

Variables	Infants with delayed presentation (n=198)	Infants with no delayed presentation (n=1714)	P value
Haemoglobin in g/dL	11.3 (10.3–12.9)	12.1 (10.8–15.8)	<0.001
Total white cell count x 10 ⁹ /L	12.1 (9.1–15.9)	11.1 (7.5–14.5)	0.001
Absolute neutrophil count x 10 ⁹ /L	4.6 (2.4–7.6)	3.9 (2.2–6.5)	0.33
Platelets x 10 ⁹ /L	419 (324–509)	396 (323–484)	0.106
C-reactive protein in mg/L	10.3 (0.6–47.7)	1.5 (0.5–8.1)	<0.001
Procalcitonin in ug/L	0.10 (0.07–0.35)	0.08 (0.05–0.15)	<0.001

All values are in median (interquartile range).