**Supplementary table 1:** Frequency of parameters accounting for the diagnosis of SIRS

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| SIRS parameter | Frequency, N (%) |
| Temperature >38°C | 35 (43.8%) |
| Temperature <36.0° | 19 (23.8%) |
| Heart rate >90 beats/min. | 59 (73.8%) |
| Hyperventilation\* | 48 (60%) |
| leucocytic count >12 or <4 (109/L) | 41 (51.2%) |
| Patients having 2 SIRS parameters | 42 (52.5%) |
| Patients having 3 SIRS parameters | 30 (37.5%) |
| Patients having 4 SIRS parameters | 8 (10%) |

\*Respiratory rate >20 breaths/min or PaCO2 <32 mmHg, SIRS: systemic inflammatory response syndrome.