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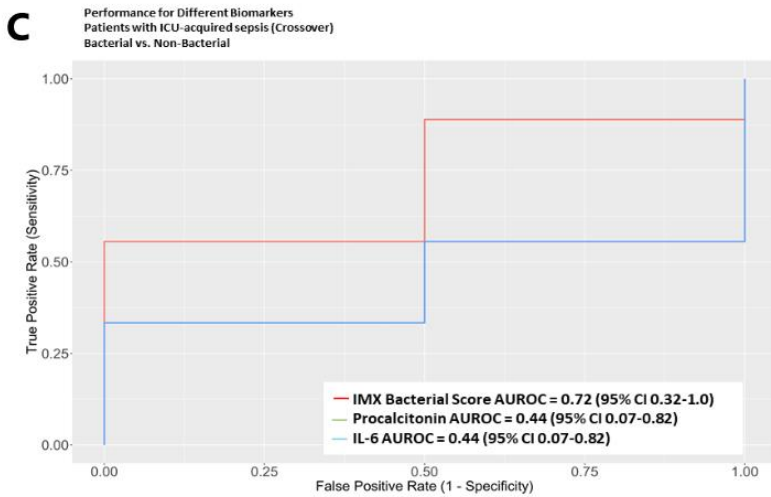
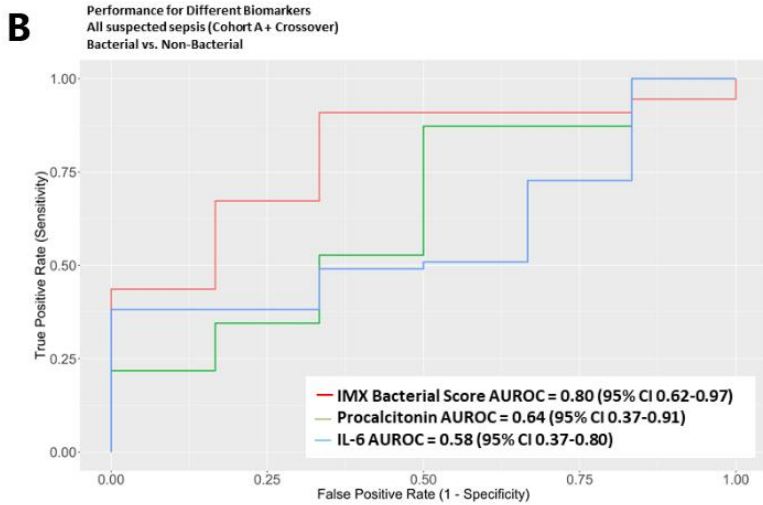
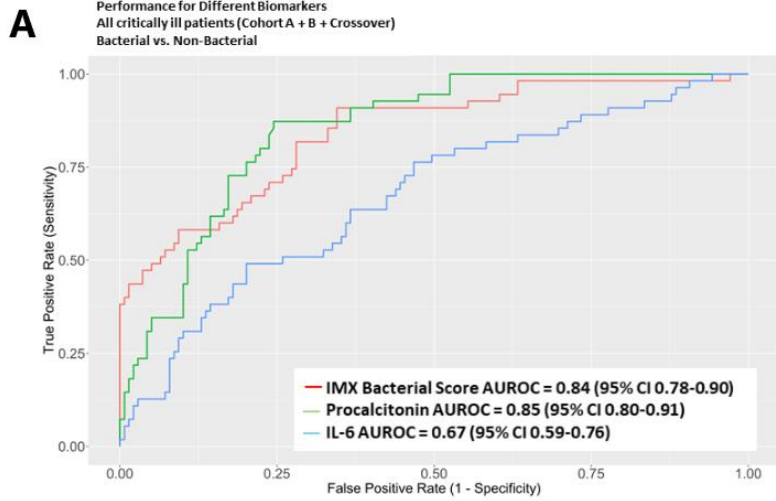
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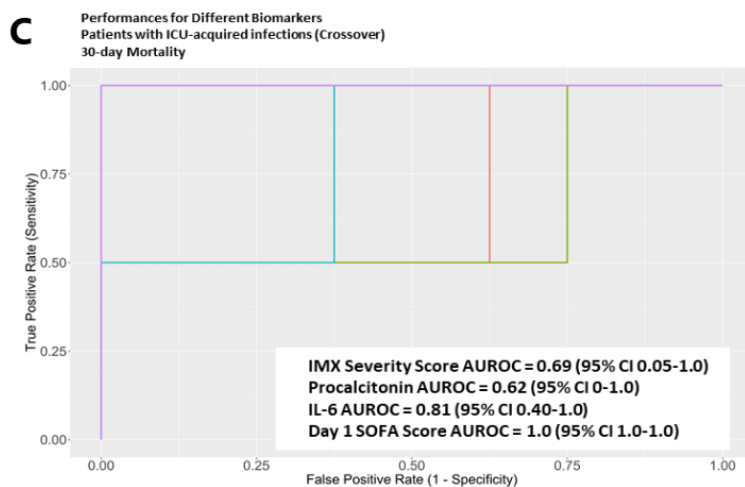
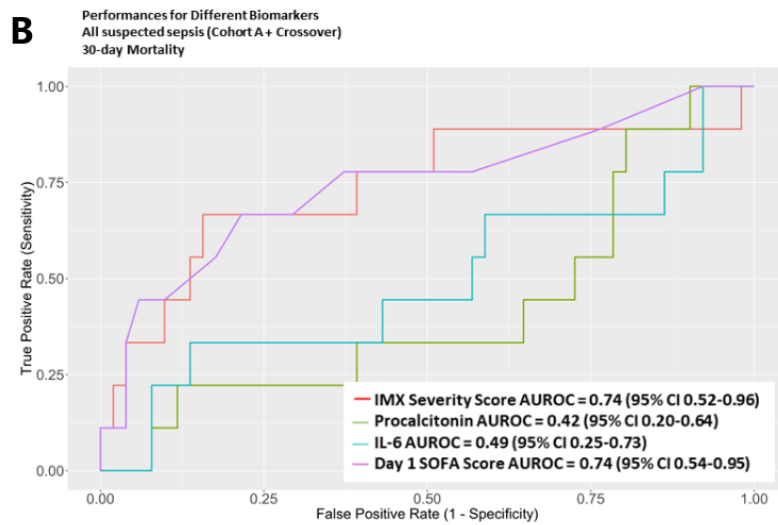
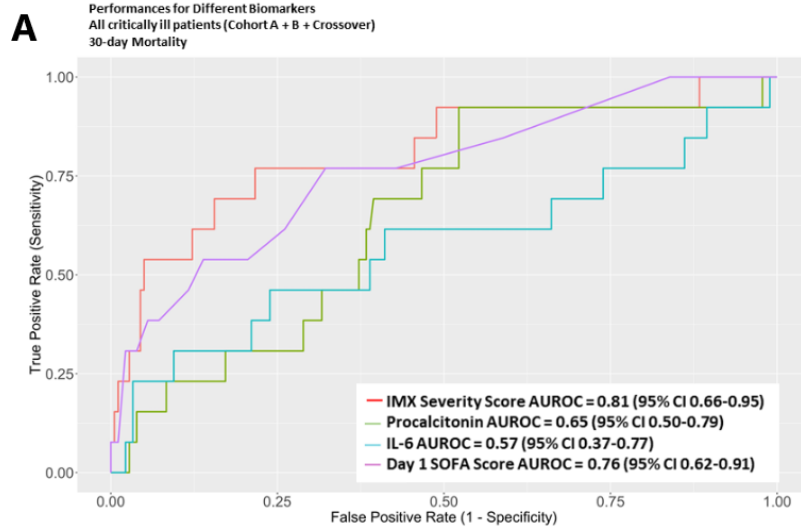
Gene ID	Name
<i>ARG1</i>	Arginase 1
<i>BATF</i>	Basic leucine zipper transcription factor, ATF-like
<i>C3AR1</i>	Complement component 3a receptor 1
<i>CD163</i>	High affinity scavenger receptor for the hemoglobin-haptoglobin complex
<i>CEACAM1</i>	CEA Cell Adhesion Molecule 1
<i>CTSB</i>	Cathepsin B
<i>CTSL</i>	Cathepsin L1
<i>DEFA4</i>	Defensin alpha 4
<i>FAM214A</i>	Family with sequence similarity 214 member A
<i>FURIN</i>	Furin, paired basic amino acid cleaving enzyme
<i>GAD45A</i>	Growth arrest and DNA damage, 45A
<i>GNA15</i>	G protein subunit alpha 15
<i>HK3</i>	Hexokinase isoform 3
<i>HLADMB</i>	Major Histocompatibility Complex, Class II, DM Beta
<i>IFI27</i>	Interferon alpha inducible protein 27
<i>ISG15</i>	Ubiquitin-like modifier/interferon stimulated gene 15
<i>JUP</i>	Junction plakoglobin
<i>KCNJ2</i>	Potassium inwardly rectifying channel subfamily J member 2
<i>LY86</i>	Lymphocyte antigen 86
<i>NMRK1</i>	Nicotinamide riboside kinase 1
<i>OASL</i>	2,5 Oligoadenylate synthetase 1
<i>OLFM4</i>	Olfactomedin 4
<i>PDE4B</i>	Phosphodiesterase 4B
<i>PER1</i>	Period circadian regulator 1
<i>PSMB9</i>	Proteasome 20S subunit beta 9
<i>RAPGEF1</i>	Rap guanine nucleotide exchange factor 1
<i>S100A12</i>	S100 calcium binding protein A12
<i>TGFBI</i>	Transforming growth factor B induced
<i>ZDHHC19</i>	Zinc finger DHHC-type palmitoyltransferase 19

