JAKi and Balancing Risk: VTE, CVD, Infection, COVID

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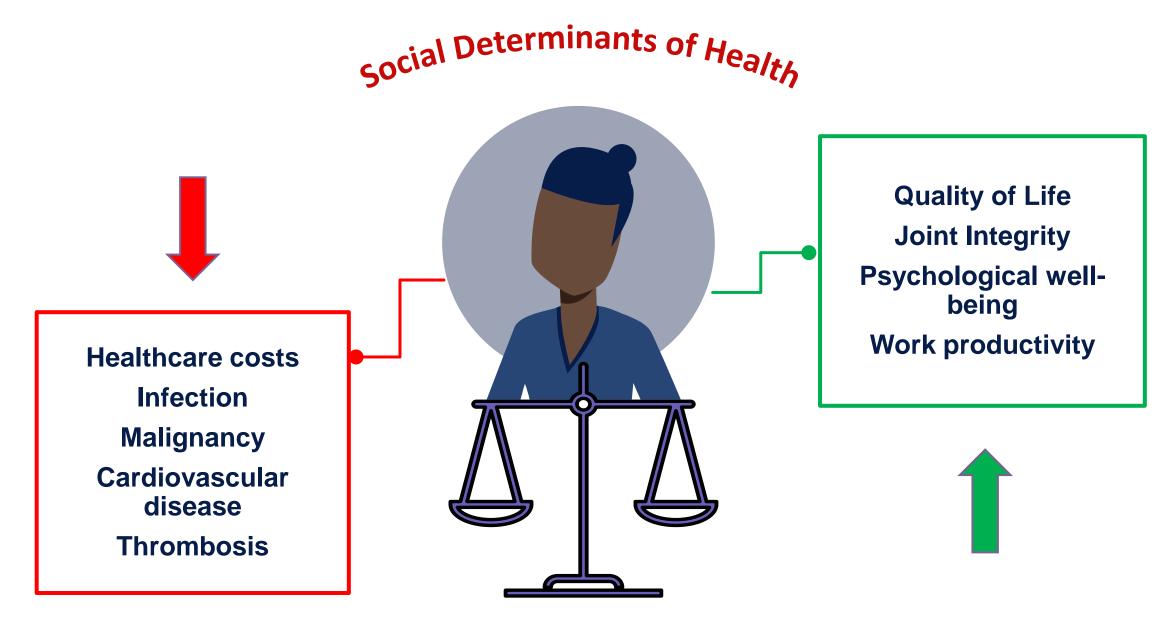
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What are the Real Risks and Benefits for our Patients?



FDA requires warnings about increased risk of serious heart-related events, cancer, blood clots, and death for JAK inhibitors that treat certain chronic inflammatory conditions

Approved uses also being limited to certain patients

VTE Incidence Rates and Risk Factors

 Data from 3 analyses of patients with RA found that the incidence rate of VTE ranged from 0.35 to 0.86 events per 100 PYs¹⁻³

A population-based cohort study in US patients between 2001-2012, with a mean follow-up ranging from 0.6 to 1 year and 29,481 patients with RA who were initiating cs/b/nonbiologic DMARD therapy, reported incidence rates of VTE^{1*}

Defined as hospitalization for DVT or PE

The incidence rates per 100 PYs, using propensity scoring, were

- 0.35 in MTX initiators
- 0.44 in nonbiologic DMARD initiators
- 0.48-0.55 in bDMARD initiators

A cohort study on US claims data between 2007 and 2017, with a follow-up of 164,477 PYs and 148,228 patients with RA required to be on cs/b/tsDMARD treatment, reported incidence rates of VTF²⁺

Defined as the first hospitalized DVT or PE during follow-up

The age- and sex-standardized incidence rates per 100 PYs were

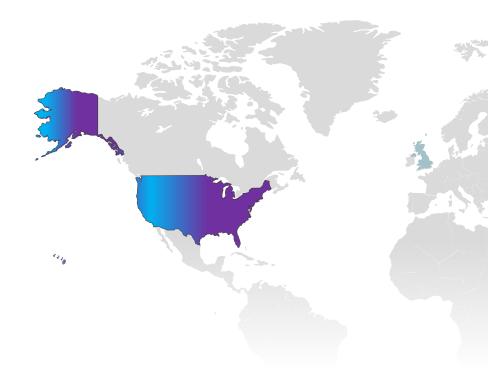
- 0.58 in csDMARD users
- 0.60 in first b/tsDMARD users
- 0.86 in b/tsDMARD switchers

A cohort study in UK patients between 1994 and 2010, with a follow-up of 301,201 PYs and 51,762 patients with RA not on DMARD or on DMARD (including cs/b/nonbiologic DMARDs), reported the incidence rates of VTE^{3,4‡}

Defined as DVT or PE

The unadjusted incidence rates per 100 PYs were

- 0.75 for patients not on DMARD
- 0.79 for patients on DMARD



STUDY LIMITATIONS: Analyses based on real-world data are conducted under widely varying conditions including, but not limited to, study design, treatment exposure, and patient demographics. Any comparisons between studies cannot be made, and results from each analysis should be interpreted cautiously.

^{*}Patient data were from 3 US health plans—WellPoint, United HealthCare, and Aetna. †Patient data were from the US claims database Optum Clinformatics Data Mart. Patients were required to have 1 year of continuous health plan enrollment before the index DMARD treatment. ‡Patient data were from the UK database The Health Improvement Network (THIN).

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Tofacitinib: Rates of PE Stratified by Baseline CV and VTE Risk Factors in RA Completed Trials Including LTE Data (All Tof Cohort) (Excluding ORAL Surveillance*)

				IR (95%	CI)		n/N	IR (95% CI)	Drug exposure (PY)
		All tofacitinib doses	⊢				31/7964 ^c	0.13 (0.09–0.18)	24107.1
		Average tofacitinib 5 mg BID	⊢				11/3969	0.12 (0.06–0.22)	9052.0
		Average tofacitinib 10 mg BID	H				20/3995°	0.13 (0.08-0.21)	15055.1
		Constant tofacitinib 5 mg BID	H				3/3292	0.06 (0.01–0.19)	4621.4
		Constant tofacitinib 10 mg BID					12/2876	0.15 (0.08–0.26)	7980.4
CV risk factor	Yes	All tofacitinib doses	⊢	─			22/3126 ^c	0.25 (0.15–0.37)	8939.5
		Average tofacitinib 5 mg BID	<u> </u>				9/1614	0.25 (0.12-0.48)	3538.3
		Average tofacitinib 10 mg BID	├				13/1512 ^c	0.24 (0.13-0.41)	5401.2
	No	All tofacitinib doses	H <u></u>				9/4838	0.06 (0.03-0.11)	15167.7
		Average tofacitinib 5 mg BID	H				2/2355	0.04 (0.0-0.13)	5513.8
		Average tofacitinib 10 mg BID	H•				7/2483	0.07 (0.03-0.15)	9653.9
VTE risk factor	Yes	All tofacitinib doses	⊢				27/5257 ^c	0.18 (0.12-0.26)	14979.1
		Average tofacitinib 5 mg BID	H-				11/2633	0.20 (0.10-0.36)	5526.3
		Average tofacitinib 10 mg BID	H				16/2624°	0.17 (0.10-0.27)	9452.9
	No	All tofacitinib doses	 				4/2707	0.04 (0.01–0.11)	9128.0
		Average tofacitinib 5 mg BID	•—				0/1336	0.00 (0.00-0.10)	3525.7
		Average tofacitinib 10 mg BID	H				4/1371	0.07 (0.02–0.18)	5602.2
	·		0.0	0.4	0.8	1.2			

