(RR:1.82, 95% CI:1.08–2.98), diseases of the musculoskeletal system and connective tissue (RR:1.49, 95% CI:1.05–2.05), and for injuries and poisoning (RR:1.46, 95% CI:1.01–2.06). While not significantly increased overall, hospitalizations for diseases of the circulatory system were significantly increased in patients with pSS aged ≥ 75 years (RR:1.54, 95% CI: 1.11–2.11).

Conclusions: Patients with pSS experienced higher rates of hospitalisation than the general population. Hospitalizations for endocrine/metabolic disorders, diseases of the circulatory system, diseases of the musculoskeletal system and connective tissue disorders, and injuries were more common among patients with pSS than comparators.

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ASSOCIATIONS BETWEEN ANTIBIOTICS FOR NON-TUBERCULOUS MYCOBACTERIAL INFECTION AND INCIDENT SJÖGREN'S SYNDROME: A NATIONWIDE, POPULATION-BASED CASE-CONTROL STUDY

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Background: We recently reported an association between Sjögren's syndrome (SS) and prior nontuberculous mycobacterial (NTM) infection which was defined as having a diagnosis of NTM with concurrent combinational antibiotics therapy for NTM infection. However, whether the increased risk of SS was attributed to NTM infection or antibiotics used to treatment NTM infection was unknown.

Objectives: To address the association between use of antibiotics which can be used to treat NTM infection and the risk of newly diagnosed SS.

Methods: Using a nationwide, population-based, claims dataset, 5751 newly diagnosed SS were identified, and we further excluded those ($n=198$) having a history of confirmed or suspected mycobacterial infection to avoid the confounding effect of NTM infection-associated incident SS as we previously identified. A total of 5,553 SS cases were enrolled and compared them with 83 295 non-SS controls matched (1:15) for age, sex, and their year of first SS diagnosis date. The association between the risk of incident SS and antibiotics was determined by calculating odds ratios (ORs) with 95% confidence intervals (CIs) using conditional logistic regression analysis.

Results: After adjusting for potential confounders, the risk of SS was increased in patients treated with new macrolides (aOR 1.95, 95% CI 1.80–2.11), fluoroquinolones (aOR 1.52, 95% CI 1.41–1.64), and tetracyclines (aOR 1.69, 95% CI 1.59–1.79) compared with those in non-SS controls after adjusting for CCI, bronchiectasis and *Helicobacter pylori* infection. Notably, we found that the association was consistent among each antibiotic in these three groups of antibiotics. In contrast to these three groups of antibiotics, usage of amikacin was found to have a negative association with incident SS (aOR 0.68, 95% CI 0.53–0.87).

	Model A	Model B
	aOR (95% CI)	aOR (95% CI)
New macrolide		1.95 (1.80–2.11)
Clarithromycin	1.84 (1.69–2.01)	
Azithromycin	2.07 (1.71–2.51)	
Aminoglycoside		0.68 (0.53–0.87)
Amikacin	0.58 (0.41–0.81)	
Streptomycin		
Kanamycin	0.83 (0.58–1.19)	
Fluoroquinolone		1.52 (1.41–1.64)
Ofloxacin	1.15 (1.01–1.32)	
Ciprofloxacin	1.34 (1.17–1.54)	
Levofloxacin	1.50 (1.22–1.85)	
Moxifloxacin	1.43 (1.30–1.56)	
Tetracycline		1.69 (1.59–1.79)
Doxycycline	1.59 (1.49–1.70)	
Minocycline	1.48 (1.35–1.62)	

Conclusions: New macrolides, fluoroquinolones and tetracyclines were associated with a higher incidence of SS, whereas usage of amikacin had a negative correlation. These findings indicated the need for vigilance of SS in prescribing

these antibiotics to treat NTM and other infectious diseases and warrant further mechanistic studies.

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ASSOCIATION BETWEEN TONSILLITIS AND NEWLY DIAGNOSED ANKYLOSING SPONDYLITIS: A NATIONWIDE, POPULATION-BASED, CASE-CONTROL STUDY

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Background: To date, two most commonly proposed environmental risk factors for ankylosing spondylitis (AS) include mechanical stress at the enthesis and infections. A recent Swedish study showed that childhood tonsillitis was associated with future development of AS. However, no Asian study has reported this association.

Objectives: To investigate the association between tonsillitis and the risk of newly diagnosed AS.

Methods: We used 2003–2012 data from the Taiwanese National Health Insurance Database to perform a nationwide, population-based, case-control study. We identified AS patients newly diagnosed from 2005 to 2012 as the study group and selected sex, age and the year of index date matched (1:6) non-AS individuals as controls. Using conditional logistic regression analysis after adjustment for potential confounders, including a history of periodontitis, appendicitis, and Charlson comorbidity index (CCI), we measured the association of AS risk with prior tonsillitis by calculating odds ratios (ORs) with 95% confidence intervals (CIs). Sensitivity analyses for the association between AS risk and tonsillitis were conducted by varying the definition of tonsillitis.

Results: We identified 37 002 incident AS cases and 2 22 012 matched non-AS controls. The risk of AS was associated with tonsillitis (OR, 1.80; 95% CI, 1.55–2.10) after adjustment for potential confounders. The association between AS risk and a history of tonsillitis remained significant by using various definitions of tonsillitis based on ICD9-CM Codes. Such associations were consistent across various subgroups stratified by age, sex, and a history of periodontitis or appendicitis.

Conclusions: The present study reveals an association between AS risk and prior tonsillitis.

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MORTALITY OF PATIENTS WITH DIAGNOSED RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS (RA) IN GERMANY 2012: ANALYSIS OF CLAIMS DATA FROM 60 MILLION PEOPLE

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Background: Mortality data of RA patients in Germany are sparse. Recently, data on the prevalence and incidence of RA comprising about 75% of the German population became available.¹ In case of chronic diseases, it is possible to