

Supplementary table S1. Disease activity at baseline and arthritis onset

Disease activity parameter	No arthritis developed; <i>Baseline</i> N=40	Arthritis developed; <i>Baseline</i> N=15	Arthritis developed; <i>Arthritis onset</i> N=15
68TJC (n) (median (IQR))	2 (0-8)	2 (0-8)	8 (3-16) *
66SJC (n) (median (IQR))	0 (0)	0 (0)	5 (2-7) **
ESR (mm/hr) (median (IQR))	9 (2-20)	7 (5-15)	12 (6-17)**
CRP (mg/L) (median (IQR))	2.1 (1.0-4.3)	4.0 (1.5-10.0)	5.2 (2.1-8.4) ***

68TJC: tender joint count of 68 joints; 66SJC: swollen joint count of 66 joints.

ESR: erythrocyte sedimentation rate; CRP: C-reactive protein;

* missing n=5; ** missing n=1; *** missing n=3