

previous exposure to anti-TNF agents to which they have either been intolerant or found ineffective. More research into drug survival and persistence should be considered as real world data may not reflect RCT results.

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#### AB0759 NEUROPATHIC PAIN PREVALENCE IN PSORIATIC ARTHRITIS AND ITS CORRELATION WITH DISEASE ACTIVITY

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**Background:** Psoriatic arthritis (PsA) is a systemic chronic inflammatory disease associated with psoriasis. Neuropathic pain is defined as pain which is produced by a primary lesion or dysfunction of peripheral or central nervous system.

**Objectives:** The aim of this study is to investigate the neuropathic pain component of chronic joint pain in psoriatic arthritis and to detect its correlation with disease activity and functional capacity.

**Methods:** During the patients' routine outpatient clinic visit, we gain information about patients' demographics. We used Pain Detect questionnaire to detect neuropathic pain component, Visual Analogue Scale for joint pain, Disease Activity Score 28-Joint (DAS28) for disease activity evaluation and Health Assessment Questionnaire (HAQ) for functional capacity evaluation.

**Results:** There were 48 PsA patients and 34 control patients in this study. Mean age was 52 (21–79), mean BMI is 27.5 kg/m<sup>2</sup> (20.8–53) and mean disease duration was 5 year in PsA group. Mean age was 54 (20.8–53), mean BMI was 27.6 kg/m<sup>2</sup> (20.8–53) in control group. Neuropathic pain component was positive in 22.9% of PsA and negative in 45.8% of PsA and unclear in 31.2% of PsA group. In control group, neuropathic pain component was positive in 35.3% of patients and negative in 41.2% of patients and unclear in 23.5% of patients. Mean pain detects score was 13 in PsA and 14 in control group. There was no statistically important difference between the PsA and control group's neuropathic pain prevalence ( $p=0.601$ ) and mean PD score ( $p=0.24$ ). Mean DAS 28 score was 3.5 (1–3.56) and mean HAQ score was 0.65 (0–2.05) in PsA group. There was a statistically important positive correlation between the PD score and HAQ score in PsA patients ( $R=0.460$ ,  $p=0.001$ ). In addition, there was a statistically unimportant positive correlation between the PD score and DAS28 score in PsA patients. There was a statistically unimportant positive correlation between the PD score and HAQ score in control group ( $R=0.411$ ,  $p=0.016$ ).

**Conclusions:** We detected neuropathic pain component in 22.9% of PsA patients but there was no difference between the PsA group and control group. Diagnosis of concomitant neuropathic pain by Pain Detect Questionnaire may be useful for pain management in PsA patients.

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#### AB0760 EFFICACY OF USTEKINUMAB IN A COHORT OF PATIENTS AFFECTED BY PSORIATIC ARTHRITIS IN REAL-LIFE

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**Background:** Psoriatic arthritis (APs) is a chronic inflammatory joint disease, that can be treated effectively with synthetic disease modifying anti-rheumatic drugs (DMARDs) and biological agents. Ustekinumab is a monoclonal antibody that inhibits IL-12 and 23 that has recently demonstrated efficacy and safety for the treatment of patients with APs in the PSUMMIT 1 and PSUMMIT 2 studies.

**Objectives:** To evaluate the efficacy of Ustekinumab in our patients with psoriatic arthritis with peripheral involvement in clinical practice conditions.

**Methods:** Descriptive, prospective, longitudinal and open study including patients diagnosed with psoriatic arthritis with peripheral involvement. All patients were given ustekinumab at an initial dose of 45 mg administered subcutaneously followed by another 45 mg dose 4 weeks later and then every 12 weeks. Clinimetric scores (DAS28, MASES, Pain VAS, Clinicians VAS) were assessed and CRP was measured at baseline and after 6 months of treatment.

