

ONLINE SUPPLEMENTARY DATA

Short Telephone Questionnaire

Good morning/afternoon, my name is _____.

About 6 month ago you were in a rheumatology consultation at Dr. _____'s office and we would like to know how you are doing today.

Would you be so kind as to answer some short questions? Your answers will be kept confidential and will be used only for research purposes.

0 Yes 0 No

Question 1: Rate the severity of pain on a scale of 0 to 100 (0 no pain, 100 unbearable pain).

Answer: _____

Question 2: Do you still require medical care because of the complaints you consulted our practice?

0 Yes 0 No

If yes:

a. Which diagnosis was made?

b. Who is treating you currently?

c. Which treatment (drugs or something else) do you get because of this complaints?

Thank you very much.

Supplementary Table 1. Alterations from initial suspected diagnosis to final diagnosis after 6 months.

Initial RAC diagnoses (N)	Diagnoses after 6 months										
	RA	SPA	Gout	CTD	PMR	Other inflammatory	OA	FMS/CSS	Other non-inflammatory	Symptom-free	Total
RA (59)	55	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	59
SPA (46)	0	38	0	0	0	2	1	0	2	2	45
Gout (12)	1	0	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12
CTD (7)	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
PMR (23)	0	0	0	0	21	0	1	0	0	0	22
Other inflammatory (29)	2	4	4	0	1	11	4	0	2	1	29
OA (85)	0	0	0	0	0	0	79	0	1	0	80
FMS/CSS (9)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	1	0	9
Other non-inflammatory (65)	2	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	55	2	62
Total (335)	60	43	15	8	22	13	88	9	61	6	325

RA; rheumatoid arthritis, SpA; spondyloarthritis, CTD; connective tissue disease, PMR; polymyalgia rheumatica, OA; osteoarthritis, FMS/CSS; fibromyalgia syndrome / central sensitivity syndrome

Supplementary Table 2. Therapy after 6 months.

Diagnosis	Number of patients	Methotrexate	Glucocorticoids	Biologics	Sulfasalazine	Antimalarials	Allopurinol	Cholchicine	NSAIDs	Analgesics	Antidepressants	Other treatment	No treatment	Combination therapy
RA	60	51	30	11	4				13	1		8		43
SpA	43	19	8	9	3		1		16	3		12	2	22
Gout	15						9	6	8			1		9
CTD	8		1			2			4	1	2	4		4
PMR	22		21			1			2	1		6		7
"Other inflammatory"	13	1	5		1		1		7			2		4
OA	88	2*	10			1	1		42	5		22	5	24
FMS/CSS	9								2	4	5	3		5
"Other non-inflammatory"	61		3						25	3	3	18	3	12
Free of symptoms	6		1										1	
Total	325	73	79	20	8	4	12	6	119	18	10	76	11	130

* 2 patients with erosive osteoarthritis of the hands. RA; rheumatoid arthritis, SpA; spondyloarthritis, CTD; connective tissue disease, PMR; polymyalgia rheumatica, OA; osteoarthritis, FMS/CSS; fibromyalgia syndrome / central sensitivity syndrome.