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Supplementary file 1. Flow chart depicting numbers of patients included and excluded from the study.

Supplementary file 2. Methodology to profile anti-SARS-CoV-2 S antibodies in plasma and plasma's inhibition activity of the binding between the SARS-CoV-2 S protein and ACE2

Immunoassay for antibody quantification: a specific immunoassay was developed to quantify anti-SARS-CoV-2 S IgG and IgM antibodies in plasma. The plasmid pαH coding for the S protein ectodomain (residues 1-1208) of the SARS-CoV-2 2019-nCOV (GenBank: MN908947) was kindly provided by Dr. Jason McLellan (the University of Texas at Austin-USA) [1]. Mutagenesis was carried out to obtain a HexaPro construct that allowed a high-yield production of a stabilized prefusion spike protein [2]. The following substitutions were included at the ectodomain: glycine at residue 614 (D614G), a "GSAS" substitution at the furin cleavage site (residues 682–685), and proline at residues 817, 892, 899, 942, 986, and 987. For trimerization and purification, the C-terminal end of the S protein ectodomain was fused to the T4 fibritin trimerization motif (foldon), an HRV3C protease cleavage site, and an 8XHisTag. The expression vector coding for the SARS-CoV-2 S protein ectodomain was used to transiently transfect FreeStyle 293F cells (Thermo Fisher, Waltham, MA, USA) using polyethylenimine. The S protein domain was purified from filtered cell supernatants using Ni-NTA resins (Sigma Aldrich, San Luis, MO, USA) and subjected to an additional purification step by size-exclusion chromatography using a Superose 6 10/300 column (GE Healthcare, Chicago, IL, USA).

Antibody titration: Antibody titers against the S protein were determined by incubating serial dilutions of serum samples (starting at a 1:50 dilution) with the purified S protein ectodomain. Ninety-six well plates were coated with 200 ng per well of the S protein ectodomain. The following day, serum samples were added, and the binding to the S protein was determined by successive incubations with a secondary peroxidase-conjugated anti-human IgG or IgM (Jackson Immunoresearch, West Grove, PA, USA) antibody and the OPD substrate (Sigma Aldrich, San Luis, MO, USA). One phase exponential decay least-squares fit curves, and the area under the curve (AUC) was calculated by using GraphPad Prism 8.0 (GraphPad Sofware, Inc., San Diego, CA, USA) and the following parameters: Baseline (cut-off value for each plate) Y= the average of the optical density values of blank wells (no S protein) plus three standard deviations; ignore peaks that are less than 10% of the distance from minimum to maximum Y; all peaks must go above the baseline. The AUC is expressed as X units times the Y units.

ACE2 binding inhibition assay: An ELISA binding inhibition assay of soluble ACE2 receptor to the SARS-CoV-2 S protein was performed as follows: Fifty nanograms per well of the S protein ectodomain were captured by a chimeric version of a monoclonal anti-Foldon antibody [3] previously coated in 96 well plates. Next, a 1:10 dilution of the different serum samples was added, and plates were incubated for 45 min at room temperature (RT). Then, one µg of the cell receptor ACE2 complexed with StrepTactin-peroxidase (Bio-Rad; Halle, Germany) was added to each well,

incubated for 15 min at RT, revealed with the OPD substrate (Sigma Aldrich, San Luis, MO, USA), and the OD₄₉₃ was measured in a spectrophotometer. The assay background was determined in parallel plates coated with a locked closed conformation of the S protein unable to bind the ACE2 receptor. A pool of sera from individuals negative for anti-S antibodies, collected in 2016, was used as a control. After subtraction of the background, the percentage of inhibition was calculated as [1- (OD₄₉₃ test serum / OD₄₉₃ control serum)] x 100 %. The percentage of inhibition of ACE2) x 100 %.

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Supplementary file 3. Receiver operating characteristic curve to evaluate accuracy of the [SARS-CoV-2 N1 RNA] in plasma to identify non survivors in the first 90 days following admission to the ICU. Cut-off point: 2747 copies/ml, sensitivity 0.529, specificity: 0.757, Youden index: 0.286



Supplementary file 4. Receiver operating characteristic curve to evaluate accuracy of the [SARS-CoV-2 N1 RNA] in plasma to identify N-Antigenemia. Cut-off point: 1010 copies/ml, sensitivity 0.693, specificity: 0.675, Youden index: 0.368.

