

## Supplementary materials

### Patient and clinical factors at admission affect the levels of neutralizing antibodies six months after recovering from COVID-19

Supplementary Table S1. Comparison of demographic and clinical indicators of admission between the NAb<sup>high</sup> and NAb<sup>low</sup> groups

Variables	All patients (n=306)	NAb <sup>high</sup> (n=153)	NAb <sup>low</sup> (n=153)	P value
<b>Sex n (%)</b>				
Male	138 (45.1)	67 (43.8)	71 (46.4)	0.646
Female	168 (56.2)	86 (56.2)	82 (53.6)	
<b>Age, year (IQR)</b>	62 (53, 68)	64 (54, 69)	61 (53, 67)	0.133
<b>Neutralizing antibody, AU/mL (IQR)</b>	63.1 (34.7, 108.9)	108.8 (85.0, 161.8)	34.9 (23.1, 48.1)	<0.0001
<b>Severity, n (%)</b>				
Moderate	174 (56.9)	81 (52.9)	93 (60.8)	0.060
Severe	124 (40.5)	65 (42.5)	59 (38.6)	
Critical	8 (2.6)	7 (4.6)	1 (0.7)	
<b>Symptom, n (%)</b>				
Fever (temperature ≥ 37.3°C)	191/227 (84.1)	90/110 (81.8)	101/117 (86.3)	0.353
Diarrhea	33/226 (14.6)	14/110 (12.7)	19/116 (16.4)	0.437

<i>Cough</i>	182/226 (80.5)	91/110 (82.7)	91/116 (78.4)	0.417
<i>Fatigue</i>	93/226 (41.2)	49/110 (44.5)	44/116 (37.9)	0.313
<i>Chest distress</i>	113/226 (50.0)	59/110 (53.6)	54/116 (46.6)	0.287
<b>Treatment, n (%)</b>				
<i>Antibiotics</i>	181/293 (61.8)	94/147 (63.9)	85/146 (59.6)	0.443
<i>Antiviral</i>	290/294 (98.6)	144/147 (98.0)	146/147 (99.3)	0.314
<i>HFNC</i>	12/294 (4.1)	8/147 (5.4)	4/147 (2.7)	0.238-
<i>NIV</i>	15/294 (5.1)	10/147 (6.8)	5/147 (3.4)	0.185-
<i>IV</i>	1/294 (0.3)	0/147 (0.0)	1/147 (0.7)	0.316
<i>CRRT</i>	1/249 (0.4)	0/0 (0.0)	1/116 (0.9)	0.283
<b>Comorbidity, n (%)</b>				
<i>Hypertension</i>	116/294 (39.5)	60/147 (40.8)	56/147 (38.1)	0.633
<i>COLD</i>	12/294 (4.1)	7/147 (4.8)	5/147 (3.5)	0.556
<i>CHD</i>	24/294 (8.2)	13/147 (8.8)	11/147 (7.5)	0.670
<i>CKD</i>	5/294 (1.7)	3/147 (2.0)	2/147 (1.4)	0.652
<i><sup>a</sup>Benign tumor</i>	8/294 (2.7)	5/147 (3.4)	3/147 (2.0)	0.473
<i>Other disease</i>	68/293 (23.2)	39/147 (26.5)	29/147 (19.9)	0.176
<b>Physiological parameter, (IQR)</b>				
<i>Heart rate, times per min</i>	89 (80, 102), n=292	89 (80, 102), n=147	90 (80, 102), n=145	0.780
<i>Systolic pressure</i>	131 (120, 143), n=292	128 (120, 141), n=147	132 (121, 144), n=145	0.174
<i>Diastolic pressure</i>	80 (73, 89), n=292	80 (72, 88), n=147	81 (75, 90), n=145	0.188
<i>RR, breaths per min</i>	20 (19, 21), n=292	20 (19, 22), n=147	20 (20, 21), n=145	0.494
<b>Biological parameters, (IQR)</b>				
<i>WBC, ×10<sup>9</sup>/L</i>	5.4 (4.3, 7.2), n=224	5.6 (4.3, 7.3), n=110	5.2 (4.3, 7.1), n=114	0.463
<i>Neutrophil, ×10<sup>9</sup>/L</i>	3.8 (2.6, 5.4), n=224	3.8 (2.7, 5.6), n=110	3.7 (2.5, 5.2), n=114	0.422
<i>Lymphocyte, ×10<sup>9</sup>/L</i>	1.03 (0.73, 1.44), n=225	1.04 (0.74, 1.52), n=110	1.02 (0.73, 1.37), n=115	0.751

