (h), median IQR** | NA | 13 (13) | 14.5 (37) | 17 (14) | 17 (18) | 0.522 |
| **Initial CT not identifying intracranial collection**  **n=29 (%)** | 1 (25) | 2 (50) | 1 (10) | 4 (25) | 8 (27.6) | 0.376 |
| **Subdural empyema (%)** | 1 (25) | 2 (50) | 9 (60) | 13 (81.3) | 25 (64.1) | 0.135 |
| **>1 intracranial collection (%)**  **n=29 (%)** | 0 | 0 | 3 (20) | 2 (12.5) | 5 (13) | 0.898 |