

SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIAL

Appendix 1. Institutional Review Boards and Ethics Committees

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Appendix 2. Propensity Score Matching Methods

Data from the tocilizumab 8-mg/kg arm of MARIPOSA were analyzed and compared with data from the placebo arm of COVACTA, followed by sensitivity analysis including pooled data from the tocilizumab 8-mg/kg and 4-mg/kg arms of MARIPOSA. Inclusion criteria were matched, and the subset of patients with severe disease in MARIPOSA (similar to the COVACTA population) was included but patients with moderate disease were excluded. Propensity scores were calculated based on the following covariates, which could impact treatment assignment or outcome: ordinal baseline score (captures mechanical ventilation status), age, sex, antiviral use (yes/no), and corticosteroid use (yes/no). Overlapping support was checked for the propensity score distributions. Matching was performed using the MatchIt (version 3.0.2) algorithm, which matched the treatment groups from MARIPOSA and the control group from COVACTA using propensity scores with the nearest neighbor algorithm. Weighting was performed using inverse probability weighting according to the ATT estimand (1). Success of weighting and matching was assessed using Love plots, which chart the standardized differences of variables (standardized mean difference [SMD] = $x_{\text{treatment}} - x_{\text{control}} / (\text{pooled standard deviation})$), where $\text{SMD} < 0.1$ or $\text{SMD} < 0.25$ was considered acceptable (2, 3), and histograms (for categorical variables) or density plots (for continuous variables) before and after weighting were used for visual comparison. Several methods were used to estimate the treatment difference for subgroup analysis and the interaction term between the continuous predictive biomarker and treatment: ATT estimand via propensity score weighting (primary analysis method), propensity score regression, naive, propensity score matching.

Table S1. Baseline Characteristics of Patients in MARIPOSA**(severe disease subset) and COVACTA**

	COVACTA <i>N</i> = 437	MARIPOSA <i>N</i> = 77
Mechanical ventilation, <i>n</i> (%)		
No	270 (61.8)	65 (84.4)
Yes	167 (38.2)	12 (15.6)
Ordinal scale category, <i>n</i> (%)		
2	15 (3.4)	2 (2.6)
3	122 (27.9)	22 (28.6)
4	133 (30.4)	41 (53.2)
5	60 (13.7)	9 (11.7)
6	107 (24.5)	3 (3.9)
Sex, <i>n</i> (%)		
Female	136 (30.2)	29 (37.7)
Male	315 (69.8)	48 (62.3)
Age		
Mean (SD)	61.0 (14.3)	59.1 (14.4)
Median	63	60
Q1–Q3	53–71	50–70
Min–Max	22–96	27–91
Antiviral use, <i>n</i> (%)		
No	336 (74.5)	41 (53.2)
Yes	115 (25.5)	36 (46.8)
Steroid use, <i>n</i> (%)		
No	353 (78.3)	57 (74.0)
Yes	98 (21.7)	20 (26.0)

One patient who had an ordinal scale score of 7 at baseline (death) was excluded from the analysis. Q = quarter.

Table S2. Combinations of Predictive Biomarkers

Biomarker Combination	Estimate	<i>p</i> Value	2.5%	97.5%
Combined ferritin, IL-6, and CRP (<i>n</i> = 257)				
Ferritin	0.20	0.04	0.04	0.87
IL-6	0.89	0.88	0.18	3.97
CRP	0.48	0.42	0.06	2.51
Ferritin and IL-6	0.62	0.52	0.14	2.69
Ferritin and CRP	0.41	0.23	0.09	1.73
IL-6 and CRP	0.79	0.75	0.18	3.32
Ferritin or IL-6	0.48	0.16	0.16	1.30
Ferritin or CRP	0.40	0.09	0.12	1.08
IL-6 or CRP	0.82	0.68	0.29	2.09
Combined ferritin, LDH, and D-dimer (<i>n</i> = 165)				
Ferritin	0.19	0.05	0.03	0.99
D-dimer	1.16	0.86	0.22	6.09
LDH	1.68	0.56	0.29	9.61
Ferritin and D-dimer	0.54	0.49	0.09	3.13
Ferritin and LDH	0.32	0.20	0.05	1.83
D-dimer and LDH	1.97	0.44	0.36	11.46
Ferritin or D-dimer	0.51	0.25	0.16	1.56
Ferritin or LDH	0.47	0.22	0.14	1.51
D-dimer or LDH	1.30	0.66	0.40	4.07
LDH and D-dimer and ferritin	0.50	0.50	0.06	3.93

A median cutoff value was used for each biomarker.

CRP = C-reactive protein; IL-6 = interleukin-6; LDH = lactate dehydrogenase.

Table S3. Ferritin Levels According to Baseline Ordinal Scale

Baseline Ordinal Scale Category	Mean	Median	25%	75%	Standard Deviation	<i>n</i>
2	1135.88	640.17	201.78	2071.73	1036.74	12
3	2126.42	1677.39	870.15	2798.08	1634.71	104
4	3978.09	2422.27	1256.07	4458.50	7849.37	103
5	4315.15	3148.05	1659.09	5207.03	3860.48	54
6	3619.02	2464.96	1297.69	4392.89	4132.11	91

Ferritin levels are shown as pmol/L.

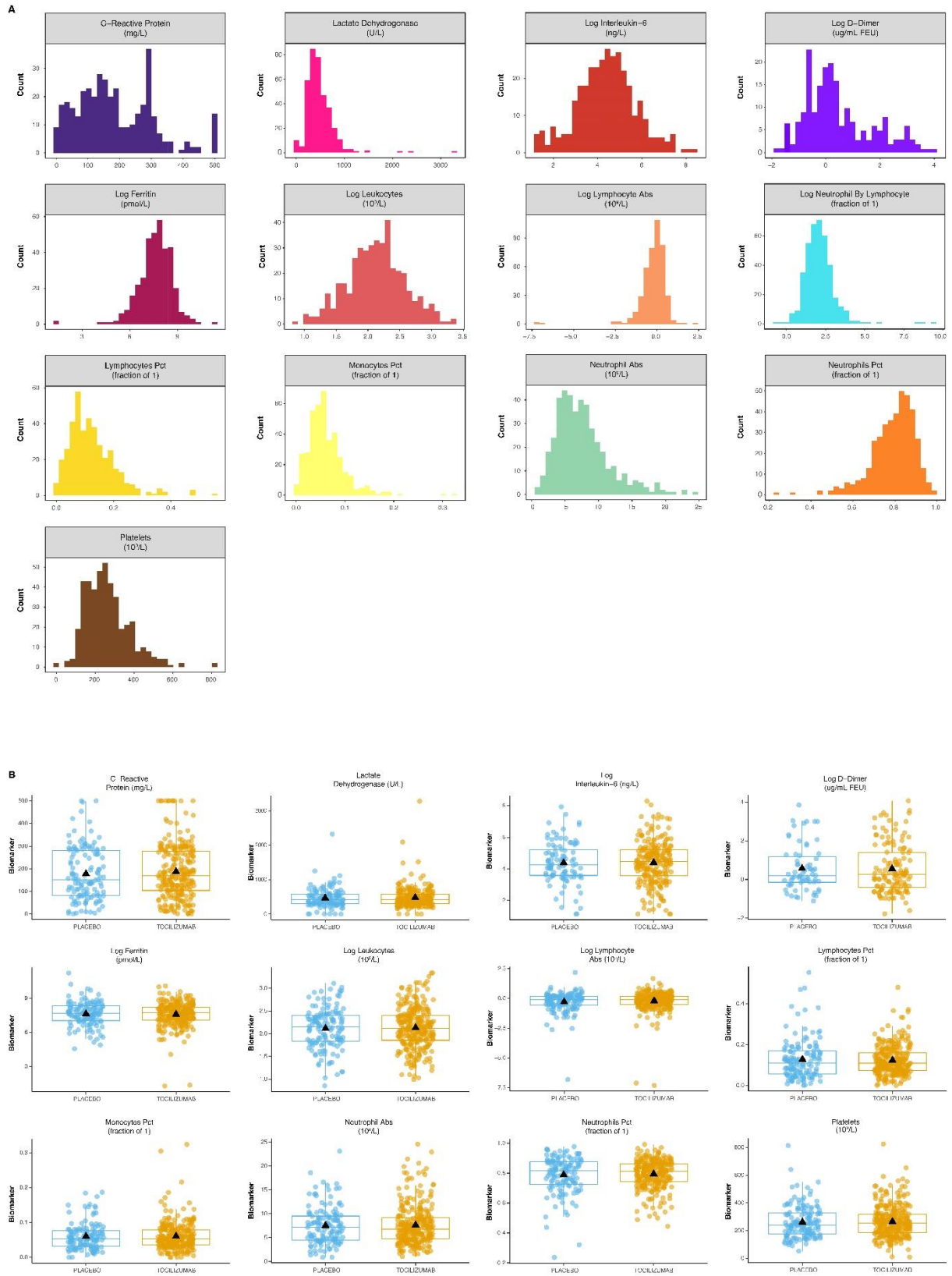
**Table S4. D-Dimer Levels Among Survivors and Nonsurvivors
in COVACTA and Published Studies**

