

**Supplementary table S1.** Relative changes in antibody levels in early rheumatoid arthritis, and their correlations to changes in disease activity and inflammatory markers. CCP: cyclic citrullinated peptide; CEP-1: citrullinated  $\alpha$ -enolase peptide-1; cFib: citrullinated fibrinogen peptide; CRP = C –reactive protein; cVim: citrullinated vimentin peptide; DAS28 = 28-joint disease activity score; ESR = Erythrocyte sedimentation rate; IQR: interquartile range. Statistically significant correlations are shown in bold.

**A. Months 0-3; Methotrexate monotherapy**

		CCP (n=209)	CEP-1 (n=124)	cVim (n=91)	cFib (n=88)
Change in antibody level					
Median % (IQR)		-28.2 (-3.9 to -44.4)	-30.0 (-12.5 to -47.2)	-28.6 (-8.5 to -38.8)	-28.0 (4.2 to -47.6)
<b>ESR</b>	Rho	0.11	<b>0.21</b>	0.19	<b>0.24</b>
	P-value	0.11	<b>0.017</b>	0.071	<b>0.022</b>
<b>CRP</b>	Rho	0.03	0.07	-0.02	<b>0.22</b>
	P-value	0.65	0.45	0.89	<b>0.041</b>
<b>DAS28</b>	Rho	<b>0.16</b>	0.10	0.17	0.16
	P-value	<b>0.025</b>	0.27	0.11	0.15

**B. Months 3-12; Add-on therapy**

		CCP (n=115)	CEP-1 (n=58)	cVim (n=41)	cFib (n=46)
Change in antibody level					
Median % (IQR)		-26.1 (13 to -51.2)	-29.1 (0.2 to -48.2)	-23.0 (-2 to -35.5)	-28.0 (4.2 to -47.6)
<b>ESR</b>	Rho	0.13	<b>0.27</b>	0.03	<b>0.37</b>
	P-value	0.19	<b>0.040</b>	0.87	<b>0.012</b>
<b>CRP</b>	Rho	-0.01	0.09	0.07	0.29
	P-value	0.91	0.51	0.67	0.13
<b>DAS28</b>	Rho	<b>0.21</b>	0.18	0.25	<b>0.35</b>
	P-value	<b>0.027</b>	0.17	0.12	<b>0.016</b>