Secondary infections	All patients	VIR-N1-Zero	VIR-N1-Low	VIR-N1-Storm
Secondary infections [n (%)]	435 (32.20)	47 (32·20)	208 (52.10)	180 (65.00)
Lungs	287 (66.00)	28 (60.90)	132 (63.50)	127 (71.30)
Gastrointestinal system	4 (0.90)	0 (0.00)	3 (1.40)	1 (0.60)
Urinary tract	52 (12.00)	5 (10.60)	30 (14·40)	17 (9·40)
Skin and soft tissue	3 (0.70)	0 (0.00)	2 (1.00)	1 (0.60)
Central nervous system	1 (0.20)	0 (0.00)	0 (0.00)	1 (0.60)
Bloodstream	85 (19.50)	13 (27.70)	41 (10.70)	31 (17·20)
Unknown	3 (0.70)	1 (2.10)	0 (0.00)	2 (1.10)

Supplementary file 5. Secondary infections in VIR-N1-Zero, VIR-N1-Low and VIR-N1-Storm patients. Statistics: categorical variables are represented as [n, (%)].

Causes of 90-day mortality	All patients	VIR-N1-Zero	VIR-N1-Low	VIR-N1-Storm
90-day mortality [n (%)]	280 (33.50)	26 (17·30)	106 (26.30)	148 (52·30)
Multi organ failure	121 (43·20)	8 (30.80)	49 (46·20)	64 (43.80)
Respiratory failure	123 (43.90)	7 (26.90)	46 (43.40)	70 (47.90)
Heart failure	1 (0.40)	0 (0.00)	0 (0.00)	1 (0.70)
Septic shock	22 (7.90)	8 (30.80)	6 (5.70)	8 (5.50)
Other causes	11 (3.90)	3 (11.50)	5 (4.70)	3 (2.10)
Unknown	2 (0.40)	0 (0.00)	0 (0.00)	2 (1.40)

Supplementary file 6. Causes of mortality in VIR-N1-Zero, VIR-N1-Low and VIR-N1-Storm patients. Statistics: categorical variables are represented as [n, (%)].

Measurements at ICU admission	All patients	VIR-N1-Zero (1)	VIR-N1-Low (2)	VIR-N1-Storm (3)	p value (1 vs. 2)	<i>p</i> value (1 vs. 3)	<i>p</i> value (2 vs. 3)
No. (%)	836	150 (17.94)	403 (48.20)	283 (33.85)	-	-	-
Temperature (°C) [median (Q1,Q3)]	36.70 (36.00,37.40)	36.60 (36.00,37.20)	36.70 (36.10,37.40)	36.80 (36.00,37.50)	n.s	n.s	n.s
Glucose (mg/dL) [median (Q1,Q3)]	155·00 (126·00,208·75)	144·00 (120·00,182·70)	$\frac{154.00}{(124.00,200.45)}$	166·00 (130·40,223·00)	0.57	0.0049	0.038
Bilirubin (mg/dL) [median (Q1,Q3)]	0.53 (0.39,0.71)	0.60 (0.40,0.71)	0.54 (0.40,0.71)	0.50 (0.36,0.71)	n.s	n.s	n.s
