

Results: Out of 266 participants, 189 (71%) were proliferative LN. Baseline gallium left kidney/spine (K/S) ratio was significantly higher in class IV LN as compared to class III or class V (median [inter-quartile range, IQR]: 1.14 [1.0-1.3], 0.97 [0.9-1.1], 1.035 [0.9-1.2], respectively, $p<0.001$). Patients with higher daily urine protein, renal activity index, endocapillary proliferation and interstitial inflammation tended to exhibit higher gallium uptake by regression analysis. Besides, changes of gallium uptake ratio between 2 biopsies were positively correlated with daily urine protein change ($r=0.699$, $p<0.001$), change of activity index ($r=0.339$, $p=0.033$), endocapillary proliferation ($r=0.380$, $p=0.027$) and neutrophils infiltration ($r=0.405$, $p=0.018$) in renal pathology findings.

| | Class I&II (n=7) | III (n=43) | IV (n=146) | V (n=70) | P value |
|------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------|-----------|
| Age | 42.0 (33.0-43.0) | 31.0 (26.0-40.0) | 32.0 (25.0-41.0) | 31.0 (26.0-40.3) | 0.572 |
| Gender | | | | | 0.577 |
| F | 7 (100.0%) | 36 (83.7%) | 118 (80.8%) | 59 (84.3%) | |
| M | 0 (0.0%) | 7 (16.3%) | 28 (19.2%) | 11 (15.7%) | |
| Daily urine protein | 0.7 (0.1-1.8) | 1.9 (1.0-2.5) | 3.7 (2.1-5.6) | 2.1 (0.9-6.3) | <0.001*** |
| Creatinine | 0.7 (0.5-0.8) | 0.8 (0.6-1.2) | 1.4 (0.9-2.3) | 0.8 (0.7-1.1) | <0.001*** |
| eGFR | 97.5 (91.0-139.2) | 88.3 (65.6-125.6) | 48.5 (23.2-79.0) | 88.2 (60.8-117.6) | <0.001*** |
| dDNAAb | 248.7 (166.5-477.0) | 169.0 (64.7-347.7) | 265.4 (125.5-464.1) | 126.0 (33.3-286.9) | <0.001*** |
| C3 | 78.2 (71.3-90.5) | 76.4 (63.7-93.2) | 54.6 (40.7-67.0) | 67.9 (47.9-97.0) | <0.001*** |
| C4 | 15.1 (14.1-20.9) | 14.4 (10.4-22.2) | 10.6 (6.7-18.0) | 12.5 (7.2-20.5) | 0.048* |
| SLEDAI | 18.5 ± | 14.0 (10.0-14.0) | 14.0 (8.0-20.0) | 8.0 (5.0-10.0) | 0.025* |
| Renal pathology | | | | | |
| Activity/Index | 0 (0-1) | 3 (1-4) | 8 (5.0-10.3) | 0 (0-0) | <0.001*** |
| Cellular crescent | 0 (0-0) | 0 (0-0) | 2 (0-2) | 0 (0-0) | <0.001*** |
| Necrosis/ Karyorrhexis | 0 (0-0) | 2 (0-2) | 2 (0-2) | 0 (0-0) | <0.001*** |
| Endocapillary proliferation | 0 (0-0) | 1 (0-1) | 2 (2-3) | 0 (0-1) | <0.001*** |
| Hyaline thrombus/ vire loop | 0 (0-0) | 0 (0-0) | 1 (0-2) | 0 (0-0) | <0.001*** |
| Neutrophils infiltration | 0 (0-0) | 0 (0-0) | 0 (0-1) | 0 (0-0) | <0.001*** |
| Interstitial inflammation | 0 (0-1) | 0 (0-1) | 1 (0-2) | 0 (0-0) | <0.001*** |
| Chronicity index | 0 (0-1) | 2 (0-3) | 1 (0-4) | 1 (0-2) | 0.036* |
| Glomerular stenosis | 0 (0-0) | 1 (0-1) | 1 (0-2) | 0 (0-1) | 0.001*** |
| Tubular atrophy | 0 (0-0) | 1 (0-1) | 0 (0-0) | 0 (0-1) | 0.094 |
| Interstitial fibrosis | 0 (0-1) | 1 (0-1) | 0 (0-1) | 0 (0-1) | 0.405 |
| Fibrous crescent | 0 (0-0) | 0 (0-0) | 0 (0-0) | 0 (0-0) | 0.066 |
| Tubulointerstitial nephritis | 1 (14.3%) | 17 (39.5%) | 83 (56.8%) | 22 (31.9%) | 0.001*** |
| Adenosclerosis | 1 (14.3%) | 9 (20.9%) | 32 (21.9%) | 10 (14.3%) | 0.341 |
| 1/1's ratio | 0.9 (0.8-1.2) | 1.0 (0.9-1.1) | 1.1 (1.0-1.3) | 1.0 (0.9-1.2) | <0.001*** |
| Rt k's ratio | 1.0 (0.9-1.4) | 1.0 (0.9-1.2) | 1.2 (1.1-1.4) | 1.1 (1.0-1.2) | <0.001*** |
| Gallium visual grading | | | | | <0.001*** |
| 0-1&1&1-2 | 4 (57.1%) | 19 (44.2%) | 26 (17.8%) | 18 (25.7%) | |
| 2 | 1 (14.3%) | 17 (39.5%) | 42 (28.8%) | 33 (47.1%) | |
| 3 | 0 (0.0%) | 6 (14.0%) | 38 (26.0%) | 10 (14.3%) | |
| ≥ 3 | 2 (28.6%) | 2 (4.7%) | 40 (27.4%) | 9 (12.9%) | |

