

**Supplementary Table 1** Baseline clinical and laboratory characteristics of the patients with SLE (*n* = 73)

Characteristics	Number of cases (%) or median values (range)
Gender, women/men	68 (93%)/5 (7%)
Age, years	35 (16 to 71)
Age at SLE diagnosis, years	27 (11 to 71)
Disease duration of SLE, years	1 (0 to 28)
Positive anti-nuclear antibody	66 (96%)
Positive anti-dsDNA antibody	49 (67%)
Positive anti-Sm antibody	22 (36%)
Positive anti-U1-RNP antibody	33 (55%)
Positive antiphospholipid antibody	23 (32%)
SLEDAI-2K score	12 (0 to 31)
Clinical SLEDAI-2K score	8 (0 to 27)
History of lupus nephritis	42 (58%)
Lupus nephritis pathological classification* [II/III/IV/V]	3/13/11/9
History of CNS lupus	3 (4%)

SLE: systemic lupus erythematosus; anti-dsDNA: anti-double-stranded DNA; U1-RNP:

U1-ribonucleoprotein; SLEDAI-2K: SLE Disease Activity Index 2000; CNS: central nervous system.

\*According to the International Society of Nephrology/Renal Pathology Society classification.

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