Supplemental Digital Content 1: *Serum cytokine/chemokine data and mortality analyses (Mann-Whitney).*

	Survivors $(n = 44)$	Non-survivors $(n = 8)$	
Cytokine/chemokine	Median (IQR) pg/ml	Median (IQR) pg/ml	p value
IFN-α2	10 (0 – 25)	15 (7.0 – 85)	0.22
IFNβ	0 (0 – 0)	0 (0 – 106)	0.14
IFNγ	0 (0 – 0)	9.5 (0 – 33)	0.01
Eotaxin	55 (34 – 93)	124 (65 – 193)	0.03
GCSF	107 (65 – 523)	6259 (379 – 10000)	0.01
GM-CSF	0(0-0)	52 (3.9 – 451)	< 0.0001
GRO	1064 (577 – 2041)	3015 (1667 – 10000)	0.01
IL-1α	0 (0 – 1.9)	0.35 (0 – 45)	0.37
IL-1β	2.7 (0.63 – 5.0)	4.8 (1.8 – 5.8)	0.21
IL-1ra	36 (11 – 140)	1661 (113 – 6933)	0.002
IL-2	0 (0 – 0.69)	0.85 (0.11 – 4.0)	0.02
IL-4	0.9 (0 – 6.6)	0 (0 – 6.2)	0.44
IL-5	0 (0 – 0.12)	0 (0 – 0.40)	0.76
IL-6	16 (4.7 – 52)	4426 (260 – 8877)	< 0.0001
IL-7	4.3 (0 – 8.4)	0 (0 – 3.3)	0.08
IL-8	7.0 (0 – 34)	1211 (14 – 4938)	< 0.0001
IL-10	19 (8.8 – 47)	451 (66 – 1559)	0.003
IL-12 p40	31 (10 – 66)	38 (16 – 87)	0.45
IL-12 p70	0.20 (0 – 2.8)	0.85(0-4.0)	0.77
IL-13	0 (0 – 0.07)	0 (0 – 2.1)	0.19
IL-17	0(0-0)	0 (0 – 16)	0.24
IP-10	1905 (620 – 3956)	17200 (4132 – 27270)	0.0004
MCP-1	375 (226 – 700)	5265 (1852 – 7124)	< 0.0001
MDC	1558 (951 – 2347)	1797 (1371 – 2319)	0.59
MIP-1α	0 (0-0)	68 (3.3 – 231)	0.0008
MIP-1β	32 (20 – 43)	120 (30 – 288)	0.01
RANTES	4599 (2868 – 7391)	5393 (3990 – 7703)	0.37
sCD40L	8144 (1350 – 14500)	5855 (2823 – 8058)	0.67
TNFα	5.3 (3.4 – 8.5)	17 (7.6 – 125)	0.003

VEGF	0 (0 – 0)	0 (0 – 614)	0.30
Fractalkine	67 (32 – 105)	105 (43 – 233)	0.19

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Supplemental Digital Content 2: *Serum cytokine/chemokine analyses by 2009 H1N1 status (Mann-Whitney).*

