

Supplementary Table 1. Comparisons of treatment for GCA between relapser and non-relapser

	Non-relapser (n=23)	Relapser (n=4)	p-value
Initial GCs dose (mg)*	60.0 [45.0~60.0]	60.0 [60.0~60.0]	0.300
Steroid pulse therapy	5 (21.7)	3 (75.0)	0.119
GCs-sparing agents use	19 (82.6)	3 (75.0)	>0.999
Methotrexate	16 (69.6)	3 (75.0)	>0.999
Azathioprine	3 (13.0)	1 (25.0)	>0.999
Cyclophosphamide	2 (8.7)	0 (0.0)	>0.999
Tocilizumab	0 (0.0)	1 (25.0)	0.313
Anti-platelet drug	6 (26.1)	3 (75.0)	0.180

Values are present as median [interquartile ranges] or number (%). GCA: giant cell arteritis, GCs: glucocorticoids. *Prednisone-equivalent dose.