

## Inflammatory response.

Concentrations of plasma cytokines and CRP in the placebo and PSB (parasternal block with ropivacaine) groups over time: D0<sub>preCPB</sub> (day of surgery before CPB), D0<sub>postCPB</sub> (day of surgery 3h after CPB), D1, D2, D3, D5, and D7 (time after surgery, day). Data are represented as mean with SD of 15 subjects per group. ANOVA, two-way ANOVA for time and treatment effects with repeated measurements. Significant differences were established at a  $p < 0.05$ . CPB, Cardiopulmonary bypass; CRP, C reactive protein.



