

Additional file 1

□ **Original study population:** 276 patients with confirmed sepsis in database. Pregnant patients, and patients under 18 years of age excluded at enrolment

□ **This study:** 41 eligible patients with whole blood stored in biobank and records registered in REDcap

- 4 Patients excluded due to medical history of anaemia
- 1 Patient excluded due to trauma as cause of admission
- 2 Patients excluded due to suffering from known hereditary or cancerous blood disease

□ 34 patients samples included in study population

□ 20 patients negative for blood pathogen

□ 14 patients positive for blood pathogen

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Patient selection flow chart