Identification of clinical and urine biomarkers for uncomplicated urinary tract infection

using machine learning algorithms

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**Table S1:** Performance of selection and merged models on test data subset

| Data set   | Algorithm | AUC                              | PPV                 | NPV                 | LR+                  | LR-                 | F1 score <sup>1</sup> | Selected predictors                 |
|--|-----------|----------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|
| PHE UTI classification, UTI prevalence 53.7%                     |           |                                  |                     |                     |                      |                     |                       |                                     |
| Clinical markers with cloudiness                                 | RF+RFE    | 0.66<br>(0.53-0.79) <sup>2</sup> | 0.68<br>(0.49-0.83) | 0.65<br>(0.43-0.83) | 1.80<br>(1.10-3.08)  | 0.47<br>(0.24-0.87) | 0.70<br>(0.58-0.82)   | Cloudiness                          |
| Clinical markers with turbidity                                  | RF+RFE    | 0.73<br>(0.61-0.85)              | 0.77<br>(0.54-0.91) | 0.63<br>(0.44-0.78) | 2.95<br>(1.26-6.80)  | 0.51<br>(0.33-0.81) | 0.67<br>(0.54-0.80)   | Turbidity                           |
| Immunological markers  | RF+RFE    | 0.83<br>(0.72-0.94)              | 0.77<br>(0.57-0.89) | 0.75<br>(0.53-0.89) | 2.82<br>(1.47-5.46)  | 0.29<br>(0.14-0.60) | 0.77<br>(0.66-0.88)   | 14 biomarkers selected <sup>3</sup> |
| Selected clinical + selected immunological markers               | RF        | #                                |                     |                     |                      |                     |                       |                                     |
| Clinical markers with cloudiness                                 | SVM+RFE   | 0.66<br>(0.53-0.79)              | 0.68<br>(0.49-0.83) | 0.65<br>(0.43-0.83) | 1.80<br>(1.10-3.08)  | 0.47<br>(0.24-0.87) | 0.70<br>(0.54-0.80)   | Cloudiness                          |
| Clinical markers with turbidity                                  | SVM+RFE   | 0.73<br>(0.61-0.85)              | 0.77<br>(0.54-0.91) | 0.63<br>(0.44-0.78) | 2.95<br>(1.26-6.80)  | 0.51<br>(0.33-0.81) | 0.67<br>(0.54-0.80)   | Turbidity                           |
| Immunological markers  | SVM+RFE   | 0.81<br>(0.69-0.93)              | 0.79<br>(0.59-0.91) | 0.73<br>(0.52-0.88) | 3.17<br>(1.53-6.54)  | 0.32<br>(0.16-0.62) | 0.77<br>(0.66-0.88)   | NGAL                                |
| Selected clinical with cloudy+ selected immunological markers    | SVM       | 0.81<br>(0.68-0.93)              | 0.85<br>(0.65-0.95) | 0.78<br>(0.57-0.90) | 4.94<br>(1.98-12.40) | 0.25<br>(0.12-0.51) | 0.82<br>(0.72-0.92)   | Cloudiness and NGAL                 |
| Selected clinical with turbidity+ selected immunological markers | SVM       | 0.79<br>(0.66-0.92)              | 0.76<br>(0.56-0.89) | 0.72<br>(0.54-0.87) | 2.71<br>(1.40-5.25)  | 0.33<br>(0.17-0.66) | 0.76<br>(0.65-0.87)   | Turbidity and NGAL                  |
| EAU UTI classification, UTI prevalence 64.8%                     |           |                                  |                     |                     |                      |                     |                       |                                     |
| Clinical markers with cloudiness                                 | RF+RFE    | 0.69<br>(0.55-0.82)              | 0.79<br>(0.61-0.91) | 0.57<br>(0.34-0.77) | 2.00<br>(1.08-3.75)  | 0.41<br>(0.21-0.76) | 0.76<br>(0.65-0.87)   | Cloudiness                          |
| Clinical markers with turbidity                                  | RF+RFE    | 0.68<br>(0.55-0.81)              | 0.82<br>(0.60-0.94) | 0.48<br>(0.31-0.67) | 2.57<br>(1.03-6.49)  | 0.58<br>(0.39-0.85) | 0.66<br>(0.53-0.79)   | Turbidity                           |

