

Response to: 'Remission in SLE: the duration depends on multiple factors, including the definition' by Doria *et al*

We thank Doria *et al*¹ for their critical appraisal of our recent publication 'Remission in systemic lupus erythematosus: durable remission is rare'.²

We agree that there are multiple ways to study the durability of remission including the longest period, or, preferably the per cent time in remission since diagnosis.

We left this (and the correlation with outcome parameters) for future work.

Theresa R Wilhelm,^{1,2} Laurence S Magder,³ Michelle Petri⁴

¹Department of Rheumatology, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, Baltimore, USA

²Videncenter for Reumatologi og Rygsygdomme, Rigshospitalet Glostrup, Glostrup, Denmark

³Department of Epidemiology and Public Health, University of Maryland, Baltimore, USA

⁴Department of Rheumatology, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, Baltimore, USA

Correspondence to Theresa R Wilhelm, Videncenter for Reumatologi og Rygsygdomme, Rigshospitalet Glostrup, Nordre Ringvej 57, 2600 Glostrup, Denmark; theresa.rita.wilhelm@regionh.dk

Competing interests None.

Provenance and peer review Commissioned; internally peer reviewed.



CrossMark

To cite Wilhelm TR, Magder LS, Petri M. *Ann Rheum Dis* 2016;**75**:e78.

Accepted 5 October 2016

Published Online First 25 October 2016



► <http://dx.doi.org/10.1136/annrheumdis-2016-210502>

Ann Rheum Dis 2016;**75**:e78. doi:10.1136/annrheumdis-2016-210564

REFERENCES

- 1 Doria A, Zen M, Iaccarino L. Remission in SLE: the duration depends on multiple factors, including the definition. *Ann Rheum Dis* 2016;**75**:e77.
- 2 Wilhelm TR, Magder LS, Petri M. Remission in systemic lupus erythematosus: durable remission is rare. *Ann Rheum Dis* 2016; Published Online First: 24 Aug 2016. doi:10.1136/annrheumdis-2016-209489