

## Supplementary material

Table S1. Cytokine concentrations in clusters 1 and 2.

Data are presented as log<sub>2</sub> of the normalized fluorescence values with median and interquartile range [Q25;Q75]. *P*-values are presented according to the Mann-Whitney test and with the Benjamini-Hochberg FDR correction for adjusted *p*-values.

N.FL - normalized fluorescence intensity; BH - Benjamini-Hochberg.

|                                | Cluster 1<br>median,<br>log <sub>2</sub> (N.FL) | Cluster 1<br>[Q25;Q75],<br>log <sub>2</sub> (N.FL) | Cluster 2<br>median,<br>log <sub>2</sub> (N.FL) | Cluster 2<br>[Q25;Q75],<br>log <sub>2</sub> (N.FL) | Mann-Whitney p-<br>val | Mann-Whitney p-<br>val with BH<br>correction |
|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|------------------------|--|
| <b>PDGF-AA</b>                 | 11.7  | [11.3;12.2]  | 12.6  | [12.0;13.3]  | $1.30 \times 10^{-6}$  | $1.60 \times 10^{-6}$                        |
| <b>PDGF-AB/BB</b>              | 9.9   | [9.6;10.6]   | 10.9  | [10.3;11.7]  | $1.10 \times 10^{-6}$  | $1.50 \times 10^{-6}$                        |
| <b>IL-1b</b>                   | 4.4   | [4.3;4.5]  | 4.9   | [4.7;5.1]  | $1.60 \times 10^{-14}$ | $6.50 \times 10^{-13}$                       |
| <b>IL-10</b>                   | 5.4   | [5.0;6.2]  | 6.2   | [5.8;6.8]  | $9.90 \times 10^{-5}$  | $1.10 \times 10^{-4}$                        |
| <b>sCD40L</b>                  | 6.9   | [6.1;7.5]  | 8.6   | [7.8;9.8]  | $6.30 \times 10^{-9}$  | $1.20 \times 10^{-8}$                        |
| <b>MIP-1b</b>                  | 6.8   | [6.2;7.1]  | 7.7   | [7.0;8.1]  | $2.60 \times 10^{-6}$  | $3.30 \times 10^{-6}$                        |
| <b>IL-6</b>                    | 5.7   | [5.2;6.6]  | 7   | [6.2;7.9]  | $3.70 \times 10^{-8}$  | $5.90 \times 10^{-8}$                        |
| <b>Fractalkine</b>             | 4.1   | [3.9;4.3]  | 4.6   | [4.4;4.8]  | $1.00 \times 10^{-9}$  | $2.70 \times 10^{-9}$                        |
| <b>IL-8</b>                    | 6.3   | [6.0;6.7]  | 7.3   | [7.0;7.6]  | $5.20 \times 10^{-11}$ | $2.30 \times 10^{-10}$                       |
| <b>MCP-1</b>                   | 11  | [10.1;11.4]  | 11.9  | [11.3;12.4]  | $4.90 \times 10^{-6}$  | $6.00 \times 10^{-6}$                        |
| <b>TNF<math>\alpha</math></b>  | 5.8   | [5.5;6.2]  | 6.3   | [6.1;6.5]  | $4.40 \times 10^{-7}$  | $6.30 \times 10^{-7}$                        |
| <b>IP-10</b>                   | 12.9  | [12.0;13.6]  | 13.4  | [12.9;13.8]  | $2.30 \times 10^{-02}$ | $2.40 \times 10^{-02}$                       |
| <b>IL-2</b>                    | 4.5   | [4.3;4.6]  | 4.9   | [4.7;5.2]  | $4.00 \times 10^{-12}$ | $2.70 \times 10^{-11}$                       |
| <b>MIP-1a</b>                  | 4.5   | [4.3;4.6]  | 5.1   | [4.9;5.3]  | $1.40 \times 10^{-13}$ | $1.90 \times 10^{-12}$                       |
| <b>IL-3</b>                    | 4.8   | [4.4;5.1]  | 5.4   | [5.2;5.8]  | $1.50 \times 10^{-9}$  | $3.70 \times 10^{-9}$                        |
