



Ερμηνεύοντας τον όρο «συννοσηρότητες»

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Co-morbidities....or co-existing conditions?

➤ Co-existing Clinical Conditions

◆ Can be seen as

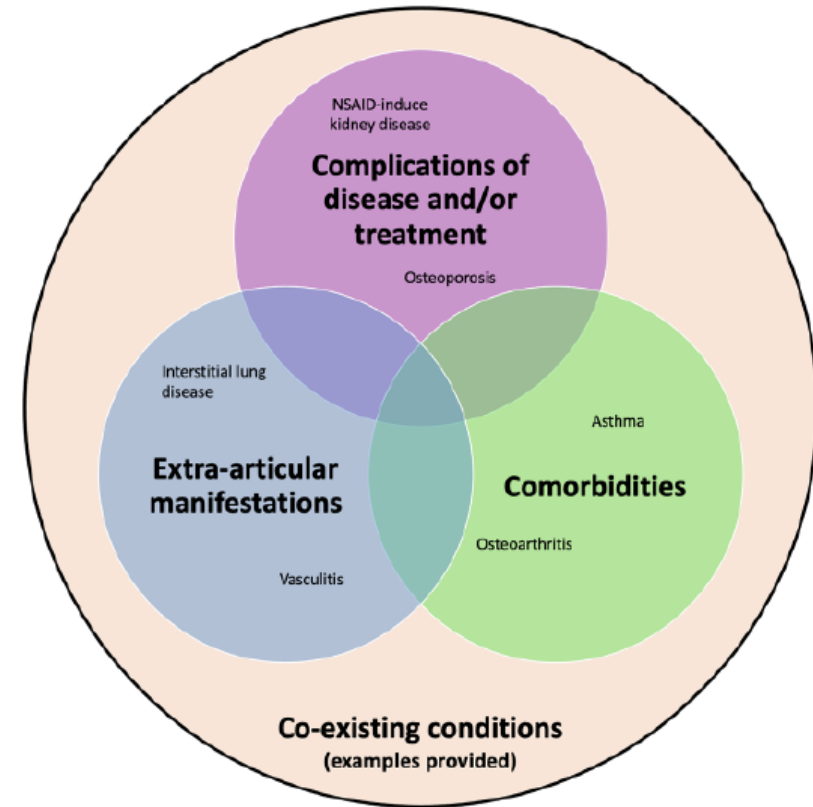
- ✿ Comorbidities
- ✿ Extra-articular manifestations

◆ Nomenclature

- ✿ Still scarce
- ✿ Needs to be defined for clinical & research purposes
 - ✓ Relation to the underlying pathophysiology?

◆ Negative Impact on Disease's outcomes

- ✿ Can lead to difficult to treat (D2T) disease



Co-existing conditions

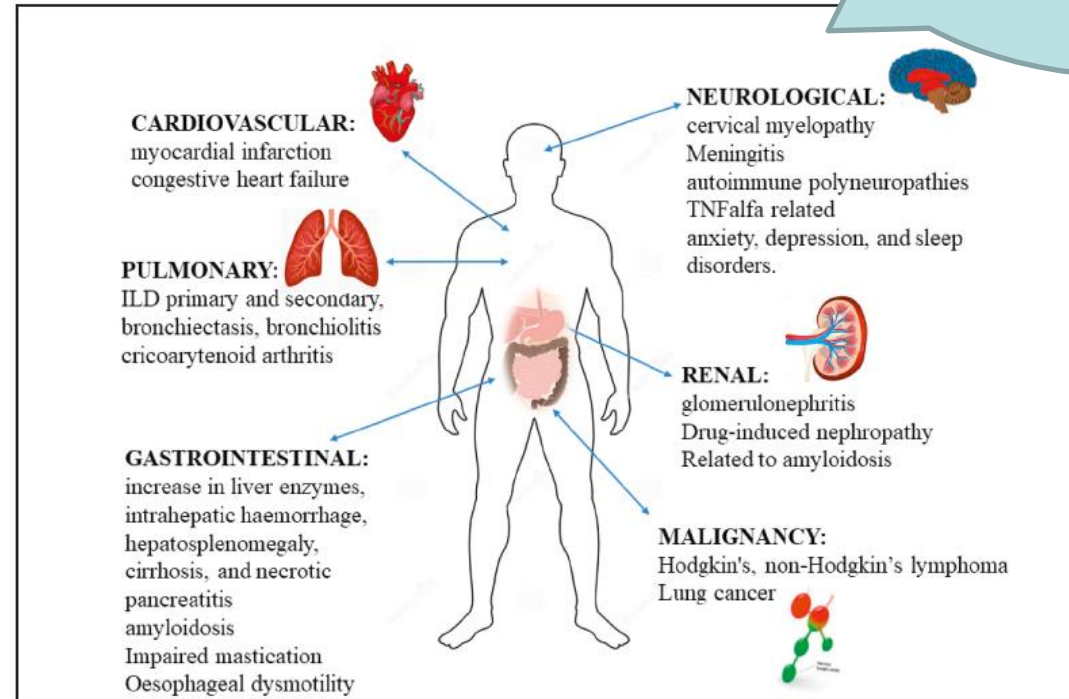
General remarks

➤ Spondyloarthritis (SpA)



➤ Rheumatoid Arthritis

An average RA patient has 1.6 co-existing clinical conditions and approximately 60% of patients have multiple comorbidities



Psoriatic arthritis

...or psoriatic disease

➤ Metabolic component

- ◆ Diabetes (11-20%)
- ◆ Obesity (16-60%)
 - ✱ Associates with PsA development and worse prognosis
- ◆ Hypertension/CVD (28-47%/21-62%)
 - ✱ ↑ CVD risk
 - ✓ Does not fully explained by classic CVD risk factors
- ◆ Mental disorders
 - ✱ Depression (9-27%)
 - ✱ Anxiety (6-37%)

➤ Inflammatory Bowel Disease

➤ Crohn (not for UC)

◆ Risk Ratio

- ✱ Vs Healthy: 2.96 (1.40 - 6.00)
- ✱ Vs Psoriasis 3.60 (1.83 - 7.10)

➤ Ocular manifestations

◆ Risk Ratio

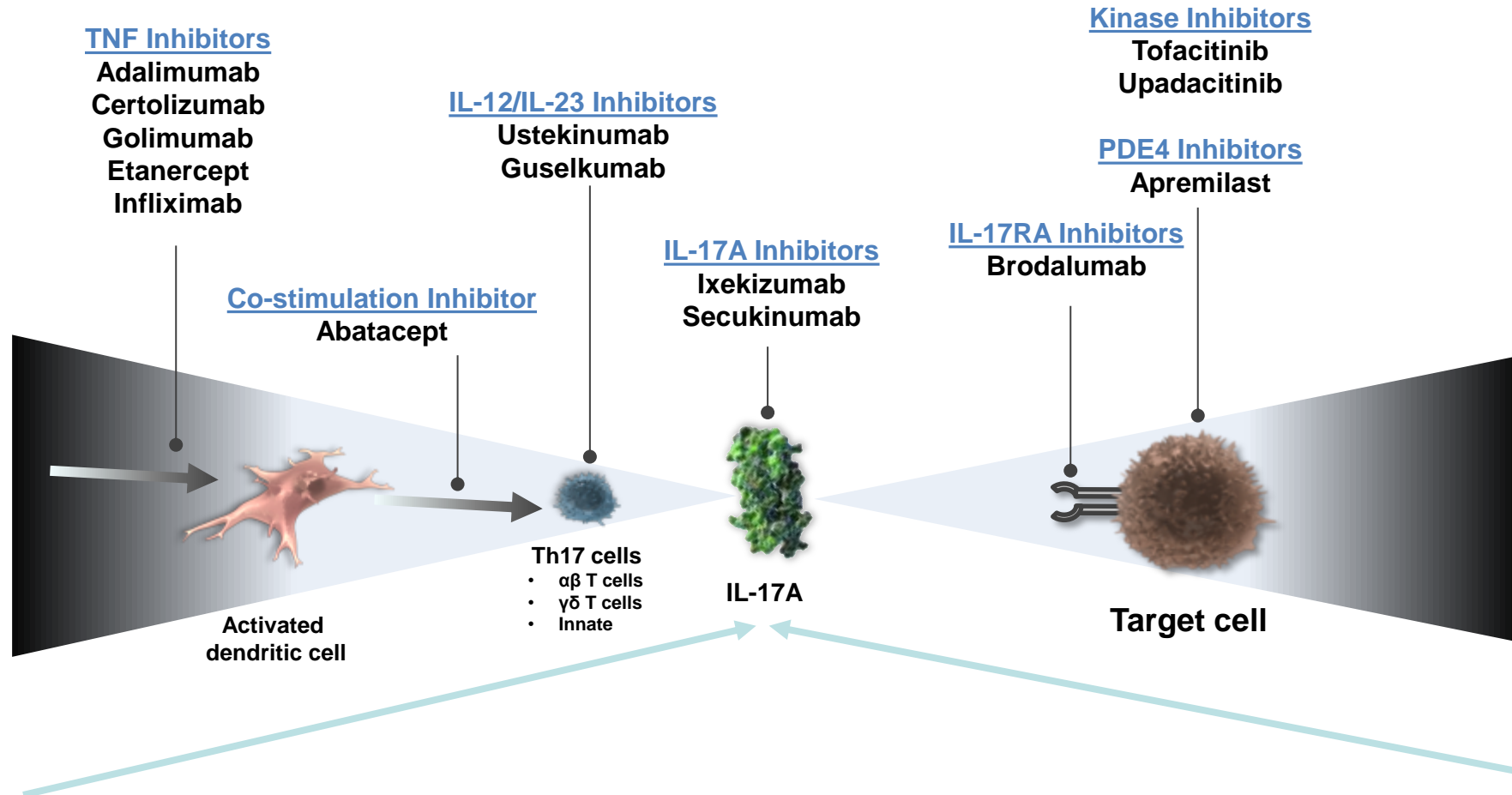
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Outline

