Abstract SAT0306 – Figure 1. The increased thickness and the presence of Doppler signals in the A1 pulley in a digit with dactylitis in longitudinal (A and B) and transverse (C and D)

Results: Half of the A1 pulleys with dactylitic digits had Doppler signals (10/20, 50%), which was less common in A2 (6/20 (30%)) and A4 pulleys (6/20 (30%)) (figure). The digits without dactylitis had Doppler signals less frequently (A1: 1/19 (5%); A2: 1/19 (5%) A4: 1/19 (5%))

A1, A2 and A4 pulleys were significantly thicker in dactylitis fingers compared to fingers without dactylitis, both in longitudinal and transverse planes (table 1).

Conclusions: This study demonstrates that pulleys contribute to the pathogenesis of dactylitis with increased vascularity and thickening, probably due to the micro-enthesitis at the level where the flexor tendons are exposed to high mechanical stress. This is important to understand the anatomical basis of a complex disease feature in PsA, dactylitis

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SAT0307

IMPACT OF THE MODIFIED RHEUMATIC DISEASE COMORBIDITY INDEX (mRDCI) ON DRUG SURVIVAL OF FIRST LINE ANTI-TNF α DRUGS IN PATIENTS AFFECTED WITH PSORIATIC ARTHRITIS IN REAL LIFE SETTING

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Background: Psoriatic Arthritis (PsA) is a chronic condition resulting in significant physical disability and, in many cases, accelerated mortality. Studies have shown that patients with PsA suffer also from associated comorbidities, including cardiovascular diseases, obesity and metabolic syndrome, diabetes, osteoporosis, malignancy and depression; these could also play a role in determining discontinuation from therapy, especially if anti-TNF α drugs are prescribed.

Objectives: Our study's goal is to demonstrate the impact of comorbidities on drug survival of first line anti-TNF α treatment in a cohort of patients affected with PsA.

Methods: We retrospectively assessed 208 patients, (136 female, 72 male) mean age ($\pm$ SD) 51.35 $\pm$ 12.34 years, fulfilling the CASPAR criteria for PsA who underwent first line anti-TNF α therapy in two centres for a mean duration of 23.34 $\pm$ 15.50, from 2011 to 2016. Disease characteristics were registered at first entry. To evaluate the burden of comorbidities we used the modified Rheumatic Disease Comorbidity Index (mRDCI),¹ a validated score including lung illnesses, cardiovascular diseases, stroke, hypertension, gastrointestinal disorders, diabetes, fractures, depression, obesity, kidney diseases and cancer. The mRDCI was scored at baseline as well. Drug retention was analysed using Kaplan-Meier curves. Cox regression models were used to estimate the inference of mRDCI and several disease characteristics on drug discontinuation. Goodness of fit of the final model was assessed comparing Cox-Snell residuals to Nelson-Alen cumulative hazard function.

Results: Drug persistence in first line therapy was significantly higher in patients with mRDCI <4 (70.43%) than in those with mRDCI $\geq$ 4 (45.45%). Compared to mRDCI $\geq$ 4, those with mRDCI <4 showed significantly higher drug survival rate ($p=0.018$). Multivariate Cox model showed that mRDCI $\geq$ 4 (HR 1.94) and female gender (HR 2.39) were strong predictors of drug discontinuation. Nelson-Alen hazard function followed very closely Cox-Snell residuals showed final model fitted well the data except for large values of time.

Abstract SAT0307 – Figure 1. Drug survival in first-line anti-TNF α treatment assessed by Kaplan-Meier and comparison among patients with mRDCI <4 and mRDCI $\geq$ 4.

Abstract SAT0307 – Figure 2. Nelson-Alen Hazard function and Cox-Snell residual

Conclusions: This study shows that an high mRDCI at baseline negatively impacts the persistence on first line anti-TNF α treatment in patients affected with PsA in real life setting; hence Rheumatologists should take into account comorbidities in the management of PsA and in administering anti-TNF α therapy as these may condition the persistence on therapy.

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PROSPECTIVE OBSERVATIONAL STUDY ON OCULAR INVOLVEMENT IN PATIENTS AFFECTED BY MODERATE TO SEVERE PSORIATIC ARTHRITIS

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Background: Psoriatic Arthritis (PsA) is a chronic inflammatory arthritis typically often associated to several comorbidities. The presence of eye involvement in terms of uveitis is well known in PsA patients while retinal abnormalities and dry eye need to be characterised

Objectives: The aim of the study was to analyse subclinical retinal abnormalities and dry eye in a cohort of PsA patients who were naïve to biologic treatments

Methods: In a prospective cross-sectional study, consecutive PsA patients without clinical eye involvement were enrolled (time frame January 2017-December 2017). Joint disease activity and ESR and CRP were measured. Functional and morphological eye assessment included: complete ophthalmological examination, ocular surface disease index (OSDI), Schirmer test, BUT, spectral-domain optical coherence tomography (SD-OCT), standard automated perimetry (SAP, measured as mean defect – MD – and pattern standard deviation – PSD), and fundus perimetry (FP). Data were compared to findings from the eyes of 24 age/sex matched healthy controls (HC).

Results: A total of 58 eyes from 29 PsA patients (21 women and 8 men; age 52.7 $\pm$ 13.3 years) and 48 eyes from HC (14 women and 10 men; age 47.6 $\pm$ 15 years) were evaluated.

Overall, most of the PsA patients showed a normal Schirmer test, with the exclusion of three patients (10.3%). PsA patients showed abnormal OSDI in 55.2% and lower BUT in compared to HC ($p<0.001$, Fig.1A). ESR resulted positively correlated with OSDI ($p<0.001$, $r=0.6$, Fig.1B), and negatively related with Schirmer test ($p=0.005$, $r=-0.5$, Fig.1C) and BUT ($p=0.04$, $r=-0.4$, Fig.1D). In the PsA group, SAP tests showed a lower MD ($p<0.0001$) and a higher PSD ($p=0.0043$) in