

Figure S1 Flow of participants. The potential eligible participants were 303. However, 143 patients lacked the real-time polymerase chain reaction (PCR) detection, and 34 lacked blood cultures, including patients not tested by either method. In the end, 126 patients underwent both tests.

 $Table \ S1 \ Characteristics \ of \ the \ patients$

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Patients No.	Gender	Age	PCR detection	Blood culture
	Male	71	Negative	Negative
P2	Male	61	Positive	Positive
P3	Female	49	Positive	Positive
P4	Female	71	Negative	Negative
P5	Female	95	Positive	Negative
P6	Male	31	Positive	Negative
P7	Male	61	Negative	Positive
P8	Female	71	Negative	Negative
P9	Male	56	Negative	Negative
P10	Male	76	Positive	Negative
P11	Male	56	Positive	Negative
P12	Female	49	Negative	Negative
P13	Male	35	Negative	Negative
P14	Male	66	Positive	Negative
P15	Male	56	Negative	Negative
P16	Male	61	Positive	Positive
P17	Female	67	Negative	Negative
P18	Male	66	Negative	Negative
P19	Male	50	Positive	Negative
P20	Female	53	Negative	Negative
P21	Male	83	Negative	Negative
P22	Male	46		Negative
P23	Female	34	Negative	Negative
P24	Male	84	Negative	Negative
P25	Male	31	Negative	Negative
P26	Male	18	Negative	Negative
P27	Male	66	Positive	Positive
P28	Female	84	Positive	Positive
P29	Female	70	Positive	Negative
P30	Male	67	Positive	Negative
P31	Female	84	Positive	Negative
P32	Female	98	Negative	Negative
P33	Male	86	Negative	Negative
P34	Male	88	Negative	Positive
P35	Male	35	Negative	Negative
P36	Male	66	Negative	Negative
P37	Female	65	Negative	Negative
P38	Female	84	Positive	Negative
P39	Male	84 48	Positive	Negative
P40	Male	57	Negative	Negative
P41	Female	84	Negative	Negative
P42	Male	30	Negative	Negative
P43	Male	67	Negative	Negative
P44	Female	36		Negative
P45	Male	35	Negative	Negative
P46	Male	82	Negative	Negative
P47	Male	54	Negative	Negative
P48	Female	66	Negative	Negative
P49	Male	56	Negative	Negative
P50	Female	51	Negative	Negative
P51	Male	90	Negative	Negative
P52	Male	42	Negative	Negative
P53	Male	38	Negative	Negative
P54	Male	82	Negative	Negative
P55	Male	38	Negative	Negative
P56	Female	60	Positive	Negative
P57	Male	74	Negative	Negative
P58	Male	53	Negative	Negative
P59	Male	52	Positive	Negative
P60	Male	66	Negative	Negative
P61	Female	32	Positive	Negative
P62	Female	51	Negative	Negative
P63	Female	62	Negative	Negative
P64	Male	38	Negative	
P65	Female	62	Negative	Negative
P66	Male	75	Positive	
P67	Female	73 79	Positive	Negative Negative
P68	Female	61	Positive	Negative
P69	Female	55	Negative	Negative
P70	Male	49	Positive	Negative
P71	Female	57	Negative	Negative
P72	Male	38	Negative	Negative
P73	Female	79	Negative	Negative
P74	Female	55	Negative	Negative
P75	Male	49	Negative	Negative
P76	Male	32	Positive	Negative
P77	Female	62	Negative	Negative
P78	Male	79	Positive	Negative
P79	Male	82	Positive	Negative
P80	Female	57	Positive	Negative
P81	Male	52	Positive	
P82	Male	62	Positive	Negative
P83	Male	80	Positive	Negative
P84	Male	60	Positive	Negative
P85	Female	54	Positive	Negative
P86	Male	31	Negative	Negative
P87	Male	43	Negative	Negative
P88	Male	49	Negative	Negative
P89	Male	64	Positive	Negative
P90	Male	80	Negative	Negative
P91	Male	43	Positive	Negative
P92	Female	76	Positive	Negative
P93 P94	Male	43 65	Negative	Negative
P94	Female	65	Negative	Negative
P95	Female	51	Positive	Negative
P96	Male	44	Positive	Negative
P97	Female	30	Negative	Negative
P97 P98	Female	30 48	Negative	Negative
P99	Male	46	Negative	Negative
P100	Female	71	Positive	Negative
P101	Female	65	Negative	Negative
P102	Male	67	Negative	Negative
P103	Female	64	Negative	Negative
P104	Male	71	Negative	Negative
P105	Male	73	Negative	Negative
P106	Female	65	Negative	Negative
P107 P108	Male	68 73	Negative	Negative
P108	Male	73	Negative	Negative
P109	Female	64	Negative	Negative
P110	Male	52	Negative	Negative
P111	Male	56	Negative	
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P112	Female	73		Negative
P113	Female	64	Negative	Negative
P114	Male	60	Negative	Negative
P115	Male Male	73	Negative	Negative
P116	Female	62	Positive	Negative
P117	Female	56	Negative	Negative
P118	Male	85	Negative	Negative
P119	Male	54	Positive	Negative
P120	Female	56	Negative	Negative
P121	Female	62	Positive	Negative
P122	Male	42	Negative	Negative
P123	Male	60	Positive	Negative
P124	Male	42	Negative	Negative
P125	Male	55	Positive	Negative
P126	Female	54	Positive	Negative
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