| Immunological markers  | RF+RFE  | 0.80<br>(0.68-0.93) | 0.75<br>(0.58-0.87) | 0.64<br>(0.36-0.86) | 1.62<br>(1.04-2.55) | 0.30<br>(0.12-0.76) | 0.80<br>(0.69-0.91) | NGAL, MMP9, IL-17A, IFN-<br>γ, Fibrinogen, IL-1β, IL-16<br>and CCL2                 |
|--|---------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---|
| Selected clinical + selected immunological markers                   | RF      | #                   |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |   |
| Clinical markers with cloudiness                                     | SVM+RFE | 0.72<br>(0.58-0.86) | 0.71<br>(0.55-0.84) | 0.58<br>(0.29-0.83) | 1.37<br>(0.94-1.96) | 0.38<br>(0.14-1.04) | 0.78<br>(0.67-0.89) | Cloudiness and severity of being unwell   |
| Clinical markers with turbidity                                      | SVM+RFE | 0.82<br>(0.70-0.93) | 0.77<br>(0.60-0.88) | 0.67<br>(0.39-0.87) | 1.83<br>(1.11-2.96) | 0.26<br>(0.11-0.67) | 0.81<br>(0.71-0.91) | Turbidity, severity of being<br>unwell and severity of foul<br>smell in urine       |
| Immunological markers  | SVM+RFE | 0.85<br>(0.73-0.96) | 0.74<br>(0.59-0.86) | 0.73<br>(0.39-0.93) | 1.57<br>(1.06-2.35) | 0.21<br>(0.06-0.69) | 0.82<br>(0.72-0.92) | NGAL and MMP9   |
| Selected clinical with cloudiness+<br>selected immunological markers | SVM     | 0.71<br>(0.55-0.87) | 0.73<br>(0.57-0.85) | 0.70<br>(0.35-0.92) | 1.46<br>(1.01-2.07) | 0.22<br>(0.07-0.82) | 0.81<br>(0.71-0.91) | Cloudiness, severity of being unwell, NGAL and MMP9                                 |
| Selected clinical with Turbidity+<br>selected immunological markers  | SVM     | 0.85<br>(0.73-0.96) | 0.77<br>(0.61-0.88) | 0.82<br>(0.48-0.97) | 1.77<br>(1.16-2.77) | 0.13<br>(0.03-0.52) | 0.85<br>(0.75-0.95) | Turbidity, severity of being unwell, severity of foul smell in urine, NGAL and MMP9 |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> F1-score: harmonic mean of precision and recall

AUC: Area under the curve

PPV: Positive predictive value

NPP: Negative predictive value

LR+ and LR-: positive and negative likelihood ratio

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> 95% confidence interval of the performance metric

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> NGAL, MMP9, IL-1β, HSA, Desmosine, IL-16, CCL3, Fibrinogen, CCL17, IL-17A, MMP8, IL-12p70, IL-8 and CCL13

<sup>#</sup> merging was not considered due to the large number of selected predictors

SVM: Support vector machine

RF: Random Forest

**RFE: Recursive Feature Elimination** 

NGAL: Neutrophil gelatinase-associated lipocalin

MMP: Matrix metalloproteinase

IL: Interleukin

HSA: Human serum albumin

CCL: CC chemokine ligands

IFN-γ: Interferon-γ

**Table S2:** Hyperparameters for models following predictors' selection. For the selected predictors please refer to Table 2 and Table S1.