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Panel A: all critically ill study patients (Cohort A + B + Crossover). Panel B: all patients with suspected sepsis (Cohort A + Crossover). Panel C: Cohort B “crossover” patients with hospital-acquired sepsis.

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 Panel A. Performance for bacterial infection (A1, IMX-BVN-3; A2, procalcitonin, A3, IL-6; A4, CRP; A5, CBC; A6, PMN:ALC). Panel B. Performance for severity (IMX-SEV-3).

A(1)

IMX-BVN-3

Total Subjects

	Bacterial infection		% in band	Sensitivity	Specificity	LR
	Yes	No				
Very likely bacterial	35	27	0.315	0.636	0.810	3.347
Possibly bacterial	17	59	0.386	0.309	0.585	0.744
Unlikely bacterial	3	53	0.284	0.945	0.373	0.146
Very unlikely bacterial	0	3	0.015	1.000	0.021	0.000

Cohort A

	Bacterial infection		% in band	Sensitivity	Specificity	LR
	Yes	No				
Very likely bacterial	30	2	0.627	0.652	0.600	1.630
Possibly bacterial	14	3	0.333	0.304	0.400	0.507
Unlikely bacterial	2	0	0.039	0.957	0.000	Inf
Very unlikely bacterial	0	0	0	1.000	0.000	NaN

Cohort A + Crossover Cohort

	Bacterial infection		% in band	Sensitivity	Specificity	LR
	Yes	No				
Very likely bacterial	35	2	0.597	0.636	0.714	2.227
Possibly bacterial	17	4	0.339	0.309	0.429	0.541
Unlikely bacterial	3	1	0.065	0.945	0.143	0.382
Very unlikely bacterial	0	0	0	1.000	0.000	NaN

Crossover Cohort

	Bacterial infection		% in band	Sensitivity	Specificity	LR
	Yes	No				
Very likely bacterial	5	0	0.455	0.556	1	Inf
Possibly bacterial	3	1	0.364	0.333	0.5	0.667
Unlikely bacterial	1	1	0.182	0.889	0.5	0.222
Very unlikely bacterial	0	0	0	1	0	-

A(2)

Procalcitonin

Total Subjects

	Bacterial infection		% in band	Sensitivity	Specificity	LR
	Yes	No				
PCT > 0.5 ng/mL	40	27	0.345	0.727	0.806	3.744
0.25 ng/mL < PCT ≤ 0.5 ng/mL	8	20	0.144	0.145	0.856	1.011
0.1 ng/mL < PCT ≤ 0.25 ng/mL	7	41	0.247	0.873	0.295	0.431
PCT ≤ 0.1 ng/mL	0	51	0.263	1.000	0.367	0.000

Cohort A

	Bacterial infection		% in band	Sensitivity	Specificity	LR
	Yes	No				
PCT > 0.5 ng/mL	33	1	0.68	0.717	0.750	2.870
0.25 ng/mL < PCT ≤ 0.5 ng/mL	6	1	0.14	0.130	0.750	0.522
0.1 ng/mL < PCT ≤ 0.25 ng/mL	7	2	0.18	0.848	0.500	0.304
PCT ≤ 0.1 ng/mL	0	0	0	1.000	0.000	NaN

Cohort A + Crossover Cohort

	Bacterial infection		% in band	Sensitivity	Specificity	LR
	Yes	No				
PCT > 0.5 ng/mL	40	3	0.705	0.727	0.500	1.455
0.25 ng/mL < PCT ≤ 0.5 ng/mL	8	1	0.148	0.145	0.833	0.873
0.1 ng/mL < PCT ≤ 0.25 ng/mL	7	2	0.148	0.873	0.333	0.382
PCT ≤ 0.1 ng/mL	0	0	0	1.000	0.000	NaN

