

**Supplementary Table 7. Baseline characteristics of study participants allocated to the non-SjS control or SjS groups**

Variables	Overall (n=44)	2016 SjS Classification Criteria		P-value
		non-SjS control Group (n=13)	SjS Group (n=31)	
Sex, Female n (%)	38 (86.4)	13 (100.0)	25 (80.6)	0.220
Age at enrollment (Years), Mean (SD)	42.23 (13.20)	41.08 (13.59)	42.71 (13.23)	0.713
Symptom duration at first visit (Years), Median [IQR]	1.00 [0.31, 3.00]	2.00 [0.50, 2.00]	1.00 [0.21, 3.00]	0.727
Dry eye, n (%)	20 (45.5)	8 (61.5)	12 (38.7)	0.291
Dry mouth, n (%)	29 (65.9)	9 (69.2)	20 (64.5)	1.000
Fever, n (%)	5 (11.4)	1 (7.7)	4 (12.9)	1.000
Fatigue, n (%)	10 (22.7)	0 (0.0)	10 (32.3)	0.053
Anti-SSA/Ro antibodies, n (%)	27 (61.4)	0 (0.0)	27 (87.1)	<0.001
Anti-SSB/La antibodies, n (%)	11 (25.0)	1 (7.7)	10 (32.3)	0.182
ANA, n (%)	26 (59.1)	2 (15.4)	24 (77.4)	<0.001
dsDNA, n (%)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	N/A
RF(IU/mL), Mean (SD)	45.62 (87.46)	29.85 (21.61)	52.24 (103.08)	0.445
ESR (mm/h), Mean (SD)	22.07 (19.57)	14.77 (6.76)	25.13 (22.32)	0.110
CRP (g/L), Mean (SD)	5.07 (20.03)	1.23 (1.22)	6.86 (23.72)	0.401
IgG (g/L), Mean (SD)	16.65 (5.89)	13.39 (1.96)	18.01 (6.45)	0.016
IgM(g/L), Mean (SD)	1.57 (1.31)	1.40 (0.40)	1.64 (1.54)	0.584
IgA(g/L), Mean (SD)	2.54 (1.00)	2.11 (0.41)	2.71 (1.12)	0.066
C3 (g/L), Mean (SD)	1.07 (0.20)	1.03 (0.21)	1.09 (0.20)	0.387
C4 (g/L), Mean (SD)	0.23 (0.07)	0.21 (0.05)	0.24 (0.07)	0.318
Lymphadenopathy, n (%)	7 (15.9)	0 (0.0)	7 (22.6)	0.157
Active articular involvement, n (%)	16 (36.4)	1 (7.7)	15 (48.4)	0.027
Active cutaneous involvement, n (%)	9 (20.5)	0 (0.0)	9 (29.0)	0.077
Active pulmonary involvement, n (%)	10 (22.7)	0 (0.0)	10 (32.3)	0.053

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Active renal involvement, n (%)	2 (4.5)	0 (0.0)	2 (6.5)	0.885
Active muscular involvement, n (%)	3 (6.8)	0 (0.0)	3 (9.7)	0.613
Active PNS involvement, n (%)	1 (2.3)	0 (0.0)	1 (3.2)	1.000
Active CNS involvement, n (%)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	N/A
Hematological involvement, n (%)	7 (15.9)	0 (0.0)	7 (22.6)	0.157
Focus score $\geq$ 1, n (%)	14 (31.8)	0 (0.0)	14 (45.2)	0.010

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