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1. Should the article be **excluded** for any of the following reasons?

- Study reported only in abstract
- Wrong outcome (i.e. pharmacokinetic or intermediate outcomes)
- Wrong drug (not one of the following: corticosteroids, methotrexate, leflunomide, sulfasalazine, cyclosporine, hydroxychloroquine, anakinra, etanercept, infliximab, adalimumab, abatacept, certolizumab, golimumab, tocilizumab, rituximab)
- Wrong population (For example pediatric studies)
- Wrong publication type (e.g. letter or editorial)
- Wrong design (i.e. non-systematic meta-analysis or no comparison arm)
- RCT (n<100)
- Other? (Please explain!)
- Background article
- None of the above- should be included!

If the article has been excluded in the above question, the next two questions do not need to be answered.

2. Which of the following key questions are addressed by the article

- KQ1- For patients with rheumatoid arthritis or psoriatic arthritis, do drug therapies differ in their ability to reduce patient-reported symptoms, to slow or limit progression of radiographic joint damage, or to maintain remission (reduce the incidence flare-ups)?
- KQ2- For patients with rheumatoid arthritis or psoriatic arthritis, do drug therapies differ in their ability to improve functional capacity or quality of life?
- KQ3- For patients with rheumatoid arthritis or psoriatic arthritis, do drug therapies differ in harms, tolerability, adherence, or adverse effects?
- KQ4- What are the comparative benefits and harms of drug therapies for rheumatoid arthritis and psoriatic arthritis in subgroups of patients based on stage of disease, history of prior therapy, demographics, concomitant therapies, or comorbidities?
- None of the above

3. What is the study design?

- RCT > or equal to 100
- Observational > or equal to 100
- Meta-analysis or systematic review (i.e. Cochrane Review)

None of the above, but it should be abstracted- please note why in the box!



None of the above, so exclude.

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Keywords:

Adrenal Cortex Hormones/therapeutic use

[Increase Font Size](#)[Decrease Font Size](#)**Abstract:**

Adult-onset Still's disease is a rare systemic inflammatory disease of unknown etiology, characterized by daily high, spiking fevers, evanescent rash, and arthritis. There is no single diagnostic test for adult-onset Still's disease; rather, the diagnosis is based on clinical criteria and necessitates the exclusion of infectious, neoplastic, and other 'autoimmune' diseases. Proinflammatory cytokines such as interleukin (IL)-1, IL-6, and IL-18, interferon-gamma, tumor necrosis factor, and macrophage colony-stimulating factor are elevated in patients with adult-onset Still's disease and are thought to have a major role in the pathogenesis of the disease. Treatment consists of nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs, corticosteroids, immunosuppressants (methotrexate, gold, azathioprine, leflunomide, cyclosporin, and cyclophosphamide), intravenous immunoglobulin, and cytokine (tumor necrosis factor, IL-1 and IL-6) inhibitors. Recent advances in basic immunology have enhanced our ability to hinder the pathogenic mechanisms associated with adult-onset Still's disease and have led to a paradigm shift where targeted treatments have an increasingly important role.

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1. Original research (no review articles, editorials, letters to the editor) published in English after 1990 in adult patients with rheumatoid or psoriatic arthritis AND is not a case report or case series?

- Yes
 No
 Cannot determine
 No, but article will be used for background

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2. Study includes one or more of the following pharmaceutical interventions (check all that apply):

- Corticosteroids
 Oral DMARDs including methotrexate, leflunomide, sulfasalazine, cyclosporine, hydroxychloroquine
 Biologic DMARDs including anakinra, etanercept, infliximab, adalimumab, abatacept, certolizumab, golimumab, tocilizumab, rituximab
 Cannot determine
 Comparison is not of interest

3. Study compares-

- Two of the included drugs
 Biological DMARD (TIM) versus placebo
 One of the included drugs versus placebo but is of interest because of specific outcome such as adverse events
 Nothing of interest and article should not be included
 Cannot determine

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4. Addresses one or more of the following key questions (check all that apply):

- KQ1 For patients with rheumatoid arthritis or psoriatic arthritis, do drug therapies differ in their ability to reduce patient-reported symptoms, to slow or limit progression of radiographic joint damage, or to maintain remission (reduce the incidence flare-ups)?
 KQ2- For patients with rheumatoid arthritis or psoriatic arthritis, do drug therapies differ in their ability to improve functional capacity or quality of life?
 KQ3 For patients with rheumatoid arthritis or psoriatic arthritis, do drug therapies differ in harms, tolerability, adherence, or adverse effects?
 KQ4 What are the comparative benefits and harms of drug therapies for rheumatoid arthritis and psoriatic arthritis in subgroups of patients based on stage of disease, history of prior therapy, demographics, concomitant therapies, or comorbidities?
 Cannot determine by the title or abstract
 None of the above

5. Study design is one of the following:

- RCT 3 months or longer

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1. Author, Year, Study name if applicable (i.e. BeST):

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2. Country and setting:

If more than a couple of countries are included just call it multinational. Settings include primary care, hospitals, uni

3. Source of funding

Pharmaceutical company or other commercial source- please list name.