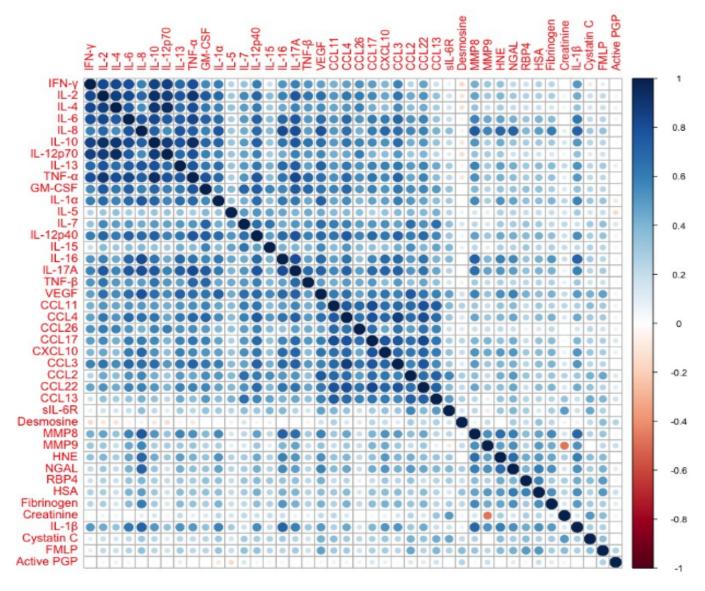
| Data set   | RF: mtry         | SVM: sigma | SVM: C | Selected predictors  |  |  |
|--|------------------|------------|--------|--|--|--|
| POETIC UTI classification, UTI prevalence 42.6%                    |                  |            |        |  |  |  |
| Clinical markers with cloudiness                                   | One<br>predictor |            |        | Cloudiness   |  |  |
| Clinical markers with turbidity                                    | One<br>predictor |            |        | Turbidity  |  |  |
| Immunological markers  | 2                |            |        | IL-1β and MMP9   |  |  |
| Selected clinical with cloudiness + selected immunological markers | 2                |            |        | Cloudiness, IL-1β and MMP9                                       |  |  |
| Selected clinical with turbidity + selected immunological markers  | 3                |            |        | Turbidity, IL-1β and MMP9  |  |  |
| Clinical markers with cloudiness                                   |                  | 0.25       | 0.25   | Cloudiness   |  |  |
| Clinical markers with turbidity                                    |                  | 0.38       | 1      | Turbidity and age category                                       |  |  |
| Immunological markers  |                  | 0.66       | 0.25   | MMP9, NGAL, IL-8/CXCL8 and IL-1β                                 |  |  |
| Selected clinical with cloudy+<br>selected immunological markers   |                  | 0.51       | 0.25   | Cloudiness, MMP9, NGAL, IL-8/CXCL8 and IL-1β                     |  |  |
| Selected clinical with turbidity+ selected immunological markers   |                  | 0.24       | 0.25   | Turbidity, age category, MMP9, NGAL, IL-8/CXCL8 and IL-1 $\beta$ |  |  |
| PHE UTI classification, UTI prevalence 53.7%                       |                  |            |        |  |  |  |
| Clinical markers with cloudiness                                   | One<br>predictor |            |        | Cloudiness   |  |  |

| Clinical markers with turbidity                                   | One<br>predictor        |      |      | Turbidity  |
|---|-------------------------|------|------|--|
| Immunological markers   | Not<br>taken<br>further |      |      | 14 biomarkers selected <sup>3</sup>                          |
| Selected clinical + selected immunological markers                | Not<br>trained          |      |      |  |
| Clinical markers with cloudiness                                  |                         | 0.25 | 0.25 | Cloudiness   |
| Clinical markers with turbidity                                   |                         | 0.30 | 1    | Turbidity  |
| Immunological markers   |                         | 97.6 | 0.5  | NGAL   |
| Selected clinical with cloudiness+ selected immunological markers |                         | 21.5 | 1    | Cloudiness and NGAL  |
| Selected clinical with Turbidity+ selected immunological markers  |                         | 55.4 | 0.5  | Turbidity and NGAL   |
| EAU UTI classification, UTI prevaler                              | nce 64.8%               |      |      |  |
| Clinical markers with cloudiness                                  | One<br>predictor        |      |      | Cloudiness   |
| Clinical markers with turbidity                                   | One<br>predictor        |      |      | Turbidity  |
| Immunological markers   | Not<br>taken<br>further |      |      | NGAL, MMP9, IL-17A, IFN-γ, Fibrinogen, IL-1β, IL-16 and CCL2 |
| Selected clinical + selected immunological markers                | Not<br>trained          |      |      |  |
| Clinical markers with cloudiness                                  |                         | 1.59 | 1    | Cloudiness and severity of being unwell                      |

