Systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE) is a clinically heterogeneous multi-system disease, that is characterised by the presence of autoantibodies directed against nuclear antigens. The most common manifestations include rash, arthritis, fatigue, but also anaemia, thrombocytopenia, nephritis and neurologic symptoms. The latter remain one of the most challenging of all classification criteria, since lupus patients might present with a multiple array of psychiatric and neurologic symptoms, such as depression, anxiety and personality disorder, dementia, asseptic meningitis, demyelinating syndromes, and cerebrovascular disease.

The aim of this project was to understand the prevalence, morbidity and outcome associated with non-primary neuropsychiatric Lupus erythematosus systemic at our auto-immunity diseases centre. Clinical records of 128 patients followed at the clinic between January 1993 and December 2016 were read, and national registry of Auto-immune diseases was consulted in order to characterise the Lupus cohort.

From all 137 patients assessed, average age was 49, with 93% of all patients being females. The most frequent clinical criteria were malar rash in 72%, arthritis in 51%, hematologic disturbances in 43%, from which the most frequent was lymphopenia.

Amongst all patients, only 6.6% of patients (n=9) presented with severe non-thrombotic neurologic impairment, with one patient presenting with trigeminal neuralgia, 5.8% of patients presenting with magnetic resonance imaging compatible with cerebritis, with three of the patients overlapping with seizures. However, minor neuropsychiatric impairment was very common, with headache being the most predominant complaint (68.4%), as well as anxiety (77%). All of patients were on a low dose corticosteroid regimen.

Diffuse neuropsychiatric manifestations of SLE remain a diagnostic challenge, because it is very difficult for the physician to understand whether these are caused by SLE or psychological reactions to the stress of coping with a major chronic systemic illness.

**PS9:174 PREVALENCE OF VASCULAR RISK FACTORS IN A UNIT OF AUTOIMMUNE DISEASES IN A 3TH LEVEL HOSPITAL IN SPAIN**

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**Objectives** Lupus systemic erythematosus is characterised by an increasing risk of premature cardiovascular disease (CVD). CVD is one of the most common causes of death in SLE. Subclinical atherosclerosis in comparison to general population is also more prevalent, especially the presence of plaques at the carotid level, as well as thickening of the carotid intima.

The aetiology of atherosclerotic disease is completely unknown. It involves: traditional risk factors (age, male gender, smoking, diabetes, hypertension, dyslipidemia, obesity) as well as risk factors related to the disease itself and the treatments used.

**Methods** A cross-sectional study was carried out from March to November 2015. 119 patients (94.1% women) were recruited from consultation at the Systemic Autoimmune Diseases Unit for a routine medical check. Clinical data on the disease (from diagnosis to the time of inclusion in the study) were obtained by reviewing the medical history. Data were collected about:

- Traditional vascular risk factors.
- Risk factors related to the disease: Age at diagnosis, time of disease progression, SLEDAI.
- Treatment performed.
- Lipid profile.

**Results** View table 1. Hypertension is one of the classic risk factors attributed to the disease. In our study the prevalence is 25%, similar to the one found in other studies in literature. Likewise, the percentage of patients receiving antihypertensive therapy is higher than that of hypertensive patients. This can be explained by the use of antihypertensives for antiproteinuric purposes in patients with nephropathy. Unless contraindicated, most patients received antimalarials and the use of corticosteroids is still important.

**Conclusions** Once the vascular risk factors have been identified, strict control of these factors is important. The realisation of cardiosaludable diet and regular aerobic exercise, since this constitutes the most effective form for its control. In addition, a rapid and long-term remission of the inflammatory activity of the disease should be achieved, avoiding high doses of oral glucocorticoids, thus avoiding its side effects. The decrease in the activity of the disease allows to do physical exercise, which would have beneficial consequences controlling the body mass index and hypertension.

**PS9:175 TWO DECADES OF LUPUS NEPHRITIS**

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