

Supplementary Table 1: Renal function at Baseline 6, 12 and 18 months:

Mean (SE) e-GFR	Rituximab Group (n=51)	CYC/AZA Group (n=51)	P Value
e-GFR by MDRD			
Baseline	41.4 (3.26)	50.4 (3.27)	0.05
6 months	43.8 (3.11)	52.6 (3.12)	0.05
12 months	46.2 (3.17)	54.8 (3.17)	0.06
18 months	48.7 (3.42)	57.0 (3.41)	0.09
Comparison between 18 months and baseline, p-value ¹	0.05	0.05	
Treatment difference over time, p-value			0.83
e-GFR by Cockcroft-Gault			
Baseline	53.5 (4.64)	70.5 (4.65)	0.01
6 months	57.1 (4.60)	73.7 (4.61)	0.01
12 months	60.7 (4.79)	76.9 (4.80)	0.02
18 months	64.2 (5.21)	80.1 (5.20)	0.03
Comparison between 18 months and baseline, p-value ¹	0.01	0.02	
Treatment difference over time, p-value			0.80

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