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Joint damage in Rheumatoid Arthritis

Doit-on admettre une nouvelle espèce de GOUTTE sous la dénomination de GOUTTE ASTHÉNIQUE PRIMITIVE?

QUESTION présentée à l'École de Médecine de Paris, le thermidor an VIII de la République française.

..... Est periti medici, quandoque nihil agere, atque alio tempore efficacissima adhibere remedia.

SYDENHAM, sect. V, cap. VI.

PAR A. J. LANDRÉ-BEAUVAIS.

A PARIS,

DE L'IMPRIMERIE DE J. A. BROSSON.

A N V I I I.

“A woman, who died at 68 years of age [...]. When the body was opened, the **wrist** was seen to be **misshapen, swollen and distorted**; the subcutaneous cellular tissue was extremely thick and compact; and the joint capsules and ligaments were noticeably thickened. When the inside of the joints was examined, the **joint cartilage of the forearm and carpal joints appeared severely disorganized**, been seen only as a sort of budding reddish tissue: the **heads of the bone were unevenly swollen and even carious in several place at their surface**”

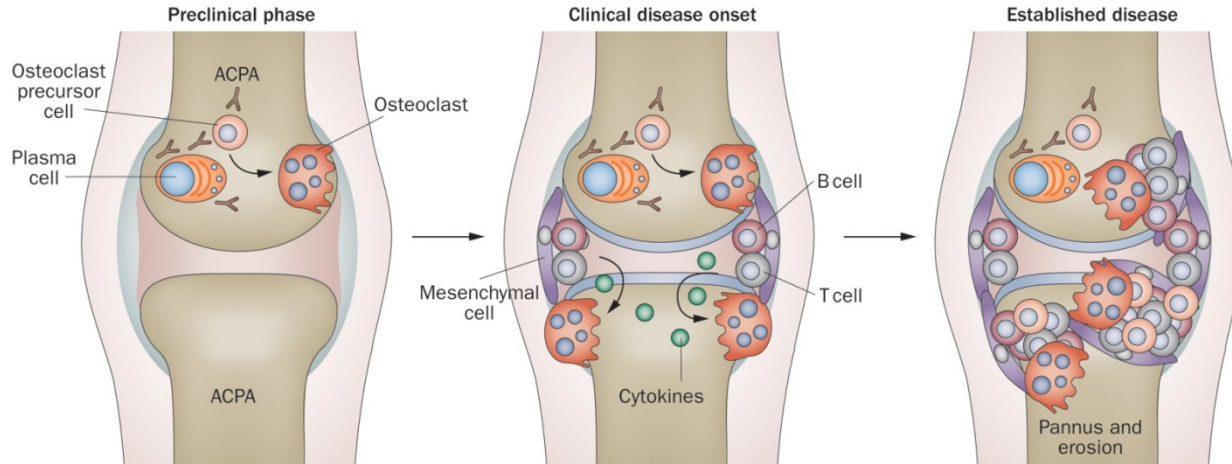


RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS - CLASSIFICATION

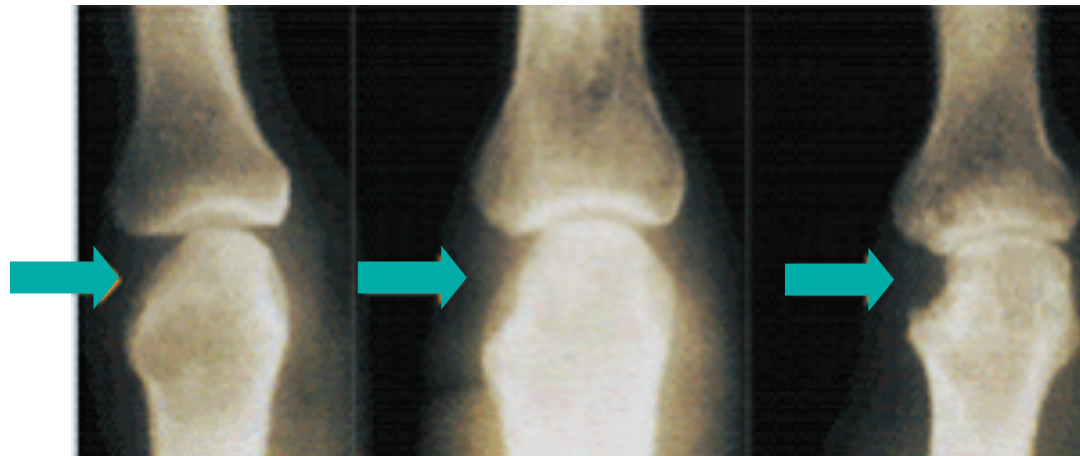
Criterion		1987
Morning stiffness	1	At least 1 hour
Joint involvement	1	≥ 3 joints
Arthritis of hand joints	1	
Symmetric arthritis	1	≥ 1 swollen joint
Rheumatoid nodules	1	
Serology	1	RF +
Radiographic changes	1	Erosions or decalcification in/adjacent to involved joints
Acute phase reactants	NA	
Duration of symptoms	NA	



Progression of joint damage in untreated RA



Schett G & Gravalles E. Nat Rev Rheumatol 2012



baseline

1 yr after

2 yrs after

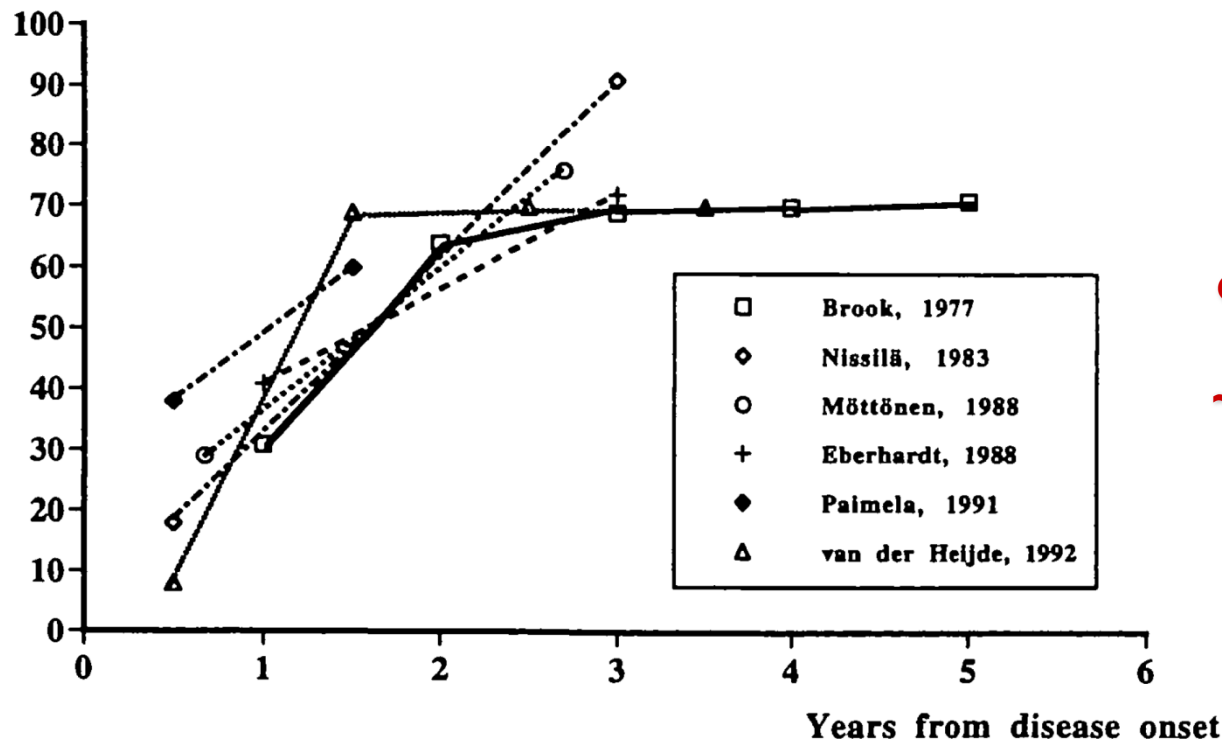
“breaks in the cortical bone surface, accompanied by loss of the adjacent trabecular bone”



RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS – OUTCOME (pre-bDMARDs)

the rate of radiographic progression is higher at the beginning of RA and declines in the later stages of the disease

% of all patients

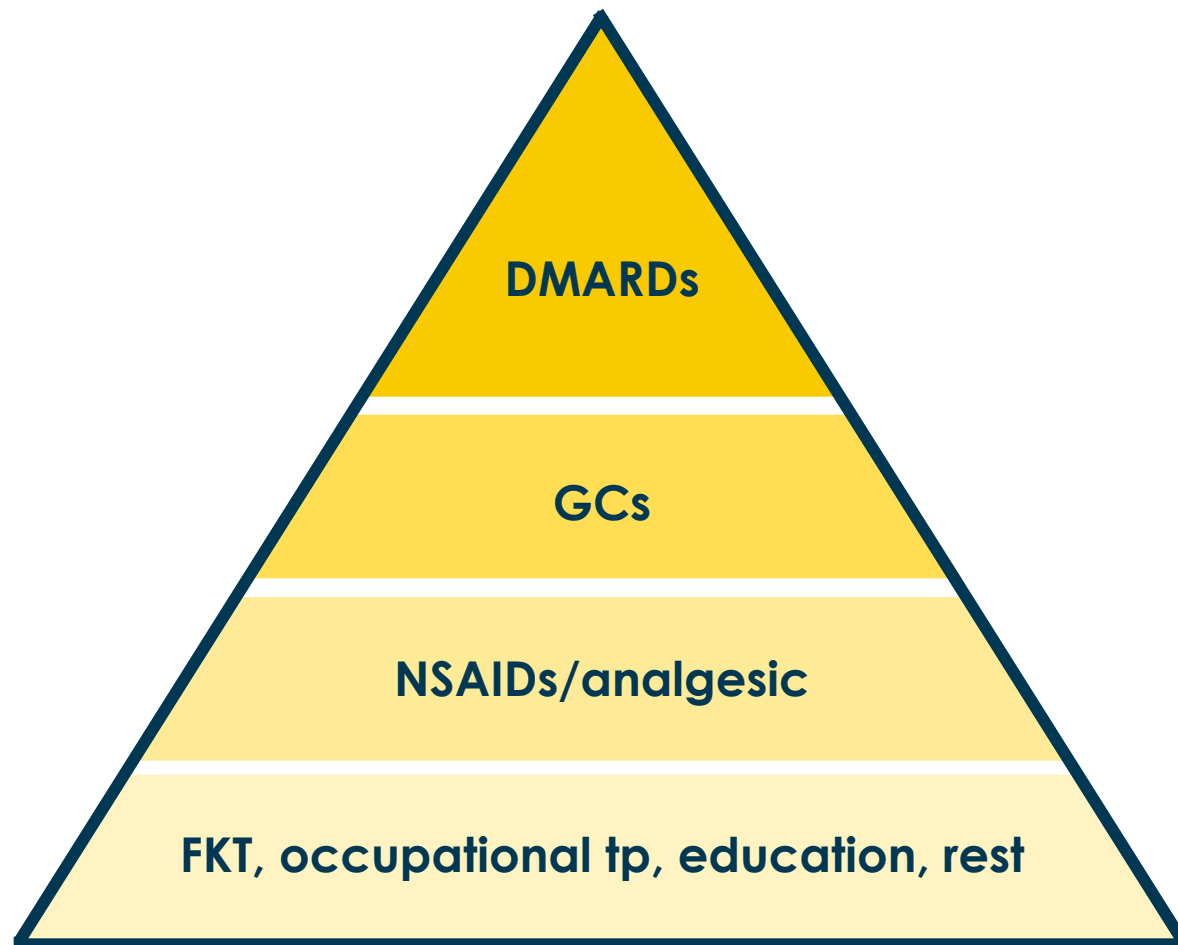


~50% of patients
already has joint
erosions at 6 months
and
~70% at 2 years from
the disease onset



RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS – TREATMENT (pre-bDMARDs)

the pyramid paradigm: “GO LOW, GO SLOW”



RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS – TREATMENT GOALS

HISTORICAL APPROACH

1990s APPROACH

Pain relief

Control of disease activity

Control of disease activity

Emphasis on joint damage

“more toxic” drugs for refractory cases

Earlier intensive treatment (MTX, SSZ, combination therapy)