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 - ◆ What are they?
- SpA specific
- Comorbidities common in RA/SpA
 - ◆ Cardiovascular risk
 - ◆ Mental health disorders

Treatment – the major players

tsDMARDs & Biologics



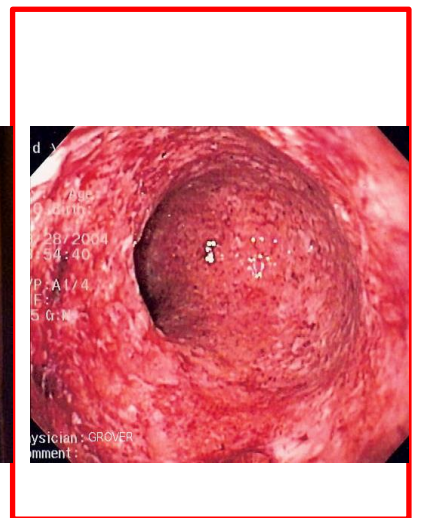
PsA - Co-existing conditions

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- **Bowel**
- Uveitis
- CVD
- Mental health disorders
- Others

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Treatment

Safety & Co-morbidities

- Inflammatory bowel disease
 - ◆ Efficacy
 - ✿ Infliximab
 - ✿ Adalimumab
 - ✿ Ustekinumab
 - ✿ Certolizumab
 - ✿ Risankizumab (phase II)
 - ◆ Contra-indication
 - ✿ Anti-IL-17
 - ✿ Etanercept

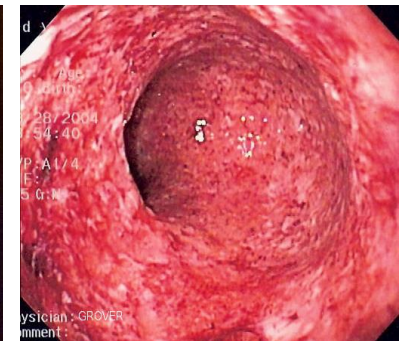
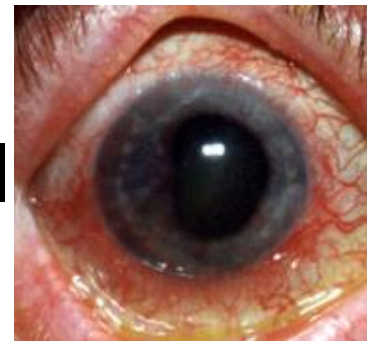
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AAU Treatment

EULAR and ACR recommendations

- EULAR recommendations for PsA
 - ◆ “.....Importantly, however, in case of concomitant inflammatory bowel disease or uveitis, a TNFi (monoclonal antibody) would be preferred.”
- ACR/SPARTAN recommendations for SpA
 - ◆ axSpA patients with recurrent uveitis: TNFi > other bDMARDs

PsA - Uveitis

Treatment options – b-ts-DMARDs

- Adalimumab
 - ◆ Approved for uveitis (non-anterior)
- Certolizumab, infliximab, golimumab
 - ◆ Have also good results
- Etanercept, Secukinumab
 - ◆ Not-effective (mainly in other diseases)
- Ustekinumab, Tofacitinib, Filgotinib, Baricitinib
 - ◆ Unknown

Treatment options in SpA

Condition	Monoclonal TNF inhibitors	Etanercept	IL-17-inhibitors	IL-23-inhibitors	JAK-inhibitors
AxSpA	++	++	++	-	++
Uveitis	++	- (?)	-	(?)	(?)
IBD	++	-	-	++	CD(?)/UC++
Psoriasis	++	+	+++	+++	++

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Autoimmune Rheumatic Diseases

Cardiovascular (CV) risk

- ➔ CV risk & mortality
 - ◆ ↑ compared to the general population

EULAR recommendations for cardiovascular risk management in rheumatic and musculoskeletal diseases, including systemic lupus erythematosus and antiphospholipid syndrome

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EULAR recommendations for cardiovascular disease risk management in patients with rheumatoid arthritis and other forms of inflammatory joint disorders: 2015/2016 update

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RA and CVD risk

Epidemiology & outcomes

➤ Meta-analysis for RA

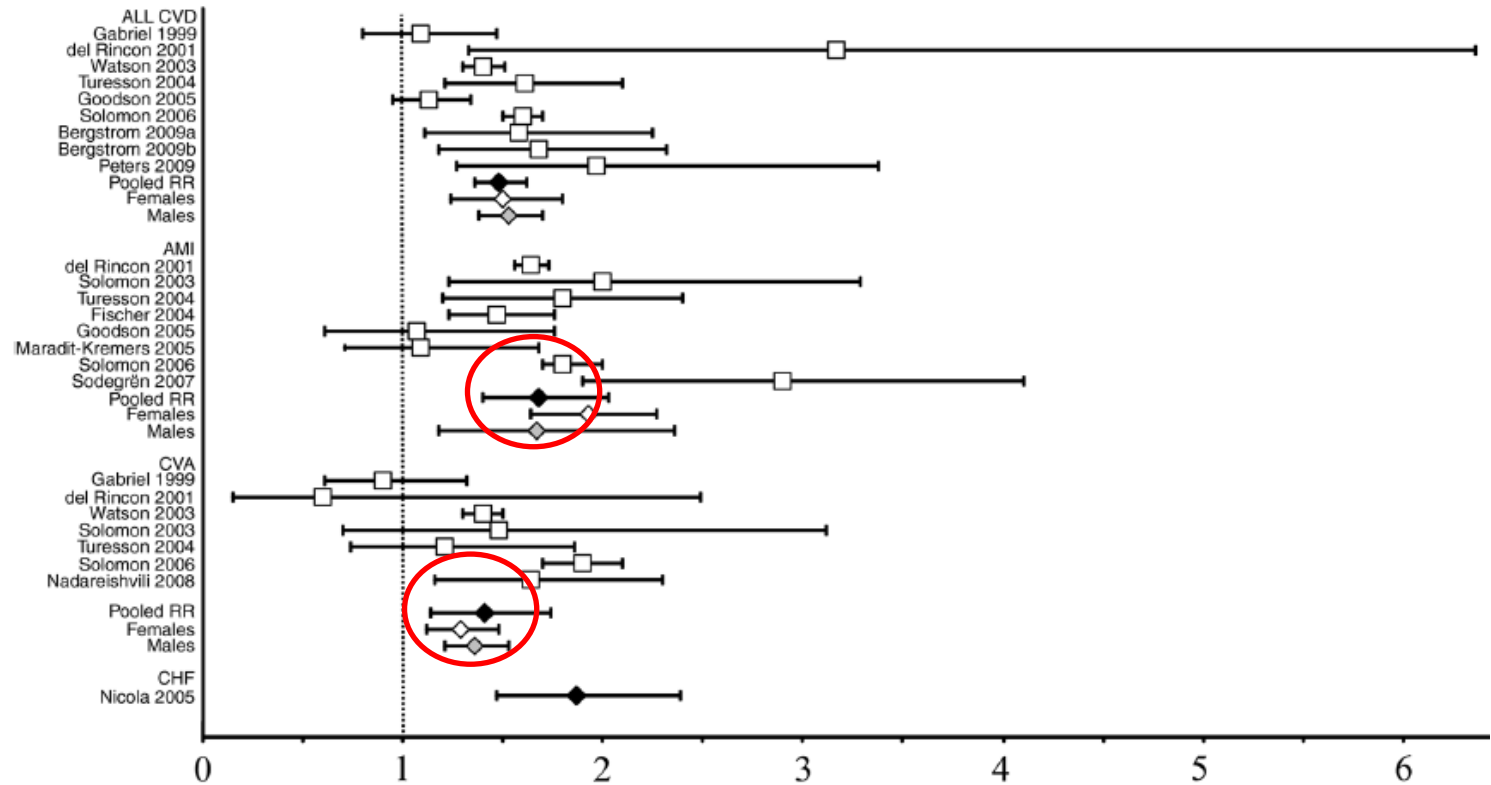
- ◆ 14 studies/41.490 patients

- ◆ In RA

- ◆ 48% ↑ risk of incident CVD

- ◆ 68% ↑ risk of MI

- ◆ 41% ↑ CVA



SpA/PsA and CVD risk

- ➔ Less evidence compared to RA
 - ◆ However.....PsA: worse metabolic profile compared RA
 - ✿ Many data derived from psoriasis studies
 - ◆ Lack of evidence for newer drugs

PsA

Comparable CVD-burden with DM?

➤ Study comparing PsA vs RA Vs DM

Table 3. Comparison of comorbidities between psoriatic arthritis, rheumatoid arthritis and diabetes mellitus patients.

