

Table SI. Group characteristics at baseline

Variable	Tacrolimus group <i>n</i> = 64	Corticosteroid group <i>n</i> = 60
Age, years, mean	1.5	1.4
Sex, male/female, <i>n</i> (%)	29 (45.3)/35 (54.7)	36 (60.0)/24 (40.0)
Severity of AD, moderate/severe, <i>n</i> (%) ^a	34 (53.1)/30 (46.9)	32 (53.3)/28 (56.7)
EASI Score, mean (range)	13.3 (1.5–46)	11.4 (0–31.5)
Elevated blood eosinophil count, <i>n</i> (%) ^b	35 (54.7)	30 (50.0)
Blood eosinophil count, E9/L, mean (range) ^b	0.59 (0.05–1.83)	0.51 (0.01–3.09)
Elevated serum total IgE, <i>n</i> (%) ^c	37 (57.8)	34 (56.7)
Total serum IgE (kU/ml), mean (range) ^c	237.6 (2–4,449)	333.2 (2–3,146)
Positive skin-prick tests, <i>n</i> (%)	30 (46.9)	27 (45.0)
Elevated specific IgEs		
Aeroallergens, <i>n</i> (%)	25 (39.1)	30 (50.0)
Food allergens, <i>n</i> (%)	31 (48.4)	32 (53.3)

^aAccording to the Rajka and Langeland Eczema Severity Score. ^bReference values for blood eosinophil count: 1 month – 1 year, 0.2–1.7 E9/l; 2–4 years, 0–0.30 E9/l. ^cReference values for total serum immunoglobulin E (IgE): 6 months – 1 year, 0–70 kU/l; 2–3 years, 0–110 kU/l; 4–7 years 0–130 kU/l.

AD: atopic dermatitis; EASI: Eczema Area and Severity Index.