

Table S3. Inclusion, exclusion, and elimination criteria for the puppies.

Inclusion criteria	Exclusion criteria	Elimination criteria
- Any breed and sex under six months of age - The appearance of clinical signs within a period no longer than 48 hours before consultation or diagnosis - Minimum weight of 1 Kg - Two or more clinical criteria for systemic inflammatory response syndrome - Necessary hospitalization - Owners willing to participate in the clinical trial with a	- Hospitalization under the observation of another veterinarian outside recruiting veterinary clinics/hospitals - Necessary application of another immunomodulator or granulocytic colony-stimulating factor based on clinical evidence and at the discretion of a veterinarian	- Any adverse effects to administration of immunomodulator - Suspended administration of immunomodulator - Death within 24 hours after hospitalization

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