Creatinine (mg/dL) [median (Q1,Q3)]	0.85 (0.70,1.12)	0.81 (0.67,1.06)	0.80 (0.66,1.06)	0.93 (0.74,1.25)	1.000	0.0024	< 0.0001
Platelets (cells x 10 ³ /mL) [median (Q1,Q3)]	233.00 (178.00,308.75)	284·50 (209·25,375·25)	233·00 (181·00,305·00)	210·00 (162·00,279·00)	< 0.0001	< 0.0001	0.0079
GPT (UI/L) [median (Q1,Q3)]	39.00 (25.00,64.00)	37.50 (22.88,70.00)	41.00 (26.00,64.00)	37.00 (24.00,60.00)	n.s	n.s	n.s
C-reactive protein (mg/L)[median (Q1,Q3)]	111.00 (56.00,210.00)	70.00 (28.58,174.83)	107.00 (58.50,199.40)	131.75 (64.48,233.23)	0.0097	< 0.0001	0.012
Hematocrit (%) [median (Q1,Q3)]	40.00 (37.00,43.48)	40.40 (36.60,44.00)	40.20 (37.20,40.30)	39.60 (36.48,43.48)	n.s	n.s	n.s
WBC (cells x 10 ³ /mL) [median (Q1,Q3)]	9.40 (6.82,12.98)	10 (7.50,13.66)	8.92 (6.79,12.12)	9.73 (6.47,13.34)	n.s	n.s	n.s
Lymphocytes (cells x 10 ³ /mL) [median (Q1,Q3)]	0.66 (0.42,0.95)	0.80 (0.50,1.20)	0.68 (0.45,0.92)	0.60 (0.39,0.90)	0.28	0.0026	0.068
Neutrophils (cells x 10 ³ /mL) [median (Q1,Q3)]	8.22 (5.80,11.51)	8.95 (6.30,12.22)	7.68 (5.60,10.70)	8.86 (5.78,12.11)	0.026	1.000	0.035
Monocytes (cells x 10 ³ /mL) [median (Q1,Q3)]	0.38 (0.21,0.57)	0.40 (0.30,0.70)	0.39 (0.20,0.58)	0.33 (0.20,0.50)	0.031	< 0.0001	0.055
Anti-SARS-CoV-2 S IgM (AUC) [median (Q1,Q3)]	41.54 (1.97,153.90)	67.83 (11.03,271.15)	55.57 (5.26,197.20)	9.81 (0.00,75.03)	0.43	< 0.0001	< 0.0001
Anti-SARS-CoV-2 S IgG (AUC) [median (Q1,Q3)]	177.00 (18.30,892.50)	787·25 (114·20,2028·50)	268·80 (39·94,1012·00)	39.17 (1.44,252.05)	0.0018	< 0.0001	< 0.0001
Inhibition of S-ACE2 binding > 50% [n (%)]	404 (52.70)	114 (76.00)	198 (55.30)	92 (35.50)	< 0.0001	< 0.0001	< 0.0001
RNase P (copies/mL) [median (Q1,Q3)]	78611·19 (37953·57,144050·50)	38304·96 (15692·01,75370·32)	74674·03 (38678·28,127591·27)	125620·79 (63143·87,235809·30)	< 0.0001	< 0.0001	< 0.0001

