**Supplementary table 2**: Demographic data of the control groups

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| **Diagnosis** | **Number of patients** | **Females** | **Mean age** | **Mean disease duration (days)** |
| Sjögren’s syndrome | 15 | 14/15 | 46.4 | unknown |
| Stroke patients | 15 | 5/15 | 64 | 4.4 |
| Healthy controls | 15 | 11/15 | 39.8 | not applicable |