

**Table S2** ICU-free days and additive biomarkers

	Coefficient (days)	95% CI	<i>p</i> value
IL-6 at Day 3	-2.4	-4.7, -0.1	0.042
CRP at Day 3	0.8	-2.3, 3.9	0.608
PCT at Day 3	1.6	0.1, 3.3	0.034
IL-8 at Day 1	0.3	-1.5, 2.1	0.762
IL-10 at Day 2	-1.6	-5.4, 2.3	0.418
TNF- $\alpha$ at Day 3	3.2	-1.2, 7.6	0.157

ICU = intensive care unit, CI = confidence interval, IL = interleukin, CRP = C-reactive protein, PCT = procalcitonin, TNF = tumor necrosis factor. \* Log-transformed biomarker levels were entered along with SOFA score at Day 2 in the linear regression analysis.