

Table 1: Patient's main laboratory findings on days one, three and four of hospitalization. Both clinical status and laboratory values were gradually deteriorating, suggesting a rapid progression of sepsis due to *Corynebacterium striatum*.

Parameter in blood (units)	Day 1	Day 3	Day 4 ICU admission
WBCs (10 ³ /μL)	19.0	23.0	24.5
Creatinine (mg/dl)	1.0	1.6	2.3
CRP (mg/dl)	25	31	44
Arterial blood pH	7.50	7.38	7.30
Lactate (mmol/L)	2.0	2.6	4.0

WBC: white blood cells, CRP: C-reactive protein, ICU: intensive care unit.