Comorbidity	PsA n= 215	RA n= 215	DM n= 215	PsA versus RA		PsA versus DM	
				Crude OR (95% CI)	Adjusted OR (95% CI)	Crude OR (95% CI)	Adjusted OR (95% CI)
Smoking	76 (35.4)	62 (28.8)	85 (39.5)	1.35 (0.90–2.03)		0.84 (0.57–1.24)	
Hyperlipidaemia	101 (47.0)	67 (31.2)	101 (47.0)	1.96 (1.32–2.90)	–	1	–
Hypertension	62 (28.8)	51 (23.8)	97 (45.1)	1.30 (0.84–1.99)	–	0.49 (0.33–0.74)	–
Obesity	50 (29.4)	24 (12.8)	79 (36.7)	2.83 (1.65–4.86)		0.72 (0.47–1.10)	
Coronary disease	10 (4.7)	10 (4.7)	16 (7.4)	1 (0.41–2.45)	1.05 (0.31–3.57) ^a	0.61 (0.27–1.37)	0.66 (0.23–1.91) ^a
Stroke	8 (3.7)	2 (0.9)	7 (3.3)	4.12 (0.86–19.6)	5.06 (0.80–32.1) ^a	1.15 (0.41–3.22)	1.20 (0.35–4.12) ^a
MACEs	12 (5.6)	12 (5.6)	22 (10.2)	1 (0.44–2.28)	1.20 (0.40–3.63) ^a	0.52 (0.25–1.08)	0.42 (0.16–1.10) ^a
Osteoporosis	12 (5.6)	24 (11.2)	2 (0.9)	0.46 (0.21–1.03)	0.67 (0.28–1.64) ^b	6.22 (1.33–29.2) ^b	–
Depression ^c	42 (19.5)	15 (7.0)	12 (5.6)	3.24 (1.74–6.04)	3.02 (1.57–5.81) ^d	4.11 (2.10–8.05)	4.85 (2.37–9.93) ^d
Malignancy	12 (5.6)	7 (3.3)	–	1.76 (0.68–4.55)	1.60 (0.60–4.26) ^e	–	–

PsA

Increased CVD risk

- ➔ SLR
- ➔ ↑ CVD morbidity and mortality risk
- ➔ ↑ rates of risk factors for CVD
 - ◆ (e.g hypertension, overweight)

Table 5 Cardiovascular risk factors in PsA

Cardiovascular risk factor	No of studies	Findings
Dyslipidaemia*	6	Dyslipidaemia was more prevalent in PsA patients than in controls ^{18 24 26 28-30} <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reduced total cholesterol and HDL-cholesterol levels^{26 28 30}• Reduced LDL-cholesterol levels^{28 30}• Increased LDL and triglycerides levels²⁶
Hypertension	6	Hypertension was more prevalent in PsA patients than in controls ^{17 18 24 26 28 29}
Obesity or BMI	3	Patients with PsA had higher BMI than controls ^{24 26 28}
Diabetes mellitus	4	Diabetes mellitus was more prevalent in PsA patients than in controls ^{18 24 28 29}
Smoking	3	There was no statistical differences between patients and controls. ^{24 28 29}

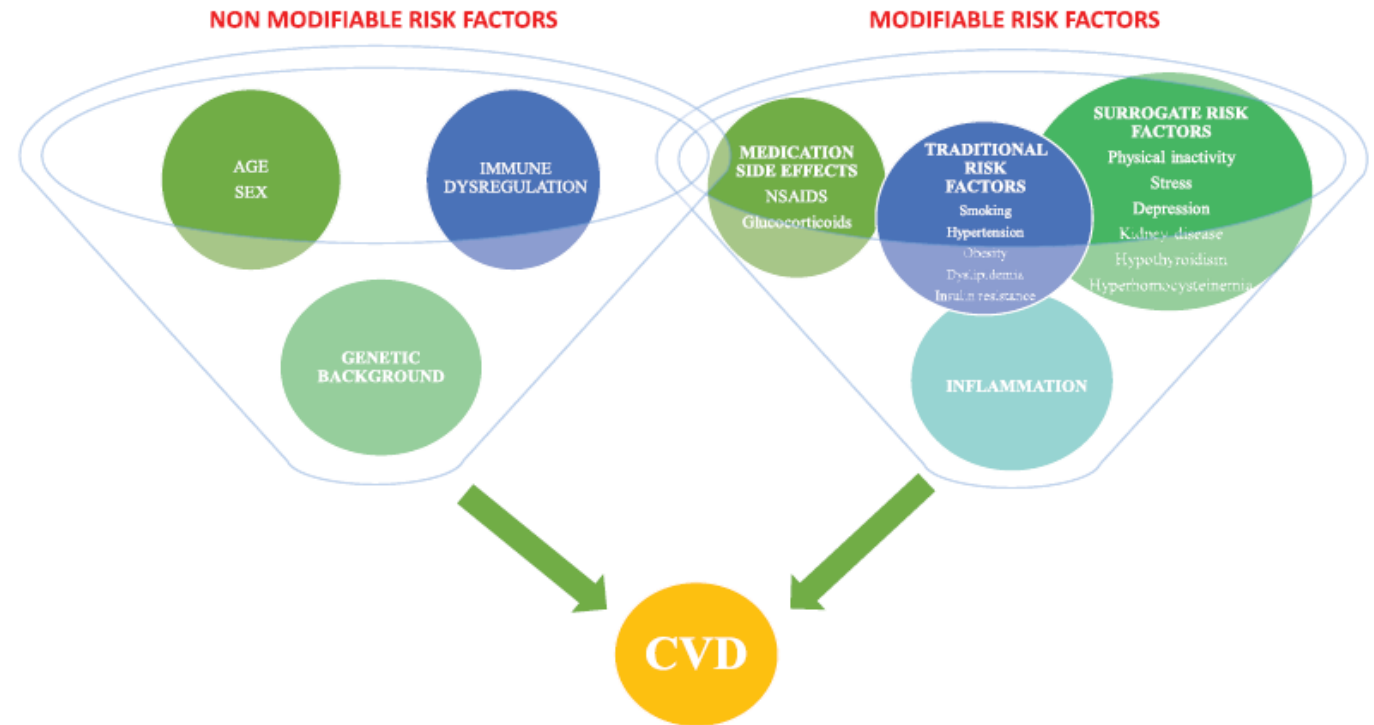
*Dyslipidaemia is defined as abnormalities in lipid profile predisposing to cardiovascular diseases.

BMI, body mass index; HDL, high-density lipoprotein; LDL, low-density lipoprotein; PsA, psoriatic arthritis.

CVD risk

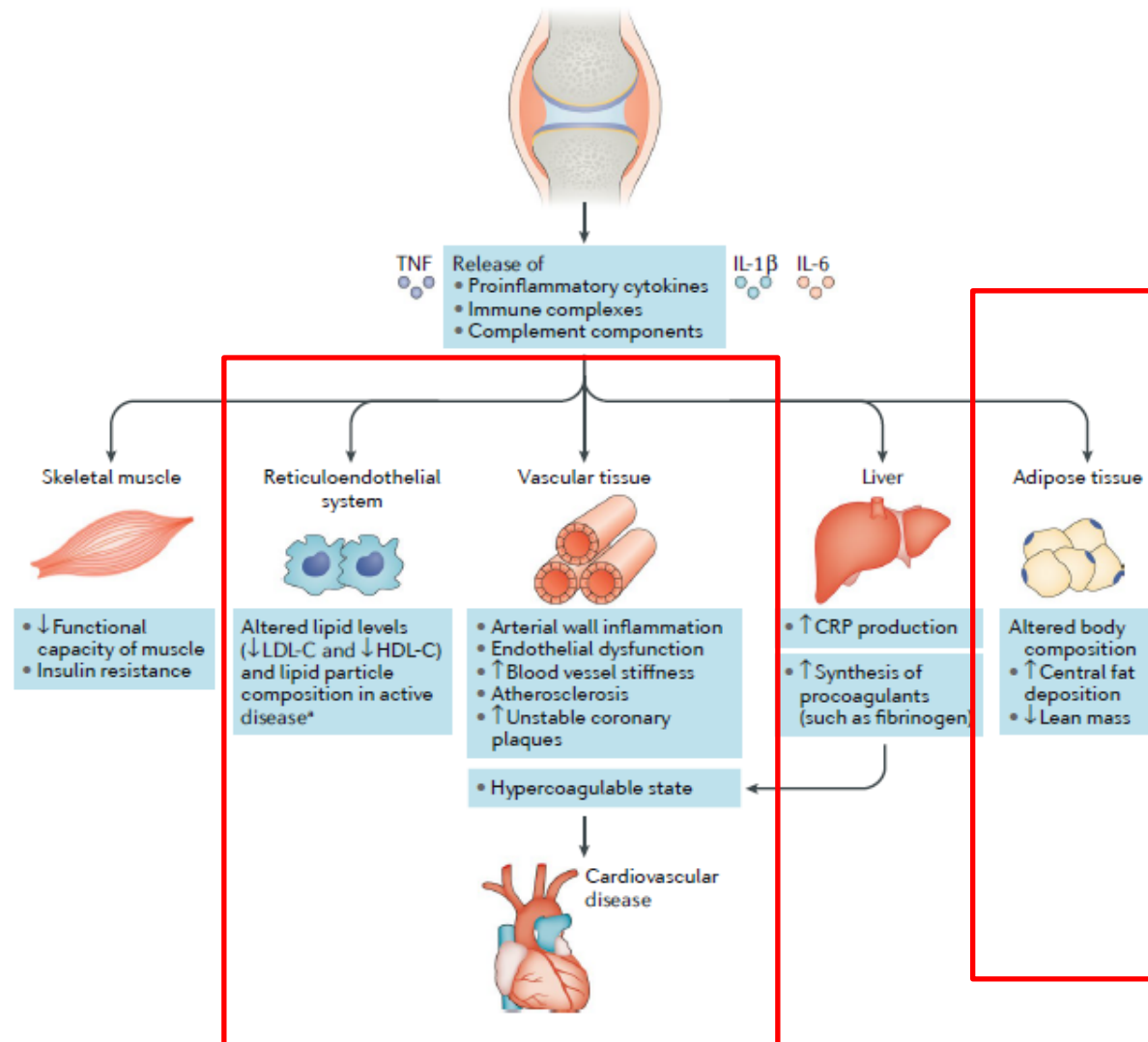
Why?

