

Table SIII. Treatments reported in consultation letters at the time of our serological studies

Treatments	Patients, <i>n</i>	Treated as monotherapy, <i>n</i>
Topical steroids	39	14
Systemic steroids	97	60
Minocycline	25	0
Anti-histamines	9	0
Tetracycline	14	0
Immunosuppressive agents <sup>a</sup>	10	0
Niacinamide	26	0
Diaminodiphenyl sulfone (DDS)	26	1 (not effective)
Macrolides <sup>b</sup>	3	1 (roxithromycin, effective)
Chinese herbal drug <sup>c</sup>	2	0
Steroid pulse therapy	7	0
Intravenous immunoglobulin	3	0
Plasmapheresis	5	0
Before initiation of treatment	35	
Unknown	148	

<sup>a</sup>Immunosuppressive agents: cyclosporine 5, azathioprine 3, mizoribine 1, cyclophosphamide 1. <sup>b</sup>Roxithromycin 1, clarithromycin 1, erythromycin 1. <sup>c</sup>Chinese herbal drug: Tsumura-Saireito.