

INDICATION

Determines whether symptoms meet the EULAR/ACR criteria for diagnosis of Rheumatoid Arthritis (RA).

Only to be used in patients who have at least one swollen joint (synovitis) of unknown cause.

INTERPRETATION

SCORE	INTERPRETATION
≥6	Definite RA
<6	Not classified as RA

CALCULATION

Total score = sum of scores for each question

QUESTION		POINTS
Joint involvement: Any swollen/tender joint on exam, excluding DIP and 1 st CMC/MTP joints	1 large joint	+0
	2-10 large joints	+1
	1-3 small joints (+/- large joint involvement)	+2
	4-10 small joints (+/- large joint involvement)	+3
	>10 joints (at least 1 small joint)	+5
Serology results: Low-positive = IU values>ULN but ≤3x ULN / High-positive = IU values >3x ULN / RF = Low-positive if reported only as positive or negative	Negative RF and Anti-CCP	+0
	Low positive RF or Anti-CCP	+2
	High positive RF or Anti-CCP	+3
Acute-phase reactants	Normal CRP/ESR	+0
	Raised CRP/ESR	+1
Duration of synovitis symptoms in joints clinically involved at the time of assessment, regardless of treatment status	<6 weeks	+0
	≥6 weeks	+1