Results Of 169 children, 139 (82%) females. Median age at disease onset: 11.4 years (3.4–18), median age at diagnosis: 12 (3.5–19).

20% had history of autoimmune disease in first degree relative.

Therapy at disease onset (first 6 months):
- Hydroxychloroquine: 100%
- Glucocorticoids: 98%
- Mycophenolate: 33%
- Methotrexate: 27%
- Azathioprine: 16%
- Cyclophosphamide: 9%
- Rituximab: 2%

At last follow up: Glucocorticoids: 37%
Median follow up 48 months (1–195 months), Mortality: 4%, lost to follow up: 19%, active disease at last follow up: 25%

Conclusions Patients seen at our centre had a significant disease burden with a median SLEDAI score of >20 at presentation.

Upto 1/2 of the study population did not have a malar rash. 38% had renal disease. Fever was seen in 82% and often was the cause for seeking medical opinion. This is a small data set from a tertiary level centre and not representative of the community disease.