Crossover Cohort

	Bacterial infection		% in band	Sensitivity	Specificity	LR
	Yes	No				
PCT > 0.5 ng/mL	7	2	0.818	0.778	0	0.778
0.25 ng/mL < PCT ≤ 0.5 ng/mL	2	0	0.182	0.222	1	Inf
0.1 ng/mL < PCT ≤ 0.25 ng/mL	0	0	0	1	0	-
PCT ≤ 0.1 ng/mL	0	0	0	1	0	-

A(3)**IL-6****Total Subjects**

	Bacterial infection		% in band	Sensitivity	Specificity	LR
	Yes	No				
IL-6 > 35 pg/mL	46	91	0.706	0.836	0.345	1.278
10.5 pg/mL < IL-6 ≤ 35 pg/mL	9	42	0.263	0.164	0.698	0.542
1.8 pg/mL < IL-6 ≤ 10.5 pg/mL	0	6	0.031	1.000	0.043	0.000
IL-6 ≤ 1.8 pg/mL	0	0	0	1.000	0.000	NaN

Cohort A

	Bacterial infection		% in band	Sensitivity	Specificity	LR
	Yes	No				
IL-6 > 35 pg/mL	41	3	0.88	0.891	0.250	1.188
10.5 pg/mL < IL-6 ≤ 35 pg/mL	5	1	0.12	0.109	0.750	0.435
1.8 pg/mL < IL-6 ≤ 10.5 pg/mL	0	0	0	1.000	0.000	NaN
IL-6 ≤ 1.8 pg/mL	0	0	0	1.000	0.000	NaN

Cohort A + Crossover Cohort

	Bacterial infection		% in band	Sensitivity	Specificity	LR
	Yes	No				
IL-6 > 35 pg/mL	46	5	0.836	0.836	0.167	1.004
10.5 pg/mL < IL-6 ≤ 35 pg/mL	9	1	0.164	0.164	0.833	0.982
1.8 pg/mL < IL-6 ≤ 10.5 pg/mL	0	0	0	1.000	0.000	NaN
IL-6 ≤ 1.8 pg/mL	0	0	0	1.000	0.000	NaN

Crossover Cohort

	Bacterial infection		% in band	Sensitivity	Specificity	LR
	Yes	No				
IL-6 > 35 pg/mL	5	2	0.636	0.556	0	0.556
10.5 pg/mL < IL-6 ≤ 35 pg/mL	4	0	0.364	0.444	1	Inf
1.8 pg/mL < IL-6 ≤ 10.5 pg/mL	0	0	0	1	0	-
IL-6 ≤ 1.8 pg/mL	0	0	0	1	0	-

A(4)**CRP****Total Subjects**

	Bacterial infection		% in band	Sensitivity	Specificity	LR
	Yes	No				
CRP > 40 mg/L	43	8	0.911	0.977	0.333	1.466
20 mg/L < CRP ≤ 40 mg/L	1	3	0.071	0.023	0.750	0.091
10 mg/L < CRP ≤ 20 mg/L	0	0	0	1.000	0.000	NaN
CRP ≤ 10 mg/L	0	1	0.018	1.000	0.083	0.000

Cohort A

	Bacterial infection		% in band	Sensitivity	Specificity	LR
	Yes	No				
CRP > 40 mg/L	37	4	0.953	0.974	0.200	1.217
20 mg/L < CRP ≤ 40 mg/L	1	1	0.047	0.026	0.800	0.132
10 mg/L < CRP ≤ 20 mg/L	0	0	0	1.000	0.000	NaN
CRP ≤ 10 mg/L	0	0	0	1.000	0.000	NaN

Cohort A + Crossover Cohort

	Bacterial infection		% in band	Sensitivity	Specificity	LR
	Yes	No				
CRP > 40 mg/L	43	5	0.96	0.977	0.167	1.173
20 mg/L < CRP ≤ 40 mg/L	1	1	0.04	0.023	0.833	0.136
10 mg/L < CRP ≤ 20 mg/L	0	0	0	1.000	0.000	NaN
CRP ≤ 10 mg/L	0	0	0	1.000	0.000	NaN

Crossover Cohort

	Bacterial infection		% in band	Sensitivity	Specificity	LR
	Yes	No				
CRP > 40 mg/L	6	1	1	1.000	0.000	1.000
20 mg/L < CRP ≤ 40 mg/L	0	0	0	0.000	1.000	NaN
10 mg/L < CRP ≤ 20 mg/L	0	0	0	1.000	0.000	NaN
CRP ≤ 10 mg/L	0	0	0	1.000	0.000	NaN