Baseline CV risk factors were defined as patients aged ≥50 years and met any of the following criteria: current smoker, HDL <40 mg/dL, history of hypertension diagnosis, history of diabetes diagnosis, history of myocardial infarction or history of coronary heart disease diagnosis; Baseline VTE risk factors were defined as any patient meeting any of the following criteria at baseline: aged ≥60 years, current smoker, previous heart failure, previous VTE (DVT or PE), BMI ≥30 kg/m2, Day 1 use of oral contraceptives or hormone replacement therapy, Day 1 antidepressant use or Day 1 aspirin use. *Study A3921133. Data have not yet been source verified or subject to standard quality check procedures that would occur at the time of database lock and may therefore be subject to change; *Cone patient was not counted in the numerator of the IR calculations because the events occurred outside the defined risk period.

CV = cardiovascular. Mease PJ, et al. Ann Rheum Dis. 2020;79(11):1400–1413.

VTE Risk in RA (Real World)

Figure 67: Incidence Rates of VTE among RA Patients Reported in Published
Observational Studies

References	RA Cohort	Country	Data Source	N	Incidence Rate per 100 PYs (95% CI)				
Ogdie 2017	DMARDS	UK	Medical records	31,336	0.79		.79		
Bacani 2012 RA		US	Medical records	464	⊢ •			⊣	
Eriksson 2017	RA	Sweden	National Register	43,490			•		
Kim 2013	DMARDS	US	Claims data	22,143			•		
Holmqvist 2012	RA (prevalent)	Sweden	National register	37,856			•		
Yusuf 2015	RA	US	Claims data	70,768			•		
Holmqvist 2012	RA (incident)	Sweden	National register	7904			-0-		
Davies 2011	nbDMARDs	UK	Registry (BSRBR)	3673		H	⊕ ⊣		
Davies 2011	Anti-TNF	UK	Registry (BSRBR)	11,881		1	0		
Choi 2013	DMARD	UK	Medical records	9589		0.33 (•		
					-0.5		0.5	1.5	2.5

Abbreviations: BSRBR = British Society for Rheumatology Biologics Registers; DMARD = disease-modifying antirheumatic drug; nbDMARD = non-biologic disease-modifying antirheumatic drug; RA = rheumatoid arthritis; TNF = tumor necrosis factor; UK = United Kingdom; US = United States

MACE Incidence Rates and Risk Factors

 Data from 3 analyses of patients with RA found that the incidence rate of MACE ranged from 0.96 to 1.42 per 100 PYs¹⁻³

A study using data from a US health insurance plan* from 2003 to 2012, with 32,007 PYs and 16,085 patients with RA on a variety of treatments (including cs/b/nonbiologic DMARDs), reported the incidence rate of MACE¹

Defined as nonfatal MI, CABG, coronary revascularization, or stroke

The unadjusted incidence rate per 100 PYs was

• 1.42

A UK population-based longitudinal cohort study between 1994 and 2010, with a follow-up of 206,264 PYs and 41,752 patients with RA, on or not on a variety of treatments (cs/b/nonbiologic DMARDs), reported the incidence rate of MACF²⁺

Defined as the first MI, CVA, or CV death

The unadjusted incidence rates per 100 PYs were

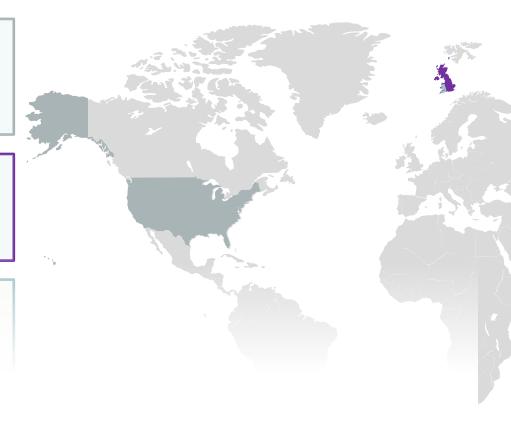
- 1.11 for patients on DMARD
- 1.35 for patients not on DMARD

