

**Table 4** Frequency of -173 G/C single nucleotide polymorphism genotypes and alleles of the *MIF* gene in the study groups of patients

Variable	Severe sepsis (n = 27)	Sepsis (n = 25)	Controls (n = 28)	$\chi^2$ -value	P-value
<i>Genotype frequency</i>					
GG	11 <sup>b</sup>	14	20	5.26	0.07
GC	9	5	7	1.23	0.54
CC	7	6	1 <sup>a</sup>	5.82	0.05
<i>Allele frequency</i>					
G	31	33	47 <sup>a</sup>	12.1	0.002
C	23	17	9		

<sup>a</sup>Significant difference versus other groups; <sup>b</sup>Significant difference versus controls.