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WBC (drawn standard of care)

Total Subjects

	Bacterial infection		% in band	Sensitivity	Specificity	LR
	Yes	No				
WBC > 20K cells/mm ³	14	15	0.154	0.264	0.889	2.377
15K cells/mm ³ < WBC ≤ 20K cells/mm ³	17	22	0.207	0.321	0.837	1.968
11K cells/mm ³ < WBC ≤ 15K cells/mm ³	10	37	0.25	0.811	0.274	0.688
WBC ≤ 11K cells/mm ³	12	61	0.388	0.774	0.452	0.501

Cohort A

	Bacterial infection		% in band	Sensitivity	Specificity	LR
	Yes	No				
WBC > 20K cells/mm ³	13	0	0.255	0.283	1.000	Inf
15K cells/mm ³ < WBC ≤ 20K cells/mm ³	13	1	0.275	0.283	0.800	1.413
11K cells/mm ³ < WBC ≤ 15K cells/mm ³	9	0	0.176	0.804	0.000	Inf
WBC ≤ 11K cells/mm ³	11	4	0.294	0.761	0.800	0.299

Cohort A + Crossover Cohort

	Bacterial infection		% in band	Sensitivity	Specificity	LR
	Yes	No				
WBC > 20K cells/mm ³	14	0	0.237	0.264	1.000	Inf
15K cells/mm ³ < WBC ≤ 20K cells/mm ³	17	1	0.305	0.321	0.833	1.925
11K cells/mm ³ < WBC ≤ 15K cells/mm ³	10	0	0.169	0.811	0.000	Inf
WBC ≤ 11K cells/mm ³	12	5	0.288	0.774	0.833	0.272

Crossover Cohort

	Bacterial infection		% in band	Sensitivity	Specificity	LR
	Yes	No				
WBC > 20K cells/mm ³	1	0	0.125	0.143	1.000	Inf
15K cells/mm ³ < WBC ≤ 20K cells/mm ³	4	0	0.5	0.571	1.000	Inf
11K cells/mm ³ < WBC ≤ 15K cells/mm ³	1	0	0.125	0.857	0.000	Inf
WBC ≤ 11K cells/mm ³	1	1	0.25	0.857	1.000	0.143

A(6)

PMN:ALC (from CBC, drawn standard of care)

Total Subjects

	Bacterial infection		% in band	Sensitivity	Specificity	LR
	Yes	No				
Ratio > 18	13	4	0.179	0.260	0.911	2.925
9 < Ratio ≤ 18	26	15	0.432	0.520	0.667	1.560
6 < Ratio ≤ 9	7	12	0.2	0.860	0.267	0.525
Ratio ≤ 6	4	14	0.189	0.920	0.311	0.257

Cohort A

	Bacterial infection		% in band	Sensitivity	Specificity	LR
	Yes	No				
Ratio > 18	13	0	0.277	0.302	1.000	Inf
9 < Ratio ≤ 18	20	1	0.447	0.465	0.750	1.860
6 < Ratio ≤ 9	6	0	0.128	0.860	0.000	Inf
Ratio ≤ 6	4	3	0.149	0.907	0.750	0.124

Cohort A + Crossover Cohort

	Bacterial infection		% in band	Sensitivity	Specificity	LR
	Yes	No				
Ratio > 18	13	0	0.236	0.260	1.000	Inf
9 < Ratio ≤ 18	26	1	0.491	0.520	0.800	2.600
6 < Ratio ≤ 9	7	0	0.127	0.860	0.000	Inf
Ratio ≤ 6	4	4	0.145	0.920	0.800	0.100

Crossover Cohort

	Bacterial infection		% in band	Sensitivity	Specificity	LR
	Yes	No				
Ratio > 18	0	0	0	0.000	1.000	NaN
9 < Ratio ≤ 18	6	0	0.75	0.857	1.000	Inf
6 < Ratio ≤ 9	1	0	0.125	0.857	0.000	Inf
Ratio ≤ 6	0	1	0.125	1.000	1.000	0.000

CBC, complete blood cell count with differential; PMN, polymorphonuclear leukocytes; ALC, absolute lymphocyte count.

