

Supplemental Table 1- Treatment protocol

Variables	Agent	Dose
<i>Day 1</i>	Rituximab	1000 mg
<i>Day 15-45</i>	Rituximab	1000 mg
<i>Day 90-180</i>	Rituximab	1000 mg
<i>Day 1- 7</i>	Oral cyclophosphamide	150 mg/d
<i>Day 8-60</i>	Oral cyclophosphamide	100 mg/d
<i>Week 1</i>	Oral prednisolone	60 mg/d
<i>Week 2</i>	Oral prednisolone	40 mg/d
<i>Week 3</i>	Oral prednisolone	30 mg/d
<i>Week 4</i>	Oral prednisolone	20 mg/d
<i>Week 5-8</i>	Oral prednisolone	15 mg/d
<i>Week 9-12</i>	Oral prednisolone	12.5 mg/d
<i>Week 13-16</i>	Oral prednisolone	10 mg/d
<i>Week 17-20</i>	Oral prednisolone	7.5 mg/d
<i>Week 21-24</i>	Oral prednisolone	5 mg/d
<i>Week 25- 28</i>	Oral prednisolone	2.5 mg/d