Table 2 Microbiological and haematological findings and C-reactive protein levels of the study groups of patients

Variable	Severe sepsis (n = 27)		Sepsis (n = 25)		Controls (n = 28)		χ^2-value	P-value
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		
Microbiological findings								
Gram-negative	17	63.0	14	56.0	n/a	n/a	0.26	0.61
Gram-positive	5	18.5	6	24.0	n/a	n/a	0.23	0.63
Fungi	2	2.7	1	4.0	n/a	n/a	–	1.0[c]
Mixed infection	3	11.1	4	16.0	n/a	n/a	–	0.69[c]
Leukocyte count								
Normal	4	14.8	3	12.0	17[a]	60.7	19.4	< 0.001
Leukocytosis	22	81.4	20	80.0	8[a]	28.6	21.7	< 0.001
Leukopenia	1	3.7	2[b]	8.0	3	10.7	0.99	0.61
Platelet count								
Normal	1	3.7	5	20.0	25	89.0	47.8	< 0.001
Thrombocytopenia	26	92.3	20	80.0	3[a]	11.0		
C-reactive protein								
Positive	27	100.0	24	96.0	10[a]	35.7	39.2	< 0.001
Negative	0	0.0	1	4.0	18	62.3		

[a]*Significant difference versus other groups;* [b]*Significant difference versus controls;* [c]*Fisher exact test.*
n/a = not applicable.