B

IMX-SEV-3

Total Subjects

	30-day mortality		% in band	Sensitivity	Specificity	LR
	Yes	No				
High severity	8	15	0.117	0.571	0.918	6.971
Moderate severity	6	151	0.797	0.429	0.175	0.519
Low severity	0	17	0.086	1.000	0.093	0.000

Cohort A

	30-day mortality		% in band	Sensitivity	Specificity	LR
	Yes	No				
High severity	6	10	0.314	0.750	0.767	3.225
Moderate severity	2	32	0.667	0.250	0.256	0.336
Low severity	0	1	0.020	1.000	0.023	0.000

Cohort B

	30-day mortality		% in band	Sensitivity	Specificity	LR
	Yes	No				
High severity	1	4	0.037	0.250	0.969	8.187
Moderate severity	3	111	0.844	0.750	0.153	0.885
Low severity	0	16	0.119	1.000	0.122	0.000

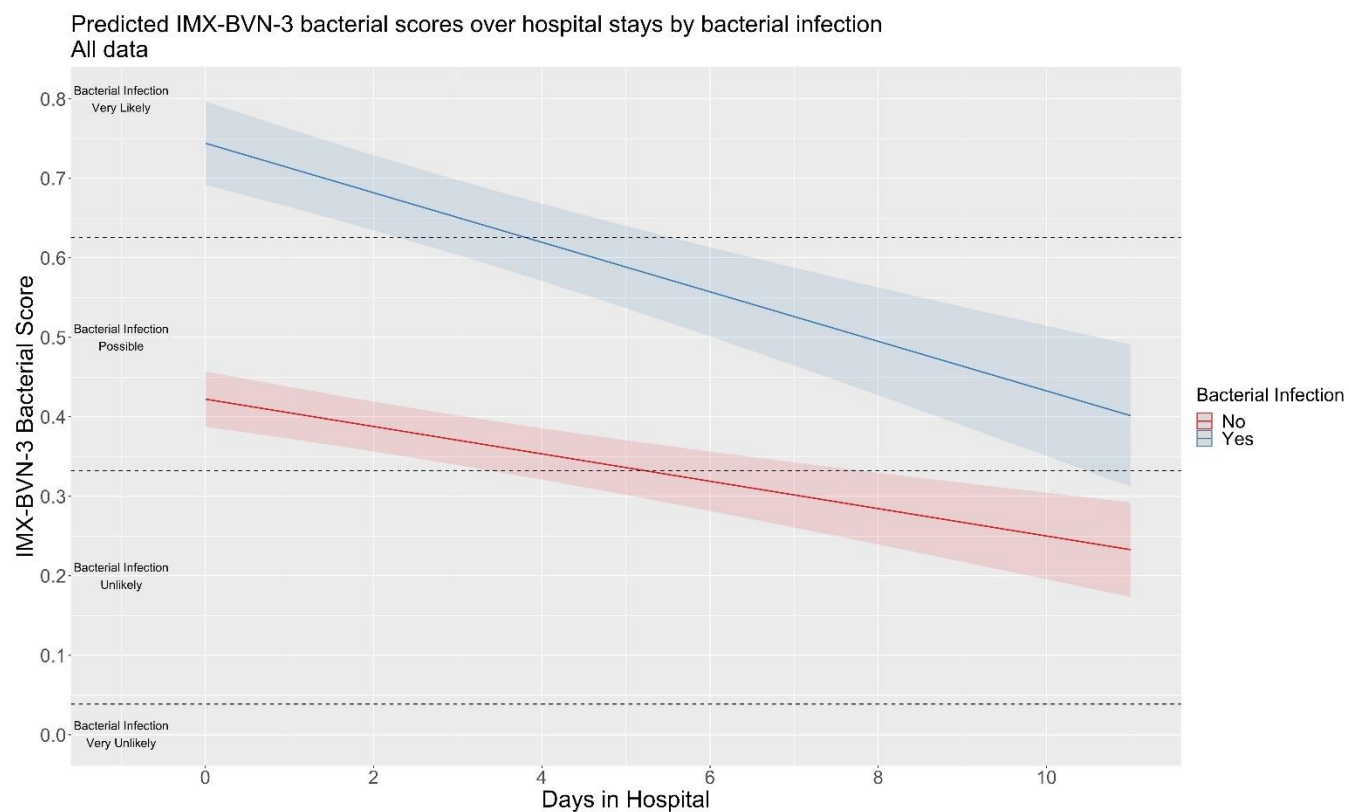
Cohort A + Crossover Cohort

	30-day mortality		% in band	Sensitivity	Specificity	LR
	Yes	No				
High severity	7	11	0.290	0.700	0.788	3.309
Moderate severity	3	40	0.694	0.300	0.231	0.390
Low severity	0	1	0.016	1.000	0.019	0.000

