

Table 4 Age and C-reactive protein (CRP) levels in serum and saliva of patients with hospital-acquired pneumonia (HAP) and controls

Parameter	HAP patients (<i>n</i> = 50) Mean (SD)	Controls (<i>n</i> = 30) Mean (SD)	<i>t</i> -value	<i>P</i> -value
Age (years)	50.5 (8.6)	47.8 (4.4)	1.6	0.1
Serum CRP (µg/mL)	28.9 (12.0)	2.8 (1.1)	11.7	< 0.001
Saliva CRP (µg/mL)	11.7 (6.6)	1.6 (0.8)	8.3	< 0.001

SD = standard deviation.