	Nonsurvivors		Survivors	
	<i>N</i>	Mean (IQR) [median]	<i>N</i>	Mean (IQR) [median]
D-dimer, µg/mL*				
COVACTA	47	7.16 (1.02–8.37) [2.68]	150	3.58 (0.63–2.32) [1.13]
Zhou F et al (4)	54	5.2 (1.5–21.1) [NR]	137	0.6 (0.3–1.0) [NR]
Tang N et al (5)	21	2.12 (0.77–5.27) [NR]	162	0.61 (0.35–1.29) [NR]

*Reported as fibrinogen equivalent units for COVACTA, though published studies do not state whether D-dimer was reported as fibrinogen equivalent units or D-dimer units.

IQR = interquartile range; NR = not reported.

Figure S1. Baseline biomarker levels. (A) Overall and (B) by treatment arm. (C) Correlation between baseline biomarkers. Ferritin, neutrophil-to-lymphocyte ratio, IL-6, D-dimer, absolute lymphocyte, and absolute leukocyte values are log transformed. IL-6 = interleukin-6.



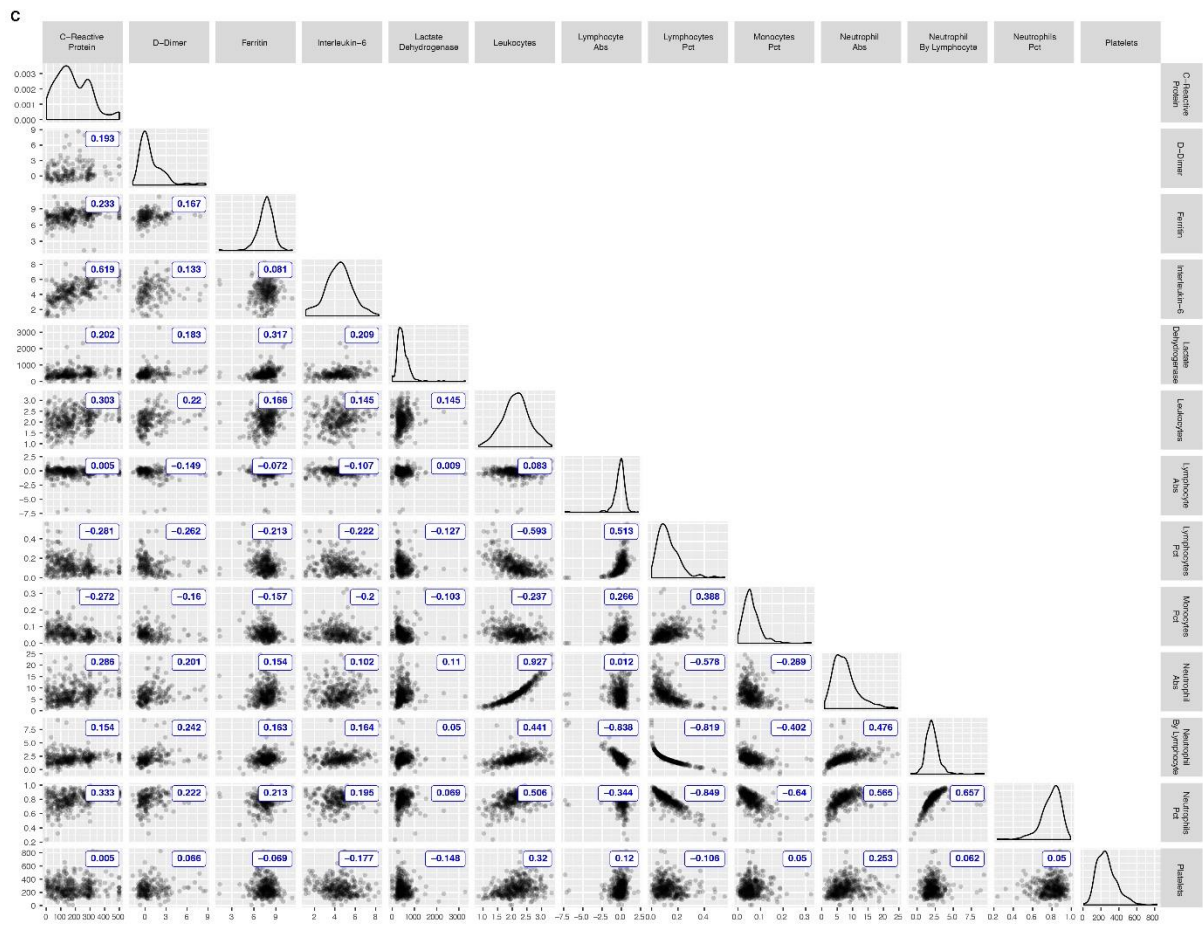
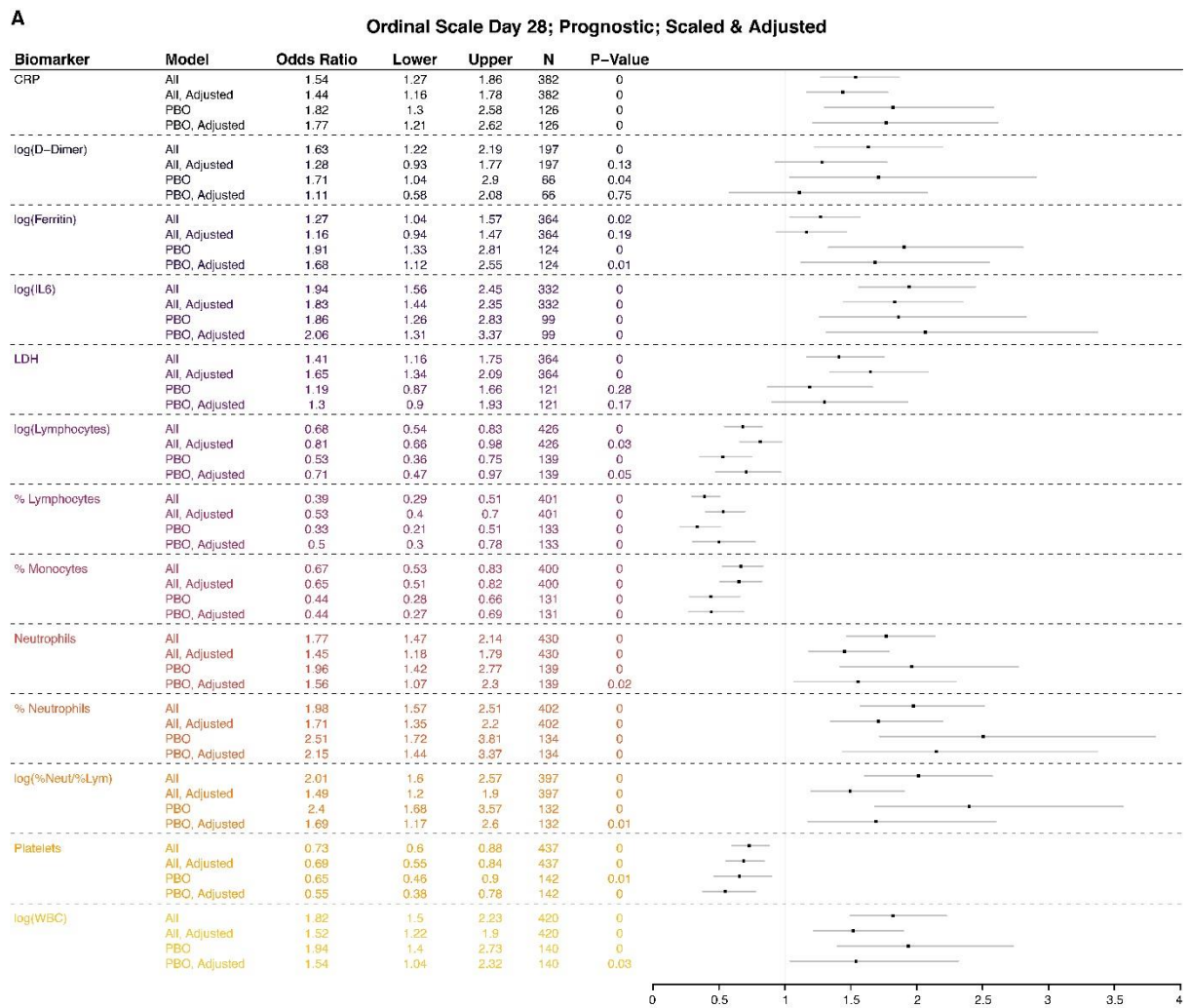