A study using data from a Welsh data bank analyzing data between 1999 and 2013, with a follow-up of 57,005 PYs and 8650 patients with RA on a variety of treatments (including cs/b/nonbiologic DMARDs) reported the incidence rate of MACE^{3,4‡}

Defined as MI, CVA, or associated deaths

The unadjusted incidence rate per 100 PYs was

• 0.96



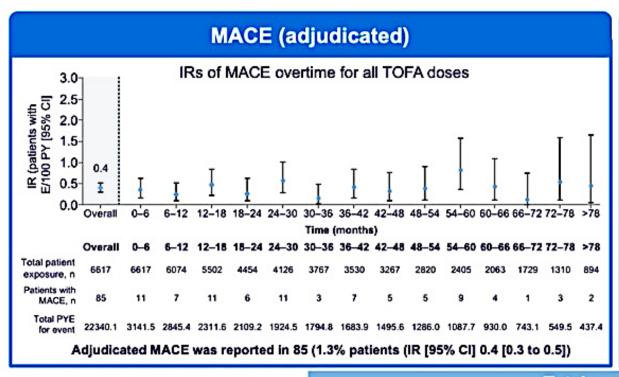
^{*}Patient data were from the US United Healthcare database, and patients were identified with at least 2 visits coded with the ICD-9 for RA that are 7 days apart and at least 1 dispensing for a DMARD. †Patient data were from the UK database The Health Improvement Network (THIN). †Patient data were from the Welsh Secure Anonymised Information Linkage (SAIL) data bank, which includes GP data, hospital in- and gutpatient records, and mortality data. RA was identified using GP records.

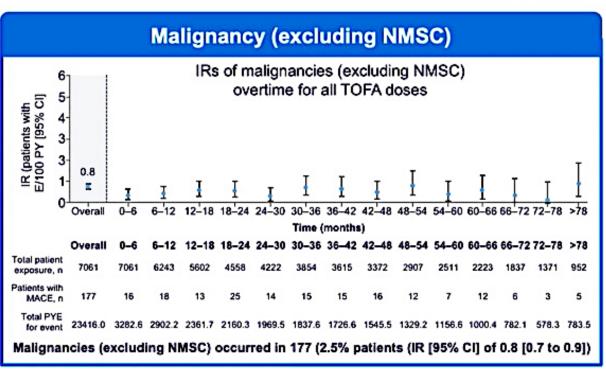
CABG=coronary artery bypass graft. CVA=cerebrovascular accident. CV=cardiovascular. ICD-9=International Classification of Diseases code, 9th Revision. GP=general practitioner.

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Tofacitinib: Integrated Safety Summary Rates of MACE and Malignancy Over 9.5 Years of Follow-up





Total exposure: n=7061; 22,875 PY; median [range] exposure: 3.1 [0 to 9.6] years

The IRs for MACE and malignancies (excluding NMSC) were similar for both TOFA doses An analysis of IRs at 6-month intervals showed they were generally consistent over time

Serious Infections Incidence Rates and Risk Factors

Data from 3 analyses of patients with RA found that the incidence rate of serious infections ranged from 1.14 to 2.69 per 100 PYs¹⁻³

A prospective, coordinated analysis of 5 US and global RA registries* between 2000 and 2013 (n=58,389), for patients on a variety of treatments (including cs/b/nonbiologic DMARDs) reported the incidence rate of serious infections¹

Defined as an infection requiring hospitalization

The incidence rates, standardized by age and sex, per 100 PYs were

- 1.14 for IORRA
- 1.30 for CORRONA
- 1.50 for CORRONA International
- 1.56 for NOAR
- 1.62 for SRR

A US-based longitudinal, observational, patient-reported data study from 2001 to 2016, with a follow-up of 81,499 PYs and 20,361 patients with RA on a variety of treatments (including bDMARDs), reported the incidence rate of serious infections^{2†}

Defined as an infection that required IV antibiotics (inpatient or outpatient), led to hospitalization, or was followed by death

