Clinical parameters	Control	Sepsis	P
Hemoglobin, g/L	120 [116.3 - 128.5]	92.5 [79.3 - 105]	< 0.001
Platelet, 10 <sup>9</sup> /L #	$293.8 \pm 22.8$	$196.2 \pm 33.9$	0.038
Albumin, g/L #	$44.1 \pm 0.6$	$35.1 \pm 2.7$	0.002
Blood urea, mmol/L	3.9 [3.5 - 4.1]	3.2 [2.4 - 13.6]	0.759
Creatinine, µmol/L	23 [20 - 24.7]	27.9 [22.5 - 72.7]	0.136
CRP, mg/L	0.2 [0.1 - 0.5]	104.9 [3.7 - 254.8]	< 0.001
LDH, U/L	332.8 [272.5 - 368.6]	530.5 [419.7 - 831.9]	< 0.001
WBC, 10 <sup>9</sup> /L	8.6 [6.3 - 12]	5.2 [3.5 - 13.6]	0.314
Neutrophil, 10 <sup>9</sup> /L	2 [1.3 - 3]	2.9 [1.9 - 9.5]	0.159

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>#</sup>Data are presented as the mean  $\pm$  standard error of mean.

CRP, C-reactive protein; LDH, lactate dehydrogenase; WBC, white blood cell.

Continuous variables were compared using Student's t-test or Mann-Whitney's U test, depending on the distribution, and were presented as the mean  $\pm$  standard error of mean or median (interquartile range).