Figure S2. Prognostic forest plots. (A) Ordinal scale and (B) time to hospital discharge.

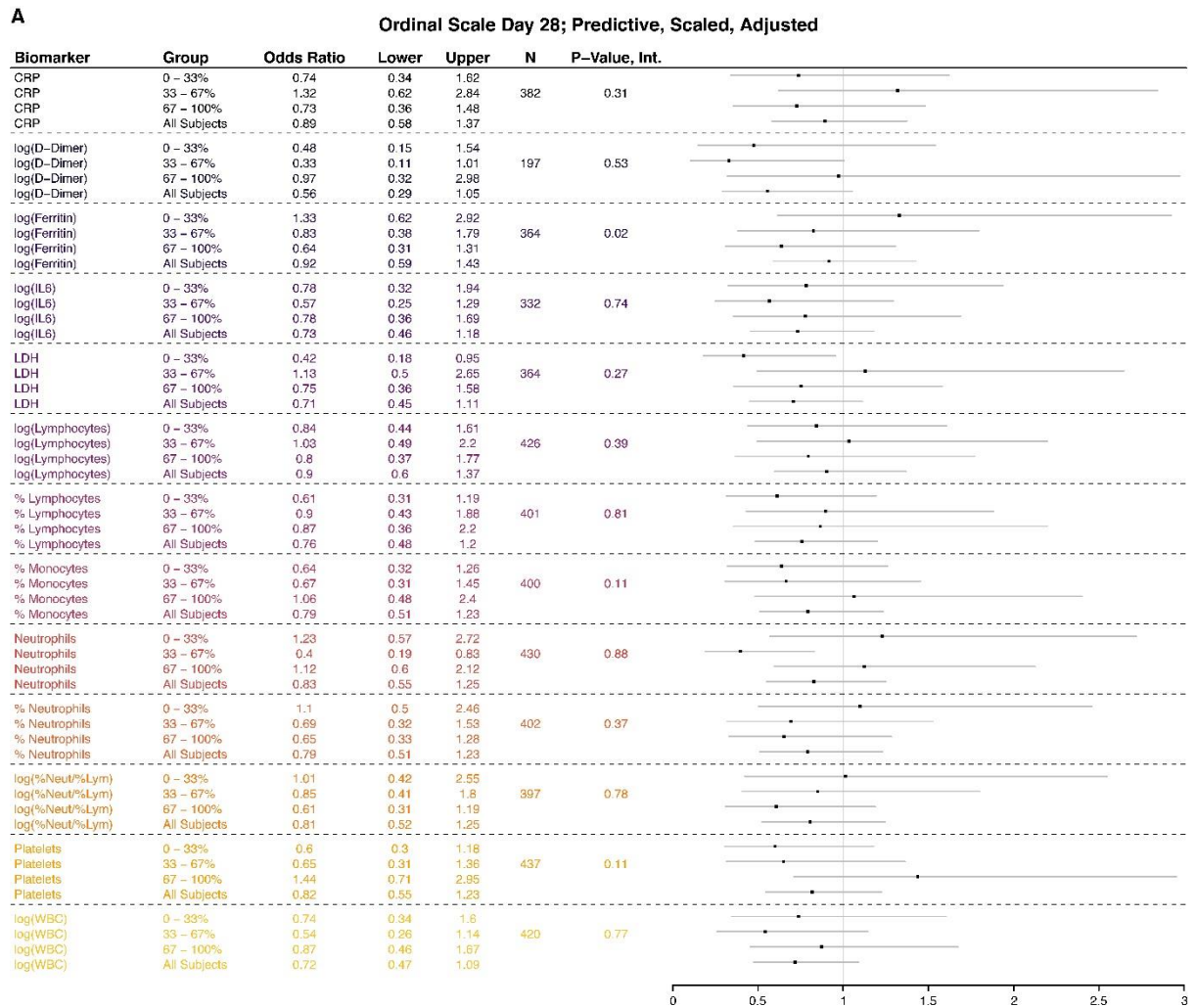


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Time to Hospital Discharge (Fine-Gray); Prognostic; Scaled & Adjusted