	2009 H1N1 (n = 25)	Other influenza (n = 27)	
Cytokine/chemokine	Median (IQR) pg/ml	Median (IQR) pg/ml	p value
IFN-α2	14 (1.6 – 23)	12 (0 – 27)	0.91
IFNβ	0 (0 – 0)	0 (0 – 0)	0.59
IFNγ	3.8 (0 – 15)	0 (0 – 0)	< 0.0001
Eotaxin	74 (47 – 172)	53 (34 – 87)	0.11
GCSF	169 (63 – 2010)	118 (70 – 525)	0.61
GM-CSF	5.6 (0 – 119)	0(0-0)	< 0.0001
GRO	1189 (726 – 2838)	1067 (560 – 2699)	0.62
IL-1α	0(0-11)	0 (0 – 1.9)	0.57
IL-1β	1.2(0-5.1)	3.5 (1.9 – 6.9)	0.047
IL-1ra	44 (15 – 362)	36 (11 – 160)	0.68
IL-2	0.70 (0.30 - 1.5)	0(0-0)	< 0.0001
IL-4	0(0-4.8)	1.1 (0 – 6.8)	0.28
IL-5	0(0-0.35)	0 (0 – 0)	0.11
IL-6	49 (12 – 268)	9.7 (1.7 – 27)	0.008
IL-7	0(0-6.1)	4.6 (2.2 – 15)	0.01
IL-8	55 (13 – 201)	0 (0 – 13)	< 0.0001
IL-10	18 (6.8 – 100)	30 (11 – 94)	0.46
IL-12 p40	24 (0 – 79)	40 (14 – 69)	0.43
IL-12 p70	1.2(0-5.0)	0(0-2.7)	0.009
IL-13	0(0-0.52)	0(0-0)	0.06
IL-17	0 (0 – 9.9)	0(0-0)	0.0002
IP-10	3359 (1223 – 9152)	1650 (534 – 3830)	0.03
MCP-1	760 (375 – 2111)	304 (185 – 593)	0.004
MDC	1449 (978 – 2104)	1711 (1000 – 2719)	0.33
MIP-1α	13 (0 – 38)	0 (0 – 0)	< 0.0001
MIP-1β	34 (20 – 61)	33 (24 – 42)	0.48
RANTES	3831 (2589 – 6330)	5890 (3697 – 8744)	0.10
sCD40L	6302 (2756 – 16460)	5783 (1149 – 14500)	0.36
TNFα	8.5 (3.7 – 18)	4.8 (4.2 – 7.2)	0.047

VEGF	0 (0 – 416)	0 (0 – 0)	0.0002
Fractalkine	70 (20 – 99)	73 (55 – 128)	0.59

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Supplemental Digital Content 3: *Serum cytokine/chemokine analyses by S. aureus status (Mann-Whitney).*

	S. aureus secondary infection (n = 11)	Other or no secondary infection (n = 41)	
Cytokine/chemokine	Median (IQR) pg/ml	Median (IQR) pg/ml	p value
IFN-α2	6.1 (3.8 – 14)	25 (0 – 33)	0.19
IFNβ	0 (0-0)	0 (0 – 0)	0.33
IFNγ	9.1 (3.8 – 16)	0 (0 – 0)	< 0.0001
Eotaxin	96 (50 – 167)	56 (35 – 92)	0.27
GCSF	950 (41 – 10000)	123 (70 – 637)	0.23
GM-CSF	99 (20 – 321)	0 (0 – 0)	< 0.0001
GRO	1361 (1061 – 10000)	1067 (464 – 2677)	0.049
IL-1α	0 (0 – 55)	0 (0 – 0)	0.55
IL-1β	1.1(0.29-4.3)	3.5 (1.3 – 5.6)	0.14
IL-1ra	25 (12 – 245)	40 (13 – 182)	0.90
IL-2	0.70(0-0.86)	0 (0 – 0.70)	0.06
IL-4	0(0-0)	1.1 (0 – 6.8)	0.004
IL-5	0.12(0-0.49)	0 (0 – 0)	0.02
IL-6	65 (13 – 4794)	16 (3.1 – 62)	0.02
IL-7	0(0-4.4)	4.6 (0 – 9.8)	0.01
IL-8	164 (52 – 4424)	6.1 (0 – 22)	0.0002
IL-10	30 (10 – 710)	23 (9.1 – 56)	0.22
IL-12 p40	9.9 (0 – 50)	40 (15 – 77)	0.046
IL-12 p70	1.2(0.50-4.9)	0(0-2.8)	0.05
IL-13	0(0-2.7)	0 (0 – 0)	0.36
IL-17	0(0-20)	0(0-0)	0.0006
IP-10	2742 (1406 – 8303)	2100 (643 – 5172)	0.43
MCP-1	688 (415 – 6173)	372 (203 – 880)	0.009
MDC	1689 (1035 – 2365)	1559 (967 – 2452)	1.0
MIP-1α	21 (7 – 120)	0 (0 – 0)	< 0.0001
MIP-1β	36 (20 – 159)	31 (21 – 49)	0.37
RANTES	3730 (3090 – 4344)	5445 (2568 – 7784)	0.10
sCD40L	8643 (5783 – 15755)	3640 (1219 – 14500)	0.08
TNFα	7.0(4.7-21)	5.4 (3.6 – 8.9)	0.21

VEGF	306 (0 – 744)	0 (0 – 0)	0.0004
Fractalkine	55 (22 – 82)	73 (52 – 124)	0.44

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