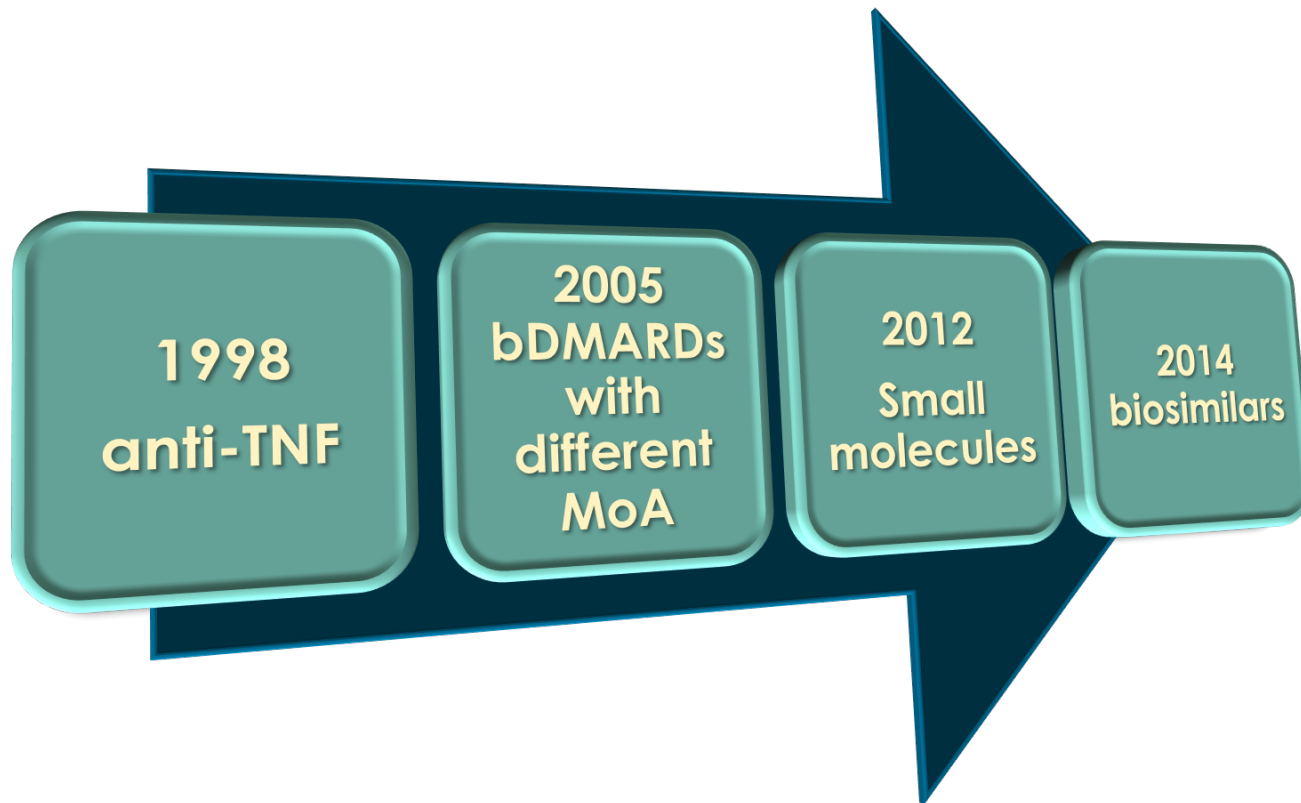


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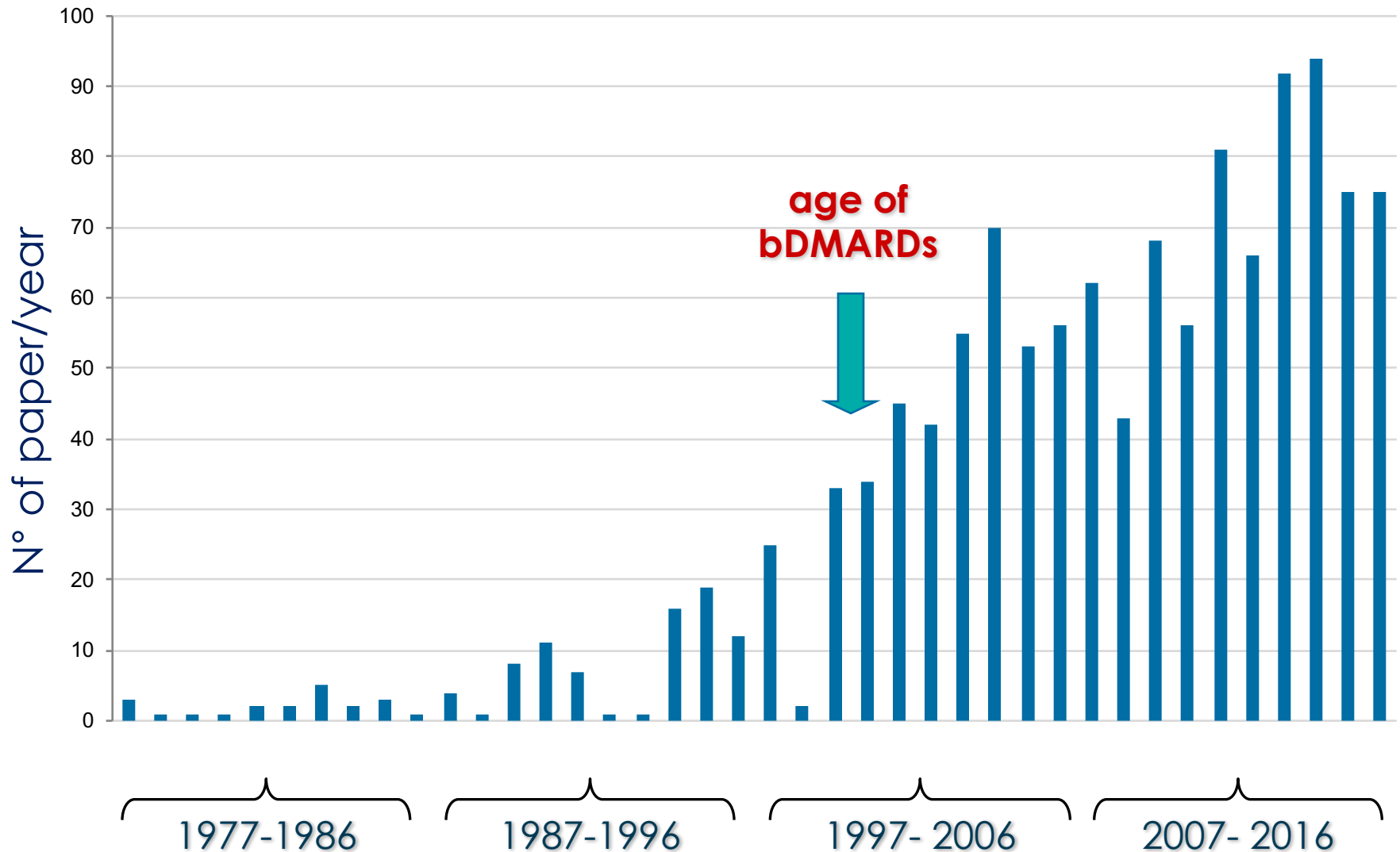
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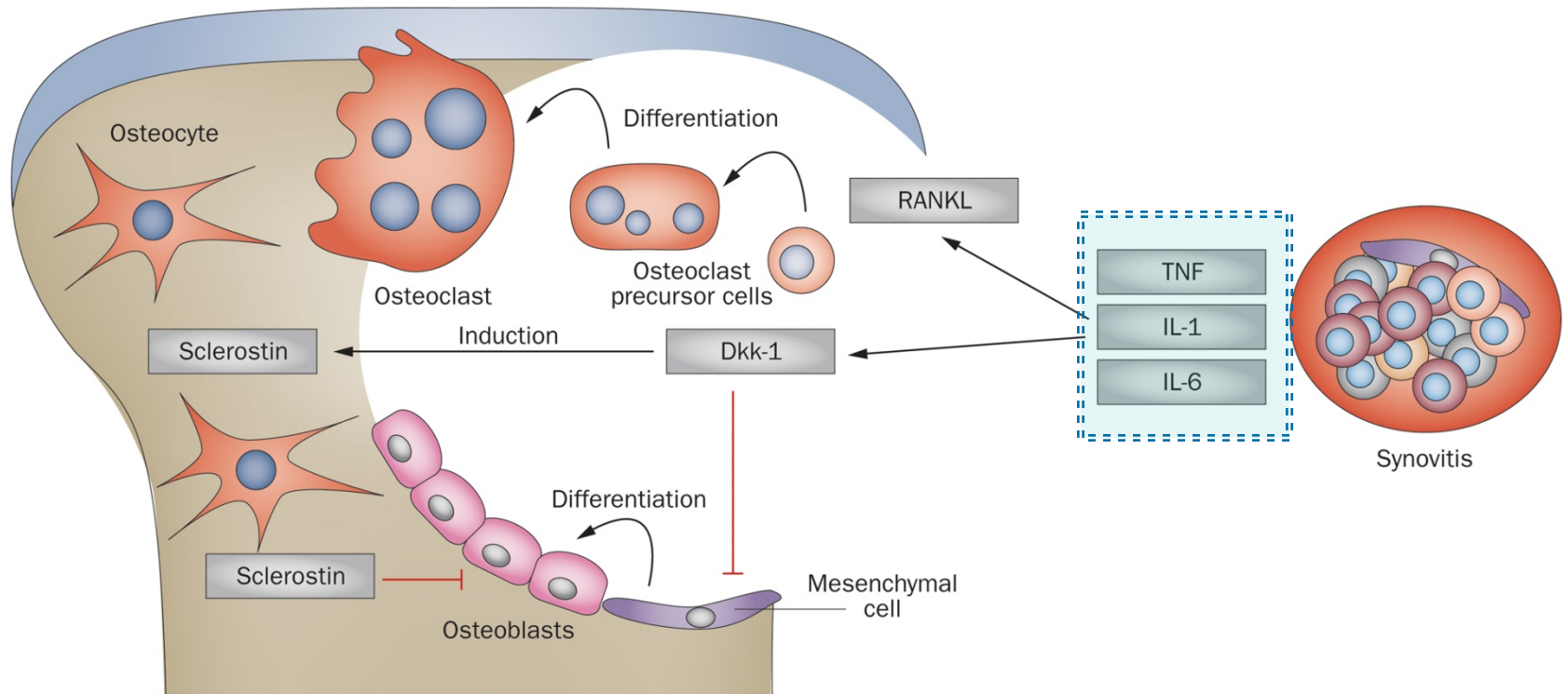
RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS – TREATMENT (the age of bDMARDs)



Pubmed search for “rheumatoid arthritis” AND “radiographic progression”