Biomarker	Model	Hazard Ratio	Lower	Upper	N	P-Value
CRP	All	0.68	0.6	0.78	382	0
	All, Adjusted	0.73	0.63	0.85	382	0
	PBO	0.58	0.44	0.75	126	0
	PBO, Adjusted	0.61	0.47	0.8	126	0
log(D-Dimer)	All	0.67	0.54	0.84	197	0
	All, Adjusted	0.83	0.68	1.02	197	0.08
	PBO	0.68	0.44	1.06	66	0.09
	PBO, Adjusted	0.84	0.57	1.25	66	0.4
log(Ferritin)	All	0.83	0.72	0.96	364	0.02
	All, Adjusted	0.84	0.73	0.97	364	0.02
	PBO	0.65	0.53	0.81	124	0
	PBO, Adjusted	0.74	0.58	0.93	124	0.01
log(IL6)	All	0.64	0.56	0.74	332	0
	All, Adjusted	0.56	0.47	0.68	332	0
	PBO	0.6	0.43	0.83	99	0
	PBO, Adjusted	0.47	0.3	0.73	99	0
LDH	All	0.71	0.59	0.85	364	0
	All, Adjusted	0.6	0.48	0.75	364	0
	PBO	0.85	0.65	1.12	121	0.25
	PBO, Adjusted	0.81	0.58	1.13	121	0.21
log(Lymphocytes)	All	1.44	1.16	1.8	426	0
	All, Adjusted	1.4	1.08	1.83	426	0.01
	PBO	2.14	1.66	2.76	139	0
	PBO, Adjusted	1.73	1.32	2.28	139	0
% Lymphocytes	All	1.63	1.45	1.82	401	0
	All, Adjusted	1.46	1.32	1.63	401	0
	PBO	1.69	1.4	2.05	133	0
	PBO, Adjusted	1.49	1.26	1.77	133	0
% Monocytes	All	1.19	1.04	1.36	400	0.01
	All, Adjusted	1.19	1	1.41	400	0.05
	PBO	1.64	1.31	2.05	131	0
	PBO, Adjusted	1.69	1.36	2.1	131	0
Neutrophils	All	0.58	0.49	0.69	430	0
	All, Adjusted	0.73	0.61	0.87	430	0
	PBO	0.42	0.3	0.59	139	0
	PBO, Adjusted	0.54	0.37	0.77	139	0
% Neutrophils	All	0.66	0.58	0.74	402	0
	All, Adjusted	0.68	0.6	0.76	402	0
	PBO	0.6	0.49	0.74	134	0
	PBO, Adjusted	0.64	0.53	0.76	134	0
log(%Neut/%Lym)	All	0.5	0.41	0.61	397	0
	All, Adjusted	0.6	0.48	0.75	397	0
	PBO	0.41	0.31	0.55	132	0
	PBO, Adjusted	0.51	0.39	0.67	132	0
Platelets	All	1.14	1.01	1.27	437	0.03
	All, Adjusted	1.16	1.04	1.29	437	0.01
	PBO	1.2	1	1.45	142	0.05
	PBO, Adjusted	1.2	1	1.44	142	0.05
log(WBC)	All	0.85	0.58	0.74	420	0
	All, Adjusted	0.78	0.68	0.9	420	0
	PBO	0.55	0.44	0.69	140	0
	PBO, Adjusted	0.69	0.54	0.89	140	0

Figure S3. Predictive forest (tertiles and continuous analysis) plots. (A) Ordinal scale and (B) time to hospital discharge.



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Time to Hospital Discharge; Fine Gray; Predictive, Scaled, Adjusted

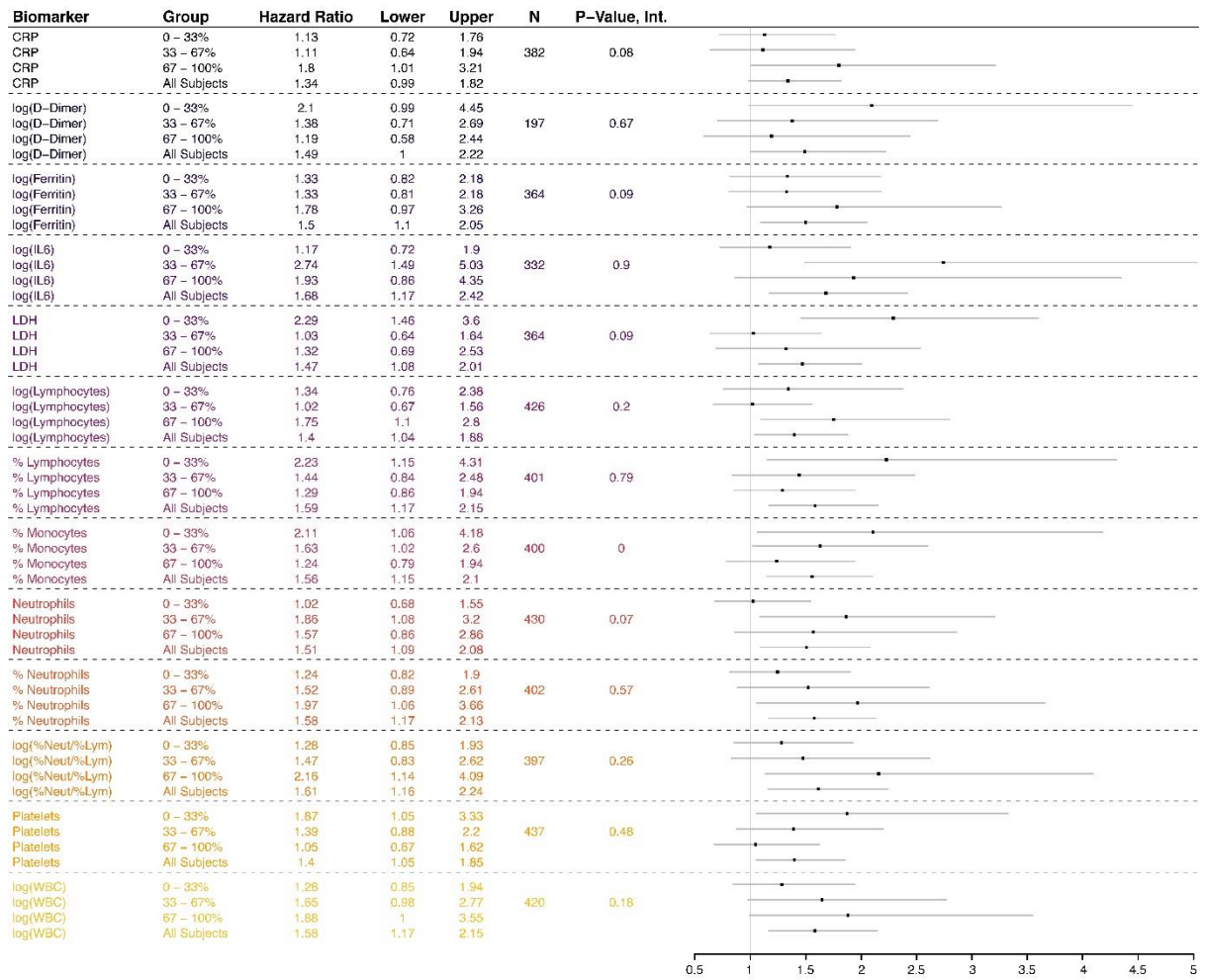
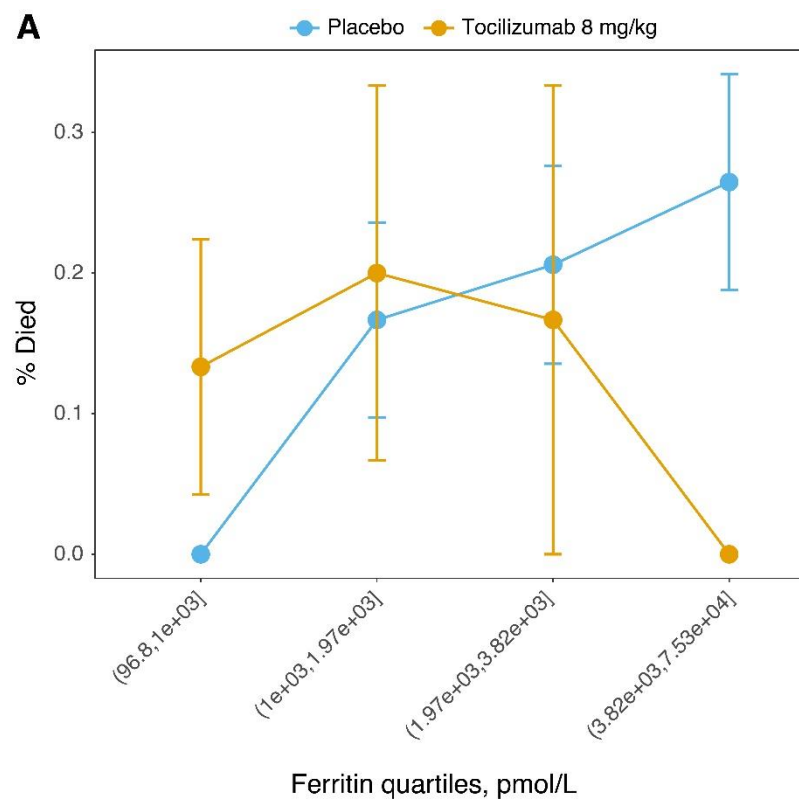
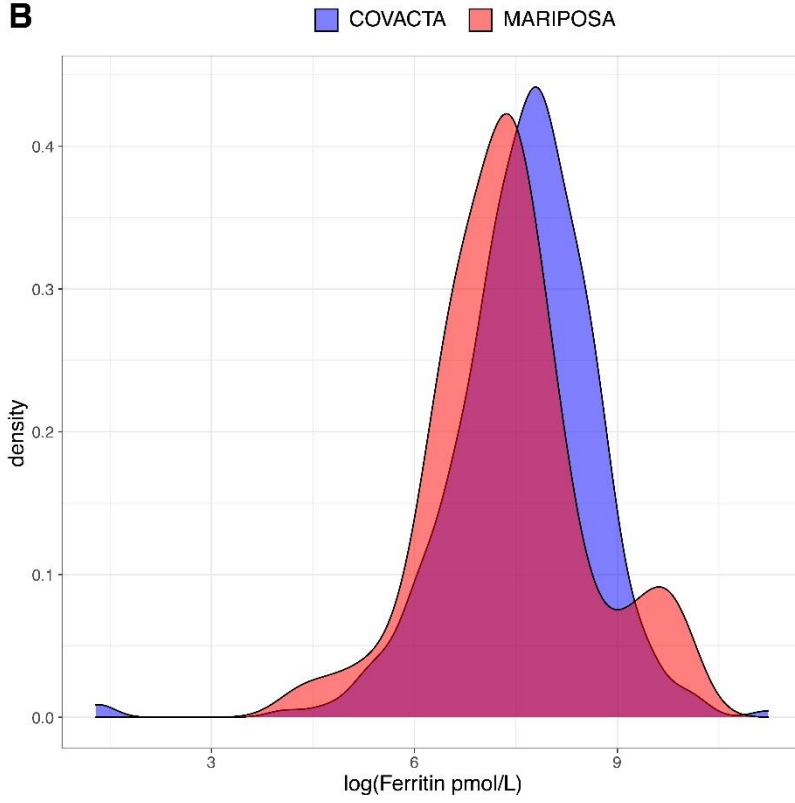
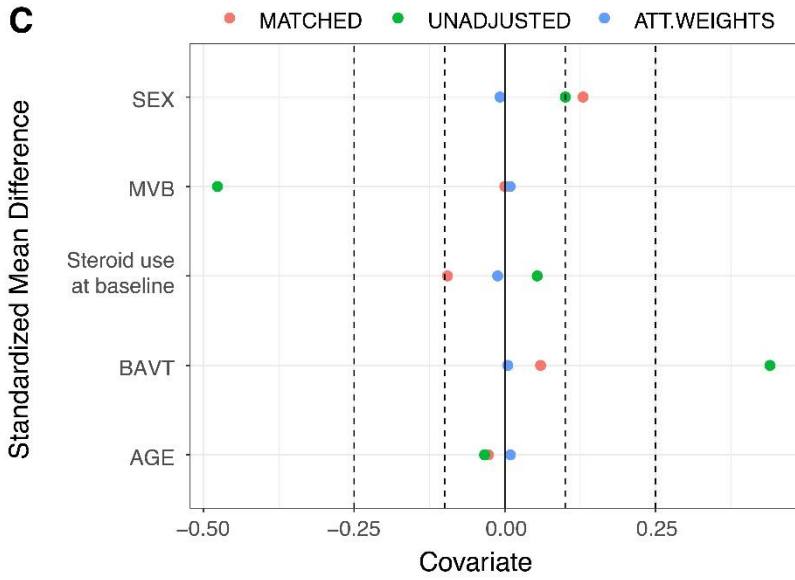