<i>Hemoglobin, g/L</i>	126 (115, 137), n=222	126 (117, 135), n=109	126 (115, 140), n=113	0.285
<i>Platelet, ×10<sup>9</sup>/L</i>	217 (160, 289), n=222	222 (162, 294), n=109	207 (159, 272), n=113	0.445
<i>Albumin, g/L</i>	34.2 (30.9, 38.0), n=223	34.2 (30.7, 37.5), n=108	34.3 (31.0, 38.1), n=115	0.672
<i>LDH, U/L</i>	274 (214, 363), n=290	285 (219, 400), n=145	261 (206, 342), n=145	0.067
<i>NaHCO<sub>3</sub>, mmol/L</i>	23.9 (21.9, 25.6), n=222	23.9 (22.0, 25.6), n=108	23.9 (21.7, 26.0), n=114	0.885
<i>Creatinine, μmol/L</i>	71.0 (59.0, 84.0), n=223	74.0 (60.3, 87.0), n=109	68.5 (58.0, 81.0), n=114	0.143
<i>Creatine kinase, U/L</i>	79.0 (43.0, 121.0), n=75	83.0 (43.0, 133.5), n=33	76.0 (42.3, 123.3), n=42	0.890
<i>hs-cTnI, pg/mL</i>	4.4 (2.0, 9.6), n=230	4.5 (2.1, 10.3), n=116	4.4 (1.9, 9.5), n=114	0.434
<i>IL-2R, U/mL</i>	714.0 (537.0, 1092.0), n=67	747.0 (556.0, 1139.), n=35	712.5 (529.5, 896.5), n=32	0.514
<i>IL-6, pg/mL</i>	21.9 (4.1, 46.8), n=68	22.2 (4.3, 53.4), n=35	15.7 (4.0, 42.4), n=33	0.393
<i>IL-8, pg/mL</i>	14.8 (8.8, 26.0), n=67	15.0 (8.7, 29.7), n=35	14.6 (9.1, 25.0), n=32	0.920
<i>IL-10, pg/mL</i>	5.3 (5.0, 9.3), n=67	6.2 (5.0, 11.4), n=35	5.1 (5.0, 8.8), n=32	0.338
<i>NT-proBNP, pg/mL</i>	164.0 (66.3, 422.8), n=144	165.5 (67.8, 425.8), n=85	162.5 (63.8, 413.0), n=76	0.764
<i>D-Dimer, μg/mL</i>	0.96 (0.48, 1.75), n=201	1.06 (0.48, 1.76), n=99	0.88 (0.44, 1.75), n=102	0.391

<sup>a</sup>Benign tumor, benign tumors or cancers that had been eradicated before admission (including thyroid cancer or early-stage prostate cancer and so on). Data is shown as the median (IQR), n (%), or n/N (%), where N is the total number with the available data. NAb, neutralizing antibody; IQR, interquartile range; HFNC, high-flow nasal cannula oxygen therapy; NIV, non-invasive mechanical ventilation; IV, invasive mechanical ventilation; CRRT, continuous renal replacement therapy; COLD, chronic obstructive lung disease; CHD, coronary heart disease; CKD, chronic kidney disease; RR, respiratory rate; Hs-cTnI, hypersensitive cardiac troponin I; WBC, white blood cell count; NT-proBNP, N terminal pro B type natriuretic peptide; LDH, lactate dehydrogenase.

**Supplementary Table S2. Comparison of demographic and clinical indicators of admission between the NAb<sup>higher</sup> and NAb<sup>lower</sup> groups**

