Supplementary information

Using weight loss to predict outcome and define a humane endpoint in preclinical sepsis studies

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Supplementary Tables

Supplementary Table 1. Score sheets used in 2014-2018 (cohort 1).

Criteria	Score	Description
Mobility + aspect 0		Normal
	1	Bristly hair
	2	Bristly hair and (conjunctivitis or diarrhea or mobility impairment)
	3	Bristly hair and (conjunctivitis or diarrhea) and mobility impairment
	4	Moribund
Action	4	Euthanasia

Scores are calculated depending on observable traits and mobility. Mice are monitored every 8 to 24 hours. Weight is measured at the same time as the score is evaluated.

Supplementary Table 2. Score sheets used in 2018-2023 (cohort 2).

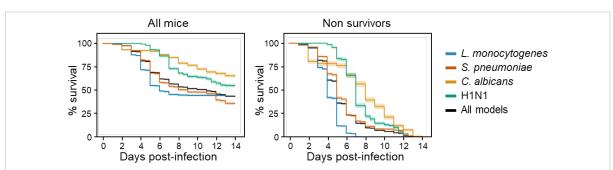
Criteria	Score	Description			
Mobility	0	Normal			
	1	Slower movement			
	2	Hunched posture			
	3	Moribund or uncontrolled movement			
Aspect	0	Normal			
	1	Bristly hair or conjunctivitis or diarrhea			
	2	Bristly hair and conjunctivitis or diarrhea			
Weight	0	No loss			
	1	< 10% loss			
	2	≥ 10% & <20% (L. monocytogenes) or <30% (other agents) loss			
	3	Weight loss ≥ 20% (<i>L. monocytogenes</i>) or ≥ 30% (other agents)			
Action	0-1	Monitored 3 times a week			
	2-3	Monitor once a day			
	4-5	Monitor twice a day			
	Total of 6, or 3 in mobility	Euthanasia			
	or 3 in weight				

Scores are calculated depending on mobility, observable traits (bristly hair, conjunctivitis, diarrhea) and weight loss. The action column (calculated automatically in excel spreadsheets while recording sub-scores) indicates the actions to be taken according to the cumulative score of the criteria mobility, aspect, and weight.

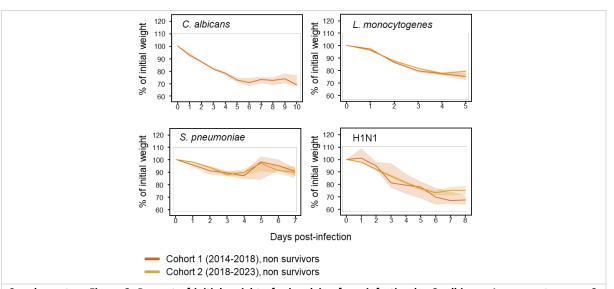
Supplementary Table 3. Number and proportion of mice achieving > 30% weight loss in cohorts 1 and 2.

		Cohort 1 (201	14-2018)	Cohort 2 (2018-2023)		
	Total	Mice with >	Mice with > 30%	Total	Mice with >	Mice with >
	mice	30% weight	weight loss (%)	mice	30% weight	30% weight
	(n)	loss (n)		(n)	loss (n)	loss (%)
L. monocytogenes	263	4	1.5	785	4	0.5
S. pneumoniae	211	1	0.5	510	1	0.2
H1N1	63	12	19.0	273	56	20.5

Supplementary Figures



Supplementary Figure 1. Survival of mice used in preclinical models of sepsis. Kaplan-Meier curves of mice (total/non-survivors) infected with *L. monocytogenes* (1'048/493), *S. pneumoniae* (721/393), *C. albicans* (252/88) and H1N1 (336/133). Black curves represent data obtained with mice from all models.



Supplementary Figure 2. Percent of initial weight of mice dying from infection by C. albicans, L. monocytogenes, S. pneumoniae and H1N1. Data from cohort 1 (2014-2018, red) and cohort 2 (2018-2023, orange) are expressed as median % weight loss with standard deviation as bandwidth. C. albicans infections were present in the cohort 1 only. The statistical difference between the curves after computing a mixed-effect model was p > 0.05.