

Supplementary Table 1. Baseline traditional cardiovascular risk factors and the association with disease activity.

	DAS28 levels		ESR levels		CRP levels	
	B (CI)	p	B (CI)	p	B (CI)	P
Age, years	2.250 (1.412-3.089)	< 0.001	0.152 (0.103-0.202)	< 0.001	0.093 (0.042-0.145)	< 0.001
BMI, kg/m ²	0.556 (0.231-0.880)	0.001	0.035 (0.016-0.054)	< 0.001	0.013 (-0.008-0.034)	0.236
Syst BP, mmHg [†]	3.328 (1.834-4.821)	< 0.001	0.172 (0.071-0.273)	0.001	0.167 (0.061-0.272)	0.002
Dia BP, mmHg [†]	1.760 (0.893-2.627)	< 0.001	0.087 (0.028-0.145)	0.004	0.084 (0.022-0.146)	0.008
TChol, mmol/l‡	-0.068 (-0.412-0.007)	0.076	-0.004 (-0.009-0.000)	0.077	-0.006 (-0.010- -0.001)	0.012
LDL, mmol/l‡	-0.026 (-0.093-0.041)	0.450	-0.001 (-0.005-0.003)	0.537	-0.001 (-0.005-0.003)	0.592
HDL, mmol/l‡	-0.067 (-0.097- -0.038)	< 0.001	-0.004 (-0.006--0.002)	< 0.001	-0.005 (-0.007--0.003)	< 0.001
TChol:HDL ratio‡	0.161 (0.066-0.257)	0.001	0.009 (0.003-0.014)	0.004	0.011 (0.005-0.017)	< 0.001
Triglycerides, mmol/l‡	0.041 (-0.003-0.084)	0.067	0.001 (-0.001-0.004)	0.310	< 0.001 (-0.002-0.003)	0.875
	OR (CI)	p	OR (CI)	p	OR (CI)	p

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Current smoking (yes/no)	1.101 (0.957-1.267)	0.178	0.994 (0.985-1.003)	0.179	1.003 (0.994-1.017)	0.526
Gender (male/ female)	1.183 (1.021-1.370)	0.025	1.005 (0.996-1.014)	0.259	0.990 (0.982-0.998)	0.020

ABI: ankle brachial index, B: beta, BMI: body mass index, CI: confidence interval, CRP: C-reactive protein, DAS: disease activity score, dia BP: diastolic blood pressure, ESR: erythrocyte sedimentation rate, HDL: high-density lipoprotein, HR: heart rate, LDL: low-density lipoprotein, mmol/l: millimole/liter, ms: milliseconds, OR: odds ratio, syst BP: systolic blood pressure, TChol: total cholesterol

† Patients who did not use antihypertensive drugs, n=360

‡ Patients who did not use statins, n=417.

Supplementary Table 2. Patients with one year follow-up data and traditional cardiovascular risk factors, n=243.

Cardiovascular risk factors	T=0	T=1	p
BMI, kg/ m ² (mean, SD)	26.6 (4.8)	26.8 (5.1)	0.037
Syst BP, mmHg (mean, SD) †	133.4 (19.1)	131.6 (15.9)	0.212
Dia BP, mmHg (mean, SD) †	79.5 (10.8)	77.6 (11.3)	0.045
ABI (mean, SD) †	1.0 (0.1)	1.0 (0.1)	0.228
TChol, mmol/l (mean, SD) ‡	5.3 (1.0)	5.4 (1.0)	0.043
Triglycerides, mmol/l (median, IQR) ‡	1.1 (0.8-1.5)	1.1 (0.9-1.5)	0.692
LDL cholesterol, mmol/l (mean, SD) ‡	3.3 (0.9)	3.2 (0.9)	0.076
HDL cholesterol, mmol/l (mean, SD) ‡	1.4 (0.4)	1.6 (0.5)	< 0.001
TChol:HDL ratio, (mean, SD) ‡	4.1 (1.2)	3.6 (1.1)	< 0.001

ABI: ankle brachial index, BMI: body mass index, dia BP: diastolic blood pressure, mg/l :milligrams/liter, HDL: high-density lipoprotein, HR: heart rate, IQR: interquartile range, kg/m²: kilogram square meter, LDL: low-density lipoprotein, mmHg: millimetre mercury, mmol/l: millimole/ liter, SD: standard deviation, syst BP: systolic blood pressure, TChol: total cholesterol

† Patients who did not use antihypertensive drugs, n=188

‡ Patients who did not use statins, n=204.