Variables	All patients (n=152)	NAb <sup>higher</sup> (n=76)	NAb <sup>lower</sup> (n=76)	P value
<b>Sex n (%)</b>				
Male	63 (41.4)	27 (35.5)	36 (47.4)	0.138
Female	89 (58.6)	49 (64.5)	40 (52.6)	
<b>Age, year (IQR)</b>	63 (53, 68)	65 (55, 70)	62 (52, 67)	0.037
<b>Neutralizing antibody, AU/mL (IQR)</b>	62.9 (23.0, 155.9)	155.3 (116.6, 200.7)	23.2 (16.2, 30.1)	<0.0001
<b>Severity, n (%)</b>				
Moderate	90 (59.2)	39 (51.3)	51 (67.1)	0.101
Severe	61 (40.1)	36 (47.4)	25 (32.9)	
Critical	1 (0.7)	1 (1.3)	0 (0)	
<b>Symptom, n (%)</b>				
Fever (temperature ≥ 37.3°C)	84/106 (79.2)	39/51 (76.5)	45/55 (81.8)	0.498
Diarrhea	16/105 (15.2)	7/51 (13.7)	9/54 (16.7)	0.675
Cough	82/105 (78.1)	40/51 (78.4)	42/54 (77.8)	0.935
Fatigue	43/105 (41.0)	23/51 (45.1)	20/54 (37.0)	0.401
Chest distress	50/105 (47.6)	25/51 (49.0)	25/54 (46.3)	0.780
<b>Treatment, n (%)</b>				
Antibiotics	84/145 (57.9)	43/72 (59.7)	41/73 (56.2)	0.664
Antiviral	143/146 (97.9)	69/72 (95.8)	74/74 (100)	0.076
IVIG	34/146(23.3)	21/72 (29.2)	13/74 (17.6)	0.097
HFNC	7/146 (4.8)	4/72 (5.6)	3/74 (4.1)	0.671
NIV	8/146 (5.5)	4/72 (5.6)	4/74 (5.4)	0.968
<b>Comorbidity, n (%)</b>				

<i>Hypertension</i>	51/146 (34.9)	27/72 (37.5)	24/74 (32.4)	0.521
<i>COLD</i>	6/146 (4.1)	4/72 (5.6)	2/72 (2.7)	0.385
<i>CHD</i>	16/146 (11.0)	10/72 (13.9)	6/74 (8.1)	0.264
<i>CKD</i>	2/146 (1.4)	1/72 (1.4)	1/74 (1.4)	0.984
<i><sup>a</sup>Benign tumor</i>	3/146 (2.1)	3/72 (4.2)	0/74 (0.0)	0.076
<i>Other disease</i>	32/145 (22.1)	17/72 (23.6)	15/73 (20.5)	0.657
<b>Physiological parameter, (IQR)</b>				
<i>Heart rate, times per min</i>	89 (80, 100), n=145	89 (80, 102), n=72	89 (80, 99), n=73	0.862
<i>Systolic pressure</i>	131 (121, 145), n=145	130 (120, 141), n=72	132 (122, 147), n=73	0.255
<i>Diastolic pressure</i>	80 (74, 89), n=145	79 (71, 88), n=72	81 (76, 90), n=73	0.182
<i>RR, breaths per min</i>	20 (20, 22), n=145	20 (20, 22), n=72	20 (19, 21), n=73	0.204
<b>Biological parameters, (IQR)</b>				
<i>WBC, ×10<sup>9</sup>/L</i>	5.0 (4.3, 7.1), n=104	5.0 (4.1, 7.3), n=51	5.0 (4.4, 6.9), n=53	0.917
<i>Neutrophil, ×10<sup>9</sup>/L</i>	3.5 (2.5, 5.3), n=105	3.5 (2.5, 5.6), n=51	3.6 (2.5, 4.7), n=54	0.865
<i>Lymphocyte, ×10<sup>9</sup>/L</i>	1.12 (0.80, 1.50), n=105	1.14 (0.80, 1.55), n=51	1.07 (0.76, 1.40), n=54	0.783
<i>Hemoglobin, g/L</i>	127 (116, 137), n=104	126 (118, 134), n=51	130 (115, 141), n=53	0.323
<i>Platelet, ×10<sup>9</sup>/L</i>	212 (164, 281), n=104	224 (167, 289), n=51	206 (164, 266), n=53	0.518
<i>Albumin, g/L</i>	34.3 (30.6, 38.2), n=105	34.0 (29.6, 36.9), n=51	35.2 (31.3, 38.6), n=54	0.121
<i>LDH, U/L</i>	276.0 (214, 360.5), n=145	295 (220, 404), n=72	255 (199, 338.5), n=73	0.114
<i>NaHCO<sub>3</sub>, mmol/L</i>	24.4 (21.9, 26.1), n=103	24.1 (22.1, 25.9), n=50	24.7 (21.8, 26.4), n=53	0.566
<i>Urea, mmol/L</i>	4.4 (3.45, 5.9), n=104	4.7 (3.5, 6.5), n=51	3.9 (3.4, 5.6), n=53	0.145
<i>Creatinine, μmol/L</i>	67.0 (58.3, 83.3), n=104	67.0 (56.0, 86.0), n=51	67.0 (59.0, 81.0), n=53	0.812
<i>Creatine kinase, U/L</i>	82.0 (52.0, 149.0), n=35	80.0 (42.3, 147.0), n=16	82.0 (53.0, 149.0), n=19	0.679
<i>SF, μg/L</i>	537.2 (297.5, 1228.8), n=39	744.1 (387.9, 1360.8), n=19	449.6 (184.8, 744.0), n=20	0.106
<i>hs-cTnI, pg/mL</i>	4.5 (2.4, 10.0), n=113	4.6 (2.3, 10.3), n=56	4.0 (2.4, 8.4), n=57	0.386
<i>IL-2R, U/mL</i>	713.0 (527.5, 941.5), n=33	701.5 (535.0, 1168.3), n=16	713.0 (519.5, 802.0), n=17	0.614