Supplementary file 7. Laboratory parameters. Statistics: Continuous variables are represented as [median (quartile 1, quartile 3 (Q1, Q3))] and categorical variables as absolute count [(n, (%)]. P-values were assessed by using the Kruskal–Wallis test with Bonferroni post hoc test adjustment, and Chi-squared tests for categorical variables. Significant differences (p < 0.05) are shown in bold. Missing data were present for temperature (40), glucose (28), GPT (94), C-reactive protein (57), hematocrit (52), WBC (28), lymphocytes (47), neutrophils (70), monocytes (74), anti-SARS-CoV-2 S IgM (1), anti-SARS-CoV-2 S IgG (1) and inhibition of S-ACE2 binding > 50% (69). Abbreviations: p-value, level of significance; n.s, not statistically significant; GPT, glutamic-pyruvic transaminase; WBC, white blood cells.



Supplementary file 8. Levels of RNase P mRNA in plasma (copies/ml).

Measurements at ICU admission [median (Q1,Q3)]	No.	All patients (836)	VIR-N1-Zero (150) 1	VIR-N1-Low (403) 2	VIR-N1-Storm (283) 3	Healthy Controls (20) 0	<i>p</i> -value (0 vs· 1)	<i>p</i> -value (0 vs· 2)	<i>p</i> -value (0 vs· 3)	<i>p</i> -value (1 vs· 2)	<i>p</i> -value (1 vs· 3)	<i>p</i> -value (2 vs· 3)
ICAM-1 (pg/ml)	831	425180.50 (346895.00,528326.00)	408121.00 (331647.00,516557.50)	417817.00 (343761.25,524101.50)	440320·50 (362610·75,537795·25)	293497.00 (256013.25,343634.50)	< 0.0001	< 0.0001	< 0.0001	1.000	0.58	0.39
Lipocalin -2 (pg/ml)	831	98533.00 (74418.00.135066.00)	98188.00 (72977.00.131069.50)	95300·50 (73353·75.132686·50)	105324·50 (79896·25.144261·75)	91579·50 (85111·25,110544·50)	n∙s	n·s	n·s	n∙s	n·s	n·s
Myeloperoxidase (pg/ml)	831	176813.00 (106385.00.305477.00)	$\begin{array}{c} 130545 \cdot 00 \\ (91966 \cdot 00.227232 \cdot 50) \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 159731 \cdot 50 \\ (94263 \cdot 00.271109 \cdot 25) \end{array}$	223763·00 (138683·25.385361·75)	31955·50 (21451·25.46467·75)	< 0.0001	< 0.0001	< 0.0001	0.38	< 0.0001	< 0.0001
VCAM-1 (pg/ml)	831	$\begin{array}{c} 1245995 \cdot 00 \\ (959614 \cdot 00.1611304 \cdot 00) \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 1083354 \cdot 00 \\ (808838 \cdot 50.1449106 \cdot 00) \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 1205079 \cdot 50 \\ (932743 \cdot 00.1531594 \cdot 25) \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} (1000000000000000000000000000000000000$	686543.50 (574934.75.757602.75)	< 0.0001	< 0.0001	< 0.0001	0.092	< 0.0001	< 0.0001
D-dimer (pg/ml)	817	$\begin{array}{c} 1940664\cdot00\\ (1069870\cdot00.4160595\cdot50)\end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} (3333233333333333333333333333333333333$		$\begin{array}{c} 2407209 \cdot 00 \\ (1279762 \cdot 50.4755883 \cdot 00) \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 267184 \cdot 50 \\ (189371 \cdot 75.416976 \cdot 00) \end{array}$	< 0.0001	< 0.0001	< 0.0001	0.52	0.0038	0.12
E-selectin (pg/ml)	831	27809·00 (20429·00 37945·00)	25993·00 (18858·00 39072·50)	27795·50 (20972·50 37430·75)	29012·50 (20751·75 41107·00)	$\begin{array}{c} (10)2(11)(10)(10)(10)(10)(10)(10)(10)(10)(10)$	n∙s	n·s	n·s	n∙s	n∙s	n·s
Ferritin (pg/ml)	831	$\begin{array}{c} (2012) & 00,31910 & 00) \\ 1189776\cdot00 \\ (628530\cdot00 & 2082095\cdot00) \end{array}$	926904·0 (476101·00 1728296·50)	$\begin{array}{c} (203)(2)(200,3)(100,100)\\ (1182345\cdot00)\\ (660826\cdot00, 2028756\cdot50) \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} (20)317(5),11107(00)\\ 1374003\cdot00\\ (676819\cdot75,2403001\cdot75)\end{array}$	67128·50 (38397·75 94993·25)	< 0.0001	< 0.0001	< 0.0001	0.048	0.0005	0.36