The unadjusted incidence rate per 100 PYs was

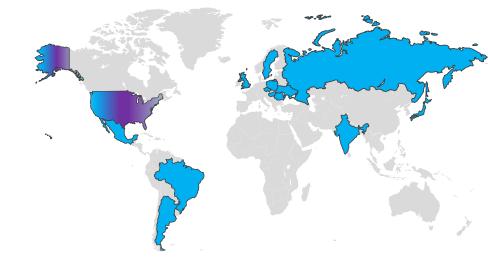
• 1.96

A US-based analysis focused on infection rates by csDMARDs/non-TNF inhibitor/TNF inhibitor use, with a follow-up of 27,552 PYs and 11,623 patients with RA from 2001 to 2016, reported the incidence rate of serious infections³

Defined as requiring IV antibiotics or hospitalization or resulting in death

The crude incidence rates per 100 PYs were

- 2.24 for csDMARDs
- 2.33 for non-TNF inhibitor bDMARDs
- 2.69 for TNF inhibitors

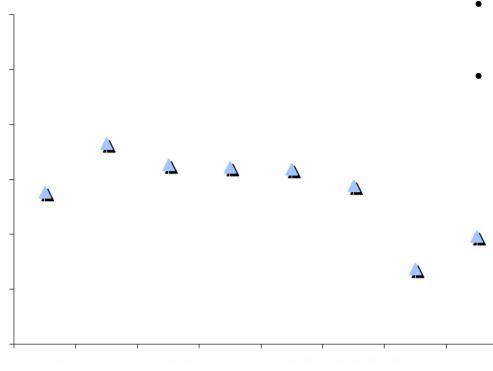


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^{*}CORRONA (US), SRR (Sweden), NOAR (UK), CORRONA International (Poland, Czech Republic, Hungary, Romania, Russia, Ukraine, Mexico, Brazil, Argentina, India), and IORRA (Japan). The definition of hospitalized infection was based on linked inpatient registry infection discharge codes in SRR and NOAR, patient-reported infection hospitalization in IORRA, and physician-reported infection hospitalizations in CORRONA and CORRONA International. †Patient data were from FORWARD—The National Databank for Rheumatic Diseases. FORWARD is ongoing and collects information from patients through questionnaires completed at 6-month intervals.

CORRONA=Consortium of Rheumatology Research of North America. SRR=Swedish Rheumatology Quality of Care Register. NOAR=Norfolk Arthritis Register. IORRA=Institute of Rheumatology, Rheumatology, Rheumatology.

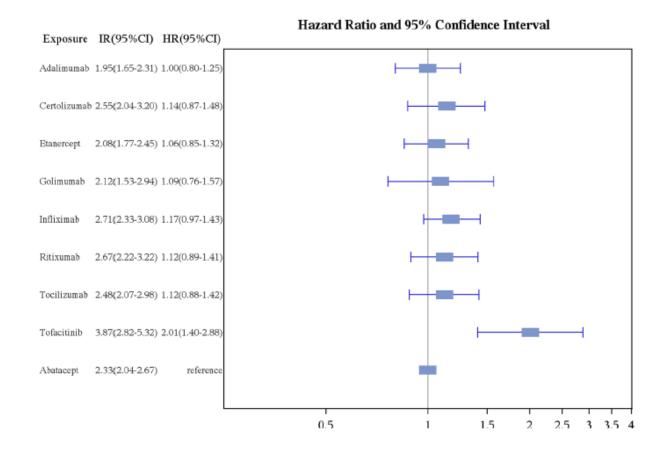
Incidence Rates of Serious Infections (SIs) by 6-Month Intervals



- Overall SI rate reported with tofacitinib:
 - 3.1/100pys
- Rates previously reported in RA clinical trial safety analyses
 - Adalimumab 3.9–5.1/100pys
 - Rituximab 3.9–4.3/100pys
 - Tocilizumab 3.8–5.1/100pys
 - Etanercept 3.8/100pys
 - Abatacept 2.0–3.1/100pys
 - Golimumab 5.09/100pys

Real World HZ with Tofa and Biologics

Figure 1 Incidence rates and adjusted* HRs of herpes zoster among tofacitinib and biologic-treated patients with RA. *Adjusted for age, gender, glucocorticoid use, methotrexate, number of biologics used, prior hospitalised infection, prior hospitalisation for other reasons, prior outpatient infection (other than varicella) and zoster vaccination. CI, confidence interval; HR, hazard ratio; IR, incidence rate; RA, rheumatoid arthritis.