**Results:** 52 patients were included, 25 were female (48.1%) and 27 male (51.9%). They had a mean age of 46.96±11.39 years, a disease duration of 5.03±5.08 years, and moderate disease activity (DAS 28 of 3.95±0.87), the number of tender and swollen joints were 6.24±4.9 and 2.82±2.36, respectively. The patients had received an average of 1.42±1.75 biological therapies previously. Ustekinumab was prescribed as a first line treatment in 42.3% of patients, 19% after failure of a TNF inhibitor and 38% of patients had received 2 or more biological therapies

previously. Ustekinumab was administered alone in 51% of the patients, 36.5% in combination with methotrexate and 11.5% in combination with leflunomide. 23.1% of the patients had dactylitis and 36.5% had enthesitis (mean MASES 1.31±0.86). At 6 months of treatment, there were improvements in the number of tender and swollen joints (mean NAD 4.84±6.4 and NAT 2±3.4 at 6 months, respectively) and MASES index (mean at 6 months, 0.35±0.96). 15 patients had completed at least 6 months of treatment. Improvements in DAS28-CRP scores were observed at 6 months of treatment (3.26±1.62), with a mean DAS28 change after 6 months ( $\Delta$ DAS28) of -0.65±1.88. At month 6, 71.4% of the patients had low disease activity, and 35.7% were in clinical remission according to the DAS28 index.

**Conclusions:** Ustekinumab is effective in patients with psoriatic arthritis with peripheral involvement in routine clinical practice.

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#### AB0761 THE BIOLOGIC THERAPY USE FOR ENTHESITIS AS A PREDICTOR OF PSORIATIC ARTHRITIS IN PSORIATIC PATIENTS

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**Background:** According to ACR data 15–20% patients (PTN) with psoriasis are developed with psoriatic arthritis (PsA). Herewith the enthesitis (ETS) as usual is the first signs of PsA manifestations. It is usually asymptomatic at the beginning of the disease, however it is successfully diagnosed with Doppler ultrasound (DU). In average, it takes about 2 years from beginning of the disease till diagnosis PsA is established. PsA treatment is low effective with DMARD, and middle effective with biologic therapy. Wherein no treatment restores the articular changes that have occurred. Thus the actual is to find some resolution to the effective therapy for PTN with psoriasis and also to identify the factors preceding the development of the PsA.

**Objectives:** Consider the application of biologic therapy before the articular changes in PTN with psoriasis and predictors of psoriatic arthritis.

**Methods:** Observed 82 PTN with pustular psoriasis without clinical manifestations of PsA. A physical examination (including PASI), a series of laboratory tests (hematology, CRP, RF, anti-ccp, HLA-B27, uric acid), DU to identify the PsA, its activity, as well as to the exclusion of other types of arthritis were used.

**Results:** 3.7% PTN were diagnosed with PsA with articular changes. 23.1% PTN were founded with enthesitis. The remaining 73.2% PTN had no signs of enthesitis during physical examination and DU. PTN with enthesitis were divided into 2 groups. I – 47% PTN (22% of them had clinical manifestations of enthesitis; the average group PASI– 42,4±8,2) received a 52-weeks course of ustekinumab (45 mg administered subcutaneously initially and 4 weeks later, followed by 45 mg administered subcutaneously every 12 weeks). II group – 53% people (20% PTN had clinical manifestations of enthesitis; the average group PASI– 43,6±9,0) did not receive biological therapy, but only standart treatment for psoriasis. After 1 year follow-up after completion of the treatment course – 11% PTN from group I developed PsA with articular changes. From the group II in 80% PTN developed PsA with articular changes. The average group I PASI– 7,6±1,5; the average group PASI– 6,2±1,3. ( $p < 0,05$ )

**Conclusions:** Thus, the ustekinumab use in psoriatic PTN with enthesitis possibly may be reasonable and will hinder the development of PsA. Ustekinumab is also high effective for the improving of the psoriasis skin symptoms.

DU is the high effective diagnostic method for detecting enthesitis without clinical manifestations.

Frequency of screening DU in PTN with psoriasis, for the early detection of enthesitis is the perspective for further study.

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#### AB0762 THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN SERUM PENTRAXIN-3 LEVELS, CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE RISK AND DISEASE ACTIVITY IN PSORIATIC ARTHRITIS PATIENTS

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**Background:** Psoriatic arthritis (PsA) is an immune-mediated disease affecting skin, joints, entheses, spine, and the vasculature [1,2]. Increased inflammatory mediators are held responsible for impacts on the skin and musculoskeletal system as well as comorbid situations including cardiovascular disease (CVD) and metabolic syndrome [3]. PTX 3 is an acute phase reactant that has prognostic value for rheumatoid arthritis (RA), vasculitis, and psoriasis that also stands out as a novel biomarker for CVD in new researches [4].