- ◆ Traditional risk factors
- ◆ Newly identified risk factors
 - ✱ **Inflammation**
 - ✱ others



Cytokines and Comorbidities

Cardiovascular risk – the big picture



Any Differential effect of the various bDMARDs in CVD?

RA

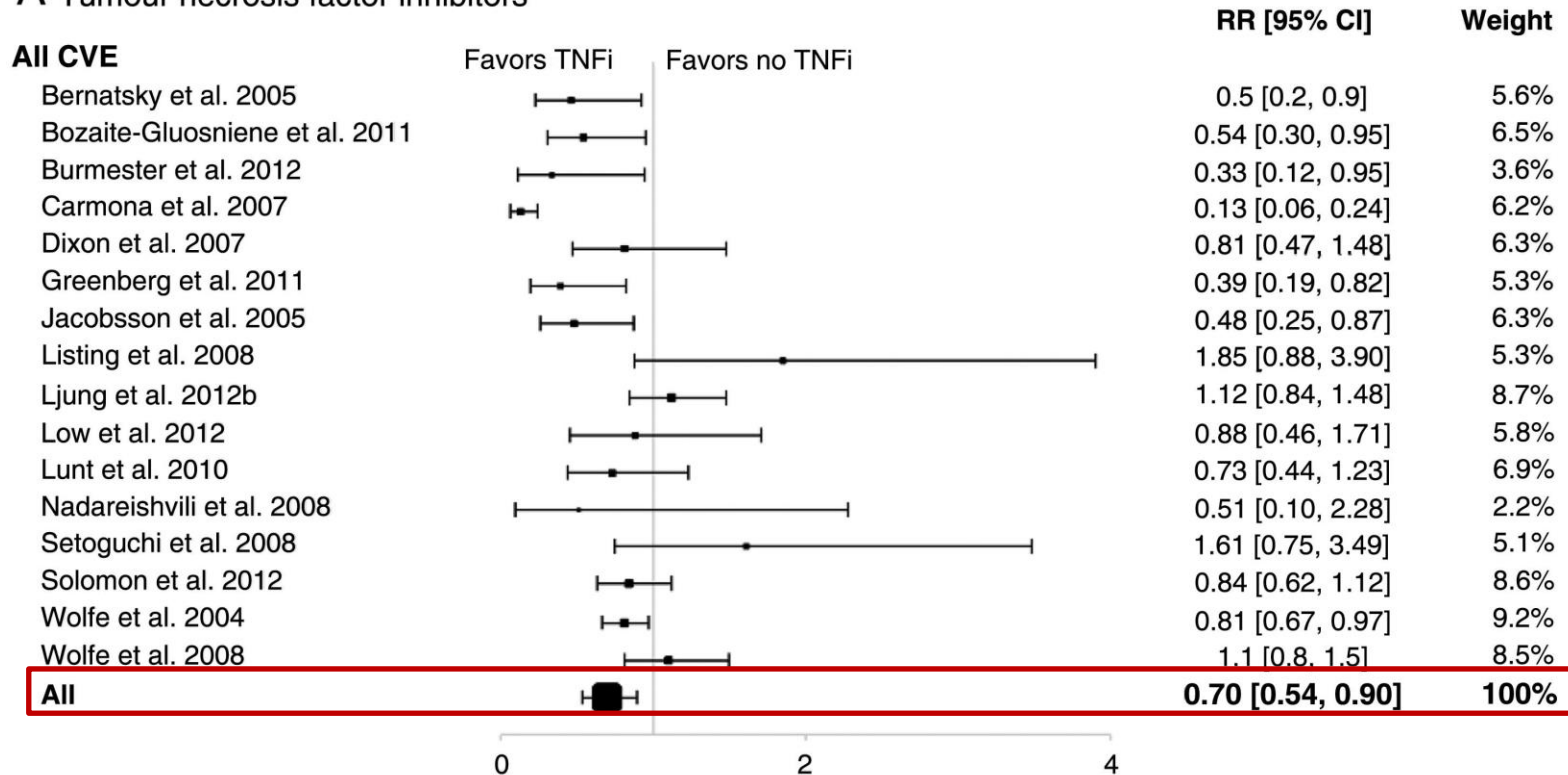


RA - TNFi

Meta-analysis

A Tumour necrosis factor inhibitors

All CVE



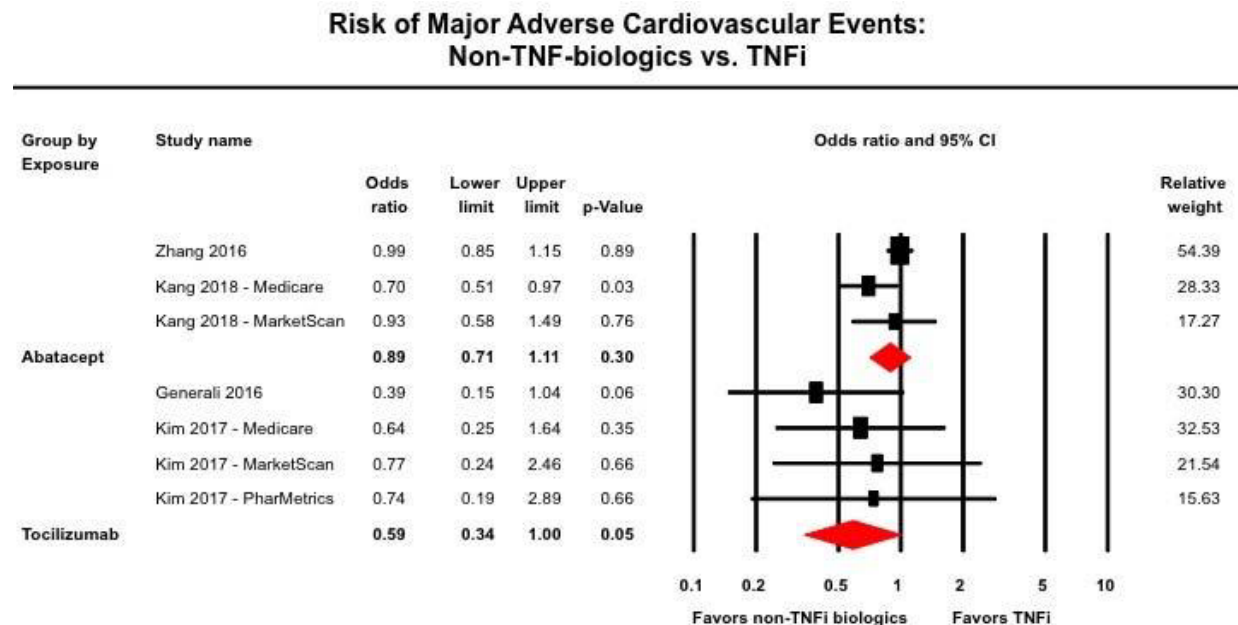
Heterogeneity: $Tau^2=0.17$; $Chi^2=65.48$, $df=15$ ($p<0.00001$); $I^2=77\%$

Test for overall effect: $Z=2.81$ ($p=0.005$)