Figure S4. (A) Ferritin as a predictive biomarker for death by day 28 in combined analysis of COVACTA and MARIPOSA. (B) Baseline ferritin levels in MARIPOSA and COVACTA. (C) Love plot showing the standardized mean difference using matched subjects, unadjusted, and ATT weights. (D) Descriptive plot of subgroups of patients receiving or not receiving mechanical ventilation in MARIPOSA and COVACTA. (A, D) Data are shown as mean \pm standard error based on 124 patients from the placebo arm of COVACTA and 67 patients from the tocilizumab 4-mg/kg and 8-mg/kg arms of MARIPOSA. BAVT = baseline antiviral treatment; MVB = mechanical ventilation at baseline; PBO = placebo.



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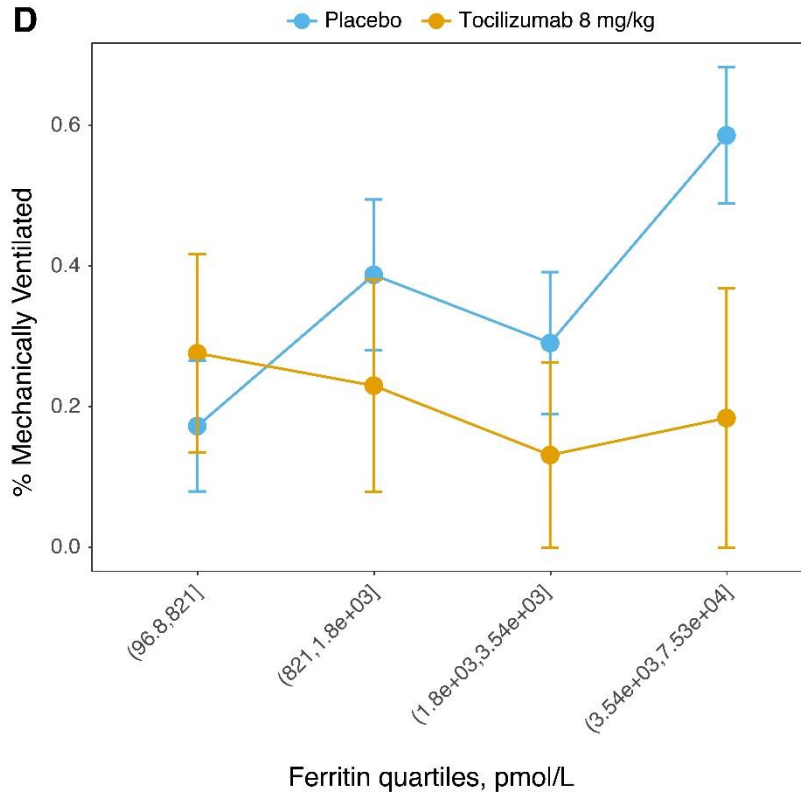


Figure S5. Day 28 outcomes by baseline IL-6 tertiles (mITT population). (A) Ordinal scale category and (B) death. Seven-category ordinal scale: 1, discharged or ready for discharge; 2, non-ICU hospital ward, not requiring supplemental oxygen; 3, non-ICU hospital ward, requiring supplemental oxygen; 4, ICU or non-ICU hospital ward, requiring noninvasive ventilation or high-flow oxygen; 5, ICU, requiring intubation and mechanical ventilation; 6, ICU, requiring extracorporeal membrane oxygenation or mechanical ventilation and additional organ support; 7, death. IL-6 values are log-transformed. ICU = intensive care unit; IL-6 = interleukin-6.

