

1 **Supplementary table 1. Patients' characteristics.**

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| | Gene expression | | | Immunofluorescence | |
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| | peripheral blood B cells | | | labial salivary gland | |
| | HC (n=9) | nSS (n=17) | pSS (n=13) | nSS (n=6) | pSS (n=12) |
| Gender (female %) | 100 | 100 | 77 | 100 | 100 |
| Age (yr) | 57±5 | 53±15 | 52±12 | 40±18 | 48±11 |
| Anti-Ro/SSA+ (%) | NA | 41 | 62 | 0 | 100 |
| Anti-La/SSB+ (%) | NA | 0 | 38 | 0 | 50 |
| LFS (foci/4mm ²) | NA | 0 | 1.8±1.1 | 0 | 3.7±2.5 |
| IgG and IgM+ plasma cells in LSG biopsy (%) | NA | 31±14 | 52±19 | 20±7 | 54±18 |
| Serum IgG (g/L) | NA | 11.2±2.9 | 17.1±9.3 | 9.7±2.6 | 20.1±9.1 |
| ESR (mm/h) | NA | 14±12 | 15±12 | 17±9 | 38±25 |
| <u>Schirmer (mm/5min)</u> | <u>NA</u> | <u>5.9±7.2</u> | <u>5.8±9.0</u> | <u>13.8±15.9</u> | <u>5.9±6.0</u> |
| ESSDAI (0-123) | NA | NA | 4±6 | NA | NA |
| ESSPRI (0-10) | NA | NA | 5±3 | NA | NA |

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4 HC: healthy controls; nSS: non-Sjögren's sicca; pSS: primary Sjögren's syndrome; LFS:

5 lymphocytic focus score; LSG: labial salivary gland; ESR: erythrocyte sedimentation rate;

6 ESSDAI: EULAR Sjögren's syndrome disease activity index; ESSPRI: EULAR Sjögren's

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1 syndrome patient reported index. Data represent Mean±SD unless specified differently. At
2 the time that the biopsies of the immunofluorescence cohort were taken, ESSDAI and
3 ESSPRI were not published, and therefore these are not shown.

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