Rantes (pg/ml)	806	23228.00 (13020:50:40708:50)	24058·00 (12242:50.42716:00)	23272·00 (12865:00 42306:00)	22410·50 (13407·50 39582·75)	$\frac{(36597770,7575225)}{16707.00}$	n·s	n·s	n·s	n∙s	n·s	n·s
CD27 (pg/ml)	810	7862.50	7769.00	8089.00 (5659.25.11490.75)	7761.00	3983·00 (3524·50.4336·50)	< 0.0001	< 0.0001	< 0.0001	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000
Fas (pg/ml)	810	$ \begin{array}{r} 14184.00 \\ (10704.25, 18964.25) \end{array} $	14363.00	13910.00	14829.00	8530.00 (7116.25.11378.75)	< 0.0001	< 0.0001	< 0.0001	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000
SP-D (pg/ml)	830	18006·50 (9635:00 35265:75)	14888.00 (8731.00.31361.00)	$\begin{array}{c} (10700\ 25,10037\ 00) \\ 17444\cdot 50 \\ (9144\cdot 25\ 33170\cdot 25) \end{array}$	20577·00 (11216:00.41867:50)	6136·00 (4704·25 9382:00)	0.0001	< 0.0001	< 0.0001	1.000	0.11	0.29
PTX3 (pg/ml)	809	29693·00 (13164·50 64399·50)	15671·00 (8279·00 32889·00)	27487.00 (12085.50 59533.25)	45964·50 (21353·50 93351·50)	$\frac{(476423,338200)}{1400.00}$	< 0.0001	< 0.0001	< 0.0001	< 0.0001	< 0.0001	< 0.0001
IL-10 (pg/ml)	829	13.30 (7.50,23.85)	6.73 (4.03,14.45)	11.90 (7.38,19.50)	20.80 (12.50,33.45)	1.29 (1.11,1.81)	< 0.0001	< 0.0001	< 0.0001	< 0.0001	< 0.0001	< 0.0001
IL-17A (pg/ml)	829	0.12 (0.00,0.85)	0.00 (0.00,0.56)	0.15 (0.00,0.93)	0.23 (0.00,0.97)	0.04 (0.00,0.32)	1.0000	0.63	0.39	0.054	0.015	1.000
GM-CSF (pg/ml)	829	1.17 (0.72,1.80)	0.95 (0.63,1.45)	1.19 (0.75,1.79)	1.31 (0.75,1.94)	0.83 (0.61,1.17)	1.0000	0.13	0.025	0.025	0.0003	0.51
IL-7 (pg/ml)	829	6.71 (4.22,10.95)	6.91 (4.22,10.70)	6.34 (4.04,10.50)	6.98 (4.33,12.00)	2.59 (1.91,3.36)	< 0.0001	< 0.0001	< 0.0001	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000
CXCL10 (pg/ml)	828	1613.00 (965.25,2516.75)	783.00 (356.00,1266.50)	1482.50 (945.00,2236.25)	2345.00 (1648.00,3198.00)	112.50 (69.53,160.75)	0.0023	< 0.0001	< 0.0001	< 0.0001	< 0.0001	< 0.0001
Angiopoietin-2 (pg/ml)	830	1202.50 (784.00,1810.00)	1165.00 (775.50,1728.50)	1157.00 (753.50,1766.25)	1278.00 (819.00,1994.00)	825.00 (703.25,1054.25)	0.093	0.070	0.0086	1.000	0.67	0.24
IL-1RA (pg/ml)	824	935.00 (596.25,1835.25)	755.00 (472.50,1457.50)	861.50 (589.00,1609.50)	1261.00 (718.00,2755.00)	460·50 (181·75,1235·75)	0.38	0.028	< 0.0001	0.18	< 0.0001	< 0.0001
IL-6 (pg/ml)	830	49.95 (17.35,174.50)	23.60 (7.75,70.95)	43.80 (15.20,163.25)	85.80 (30.85,311.00)	1.65 (1.18,2.07)	< 0.0001	< 0.0001	< 0.0001	0.0013	< 0.0001	< 0.0001
CCL2 (pg/ml)	829	422.00 (242.50,746.00)	260.00 (166.00,471.50)	394.00 (239.50,644.25)	572.50 (317.50,1046.75)	139.00 (110.00,163.50)	0.0004	< 0.0001	< 0.0001	< 0.0001	< 0.0001	< 0.0001
IL-12p70 (pg/ml)	829	0.64 (0.36,0.96)	0.61 (0.38,0.84)	0.62 (0.36,0.95)	0.66 (0.36,1.02)	0.88 (0.67,1.07)	n∙s	n·s	n·s	n∙s	n∙s	n·s
IL-2 (pg/ml)	829	0.23 (0.04,0.56)	0.09 (0.00,0.27)	0.23 (0.03,0.54)	0.35 (0.09,0.73)	0.12 (0.04,0.25)	1.0000	0.37	0.019	0.0003	< 0.0001	0.0062
IL-4 (pg/ml)	829	0.15 (0.05,0.29)	0.17 (0.09,0.26)	0.16 (0.05,0.31)	0.14 (0.04,0.26)	0.28 (0.19,0.52)	0.017	0.0049	0.0011	1.000	0.73	1.0000
IL-15 (pg/ml)	829	6.33 (4.95,8.31)	5.38 (4.33,7.11)	6.13 (4.84,7.82)	7.40 (5.59,9.08)	2.25 (2.02,2.50)	< 0.0001	< 0.0001	< 0.0001	0.020	< 0.0001	< 0.0001

