

## **Additional file 1. Definition of severe sepsis**

Severe sepsis was defined as fulfillment of one or more of the following criteria in the ED; a systolic blood pressure <90 mmHg [1], an oxygen saturation of  $\leq 86\%$  if the lung was not focus of infection or an oxygen saturation  $\leq 78\%$  if the lung was focus of infection [2], an acute altered mental status [2], mottling [1] or cardiopulmonary arrest due to sepsis (but admitted alive to in-hospital care).

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