Crossover Cohort

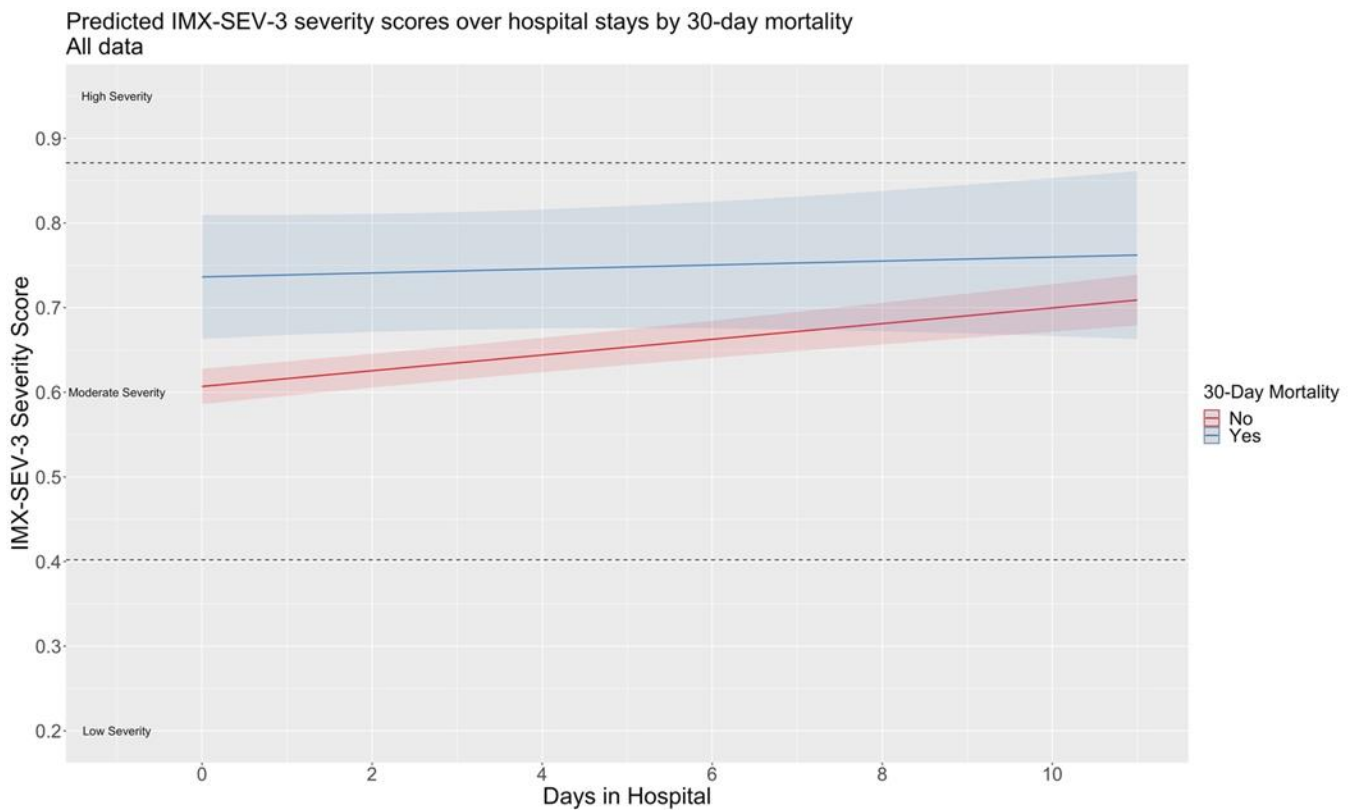
	30-day mortality		% in band	Sensitivity	Specificity	LR
	Yes	No				
High severity	1	1	0.182	0.500	0.889	4.500
Moderate severity	1	8	0.818	0.500	0.111	0.562
Low severity	0	0	0.000	1.000	0.000	NaN

