

Table 2: Upon admission, the symptoms and clinical data of the 47 patients with spontaneous non-specific pyogenic spondylodiscitis.

**Symptoms and clinical data upon admission
of patients with suspected SNPS**

Symptoms/clinical data	Number of patients
Spinal pain	46
Radicular pain	9
Fever $>38^{\circ}$ C	19
Elevated white cell count	46
Elevated ESR >40 mm (1 st hour)	45
Elevated CRP >10 mg/L	47

SNPS: spontaneous non-specific pyogenic spondylodiscitis, ESR: erythrocyte sedimentation rate, CRP: C-reactive protein.