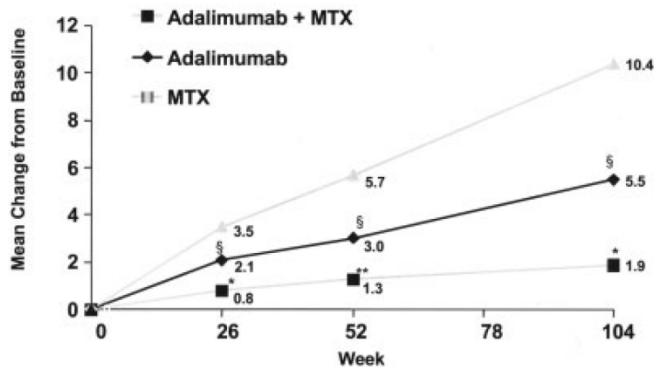


SYNOVITIS & BONE HOMEOSTASIS

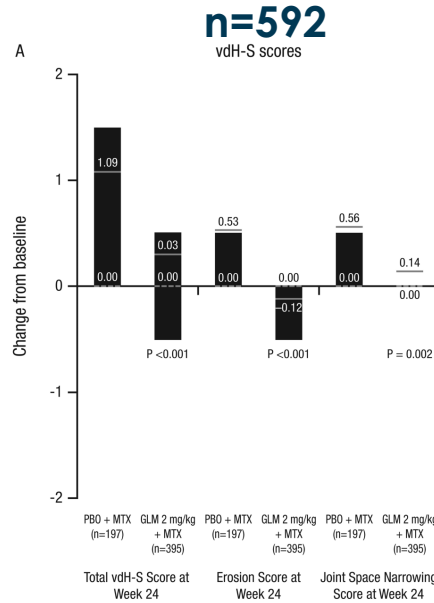


TNF α -combination therapy over MTX

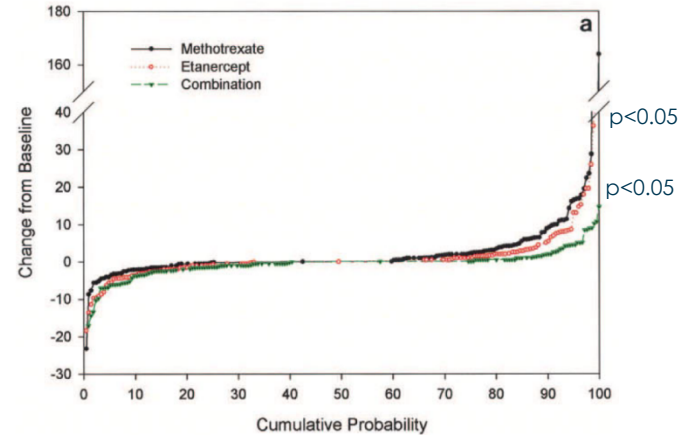
PREMIER (Ada) n=799



GO-FURTHER (Glm) n=592



TEMPO (Eta) n=686

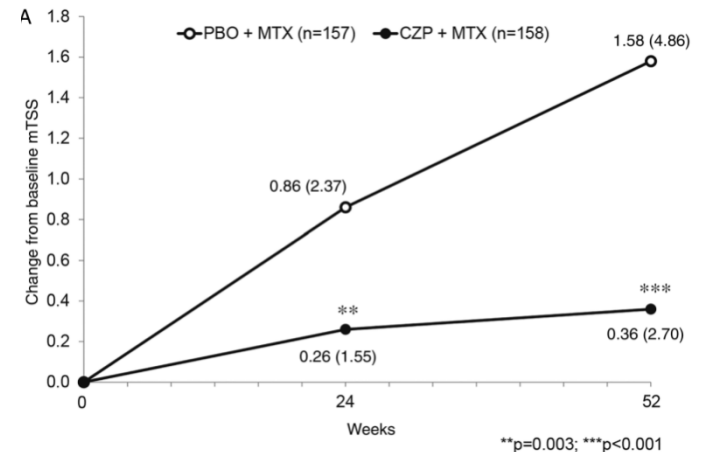


ASPIRE (Ifx) n=1049

Table 2. Change in radiographic scores*

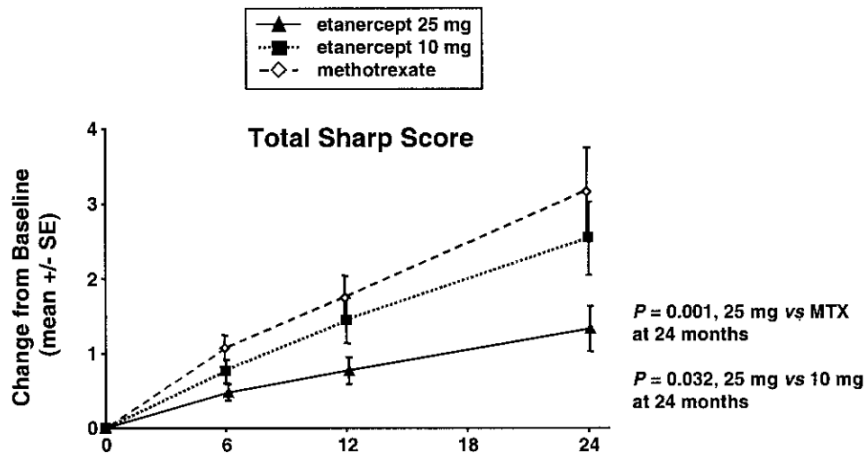
	MTX + placebo (n = 282)	MTX + 3 mg/kg infliximab (n = 359)
Change in van der Heijde modification of the total Sharp score from baseline to week 54†		
Mean ± SD	3.7 ± 9.6	0.4 ± 5.8
Median (IQR)	0.43 (0.0, 4.5)	0.0 (-0.8, 1.3)
P‡		<0.001
Change in erosion score from baseline to week 54§		
Mean ± SD	3.0 ± 7.8	0.3 ± 4.9
Median (IQR)	0.3 (0.0, 3.8)	0.0 (-0.8, 1.3)
P‡		<0.001
Change in JSN score from baseline to week 54§		
Mean ± SD	0.6 ± 2.1	0.1 ± 1.6
Median (IQR)	0.0 (0.0, 0.4)	0.0 (0.0, 0.0)
P‡		<0.001

C-OPERA (Czp) n=315

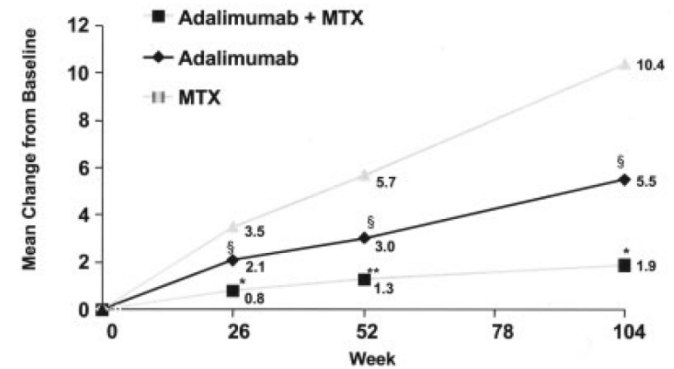


TNF α monotherapy over MTX

ERA study (Eta) n=632



PREMIER (Ada) n=799



Non-TNFi bDMARDs

LITHE (Tcz) n=1190

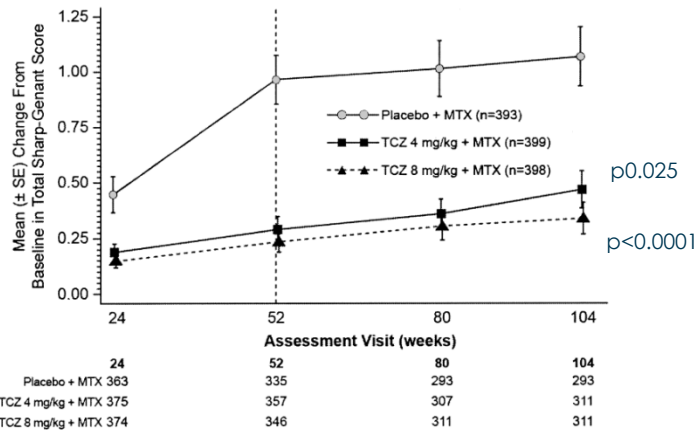
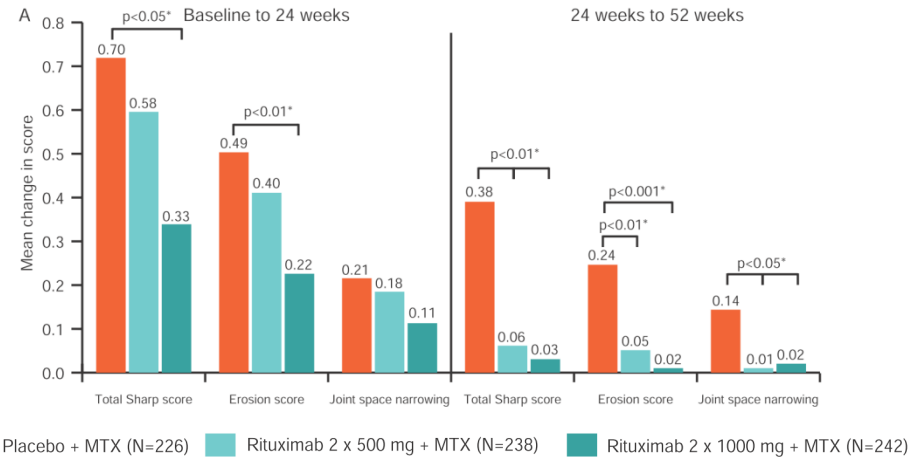
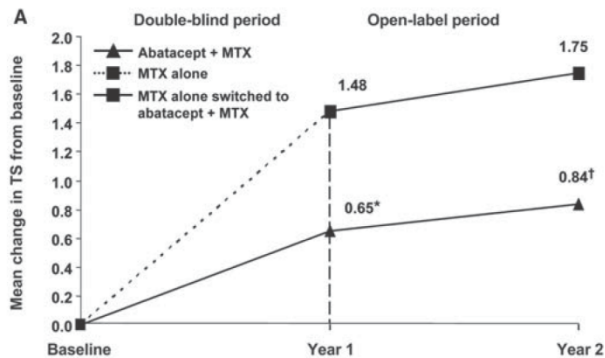


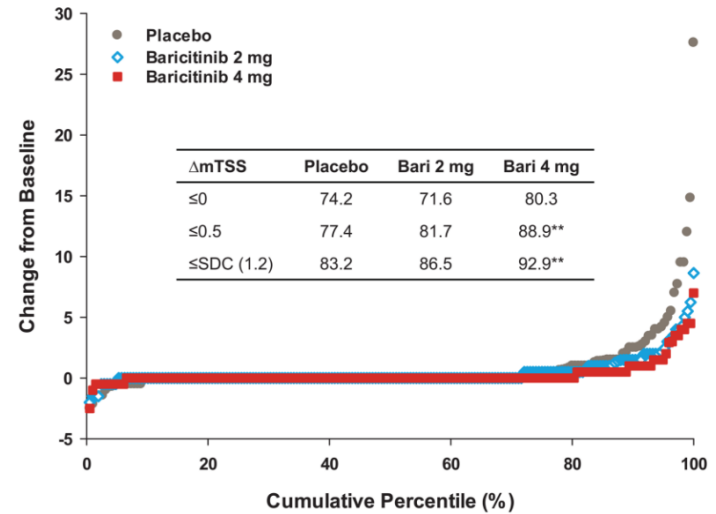
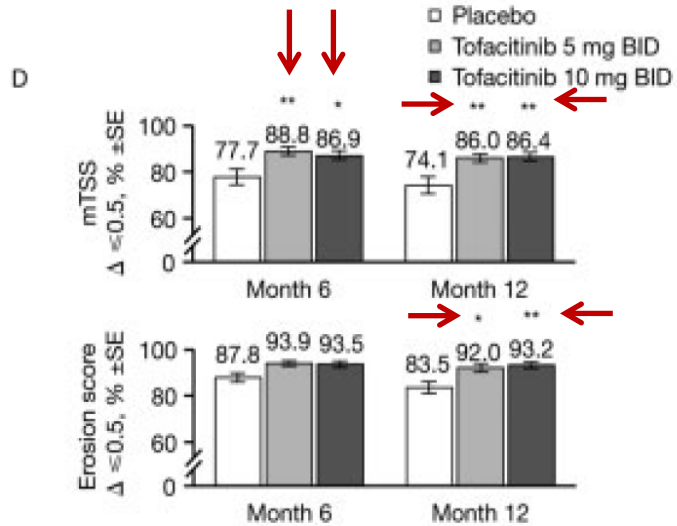
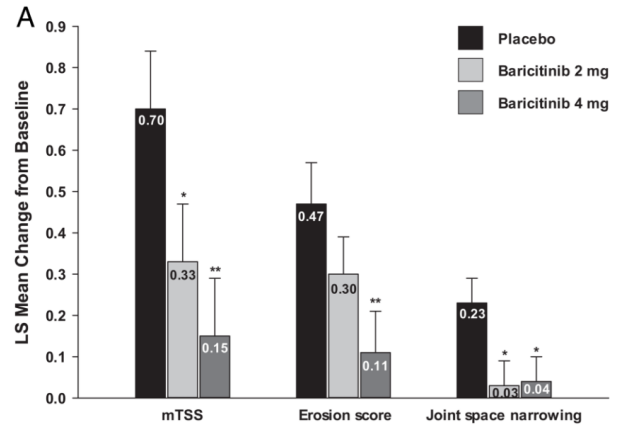
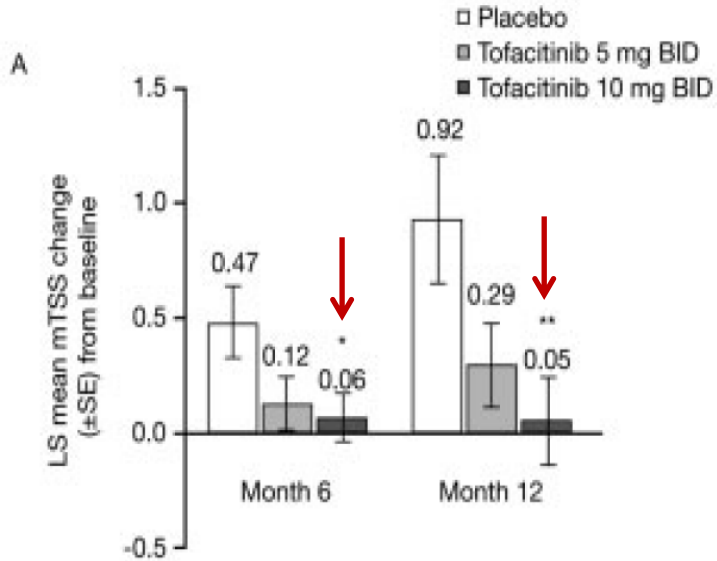
IMAGE (Rtx) n=715



AGREE (Aba) n=410

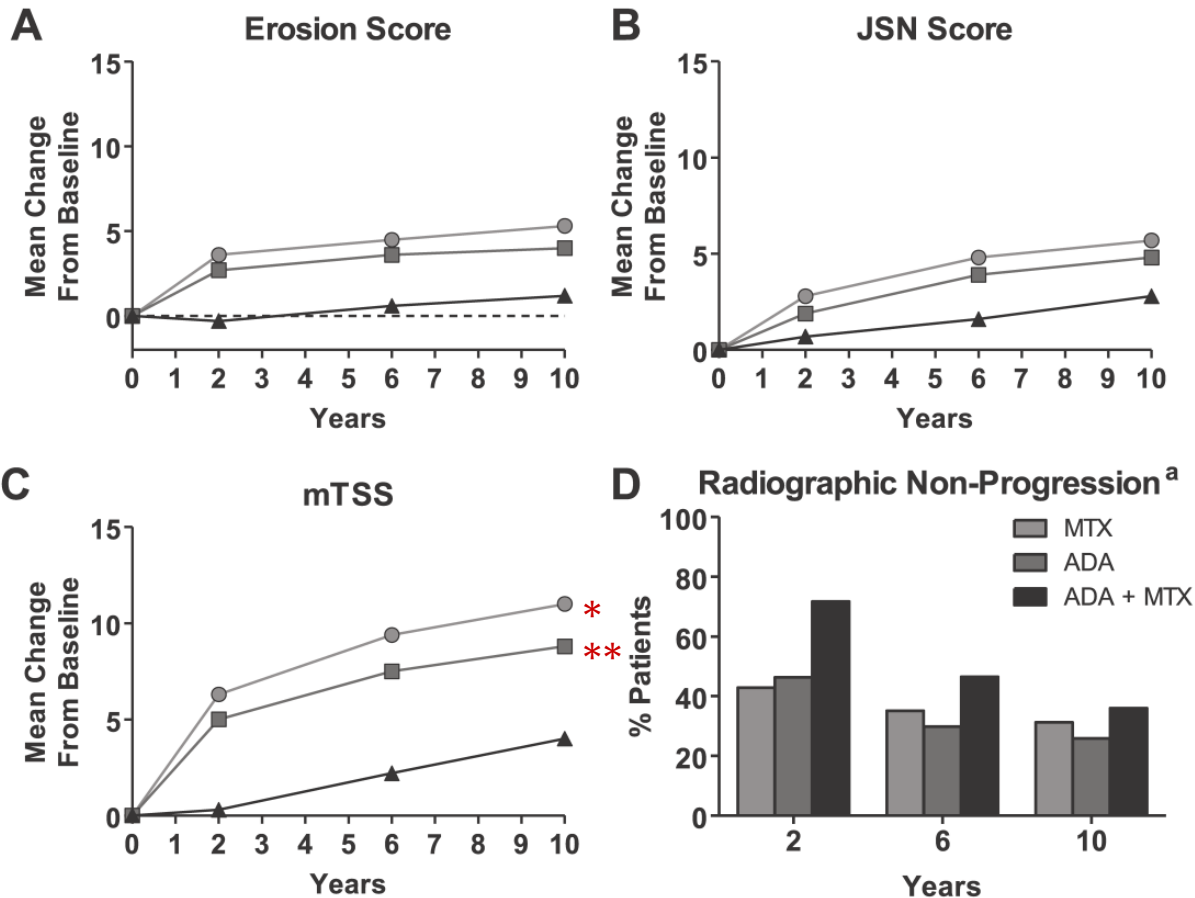


JAK-inhibitors



Long-term effect

PREMIER (Ada) n=250



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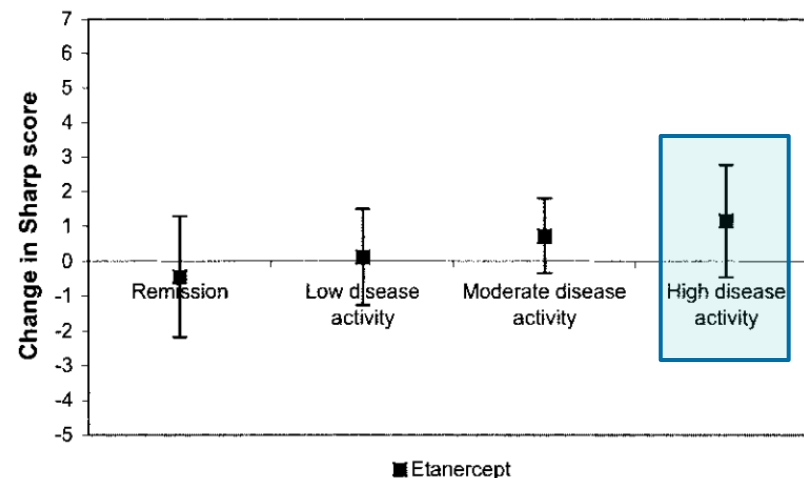
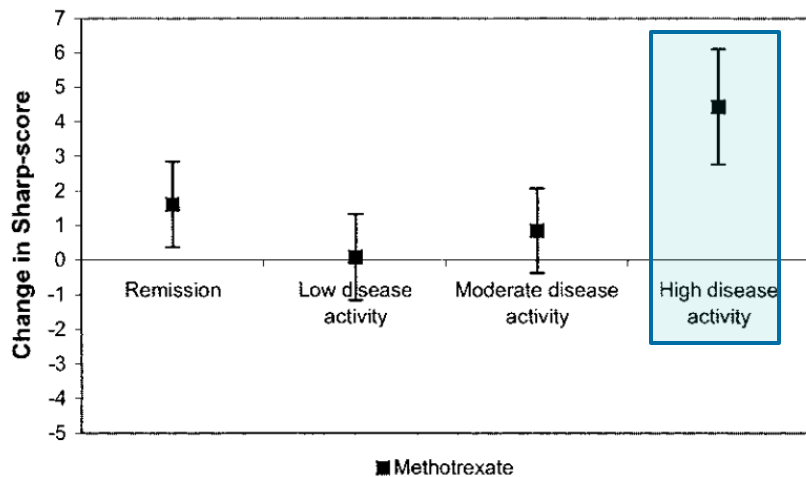
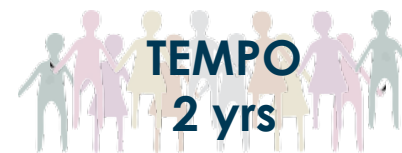
*p=0.01, **p<0.001



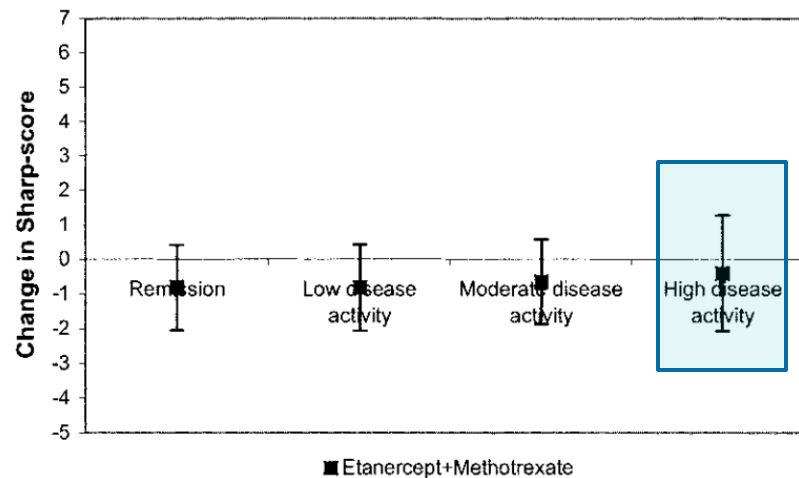
Disconnect Between Inflammation and Joint Destruction After Treatment With Etanercept Plus Methotrexate

Results From the Trial of Etanercept and Methotrexate With Radiographic and Patient Outcomes

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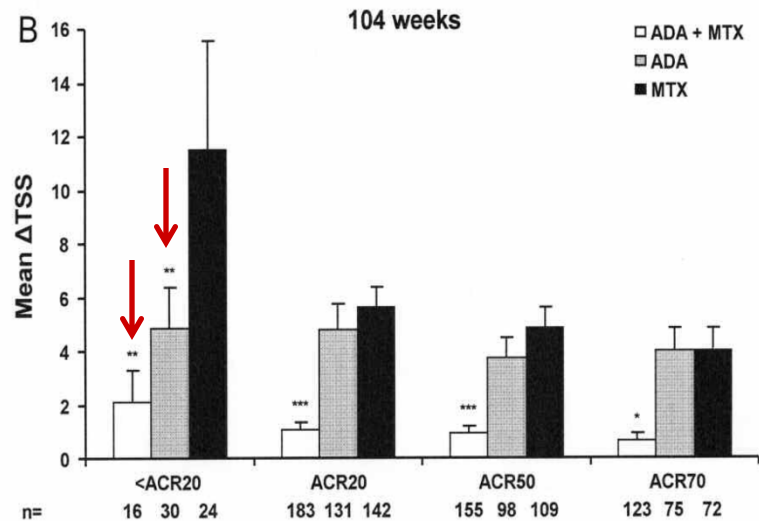
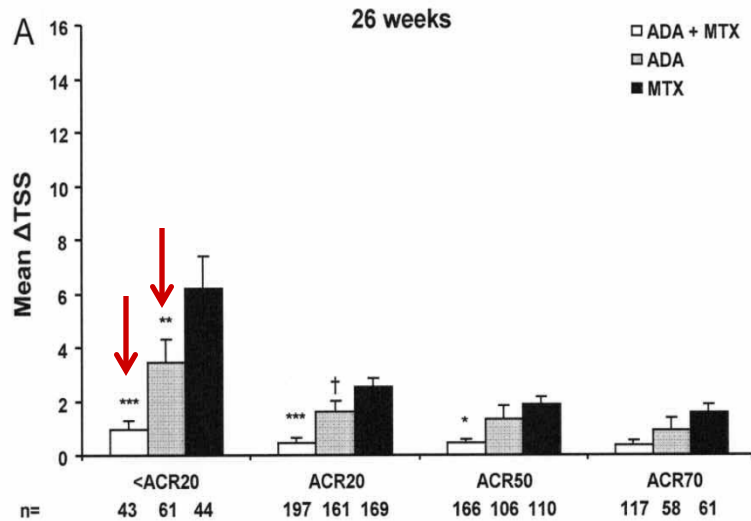


Combination therapy with MTX plus ETA uncouples the relationship between disease activity and radiographic progression in RA patients



Less Radiographic Progression with Adalimumab Plus Methotrexate Versus Methotrexate Monotherapy Across the Spectrum of Clinical Response in Early Rheumatoid Arthritis

PAUL EMERY, MARK C. GENOVESE, RONALD van VOLLENHOVEN, JOHN T. SHARP, KAUSHIK PATRA and ERIC H. SASSO

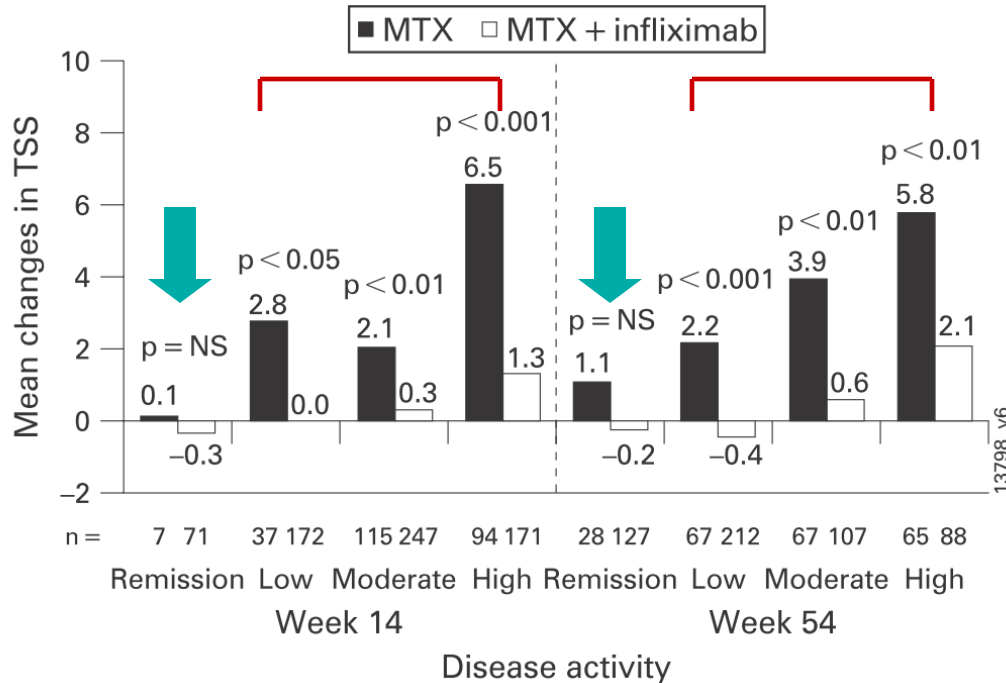


ADA plus MTX controlled radiographic progression better than MTX monotherapy across the spectrum of clinical response or disease activity.



