

**Supplementary table: Investigations**

	<b>Cases</b>	<b>Controls</b>	<b>P value</b>
	<b>n(%)</b>	<b>n(%)</b>	
Hb (gm/dl) Mean(SD)	10.2 (1.43)	11.3(1.54)	<b>0.008</b>
Severe anemia <sup>1</sup> n(%)	2(4)	0(0)	0.159
TLC x10 <sup>3</sup> /dl Mean(SD)	11.97 (5.27)	10.22 ( 8.37)	0.334
Platelet Mean(SD)	301.76 (173.16)	235.27 (119.67)	0.170
<b>Electrolyte imbalance</b>			
Hyponatremia <sup>2</sup> n(%)	10/50(20)	0/15(0)	0.081
Hypernatremia <sup>3</sup> n(%)	8/50(16)	1/15(7)	0.081
Hypokalemia <sup>4</sup> n(%)	9/50(18)	4/15(27)	0.376
Hyperkalemia <sup>5</sup> n(%)	1/50(2.0)	1/15(7)	0.376
Hypocalcemia <sup>6</sup> n(%)	18/49(37)	2/10(20)	0.045
Hypoalbuminemia <sup>7</sup> n(%)	10/37(27)	0(0)	<b>0.05</b>
Blood culture n(%)	1/35(28.5)	0(0)	0.036
Urine culture n(%)	1/6(16.6)	0(0)	<b>0.000</b>