years). The most common clinical manifestations at onset were fatigue (78.4%), Anaemia (72.2%), polyarthralgia (66.2%), photosensitivity (61.1%), low grade fever (56.6%) and myalgias (52.1%). Renal involvement was seen in 56.3% subjects. ANA by immunofluorescence was positive in 100% and most common pattern was speckled (62.1%). Immunoblot assay for sub autoantibodies showed Anti DsDNA (56.7%), Antinucleosome (25.6%), anti histones (28.4%), anti SmD1 (28.2%), anti Ro52 Kd (58.4%) and Anti Ro 60 kd(52.2%). A total of 08 patients died during follow up and most common cause was sepsis with underlying renal involvement.

Conclusions This retrospective study on a large cohort of SLE patients from India shows significant difference in clinical manifestations and autoantibody profile in Asians as compared to Caucasians.