

Secondary outcomes for the effect of randomized treatment arm in longitudinal analysis for first 6 months

Outcome	33% tapering				66% tapering			
	Unadjusted coefficient (95% CI)	P-value	Adjusted coefficient <sup>a</sup> (95% CI)	P-value	Unadjusted coefficient (95% CI)	P-value	Adjusted coefficient <sup>a</sup> (95% CI)	P-value
DAS28-ESR	0.13 (-0.20, 0.47)	0.438	0.06 (-0.25, 0.38)	0.690	0.44 (0.07, 0.80)	<0.02	0.36 (0.02, 0.70)	
DAS28-CRP	-0.05 (-0.27, 0.18)	0.671	-0.05 (-0.27, 0.18)	0.685	0.17 (-0.08, 0.41)	0.188	0.18 (-0.07, 0.42)	0.163
Tender joint counts	0.07 (-0.76, 0.91)	0.864	0.05 (-0.78, 0.88)	0.911	1.34 (0.42, 2.25)	<0.01	1.32 (0.42, 2.22)	
Swollen joint counts	-0.17 (-0.71, 0.37)	0.530	-0.21 (-0.74, 0.32)	0.438	0.97 (0.39, 1.56)	0.001	0.88 (0.30, 1.46)	
ESR	-0.97 (-5.06, 3.11)	0.641	-1.07 (-4.15, 2.00)	0.494	-3.47 (-7.89, 0.96)	0.124	-3.87 (-7.21, -0.53)	
CRP	-2.60 (-5.50, 0.30)	0.079	-2.86 (-5.67, -0.05)	0.050	-4.34 (-7.49, -1.18)	0.01	-4.28 (-7.34, -1.21)	
Assessor global	0.86 (-5.15, 6.86)	0.779	0.72 (-5.30, 6.73)	0.815	5.23 (-1.27, 11.73)	0.115	5.11 (-1.40, 11.63)	0.124
Patient global	2.64 (-3.32, 8.59)	0.385	3.00 (-2.73, 8.74)	0.305	4.82 (-1.62, 11.27)	0.142	5.34 (-0.87, 11.55)	0.092
HAQ	0.04 (-0.10, 0.17)	0.591	0.03 (-0.10, 0.15)	0.690	0.15 (0.01, 0.30)	<0.05	0.13 (-0.01, 0.27)	0.071
EQ5D-3L	-0.04 (-0.12, 0.03)	0.249	-0.03 (-0.10, 0.04)	0.402	-0.05 (-0.13, 0.03)	0.248	-0.04 (-0.11, 0.04)	0.326
VAS pain	6.62 (-1.83, 15.06)	0.125	5.10 (-2.49, 12.69)	0.188	3.85 (-5.30, 12.99)	0.410	0.79 (-7.55, 9.13)	0.853
FACIT fatigue	-0.35 (-2.93, 2.24)	0.793	-0.58 (-3.01, 1.85)	0.642	1.41 (-1.38, 4.20)	0.321	1.03 (-1.60, 3.65)	0.444
Larsen scores	-0.21 (-1.69, 1.27)	0.780	0.13 (-1.39, 1.64)	0.665	0.35 (-1.25, 1.96)	0.867	0.63 (-0.98, 2.25)	0.437

<sup>a</sup>The model was adjusted for age at registration, gender and disease duration. EQ5D-3L: EuroQoL 5-dimension scale; FACIT: Functional Assessment of Chronic Illness Therapy; VAS: visual analogue scale.