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The multiple rheumatological faces of PsA (or PsA is more than just poly-arthritis? – Consequences for management in daily practice)

CASE 1 PRESENTER: A PATIENT WITH PERSISTING MONO/OLOG ARTHRITIS (EITHER AT START OR REMAINING AFTER TREATMENT OF POLY-ARTICULAR DISEASE)

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Background: The varied clinical phenotypes of psoriatic arthritis present treatment challenges in clinical practice. The dominant phenotype represented in clinical trials is polyarthritis with little representation of oligoarticular or monoarticular disease.

Objectives: To review the phenotypes of psoriatic disease and treatment of resistant oligo/monarthritides in the context of a clinical case.

Methods: Clinical case history

Conclusion: The clinical phenotype of articular disease in psoriatic arthritis can evolve over time. There is limited data to inform the treatment of resistant oligo/monoarthritides.

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CASE 1 DISCUSSANT: HOW IS TACKLING OLOG.ARTHRITIS DISEASE DIFFERENT FROM POLYARTHRITIS? CAN WE USE TRIAL RESULTS FROM POLYARTICULAR PSA IN A PATIENT WITH MONO/ OLOG-ARTHRITIS?

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Background: Oligoarthritis is a well recognised phenotype in psoriatic arthritis (PsA) where less than 5 joints are involved with active arthritis. In cohort studies, the proportion of patients presenting with mono/oligoarthritis varies from 20-70% depending on the timeframe studied and duration of disease. However most studies of therapeutic agents in PsA have focused on polyarticular disease. Although the majority of studies accept a minimum of 3 active joints for inclusion, the average tender and swollen joint counts are usually over 10 at baseline.

Objectives: To review data supporting treatment of psoriatic mono/oligoarthritis including comparisons of response rates in therapeutic trials in PsA and the differential performance of outcome measures in this subtype of disease.

Results: When considering the applicability ofRCT data to mono/oligoarthritis in PsA it is important to address the populations included in these studies. Nearly all large therapeutic studies exclude monoarthritides, and while some oligoarthritides patients are eligible for inclusion in most RCTs, the demographics of the population included suggest that this is a minority. Unfortunately most clinical trials have not reported the efficacy results separately for oligoarthritis and polyarthritides patients. The other key consideration is that the outcome measures used in the majority of trials are developed and validated on patients with polyarticular PsA. Thus assessing effectiveness of therapies may be limited in the oligoarthritides population as the response measures are less sensitive to change.

Conclusion: Although data from polyarticular RCT populations is often used to choose therapies in oligoarthritides PsA, there is a real paucity of data to ensure that we are treating these patients optimally. Future research is needed to address the variable prognosis seen in mono/oligoarticular PsA, to ensure that appropriate outcome measures are used to test different therapies and to provide clear evidence on the efficacy of drugs in this important subtype of disease.

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Cannabis for arthritis: hype or hope?

CASE 2 DISCUSSANT: ENTHESIS AND THE CONCEPT OF MECHANICAL STRESS

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The enthesis is the site of important clinical consequences and a trouble spot for good practice; it is also a crucial component of the musculoskeletal system, where it is frequently found in attachment to bone at its most vulnerable point. However, treatment recommendations for enthesitis are not yet well defined and the optimal treatment of enthesitis is currently under debate. In this presentation, Dirk Elewaut will discuss the current knowledge on enthesitis, the link with mechanical stress and the implications thereof in diagnosis and management of spondyloarthritides.

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Cannabis-based medicines have been approved for pain management in a number of countries. However, there are uncertainties and controversies about their role and the appropriate use of these medicines for the management of chronic pain, particularly in musculoskeletal conditions. These ancient drugs are now being rediscovered and considered as modern analgesics in the context of cannabis legalization in more and more countries. The fight for cannabis legalization is frequently confused with the search for new analgesics in a medical context. Furthermore, there is a confusion between herbal cannabis, medical cannabis and cannabinoids. Therefore, it is important to differentiate products and provide clear evidence on the efficacy of drugs in this important subtype of disease.