

Supplementary Table I. Comparison of laboratory measurements between groups during the study period.

Parameter	Rituximab Group	Control group	<i>p</i> -value
Study entry, (mean±SD)			
Haemoglobin (g/dl)	11.5 ± 1.3	10.7 ± 1.6	0.28
Platelets (x10 ⁹ /L)	320 ± 218	335 ± 94	0.08
White blood cells (x10 ¹² /L)	8600 ± 3700	10.400 ± 3800	0.35
Neutrophils	5800 ± 3800	7600 ± 4300	0.29
Lymphocytes	1500 ± 800	1600 ± 380	0.53
Monocytes	500 ± 470	420 ± 150	0.56
Eosinophils	290 ± 460	850 ± 950	0.45
Erythrocyte sedimentation rate	56 ± 26	70 ± 33	0.24
C-reactive protein (% positive)	85.7	80	1.00
Serum creatinine (mg/dl)	1.5 ± 1.3	1.4 ± 0.8	0.81
24h-protein excretion (mg/day)	1580 ± 2440	362 ± 172	0.20
Patients with haematuria, n (%)	7(38.9)	5(27.8)	0.19
3-months post study entry			
Haemoglobin (g/dl)	13.3 ± 6.4	11.5 ± 1.8	0.26
Platelets (x10 ⁹ /L)	263 ± 75	315 ± 37	0.48
White blood cells (x10 ¹² /L)	7900 ± 3000	8100 ± 3700	0.98
Neutrophils	5100 ± 2400	6000 ± 3200	0.64
Lymphocytes	2000 ± 1300	1500 ± 630	0.69
Monocytes	530 ± 340	780 ± 1020	0.96
Eosinophils	200 ± 160	100 ± 40	0.22
Erythrocyte sedimentation rate	34 ± 23	20 ± 15	0.08
C-reactive protein (mg/dl)	21.4	11.1	1.00
Serum creatinine (mg/dl)	1.5 ± 0.8	1.2 ± 0.7	0.15
24h-protein excretion (mg/day)	2500 ± 2200	860 ± 890	0.23
Patients with haematuria, n (%)	1(5.5)	0	1.00
6-months post study entry			
Haemoglobin (g/dl)	11.6 ± 2.1	12.4 ± 1.7	0.74
Platelets (x10 ⁹ /L)	280 ± 160	290 ± 71	0.36
White blood cells (x10 ¹² /L)	7300 ± 3900	8600 ± 3200	0.35
Neutrophils	4400 ± 2900	5700 ± 3200	0.19
Lymphocytes	2100 ± 890	1700 ± 430	0.45
Monocytes	710 ± 500	820 ± 790	0.89
Eosinophils	230 ± 150	110 ± 50	0.25
Erythrocyte sedimentation rate	24 ± 14	17 ± 11	0.29
C-reactive protein (% positive)	29.2	19.7	0.49
Serum creatinine (mg/dl)	1.5 ± 1.0	1.2 ± 0.6	0.96
24h-protein excretion (mg/day)	1600 ± 1400	930 ± 610	0.53
Patients with haematuria n (%)	0	0	
End follow-up			
Haemoglobin (g/dl)	12.6 ± 1.9	13.6 ± 1.0	0.46
Platelets (x10 ⁹ /L)	320 ± 292	260 ± 90	0.58
White blood cells (x10 ¹² /L)	7800 ± 4600	7300 ± 2200	0.66
Neutrophils	5000 ± 3400	4600 ± 2000	0.97
Lymphocytes	2300 ± 1100	1800 ± 830	0.61
Monocytes	580 ± 300	750 ± 450	0.56
Eosinophils	330 ± 420	140 ± 70	0.61
Erythrocyte sedimentation rate	39 ± 47	27 ± 23	0.68
C-reactive protein (% positive)	22.2	20	1.00
Serum creatinine (mg/dl)	1.8 ± 0.1	1.0 ± 0.2	0.27