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was more common in women with RA, but did not differ significantly between pregnancies prior to and after RA diagnosis.

A total of 41% of the post-RA pregnancies had an adverse pregnancy outcome (miscarriage, preterm delivery, or infant abnormality), compared to 13% of pre-RA pregnancies (p=0.01) and 20% of control pregnancies (p=0.01).

	Pregnancies in Healthy Controls	Pregnancies in women with RA	Pregnancies prior to RA	Pregnancies after RA
Number of Pregnancies	99	76	32	44
Live Births	53 (54%)	51 (67%)	20 (63%)	31 (70%)
Spontaneous Abortion	13 (13%)	15 (20%)	4 (13%)	11 (25%)
Ectopic Pregnancies	3 (3%)	3 (4%)	2 (6%)	1 (2%)
Elective Termination	30 (30%)	7 (9%)†	6 (19%)	1 (2%)
Preterm Birth	6/53 (11%)	5/51 (10%)	0	5/31 (16%)
Preeclampsia	1/53 (2%)	9/51 (18%)†	5/20 (25%)	4/31 (13%)
C-section	14/52 (27%)	15/51 (29%)	7/20 (35%)	8/31 (26%)
Abnormal Infant	3/54 (6%)*	3/51 (6%)	0	3/31 (10%)
Adverse Pregnancy Outcome	20 (20%)	22 (29%)	4 (13%)	18 (41%)‡

^{*}one twin pregnancy in controls

Conclusions: Women with RA, overall, had similar rates of miscarriage, stillbirth, and ectopic pregnancy compared to healthy women, but pregnancies that occurred after RA diagnosis had higher rates of these adverse outcomes. More pregnancies in women with RA were planned, leading to a lower rate of elective termination

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SAT0120 EVALUATION OF THE RISK OF OVERALL MALIGNANCY AND MALIGNANT LYMPHOMA WITH METHOTREXATE AND **BIOLOGICAL AGENTS IN PATIENTS WITH RHEUMATOID** ARTHRITIS BASED ON THE IORRA COHORT DURING A 14-YEAR OBSERVATION PERIOD

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Background: While dramatic progress has been made in this decade with treatments for rheumatoid arthritis (RA), such as methotrexate (MTX) and biological agents, concern about the safety, including the occurrence of malignancy, of these highly effective drugs still exists in daily clinical practice. There has not been an evident association between the use of biological agents and the occurrence of malignancy in most reports from clinical trials¹ and observational studies². although MTX use might be associated with the development of malignant lymphoma, called MTX-associated lymphoproliferative disorder³, in patients with RA. In an analysis of risk factors for overall and site-specific malignancies in Japanese patients with RA, higher disease activity was identified to be a risk factor for overall malignancies (hazard ratio [HR] 1.10, 95% CI 1.02-1.19), suggesting that tight control of RA disease activity would reduce the occurrence of malignancies in patients with RA⁴. However, the risk of malignancies with RA treatments including MTX and biological agents was not assessed in that analysis.

Objectives: We investigated the association between the occurrence of malignancies (overall and malignant lymphoma) and drug use (MTX and biological agents) in a large observational cohort of Japanese patients with RA over a long-term period.

Methods: Among Japanese patients with RA enrolled in the Institute of Rheumatology, Rheumatoid Arthritis (IORRA) cohort from April 2000 to September 2013, data for all malignancies were extracted from patients' self-reports and confirmed by medical records. Data for malignancies occurring in patients who dropped out of the IORRA study during the subsequent three months were also collected from medical information from affiliated hospitals. We analysed whether MTX and biological agents were risk factors for overall malignancy and malignant lymphoma using a marginal structural Cox proportional hazards model⁵ adjusted for age, gender, smoking history, body mass index, RA disease duration, rheumatoid factor positivity and disease activity (28-joint disease activity score).

Results: Among 11,106 Japanese patients with RA representing 68,483 personyears, 507 overall malignancies, including 68 malignant lymphomas, were confirmed. Neither MTX nor biological agent use was a significant risk factor for overall malignancy, with an HR (95% CI) of 1.18 (0.77–1.81) and 1.01 (0.65–1.57). respectively, or for malignant lymphoma, with an HR (95% CI) of 1.17 (0.55-2.48) and 1.26 (0.43-3.64), respectively.

Conclusions: The use of MTX and biological agents was not significantly associated with the occurrence of overall malignancy or malignant lymphoma during long-term longitudinal observation of Japanese patients with RA.

