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SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIALS

THE IMPACT TRIAL: INVESTIGATING METHOTREXATE POLYGLUTAMATE ASSESSMENTS IN COMBINATION THERAPY

DIFFERING CONTRIBUTION OF METHOTREXATE POLYGLUTAMATION TO ADALIMUMAB STEADY STATE LEVELS AS COMPARED TO ETANERCEPT

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Supplementary Table I: Patient demographics.

All patients enrolled received MTX in combination with anti-TNFs therapy for at least three months.

	MTX +	MTX +
	Adalimumab	Etanercept
Number of patients	83	86
Age (years)	58±1	59±1
Gender (% female)	82%	86%
Obese (BMI>30 Kg/m ²)	37%	41%
Disease duration (years)	8±1	12±1
Anti-TNF dose [mg/week]	21±1	49±1
Duration of TNF [months]	83±4	86±5
Previous anti-TNF [%]	22%	12%
Anti-TNF levels [µg/ml]	11.8±0.8	3.2±0.2
Undetectable anti-TNF blood levels ¹	3.6%	0.0%
MTX dose [mg/week]	16.7±0.7	16.4±0.6
Duration of MTX [months]	95±8	109±8
Short chain MTXPG ₁₋₂ [nmol/L]	40±3	48±4
Long chain MTXPG ₃ [nmol/L]	38±2	39±4
Very long chain MTXPG ₄₋₅ [nmol/L]	14±2	14±2
DAS 28	2.8±0.2	2.7±0.2
DAS 28 remission (DAS28<2.6)	43%	44%
CRP [mg/dl]	7.0±0.4	9.0±0.9

Results are expressed as mean [SEM], or percentage, as appropriate. Lower limit of quantification is $0.65 \,\mu \text{g/ml}$ for infliximab and adalimumab, and $0.1 \,\mu \text{g/ml}$ for etanercept.

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Supplementary Table II: RBC short chain, long chain and very long chain MTXPG levels and steady state levels for adalimumab as compared to etanercept.

	MTX + Adalimumab	MTX + Etanercept
Short chain MTXPG ₁₋₂	0.042±0.029	0.004±0.007
	(p=0.16)	(p=0.50)
Long chain MTXPG ₃	0.074±0.029a	-0.008±0.010
	(p=0.01)	(p=0.44)
Very-long chain MTXPG ₄₋₅	0.071±0.036	-0.017±0.013
	(p=0.05)	(p=0.22)

All estimates are adjusted for anti-TNF dosage (mg per week), CRP (mg/dl), obese status (BM)>30 Kg/m²), disease duration (years) and previous anti-TNFs treatment, as described in **Table I**. "Each unit in RBC MTXPG3 (expressed as nmol/L) was associated with 0.07 units higher adalimumab levels (expressed as μ g/ml). MTXPG: methotrexate polyglutamate.