Granzyme B (pg/ml)	829	26.70 (18.15,42.50)	21.00 (13.05,28.90)	26.75 (18.00,41.70)	30.15 (21.60,54.23)	13.35 (8.82,20.05)	0.098	< 0.0001	< 0.0001	< 0.0001	< 0.0001	0.0026
IFN-γ (pg/ml)	828	1.93 (0.86,5.96)	0.75 (0.36,2.19)	1.84 (0.96,5.81)	3.26 (1.47,9.20)	0.60 (0.50,0.89)	0.50	< 0.0001	< 0.0001	< 0.0001	< 0.0001	< 0.0001
TNF-α (pg/ml)	828	11.40 (8.66,15.58)	10.00 (0.74,13.00)	11.00 (8.42,15.23)	12.60 (9.67,17.45)	6.11 (5.33,7.03)	< 0.0001	< 0.0001	< 0.0001	0.038	< 0.0001	0.0011
Endothelin-1 (pg/ml)	806	2.33 (1.60,3.46)	1.86 (1.30,2.84)	2.23 (1.51,3.30)	2.82 (1.87,4.11)	1.12 (0.52,1.28)	0.0002	< 0.0001	< 0.0001	0.035	< 0.0001	< 0.0001
Granzyme A (pg/ml)	806	72.25 (55.63,95.20)	71.10 (52.40,91.90)	69.70 (55.88,94.33)	76.50 (56.80,101.00)	99.75 (85.33,120.75)	0.0004	0.0007	0.0038	1.0000	0.69	1.0000
IFN-α (pg/ml)	806	1.24 (0.45,4.42)	0.73 (0.26,1.76)	1.24 (0.46,3.66)	1.95 (0.62,5.90)	0.00 (0.00,0.19)	< 0.0001	< 0.0001	< 0.0001	0.010	< 0.0001	0.012
IL-8 (pg/ml)	806	18.30 (11.76,27.00)	13.30 (8.91,20.80)	17.20 (11.85,24.10)	22.20 (15.40,34.40)	3.72 (2.86,6.07)	< 0.0001	< 0.0001	< 0.0001	0.0019	< 0.0001	< 0.0001
CTLA-4 (pg/ml)	806	6.62 (4.32,10.70)	5.73 (3.74,9.62)	6.51 (4.15,10.58)	7.24 (4.81,12.10)	3.56 (2.70,9.79)	0.39	0.053	0.0077	0.58	0.016	0.40
EGF (pg/ml)	807	34.70 (14.10,79.20)	37.10 (12.60,90.50)	32.50 (14.00,79.50)	37.50 (14.95,76.65)	64.45 (46.18,92.65)	0.073	0.030	0.045	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000
TREM-1 (pg/ml)	806	608.00 (426.50,821.00)	552.00 (361.00,759.00)	577.00 (401.25,799.50)	672.00 (503.00,859.50)	322·00 (271·00,386·00)	<0.0004	< 0.0001	< 0.0001	1.000	0.0001	0.0005
uPA (pg/ml)	806	913.00 (719.75,1136.75)	829.00 (657.50,1062.50)	890.00 (698.50,1116.00)	996.00 (799.00,1232.00)	942·50 (815·50,1177·00)	0.39	1.0000	1.000	0.32	< 0.0001	0.0006
PD-L1 (pg/ml)	830	211.00 (161.00,290.00)	174.00 (127.00,240.50)	199.00 (155.00,264.00)	249.00 (197.00,328.25)	71.75 (59.38,105.50)	0.0008	< 0.0001	< 0.0001	0.014	< 0.0001	< 0.0001
G-CSF (pg/ml)	829	48.70 (28.75,87.50)	39.10 (21.75,61.10)	47.80 (27.40,84.20)	55.20 (38.50,102.00)	11.10 (6.54,17.83)	< 0.0001	< 0.0001	< 0.0001	0.019	< 0.0001	0.0006
IFN-β (pg/ml)	799	0.07 (0.00,1.47)	0.09 (0.00,1.56)	0.14 (0.00,1.55)	0.01 (0.00,1.32)	0.00 (0.00,0.25)	n·s	n·s	n·s	n·s	n·s	n·s
IL-1β (pg/ml)	828	0.22 (0.11,0.40)	0.21 (0.12,0.39)	0.22 (0.10,0.40)	0.24 (0.12,0.40)	0.56 (0.09,2.53)	n·s	n·s	n·s	n·s	n·s	n·s

Supplementary file 9. Biomarkers levels in VIR-N1-Zero, VIR-N1-Low, VIR-N1-Storm patients and healthy controls. Statistics: Continuous variables are represented as [median, (quartile 1, quartile 3 (Q1, Q3))], differences were assessed by using the Kruskal–Wallis test with Bonferroni post hoc test adjustment. Significant differences (p < 0.05) are shown in bold. N.s means "not significant" in the Kruskal–Wallis test.