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Cytograms of confirmatory combined Foxp3/CD25 stainings of 15 individual SLE patients. This figure is included to demonstrate that possibly activated and CD25-expressing Foxp3⁻ conventional T-helper cells do not significantly contaminate the cells in our CD25^{bright} aTreg gate (R4) defined as described in the methods. Inserts in each panel indicate the respective proportions of Foxp3⁺ within CD25^{bright} cells. The uppermost left cytogram, where Foxp3⁻CD25⁺ are most clearly present, shows that this presence does not involve a reduced proportion of Foxp3⁺ cells in the aTregs that we analyze.