

**S2 File. Linear regression analyses between disease activity and body composition in early arthritis patients, stratified for gender and corrected for age and smoking status.**

	FMI	Percentages of fat distributed to the trunk	Android to gynoid fat mass ratio	ALMI
<b>Females, n=220</b>				
	B (CI) and p-value	B (CI) and p-value	B (CI) and p-value	B (CI) and p-value
ESR in mm/hour (median, IQR)	0.04 (0.00-0.07) 0.028	0.01 (-0.03-0.04) 0.797	<0.01 (0.00-0.00) 0.861	<0.01 (0.00-0.01) 0.387
DAS28 (mean, SD)	0.33 (-0.17-0.83) 0.194	-0.39 (-0.98-0.20) 0.190	-0.01 (-0.02-0.01) 0.343	-0.01 (-0.10-0.08) 0.869
SJC38 (median, IQR)	-0.09 (-0.20-0.01) 0.089	-0.13 (-0.26- -0.01) 0.040	<0.01 (-0.01-0.00) 0.030	-0.01 (-0.03-0.01) 0.195
TJC38 (median, IQR)	0.06 (-0.03-0.15) 0.204	-0.03 (-0.14-0.07) 0.534	<0.01 (0.00-0.00) 0.894	<0.01 (-0.01-0.05) 0.403
RF positive (n,%)	0.44 (0.99-1.87) 0.546	0.43 (-1.27-2.13) 0.616	0.02 (-0.02-0.06) 0.400	0.03 (-0.22-0.28) 0.812
ACPA positive (n,%)	-0.04 (-1.49-1.42) 0.963	0.89 (-0.83-2.61) 0.310	0.02 (-0.02-0.06) 0.389	-0.07 (-0.33-0.19) 0.238
HAQ-DI (median, IQR)	0.99 (-0.01-1.98) 0.052	-0.92 (-2.08-0.24) 0.120	-0.01 (-0.04-0.02) 0.387	0.04 (-0.14-0.22) 0.654
Symptom duration, months (median, IQR)	0.01 (0.00-0.02) 0.068	0.01 (0.00-0.03) 0.020	<0.01 (0.00-0.00) 0.478	<0.01 (0.00-0.00) 0.068
<b>Males, n=97</b>				
	B (CI) and p-value	B (CI) and p-value	B (CI) and p-value	B (CI) and p-value
ESR in mm/hour (median, IQR)	<0.01 (-0.04-0.04) 0.969	-0.04 (-0.09-0.02) 0.173	<0.01 (0.00-0.00) 0.615	<0.01 (-0.01-0.01) 0.543
DAS28 (mean, SD)	0.48 (-0.15-1.10) 0.132	-0.10 (-1.02-0.83) 0.834	<0.01 (-0.03-0.03) 0.935	0.03 (-0.13-0.19) 0.694
SJC38 (median, IQR)	0.05 (-0.06-0.17) 0.365	<0.01 (-0.17-0.17) 0.998	<0.01 (-0.01-0.00) 0.486	0.02 (-0.01-0.05) 0.189
TJC38 (median, IQR)	0.10 (0.00-0.21) 0.204	-0.02 (-0.17-0.14) 0.844	<0.01 (-0.01-0.00) 0.655	0.02 (-0.01-0.05) 0.134
RF positive (n,%)	1.04 (-0.79-2.88) 0.261	-2.24 (-4.90-0.43) 0.098	-0.04 (-0.12-0.04) 0.352	0.36 (-0.11-0.82) 0.132
ACPA positive (n,%)	-0.20 (-2.06-1.65) 0.829	-2.04 (-4.72-0.64) 0.135	-0.07 (-0.15-0.02) 0.109	-0.16 (-0.63-0.32) 0.511
HAQ-DI (median, IQR)	0.52 (-0.76-1.79) 0.422	0.18 (-1.62-1.98) 0.841	0.02 (-0.03-0.08) 0.443	0.05 (-0.27-0.37) 0.761
Symptom duration, months (median, IQR)	0.04 (0.00-0.07) 0.044	0.01 (-0.04-0.06) 0.744	<0.01 (0.00-0.00) 0.478	0.01 (0.00-0.02) 0.024

ACPA: anti-citrullinated protein antibody, ALMI: appendicular lean mass index, B: beta (1 point increase in parameters of disease activity is X change in FMI, percentages of fat distributed to the trunk, android to gynoid fat mass ratio or LMI), CI: confidence interval, DAS28: disease activity score of 28 joints, ESR: erythrocyte sedimentation rate, FMI: fat mass index, HAQ-DI: health assessment questionnaire disability index, mm/hour: millimetre/hour, n:number, RF: rheumatoid factor, SJC38: swollen joint count of 38 joints, TJC38: tender joint count of 38 joints

\*significant results at the 0.05 false discovery rate for 64 tests.