JAKi and COVID Severity

Rheumatoid arthritis

Table 2 Frequencies and proportions of outcomes in the ordinal COVID-19 severity scale according to baseline use of biologic or targeted synthetic disease-modifying antirheumatic drug for patients with rheumatoid arthritis at the time of COVID-19 onset (N=2869)

COVID-19 severity scale	Overall N=2869 n (%)	Abatacept n=237 n (%)	Rituximab n=364 n (%)	IL-6 inhibitors n=317 n (%)	JAK inhibitors n=563 n (%)	TNF inhibitors n=1388 n (%)
Not hospitalised	2256 (78.6)	181 (76.4)	210 (57.7)	271 (85.5)	409 (72.6)	1185 (85.4)
Hospitalised without oxygenation	137 (4.8)	12 (5.1)	20 (5.5)	13 (4.1)	28 (5.0)	64 (4.6)
Hospitalised with any oxygen or ventilation	319 (11.1)	26 (11.0)	80 (22.0)	24 (7.6)	86 (15.3)	103 (7.4)
Death	157 (5.5)	18 (7.6)	54 (14.8)	9 (2.8)	40 (7.1)	36 (2.6)

IL-6, interleukin 6; JAK, Janus kinase; TNF, tumour necrosis factor.

Table 4 Multivariable * OR of biologic or targeted synthetic disease-modifying antirheumatic drugs at each binary level of the COVID-19 severity scale (N=2869)

	Abatacept		Rituximab		IL-6 inhibitors		JAK inhibitors		TNF inhibitors
COVID-19 outcome	OR (95% CI) P value		OR (95% CI) P value		OR (95% CI) P value		OR (95% CI) P value		
Hospitalised	1.18 (0.76 to 1.82)	0.47	4.53 (3.32 to 6.18)	<0.01	0.84 (0.53 to 1.33)	0.45	2.40 (1.78 to 3.24)	<0.01	Ref
Hospitalised with oxygenation/ventilation or death	1.12 (0.70 to 1.81)	0.63	2.87 (2.03 to 4.06)	<0.01	0.72 (0.43 to 1.20)	0.20	1.55 (1.04 to 2.18)	0.01	Ref
Death	1.46 (0.72 to 2.89)	0.30	4.57 (3.32 to 9.01)	<0.01	1.13 (0.50 to 2.59)	0.77	2.04 (1.58 to 2.65)	<0.01	Ref
Mechanical ventilation (restricted to only hospitalised patients, n=613)	1.41 (0.94 to 2.10)	0.09	4.05 (3.08 to 5.33)	<0.01	0.75 (0.51 to 1.10)	0.14	2.03 (1.56 to 2.62)	<0.01	Ref
Mechanical ventilation or death	1.14 (0.78 to 1.66)	0.50	4.44 (3.39 to 5.82)	<0.01	0.74 (0.50 to 1.09)	0.12	2.02 (1.56 to 2.61)	<0.01	Ref

^{*}Adjusted for age, sex, region, calendar time, obesity, smoking, concomitant csDMARD use, glucocorticoid use/dose comorbidity count, hyper dision/cardiovascular disease, interstitial lung disease, cancer and rheumatoid arthress disease activity csDMARD, conventional synthetic disease-modifying antirheumatic drug: IL-6, interleukin 6: JAK, Janus kinase: Ref. refere, so: TNE tumous necrosis factor.

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