Additional file 2. Standardize mean difference of change in serum creatinine level from baseline (mg/dl)

Studies (dose)	SMD (95% CI)
Burmester GR et al (10mg)	0.000 (−0.240, 0.240)
Fleischmann R et al study1 (10mg)	0.029 (−0.329, 0.386)
Fleischmann R et al study2 (10mg)	0.274 (0.056, 0.492)
Kremer JM et al study1 (10mg)	0.153 (−0.176, 0.481)
van Vollenhoven RF et al (10mg)	0.391 (0.155, 0.627)
Subgroup 10 (I^2=39% , P=0.160)	0.188 (0.039, 0.337)
Burmester GR et al (5mg)	−0.040 (−0.281, 0.201)
Fleischmann R et al study1 (5mg)	0.058 (−0.321, 0.437)
Fleischmann R et al study2 (5mg)	0.219 (0.001, 0.437)
Kremer JM et al study1 (5mg)	0.622 (0.282, 0.961)
van Vollenhoven RF et al (5mg)	0.313 (0.078, 0.547)
Subgroup 5 (I^2=64% , P=0.025)	0.228 (0.012, 0.444)
Fleischmann R et al study1 (15mg)	0.078 (−0.286, 0.442)
Kremer JM et al study1 (15mg)	0.816 (0.475, 1.156)
Subgroup 15 (I^2=88% , P=0.004)	0.450 (−0.273, 1.173)
Fleischmann R et al study1 (3mg)	0.031 (−0.344, 0.406)
Kremer JM et al study1 (3mg)	0.473 (0.133, 0.812)
Subgroup 3 (I^2=66% , P=0.087)	0.259 (−0.174, 0.692)
Overall (I^2=61% , P=0.002)	0.242 (0.112, 0.372)

Standardized Mean Difference

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