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**Table SI. Patient characteristics** 

| Characteristic  | NE $(n = 24)$                                   | Healthy $(n = 15)$                  |
|---|---|-------------------------------------|
| Age (years), mean $\pm$ SEM (range)                       | $51.3 \pm 2.7 (27-82)$                          | $48.9 \pm 2.1 (36-59)$              |
| Male  | $54.3 \pm 2.9 \ (n=12)^{\dagger}$               | $49.0 \pm 3.8 \ (n=5)^{\dagger}$    |
| Female  | $48.2 \pm 4.6 \ (n=12)^{\dagger}$               | $48.8 \pm 2.7 \ (n = 10)^{\dagger}$ |
| Sex, Male/Female  | 12 / 12 ††                                      | 5 / 10 ††                           |
| $EASI^{\dagger\dagger\dagger}$ , median $\pm$ SEM (range) | $10.75 \pm 1.8  (1.1-32)$                       | -                                   |
| Male  | $10.75 \pm 2.1 \ (3.8 \text{-} 28.7)^{\dagger}$ |                                     |
| Female  | $12.53 \pm 3.0 \ (1.1-32)^{\dagger}$            |                                     |
| $IGA^{\dagger\dagger\dagger}$ , median $\pm$ SEM (range)  | 4 (3-5)   | -                                   |
| Male  | $4 \pm 0.19 (3-5)^{\dagger}$                    |                                     |
| Female  | $3.5 \pm 0.15 (3-4)^{\dagger}$                  |                                     |

NE, Nummular eczema; EASI, Eczema area and severity index; IGA, Investigator's global assessment.

 $<sup>^{\</sup>dagger}$ No statistical difference between male and female groups was confirmed by student *t*-test.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>††</sup>No statistical difference in the number of participants between the healthy control and NE groups was confirmed by  $\chi^2$  test.

<sup>†††</sup>Since there is no specific scoring system for NE, both EASI and IGA scoring systems were used for determination of the severity of the patients with NE.

Table SII. Information of primary antibodies for immunofluorescence staining and western blot analysis

| Target molecule    | Immunofluorescence staining      | Western blot analysis                 |
|--------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Anti-human CDSN    | Mouse IgG (6F11)                 | Mouse IgG (6F11)                      |
| - Dilution factor  | 1:50                             | 1:2000                                |
| - Catalog number   | H00001041-M01                    | H00001041-M01                         |
| - Company          | Abnova, Taipei, Taiwan           | Abnova                                |
| Anti-human DSC1    | Rat IgG (772906)                 | Rat IgG (772906)                      |
| - Dilution factor  | 1:200                            | 1:2000                                |
| - Catalog number   | MAB7367                          | MAB7367                               |
| - Company          | R&D Systems, Minneapolis, MN,    | R&D Systems                           |
|                    | USA                              |                                       |
| Anti-human DSG1    | Mouse IgG (DSG1-P23)             | Mouse IgG (B-11)                      |
| - Dilution factor  | 1:500                            | 1:2000                                |
| - Catalog number   | 652110                           | sc-137164                             |
| - Company          | ProGen, Heidelberg, Germany      | Santa Cruz Biotechnology, Dallas, TX, |
|                    |                                  | USA                                   |
| Anti-human KLK7    | Mouse IgG (H-5)                  | Mouse IgG (H-5)                       |
| - Dilution factor  | 1:100                            | 1:2000                                |
| - Catalog number   | sc-514447                        | sc-514447                             |
| - Company          | Santa Cruz Biotechnology         | Santa Cruz Biotechnology              |
| Anti-human KLK5    | Rabbit IgG (polyclonal)          | -                                     |
| - Dilution factor  | 1:160                            |                                       |
| - Catalog number   | CSB-PA897100LA01HU               |                                       |
| - Company          | Cusabio Technology LLC, Houston, |                                       |
|                    | TX, USA                          |                                       |
| Anti-human LEKTI-1 | Rabbit IgG (polyclonal)          | Mouse IgG (F-2)                       |
| - Dilution factor  | 1:100                            | 1:200                                 |
| - Catalog number   | CSB-PA889077LA01HU               | sc-166604                             |
| - Company          | Cusabio Technology LLC           | Santa Cruz Biotechnology              |