

**Supplementary Tables****Table S1:** Correlation matrix for serum tryptophan and metabolites vs. rheumatoid factor (RF) in OA and RA patients, respectively.

		OA	RA
In (serum level)		rheumatoid factor (RF)	
Serotonin	r	-0.092	0.110
	p-value	0.449	0.433
Tryptophan	r	-0.066	<b>-0.369</b>
	p-value	0.587	<b>0.006</b>
IDO activity	r	<b>-0.276</b>	<b>0.385</b>
	p-value	<b>0.044</b>	<b>0.004</b>
Kynurenine	r	<b>-0.439</b>	0.190
	p-value	<b>0.001</b>	0.168

**Table S2.** Linear regression model predicting change in RAMRIS at month six.

Model #	model characteristics	predictor	Std beta	T	p-value
1	r=0.631 r2=0.399 corr. r2=0.198 ANOVA p=0.139	constant serotonin [ng/ml] tryptophan [ $\mu\text{mol/l}$ ] kyneurenin [ $\mu\text{mol/l}$ ] age sex	0.42 0.223 -0.066 -0.216 0.106	1.96 0.968 -0.277 -0.931 0.5	0.069 0.348 0.785 0.367 0.624
2	r=0.629 r2=0.396 corr. r2=0.245 ANOVA p=0.074	constant serotonin [ng/ml] tryptophan [ $\mu\text{mol/l}$ ] age sex	0.426 0.197 -0.243 0.112	2.058 0.964 -1.189 0.548	0.056 0.349 0.252 0.591
3	r=0.62 r2=0.384 corr. r2=0.276 ANOVA p=0.037	constant serotonin [ng/ml] tryptophan [ $\mu\text{mol/l}$ ] age	0.455 0.176 -0.242	2.331 0.895 -1.213	<b>0.032</b> 0.383 0.242
4	r=0.596 r2=0.355 corr. r2=0.284 ANOVA p=0.019	constant serotonin [ng/ml] age	0.469 -0.282	2.418 -1.453	<b>0.026</b> 0.163
5	r=0.529 r2=0.28 corr. r2=0.242 ANOVA p=0.014	constant serotonin [ng/ml]	0.529	12.25 2.716	0 <b>0.014</b>

**Table S3.** Linear regression model predicting change in erosions at month six in RA patients with increased CRP values.

Model #	model characteristics	predictor	Std beta	T	p-value
1	r=0.776 r2=0.602 corr. r2=0.353 ANOVA p=0.128	constant serotonin ng/ml tryptophan $\mu\text{mol/l}$ kyneurenine $\mu\text{mol/l}$ age sex	0.478 0.449 -0.807 0.403 -0.212	1.926 1.613 -2.875 1.414 -0.769	0.09 0.146 <b>0.021</b> 0.195 0.464
2	r=0.757 r2=0.573 corr. r2=0.383 ANOVA p=0.078	constant serotonin ng/ml tryptophan $\mu\text{mol/l}$ kyneurenine $\mu\text{mol/l}$ age	0.414 0.488 -0.721 0.374	1.812 1.826 -2.866 1.353	0.103 0.101 <b>0.019</b> 0.209
3	r=0.697 r2=0.486 corr. r2=0.331 ANOVA p=0.074	constant serotonin ng/ml tryptophan $\mu\text{mol/l}$ kyneurenine $\mu\text{mol/l}$	0.33 0.297 -0.577	1.443 1.257 -2.432	0.18 0.237 0.035
4	r=0.636 r2=0.404 corr. r2=0.296 ANOVA p=0.058	constant serotonin ng/ml kyneurenine $\mu\text{mol/l}$	0.345 -0.496	1.472 -2.116	0.169 0.058
5	r=0.536 r2=0.287 corr. r2=0.228 ANOVA p=0.048	constant kyneurenine $\mu\text{mol/l}$	-0.536	5.021 -2.198	0 <b>0.048</b>