THROMBOCYTOPENIA REQUIRING TREATMENT
(Active bleeding or PLTs < 20-30,000/mm³)

Acute treatment
High-dose GC
IV MP pulses, then Pred 0.5–0.6 mg/kg/d for 3–4 weeks with taper
± IVIG
If active bleeding, contraindications to GC or more rapid increase in PLTs required

Exclude non-SLE related causes:
Check peripheral blood smear:
TMA, catastrophic APS
Rule-out drugs

YES
NO

Target reached
(PLTs > 50,000/mm³)

Add IS drug (AZA or MMF or CsA). Slow taper of GC
Relapse?
Rituximab
2nd Line Treatment

Target reached
(PLTs > 50,000/mm³)

YES
NO

3rd Line Treatment
TPO-agonists
Splenectomy

Chronic Treatment