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Title: A latent class approach for sepsis diagnosis supports use of procalcitonin in the emergency room

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Dear Editor:

We are submitting the manuscript entitled: “A latent class approach for sepsis diagnosis supports use of Procalcitonin in the emergency room” for considering it for publication in a next issue of Critical Care. The manuscript was reviewed and approved by all co-authors.

Preliminary results were presented at the 23th ESICM Congress (Barcelona, 2010, Intensive Care Medicine: S365). The study protocol and a pre-specified nested analysis testing immunological biomarkers as diagnosis tests were previously published (references 20 and 21 in the manuscript). Furthermore, two additional manuscripts addressing prognosis markers within this cohort were submitted for publication and one of them was accepted (D-dimer is a significant prognostic factor in ED patients with suspected infection and sepsis. The American Journal of Emergency Medicine 2012).

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