

Supplementary Table 2. Protocol of first-line immunotherapy

Treatment	Protocol
Steroid	1. Intravenous 30 mg/kg (maximum 1 g) methylprednisolone for 3 days 2. Followed by oral prednisolone 2 mg/kg/day (maximum 60 mg/day) for 2 to 4 weeks and taper off according to clinical response
IVIG	Intravenous immunoglobulin 400 mg/kg for 5 days (total 2 g/kg)
PLEX	Estimated plasma volumes are exchanged by continuous-flow centrifugation every other day. The volume removed are replaced with 5% normal serum albumin or fresh frozen plasma according to daily laboratory results (CBC, PT/aPTT, fibrinogen, BUN/Cr). After exchange, laboratory tests (electrolyte, ionized calcium) should be checked and correct imbalance. Perform six cycle of exchange and consider more according to clinical response.

IVIG, intravenous immunoglobulin; PLEX, plasma exchange; CBC, complete blood count; PT/aPTT, prothrombin time/activated partial thromboplastin time; BUN, blood urea nitrogen; Cr, creatinine.