

Response to: ‘Correspondence on ‘Risk of venous thromboembolism in rheumatoid arthritis and its association with disease activity: a nationwide cohort study from Sweden’ by Zervou *et al*

We thank the authors for their interest¹ in our article ‘Risk of venous thromboembolism in rheumatoid arthritis, and its association with disease activity: a nationwide cohort study from Sweden’², and for their effort in identifying genetic factors involved in the pathogenesis of both rheumatoid arthritis (RA) and venous thromboembolism (VTE).

As the authors suggest, identification of additional genetic loci associated with both diseases would be another important step in understanding the reasons behind the increased VTE risk in RA and might also help in identifying patients at particularly increased risk of VTE.

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