RA - Cardiovascular risk

Treatment – Tocilizumab

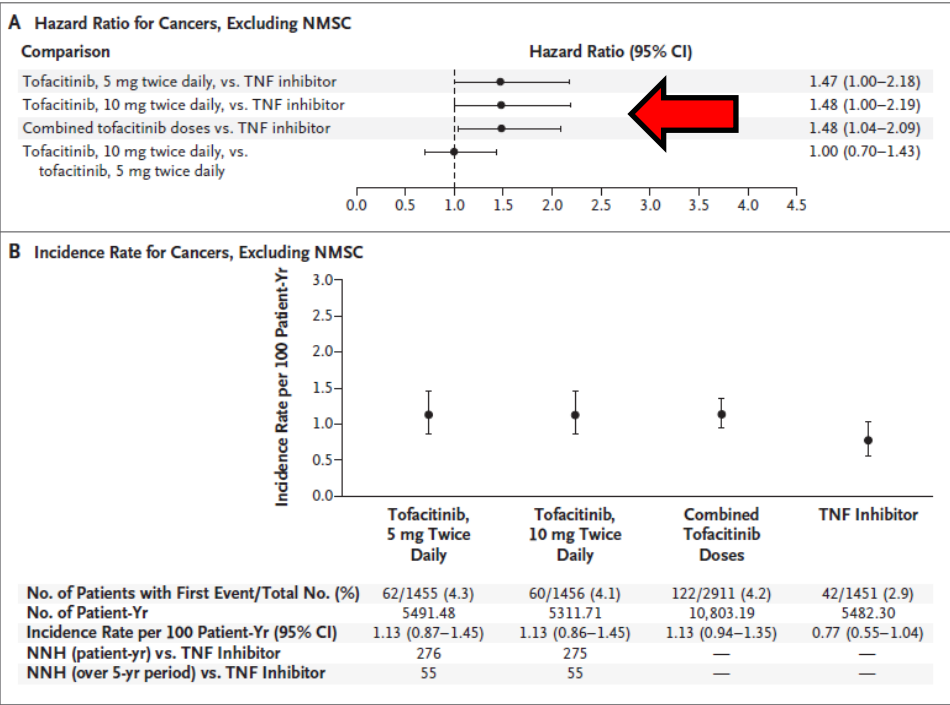
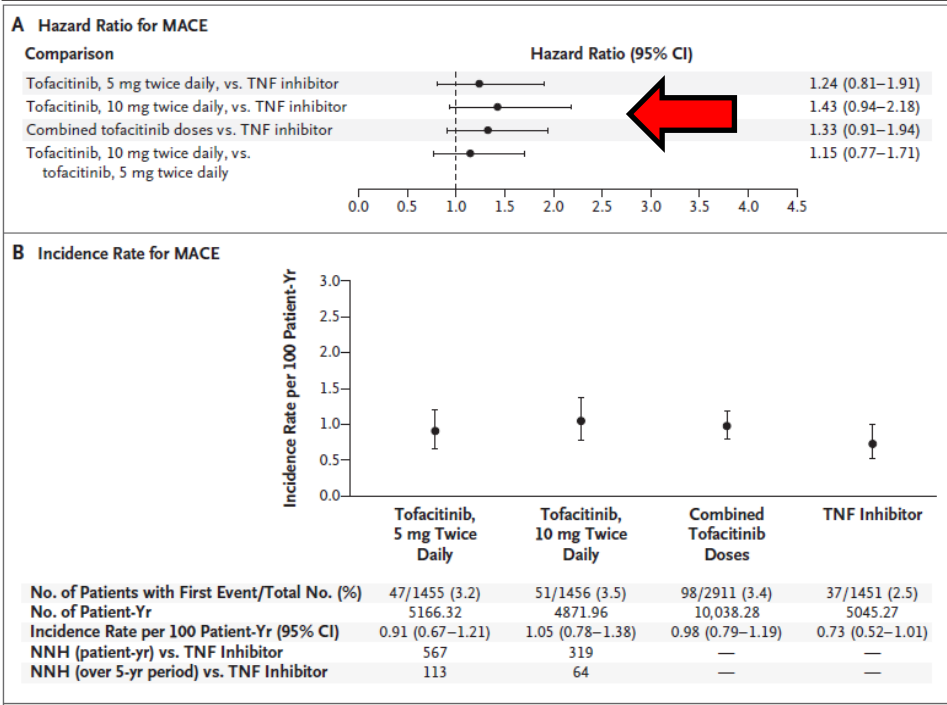
- Medicare and Marketscan
 - ◆ CVD risk for tocilizumab
 - ✿ Similar as abatacept, rituximab and TNF-inhibitors
- SLR and meta-analysis: Tocilizumab ↓ reduced risk of MACE Vs anti-TNF



Oral – surveillance

Tofacitinib and MACE

➔ 4362 patients, median follow-up: 4 years

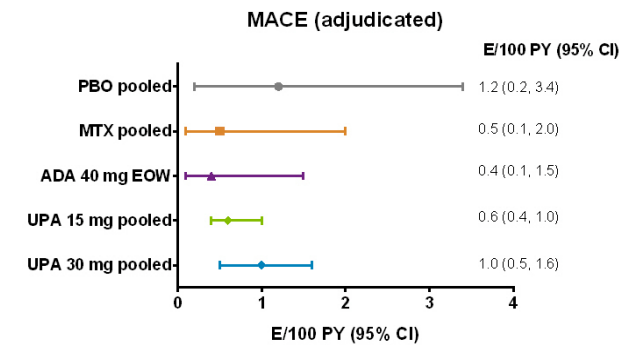


Other JAKs

Thromboembolic

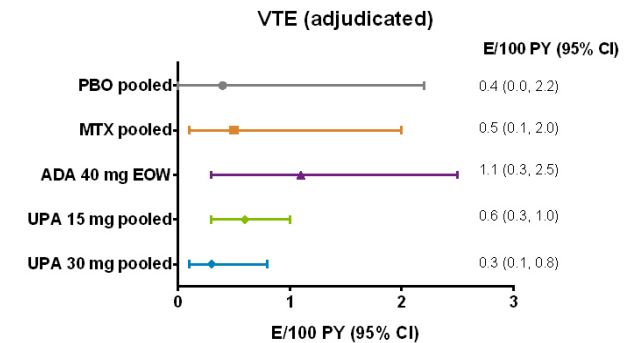
➔ Baricitinib

- ◆ Pooled data from 9 RA studies
- ◆ Numerically more VTE observed in patients who received baricitinib 4mg
 - ✿ 6/997 patients, all of them having other cardiovascular risk factors) compared to placebo (0/1070 patients)
 - ✿ IR of DVT/PE were stable over time



➔ Upadacitinib

- ◆ Integrated analysis of phase III trials and an FDA review
 - ✿ MACE and VTE rates (RA)
 - ✓ Comparable to MTX & Adalimumab



➔ Need to clarify whether this is a class effect

Other JAKs

Thromboembolic...

- ↳ Nationwide (Sweden 2010-2021)
 - ◆ Initiators of a JAKi, a TNFi, or a non-TNFi bDMARD (n=32.737) Vs
 - ◆ General population cohort (1:5) and “overall RA” (n=85 722)
 - ◆ Outcome: VTE, DVT, PE
 - ◆ 559 VTE events, age and sex-matched IR
 - ✱ 5.15/1000py (TNFi)
 - ✱ 11.33/1000py JAKi (**Bari, Tofa**)
 - ✱ 5.86/1000py overall RA
 - ✱ 3.28/1000py in the general population.
 - ◆ The fully adjusted HR JAK Vs TNFi
 - ✱ 1.73 (1.24 to 2.42) VTE
 - ✱ **3.21 (2.11 to 4.88) PE**
 - ✱ 0.83 (0.47 to 1.45) DVT

when restricting the study population to mimic that of ORAL surveillance, the VTE incidence generally increased by some 50% but the HR for JAKi versus TNFi remained largely the same as in our overall analysis



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PsA (PsO) – TNFi

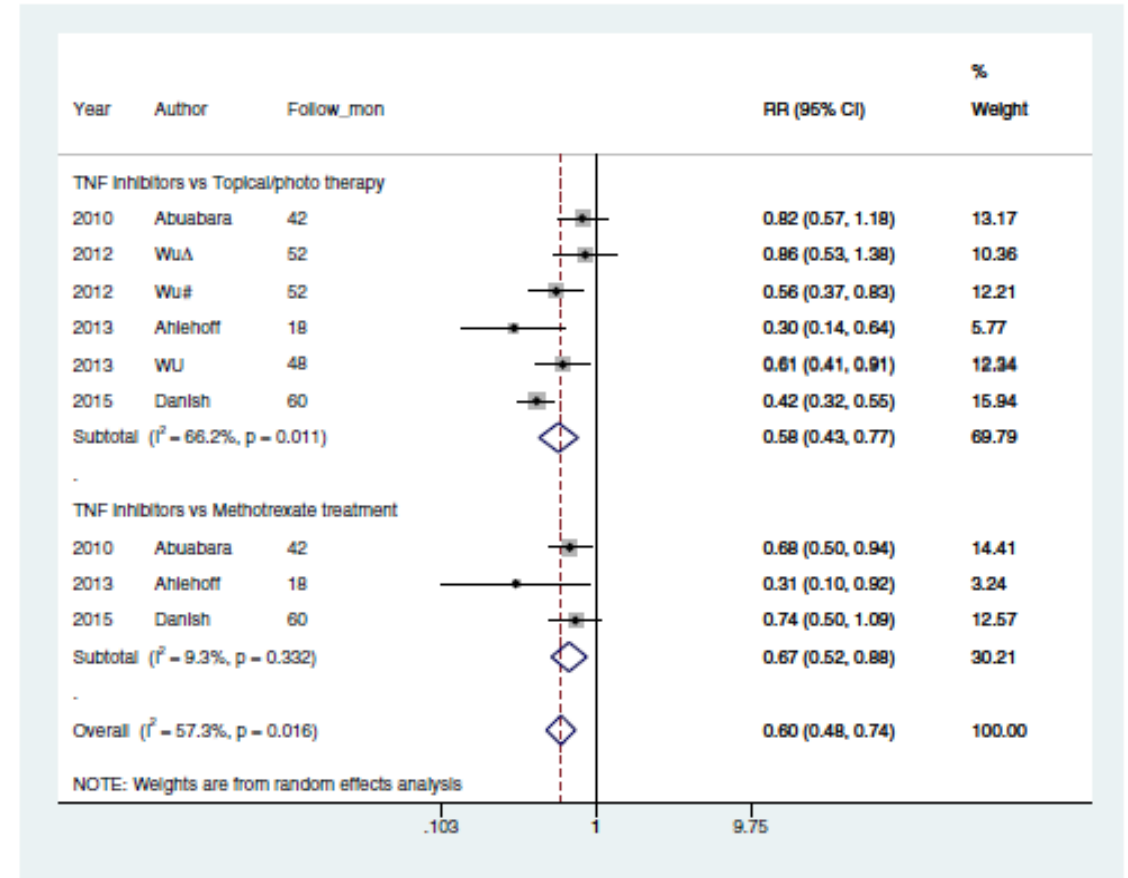
clinical outcomes

➤ Meta-analysis TNFi Vs **topical therapy** (psoriasis)

- ◆ ↓ risk for **all CVD**
(RR, 0.58; 95 % CI, 0.43 to 0.77; P < 0.001)
- ◆ ↓ risk for **MI**
(RR, 0.73; 95 % CI, 0.59 to 0.90; P = 0.003)

➤ Meta-analysis TNFi Vs **MTX**

- ◆ ↓ risk risk for **CVD**
(RR, 0.67; 95 % CI, 0.52 to 0.88; P = 0.003)
- ◆ ↓ risk for **MI**
(RR, 0.65; 95 % CI, 0.48 to 0.89; P = 0.007)



Anti-IL17

Reduces CVD risk?

