

Supplementary Table 1. Demographic and Disease Characteristics for Non-randomized Patients

Characteristic	Baseline (N = 53)
Female, n (%)	41.0 (77.4)
White or Caucasian, n (%)	47.0 (88.7)
Mean age, years (SD)	56.2 (13.4)
Reimbursement type, n (%)	
Private	23.0 (43.4)
Public	16.0 (30.2)
Combination/Other	14.0 (26.4)
Mean duration of RA, years (SD) ^a	7.8 (7.6)
Rheumatoid factor positive, n (%)	35.0 (66.0)
Mean CRP, mg/L (SD)	10.5 (16.2)
Mean ESR, mm/hr (SD)	24.8 (21.4)
Mean Tender 28 joint count, (SD)	13.0 (7.9)
Mean Swollen 28 joint count, (SD)	10.5 (5.6)
Mean DAS28, (SD)	5.5 (1.1)
Mean HAQ, (SD)	1.5 (0.7)
Concomitant DMARDs ^b	
Hydroxychloroquine, n(%)	4 (7.5)
Sulfasalazine, n(%)	1 (1.9)
Prior Medication	
Mean duration of MTX use prior to study start, years (SD) ^c	4.6 (5.5)
Mean average weekly dose of MTX in 12 weeks prior to study start, mg/wk (SD) ^d	20.1 (4.7)
Subcutaneous MTX 4 weeks prior to study start, n (%)	25.0 (47.2)
No. of other prior DMARDs, median [min, max]	2 [0, 4]
Patients on ≥ 2 DMARDs, n (%)	32.0 (60.4)
Corticosteroids ever, n (%)	43.0 (81.1)
Prednisone or equivalent (intra-articular), n (%)	16.0 (30.2)
Prednisone or equivalent (oral), n (%)	29.0 (54.7)
Other, n (%) ^e	15.0 (28.3)

^aCalculated based on enrollment date; ^bNone of the non-randomized patients were taking leflunomide, chloroquine gold or rituximab; terms were coded using WHO Drug version 2012 Q4; ^cCalculated from date of first MTX dose to enrollment date;

^dAverage is calculated per subject first, then averaged across all subjects in the group; ^eIncludes betamethasone, methylprednisolone, methylprednisolone acetate, methylprednisolone sodium succinate, triamcinolone, triamcinolone acetate;

^fStudy excluded patients previously on etanercept, infliximab or adalimumab but included patients previously on anakinra, abatacept, rituximab and other biologics; CRP = C-reactive protein; DAS28 = disease activity score 28; DMARDs = disease-modifying antirheumatic drugs; ESR = erythrocyte sedimentation rate; MTX = methotrexate; NSAIDs = nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs; RA = rheumatoid arthritis; SD = standard deviation