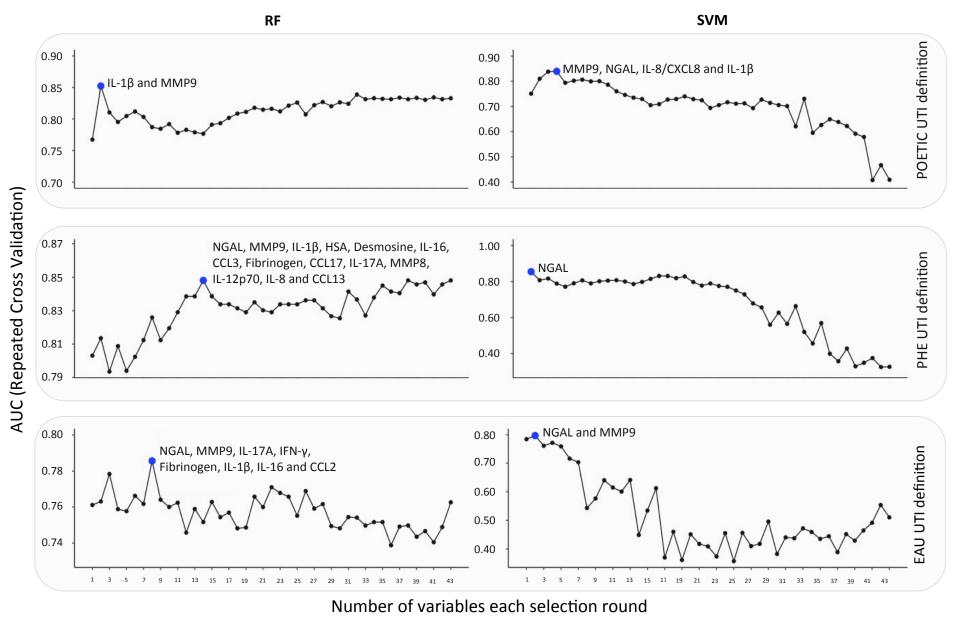
| Clinical markers with turbidity                                      | 0.44 | 1    | Turbidity, severity of being unwell and severity of foul smell in urine             |
|--|------|------|---|
| Immunological markers  | 2.27 | 0.25 | NGAL and MMP9   |
| Selected clinical with cloudiness+<br>selected immunological markers | 0.32 | 0.25 | Cloudiness, severity of being unwell, NGAL and MMP9                                 |
| Selected clinical with Turbidity+ selected immunological markers     | 0.15 | 0.25 | Turbidity, severity of being unwell, severity of foul smell in urine, NGAL and MMP9 |

**Table S3:** Uro-pathogen or potential significant isolate used to define UTI positivity

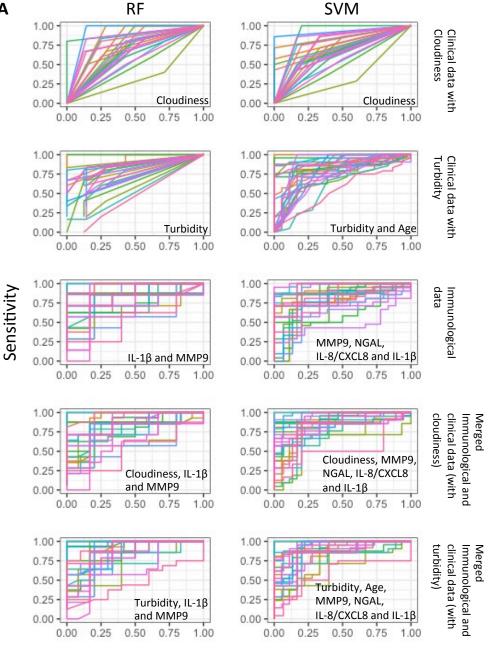
| Potentially significant isolates                 | Uropathogens                  |  |  |  |  |
|--|-------------------------------|--|--|--|--|
|  |                               |  |  |  |  |
| Enterobacteriaceae (E. coli, Klebsiella species) | E. coli                       |  |  |  |  |
| Proteus  | Klebsiella species            |  |  |  |  |
| Enterococcus species                             | Enterobacter species          |  |  |  |  |
| Staphylococcus aureus                            | Citrobacter species           |  |  |  |  |
| Staphylococcus saprophyticus                     | Serratia species              |  |  |  |  |
| Coagulase negative Staphylococcus species        | Morganella species            |  |  |  |  |
| Pseudomonas                                      | Proteus species               |  |  |  |  |
| Yeasts   | Pantoea species               |  |  |  |  |
|  | Group B Streptococcus species |  |  |  |  |
|  | Staphylococcus saprophyticus  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Salmonella species            |  |  |  |  |



