

SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIALS for the manuscript:

Rituximab downregulates gene expression in the peripheral blood from rheumatoid arthritis patients to levels found in healthy subjects: a link between high baseline autophagy-related ULK1 expression and improved pain control

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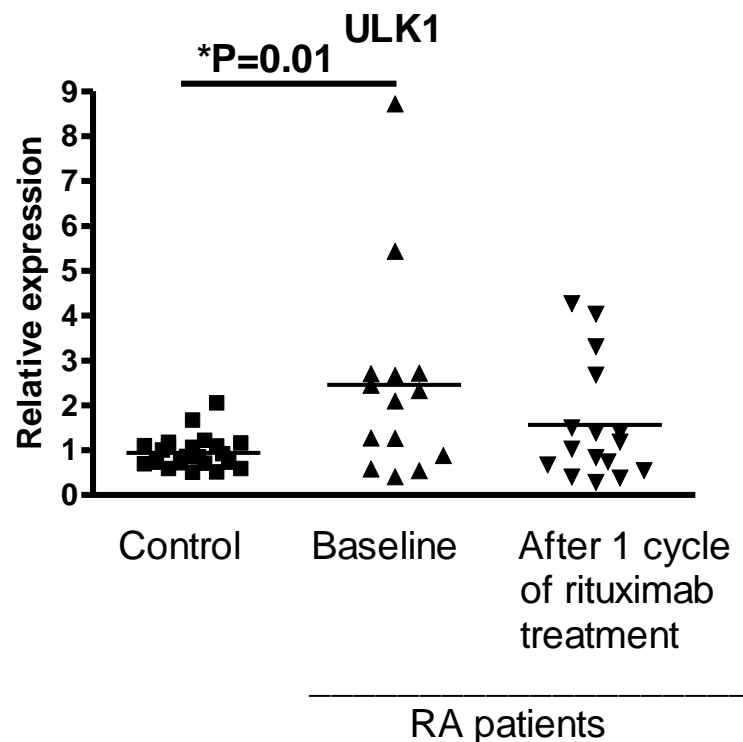


Figure 4. Relative expression of ULK1 without an outlier ($n=1$), with reference to β -actin as determined using real-time PCR analyses in whole blood from RA patients ($n = 15$) compared to healthy controls ($n = 26$). The controls are shown as 1.0 as required for relative quantification with the real-time PCR protocol. Asterisks (*) indicate significant differences from the control in pairwise comparisons (Mann-Whitney U-test). The number signs (#) show significant differences from baseline in pairwise comparisons (Wilcoxon matched pairs test).