

**Supplemental table 1: Extra renal items of the SLEDAI-2K at baseline\***

<b>Extra-renal SLEDAI-2K Items</b>	<b>Number (Total = 82)</b>
Seizure	0
Psychosis	0
Organic brain syndrome	1
Visual disturbance	0
Cranial nerve disorder	1
Lupus headache	0
CVA	0
Vasculitis	1
Arthritis	14
Myositis	0
Rash	34
Alopecia	12
Mucosal ulcers	7
Pleurisy	10
Pericarditis	4
Low complement	63
Increased DNA binding	59
Fever	10
Thrombocytopenia	4
Leukopenia	12

\* Extra-renal SLEDAI: Items of the Systemic Lupus Erythematosus Disease Activity Index -2K except the renal domain score

**Supplemental table 2: Renal item scores of clinical indices**

<b>SLEDAI-2K Renal Items*</b>	<b>N (Total = 83)</b>	<b>Mean ± Standard deviation (Range)</b>
Urinary casts (Heme-granular or red blood cell casts)	16	
Hematuria (> 5 red blood cells/high power field)	51	
Proteinuria (> 0.5 gram/24 hours)	63	
Pyuria (> 5 white blood cells/high power field)	33	
<b>SDI Renal Items**</b>	<b>N (Total = 80)</b>	
Estimated or measured glomerular filtration rate < 50%	2	
Proteinuria ≥ 3.5 grams/24hours	8	
End-stage renal disease (regardless of dialysis or transplantation)	1	
<b>SLICC-RAS Renal Activity Score#</b>	<b>N (Total = 71)</b>	
Proteinuria (0.5 – 1 grams/day)	12	
Proteinuria (> 1 – 3 grams/day)	15	
Proteinuria (> 3 grams/day)	14	
Urine red blood cell count (> 10/high power field)	21	
Urine white blood cell count (> 10/high power field)	13	
<b>BILAG Renal Items†</b>	<b>N (Total= 72-81)</b>	
Systolic blood pressure (mmHg)		126 ± 16.3 (95-176)
Diastolic blood pressure (mmHg)		73.4 ± 12.6 (48-120)
Accelerated hypertension	8	
Urine dipstick protein	1+ (17) 2+ (9) 3+ (45) Negative (8)	
Urine albumin – creatinine ratio (mg/mg)		5.06 ± 4.16 (2.8-14.7)
Urine protein – creatinine ratio (mg/mg)		3.4 ± 3.2 (0.1-13.4)
24 hour urine protein (grams)		3.6 ± 3.16 (0.21-10.98)
Nephrotic syndrome	37	
Creatinine (plasma/serum) (mg/dL)		0.8 ± 0.6 (0.1-3.1)
GFR (calculated) (ml/min/1.73m <sup>2</sup> )		106 ± 51.1 (2.4-234)
Active urinary sediment	45	
Active nephritis	64	

\* SLEDAI: renal domain score of the Systemic Lupus Erythematosus Disease Activity Index. Sum of the SLEDAI item scores for proteinuria > 0.5 gram/day, hematuria and pyuria (both > 5 cells/HPF and cellular casts

\*\* SDI: Systemic Lupus International Collaborating Clinics-Damage Index (score = 0 to maximum of 5). Based on glomerular filtration rate (GFR) < 50%, presence of end stage renal disease and proteinuria > 3.5 gram/day

# SLICC-RAS: Systemic Lupus International Collaborating Clinics-Renal Activity Score. Includes the SLEDAI-R items, except for cellular casts, scored on Likert scales

‡ BILAG: renal domain scores of the British Isles Lupus Assessment Group index. Sum of the BILAG item scores for proteinuria > 0.5 gram/day, hematuria and pyuria (both > 5 cells/HPF), cellular casts, blood pressure, the presence of accelerated hypertension, nephrotic syndrome, raised plasma creatinine concentrations, decreased GFR and for a kidney biopsy showing LN in the preceding 3-month period