

B-Cell Activation Biomarkers in Salivary Glands Are Related to Lymphomagenesis in Primary Sjögren's Disease: A Pilot Monocentric Exploratory Study

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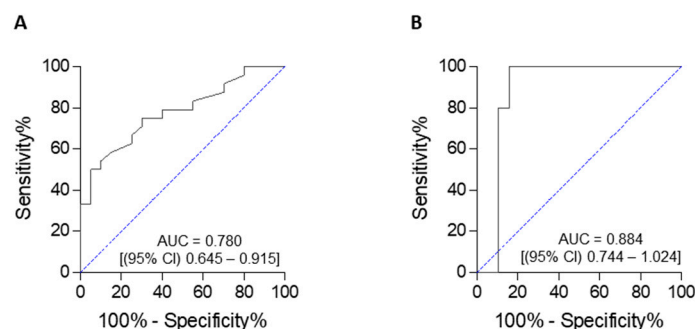
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Supplementary Figure S1. (A,B). ROC curve analysis showing the power of LSG miR-155 expression (fold-change) in distinguishing patients with sicca syndrome from those with primary Sjögren's disease (pSS) (A) and identifying patients with pSS who developed NHL (B). ROC, receiver operating characteristic curve; LSG, labial salivary glands; miR-155, MicroRNA 155; pSS, primary Sjögren's syndrome; NHL, Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma.