

Supplementary Table 1. Demographic and clinical characteristics of the individual subjects contributing to serum for the healthy controls (HCs), and patients with primary Sjögren's syndrome (pSS), rheumatoid arthritis (RA), and Systemic Lupus Erythematosus (SLE).

	HC ^a	pSS ^b	RA ^b	SLE ^b
Characteristic	(n = 49)	(n = 49)	(n = 40)	(n = 30)
Age ^c	55.40 ± 11.67	55.50 ± 12.85	54.30 ± 11.30	40.60 ± 11.18
Gender				
Female	49	49	40	30
Disease duration (years)	N.A. ^d	1.3 ± 1.59	N.A.	N.A.
ESSDAI	N.A.	4.6 ± 2.23	N.A.	N.A.
Current therapy				
NSAIDs (%)	N.A.	30.6	N.A.	N.A.
DMARDs (%)	N.A.	61.2	N.A.	N.A.
Other (e.g. steroids) (%)	N.A.	28.6	N.A.	N.A.
Clinical tests				
RF-positive (%)	0	4.1	72.5	75.0
ANA-positive (%)	0	77.6	47.5	67.5
Anti-Ro (SSA) - positive (%)	0	81.6	5.0	67.5
Anti-La (SSB) – positive (%)	0	26.5	0.0	27.5
CRP – positive (%)	N.A.	12.2	37.5	17.5
ESR (1hr) – positive (%)	N.A.	69.4	87.5	87.5
HNE-protein adduct (µg/mL) ^e	2.73 ± 1.25	3.48 ± 0.77	N.A.	N.A.

a. HCs were tested by Union Clinical Laboratory in Taiwan: Rheumatoid factor (Latex RF reagent, Siemens Medical Solutions Diagnostics, USA; cutoff of < 15.0 IU/mL), ANA (FLUORO HEPANA Test, Medical & Biological Laboratories, Japan), SSA (BioPlex 2200 ANA, Bio-Rad Laboratories, Hercules, CQA, USA; cutoff of < 100 AU/mL), and SSB (BioPlex 2200 ANA, Bio-Rad Laboratories; cutoff of < 100 AU/mL).

b. Patient samples were analyzed at the Department of Laboratory Medicine, Shuang-Ho Hospital, Taiwan: Rheumatoid factor (Latex RF reagent, Siemens Medical Solutions Diagnostics; cutoff of < 15.0 IU/mL), ANA (FLUORO HEPANA Test, Medical & Biological Laboratories, Japan), SSA (EliA™ Ro FLUOROENZYMEIMMUNOASSAY, Phadia GmbH, Freiburg, Germany; cutoff of < 7.0 IU/mL), and SSB

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c. HC vs. SLE, $p < 0.0001$; pSS vs. SLE, $p < 0.0001$; RA vs. SLE, $p < 0.0001$.

d. N.A., Not available.

e. HC vs. pSS, $p = 0.0004$.