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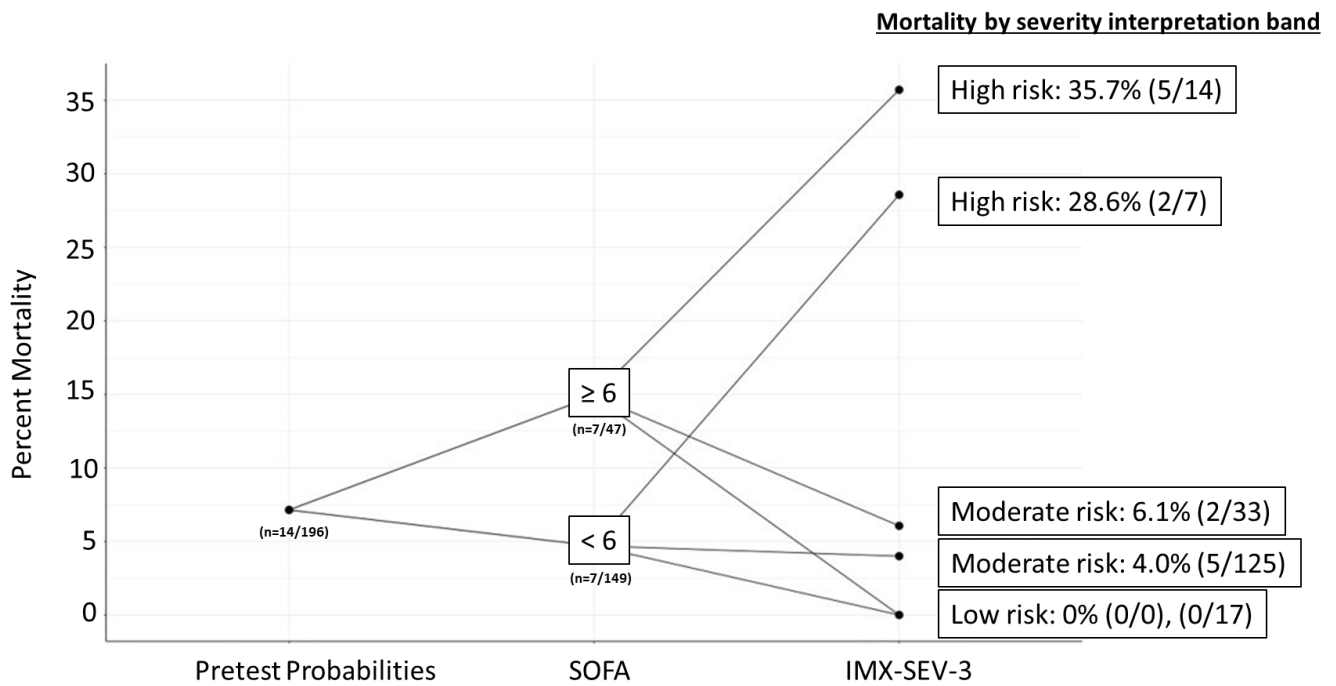
eFigure 4. Linear Mixed-Effects Modeling of IMX-SEV-3 Scores in Patients With Those Dead (Blue Lines) and Alive (Red Lines) at 30 Days

Initial severity scores were greater among patients who suffered 30-day mortality ($p < 0.00001$). Severity scores increased over time in both groups, consistent with early discharge for surviving patients, whose data were subsequently censored. Data is represented as a linear mixed effects model.



eFigure 5. A Framework for Using IMX-SEV-3 Severity Scores to Further Stratify Risk for 30-day Mortality

Patients were stratified initially by sequential organ failure assessment (SOFA) score cutoffs and then by IMX-SEV-3 severity scores indicating that 30-day mortality was “high”, “moderate”, and “low”.



eTable 3. Spearman Correlation Coefficients for the Total Cohort at Day 0 and Total Samples

Day 0 n=200

	BVN-3 bacterial	BVN-3 viral	SEV-3 severity	IL6	PCT	SOFA
BVN-3 bacterial	1					
BVN-3 viral	-0.36	1				
SEV-3 severity	0.54	-0.61	1			
IL6	0.38	-0.49	0.42	1		
PCT	0.55	-0.4	0.58	0.52	1	
SOFA	0.26	-0.3	0.39	0.34	0.32	1

All values are $p < 0.0001$

A univariable logistic regression model using procalcitonin alone to predict infection had AUROC of 0.85 (0.80 - 0.91), whereas a multivariable model using procalcitonin plus the IMX-BVN-3 bacterial score had AUROC 0.87 (0.81 - 0.92), which was not significantly greater than procalcitonin alone ($p=0.596$). A univariable logistic regression model using SOFA alone to predict 30-day mortality had AUROC 0.77 (0.63 - 0.90). A multivariable model using SOFA plus the IMX-SEV-3 severity score had AUROC 0.83 (0.70 - 0.97), which was not significantly greater than SOFA alone ($p=0.092$). This is not surprising, since correlation coefficients among the different biomarkers, including IMX-SEV-3, and SOFA scores were all highly significant ($p < 0.001$).