Table 3

Atlanta classification of acute pancreatitis severity[9]

AP diagnosis	Two of the following features must be present: **1** Abdominal pain suggestive of AP **2** Serum amylase (and/or lipase) activity at least three times greater than normal **3** Appearances characteristic of AP on CT or ultrasound
Mild AP	Minimal organ dysfunction Uneventful recovery
Severe AP	Normal pancreatic enhancement on CT Organ failure (as defined by the Marshall Scoring criteria) ± local complications on CT e.g. necrosis, abscess or pseudocyst
Predicted severe AP	Ranson/Imrie Score ≥3 APACHE II Score ≥8