

**Supplementary Table 1. Baseline characteristics of male (n=249) and female (n=359) PsA patients treated with SEC.**

PsA Features	MALE	vs. FEMALE	<i>p</i>
Male sex (N,%)	249 (100%)	0 (0%)	NA
Age (years), mean (SD)	51.45 (11.21)	53.70 (11.34)	ns
Age of diagnosis (years), mean (SD)	43.09 (10.84)	45.87 (11.82)	ns
Age of disease onset (years), mean (SD)	40.12 (13.02)	43.25 (13.96)	ns
Disease duration (years), mean (SD)	9.92 (7.08)	9.20 (6.68)	ns
PsA (n,%)	<b>249 (40.95%)</b>	<b>359 (59.05%)</b>	NA
Polyarticular	138 (55.42%)	225 (62.67%)	ns
Mono/Oligoarticular	74 (29.72%)	89 (24.79%)	ns
Axial	68 (27.31%)	78 (21.73%)	ns
Only involvement DIP	3 (1.20%)	6 (1.67%)	ns
Mutilating arthritis	0 (0%)	3 (0.83%)	ns
Enthesitis	117 (46.99%)	147 (40.95%)	ns
Dactylitis	52 (20.88%)	45 (12.53%)	0.05
Psoriasis, N (%)	186 (74.70%)	232 (64.62%)	0.05
Age of psoriasis onset (years), mean (SD)	24.12 (18.32)	23.24 (20.77)	ns
Onychopathy, N (%)	99 (39.76%)	123 (34.26%)	ns
IBD, N (%)	7 (2.81%)	4 (1.11%)	ns
Uveitis, N (%)	7 (2.81%)	18 (5.01%)	ns
Familiarity with psoriasis or PsA	89 (35.74%)	95 (26.46%)	ns
Erosions, N (%)	76 (30.52%)	98 (27.30%)	ns
Weight (kg), mean (SD)	81.08 (12.68)	68.59 (15.08)	0.02
Height (cm), mean (SD)	174.31 (7.04)	161.43 (13.91)	0.04
BMI, mean (SD)	26.58 (3.64)	25.91 (6.05)	ns
TJ [0-68], mean (SD)	6.17 (5.23)	9.30 (7.47)	0.05
SJ [0-66], mean (SD)	2.18 (2.45)	2.29 (3.05)	ns
LEI [0-6], mean (SD)	2.34 (1.61)	2.82 (1.95)	ns
Dactylitis [0-20] number digit, mean (SD)	0.23 (0.82)	0.31 (1.51)	ns
PASI [0-72], mean (SD)	4.96 (7.29)	3.70 (7.42)	0.05
ESR [0-25](mm/h), mean (SD)	18.99 (18.67)	22.59 (15.76)	0.04
CRP [0-6](mg/L), mean (SD)	7.54 (12.10)	5.70 (7.79)	ns
DAPSA [0-164], mean (SD)	23.77 (11.73)	26.35 (10.60)	ns
ASDAS [0-6], mean (SD)	3.04 (0.89)	3.44 (3.76)	ns
HAQ-S [0-8], mean (SD)	1.09 (0.67)	1.42 (0.91)	ns
VAS-pain [0-10], mean (SD)	6.50 (1.78)	6.84 (1.56)	ns
VAS-gh [0-10], mean (SD)	6.56 (1.54)	6.84 (4.44)	ns
BASDAI [0-10], mean (SD)	5.18 (2.17)	5.25 (2.19)	ns
BASFI [0-10], mean (SD)	5.16 (2.27)	5.19 (2.05)	ns
Mean treatment duration (months), mean (SD)	19.48 (10.88)	18.27 (11.40)	ns
Dosage 300 mg/injection (N,%)	136 (54.62%)	196 (54.60%)	ns
Dosage 150 mg/injection (N,%)	113 (45.38%)	163 (45.40%)	ns
1 <sup>st</sup> line (N,%)	96 (38.55%)	131 (36.49%)	ns
Failure biological drugs (N,%)	153 (61.45%)	228 (63.51%)	ns
2 <sup>nd</sup> line (N,%)	59 (23.69%)	90 (25.07%)	ns

<b>3<sup>rd</sup> line (N,%)</b>	50 (20.08%)	64 (17.83%)	<i>ns</i>
<b>4<sup>th</sup> line (N,%)</b>	29 (11.65%)	46 (12.81%)	<i>ns</i>
<b>5<sup>th</sup> line (N,%)</b>	12 (4.82%)	14 (3.90%)	<i>ns</i>
<b>6<sup>th</sup> line (N,%) or more</b>	5 (2.01%)	14 (3.90%)	<i>ns</i>
<b>Concomitant NSAIDs, N (%)</b>	121 (48.59%)	193 (53.76%)	<i>ns</i>
<b>Concomitant steroid, N (%)</b>	66 (26.51%)	96 (26.74%)	<i>ns</i>
<b>Concomitant csDMARDs, N (%)</b>	92 (36.95%)	164 (45.68%)	<i>ns</i>
<i>Methotrexate</i>	72 (28.92%)	130 (36.21%)	<i>ns</i>
<i>Sulphasalazine</i>	9 (3.61%)	36 (10.03%)	<i>0.05</i>
<i>Leflunomide</i>	11 (4.42%)	15 (4.18%)	<i>ns</i>
<i>Hydroxychloroquine</i>	5 (2.01%)	4 (1.11%)	<i>ns</i>
<i>cyclosporine</i>	2 (0.80%)	5 (1.39%)	<i>ns</i>

**Legend:** Data are expressed as mean (standard deviation=SD) unless otherwise specified; range of possible values are indicated in square brackets.

$p \leq 0.05$ . Values were computed by means of a chi-square test (for proportion) or Wilcoxon's test (for continuous data).

PsA, psoriatic arthritis; DIP, distal interphalangeal joints; IBD, inflammatory bowel disease; PASI, Psoriasis Area Severity Index; TJ, Tender Joint; SJ, Swollen Joint; LEI, Leeds Enthesitis Index; DAPSA, Disease Activity Index for Psoriatic Arthritis; Kg, kilogram; cm, centimeter; BMI, body mass index; ESR, erythrocyte sedimentation rate; CRP, C-reactive protein; BASDAI, Bath Ankylosing Spondylitis Disease Activity Index; BASFI, Bath Ankylosing Spondylitis Functional Index; ASDAS, Ankylosing Spondylitis disease activity score; HAQ-S, Health Assessment Questionnaire modified for spondyloarthritis; NSAIDs, non -steroidal inflammatory drugs; csDMARDs, conventional synthetic disease modifying antirheumatic drugs. *ns*=not statistically significant. NA= not applicable