➤ 150 psoriasis patients

◆ 1:1:1

- Secukinumab

- Cyclosporine

- Methotrexate

◆ Examined

- LV global longitudinal strain, GLS rate (GLSR), GLSR at early diastole, LV twisting, coronary flow reserve, pulse wave velocity and oxidative stress.

➤ Anti-IL-17 Vs MTX Vs Cyclosporine

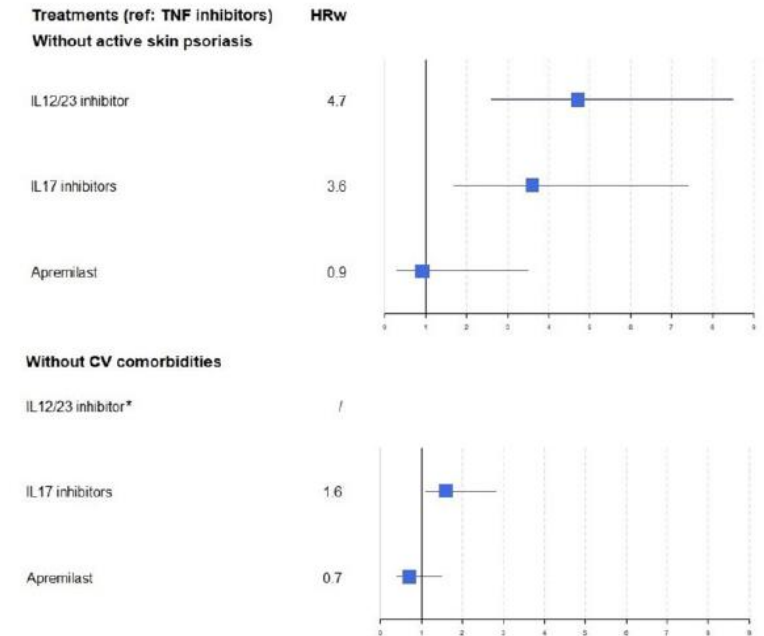
- ◆ Better in a greater improvement of vascular and myocardial function

Anti-IL17

Reduces CVD risk.....or Not??

- **Patients:** PsA
- **Database:** Real-world study, French National Health Insurance (2015-9)
- 9510 **bDMARD** and 1885 **apremilast new users**, without CVD history
- **Primary endpoint:** occurrence of **MACEs**
- Vs TNFi
 - ◆ **IL-12/23:** (HR) **2.0** (95% CI 1.3, 3.0)
 - ◆ **IL-17 inhibitors:** HR: **1.9** (95% CI 1.2, 3.0)
 - ◆ In a sub-analysis in patients without CV risk factors,
 - ✱ MACEs occurred more frequently with IL-17 inhibitors than with TNFi (HR: 1.6, 95% CI 1.1, 2.8)

Fig. 2 Forest plot of risk of major adverse cardiac events by therapeutic drug class in subgroup analyses



*Not available due to the absence of events in this class. HR_w: weighted hazard ratio; CV: cardiovascular.

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Depression Epidemiology

◆ RA (meta-analysis)

◆ Depression: 15%

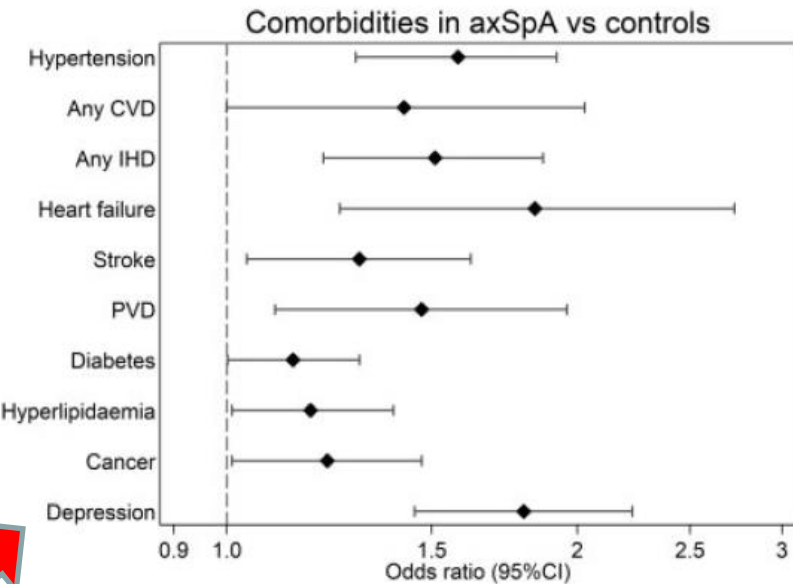
◆ Anxiety: 19%

◆ PSA

◆ Depression: 30%

✓ 3-5 higher than RA

✓ 22% higher than general population



Pooled OR: 1.80

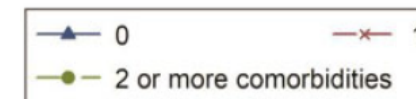
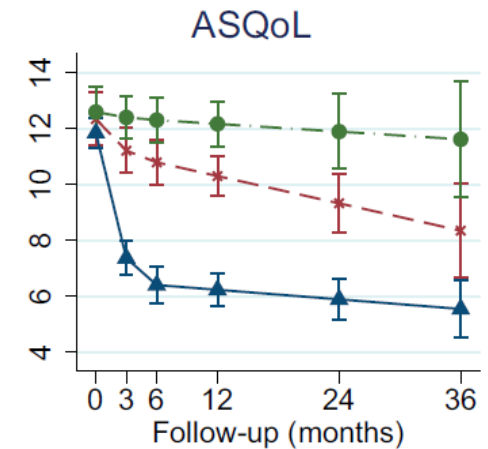
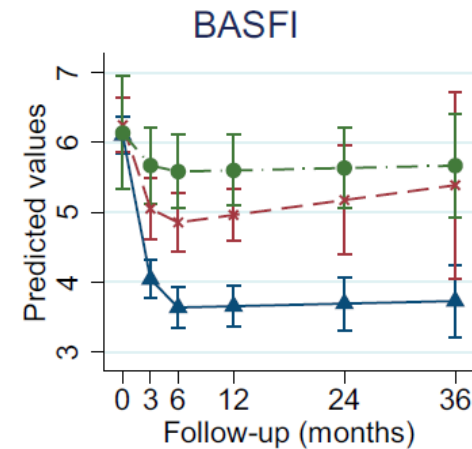
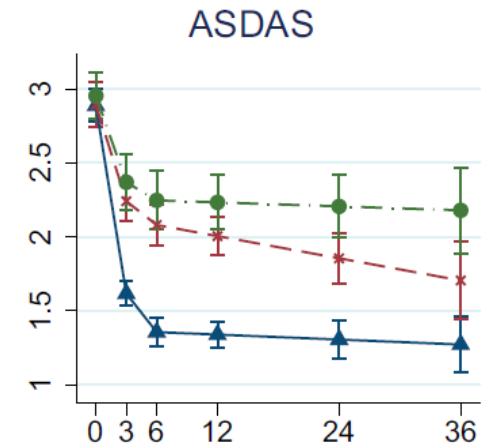
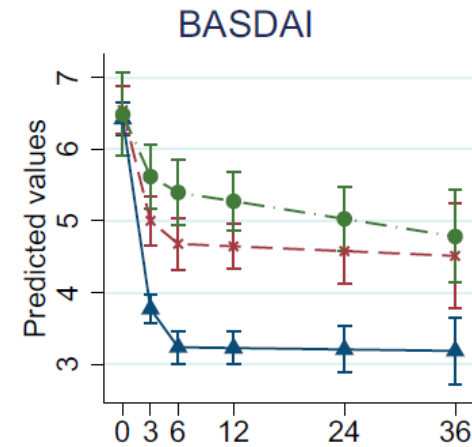
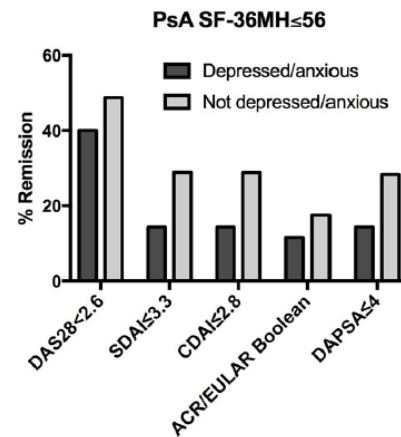
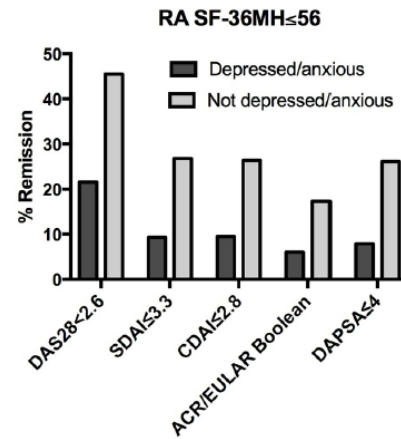
Depression

Why is it important?

Effect on Treatment

Baseline depression and anxiety was associated with adverse outcomes in

- RA
- PsA
- SpA



bDMARDs

...& anti-depressants

- IDIKA database
 - ◆ RA, PsA, SpA who received bDMARDs (8/2016–7/2018)
 - ◆ concomitant antidepressant/anxiolytic medication use was documented
- bDMARD introduction OR switching was associated with use of
 - ◆ antidepressant [OR: 1.24, 1.15 to 1.35] and [OR: 1.50, 1.37 to 1.6]
 - ◆ Anxiolytic [OR: 1.17, 1.09 to 1.26] and [OR: 1.16, 1.07 to 1.26]

*independent of age, gender, underlying disease diagnosis and concomitant glucocorticoid

or csDMARD medication use.

