

**Table 2** Blood tests and ultrasound characteristics at T0 and T1.

*Abbreviation:* CRP: C-Reactive Protein

*Note:* Variables are expressed as arithmetic means ( $\pm$  SD), median (interquartile range, IQR) or percentage.

	No. of children (30)		<b>p values</b>
	<b>T0</b>	<b>T1</b>	
<b>BLOOD TESTS</b>			
White blood cells, mean (SD), uL	6565 (2568)	6524 (2584)	Ns
Neutrophils, median (IQR), uL	2120 (1880 – 3720)	2160 (1802 – 3235)	Ns
Lymphocytes, median (IQR), uL	2770 (2050 – 3980)	2800 (1972 – 3685)	Ns
Platelets, mean (SD), uL	296880 (80430)	293950 (80230)	Ns
CRP, median (IQR), mg/dl	0.07 (0.04 – 0.22)	0.05 (0.03 – 0.06)	.009
<b>ULTRASOUND FINDINGS</b>			
<b>Parenchymal alterations</b>	50	20	.008
B line, %	50	20	.008
White lung, %	3.3	3.3	Ns
Subpleural consolidations, %	6.7	3.3	Ns
<b>Pleural alterations</b>			
Pleural irregularities, %	30	16.7	.001
Simple plural effusion, %	3.3	0	Ns