

## Additional file 2

**Table S2** Medications given before the baseline study visit

<b>Medication</b>	<b>Total N</b>	<b>N (%)</b>
NSAIDs	417	357 (85.6)
Intrarticular steroid injections	412	241 (58.0)
Steroids systemic	417	38 (9.1)
Methotrexate	402	55 (13.7)
Other DMARDs <sup>a</sup>	405	37 (9.1)
Systemic treatment <sup>b</sup>	398	92 (23.1)
Biologic treatment	422	0

<sup>a</sup>Other DMARDs; salazopyrin, hydroxychloroquine, gold, azatioprin, cyclosporin, cyclophosphamide

<sup>b</sup>Systemic treatment; DMARDs total and steroids