

Supplementary Table 1. Baseline clinical and laboratory characteristics of the study cohort

Clinical variable	Sepsis (N=29)	SIRS (N=11)	<i>P</i> value
Gender (M/F)	10/19	5/6	0.716
28-day outcome (S/D)	23/6	11/0	0.162
WBC (10 ⁹ /l)	12.069±9.026	12.465±4.725	0.891
NEU (10 ⁹ /l)	10.29±8.086	10.61±4.4811	0.902
MONO (10 ⁹ /l)	0.968±1.826	0.672±0.334	0.599
LYM (10 ⁹ /l)	3.12±5.468	1.105±0.327	0.058
PCT (ng/ml)	31.183±38.292	9.092±26.713	0.05
ALT (u/l)	95.738±177.701	59.264±65.809	0.515
Total bilirubin (umol/L)	21.61±17.271	16.291±7.830	0.19
Creatinine (umol/L)	144.866±148.849	92.546±69.937	0.273
Troponin (ug/L)	0.232±0.834	0.059±0.139	0.503