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SAT0121 COMORBITIES AND DISEASE ACTIVITY ARE RELEVANT FOR FUNCTIONAL DISABILITY IN RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS

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Background: Health status in rheumatoid arthritis (RA), as measured by Health Assessment Questionnaire - Disability Index (HAQ-DI), has been established as a relevant quantitative measure to assess and monitor the disease (1). Current RA therapy has shown improvement in patient-reported outcomes, but more data on specific factors influencing health status are needed (2).

Objectives: To assess the relationship between functional disability and clinical factors in patients with RA, using the HAQ score.

Methods: Cross-sectional study in patients with RA according to the ACR classification criteria from three Brazilian University Hospitals. Demographic and comprehensive clinical data, including components of metabolic profile were collected. Blood pressure, weight and height were determined in the assessment visit and recent laboratory data were assessed from medical records. Disease activity was evaluated by the Disease Activity Score in 28 joints (DAS28) and functional disability was assessed by the HAQ-DI, considering an index>0.5 as disability. All analyses were performed using Stata for MAC 12.0 software. Variables that achieved a p-value < 0.3 in the univariate analysis were considered as candidates to take part of a multivariate binomial logistic model, and in this model, variables were considered as statistically significant at the 0.05 significance level (3).

Results: 453 patients were included, 380 (83.9%) women, mean age 55.7 (±12) years, 356 (79.1%) Caucasian, and mean disease duration of 13.3 (±9) years. Methotrexate were used by 73.5% of the sample. Mean DAS28 was 3.9 (±1.4), mean HAQ score was 1.11 (±0.77), and 23.9% of the patients had HAQ score>0.5. Dyslipidemia, diabetes mellitus (DM), high blood pressure (HBP) and family history of premature cardiovascular disease occurred in 28.6%, 12.8%, 51% and 21.4% of the patients, respectively. Mean body mass index (BMI) was 27.1 (±4.9) kg/m². In multivariate analysis age, DAS28, tobacco use, and diabetes mellitus were independently associated with HAQ>0.5 (TABLE 1).

Table 1. Association between clinical parameters, disease activity, and functional disability (HAQ >0.5)

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Parameters	OR (IC95%)	р			
Age	1.01 (1.01;1.03)	< 0.001			
DAS28	2.74 (1.69;4,45)	< 0.001			
Tobacco use	1.37 (1.06;1.77)	0.016			
Diabetes Mellitus	1.83 (1.82;1.83)	< 0.001			

DAS28 - disease activity score in 28 joints; BMI - body mass index; OR - odds ratio.

Conclusions: Our results depicted that distinct factors could reflect in the functional status response in RA patients. This is relevant since it may influence the clinicaly important difference when evaluating the HAQ response in populations with diverse cultural features and different comorbidities prevalence

[†]p<0.05, controls vs. RA pregnancies

[‡]p<0.05, pre- vs. post-RA pregnancies

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SAT0122 WHICH MULTIMORBID CONDITIONS ARE MORE PREVALENT AROUND THE TIME OF EARLY RA DIAGNOSIS AND HAVE THE **GREATEST IMPACT ON TRAJECTORIES OF DISEASE ACTIVITY IN THE FIRST YEAR? RESULTS FROM THE CANADIAN EARLY ARTHRITIS COHORT**

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Background: Multimorbidity (MM) is highly prevalent in early RA (ERA), and higher counts of conditions are associated with poorer disease control1. It is important to understand the number of, and which specific conditions most affect disease presentation, early therapies and disease activity over time.

Objectives: To estimate the prevalence of MM conditions at the time of ERA diagnosis and associations with ERA clinical characteristics, early treatment, and trajectory of disease activity in the 1st year of follow up.

Methods: Data were from ERA patients (<1-year of symptoms) enrolled in CATCH (Canadian Early Arthritis Cohort) who met 1987 or 2010 RA criteria, and had at least two DAS28 measures in the first year. We examined baseline prevalence of: 1) cardiovascular disease (CVD), 2) diabetes, 3) cancer, 4) pulmonary disease, 5) bowel disease, 6) other rheumatic diseases, and 7) psoriasis, obtained from patient-reports of physician-diagnosed medical conditions, 8) obesity (BMI≥30), and 9) depressive symptoms (RAND-12 <42). We compared baseline demographic and clinical characteristics in ERA + each condition vs. ERA alone. We estimated adjusted effects of each condition on early use of RA therapies with logistic regression and adjusted effects of each condition on DAS28 trajectory over the first year of follow up with linear growth models.

