

## Supplementary material

**Table S1.** Comparison of inflammatory parameters between patients with "renal failure" and patients with "normal renal function."

	Renal Failure (n=70)	Normal renal function (n=130)	P
<b>Age</b>	75.50 [67.00 - 80.00]	71.00 [56.00 - 77.00]	0.006
<b>Male%</b>	42.9	54.6	0.150
<b>Creatinine</b>	2.12 [1.59 - 3.73]	0.89 [0.69 - 1.25]	< 0.001
<b>CRP</b>	21.20 [12.31 - 134.65]	11.37 [2.25 - 32.53]	< 0.001
<b>PCT</b>	11.91 [1.02 - 63.71]	0.68 [0.32 - 3.24]	< 0.001
<b>NEUT-RI</b>	52.15 [47.95 - 56.48]	48.70 [46.60 - 52.58]	0.002

**Table S2:** NEUT-RI, PCT and CRP values for the detection of septic and non-septic patients.

	AUROC (95% CI)	Cut-off	Sens (95% CI)	Spec (95% CI)	PPV (95% CI)	NPV (95% CI)
<b>NEUT-RI</b>	0.79 [0.73 - 0.86]	50.75	70.9 [60.4 - 79.7]	80.7 [71.6-88.1]	75.6 [65.1-84.2]	77.2 [68.4-84.5]
<b>CRP</b>	0.73 [0.66 - 0.80]	7.38	84.6 [75.8-91.2]	56.2 [45.5-64.0]	65.8 [56.5-74.3]	77.8 [65.5-87.3]
<b>PCT</b>	0.76 [0.69 - 0.84]	2.17	62.9 [52.8 - 74.2]	82.9 [76.4-90]	82.3 [71.2-90]	63.7 [52.9-73.6]

There were not statistically significant differences between AUROC of the three parameters (NEUT-RI vs PCT  $p=0.83$ , NEUT-RI vs CRP  $p=0.29$ , DeLong's test for two correlated ROC curves). The CRP specificity is statistically different from the NEUT-RI specificity ( $p=0.01$ , specificity test for two correlated ROC curves) and from PCT specificity ( $p=0.007$ , specificity test for two correlated ROC curves). AUROC= Area Under the ROC curve; Sens = Sensibility; Spec = Specificity; PPV= Positive Predictive Value; NPV= Negative Predictive Value; NEUT-RI= Neutrophil-Reactive Intensity; PCT= procalcitonin; CRP= C-reactive protein

**Table S3.** NEUT-RI and PCT values for discriminating between "survivors" and "deceased" at 28 days.

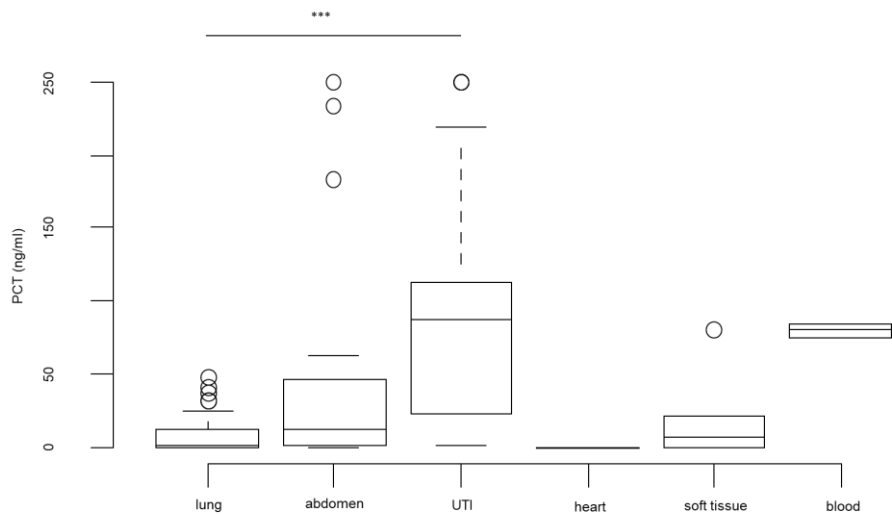
	<b>AUROC (95% CI)</b>	<b>Cut-off</b>	<b>Sens (95% CI)</b>	<b>Spec (95% CI)</b>	<b>PPV (95% CI)</b>	<b>NPV (95% CI)</b>
<b>NEUT-RI</b>	0.70[0.56-0.83]	53.6	62.5 [39.5-81.3]	76.9 [68.7-82.3]	28.30 [16.8-42.34]	93.0 [87.17-96.76]
<b>PCT</b>	0.76 [0.65-0.88]	12.18	76.2 [54.6-90.5]	79.9 [71.5-84.6]	38.09 [23.6-54.3]	95.10 [88.93-98.39]

There were not statistically significant differences between AUROC of the two parameters ( $p=0.57$ , DeLong's test for two correlated ROC curves). AUROC= Area Under the ROC curve; Sens = Sensibility; Spec = Specificity; PPV= Positive Predictive Value; NPV= Negative Predictive Value; NEUT-RI= Neutrophil-Reactive Intensity; PCT= procalcitonin

**Table S4.** NEUT-RI and PCT at ICU admission time, after 48 and 96 hours in septic patients.

	<b>Admission time</b>	<b>48 hours</b>	<b>96 hours</b>	<b>p-value (ANOVA)</b>	<b>P values pairwise comparisons</b>		
					<b>0h vs 48h</b>	<b>0h vs 96h</b>	<b>48h vs 96h</b>
<b>NEUT-RI (FI) (n=59)</b>	52.70 [49.65-56.80]	53 [49.00-57.60]	50.50 [47.60-52.90]	0.0002	1	0.0011	<0.0001
<b>PCT (ng/ml) (n=63)</b>	6.36 [0.52-36.95]	5.51 [0.90-34.82]	1.65 [0.53-5.74]	<0.0001	0.01	<0.0001	<0.0001

**Figure S1.** NEUT-RI and CRP depending on the site of infection in “septic” group.



There were no differences in NEUT-RI and CRP depending on the site of infection in “septic” group. There was a statistically significant difference in PCT depending on site of infection ( $p < 0.001$ , Kruskal-Wallis rank sum test), in particular PCT was higher in patients with kidney or urinary tract infection compared to lung infection (88.50 [24.20-113.00] vs 1.64[0.39-12.54],  $p < 0.001$  Pairwise comparisons using Wilcoxon rank sum test with continuity correction).