| <b>IL-4</b>                    | 4.3   | [4.0;4.5]  | 4.8   | [4.5;5.2]  | $7.80 \times 10^{-10}$ | $2.30 \times 10^{-9}$                        |
| <b>IL-17A</b>                  | 5   | [4.9;5.2]  | 5.4   | [5.2;5.5]  | $1.30 \times 10^{-8}$  | $2.20 \times 10^{-8}$                        |
| <b>GM-CSF</b>                  | 4.5   | [4.3;4.6]  | 5.1   | [4.9;5.3]  | $1.20 \times 10^{-12}$ | $1.20 \times 10^{-11}$                       |
| <b>EGF</b>                     | 5.7   | [5.2;6.4]  | 7.4   | [6.4;8.1]  | $8.20 \times 10^{-9}$  | $1.40 \times 10^{-8}$                        |
| <b>FGF-2</b>                   | 4   | [3.9;4.3]  | 4.5   | [4.3;4.8]  | $1.80 \times 10^{-9}$  | $4.10 \times 10^{-9}$                        |
| <b>Eotaxin</b>                 | 6.6   | [6.0;7.0]  | 6.8   | [6.5;7.4]  | $2.40 \times 10^{-02}$ | $2.40 \times 10^{-02}$                       |
| <b>TGF-<math>\alpha</math></b> | 4.7   | [4.5;4.8]  | 5.1   | [5.0;5.4]  | $5.30 \times 10^{-12}$ | $3.00 \times 10^{-11}$                       |
| <b>G-CSF</b>                   | 5.4   | [5.0;6.1]  | 5.9   | [5.5;6.5]  | $1.30 \times 10^{-03}$ | $1.40 \times 10^{-03}$                       |
| <b>Flt-3L</b>                  | 4.6   | [4.4;4.9]  | 4.9   | [4.7;5.1]  | $7.50 \times 10^{-6}$  | $8.80 \times 10^{-6}$                        |
| <b>IFNa2</b>                   | 4.2   | [4.1;4.5]  | 4.7   | [4.5;4.9]  | $1.50 \times 10^{-07}$ | $2.20 \times 10^{-07}$                       |
| <b>IFNg</b>                    | 4.5   | [4.2;4.7]  | 5.1   | [4.8;5.5]  | $3.20 \times 10^{-9}$  | $6.10 \times 10^{-9}$                        |
| <b>GRO</b>                     | 10.6  | [9.8;11.2]   | 11.8  | [11.2;12.5]  | $5.40 \times 10^{-8}$  | $8.30 \times 10^{-8}$                        |
| <b>MCP-3</b>                   | 4.2   | [4.0;4.4]  | 4.7   | [4.5;5.4]  | $3.80 \times 10^{-10}$ | $1.30 \times 10^{-9}$                        |
| <b>IL-12p40</b>                | 4.5   | [4.4;4.7]  | 4.9   | [4.7;5.1]  | $2.80 \times 10^{-9}$  | $5.90 \times 10^{-9}$                        |
| <b>MDC</b>                     | 8.4   | [7.8;8.9]  | 8.4   | [8.0;8.7]  | $4.70 \times 10^{-01}$ | $4.70 \times 10^{-01}$                       |
| <b>IL-12p70</b>                | 4.3   | [4.2;4.4]  | 4.7   | [4.5;4.8]  | $8.00 \times 10^{-10}$ | $2.30 \times 10^{-9}$                        |
| <b>IL-13</b>                   | 4   | [3.8;4.2]  | 4.5   | [4.2;4.7]  | $2.30 \times 10^{-9}$  | $5.00 \times 10^{-9}$                        |
| <b>IL-15</b>                   | 5   | [4.8;5.2]  | 5.3   | [5.1;5.5]  | $6.80 \times 10^{-07}$ | $9.40 \times 10^{-07}$                       |
| <b>IL-1RA</b>                  | 5.5   | [4.9;6.3]  | 6.3   | [5.8;6.9]  | $3.40 \times 10^{-04}$ | $3.80 \times 10^{-04}$                       |
| <b>IL-1a</b>                   | 4.9   | [4.7;5.2]  | 5.6   | [5.3;5.9]  | $6.10 \times 10^{-11}$ | $2.40 \times 10^{-10}$                       |
| <b>IL-9</b>                    | 4.5   | [4.3;4.6]  | 5.1   | [4.9;5.3]  | $8.70 \times 10^{-14}$ | $1.70 \times 10^{-12}$                       |