Results: The sample included 1,595 patients, 1153 (72%) were female, with a mean (sd) age of 54 (15) years and 6 (3) months of symptoms. At baseline 1,434 (92%) were treated with conventional DMARDs (mostly methotrexate (76%)) and 33 (2%) with a biologic. More than 70% of ERA patients reported at least one MM, and over 30% reported 2+ MMs. Patients with MM were often older and had higher disease activity at baseline, with variations by condition. Patients with RA+CVD or depressive symptoms had a 60% and 90% higher adjusted odds of baseline steroid use, respectively (p<.001). In fully adjusted growth models, relative to patients with ERA only, patients with: a) diabetes, other rheumatic diseases or depressive symptoms had higher baseline DAS28 scores and less improvement over time, b) pulmonary disease, bowel disease, psoriasis or obesity had similar baseline DAS28 scores but less improvement over time; and c) CVD or cancer had higher baseline DAS28 scores but similar improvement over time

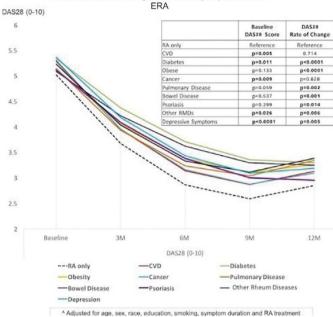
Conclusions: Multimorbidity is common in ERA patients seen in routine practice and associated with higher disease activity at baseline, less improvement over time, or both, and a greater likelihood of prescribing steroids for certain conditions. Integrating MM in to current RA care strategies may help achieve better patient outcomes.

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Adjusted[^] effects of multimorbid conditions on trajectory of DAS28 over the first year of follow up in patients with



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SAT0123 MULTIDIMENSIONAL EVALUATION OF PAIN IN RHEUMATOID

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Background: Although pain in rheumatoid arthritis (RA) is frequently thought to be inflammatory in nature, some studies reported clinically significant pain despite relatively low rheumatoid arthritis (RA) disease activity. Less than 50% of patients are satisfied by the management of pain.

Objectives: to report a recent multidimensional evaluation of pain in a large RA population.

Methods: Patients with RA were enrolled in 7 French Rheumatology Centers during a visit or a hospitalization in a transversal observational study. Sociodemographic data, previous and prescribed medications, disease duration, immunologic status, DAS28 score were assessed. Patients completed the multidimensional pain questionnaire from french health autority, the health assessment questionnaire (HAQ), the Beck depression scale and the anxiety scale STAI. Joint damage was evaluated by a simple erosion narrowing score.

Results: Of the 299 screened patients, 295 were included with a mean age of 58.4 ± 11.7 years, 80.3% of female, a mean disease duration of 13.2 ± 9.6 years, positivity of rheumatoid factors in 76.4%, anti-citrullin antibodies in 74% of cases. Concerning medications, 42.7% were treated by corticoids (mean dose=6.4 mg/d), 66% by analgesic drugs (64.1% with acetaminophen, 45.6% weak opioids, 7.1% strong opioids) and 24.4% with NSAIDs. The RA treatments were DMARDs in 69.1% and biotherapies in 82.7% of cases. The mean DAS-28 score was 3.1±1.3 with 38.7% of patients in remission and 15.4% in low disease activity. The verbal scale for satisfaction about pain management showed that a third of patients was very satisfied, the half satisfied, 16% weakly or not satisfied. The mean pain visual analogic scale (VAS) for the last 8 days was 33.6 mm ±26.5/100. 39% of patients had a pain VAS >40 mm/100. The Beck scale showed a moderate to severe depression in 34,3% of patients. Anxiety was present in 57.5%. The impacts of pain on daily behaviors were more important on work. The pain VAS for the 8 days was correlated with the score of depression et with the DAS-28 score (p<0.0001). The population with a pain VAS >40 mm had a significant more important Beck score, anxiety score, HAQ, DAS-28 score and had more impacts of pain on daily behaviors There was no association between pain and structural damage and disease duration. There was no difference between the populations with VAS>40 or <40 mm in terms of IL-6, IL-17 and IL-33 serum levels. The multidimensional evaluation of pain wasn't different between treatement groups (DMARDs, biotherapies) and between the different biotherapies. Multivariate analysis with principal component analysis