| Table 1: Risk ratio value (Multivariate1) Adjust R ² =0.218, Multivariate2 Adjust R ² =0.217, Multivariate3 Adjust R ² =0.223 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|------------|-----------------|---------|---------------|-----------------|---------|---------------|-----------------|---------|---------------|----------------|---------|
| | Univariate | | | Multivariate1 | | | Multivariate2 | | | Multivariate3 | | |
| | B | 95%CI | Z value | B | 95%CI | Z value | B | 95%CI | Z value | B | 95%CI | Z value |
| Age | -0.002 | (-0.001, 0.000) | 0.079 | | | | | | | | | |
| Gender | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| F | Reference | | | Reference | | | Reference | | | Reference | | |
| M | 0.024 | (0.016, 0.034) | 0.925 | | | | | | | | | |
| Cell data | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Daily water protein | 0.003 | (-0.004, 0.010) | 0.020 | 0.020 | (0.012, 0.027) | -0.0001 | 0.019 | (0.011, 0.026) | -0.0001 | 0.018 | (0.011, 0.026) | -0.0001 |
| Creatine | 0.016 | (-0.002, 0.033) | 0.085 | | | | | | | | | |
| eGFR | -0.001 | (-0.001, 0.000) | 0.004 | 0.000 | (-0.001, 0.001) | 0.985 | 0.000 | (-0.001, 0.003) | 0.757 | | | |
| endoXAAB | 0.000 | (0.000, 0.000) | 0.113 | | | | | | | | | |
| CRP | -0.001 | (-0.002, 0.000) | 0.048 | 0.001 | (-0.001, 0.002) | 0.310 | 0.001 | (-0.001, 0.002) | 0.257 | | | |
| C4 | -0.004 | (-0.004, 0.001) | 0.375 | | | | | | | | | |
| SLEDAI | 0.023 | (0.020, 0.026) | 0.448 | | | | | | | | | |
| CSF | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| ActivityIndex | 0.015 | (0.011, 0.027) | -0.0001 | 0.018 | (0.010, 0.026) | -0.0001 | | | | | | |
| Cellular crescent | 0.043 | (0.022, 0.080) | -0.0001 | | | | 0.007 | (-0.020, 0.030) | 0.095 | | | |
| Necrosis | 0.029 | (0.018, 0.045) | -0.0001 | | | | 0.017 | (0.007, 0.040) | 0.167 | | | |
| Endocapillary proliferation | 0.073 | (0.048, 0.094) | -0.0001 | | | | 0.028 | (0.010, 0.069) | 0.144 | 0.039 | (0.011, 0.068) | 0.0001 |
| Cellular crescent with necrosis | 0.018 | (0.004, 0.036) | -0.0001 | | | | 0.019 | (-0.025, 0.064) | 0.396 | | | |
| Neutrophils infiltration | 0.101 | (0.053, 0.149) | -0.0001 | | | | 0.009 | (-0.048, 0.065) | 0.078 | | | |
| Interstitial inflammation | 0.009 | (0.007, 0.122) | -0.0001 | | | | 0.051 | (0.011, 0.091) | 0.013 | 0.053 | (0.016, 0.090) | 0.0001 |
| Crescentic Index | 0.001 | (-0.004, 0.006) | 0.700 | | | | | | | | | |
| Glomerular stenosis | -0.015 | (-0.047, 0.017) | 0.356 | | | | | | | | | |
| Chronic activity | -0.100 | (-0.145, 0.056) | 0.382 | | | | | | | | | |
| Interstitial fibrosis | -0.002 | (-0.038, 0.034) | 0.899 | | | | | | | | | |
| Fibrous crescent | 0.025 | (-0.002, 0.143) | 0.872 | | | | | | | | | |
| Tubulointerstitial nephritis | 0.020 | (-0.041, 0.081) | 0.519 | | | | | | | | | |
| Atherosclerosis | -0.024 | (-0.101, 0.054) | 0.547 | | | | | | | | | |
| Glassy tissue grading | Reference | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 0-1&1&1-2 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2 | 0.175 | (0.134, 0.237) | -0.0001 | | | | | | | | | |
| 3 | 0.343 | (0.295, 0.390) | -0.0001 | | | | | | | | | |
| 4 | 0.518 | (0.468, 0.604) | -0.0001 | | | | | | | | | |
| Lower semimatrix R ² correlation = 0.99 (0.95, 1.00) (0.0) | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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Background: Sjögren's syndrome (SS) is one of the most common autoimmune diseases. Main symptoms include dry eyes and mouth, followed by difficulty swallowing and serious systemic manifestations including neurological, pulmonary and musculoskeletal effects.¹ However, SS is not homogeneous; it affects patients in different ways, with varying symptoms and severity. Identifying discrete patient types and understanding their commonalities and differences is integral to enhancing disease knowledge, identifying areas of unmet need, defining the size of the affected population and determining appropriate treatment approach.

