

**Surgical intensive
care patients
(n = 740)**

**Hospitalization ≤ 24 hours
(n = 227)
Missing data (n = 6)**

**Included in
analysis
(n = 507)**

**No fever
(n = 142)**

**Fever ≤ 5 days
(n = 278)**

**Fever > 5 days
(n = 87)**