**S3 Table.** The time difference between antiviral drugs administration to dexamethasone administration

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| Parameter | **steroids-first group**  **(N=16)** | **antiviral-drugs-first group (N=51)** | | |
| within 24 hours  (n=33) | within 48 hours  (n=40) | within 72 hours  (n=44) |
| ICU admission, n (%) | 13 (81.3) | 13 (39.4) † | 16 (46.9) † | 16 (36.4) † |
| Intubation, n (%) | 12 (75.0) | 11 (33.3) † | 14 (35.0) † | 14 (31.8) † |
| ECMO, n (%) | 5 (31.3) | 3 (9.1) \* | 3 (7.5) \* | 3 (6.8) \* |

ECMO, Extracorporeal membrane oxygenation. ICU, Intensive care unit.

versus Steroids-proceeded group, \* P<0.05, † P<0.01