**Figure S1: Correlation between immunological markers.** Circle size and colour scale represent correlation strength and direction, respectively, between the 42 examined immunological markers. Spearman correlation test was used. R package "corrplot" was used for this visual presentation.



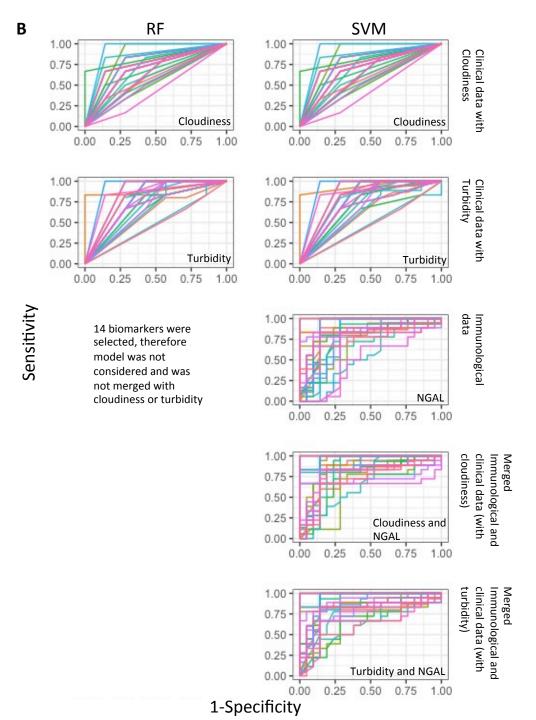
**Figure S2:** Feature selection among immunological markers using different UTI classification guidelines. POETIC: Point of care testing for urinary tract infection in primary care, PHE: Public Health England, EAU: European Association of Urology, AUC: Area under the ROC curve, RF: Random forest and SVM: Support vector machine

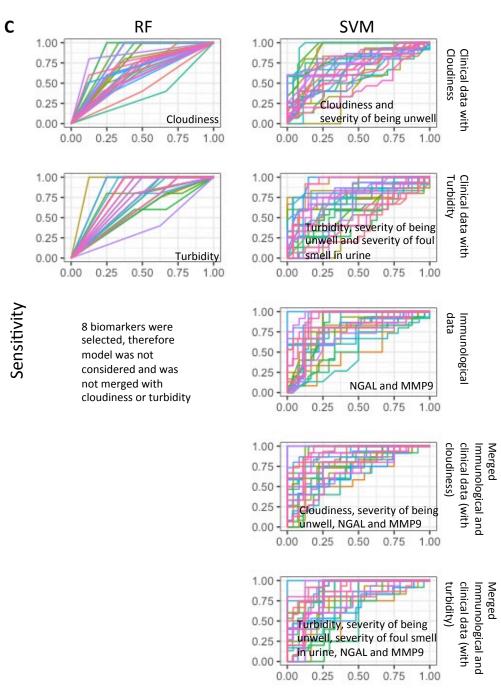


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Figure S3: Area under the ROC curve for three repeats of 10-fold cross-validation from models following selection using RF- or SVM- recursive feature elimination. A. UTI classified according to the POETIC protocol (Point of care testing for urinary tract infection in primary care trial). B. UTI classified according to the Public Health England (PHE) guidelines. C. UTI classified according to the European Association of Urology (EAU) guidelines. Predictors included in the model following selection are given in text boxes within each plot. RF: random forest, SVM: support vector machine

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