

## 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 <sup>st</sup> CMC/MTP joints	<table border="1"><tbody><tr><td>1 large joint</td><td>+0</td></tr><tr><td>2-10 large joints</td><td>+1</td></tr><tr><td>1-3 small joints (+/- large joint involvement)</td><td>+2</td></tr><tr><td>4-10 small joints (+/- large joint involvement)</td><td>+3</td></tr><tr><td>&gt;10 joints (at least 1 small joint)</td><td>+5</td></tr></tbody></table>	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
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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	<table border="1"><tbody><tr><td>Negative RF and Anti-CCP</td><td>+0</td></tr><tr><td>Low positive RF or Anti-CCP</td><td>+2</td></tr><tr><td>High positive RF or Anti-CCP</td><td>+3</td></tr></tbody></table>	Negative RF and Anti-CCP	+0	Low positive RF or Anti-CCP	+2	High positive RF or Anti-CCP	+3				
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Duration of synovitis symptoms in joints clinically involved at the time of assessment, regardless of treatment status	<table border="1"><tbody><tr><td>&lt;6 weeks</td><td>+0</td></tr><tr><td>≥6 weeks</td><td>+1</td></tr></tbody></table>	<6 weeks	+0	≥6 weeks	+1						
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