Inter-reader agreement for mPsAMRIS was moderate or sufficient (weighted $\kappa_{\text{w}}$ =0.57 for pre-treatment; weighted $\kappa_{\text{w}}$=0.70 for post-treatment, respectively). Inter-reader agreement for iodine quantification for pre- and post-treatment showed significant correlation (Spearman’s $\rho$=0.93 $p<0.005$, Spearman’s $\rho$=0.95 $p<0.005$, respectively).

Both mPsAMRIS and iodine uptake showed significant improvement after treatment for both readers (Wilcoxon signed-rank test: $z$=7.37, $z$=5.98 for reader 1, $z$=7.38, $z$=6.20 for reader 2, $p<0.005$ for all $z$).

The treatment effect of mPsAMRIS and iodine uptake showed significant correlation (Spearman’s $\rho$=0.56 $p<0.005$ for reader 1, Spearman’s $\rho$=0.57 $p<0.005$ for reader 2). Graph shows the correlation between change of mPsAMRIS score and iodine uptake.

Conclusions: A significant improvement of inflammatory changes in PsA was confirmed by iodine uptake post-treatment, which was in-keeping with mPsAMRIS, and there was a strong correlation between the mPsAMRIS scoring system and iodine quantification. Therefore, iodine quantification may be useful in evaluating the treatment effect of PsA. Furthermore, changes in iodine uptake were observed even with small changes of mPsAMRIS, thus iodine uptake may provide a more sensitive and detailed measure of inflammatory activity in PsA.

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**FLUOROMETRIC IMAGING FOR EARLY DIAGNOSIS AND PROGNOSIS OF RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS**

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**Background:** Early diagnosis and monitoring of disease progress are of significant importance in the effective treatment of rheumatoid arthritis (RA), because the continuing inflammation can lead to irreversible joint damage and systemic complications. However, using imaging modalities for the diagnosis of RA remains challenging, because no tissue-specific guidelines are available to monitor the progressive course of RA.

**Objectives:** We report fluorometric imaging of RA for early diagnosis and prognosis, using structure-inherent targeting of the blood vessel, bone, and cartilage.

**Methods:** We conducted dual channel near-infrared (NIR) fluorescence imaging, by using NIR light in the wavelength range of 700–800 nm and NIR fluorophores, to monitor the pathophysiologic processes of RA. In RA mice, we intravenously injected two NIR fluorophores—indocyanine green (ICG, 800 nm) and DEX700 (700 nm)—that have the characteristics of vascular perfusion agents in order to identify the severity of joint inflammation and the corresponding changes, on the basis of differences in fluorescence intensity. In addition, for monitoring the changes in cartilage and bone on the basis of the progression of arthritis, we also intravenously injected C700-OMe (700 nm), a cartilage-targeting NIR fluorophore with an affinity for hyaluronic acid and glycosaminoglycan and P800SC3 (800 nm), a bone-targeting agent that has a strong binding affinity for bone minerals such as hydroxyapatite and calcium phosphate.

**Results:** In the acute inflammatory stage of arthritis, ICG with a lower molecular weight showed a significantly higher signal-to-background ratio (SBR) than DEX700 ($p<0.05$). But, in the chronic inflammatory stage, DEX700 showed a higher SBR value than ICG ($p<0.05$). The changing tendency of SBR value obtained from ICG showed similar to those of the clinical arthritis score in RA mice.

In the fluorescence images of the mouse cartilage with C700-OMe before arthritis induction, very clear and distinct lines were observed in the fore paw and ankle joints. In the images obtained after arthritis was induced, these lines were lost, indicating cartilage destruction due to the progression of arthritis. A fluorescence image of the bone was obtained 24 hour after the injection of P800SC3; in this image, it was difficult to view the bone shape of joints especially in the fore paw before arthritis induction, because of a very low fluorescence intensity, in contrast to the cartilage. However, with the progression of arthritis, the fluorescence image of the bones was dramatically appeared and the SBR value of them increased significantly to clearly display the altered morphology of the joints ($p<0.05$). In particular, as it was confirmed that bone-specific NIR fluorophore, P800SC3 went only into the osteoclast cells, it was determined that monitoring of bone remodelling caused by arthritis-induced osteoclastogenesis is possible by using NIR fluorescence images.

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**DIAGNOSIS OF PRIMARY RAYNAUD’S PHENOMENON AND CAPILLAROSCOPY**

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**Background:** Raynaud’s phenomenon (RP) is a clinical expression of recurrent reversible vasospasm of small peripheral arteries and arterioles. It is a common pathology in clinical practice and is classified into two main categories—primary RP in the absence of an underlying disorder and secondary RP that is in the context of another disease. The differential diagnosis is of crucial importance for the practising rheumatologists because the patients with primary RP are with benign course while those with secondary RP require further differentiation and establishment of the precise diagnosis and treatment. Differentiation between primary and secondary RP is based on clinical features, laboratory including immunological investigations and capillaroscopic findings.

**Objectives:** The nailfold capillaroscopy is a key imaging tool for monitoring the RP patients because of the high predictive value of the abnormal capillaroscopic pattern for future development of connective tissue disease. Patients with primary RP often present with an abnormal capillaroscopic pattern, while patients with secondary RP present with a normal capillaroscopic pattern. The nailfold capillaroscopy is highly sensitive and specific for the diagnosis of RP.

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