

Additional file 1. Patient clinical characteristics

Table S1 Clinical characteristics of SLE patients and their treatment at the time of blood sampling.

Patient characteristics	
Female n (%)	13 (86)
Male n (%)	2 (14)
Age years, median (range)	53 (32-81)
Disease duration years, median (range)	15 (1-46)
SLEDAI 2K* 0p	9 (60)
SLEDAI 2K 1-3p	3 (20)
SLEDAI 2K >4p	3 (20)
Anti-malarials n (%)	8 (53)
Mycophenolate mophetil n (%)	4 (27)
Azathioprine n (%)	3 (20)
Prednisone n (%)	9 (60)
Methotrexate n (%)	2 (14)
No immunosuppression n (%)	2 (14)

*SLEDAI 2K SLE Disease Activity Index 2000 ¹

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