

**Supplementary Table 1.** Physiologic variables at baseline

Variable	Diffuse ARDS (n=72)	Focal ARDS (n=23)	P-value
Mean blood pressure (mm Hg)	82.3±15.5	84.8±21.2	0.608
Heart rate (beats/min)	99.2±24.5	102.9±26.6	0.548
Respiratory rate (breaths/min)	25.5±5.1	24.7±5.8	0.554
Body temperature (°C)	36.7±0.7	36.7±1.3	0.95
White-cell count (10 <sup>3</sup> /μl)	13.1±7.1	15.3±19.1	0.608
Hemoglobin (g/dl)	9.5±1.8	10.3±1.9	0.058
Platelet count (10 <sup>3</sup> /μl)	161.5±110.2	120.6±118.8	0.131
Total bilirubin (mg/dl)	1.4±2.7	0.8±0.5	0.104
Creatinine (mg/dl)	1.2±1.1	1.4±0.8	0.534
Albumin (g/dl)	2.7±0.4	2.6±0.4	0.728
C-reactive protein (mg/dl)	15.5±10.3	21.5±10.7	0.018

Values are presented as mean±standard deviation.

ARDS: acute respiratory distress syndrome.