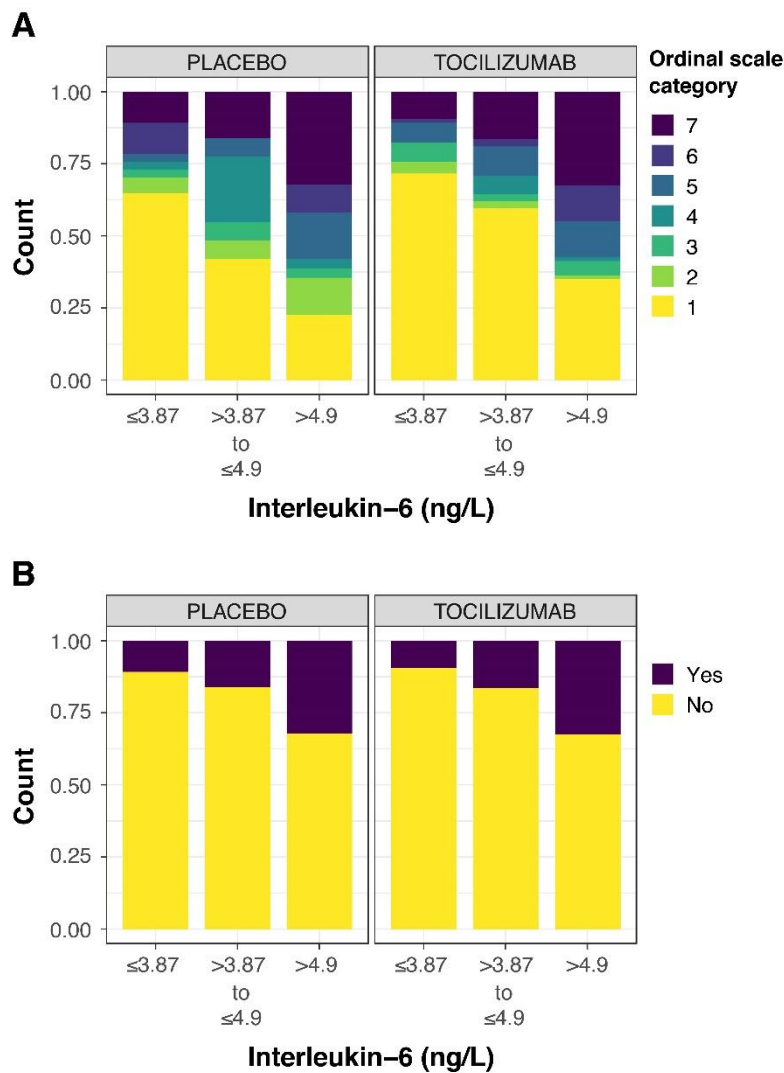
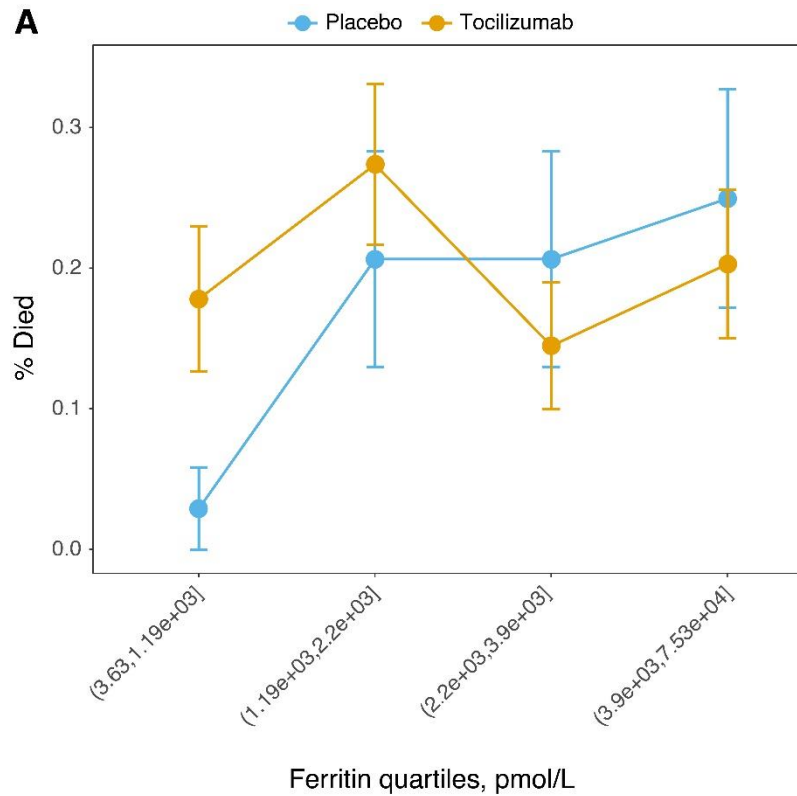


Figure S6. Unmodeled data by ferritin quartiles (A) in all-comers ($N = 437$) and (B) in the subgroup of patients requiring positive pressure or mechanical ventilation at baseline (ordinal scale categories 4 and 5) ($n = 157$). (C) Baseline ordinal scale versus baseline ferritin levels. (A, B) Data are shown as descriptive mean \pm SE. (C) The blue line shows Loess smoothing. SE = standard error.



