

Supplementary Figure 2. Additional physiological, microbiological, and plasma inflammatory data in pooled early versus delayed SC groups. (A) Serum lactate concentration. **(B)** Oxygen saturation (SatO₂). **(C)** Arterial partial pressure of carbon dioxide (PaCO₂). **(D)** Blood bacterial counts. **(E)** Peritoneal bacterial counts. **(F)** Bronchoalveolar lavage (BAL) bacterial counts. **(G)** Plasma tumor necrosis factor- α (TNF- α). **(H)** Plasma interleukin-6 (IL-6). Values are presented as mean $\pm$ SD. Sample size varied by panel according to 72-h survival and sample availability. Plasma cytokine measurements were available in fewer animals in some groups because of limited sample volume.