<i>IL-6, pg/mL</i>	16.6 (4.0, 35.6), n=34	22.6 (4.0, 68.1), n=16	10.7 (3.7, 24.9), n=18	0.190
<i>IL-8, pg/mL</i>	15.0 (11.8, 24.1), n=33	19.3 (11.5, 32.8), n=16	14.4 (10.1, 20.7), n=17	0.288
<i>IL-10, pg/mL</i>	5.0 (5.0, 9.2), n=33	6.5 (5.0, 10.2), n=16	5.0 (5.0, 7.4), n=17	0.138
<i>NT-proBNP, pg/mL</i>	191.0 (73.5, 478.5), n=69	214.0 (81.5, 551.0), n=33	176.0 (66.5, 466.0), n=36	0.417
<i>D-Dimer, µg/mL</i>	0.95 (0.43, 2.04), n=97	1.18 (0.48, 2.21), n=47	0.66 (0.42, 1.89), n=50	0.231

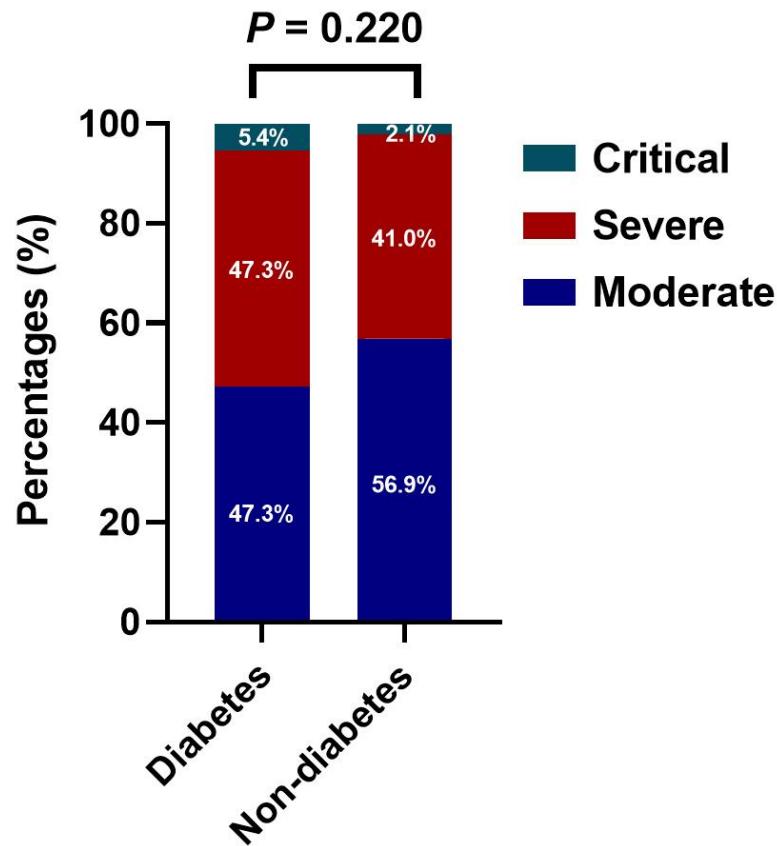
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**Supplementary Table S3. Cutoff values for the dichotomous categories in the ROC analysis of the continuous variables before GMM model**