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|-------------|-----|-----------|-----|-----------|------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>IL-5</b> | 4.4 | [4.2;4.5] | 4.9 | [4.7;5.1] | $2.20 \times 10^{-11}$ | $1.10 \times 10^{-10}$ |
| <b>IL-7</b> | 4.2 | [4.0;4.5] | 4.7 | [4.5;4.9] | $1.50 \times 10^{-10}$ | $5.30 \times 10^{-10}$ |
| <b>TNFb</b> | 4.4 | [4.3;4.6] | 4.9 | [4.7;5.3] | $3.10 \times 10^{-9}$  | $6.10 \times 10^{-9}$  |
| <b>VEGF</b> | 4.3 | [4.1;4.5] | 5   | [4.7;5.4] | $2.90 \times 10^{-12}$ | $2.30 \times 10^{-11}$ |

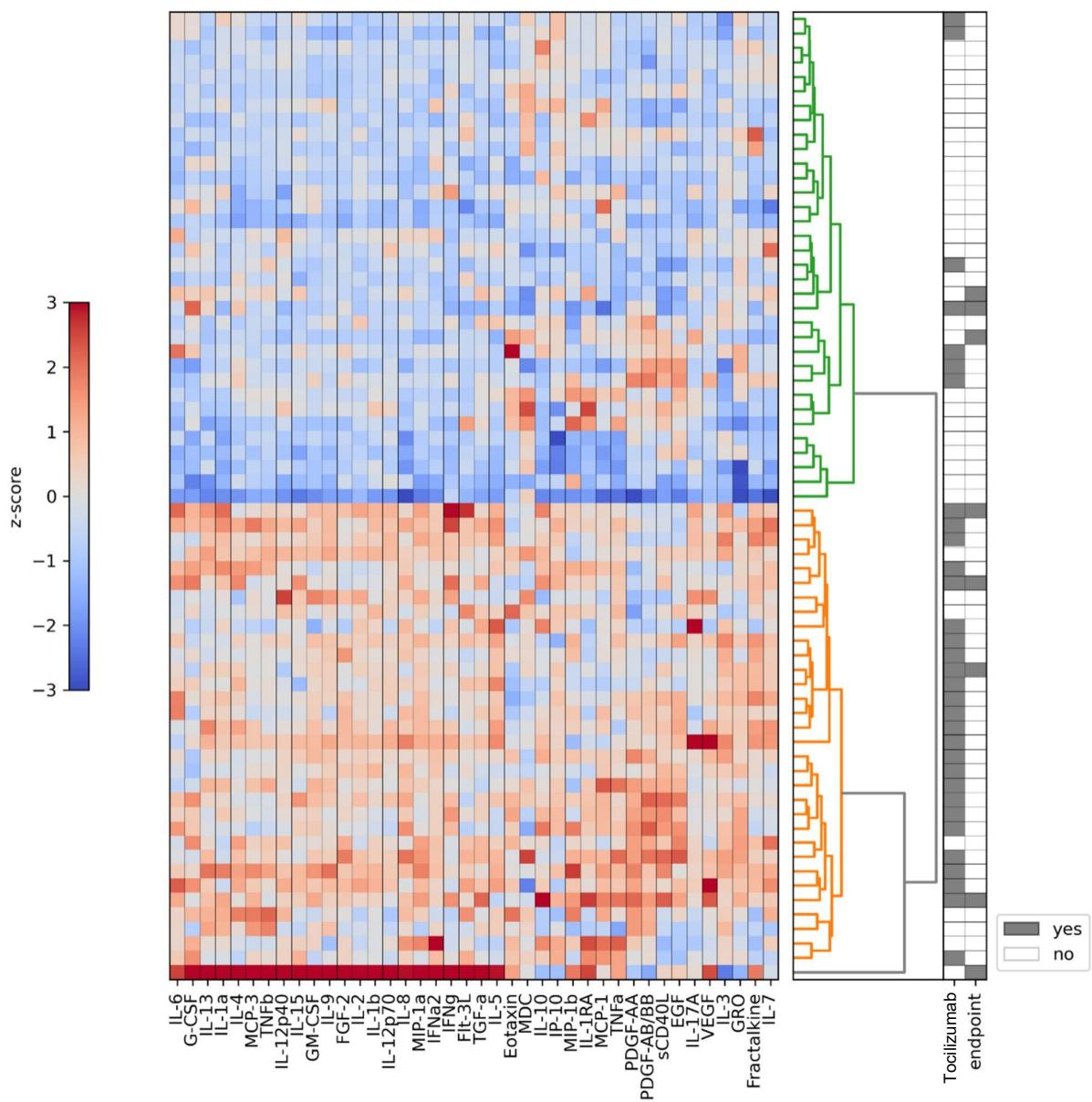


Figure S1. Patients' cytokine clusterization in the non-steroid group at the timepoint 1.

Data are presented as log2 of the normalized fluorescence intensity values that were further z-score normalized and used as a basis for hierarchical clustering analysis. Cluster 1 is indicated with the green hierarchical tree, cluster 2 is indicated with the orange hierarchical tree.

Tocilizumab indicates application of the immunomodulatory therapy. Endpoint indicates a presence of a combined clinical endpoint which included application of high-flow oxygen therapy or noninvasive/invasive lung ventilation, patient transfer to intensive care, and in-hospital mortality.

