Table 1. Baseline patient characteristics.

	All patients (n=97)	No steroids (n=42)	Steroids (n=55)	p value
Patient characteristics				
Age (months)	43 (33-61)	43 (32.8-55.8)	44 (33-61)	0.667
Medical past (n,%)				
Respiratory disease	27 (27.8)	9 (21.4)	18 (32.7)	0.219
Cardiovascular disease	5 (5.2)	4 (9.5)	1 (1.8)	0.089
Neurologic disease	3 (3.1)	2 (4.8)	1 (1.8)	0.407
Gastrointestinal disease	9 (6.3)	3 (7.1)	6 (10.9)	0.526
Kidney disease	2 (2.1)	1 (2.4)	1 (1.8)	0.847
Hematologic disease	3 (3.1)	3 (7.1)	0 (0)	0.044
Complaints				
Fever (n,%)	95 (97.9)	41 (97.6)	54 (98.2)	0.847
Duration (days)	4 (2-5)	4 (2-5)	4 (3-5)	0.942
Cough (n,%)	65 (67)	30 (71.4)	35 (63.6)	0.419
Chest pain (n,%)	23 (23.7)	7 (16.7)	16 (29.1)	0.154
Dyspnea (n,%)	38 (39.2)	20 (47.6)	18 (32.7)	0.137
Asthenia (n,%)	80 (82.5)	33 (78.6)	47 (85.5)	0.377
Abdominal pain (n,%)	38 (39.2)	17 (40.5)	21 (38.2)	0.819
Other (n,%)	30 (30.9)	13 (31)	17 (30.9)	0.996
Physical assessment at hospital admission				
Temperature (°C)	38 (37.3-39)	38.3 (37.6, 39.3)	37.8 (37.3-38.7)	0.069
Tachycardia (n,%)	10 (13.7)	3 (8.6)	7 (18.4)	0.221
Oxygen saturation (%)	96 (94-98)	95 (94-97)	96 (94-98)	0.341
Increased work of breathing (n,%)	23 (23.7)	11 (26.2)	12 (21.8)	0.616