Government or non-profit organization- please list name.



Not reported

4. Condition being treated:

Rheumatoid arthritis

Psoriatic arthritis

Other? Please explain



5. **STUDY DESIGN**

Controlled Trials

Observational

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6.

What is being compared?

1 Oral DMARD vs 1 Oral DMARD

1 Oral DMARD vs 1 BIOLOGIC

1 Oral DMARD vs 1 Corticosteroid

1 BIOLOGIC vs 1 BIOLOGIC

1 BIOLOGIC vs 1 Corticosteroid



















- 1 BIOLOGIC vs Placebo
- Combination therapy vs Combination therapy
- SINGLE DRUG vs Combination therapy
- Strategy (Describe the strategy in detail for each arm in the 'Other' text box for numbers 8-12)

7. How many comparison arms does this study have?

- 2 ARMS
- 3 ARMS
- 4 ARMS
- 5 ARMS















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8. Check off the drug(s) studied for **ARM 1** and put dosage and frequency in the adjacent box















- Methylprednisolone 
- Prednisone 
- Prednisolone 
- Methotrexate 
- Leflunomide 
- Sulfasalazine 
- Hydroxychlorquine 
- Etanercept 
- Infliximab 
- Adalimumab 
- Anakinra 
- Abatacept 
- Rituximab 
- Certolizumab 
- Golimumab 
- Tocilizumab 
- Placebo 
- Other (describe) 





9. Check off the drug(s) studied for **ARM 2** and put dosage and frequency in the adjacent box

- Methylprednisolone 
- Prednisone 
- Prednisolone 


















- Methotrexate 
- Leflunomide 
- Sulfasalazine 
- Hydroxychlorquine 
- Etanercept 
- Infliximab 
- Adalimumab 
- Anakinra 
- Abatacept 
- Rituximab 
- Certolizumab 
- Golimumab 
- Tocilizumab 
- Placebo 
- Other (describe) 

10. Check off the drug(s) studied for **ARM 3** and put dosage and frequency in the adjacent box







- Methylprednisolone 
- Prednisone 
- Prednisolone 
- Methotrexate 
- Leflunomide 
- Sulfasalazine 
- Hydroxychlorquine 
- Etanercept 
- Infliximab 
- Adalimumab 
- Anakinra 
- Abatacept 
- Rituximab 
- Certolizumab 













- Golimumab 
- Tocilizumab 
- Placebo 
- Other (describe) 

11. Check off the drug(s) studied for **ARM 4** and put dosage and frequency in the adjacent box

- Methylprednisolone 
- Prednisone 
- Prednisolone 
- Methotrexate 
- Leflunomide 
- Sulfasalazine 
- Hydroxychloroquine 
- Etanercept 
- Infliximab 
- Adalimumab 
- Anakinra 
- Abatacept 
- Rituximab 
- Certolizumab 
- Golimumab 
- Tocilizumab 
- Placebo 
- Other (describe) 

12. Check off the drug(s) studied for **ARM 5** and put dosage and frequency in the adjacent box

- Methylprednisolone 
- Prednisone 
- Prednisolone 
- Methotrexate 
- Leflunomide 
- Sulfasalazine 

- Hydroxychlorquine 
- Etanercept 
- Infliximab 
- Adalimumab 
- Anakinra 
- Abatacept 
- Rituximab 
- Certolizumab 
- Golimumab 
- Tocilizumab 
- Placebo 
- Other (describe) 

13. Research objective (*Please be brief and concise*):

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14. Overall study n =

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15. Duration of study:

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16. Inclusion criteria (check all that apply and list additional criteria in the text box)





































- MTX Naive 
- Early RA 
- Treatment resistant 
- Additional inclusion criteria 

17.









