assumptions with respect to scale interpretation and statistical analyses.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Racial variation in rheumatoid arthritis

MacGregor and colleagues reported a lower prevalence of rheumatoid arthritis in black Caribbeans than in white subjects in Manchester. There are grounds for supposing that one cause of RA is local environmental factors. It has been reported that in the USA, black males have significantly higher testosterone levels than white males. A similar difference has been reported in the USA between (pregnant) black and white females. It seems likely that part of this racial variation of testosterone levels is not genetic. Meanwhile, it would be interesting to know whether there is racial variation in testosterone level in this country.

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Correction

Association of hand and knee osteoarthritis: evidence for a polymyocardial disease subset

Hirsch et al (Ann Rheum Dis 1996; 55:25-29) The publishers and typesetters apologise to the authors for errors that led to publication of a version of figure 3 that omitted point estimates shown in the original (below).