Fig. 5. Allogeneic T-cell proliferation induced directly by DCs.

Bar graphs representing allogeneic T-cell proliferation induced by BMDCs from 5 patients with SLE and 11 normal controls. Both SLE immature and mature FLDCs induced higher T-cell proliferation while SLE mDCs induced lower T-cell proliferation when compared with normal controls. **p<0.01. Results are represented as mean ± SD of independent experiments.

**Abbreviations:** NC = normal control; SLE = systemic lupus erythematosus; FLDC = dendritic cells induced by FL; mDC = myeloid dendritic cells induced by GM-CSF + IL-4; FL = FMS-like tyrosine kinase 3 ligand; GM-CSF = granulocyte macrophage-colony stimulating factor; IL-4 = interleukin 4.