**Additional file 4**

**Appendix III: List of ethical committees that approved the GLORIA trial**

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| **Country** | **Ethical committee** |
| Germany | Ethik-Kommission des Landes Berlin |
| Hungary | Medical research council Ethic Committee for clinical pharmacology |
| Italy  | Regional Ethics Committee of Liguria |
| The Netherlands | VUmc METc |
| Portugal  | CIEC |
| Romania  | CNBMDM |
| Slovakia  | Ethics Committee of National Institute of Rheumatic diseases – EC NÚRCH |