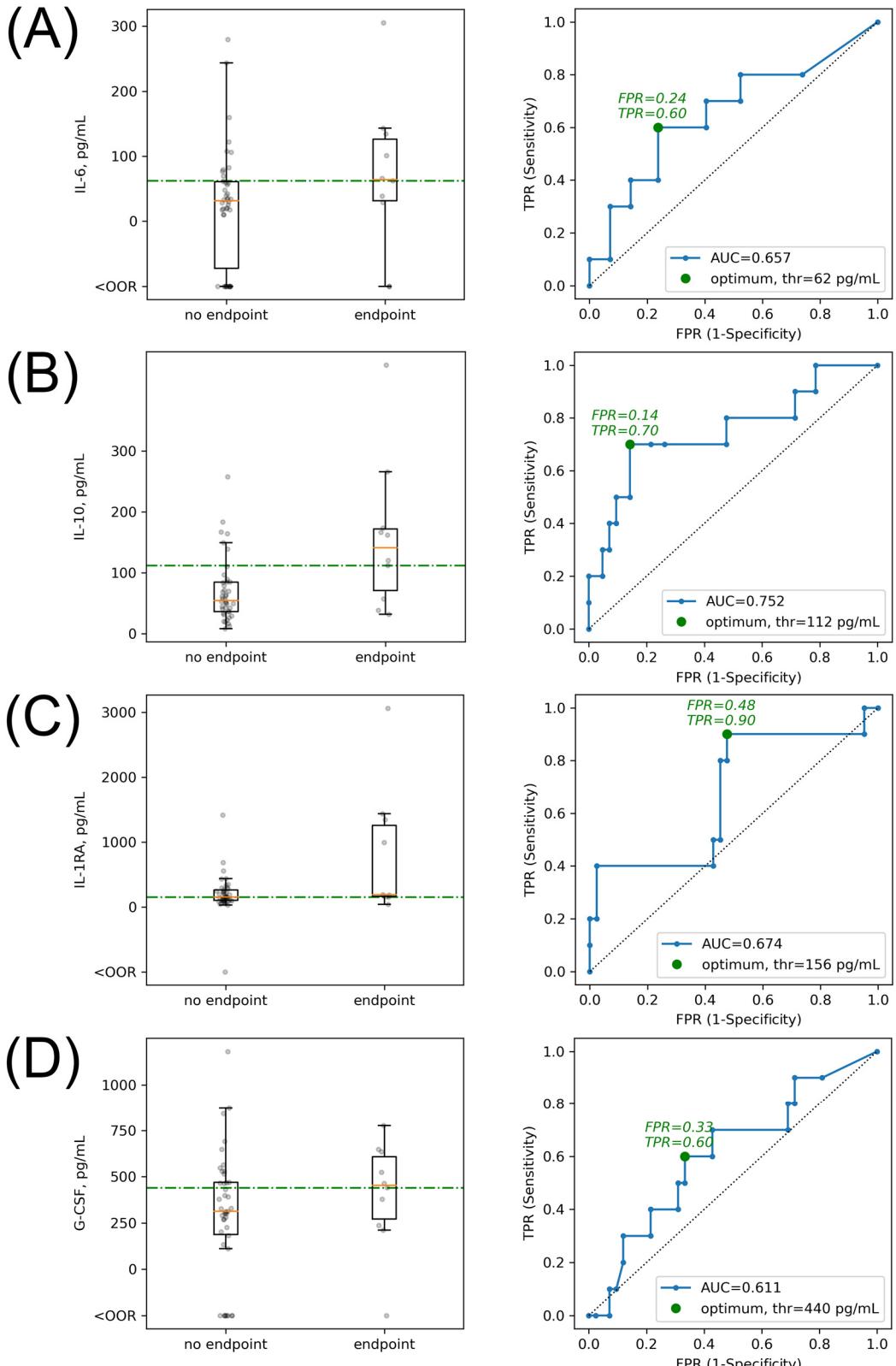


Figure S2. Boxplots for the absolute concentrations and ROC curves for selecting optimal concentration threshold for the cytokines. Presented are 4 cytokines prominently associated with clinical endpoints in patients with tocilizumab therapy. IL-6 (A). IL-10 (B). IL-1RA (C). G-CSF (D). OOR - out of range (< lower limit of detection).

