Supplementary material

S1) Self designed questionnaire

- 1. How old are you?
- 2. How old were you, when your disease occurred?
- 3. From which country do you come from originally?
- 4. What is your highest educational achievement?
- 5. Do you smoke? (packs, years)
- 6. Do you have children? (number of children)
- 7. Did you have miscarriages? (number of miscarriages)
- Did you ever talk about sexual problems with your treating physician?
 yes

 no
- Do you think that sexuality is relevant with respect to your disease?
- 🖵 yes 🗖 no
- 10. Do you feel the need to discuss sexual problems more with your treating physician? □ yes □ no
- 11. Are you in a constant relationship?
 - 🛛 yes 🖵 no
- 12. At what age did you have your first menstruation?
- 13. If applicable, at what age did you have your last menstruation?
- 14. At what age did you have your first sexual intercourse?
- 15. How many times a week do you have sexual intercourse?
 - 🖵 none
 - **1**-2
 - **3**-4
 - \Box more than 4
- 16. Reasons for no sexual intercourse:
 - no partner
 - no interest
 - other health issues
 - partner's health
 - disease manifestations
- 17. If disease manifestations are a reason for no or rare sexual intercourse, what are they?
 - Impaired pelvic mobility
 - Mucosal dryness
 - Painful sexual intercourse
 - Vaginal stenosis
 - □ Other reasons:
- 18. Did your sexuality change since disease onset?
 - 🛛 yes 🖓 no
 - if yes, in what respect:
 - □ I have less sex than I used to have.
 - $\hfill \Box$ I have more sex than I used to have.
 - □ My libido decreased.
 - □ My libido increased.
 - □ Reduced fitness or dyspnea impair my sexual activity.
 - □ My self-confidence changed since disease onset.
 - □ I do not find a partner due to my disease.
 - □ Other reasons:_____

$S2) \ Definitions \ of \ organ \ involvement \ in \ systemic \ sclerosis \ (SSc) \ and \ systemic \ lupus \ erythematosus \ (SLE)$

Skin:

- SSc: sclerodactily, sclerotic edema
- SLE: alopecia, butterfly rash, subacute cutaneous lupus erythematosus, discoid lupus erythematosus, malar rash or generalised maculopapular rash

Gastrointestinal:

• SSc: pseudo-obstruction, gastroparesis, dysphagia, oesophageal hypomotility

Lung:

• SSc and SLE: interstitial lung disease (on computed tomography), pleural effusion

Heart:

- SSc and SLE: pericardial effusion, troponinemia and findings on MRI consistent with myocardial involvement
- Central nervous system:
- SLE: psychosis, seizures, encephalitis, myelitis

Haematological:

• SLE: non-haemolytic anaemia, autoimmune haemolytic anaemia, immune thrombocytopenia, lymphopenia or leukopenia (not treatment-induced)