Pregnancy and Rheumatoid Arthritis

Traditional theory think female sex hormones, estrogen and progesterone are causals for the higher risk of women to rheumatoid arthritis. However, estrogen and hormone replacement therapy for menopause don’t cause rheumatoid arthritis symptoms. On the other side, our previous research showed pregnancy women will have decreased rheumatoid arthritis symptoms which indicates the immune systems interact with new born might have overlap components with rheumatoid arthritis.