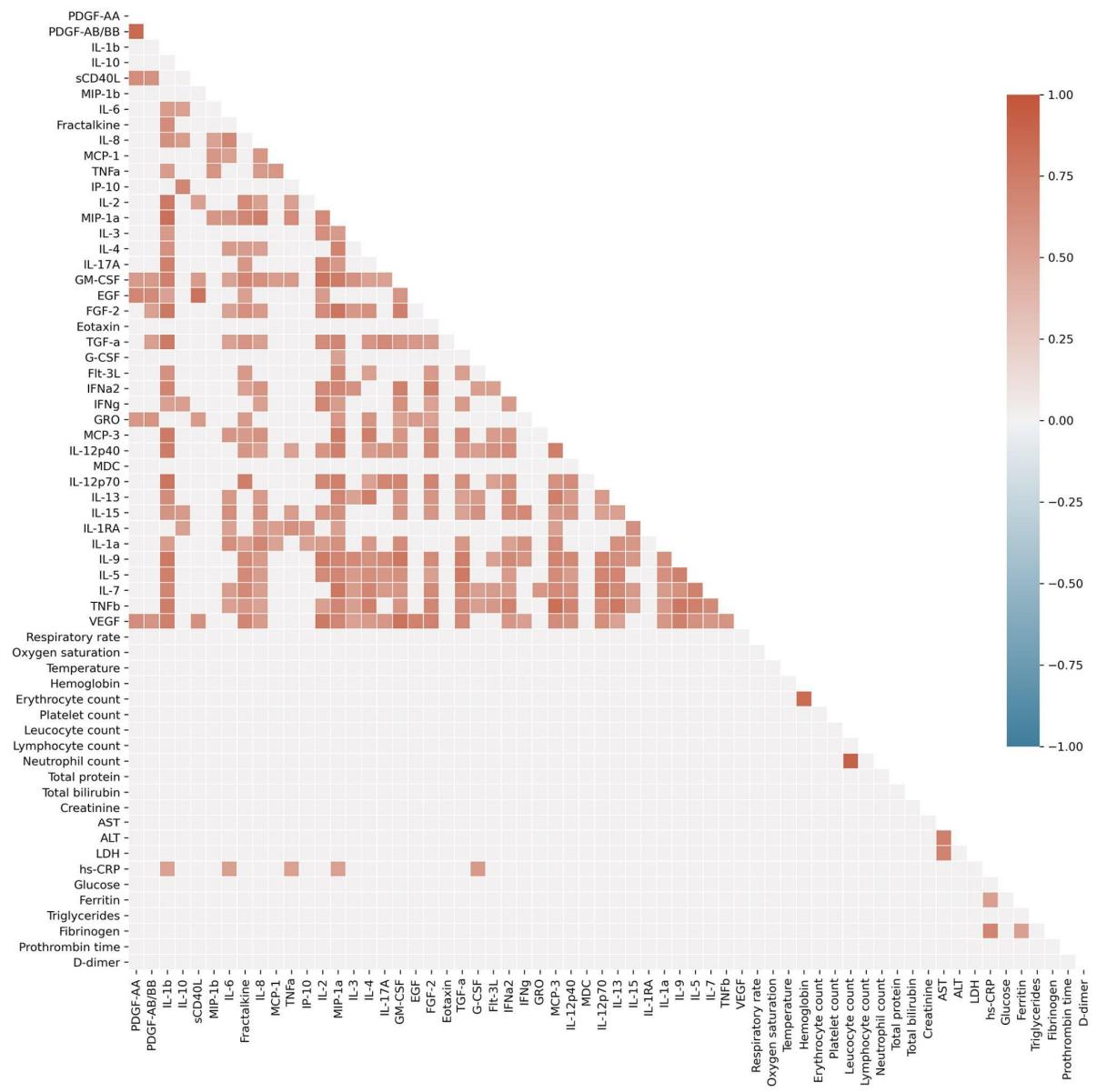


Figure S3. Correlation matrix of cytokines and laboratory parameters.

Data are shown as Spearman correlations between cytokine levels and laboratory test results. Only correlations with coefficient  $> 0.5$  and p-value  $< 0.05$  are