Radiographic changes in rheumatoid arthritis patients attaining different disease activity states with methotrexate monotherapy and infliximab plus methotrexate: the impacts of remission and tumour necrosis factor blockade

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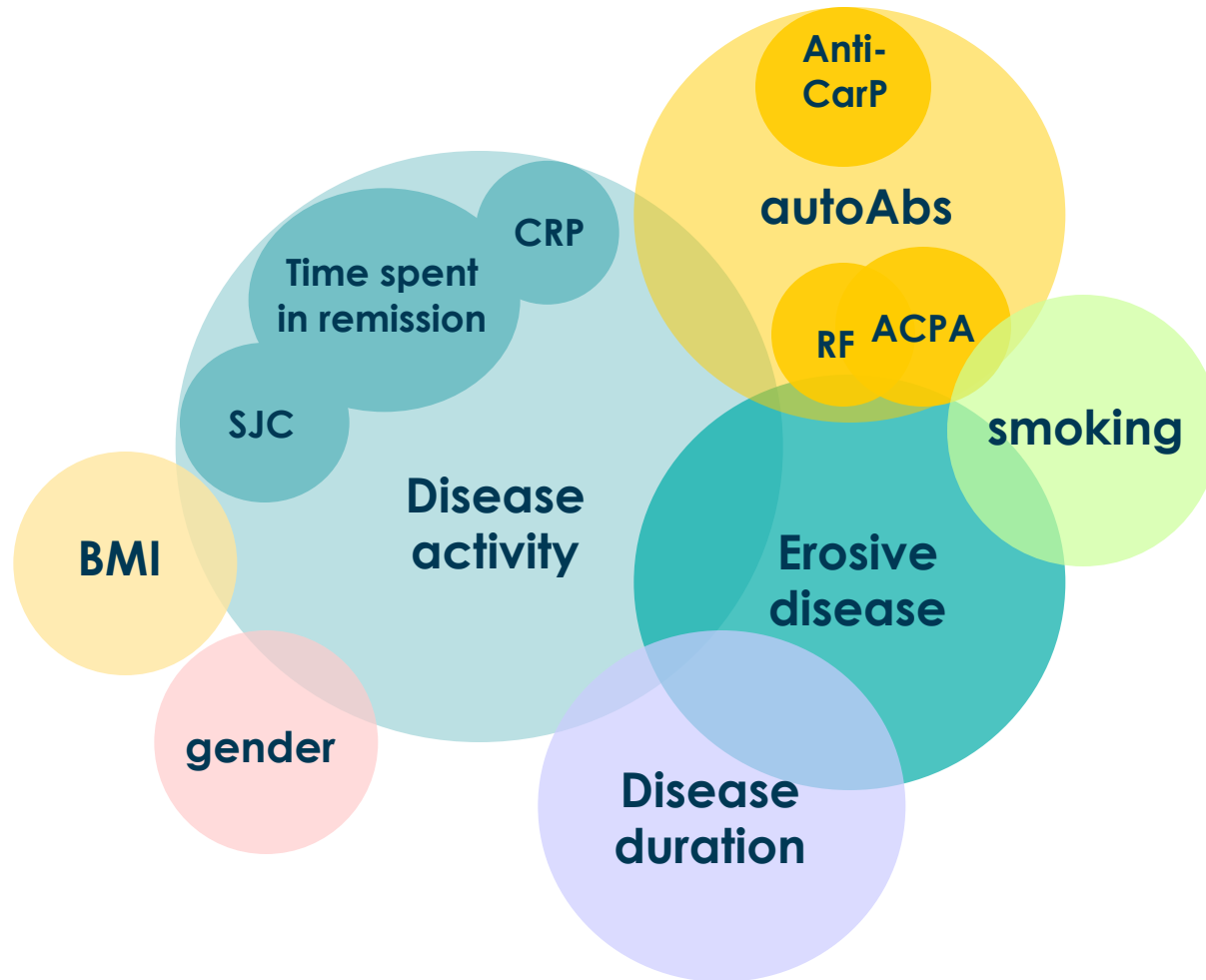


Combination therapy with MTX plus IFX inhibits radiographic progression across all disease activity. In contrast, csDMARD such as MTX can lead to the progression of joint damage, even at low and moderate disease activity levels.

Early achievement of remission with halt the progression in both groups.

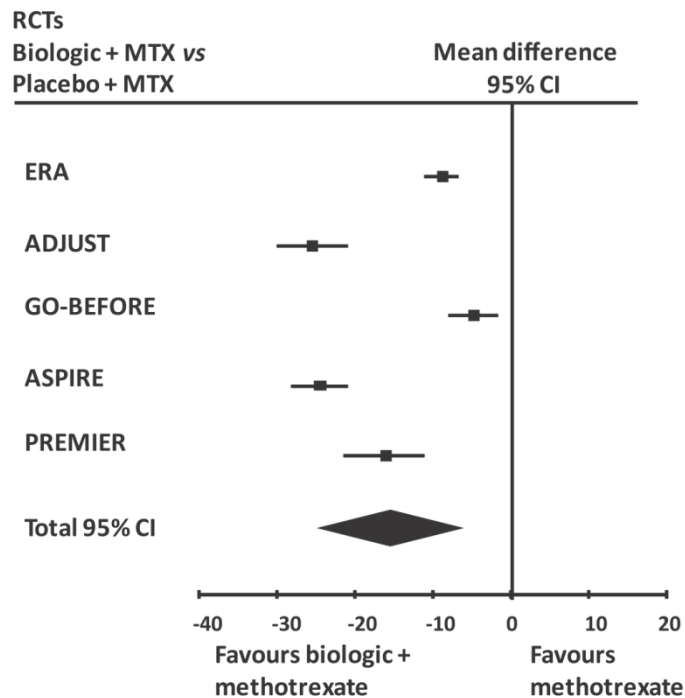


Factor influencing radiographic progression



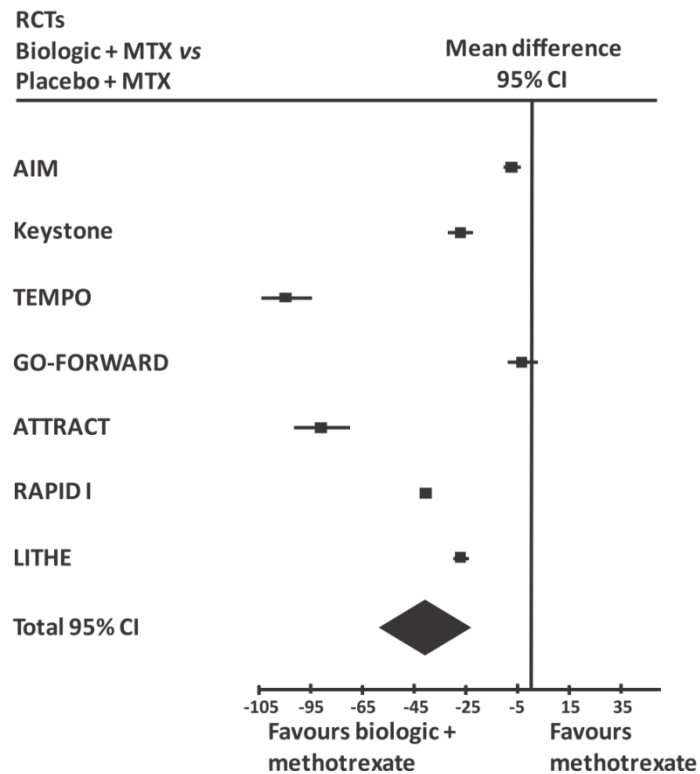
The role of biologic agents in damage progression in rheumatoid arthritis: indirect comparison of data coming from randomized clinical trials

Ennio Giulio Favalli, Francesca Pregenolato, Martina Biggoggero and Pier Luigi Meroni



Baseline score: 2.7-21.9

Standardized annual estimated progression: 2.7-27.35



Baseline score: 23.46-75

Standardized annual estimated progression: 2.4-7.07

All biologics combined with methotrexate are more effective than methotrexate alone in early and long-standing RA patients.



Limitations in comparing radiographic data across RCT

Seminars in Arthritis and Rheumatism 43 (2014) 730–737

The comparison of effects of biologic agents on rheumatoid arthritis damage progression is biased by period of enrolment: Data from a systematic review and meta-analysis

Ennio Giulio Favalli, MD^{a,*}, Francesca Pregnotato, BSTT^b, Martina Biggioggero, MD^{a,c}, Pier Luigi Meroni, MD^{a,c}

The results of meta-analysis of 14 RCT showed statistically significant differences in slowing/stopping radiographic progression among bDMARDs.

BUT

- ☹ Lack of direct comparison between drugs
- ☹ Different baseline joint damage (progression rate accounts for further joint damage)
- ☹ Study design (IP vs PBO or IP vs MTX → different baseline characteristic)
- ☹ Prognostic factors for radiographic progression not balanced among different trials
- ☹ Different patterns of radiographic progression
- ☹ Different scoring methods
- ☹ Inter-observer reliability




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			5	> 10 (at least 1 small)
Rheumatoid nodules	1		NA	
Serology	1	RF +	0	RF - and ACPA -
			2	RF + or ACPA + (low titer)
			3	RF + or ACPA + (high titer)
Radiographic changes	1	Erosions or unequivocal decalcification in/adjacent to involved joints	NA	
Acute phase reactants	NA		0	Normal CRP and ESR
			1	Abnormal CRP or ESR
Duration of symptoms	NA		0	< 6 weeks
			1	≥ 6 weeks



RA TREATMENT STRATEGIES



Ann Rheum Dis 2010;**69**:631–637

Treating rheumatoid arthritis to target: recommendations of an international task force

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10 recommendations on treating rheumatoid arthritis to target based on both evidence and expert opinion:

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- (3) While remission should be a clear target, based on available evidence low disease activity may be an acceptable alternative therapeutic goal, particularly in established long-standing disease.
- (4) Until the desired treatment target is reached, drug therapy should be adjusted at least every 3 months.
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- (7) Structural changes and functional impairment should be considered when making clinical decisions, in addition to assessing composite measures of disease activity.
- (8) The desired treatment target should be maintained throughout the remaining course of the disease.
- (9) The choice of the (composite) measure of disease activity and the level of the target value may be influenced by consideration of co-morbidities, patient factors and drug-related risks.
- (10) The patient has to be appropriately informed about the treatment target and the strategy planned to reach this target under the supervision of the rheumatologist.

“x-rays should be obtained annually and potential progression of joint damage be estimated (not scored)”

Level of evidence IV, strength of recommendation D, level of agreement 9.3





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Treating rheumatoid arthritis to target: 2014 update of the recommendations of an international task force

Smolen JS, et al. *Ann Rheum Dis* 2016;75:3–15.

