

**Supplementary Table 1.** Time from triage to blood culture according to fever and qSOFA score at triage<sup>a)</sup>

	All	qSOFA score < 2 points	qSOFA score ≥ 2 points	P-value
All	65.5 (24.0–150.7) (n = 2,078)	59.0 (24.0–137.6) (n = 1,426)	77.6 (26.2–187.9) (n = 652)	< 0.001
With fever <sup>b)</sup>	45.9 (19.7–107.0) (n = 865)	45.9 (19.7–100.5) (n = 622)	48.1 (21.9–126.7) (n = 243)	0.193
Without fever <sup>b)</sup>	85.2 (28.4–181.3) (n = 1,213)	76.5 (26.2–160.6) (n = 804)	102.7 (37.1–251.2) (n = 409)	< 0.001

Values are presented as median (interquartile range) unless otherwise indicated. Data of two groups were compared by the Wilcoxon rank-sum test.

<sup>a)</sup>Nine patients without blood culture were excluded from the analysis. <sup>b)</sup>Fever was defined as having an initial body temperature ≥ 38°C.