shown. For the cytokine levels log2 of the normalized fluorescence values are used.

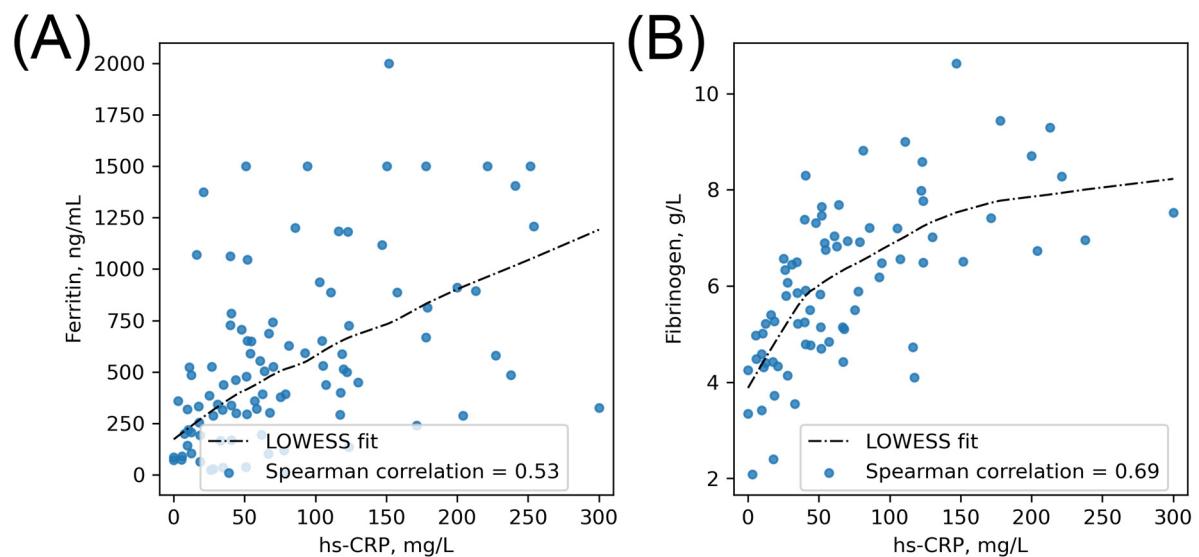


Figure S4. Correlation between hs-CRP and laboratory parameters. Ferritin vs hs-CRP (A). Fibrinogen vs hs-CRP (B). Data are shown as Spearman correlations.