Final set of 10 recommendations on treating rheumatoid arthritis to target based on both evidence and expert opinion*

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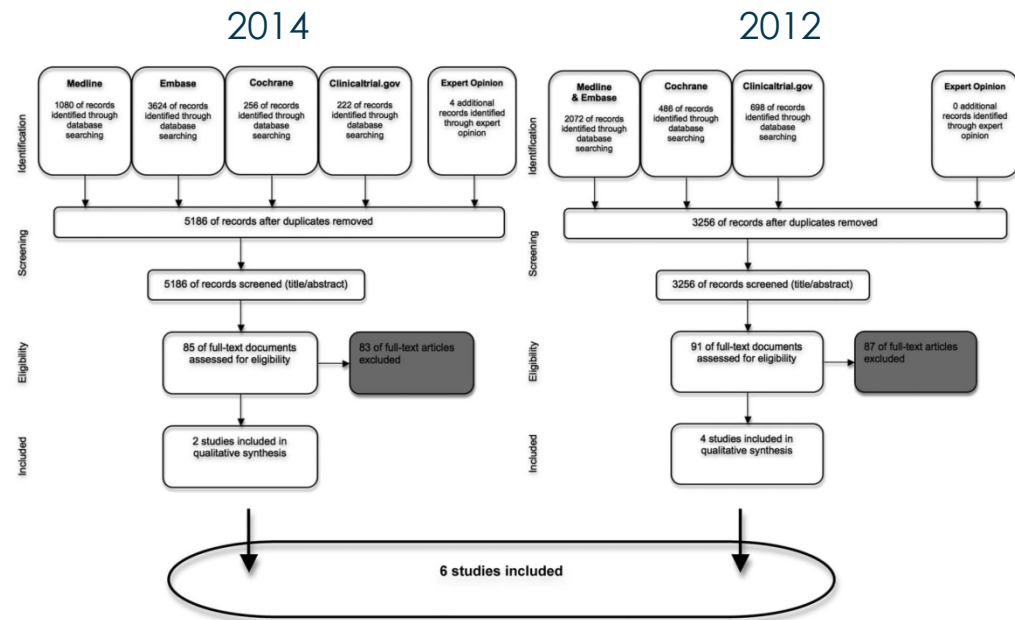
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Level of evidence IV, strength of recommendation D, level of agreement 9.3



Evidence for treating rheumatoid arthritis to target: results of a systematic literature search update

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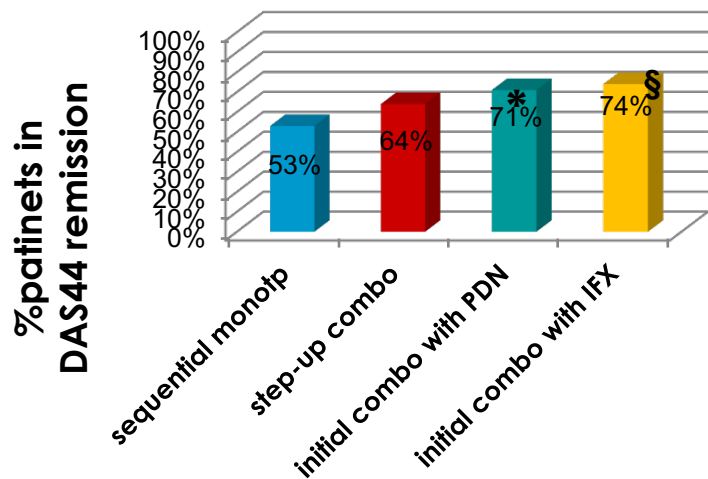
Study	N°	Outcome	Follow-up (interval)	Radiographic outcome
Goekoop-Ruiterman (Leiden Cohort)	234	DAS remission	3 months	less progression in T2T
ESPOIR/GUEPARD	130 vs 65	DAS28 LDA	Monthly vs 0-24-52	Less progression in T2T group at 12 months
Van Eijk (STREAM)	42 vs 40	X-ray progress.	3 months	Tendency to less progression in more aggressive treatment group at 24 months



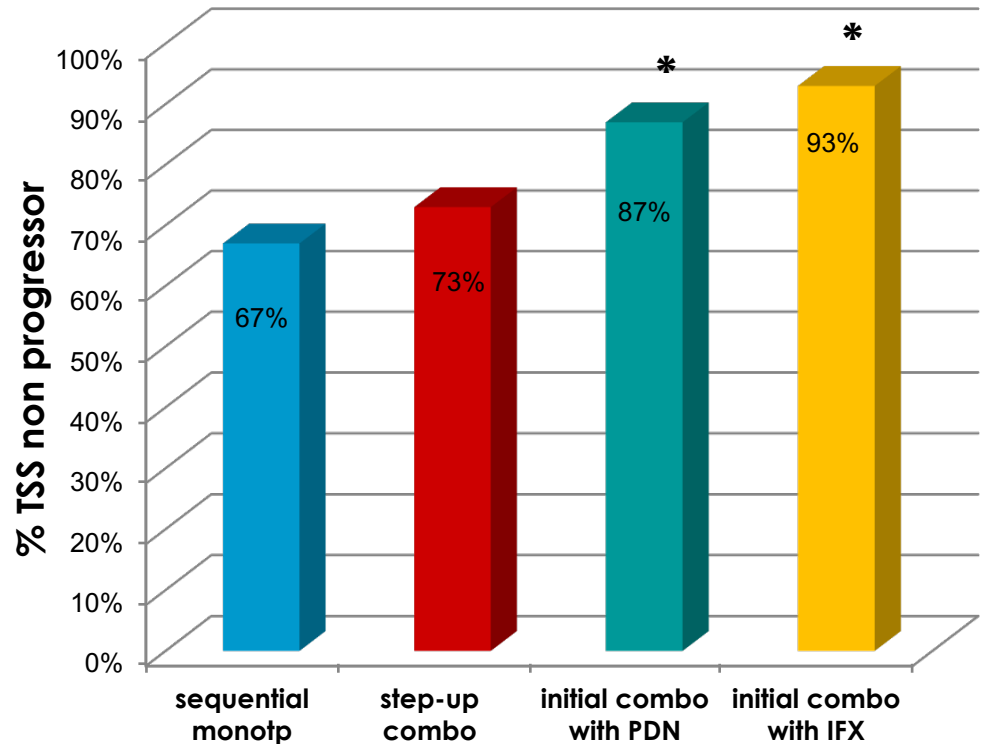
Clinical and Radiographic Outcomes of Four Different Treatment Strategies in Patients With Early Rheumatoid Arthritis (the BeSt Study)

A Randomized, Controlled Trial

Y. P. M. Goekoop-Ruiterman,¹ J. K. de Vries-Bouwstra,² C. F. Allaart,¹ D. van Zeben,³ P. J. S. M. Kerstens,⁴ J. M. W. Hazes,⁵ A. H. Zwiderman,⁶ H. K. Ronday,⁷ K. H. Han,⁸ M. L. Westedt,⁹ A. H. Gerards,¹⁰ J. H. L. M. van Groenendael,¹¹ W. F. Lems,¹² M. V. van Krugten,¹³ F. C. Breedveld,¹ and B. A. C. Dijkmans¹⁴



*p<0.004 vs group 1; § p<0.001 vs group 1



*p<0.001 for groups 1 and 2 vs groups 3 and 4

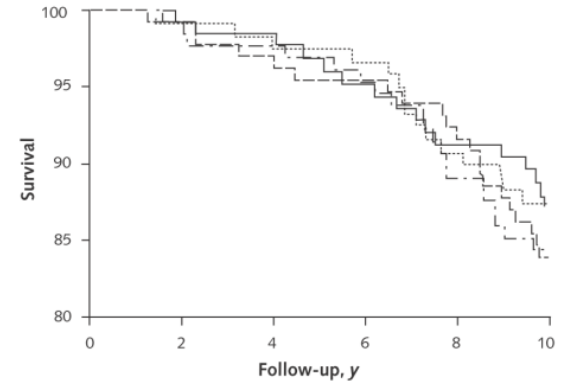
The number of patients without progression of radiographic joint damage after 1 year was higher in groups 3 and 4 than in groups 1 and 2.



Long-Term Outcomes of Patients With Recent-Onset Rheumatoid Arthritis After 10 Years of Tight Controlled Treatment

A Randomized Trial

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Patients at risk, *n*

	0	2	4	6	8	10
— Sequential monotherapy	126	125	124	119	114	109
..... Step-up combination therapy	121	119	116	115	108	104
- - - Initial combination with prednisone	133	132	127	124	119	109
- · - · Initial combination with infliximab	128	127	125	122	114	107

“After 10 years of targeted treatment, median progression of joint damage (measured as increase in the SHS) in patients who completed follow-up was low: 2.0 (IQR, 0 to 11.0), 2.5 (IQR, 0 to 13.5), 3.0 (IQR, 0.3 to 11.3), and 1.5 (IQR, 0.0 to 6.0) in strategies 1 to 4, respectively.

“Corrected for the SHS at baseline, mean SHS estimates at year 10 were 14.2, 14.1, 14.6, and 8.9 in strategies 1 to 4, respectively”.

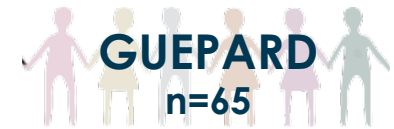


Disease activity score-driven therapy versus routine care in patients with recent-onset active rheumatoid arthritis: data from the GUEPARD trial and ESPOIR cohort

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ESPOIR
n=130



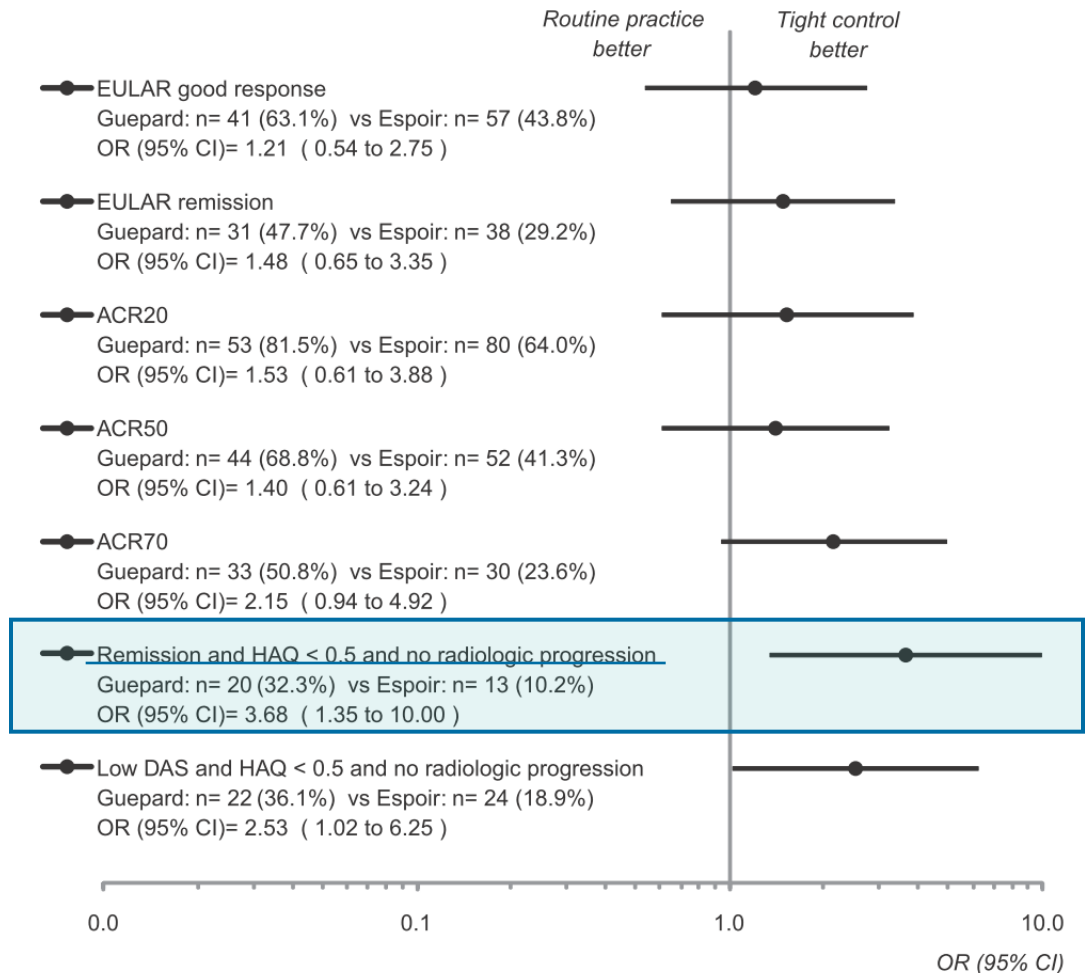
GUEPARD
n=65

Follow-up
monthly

Follow-up
0-24-52 weeks

12-month assessment

decrease in DAS, the number of patients in low DAS or in remission and radiographic progression were similar in the two groups.



