**Supplemental Table 1. The outcomes of sepsis in children by the time from hospital arrival to the initiation of antibiotic treatment**

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| Outcomes | Time from hospital arrival to antibiotic initiation | *P*-value |
| <= 3 hr(n = 161) | > 3hr(n =92) |
| Median duration of antibiotic therapy, days (IQR)  | 5 (3, 10) | 7 (5, 10) | 0.001 |
| Median length of hospitalization, days (IQR)  | 7 (5, 14) | 8 (6, 15] | 0.137 |
| Number of patients required ICU admission, n (%) | 29 (18.0) | 18 (19.6) | 0.867 |
| Median ICU length of stay, days (IQR) | 5 (2.5, 10) | 5 (3, 8.25) | 1.000 |
| Number of patients required mechanical ventilation, n (%) | 17 (10.6) | 7 (7.6) | 0.510 |
| Median duration of mechanical ventilation, days (IQR)  | 9 (4, 15) | 6 (2, 9) | 0.209 |
| Number of patients required inotropic therapy, n (%) | 16 (9.9) | 8 (8.7) | 0.826 |
| Median duration of inotropic therapy, days (IQR)  | 2 (1, 3.75) | 1 (1, 3.5) | 0.490 |
| Mortality, n (%) | 3 (1.9) | 3 (3.3) | 0.671 |