

Supplemental Table I**Serum sodium levels according to gender, intensity of care and hospitalization outcome**

	Serum sodium (mmol/L)			
	Na ⁺ _{in}	Na ⁺ _{min}	Na ⁺ _{max}	ΔNa ⁺ _{min-max}
Gender				
- Male (n=81)	138±6	135±6	146±5	11±7
- Female (n=36)	138±5	136±4	145±4	9±5
Admission care setting			**	*
- Semi-intensive (n=99)	138±6	135±5	145±5	10±6
- ICU (n=18)	137±7	135±5	150±6	15±9
Need for ICU			**	**
- No (n=85)	138±6	135±6	144±5	9±6
- Yes (n=32)	137±6	135±5	149±5	14±7
Maximum ventilation			**	*
- Ambient air (n=7)	137±6	134±5	144±3	10±6
- Non-invasive (n=64)	138±6	135±6	145±5	9±6
- Invasive (n=32)	137±6	135±5	149±5	14±7
Patient's outcome				
- Discharged (n=97)	138±6	135±5	146±5	11±7
- Dead (n=20)	138±6	136±5	145±7	9±7

Data are expressed as mean ± SD *p<0.050, **p≤0.001. Data concerning maximum requested ventilation were available for 103/117 patients. Abbreviations: ICU = Intensive Care Unit.