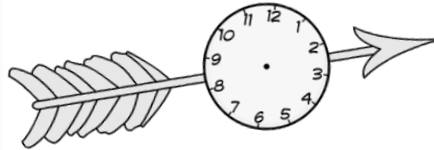
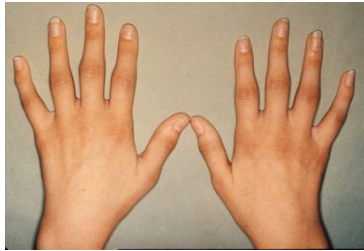
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- ⊙ **A step forward: the comprehensive disease control**



joint damage impacts on quality of life

**DISEASE
ACTIVITY**



**JOINT
DAMAGE**



bone erosions are predictive of a more severe course of disease with a higher degree of disability and increased mortality

RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS – OUTCOME (pre-bDMARDs)

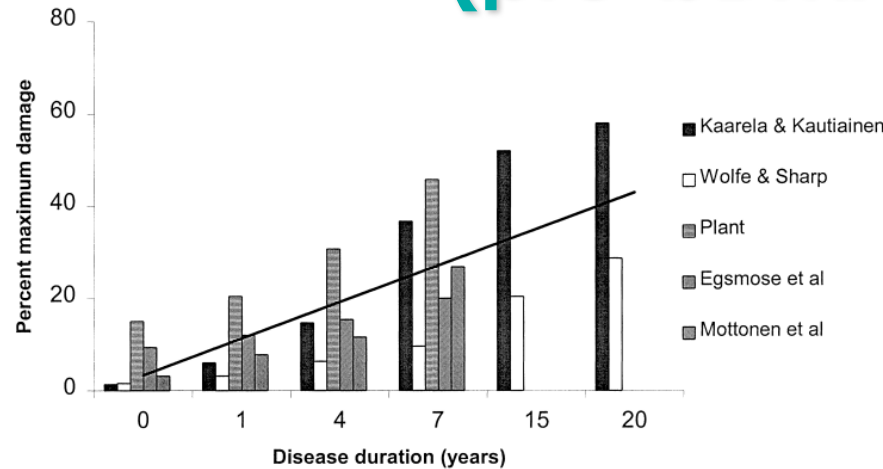


FIG. 1. The increase in joint damage in RA. Based on an amalgamation of data from six studies using Larsen and Sharp scores [15–18, 20]. The average rate of progression, shown by the trendline, was an annual increase of 1.8% of possible maximum damage.

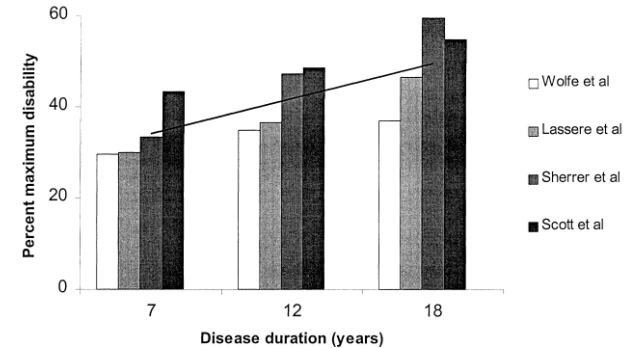


FIG. 2. The increase in disability in RA. Based on an amalgamation of data from four studies [33–35, and additional primary data from Kings College Hospital] using the HAQ to assess disability. The average increase in disability, shown by the trendline, was an annual increase of 1.4% of possible maximum disability.

TABLE 3. Relationship between radiological joint damage and functional disability (assessed by the HAQ) in late RA

Study	Year	Patients	Study type	Disease duration	X-ray damage and function	
					Correlation	Significance
Kaarela and Sarna [52]	1993	103	8 yr follow-up	> 8 yr	0.68	$P < 0.001$
Larsen [53]	1988	200	Cross-sectional	Mean 14.6 yr	Not given	$P < 0.01$
Regan-Smith <i>et al.</i> [54]	1989	54	Cross-sectional	Mean 8 yr	NS	NS
Pincus <i>et al.</i> [11]	1989	259	Cross-sectional	Mean 12.4 yr	0.31	$P < 0.001$
Brühlmann <i>et al.</i> [55]	1994	62	Cross-sectional	–	0.39	$P < 0.01$
Hakala <i>et al.</i> [56]	1994	103	Cross-sectional	Mean 16.0 yr	0.46	$P < 0.001$
Houssein <i>et al.</i> [57]	1997	126	Cross-sectional	Mean 10.5 yr	0.38	$P < 0.001$



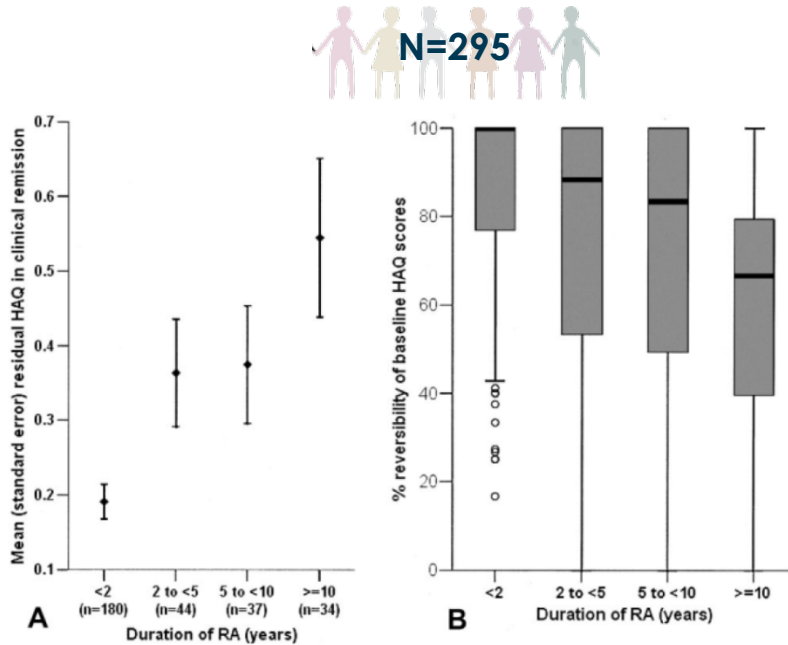
Measuring Function in Rheumatoid Arthritis

Identifying Reversible and Irreversible Components

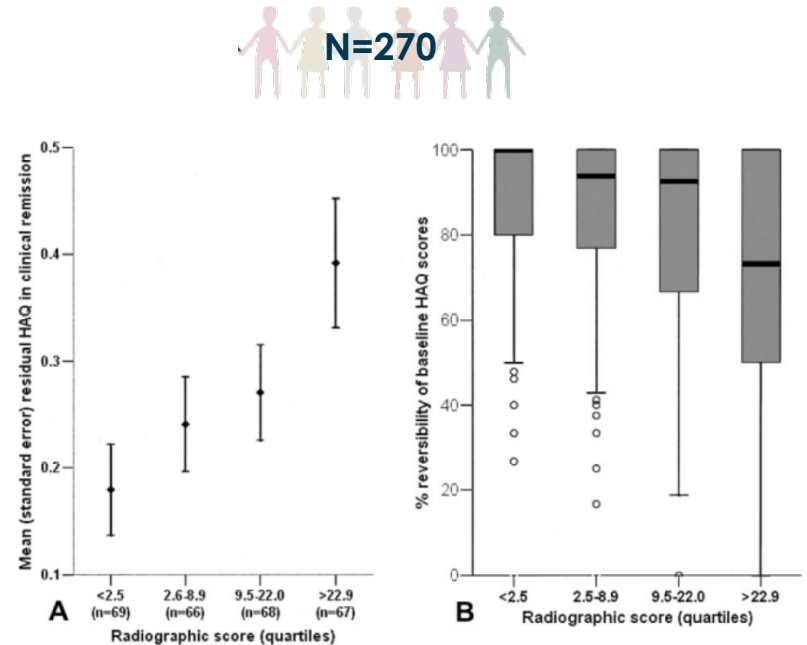
Daniel Aletaha,¹ Josef Smolen,² and Michael M. Ward³

Reversibility is calculated as the relative improvement in baseline HAQ scores at the time of remission (BL HAQ+ Rem HAQx100)

Residual HAQ = HAQ value at the time of remission achievement



Residual HAQ increases and reversibility decreases according to RA duration



Residual HAQ increases and reversibility decreases according to radiographic score



COMPREHENSIVE DISEASE CONTROL/REMISSION



Simultaneous achievement of clinical, functional and radiological outcomes

A state achieved by:

3-9% of patients of the MTX+ PBO arms in RCT

10.2-32.3% of patients treated with Adalimumab

23.5% of patients treated with Certolizumab Pegol

16.5% of patients treated with Tocilizumab



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COMPREHENSIVE DISEASE CONTROL:

- 1. CLINICAL** DAS28 <2.6
- 2. FUNCTIONAL** HAQ <0.5
- 3. STRUCTURAL** Δ mTSS \leq 0.5

“to quantify the impact of simultaneous achievement of clinical, functional and structural efficacy on work-related outcomes, HRQoL, pain and fatigue (...)”



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1467 patients

at week 26

1267 CDC
“non-achievers”

200 CDC
“achievers”

- Younger age
- Lower DAS28(CRP)
- Lower HAQ-DI
- Lower mTSS
- Higher FACIT F
- Higher SF-36 (PCS and MCS)



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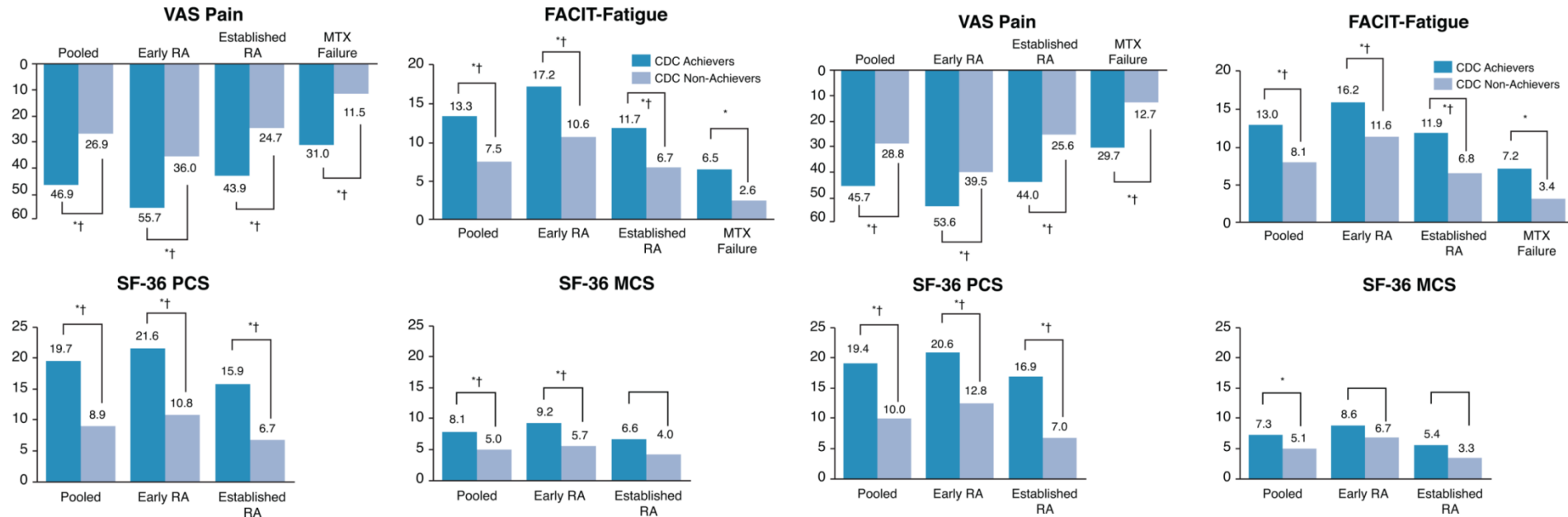
at week 26 and 52

1267 CDC
"non-achievers"

200 CDC
"achievers"

week 26

week 52



the differences in SF-36 PCS, VAS-Pain and FACIT-F exceeded their respective MCIDs at week 26 and 52; SF-36 MCS only at week 26.



