

Web appendix A. Number of patients in the rheumatoid arthritis (RA) cohort (closed type), their survival, absolute number of hospitalisations, and outpatient clinic visits (physician) over 10-years of follow-up.

Year (Dec 31 st)	Men			Women			Total			Cumulative relocations*	Cumulative deaths†
	N	Hospit. visits	Outpatient visits	N	Hospit. visits	Outpatient visits	N	Hospit. visits	Outpatient visits	N (%)	N (%)
2000	1085	n/a	n/a	2892	n/a	n/a	3977	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
2001	1040	858	9962	2768	2043	28 620	3808	2901	38 582	14 (0.4)	155 (3.9)
2002	993	689	8607	2658	1763	26 469	3651	2452	35 076	33 (0.8)	293 (7.4)
2003	938	653	7837	2528	1644	23 886	3466	2297	31 723	46 (1.2)	465 (11.7)
2004	897	597	7157	2416	1621	22 460	3313	2218	29 617	57 (1.4)	607 (15.3)
2005	862	529	6764	2316	1473	20 602	3178	2002	27 366	65 (1.6)	734 (18.5)
2006	818	645	6563	2219	1471	19 560	3037	2116	26 123	73 (1.8)	867 (21.8)
2007	760	577	5947	2115	1375	18 044	2875	1952	23 991	77 (1.9)	1025 (25.8)
2008	722	502	5849	2006	1257	16 953	2728	1759	22 802	93 (2.3)	1156 (29.1)
2009	677	468	5579	1916	1315	17 067	2593	1783	22 646	100 (2.5)	1284 (32.3)
2010	642	466	5240	1829	1126	16 620	2471	1592	21 860	102 (2.6)	1404 (35.3)

* By December 31, 2010, 13 of the 102 RA patients (13%) who had relocated out of the Skåne County had died.

† By December 31, 2010, in total 1417 (35.6%) of the original 3977RA patients had deceased (i.e., also including patients who relocated before they died).