

Table SI. Demographic and clinical features of patients with NMO and healthy control subjects.

Characteristics	Patient with NMO	Health Control	P-value
Sex, female/male	5/0	5/0	NS
Age (years)	52.9±10.3	49±12.5	NS
Disease Duration (years)	6.0±5.0	-	-
Number of segments of spinal cord involved	7 (3-18)	-	-
Expanded disability status scale score	5 (2.0-8.5)	-	-
BMI (kg/m <sup>2</sup> )	23.2±2.0	23.1±1.8	NS

Data are expressed as the mean ± standard deviation unless otherwise indicated; NMO, neuromyelitis optica; BMI, body mass index; NS, not significant.