

**Supplementary table 1 Blood tests up to 72 hours before endoscopic retrograde cholangiopancreatography**

		PEB <i>n</i> = 23		Non-PEB <i>n</i> = 603		<i>P</i> value
	Normal range	Num valid tests	of mean $\pm$ SD	Num valid tests	of mean $\pm$ SD	
WBC (10 <sup>3</sup> /μL)	4.0-11.0	5	10.36 $\pm$ 5.1	141	7.36 $\pm$ 2.6	0.262
Hemoglobin (g/dL)	11.7-15.5	5	11.42 $\pm$ 1.1	141	12.02 $\pm$ 1.9	0.483
Platelets (10 <sup>3</sup> /μL)	150-450	5	255.20 $\pm$ 56.5	141	217.54 $\pm$ 78.7	0.291
INR	0.97-1.19	5	1.13 $\pm$ 0.2	105	1.07 $\pm$ 0.1	0.363
AST (U/L)	< 7-40	5	147.60 $\pm$ 89.4	109	115.09 $\pm$ 92.8	0.444
ALT (U/L)	< 8-35	5	87.20 $\pm$ 59.7	131	192.57 $\pm$ 204.5	0.254
ALP (U/L)	25-100	5	739.00 $\pm$ 413.2	123	379.16 $\pm$ 309.6	0.013
GGT (U/L)	6-28	5	652.20 $\pm$ 382.3	122	537.75 $\pm$ 541.1	0.641
Total bilirubin (mg/dL)	< 0.1-1.2	5	11.24 $\pm$ 9.2	138	6.66 $\pm$ 8.1	0.217
Albumin (g/L)	35.0-50.0	5	30.60 $\pm$ 5.6	118	37.31 $\pm$ 5.5	0.009
CRP (mg/L)	< 0.03-5.00	3	14.47 $\pm$ 11.5	32	33.25 $\pm$ 34.8	0.364

This table summarizes the results of all blood test taken up to 72 hours before endoscopic retrograde cholangiopancreatography performance. Valid results were available for approximately 20% of cases in each group. This significant lack of data is the consequence of the retrospective nature of the study and the fact that 83% of cases were performed in the ambulatory setting. Therefore, we cannot conclude based on these data alone, that albumin and alkaline phosphatase blood levels are possible risk factors, nor we can include them in the statistical models. PEB: Post ERCP Bacteremia; WBC: White blood cells; AST: Aspartate amino transferase; ALT: Alanine amino-transferase; AP: Alkaline phosphatase; GGT: Gamma glutamyl-transferase; CRP: C-reactive protein.