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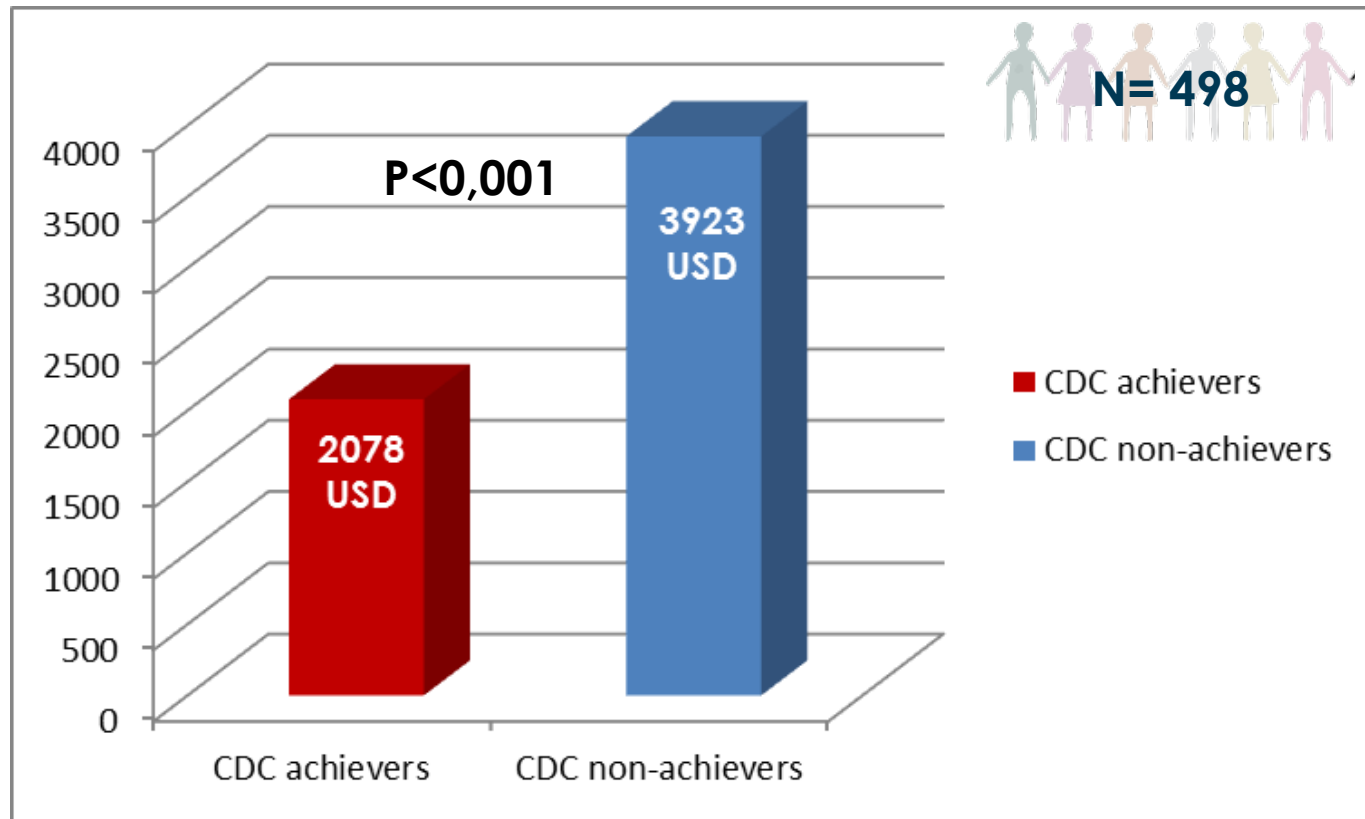
At week 26 and 52 CDC achievement was associated to:

- statistically significant and clinically meaningful difference in VAS-Pain and SF-36 (PCS and MCS) compared to DAS28 remission alone
- statistically significant difference in VAS-Pain and SF-36 (PCS and MCS) compared to achieving normal physical function alone
- statistically significant and clinically meaningful difference in VAS-Pain and SF-36 (PCS and MCS) and FACIT-F compared to no radiographic progression alone

Incremental benefit related to achieving all three components



impact of CDC achievement on direct medical expenditures



Data from the 2011 Medical Expenditure Panel Survey (MEPS) Household Component, and the PREMIER and DE-019 randomized controlled trials.



conclusive remarks

«the times, they are a-changin'»

(Bob Dylan, 2016 Nobel prize for literature)

“While remission could be the target for adjusting therapy, the goal of every treatment should be inhibition of structural damage and normalise function”

(Emery P et al, Ann Rheum Dis 2015)



Inhibition of joint damage: a key target in RA

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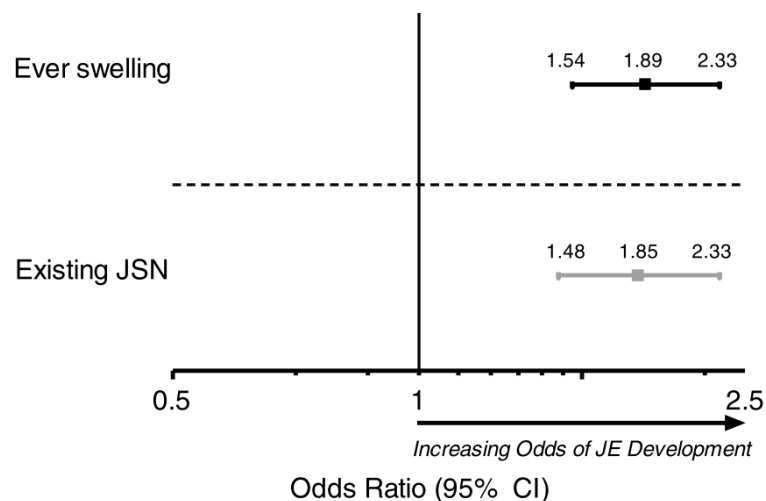
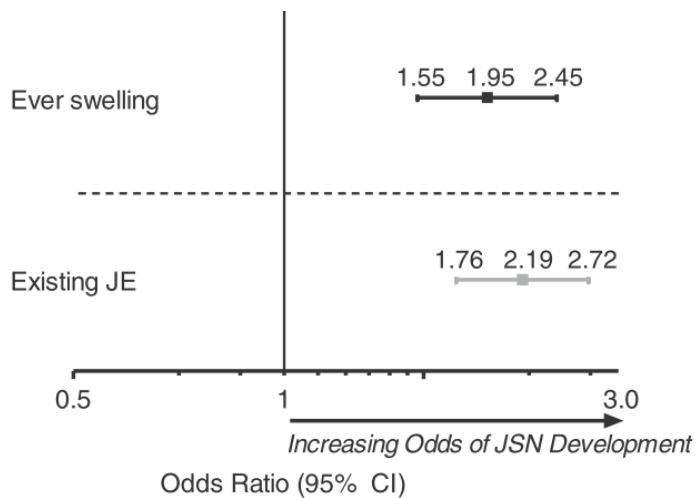
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RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS – OUTCOME

Arthritis Research & Therapy (2015) 17:133

Existing joint erosions increase the risk of joint space narrowing independently of clinical synovitis in patients with early rheumatoid arthritis

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existing joint erosion or joint space narrowing leads to more erosions and narrowing; at the joint level, existing erosion may also lead to joint space narrowing onset (and vice versa) in joints with no clinical synovitis.

joint damage produces more joint damage

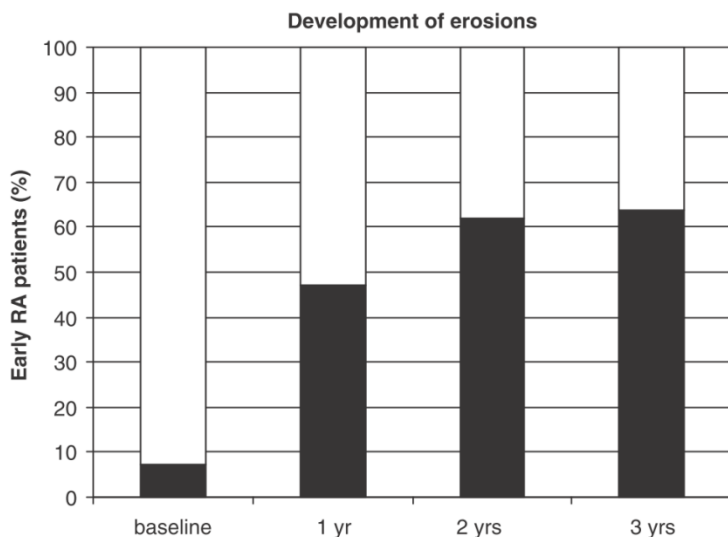


RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS – OUTCOME

Rheumatology 2007;46:342–349

Very recent onset rheumatoid arthritis: clinical and serological patient characteristics associated with radiographic progression over the first years of disease

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	Beta	Adjusted R^2	Change in R^2	P
Block 1:		0.316	0.342	<0.0001
RF	0.321			0.050
Anti-CCP	0.314			0.055
Block 2:		0.609	0.305	<0.0001
Time in DAS28 < 3.2	-0.387			<0.0001
Cumulative swollen joint count	0.264			0.012
Cumulative CRP	0.187			0.048

RF and anti-CCP determined 31.6% of the observed change in Larsen scores.

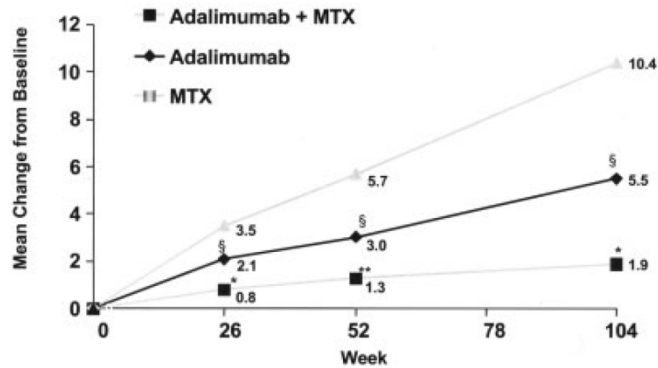
An additional 30.5% can be attributed to the influence of the other three parameters : cumulative CRP, cumulative swollen joint count and total time in low disease activity and/or remission.

autoAbs and inflammation contribute to joint damage



TNFi -combination therapy over MTX

PREMIER (Ada) n=799

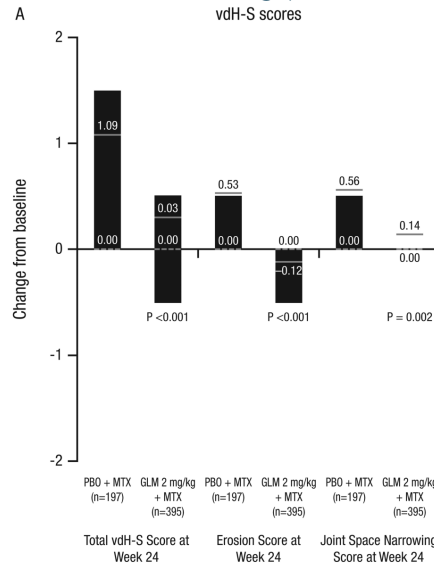


ASPIRE (Ifx) n=1049

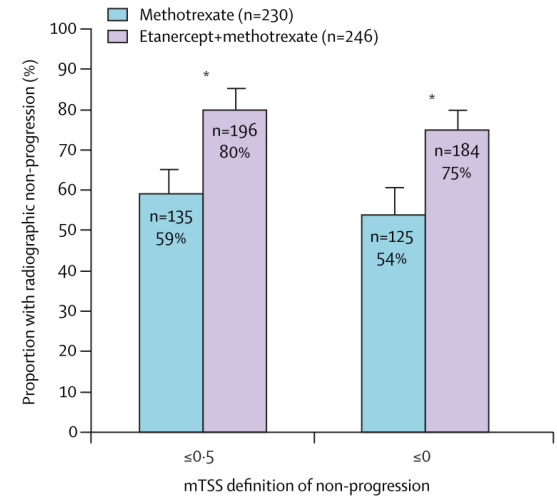
Table 2. Change in radiographic scores*

	MTX + placebo (n = 282)	MTX + 3 mg/kg infliximab (n = 359)
Change in van der Heijde modification of the total Sharp score from baseline to week 54†		
Mean ± SD	3.7 ± 9.6	0.4 ± 5.8
Median (IQR)	0.43 (0.0, 4.5)	0.0 (-0.8, 1.3)
P‡		<0.001
Change in erosion score from baseline to week 54§		
Mean ± SD	3.0 ± 7.8	0.3 ± 4.9
Median (IQR)	0.3 (0.0, 3.8)	0.0 (-0.8, 1.3)
P‡		<0.001
Change in JSN score from baseline to week 54§		
Mean ± SD	0.6 ± 2.1	0.1 ± 1.6
Median (IQR)	0.0 (0.0, 0.4)	0.0 (0.0, 0.0)
P‡		<0.001

GO-FURTHER (Glm) n=592



COMET (Eta) n=476



C-OPERA (Czp) n=315

