

**Table 1.** Serum concentrations of the growth axis hormones GH, IGF-1, and IGFBP-3, and of the acute phase proteins IL-6 and CRP, preoperatively (PRE) and on days 1 and 2 post laparoscopic cholecystectomy. P values refer to comparisons with the preoperative concentration (mean  $\pm$  SE)

	<b>PRE</b>	<b>Day 1</b>	<b>Day 2</b>
GH (pg/ml)	520.6 $\pm$ 141.2	1100.9 $\pm$ 216.1 <b>(p=0.034)</b>	505.6 $\pm$ 142.8 (p=0.997)
IGF-1 (ng/ml)	130.9 $\pm$ 12.3	110.6 $\pm$ 13.2 <b>(p=0.045)</b>	110.5 $\pm$ 11.1 <b>(p=0.044)</b>
IGFBP-3 ( $\mu$ g/ml)	1.95 $\pm$ 0.14	1.96 $\pm$ 0.13 (p=1.000)	1.96 $\pm$ 0.14 (p=0.997)
IL-6 (pg/ml)	5.2 $\pm$ 1.9	11.9 $\pm$ 3.0 (p=0.319)	17.9 $\pm$ 4.6 <b>(p=0.031)</b>
CRP (mg/L)	3.87 $\pm$ 0.28	10.76 $\pm$ 2.56 (p=0.368)	20.9 $\pm$ 5.6 <b>(p=0.005)</b>