Objectives: Using data gathered by the SS Foundation through a survey of over 3000 patients with SS, analyses were performed to: 1) describe patient characteristics and treatment in a real-world setting and 2) categorise patients based on baseline characteristics.

Methods: The analytical approach used clustering techniques to synthesise the mixed-data-type survey in two separate analyses. Data were filtered to include patients 40–65 years of age. Analyses were performed firstly to identify relationships between features—related to demographic, disease state, treatments, etc.—and secondly to identify clusters of patients. A Bayesian network model was used to evaluate feature correlations and the probability of a specific survey answer given one or many preliminary conditions. With respect to patient clustering, the model used was based on Gower distance and Partitioning Around Medoids, which each can include both numerical and categorical data.

Results: We evaluated comorbidities, symptoms and treatment to identify traits that differed most significantly among patient types. Four discrete patient clusters were identified (disease severity measured by median EULAR SS Patient Reported Index score²; Table 1):

- 1. Recent: Most recently diagnosed, least severe disease manifestation
- 2. Slower progressing: Longest time since diagnosis, second-lowest disease severity
- 3. Second-second: Second in time since of diagnosis, second in disease severity
- 4. Most severe: Most severe disease manifestations and comorbidities

The most differentiating comorbidities across all clusters included gastroesophageal reflux disease, fibromyalgia and Raynaud's syndrome (Table 2). The symptoms that impacted patients' lives the most and that were differentiating across clusters were brain fog, fatigue and forgetfulness. The treatments that were most contrasting were oral comfort agents, followed by DMARDS and secretagogues (Figure 1). The patient cluster definitions above suggest some contradictions, because not all significant cluster characteristics progressively worsened with increasing disease severity.

Conclusion: These analyses show differences in disease characteristics and treatment across patient clusters; however, more work is required to validate these clusters.

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Table 1. Most significant patient features

| | Recent | Slower progressing | Second-second | Most severe |
|--|--------|--------------------|---------------|-------------|
| Patients, n | 154 | 243 | 184 | 132 |
| Female, % | 92 | 95 | 95 | 92 |
| Age, years (median) | 57 | 57 | 59 | 59 |
| Years since diagnosis (median) | 5 | 9 | 6 | 8 |
| ESSPRI score (median) | 4 | 5.3 | 6 | 6.5 |
| Dryness (median) | 6 | 6 | 7 | 7 |
| Fatigue (median) | 5 | 6 | 7 | 7 |
| Pain (median) | 2 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| Total hospitalisation (ER/UCC/hospital), % | 14 | 17 | 22 | 27 |
| HCP (median) | 3 | 4 | 4 | 5 |
| Total spending (mean \$US) | 1708 | 3020 | 3823 | 5550 |
| Prescriptions, n (median) | 2 | 2 | 3 | 5 |
| OTC medications, n (median) | 3 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Awarded social security disability, % | 2% | 8% | 9% | 16% |

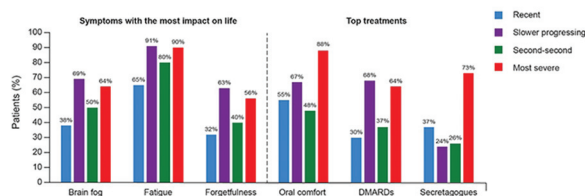
ER=emergency room; ESSPRI=EULAR SS Patient Reported Index; HCP=healthcare provider; OTC=over the counter; UCC=urgent care centre