Variables	Cutoff of dichotomous categories
SpO <sub>2</sub> , %	96.5
LDH, U/L	322.5
Urea, mmol/L	4.65
CRP, mg/L	57.35
PCT, ng/mL	0.055
Fibrinogen, g/L	5.765

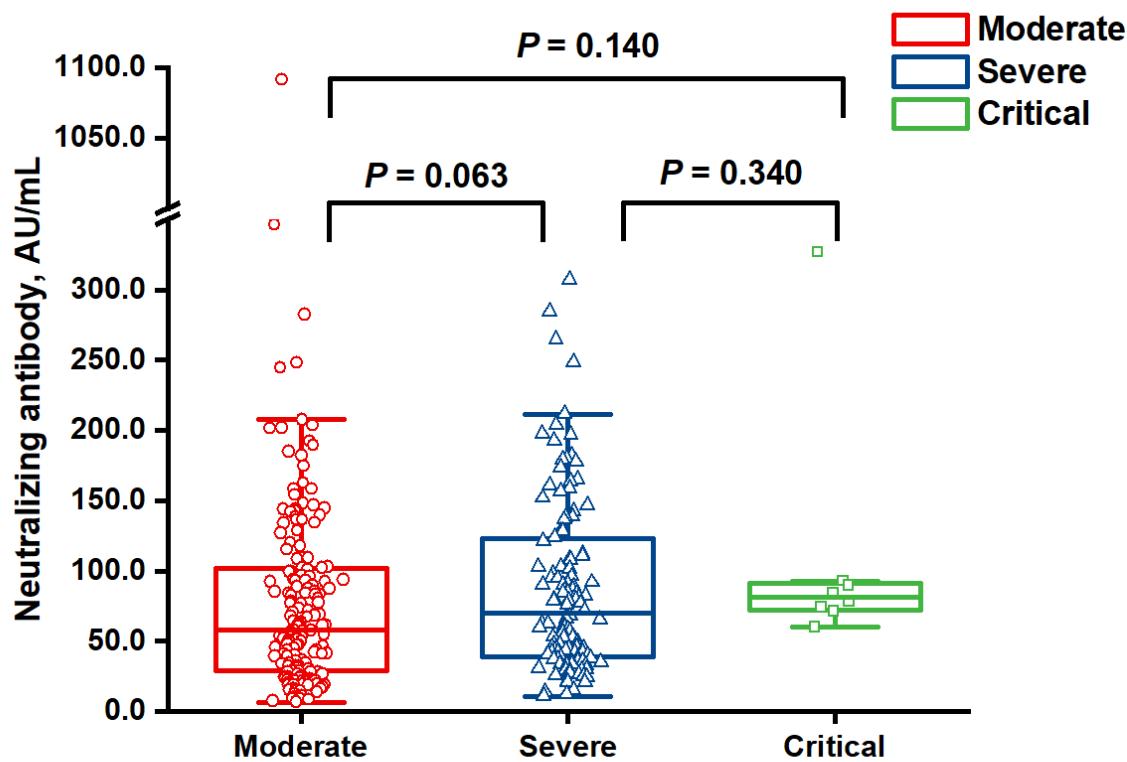
ROC, receiver operating characteristic; GMM, Gaussian mixture model; SpO<sub>2</sub>, pulse oxygen saturation; PCT, procalcitonin; CRP, C-reactive protein; LDH, lactate dehydrogenase.

Supplementary Figure S1.



**Supplementary Figure S1. Distribution of disease severity in diabetic and non-diabetic patients among 306 patients recovered from COVID-19.**  
No significant difference in disease severity was found between patients with diabetes and non-diabetics. In patients with diabetes, there were 26 cases in moderate (47.3%), 26 in severe (47.3%) and 3 (5.4%) in critical severity whereas in non-diabetes patients, there were 136 cases in moderate (56.9%), 98 in severe (41.0%) and 5 (2.1%) in critical severity,  $p = 0.220$ . NAb, neutralizing antibody.

Supplementary Figure S2.



**Supplementary Figure S2. NAb levels in patients with different disease severity.** NAb levels did not exhibit significant differences overall in patients of different disease severity. NAb levels in moderate patients (median (IQR): 57.9 (28.9, 102.3) AU/mL), n=174; NAb levels in severe patients (median (IQR): 69.7 (39.0, 123.5) AU/mL), n=124; NAb levels in critical patients (median (IQR): 81.2 (71.8, 91.9) AU/mL), n=8. NAb, neutralizing antibody.