

**Table 1.** Patient characteristics and laboratory parameters of cerebrospinal fluid.

<b>Patient characteristics (n=42)</b>	SeptiFast positive	SeptiFast negative
Age in years (mean $\pm$ SD)	54.6 $\pm$ 16	55.8 $\pm$ 14
Sex (male:female)	12:5	12:13
Indication for external ventricular drainage		
- Intracerebral and intraventricular bleeding (n)	7	8
- Subarachnoidal hemorrhage (n)	8	10
- Neoplasm (n)	2	5
- Infection (n)	0	2
Laboratory parameters of 62 CSF samples		
- Leucocytes in count/ $\mu$ l (mean $\pm$ SD)	2360.6 $\pm$ 4192.3	2667.9 $\pm$ 6262.9
- Glucose in mg/dL (mean $\pm$ SD)	44.2 $\pm$ 26.5	62.28 $\pm$ 21.5
- Protein in mg/dL (mean $\pm$ SD)	143.9 $\pm$ 111.4	198.3 $\pm$ 297.8
- Lactate in mmol/L (mean $\pm$ SD)	5.63 $\pm$ 2.8	5.13 $\pm$ 6.4
- Interleukin 6 in pg/mL (mean $\pm$ SD)	19741.0 $\pm$ 22239.7	5902.1 $\pm$ 9607.4

SF, SeptiFast; CSF, cerebrospinal fluid; SD, standard deviation.