Depression & Inflammation

A bidirectional relationship

➤ In humans

- ◆ Plasma TNF- α correlated significantly with 5-HTT (serotonin transporter-SERT) availability ($\rho=0.6$; $p=0.03$)
- ◆ Etanercept for 6-8weeks
 - ◆ $\downarrow\downarrow$ in 5-HTT availability ($Z=2.09$; $p=0.03$; $r=0.6$) consistent with a functional link (SPECT)
 - ◆ Similar results after 4 weeks with Adalimumab (in arthritis patients)

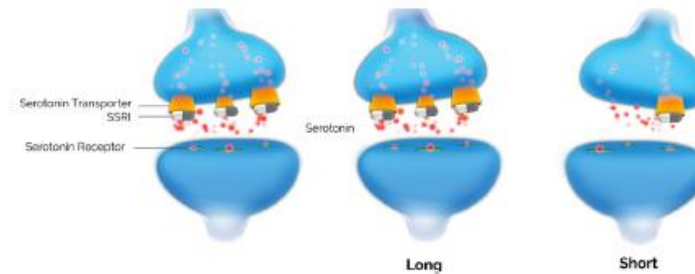


Figure 1: The SLC6A4 5-HTTLPR

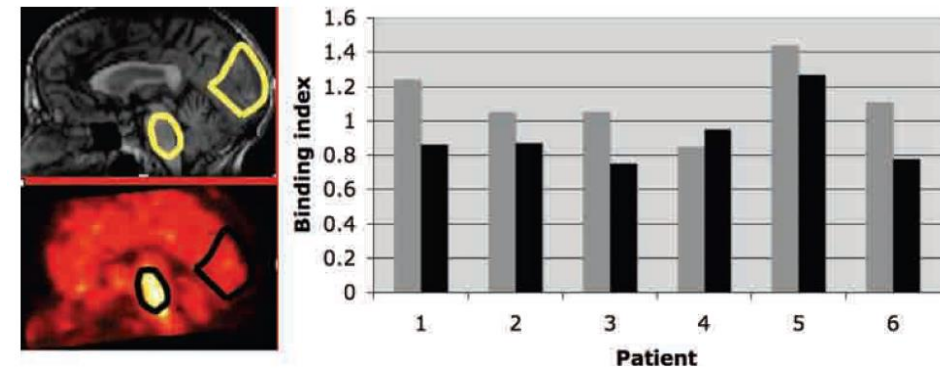
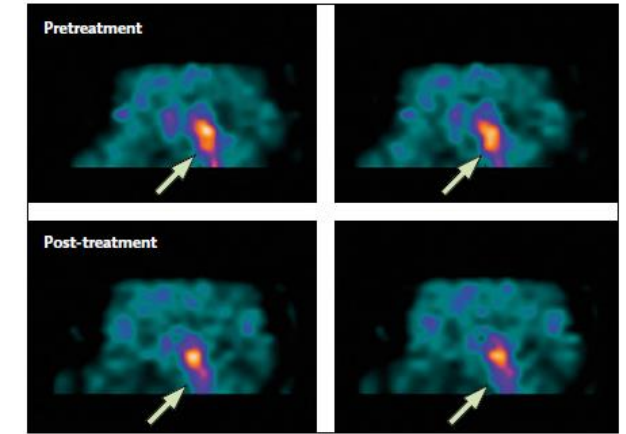


Figure 1 Binding index of β -carbomethoxy-3- β -(4-[123 I]iodophenyl)tropane before (grey) and after (black) 4 weeks on adalimumab.

Depression & Inflammation

A bidirectional relationship

➔ In early RA (n=848)

◆ Close association with CRP

In PsA (n=128)

◆ No association with CRP

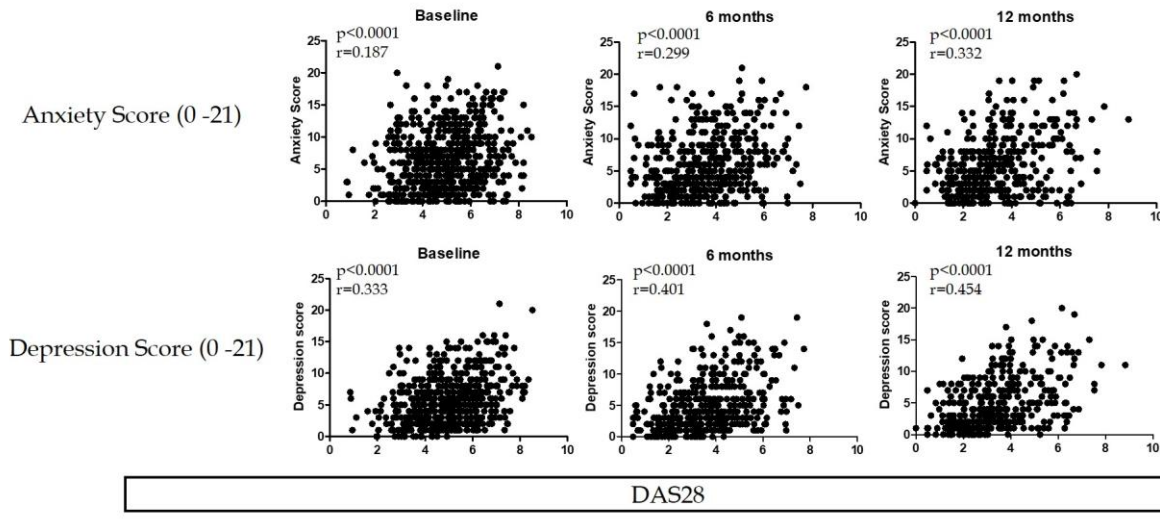


Table IV. Correlation of changes between values at first and second visit, in depression and anxiety scores with respective changes in disease activity parameters.

Variable	Depression score		Anxiety score	
	r	p-value	r	p-value
ESR	0.18	0.132	0.1	0.42
CRP	0.127	0.225	-0.083	0.34
TJC	0.204	0.049	-0.044	0.68
SJC	0.1	0.35	-0.038	0.72
PtG	0.236	0.023	-0.006	0.95
PtP	0.266	0.01	-0.089	0.34
DAPSA	0.286	0.005	-0.035	0.74

Any Differential effect of the various bDMARDs in Mental health disorders?

PsA



Depression in SpA

any drugs differential effect?

➔ Brodalumab

- ◆ pooled safety data from 5 phase 2/3 trials of in PSO (8.891 patient-years)
 - ✿ absence of association with suicidal ideation – behavior
 - ✿ NO Increased depression and anxiety

➔ Apremilast

- ◆ A pooled safety analysis of three Phase 3 RCTs
 - ✿ Rates of depression remained low in apremilast users

Suicidal ideation and behaviour

Suicidal ideation and behaviour, including completed suicide, have been reported in patients treated with brodalumab. The majority of patients with suicidal behaviour had a history of depression and/or suicidal ideation or behaviour. A causal association between treatment with brodalumab and increased risk of suicidal ideation and behaviour has not been established.

The risk and benefit of treatment with brodalumab should be carefully weighed for patients with a history of depression and/or suicidal ideation or behaviour, or for patients who develop such symptoms. Patients, caregivers, and families should be advised of the need to be alert for the emergence or worsening of depression, suicidal ideation, anxiety, or other mood changes, and they should contact their healthcare provider if such events occur. If a patient suffers from new or worsening symptoms of depression and/or suicidal ideation or behaviour is identified, it is recommended to discontinue treatment.

Psychiatric disorders

Apremilast is associated with an increased risk of psychiatric disorders such as insomnia and depression. Instances of suicidal ideation and behaviour, including suicide, have been observed in patients with or without history of depression (see section 4.8). The risks and benefits of starting or continuing treatment with apremilast should be carefully assessed if patients report previous or existing psychiatric symptoms or if concomitant treatment with other medicinal products likely to cause psychiatric events is intended. Patients and caregivers should be instructed to notify the prescriber of any changes in behaviour or mood and of any suicidal ideation. If patients suffered from new or worsening psychiatric symptoms, or suicidal ideation or suicidal attempt is identified, it is recommended to discontinue treatment with apremilast.

