



**Supplementary Table S2.** Full demographic and initial clinical characteristics of study group, presented as n (%), mean ( $\pm$ SD) or median (Q1–Q3).

Characteristic	Clinical responders	Non-responders	P value
Patients	86 (71.7%)	34 (28.3%)	-
Sex, male	59 (68.6%)	19 (55.9%)	0.188 <sup>a</sup>
Age (years)*	56.1 ( $\pm$ 13.2)	63.5 ( $\pm$ 12.5)	0.006 <sup>b</sup>
Vaccinated against SARS-CoV-2	3 (3.5%)	2 (5.9%)	0.438 <sup>d</sup>
SARS-CoV-2 reinfection	1 (1.1%)	1 (2.9%)	0.488 <sup>d</sup>
Body Mass Index (kg/m <sup>2</sup> )	27.8 (24.7–32.3)	30.6 (26.1–33.2)	0.157 <sup>c</sup>
Charlson Comorbidity Index*	2 (1–3)	3 (2–4)	0.004 <sup>c</sup>
Comorbidities:			
obesity	32 (37.2%)	17 (50.0%)	0.199 <sup>a</sup>
arterial hypertension	40 (46.5%)	19 (55.9%)	0.354 <sup>a</sup>
hyperlipidaemia	31 (36.0%)	17 (50.0%)	0.159 <sup>a</sup>
atrial fibrillation*	5 (5.8%)	7 (20.6%)	0.024 <sup>d</sup>
chronic kidney disease	4 (4.7%)	3 (8.8%)	0.313 <sup>d</sup>
chronic coronary syndrome*	9 (10.5%)	10 (29.4%)	0.010 <sup>d</sup>
chronic heart failure	3 (3.5%)	3 (8.8%)	0.22 <sup>d</sup>
diabetes mellitus	19 (22.1%)	9 (26.5%)	0.609 <sup>a</sup>
connective tissue disorders	7 (8.1%)	3 (8.8%)	0.578 <sup>d</sup>
inflammatory bowel disease	2 (2.3%)	-	0.512 <sup>d</sup>
transplant recipients	3 (3.5%)	-	0.364 <sup>d</sup>
asthma and/or COPD*	4 (4.7%)	6 (17.7%)	0.029 <sup>d</sup>
active neoplastic disease	3 (3.5%)	1 (2.9%)	0.682 <sup>d</sup>
chronic hepatic disorder	1 (1.1%)	1 (2.9%)	0.488 <sup>d</sup>
Time from symptoms onset to admission (days)	11 (8–12)	9 (8–13)	0.315 <sup>c</sup>
Time from dyspnoea onset to admission (days)	2 (0–4)	2 (1–4)	0.136 <sup>c</sup>
Duration of hospitalization (days)	13 (11–17)	14 (10–22)	0.553 <sup>c</sup>
Day of 1 <sup>st</sup> dose of TCZ administration	2 (2–3)	2 (2–3)	0.964 <sup>c</sup>
day 1.	4 (4.7%)	2 (5.9%)	-
day 2.	50 (58.1%)	19 (55.9%)	-
day 3.	15 (17.4%)	6 (17.7%)	-
day 4.	8 (9.3%)	3 (8.8%)	-
after day 4.	9 (10.5%)	4 (11.7%)	-
Time from symptoms onset to TCZ (days)	12 (9–13)	10 (9–14)	0.337 <sup>c</sup>
Time from dyspnoea onset to TCZ (days)	3 (2–6)	4.5 (3–7)	0.086 <sup>c</sup>
Symptoms on admission			
cough	64 (74.4%)	23 (67.6%)	0.454 <sup>a</sup>