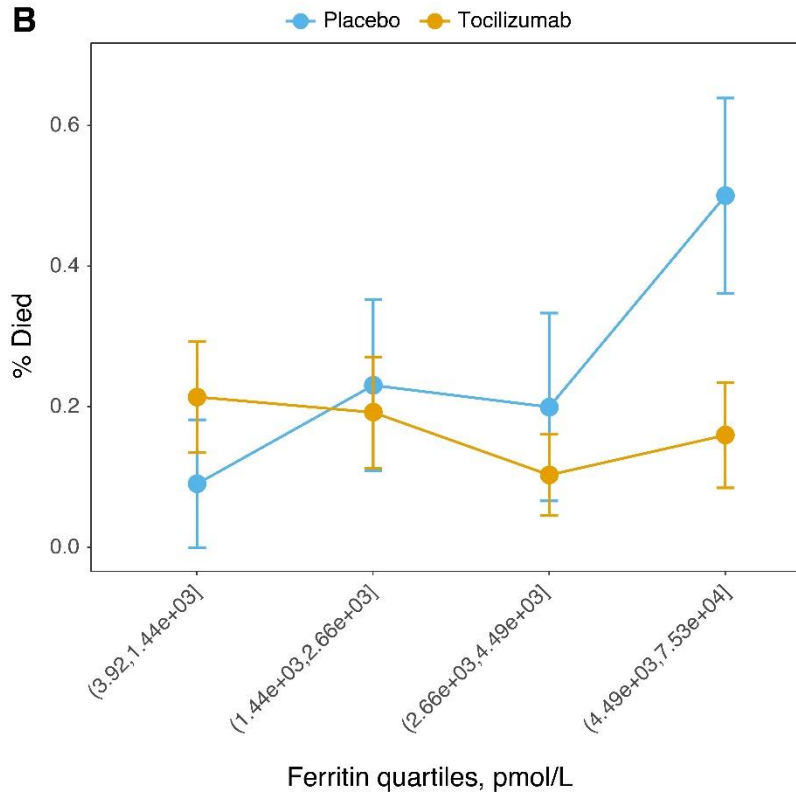
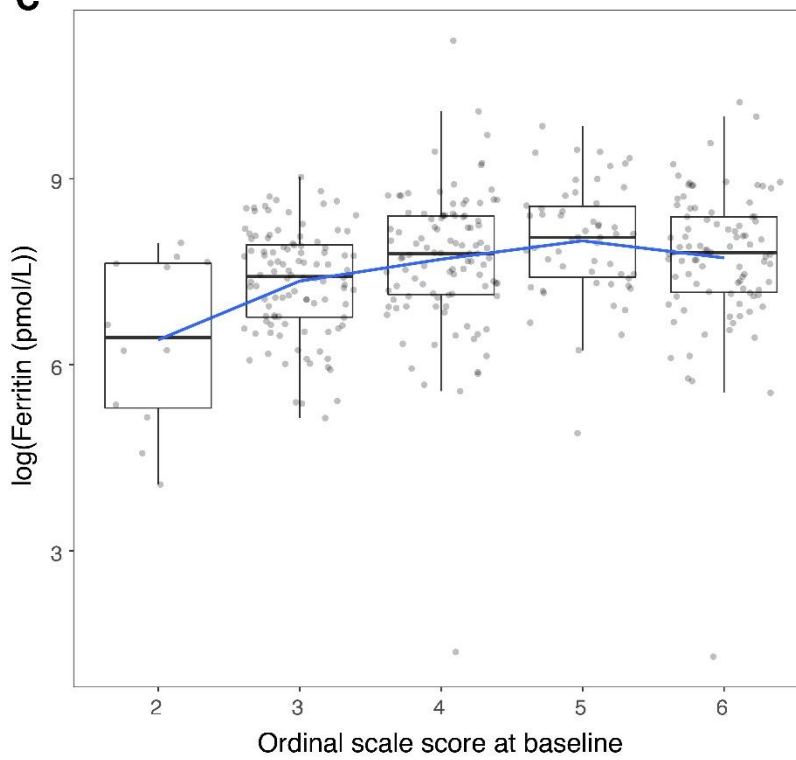
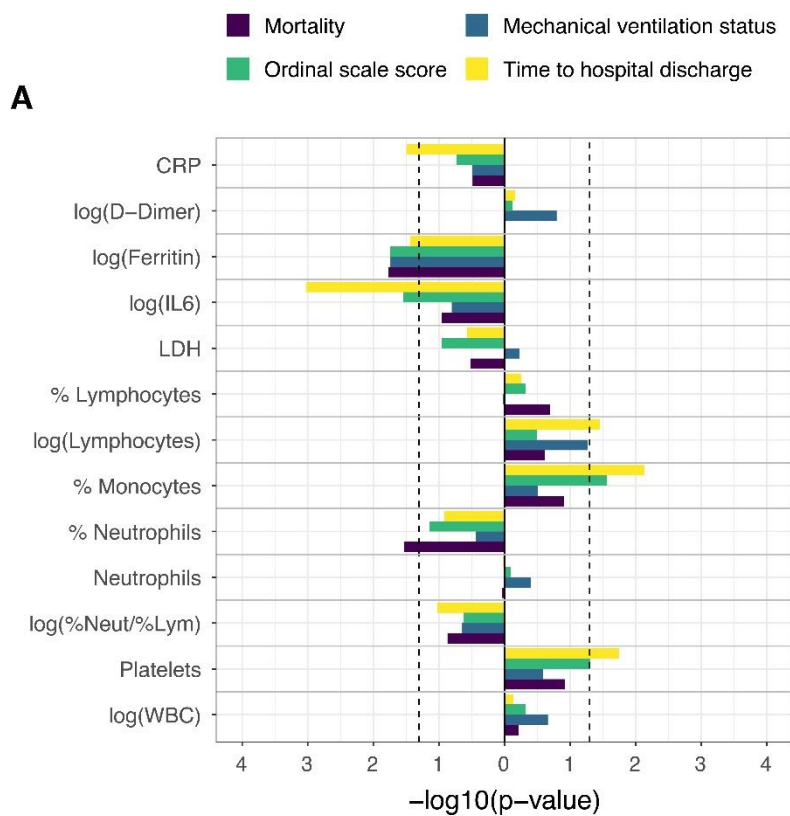
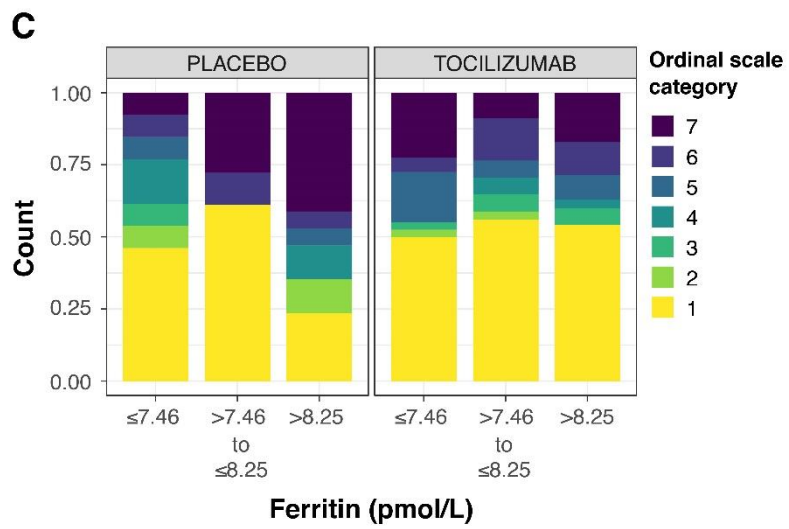
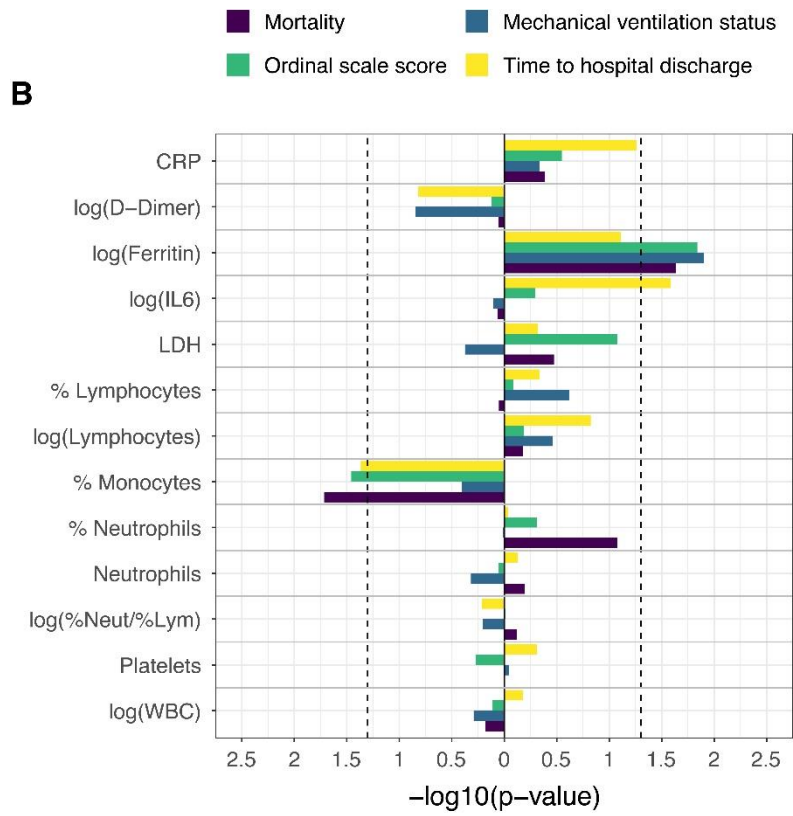
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Figure S7. (A) Prognostic models and (B) predictive models for clinical outcomes by biomarkers and by ferritin tertiles (C, ordinal scale score; D, mechanical ventilation status; E, mortality; F, hospital discharge) in the subgroup of patients requiring positive pressure or mechanical ventilation at baseline (ordinal scale categories 4 and 5) ($n = 157$). Seven-category ordinal scale: 1, discharged or ready for discharge; 2, non-ICU hospital ward, not requiring supplemental oxygen; 3, non-ICU hospital ward, requiring supplemental oxygen; 4, ICU or non-ICU hospital ward, requiring noninvasive ventilation or high-flow oxygen; 5, ICU, requiring intubation and mechanical ventilation; 6, ICU, requiring extracorporeal membrane oxygenation or mechanical ventilation and additional organ support; 7, death. ICU = intensive care unit.