Exclusion criteria

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POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS

	ARM 1		ARM 2	
18. Intervention/Treatment	<input type="text"/>		<input type="text"/>	
19. # in group (n):	<input type="text"/>		<input type="text"/>	
20. Age (mean):	<input type="text"/>		<input type="text"/>	
21. Sex, female (%):	<input type="text"/>		<input type="text"/>	
22. Race, white (%):	<input type="text"/>		<input type="text"/>	
23. Race, black (%):	<input type="text"/>		<input type="text"/>	
24. Ethnicity, Latino (%):	<input type="text"/>		<input type="text"/>	
25. Disease duration (mean & SD):	<input type="text"/>		<input type="text"/>	
26. DMARD use (%):	<input type="text"/>		<input type="text"/>	
27. Corticosteroid use (%):	<input type="text"/>		<input type="text"/>	
28. MTX naive (%):	<input type="text"/>		<input type="text"/>	
29. Treatment resistant (%):	<input type="text"/>		<input type="text"/>	
30. Patients with early RA, three years or less, (%):	<input type="text"/>		<input type="text"/>	
31. Baseline DAS score:	<input type="text"/>		<input type="text"/>	
32. Tender joint count:	<input type="text"/>		<input type="text"/>	
33. Swollen joint count:	<input type="text"/>		<input type="text"/>	
34. Required treatment for latent TB:	<input type="text"/>		<input type="text"/>	
35. Other population characteristics?	<input type="text"/>		<input type="text"/>	

RESULTS: Outcome Measures and Health Outcomes
(Enter results for all time points and please specify units for all results)

	ARM 1		ARM 2	
36. ACR 20, %, (CI/SD/P value):	<input type="text"/>		<input type="text"/>	
37. ACR 50, %, (CI/SD/P value):	<input type="text"/>		<input type="text"/>	
38. ACR 70, %, (CI/SD/P value):	<input type="text"/>		<input type="text"/>	
39. PASI 20, %, (CI/SD/P value):	<input type="text"/>		<input type="text"/>	

40. PASI 50, %, (CI/SD/P value):

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41. PASI 70, %, (CI/SD/P value):

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42. HAQ, mean difference/absolute difference (CI/SD/P Value):

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43. DAS, mean difference/absolute difference (CI/SD/P Value):

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44. SF-36, mean difference/absolute difference (CI/SD/P Value):

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45. PsARC, mean difference/absolute difference (CI/SD/P Value):

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46. Radiographic measures, mean difference/absolute difference (CI/SD/P Value):

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47. Quality of life scales (please name), mean difference/absolute difference (CI/SD/P Value):

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48. Others, (please name); mean difference/absolute difference (CI/SD/P Value):

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ATTRITION AND ADHERENCE

ARM 1

ARM 2

49. Overall attrition/withdrawal (n):

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50. Withdrawals due to adverse events (n):

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51. Withdrawals due to lack of efficacy (n):

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52. Adherent/compliant (n):

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53. Other attrition related comments?

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RESULTS: Adverse Events, n

	ARM 1		ARM 2	
54. Overall adverse events reported (n):	<input type="text"/>		<input type="text"/>	
55. Death (n):	<input type="text"/>		<input type="text"/>	
56. Lymphoma or leukemia (n):	<input type="text"/>		<input type="text"/>	
57. Skin cancer (basal cell or squamous cell) (n):	<input type="text"/>		<input type="text"/>	
58. Other cancer (specify) (n):	<input type="text"/>		<input type="text"/>	
59. Cardiovascular events (specify) (n):	<input type="text"/>		<input type="text"/>	
60. Hepatotoxicity/elevated liver enzymes (n):	<input type="text"/>		<input type="text"/>	
61. Tuberculosis (n):	<input type="text"/>		<input type="text"/>	
62. Pneumonia (n):	<input type="text"/>		<input type="text"/>	
63. Upper respiratory infection (n):	<input type="text"/>		<input type="text"/>	
64. Urinary tract infection (n):	<input type="text"/>		<input type="text"/>	
65. Other infections (specify) (n):	<input type="text"/>		<input type="text"/>	
66. Fractures (n):	<input type="text"/>		<input type="text"/>	
67. Infusion/injection site reactions (n):	<input type="text"/>		<input type="text"/>	
68. Skin rash (n):	<input type="text"/>		<input type="text"/>	
69. Demyelination or multiple sclerosis (n):	<input type="text"/>		<input type="text"/>	
70. Progressive multifocal leukoencephalopathy (n):	<input type="text"/>		<input type="text"/>	
71. Headache (n):	<input type="text"/>		<input type="text"/>	
72. Dizziness (n):	<input type="text"/>		<input type="text"/>	
73. Nausea or vomiting (n):	<input type="text"/>		<input type="text"/>	
74. Abdominal pain (n):	<input type="text"/>		<input type="text"/>	
75. GI bleed or ulcer (n):	<input type="text"/>		<input type="text"/>	
76. Bowel obstruction (n):	<input type="text"/>		<input type="text"/>	
77. Other GI symptoms (specify) (n):	<input type="text"/>		<input type="text"/>	
78. Other AEs 1 (n):	<input type="text"/>		<input type="text"/>	
79. Other AEs 2 (n):	<input type="text"/>		<input type="text"/>	
80. Other AEs 3 (n):	<input type="text"/>		<input type="text"/>	

81. Other AEs 4 (n):

82. Any other AEs:

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83. Which Key Question(s) does this study address (check all that apply)?

