Supplementary Figure S3: Participant flow through study

Validated adult RA cases in CPRD (n = 40605)

- At a practice not participating in linkage scheme (n= 17639)
- Follow-up ends on or before RA diagnosis date (n= 706)
- <3 years of "up-to-standard" data before RA diagnosis (n= 14186)
- DMARD prescribed >3 months before first RA Read code (n=1305)
- RA diagnosis prior to start of linkage window (n=865)

Incident RA during linkage window (n = 5904)

- Missing smoking data at baseline (n=227)

Final cohort (n = 5677)

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