

Table 1 Characteristics of patients with active and inactive systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE)

Variable	Active SLE (n = 24)	Inactive SLE (n = 19)
Mean (SD) age (years)	42.3 (14.7)	40.1 (11.9)
Mean (SD) disease duration (years)	11.1 (7.1)	10.4 (9.1)
No. of ARA criteria	6.4	5.2

SD = standard deviation; ARA = American Rheumatism Association.