- KQ1- For patients with rheumatoid arthritis or psoriatic arthritis, do drug therapies differ in their ability to reduce disease activity, to
- KQ2- For patients with rheumatoid arthritis or psoriatic arthritis, do drug therapies differ in their ability to improve functional capac
- KQ3- For patients with rheumatoid arthritis or psoriatic arthritis, do drug therapies differ in harms, tolerability, adherence, or adver
- KQ4- What are the comparative benefits and harms of drug therapies for rheumatoid arthritis and psoriatic arthritis in subgroups c

Quality Review for Controlled Trials

84. Randomization adequate?

- Yes
- No
- Not randomized
- Method not reported

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85. Allocation concealment adequate?

- Yes
- No
- Not randomized
- Method not reported

[Clear Selection](#)

86. Groups similar at baseline?

- Yes
- No (what are the differences) 
- Not reported
- Not applicable 

[Clear Selection](#)

87. Outcome assessors blinded?

- Yes
- No
- Yes, but method not described
- Not reported

[Clear Selection](#)

88. Care provider blinded?

- Yes
- No
- Yes, but method not described
- Not reported


[Clear Selection](#)

89. Patient blinded?

- Yes
- No
- Yes, but method not described
- Not reported


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90. Overall attrition high ($\geq 20\%$)?

- Yes (please state how high) 
- No

[Clear Selection](#)

91. Differential attrition high ($\geq 15\%$)?

- Yes (please state difference) 
- No

[Clear Selection](#)

92. Were the outcome measures valid and reliable?

- Yes
- No
- Not reported

[Clear Selection](#)

93. Were the outcome measures equally applied?

- Yes
- No
- Not reported


[Clear Selection](#)

94. Was the statistical analysis based on intention-to-treat (ITT)?

- Yes
- No
- Cannot tell
- Not applicable

[Clear Selection](#)

95. Were there any post-randomization exclusions?

- Yes (how many?) 
- No
- Cannot tell

[Clear Selection](#)

96. Quality rating for efficacy/effectiveness

- Good
- Fair
- Poor

If poor, why?

Quality Review for Observational Studies

97. Were both groups selected from the same source population?

- Yes
- No
- Yes, but method not described
- Not reported

[Clear Selection](#)

98. Did both groups have the same risk of having the outcome of interest at baseline?

- Yes
- No
- Not reported

[Clear Selection](#)

99. Were subjects in both groups recruited over the same time period?

- Yes
- No
- Yes, but method not described
- Not reported

[Clear Selection](#)

100. Were measurement methods adequate and equally applied to both groups?

- Yes
- No
- Not reported

[Clear Selection](#)

101. Was an attempt made to blind the outcome assessors?

- Yes
- No
- Yes, but method not described
- Not reported

[Clear Selection](#)

102. Was the time of follow-up equal in both groups?

- Yes
- No
- Not reported


[Clear Selection](#)

103. Overall attrition high ($\geq 20\%$)?

- Yes (please state how high) 
- No

[Clear Selection](#)

104. Differential attrition high ($\geq 15\%$)?

- Yes (please state difference) 
- No

[Clear Selection](#)

105. Was confounding accounted for either through study design or statistical analysis?

- Yes
- No
- Yes, but method not described
- Not reported

[Clear Selection](#)

106. Did the statistical analysis adjust for different lengths of follow-up?

- Yes
- No
- Yes, but method not described
- Not reported

[Clear Selection](#)

107. Was the length of follow-up adequate to assess the outcome of interest?

- Yes
- No
- Not reported

[Clear Selection](#)

108. Quality rating for observational studies

- Good
- Fair
- Poor

Why?

109. Any other quality related comments?

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Quality Review for Adverse Events

110. Methods of adverse effects assessment

- Patient reported
- Physical exam at study visits
- Lab evaluations
- Standardized scale (e.g. WHO, UKU-SES)
- other (please specify)

111. Adverse events pre-specified and defined?

- Yes
- No

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112. Measurement techniques non-biased and adequately described?

- Yes
- No

[Clear Selection](#)


113. Quality rating adverse events assessment:

- Good
- Fair
- Poor

[Clear Selection](#)

114. First abstraction done by:


- Karen Crotty
- Katrina Donahue
- Rick Hansen
- Dan Jonas
- Linda Lux
- Robert Roubey
- Rachael Scheinman

Other (please write your name in the adjacent box): 

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115. Second abstraction done by:

- Karen Crotty
- Katrina Donahue
- Rick Hansen
- Dan Jonas
- Linda Lux
- Robert Roubey
- Rachael Scheinman

Other (please write your name in the adjacent box): 

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116. Study is already included in systematic review/meta-analysis and does not need to be put in an evidence table

- Yes
- No

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