subfebrile (37.5-38.3°C)	13 (15.1%)	2 (5.9%)	0.140 <sup>d</sup>
fever (38.3-39.3°C)	65 (75.6%)	23 (67.7%)	0.376 <sup>a</sup>
hyperpyrexia (>39.3°C)	6 (7.0%)	2 (5.9%)	0.594 <sup>d</sup>
dyspnoea at rest	47 (54.7%)	22 (64.7%)	0.315 <sup>a</sup>
exertional dyspnoea only	19 (22.1%)	6 (17.7%)	0.589 <sup>a</sup>
hypoxemia without dyspnoea	20 (23.3%)	6 (17.7%)	0.501 <sup>a</sup>
malaise	44 (51.2%)	12 (35.3%)	0.116 <sup>a</sup>
chest pain	7 (8.1%)	5 (14.7%)	0.224 <sup>d</sup>
hemoptysis	2 (2.3%)	1 (2.9%)	0.636 <sup>d</sup>
abdominal pain	4 (4.7%)	1 (2.9%)	0.562 <sup>d</sup>
nausea	23 (26.7%)	7 (20.6%)	0.483 <sup>a</sup>
vomiting	4 (4.7%)	2 (5.9%)	0.547 <sup>d</sup>
diarrhoea	9 (10.5%)	4 (11.7%)	0.532 <sup>d</sup>
headache	14 (16.3%)	5 (14.7%)	0.831 <sup>a</sup>
myalgia	21 (24.4%)	9 (26.5%)	0.815 <sup>a</sup>
arthralgia	5 (5.8%)	2 (5.9%)	0.640 <sup>d</sup>
pharyngitis	2 (2.23%)	2 (5.9%)	0.318 <sup>d</sup>
catarrh	14 (16.3%)	6 (17.7%)	0.856 <sup>a</sup>
dysgeusia	16 (18.6%)	6 (17.7%)	0.902 <sup>a</sup>
ageusia	9 (10.5%)	4 (11.8%)	0.532 <sup>d</sup>
hypo- and anosmia	11 (12.8%)	2 (5.9%)	0.226 <sup>d</sup>
Mental status (ACDU)			
A (Alert)	85 (98.8%)	32 (94.1%)	0.193 <sup>b</sup>
C (Confused)	1 (1.2%)	2 (5.9%)	
Lung parenchyma involvement in CT (%)*	50 (35-60)	70 (60-85)	<0.001 <sup>c</sup>
COVID-RRS*	5.0 (4.0-6.0)	7.3 (5.6-8.5)	<0.001 <sup>c</sup>
Baseline PaO <sub>2</sub> /FiO <sub>2</sub> *	203 (136-277)	106 (80-177)	<0.001 <sup>c</sup>
SpO <sub>2</sub> /FiO <sub>2</sub> on TCZ initiation*	179 (120-239)	111 (102-152)	<0.001 <sup>c</sup>
WHO clinical progression scale on TCZ initiation*			
5	75 (87.2%)	23 (67.6%)	0.013 <sup>a</sup>
6	11 (12.7%)	11 (32.4%)	
Concomitant treatment:			
intravenous dexamethasone	86 (100%)	34 (100%)	-
remdesivir	71 (82.6%)	27 (79.4%)	0.688 <sup>a</sup>
convalescent plasma	61 (70.9%)	24 (70.5%)	0.970 <sup>a</sup>
antibiotics	25 (29.1%)	14 (41.2%)	0.212 <sup>a</sup>
LMWH	84 (97.7%)	32 (94.1%)	0.318 <sup>d</sup>
prophylactic dose	38 (44.2%)	15 (44.1%)	0.994 <sup>a</sup>
moderate dose	42 (48.8%)	16 (47.1%)	0.860 <sup>a</sup>
therapeutic dose	4 (4.7%)	1 (2.9%)	0.562 <sup>d</sup>
NOACs	4 (4.7%)	1 (2.9%)	0.562 <sup>d</sup>

ASA	3 (3.5%)	3 (8.8%)	0.438 <sup>d</sup>
P <sub>2</sub> Y <sub>12</sub> i	1 (1.2%)	-	0.717 <sup>d</sup>
ACEI	24 (27.9%)	10 (29.4%)	0.869 <sup>a</sup>
ARB	13 (15.1%)	7 (20.6%)	0.469 <sup>a</sup>
CCB	20 (23.3%)	13 (38.2%)	0.097 <sup>a</sup>
β-blockers	19 (22.1%)	12 (35.3%)	0.136 <sup>a</sup>
diuretics	18 (20.9%)	10 (29.4%)	0.322 <sup>a</sup>
flozins	3 (3.5%)	2 (5.9%)	0.438 <sup>d</sup>
insulin	6 (7.0%)	3 (8.8%)	0.495 <sup>d</sup>
GLP-1 agonists	2 (2.3%)	1 (2.9%)	0.636 <sup>d</sup>
metformin	16 (18.6%)	7 (20.6%)	0.804 <sup>a</sup>
DPP-4 inhibitors	1 (1.2%)	-	0.534 <sup>d</sup>
sulfonylureas	5 (5.8%)	3 (8.8%)	0.406 <sup>d</sup>
statins	28 (32.6%)	13 (38.2%)	0.555 <sup>a</sup>
IS treatment	4 (4.7%)	1 (2.9%)	0.562 <sup>d</sup>
DMARDs treatment	5 (5.8%)	2 (5.9%)	0.641 <sup>d</sup>

\*p<0,05 – <sup>a</sup>χ<sup>2</sup> test, <sup>b</sup>t-Student test, <sup>c</sup>Mann-Whitney U test or <sup>d</sup>Fisher's exact test, as appropriate COPD – chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, TCZ – tocilizumab, ACDU – mental status score (Alert, Confused, Drowsy, Unresponsive), CT – computed tomography, PaO<sub>2</sub> – partial pressure of arterial oxygen, FiO<sub>2</sub> – fraction of inspired oxygen, SpO<sub>2</sub> – peripheral oxygen saturation measured with pulse oximeter, WHO – World Health Organization, LMWH – low molecular weight heparin, NOACs – novel oral anticoagulants, ASA – acetylsalicylic acid, P<sub>2</sub>Y<sub>12</sub>i – P<sub>2</sub>Y<sub>12</sub> inhibitors, ACEI – angiotensin converting enzyme inhibitors, ARB – angiotensin II receptor blockers, CCB – calcium channel blockers, GLP-1 – glucagon-like peptide 1, DPP-4 – dipeptidyl peptidase-4, IS – immunosuppressive, DMARDs – disease-modifying antirheumatic drugs