Table 2. Top comorbidities that differentiate clusters

| Comorbidity, % | Recent | Slower progressing | Second-second | Most severe |
|---------------------------------|--------|--------------------|---------------|-------------|
| GERD | 21 | 45 | 45 | 53 |
| Pneumonia or bronchitis | 8 | 12 | 10 | 18 |
| Leucopenia | 8 | 16 | 11 | 16 |
| Anaemia | 11 | 17 | 10 | 17 |
| Fibromyalgia | 10 | 27 | 38 | 43 |
| Hypertension | 18 | 22 | 21 | 24 |
| Sinusitis | 14 | 31 | 38 | 49 |
| Mixed connective tissue disease | 4 | 13 | 12 | 14 |
| Irritable bowel syndrome | 14 | 32 | 33 | 35 |
| Raynaud's disease | 24 | 35 | 35 | 40 |

GERD=gastroesophageal reflux disease

Figure 1. Top three symptoms and treatments that differed most significantly among clusters



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ULTRA-HIGH-FREQUENCY ULTRASOUND OF LABIAL SALIVARY GLANDS HIGHLY CORRELATES WITH HISTOPATHOLOGY IN PRIMARY SJÖGREN'S SYNDROME

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Background: In the last few decades many studies have investigated the role of major salivary glands ultrasound (SGUS) in the diagnostic work-up of patients with suspected primary Sjögren's syndrome (pSS). Recent development of ultra-high-resolution ultrasound systems (UHFUS), with frequencies as high as 70 MHz and capability resolution as fine as 30 µm, has permit new diagnostic applications to a variety of superficial targets including labial salivary glands (LSGs). To date, however, no information are available regarding the use of UHFUS for the study of LSGs in humans.

Objectives: To evaluate the feasibility and the diagnostic accuracy of UHFUS of LSGs in patients with suspected SS and to assess the correlations between LSG histopathology, UHFUS and SGUS.

Methods: Consecutive patients with clinically suspected pSS were included in this study. All patients underwent a complete diagnostic work-up including conventional SGUS and LSG biopsy. The same expert pathologist calculated for all the samples the focus score (FS), number of foci and evaluated the presence of ectopic germinal centers (GCs). UHFUS of LSG was performed by specialized radiologists scanning first the central compartment of the inferior lip, and then both peripheral compartments. The following parameters were evaluated: distribution of the glands, parenchymal inhomogeneity (score 0-3, from normal to evident), fibrosis and eco color-Doppler vascular pattern and grade of vascular intensity.

Results: We included 32 patients with suspected pSS. At the end of the work-up, pSS diagnosis was confirmed in 12/32 (37.5%) cases. No differences between pSS patients and no-SS sicca controls were observed in UHFUS findings related to LSG distribution and eco color-Doppler vascular parameters. By contrast, pSS patients presented statistically significant differences in peripheral UHFUS inhomogeneity ($p=0.006$), and a higher degree of fibrosis ($p=0.01$). Considering a score ≥ 2 in parenchymal inhomogeneity as suggestive for pSS, UHFUS appeared less specific than conventional SGUS (UHFUS Sp=70% vs SGUS Sp=95%) but more sensitive (UHFUS Se=83.3% vs SGUS Se = 58.3%). In addition, when we investigated the relationship between UHFUS, SGUS and LSG histopathology we found that the correlation coefficients between UHFUS inhomogeneity and LSG FS (UHFUS $r=0.706^{**}$ vs SGUS $r=0.393^{*}$), number of foci (UHFUS $r=0.712^{**}$ vs SGUS $r=0.445^{*}$), and number of ectopic GCs (UHFUS $r=0.525^{**}$ vs SGUS $r=0.141$), were significantly higher than those observed with conventional SGUS.

Conclusion: the application of UHFUS to the study of LSG in pSS appeared feasible and sensitive. Because of the anatomical details obtained with this technique and its stronger correlation with LSG histopathology, UHFUS might offer unique advantages over the existing major salivary gland imaging modalities in pSS assessment.

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MACROPHAGE ACTIVATION SYNDROME IN MONOGENIC LUPUS: A RARE COMPLICATION OF A RARE DISEASE

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Background: Macrophage activation syndrome (MAS) is one of the most severe, potentially life-threatening complication of childhood rheumatic diseases, especially SoJIA and J-SLE. MAS in the course of J-SLE has a high mortality rate (8%-22%)¹; however, it is difficult to differentiate from the SLE flare itself.