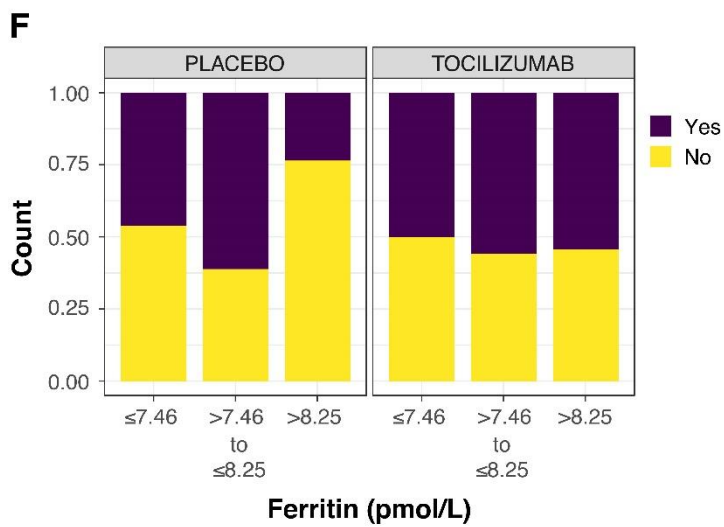
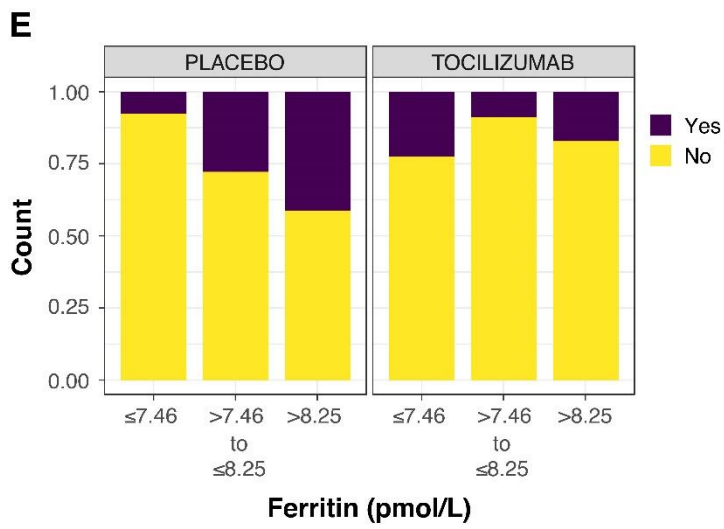
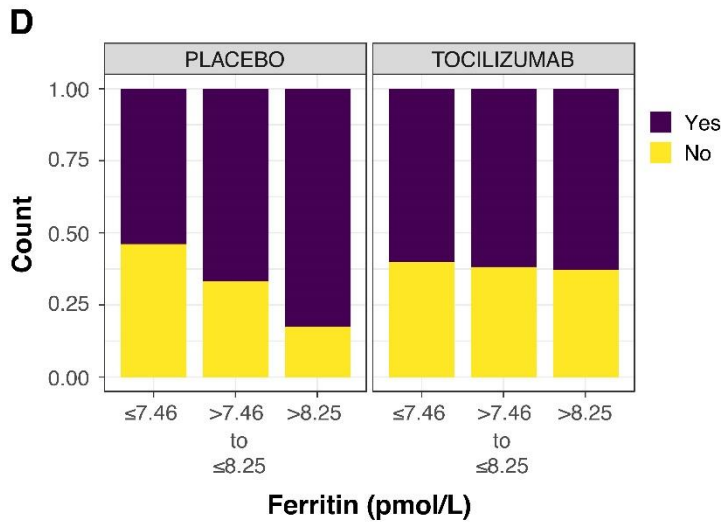
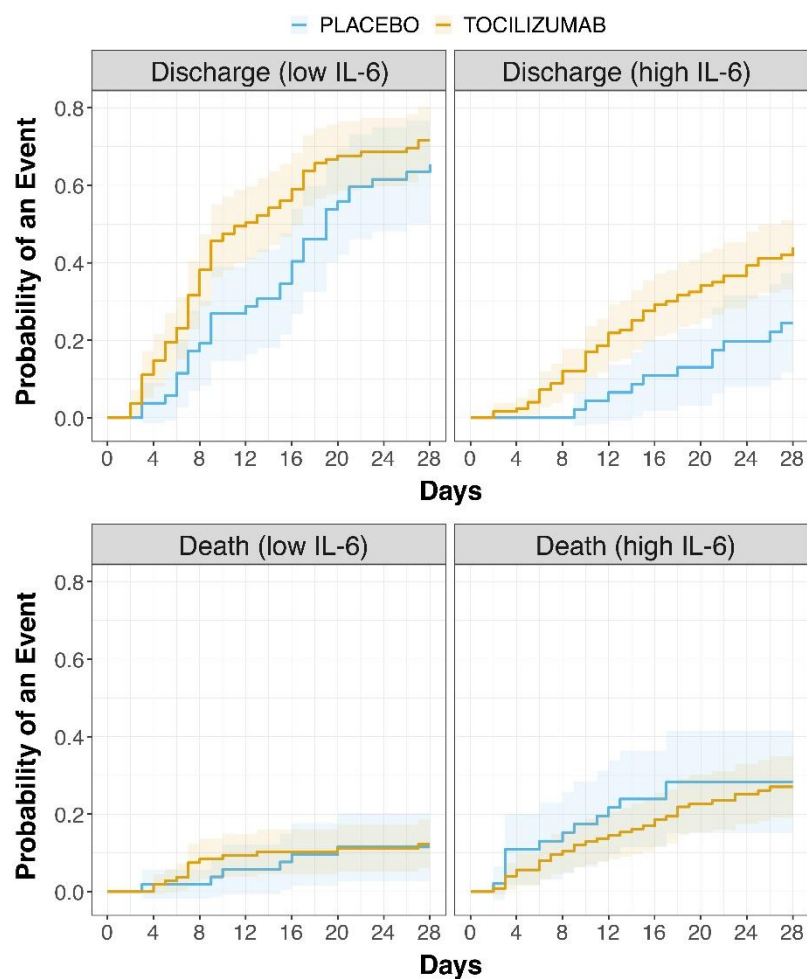


Figure S8. Cumulative probability of time to discharge and death by day 28 according to baseline IL-6 concentration in patients requiring positive pressure or mechanical ventilation at baseline (ordinal scale categories 4 and 5) ($n = 157$). IL-6 values are log transformed. A cutoff IL-6 value of 80 ng/L was chosen for visualization purposes only (C) based on the median (IQR) value of 85.8 (35.6–188.0) ng/mL. IL-6 = interleukin-6; IQR = interquartile range.



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