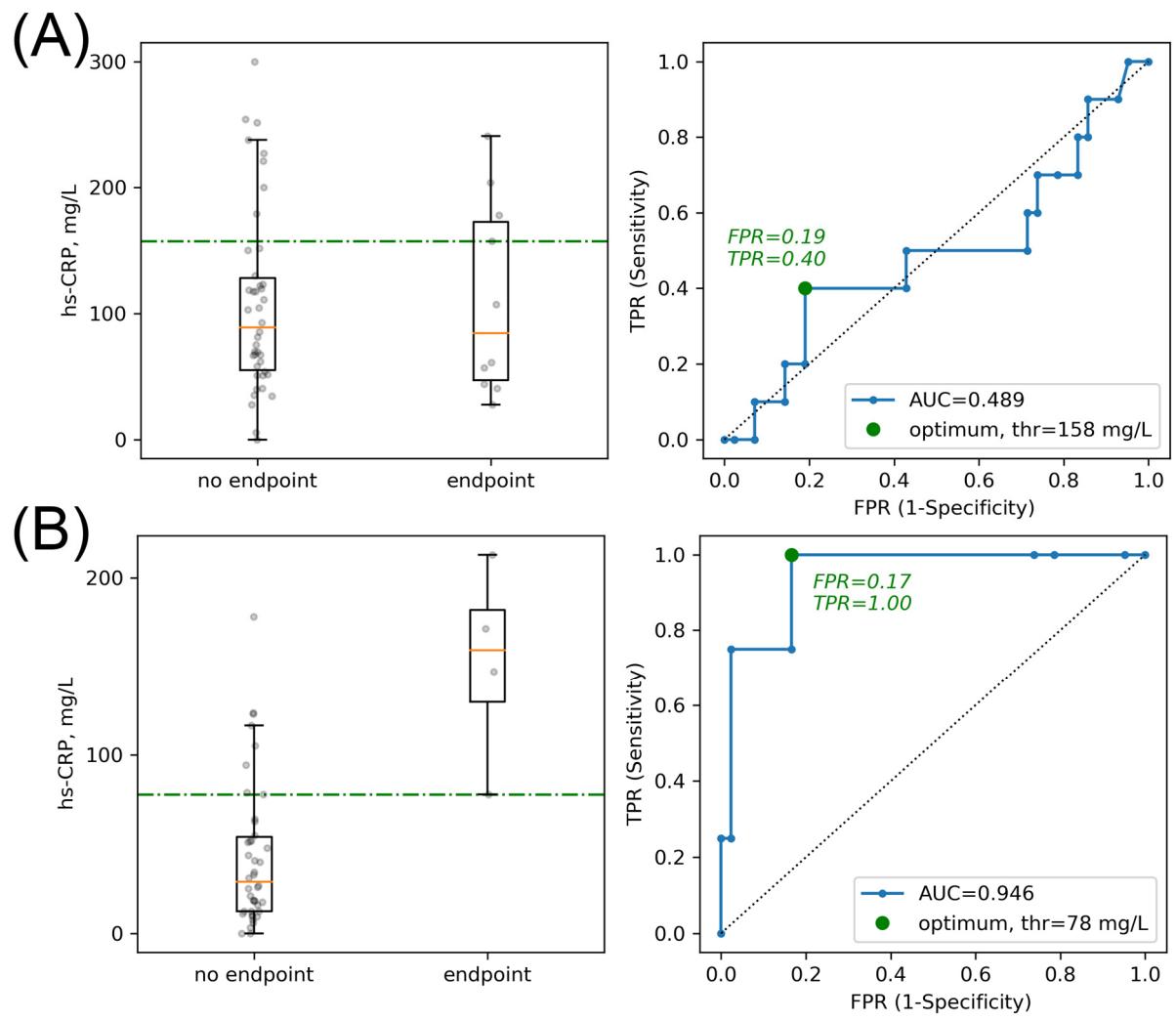


Figure S5. Boxplots for the absolute concentrations and ROC curves for selecting optimal concentration threshold for hs-CRP level. Patients with (A) and without tocilizumab therapy (B).