

Question	Response
Are your concerns varied, depending on the type of disease? If yes, for which diseases are you more likely to change your management	
Lupus	103 (46.6%)
Myositis	74 (33.4%)
Systemic sclerosis	51 (23.1%)
Rheumatoid arthritis	40 (18.1%)
Overlap myositis	49 (22.1%)
Other CTDs	22 (9.9%)
Spondyloarthritis	23 (10.4%)
Gout and other crystallopathies	7 (3.1%)
Fibromyalgia	10 (4.5%)
Osteoarthritis and soft tissue rheumatism	5 (2.2%)
Same for all diseases	80 (36.2%)
Other (please specify)	
Depends on the severity of a disease	2 (0.9%)
Systemic onset JIA	1 (0.4%)
Vasculitis	4 (1.8%)
I'm not sure	3 (1.2%)
Diseases having ILD	1 (0.4%)
If a patient is seemingly in remission and drugs are being tapered off in the current time, are you	
More likely to taper steroids	128 (57.9%)
Would function as you would have before	81 (36.6%)
Less inclined to taper steroids	9 (4.1%)
Increase steroids (stress dosing)	1 (0.4%)
Other	2 (0.9%)
Depends on the disease/severity other comorbid condition	1 (0.4%)
Treat as usual	1 (0.4%)
If a patient is in impending flare and has an impending need for change in major immunosuppressant (e.g. CYC/RTX) drugs, are you likely to defer it by a few weeks until the situation of the pandemic in India is more clear	
Strongly agree	46 (20.8%)
Agree	96 (43.4%)
Neither agree nor disagree	14 (6.3%)
Disagree	52 (23.5%)
Strongly disagree	13 (5.8%)
If yes, which drugs are you least inclined to initiate?	
Cyclophosphamide	118 (53.3%)
Rituximab	129 (58.3%)
anti-TNFs	116 (52.49%)
JAKinibs	76 (34.3%)
Azathioprine	38 (17.1%)
Mycophenolate Mofetil	47 (21.2%)
Methotrexate	23 (10.4%)
Leflunomide	22 (9.9%)
other biologics	57 (25.7%)
Not applicable	42 (19.0%)
Other	8 (3.6%)

Steroids	2 (0.8%)
None	4 (1.8%)
Not sure	2 (0.8%)
If a patient is due for an infusion, are you likely to defer it	
Yes	66 (29.8%)
No	46 (20.8%)
I am not sure what to do	20 (9.1%)
It depends on the severity of the primary disease	87 (39.3%)
It depends on the type of drug (IVIG versus CYC/RTX/anti-TNFs)	45 (20.3%)
In a patient who is feeling fine and likely to be in remission, are you more likely to avoid touching them for a clinical examination to avoid transmission of the 2019-nCoV?	
Strongly agree	65 (29.4%)
Agree	74 (33.4%)
Neither agree nor disagree	19 (8.6%)
Disagree	53 (23.9%)
Strongly disagree	10 (4.5%)
Have you restricted patient clinics?	
Not restricted yet	19 (8.6%)
Stopped outreach clinics	56 (25.3%)
Switched to email based consultations	36 (16.3%)
Switched to video consultations	29 (13.1%)
Switched to WhatsApp consultations	68 (30.8%)
Yes, deferred new appointments	124 (56.1%)
Yes, deferred old appointments	109 (49.3%)
Other	22 (9.9%)
Outpatient based on priority	1 (0.4%)
Telephonic consultations	6 (2.7%)
Only emergency	4 (1.8%)
Closed clinics	4 (1.8%)
Patients not coming due to lockdown	5 (2.2%)
Are you advising your patients social distancing?	
Yes	217 (98.2%)
No	1 (0.4%)
Sometimes	3 (1.4%)
Do you think you are following hand hygiene directives?	
Yes	165 (74.6%)
No	1 (0.4%)
Doing but not adequate	56 (25.3%)
I think the overall situation is over-hyped	4 (1.8%)
I would like to, but I think the transmission is unavoidable nevertheless	8 (3.6%)
I would like to, but the impact cannot be assessed until widespread testing is available	17 (7.6%)
Are you recommending all your patients to use masks regularly?	
Yes	97 (43.9%)
No	81 (36.6%)
Sometimes	43 (19.5%)
Have you advised anyone to take prophylactic drugs?	

Yes	37 (16.7%)
No	169 (76.5%)
Sometimes	11 (4.9%)
Not applicable	4 (1.8%)
If a patient with RD requires an anti-hypertensive medicine are you less or more inclined to use ACEi/ARBs respectively?	
Strongly agree	25 (11.3%)
Agree	74 (33.4%)
Neither agree nor disagree	78 (35.2%)
Neither agree nor disagree	35 (15.8%)
Strongly disagree	9 (4.1%)
Are you avoiding the usage of certain NSAIDs such as Ibuprofen?	
Agree	56 (25.3%)
Neither agree nor disagree	79 (35.7%)
Disagree	50 (22.6%)
Strongly disagree	29 (13.1%)
Less inclined to prescribe in the current situation	7 (3.1%)
The COVID-19 outbreak has led you to vaccinate patients against other viruses more often?	
Strongly agree	24 (10.9%)
Agree	58 (26.2%)
Neither agree nor disagree	65 (29.4%)
Disagree	65 (29.4%)
Strongly disagree	9 (4.1%)
Do you think the COVID 19 can cause macrophage activation syndrome?	
Strongly agree	51 (23.1%)
Agree	105 (47.5%)
Neither agree nor disagree	24 (10.8%)
Disagree	4 (1.8%)
Strongly disagree	0 (0%)
I am not sure	37 (16.7%)
If a patient with a rheumatic disease requires work up for co-morbid illnesses such as diabetes, hyperlipidemia, or bone health, are you less inclined to initiate testing in the current times?	
Strongly agree	21 (9.5%)
Agree	86 (38.9%)
Neither agree nor disagree	23 (10.4%)
Neither agree nor disagree	72 (32.5%)
Strongly disagree	19 (8.6%)
Do you harbor the fear of	
Getting the infection	120 (54.3%)
Passing on the infection to the patient	103 (46.6%)
Patients getting the infection from one another or in travels	135 (61.1%)
Passing on infection to your family or other susceptible individuals in the immediate environment	156 (70.5%)
Other	3 (1.3%)
How long do you think the pandemic will last (months)?	4.45 (3.38) [Mean, SD]
Do you recommend any steps to break the transmission of the COVID 19	

in the community?	
Social Distancing	110 (49.7%)
Lockdown	71 (32.1%)
Extensive testing	5 (2.2%)
Isolation	2 (0.9%)
Vaccines	3 (1.3%)
Handwashing	1 (0.4%)
Closing of all non-emergency out-patient clinics to avoid transmission	3 (1.3%)
I am not sure	1 (0.4%)

Abbreviations

COVID-19-Sars novel corona virus 2019
 RDs-Rheumatic diseases
 CTD-Connective tissue disorders
 CYC-cyclosporine
 RTX-Rituximab
 anti TNFs- anti tumor necrosis factor alpha
 IVIG- Intravenous Immunoglobulin
 JAKinibs-Janus kinase inhibitors
 JIA-Juvenile idiopathic arthritis
 ILD-Interstitial lung disease
 ACEi-Angiotensin converting enzyme inhibitors
 ARBs-Angiotensin receptor blockers
 NSAIDs-Nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs