

Supplementary Table 2. Treatment regimen before and after GC discontinuation

Treatment regimen	SLE without prior severe organ involvement (n = 24)					SLE with prior severe organ involvement (n = 49)				
	Weeks from GC discontinuation	-52 weeks (n = 23)	-26 weeks (n = 24)	Day 0 (n = 24)	+26 weeks (n = 23)	+52 weeks (n = 22)	-52 weeks (n = 48)	-26 weeks (n = 49)	Day 0 (n = 49)	+26 weeks (n = 48)
GC dose	2.50	1.71	0.00	0.00	0.00	3.38	2.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
(mg/day) *	[1.38, 4.50]	[1.00, 3.25]	[0.00, 0.00]	[0.00, 0.00]	[0.00, 0.00]	[2.00, 5.00]	[1.50, 3.00]	[0.00, 0.00]	[0.00, 0.00]	[0.00, 0.00]
HCQ	7 (30.4)	9 (37.5)	10 (41.7)	11 (47.8)	9 (40.9)	24 (50.0)	24 (49.0)	26 (53.1)	26 (54.2)	25 (53.2)
Tac	4 (17.4)	5 (20.8)	5 (20.8)	2 (8.7)	1 (4.5)	19 (39.6)	19 (38.8)	20 (40.8)	20 (41.7)	19 (40.4)
CyA	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	1 (2.1)	1 (2.0)	1 (2.0)	1 (2.1)	1 (2.1)
MMF	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	3 (6.2)	3 (6.1)	6 (12.2)	5 (10.4)	5 (10.6)
MZR	4 (17.4)	3 (12.5)	3 (12.5)	2 (8.7)	3 (13.6)	15 (31.2)	16 (32.7)	14 (28.6)	15 (31.2)	16 (34.0)
AZA	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	2 (4.2)	2 (4.1)	2 (4.1)	1 (2.1)	1 (2.1)
MTX	4 (17.4)	3 (12.5)	3 (12.5)	3 (13.0)	3 (13.6)	2 (4.2)	2 (4.1)	2 (4.1)	2 (4.2)	2 (4.3)
SASP	2 (8.7)	2 (8.3)	2 (8.3)	2 (8.7)	2 (9.1)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)
IGU	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	1 (4.5)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	1 (2.0)	1 (2.1)	1 (2.1)
BUC	2 (8.7)	1 (4.2)	1 (4.2)	1 (4.3)	1 (4.5)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)
BEL	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	1 (2.1)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	1 (2.1)	2 (4.3)
RTX/CY/ PE/IVIg	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)

Values are expressed as number (%) or median [interquartile range]. AZA = azathioprine; BEL = belimumab; BUC =

bucillamine; CyA = cyclosporin; CY = cyclophosphamide; GC = glucocorticoid; HCQ = hydroxychloroquine; IGU =

iguratimod; IVIg = intravenous immunoglobulin; MMF = mycophenolate mofetil; MTX = methotrexate; MZR =

mizoribine; PE = plasma exchange; RTX= rituximab; SASP = salazosulfapyridine; SLE = systemic lupus erythematosus;

Tac = tacrolimus.

*prednisolone equivalent (mg/day)