Depression in PsA

any data? (Apremilast)

- US MarketScan [PsO (31.274) or PsA (30.426)]
 - ◆ To estimate risk for anxiety and depression (code + prescription)

Apremilast Vs other bDMARDs

- IRs for each outcome were similar between exposure categories
- PsA cohort
 - ◆ ↑↑ Anxiety among users of apremilast
 - ◆ Depression: similar

Depression in PsA

any data? (Ustekinumab)

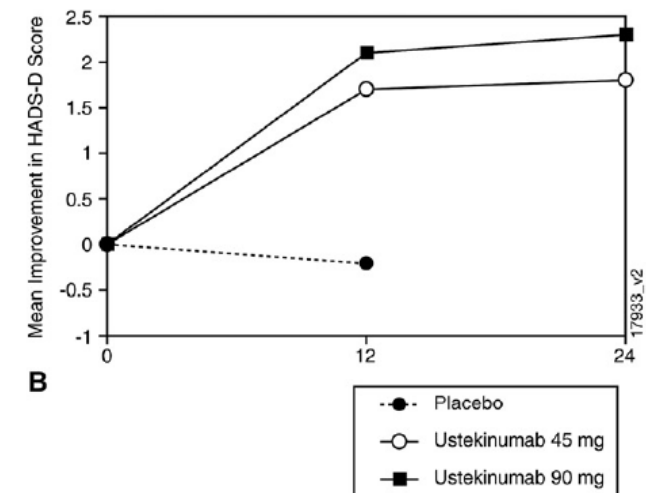
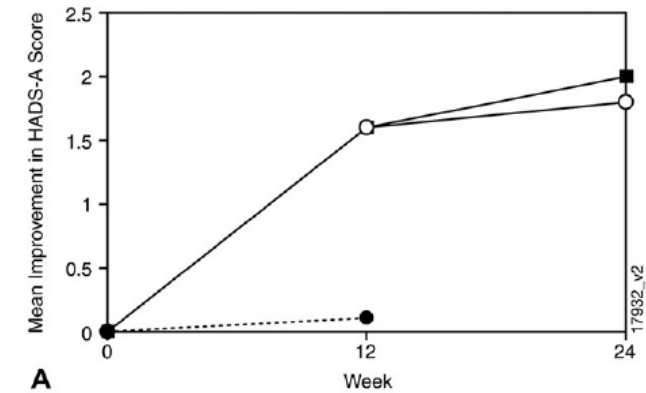
→ Ustekinumab

→ Psoriasis (n = 1230, 1:1:1) 45 mg, 90 mg ustekinumab, PBO

- ◆ Depression: 26.7%
- ◆ Anxiety: 40.3%

→ UST Vs Placebo: ↑ improvement @w12 in

- ◆ Mean HAD-depression (13.9%)
- ◆ Mean HAD-anxiety (29.3%)
- ◆ Association between anxiety/depression improvement and PASI ($r = 0.24$; $P < .0001$) and ($r = 0.32$; $P < .0001$)



Depression in SpA

any drugs differential effect?

➔ Few data

◆ TNF-inhibitors

- * Conflicting data from meta-analyses
 - ✓ Studies specifically examining this issue are lacking

◆ IL-17-inhibitors, JAK-inhibitors

- * No data yet....but an emerging field of research

Outline

- Co-morbidities
 - ◆ What are they?
- SpA/PsA specific
- Comorbidities common in RA/PsA
 - ◆ Cardiovascular risk
 - ◆ Mental health disorders
 - ◆ Infections

bDMARDs

Infections (Tuberculosis)

Table 6. Comparative presentation of active tuberculosis (TB) incidence rates (IR) between different biologic and targeted synthetic DMARDs.

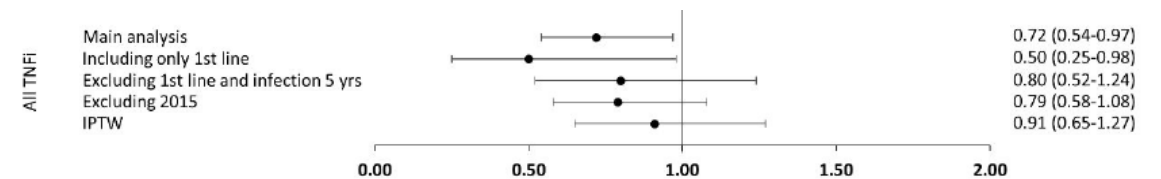
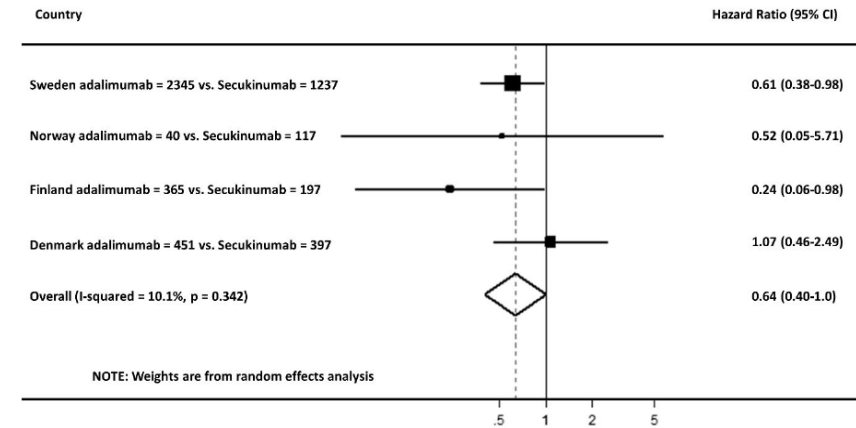
Drug	Disease	Study type	IR [§]	Reference
Infliximab	RA, AS, PsA, PsO, CD, UC	LTE, RLS	52.5–2558.0	Askling <i>et al.</i> ² ; Seong <i>et al.</i> ⁶ ; Wolfe <i>et al.</i> ⁸ ; Dixon <i>et al.</i> ⁹ ; Gomez-Reino <i>et al.</i> ¹⁰ ; Souto <i>et al.</i> ²⁷ ; Tubach <i>et al.</i> ²⁸
Certolizumab	RA	LTE	474.29	Souto <i>et al.</i> ²⁷
Adalimumab	RA, AS, PsA, PsO, CD, UC	LTE, RLS	90.0–215.0	Dixon <i>et al.</i> ⁹ ; Souto <i>et al.</i> ²⁷ ; Tubach <i>et al.</i> ²⁸
Golimumab	RA, AS, PsA	LTE	172.13	Souto <i>et al.</i> ²⁷
Etanercept	RA, AS, PsA, PsO	RLS, LTE	9.3–80.0	Askling <i>et al.</i> ² ; Dixon <i>et al.</i> ⁹ ; Souto <i>et al.</i> ²⁷ ; Tubach <i>et al.</i> ²⁸
Apremilast	PsA, PsO	RCT, LTE, RLS	0.0	Cutolo <i>et al.</i> ³⁵ ; Edwards <i>et al.</i> ³⁶ ; Kavanaugh <i>et al.</i> ³⁷ ; Wells <i>et al.</i> ³⁸ ; Crowley <i>et al.</i> ³⁹ ; Abignano <i>et al.</i> ⁴⁰ ; Favalli <i>et al.</i> ⁴¹
Tofacitinib	RA	RCT, LTE	200.0–210.0	Winthrop <i>et al.</i> ⁴⁷ ; Cohen <i>et al.</i> ⁴⁹
Baricitinib	RA	RCT, LTE	150.0–230.0	Smolen <i>et al.</i> ⁵⁶ ; Chen <i>et al.</i> ⁵⁷
Ustekinumab	PsA, PsO, CD	RCT, LTE, RLS	0.0–22.12	Ghosh <i>et al.</i> ⁷⁶ ; Lopez-Ferrer <i>et al.</i> ⁷⁷ ; Tsai <i>et al.</i> ⁷⁸ ; Hsiao <i>et al.</i> ⁷⁹
Secukinumab	AS, PsA, PsO	RCT, LTE	0.0–5.0	Deodhar <i>et al.</i> ⁹⁵ ; van de Kerkhof <i>et al.</i> ⁹⁶
Ixekizumab	PsA, PsO	RCT	0.0	Mease <i>et al.</i> ⁹⁸ ; Romiti <i>et al.</i> ⁹⁹

Are IL-17 better??

bDMARDs

Serious Infections

- 4 Nordic registries (2015-2018)
- SpA (n=7708) and PsA (n=5760)
 - ◆ starting secukinumab or TNFi
 - ◆ **First-year risk of hospitalized infection was**
 - ✿ SEC: 3.5% (IR 5.0; 3.9-6.3)
 - ✿ ADA: 1.7% (IR 2.3; 1.7-3.0)
 - ✿ Other TNFi: similar to ADA
- This excess risk seemed largely explained by confounding by indication



bDMARDs

Serious Infections

- ➔ Insurance Data - USA (PsA & PSO)
 - ◆ 11,560 new treatment episodes with 190 serious infections (9,264 person-years)
 - ◆ Class-specific IRs
 - ✱ Similar among IL-17 and TNF, yet significantly lower for IL-12/23
 - ◆ In biologic-experienced individuals
 - ✱ no difference in infection risk across TNF, IL-17 or IL-12/23 inhibitors.

	Unadjusted	Adjusted for propensity score and imbalanced covariates
Total cohort		
IL-17 vs TNF	0.86 (0.58 to 1.27)	0.89 (0.48 to 1.66)
IL-12/23 vs TNF	0.55 (0.37 to 0.80)	0.59 (0.39 to 0.90)
IL-17 vs IL-12/23	1.53 (0.94 to 2.51)	1.12 (0.62 to 2.03)
Biologic-naïve		
IL-17 vs TNF	1.45 (0.70 to 3.00)	2.02 (0.94 to 4.33)
IL-12/23 vs TNF	0.41 (0.22 to 0.76)	0.46 (0.23 to 0.89)
IL-17 vs IL-12/23	3.63 (1.44 to 9.12)	3.34 (1.10 to 10.12)
Biologic experienced		
IL-17 vs TNF	0.68 (0.42 to 1.12)	0.72 (0.40 to 1.32)
IL-12/23 vs TNF	0.62 (0.37 to 1.04)	0.72 (0.42 to 1.26)
IL-17 vs IL-12/23	1.05 (0.59 to 1.90)	0.92 (0.49 to 1.74)

Take home messages

- Co-morbidities
 - ◆ Broad term that could include many different conditions
- CVD: common and preventable in IA
- Mental-health: relatively common especially in PsA
 - ◆ Could affect outcomes
 - ◆ Should be considered
- **Differential effect of bDMARDs in these conditions**
 - ◆ **Research still needed**

Thank you a lot for your attention 😊



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