

Supplementary Table S1. Trial outcomes.

		Intervention Group (n=31)	Control Group (n=25)	Baseline-adjusted Group Comparison	
				Estimate \pm SE	<i>p</i> -value
Pain [NRS] (mean \pm SD)	Baseline	5 \pm 2.14	5.4 \pm 2.25		
	After intervention	2.97 \pm 1.83	4.52 \pm 2.12	-1.31 \pm 0.4	0.002
	12-week follow-up visit	3.65 \pm 2.42	4.84 \pm 2.32	-1.0 \pm 0.57	0.089
HAQ (mean \pm SD)	Baseline	0.98 \pm 0.62	1.24 \pm 0.54		
	After intervention	0.77 \pm 0.56	1.22 \pm 0.62	-0.21 \pm 0.07	0.003
	12-week follow-up visit	0.81 \pm 0.59	1.26 \pm 0.73	-0.24 \pm 0.13	0.061
DAS28 (mean \pm SD)	Baseline	4.84 \pm 1.55	4.45 \pm 1.32		
	After intervention	3.75 \pm 1.46	4.2 \pm 1.44	-0.67 \pm 0.33	0.045
	12-week follow-up visit	4.01 \pm 1.38	4.32 \pm 1.55	-0.44 \pm 0.37	0.237
TNF-α [pg/ml] (mean \pm SD)	Baseline	1.99 \pm 0.8	1.37 \pm 0.75		
	After intervention	1.21 \pm 0.48	1.33 \pm 0.47	-0.21 \pm 0.13	0.116
	12-week follow-up visit	0.79 \pm 0.411	49 \pm 1	-0.64 \pm 0.21	0.004
IL-6 [pg/ml] (mean \pm SD)	Baseline	5.46 \pm 5.66	5.24 \pm 8.24		
	After intervention	3.5 \pm 2.87	8.04 \pm 6.55	-4.58 \pm 3.02	0.135
	12-week follow-up visit	3.04 \pm 1.81	18.95 \pm 46.3	-15.9 \pm 8.5	0.068
IL-10 [pg/ml] (mean \pm SD)	Baseline	25.04 \pm 78.29	17.38 \pm 36.16		
	After intervention	28.04 \pm 103.39	16.38 \pm 30.41	2.16 \pm 4.06	0.597
	12-week follow-up visit	11.48 \pm 24.25	11.11 \pm 16.34	-0.94 \pm 4.74	0.844

p-values for between-group changes were calculated using the non-parametric Mann-Whitney U-test; for in-group changes the non-parametric Wilcoxon test was used. *p*-values were adjusted for multiple comparisons using the Bonferroni-Holm correction.

IL: interleukin; TNF: tumour necrosis factor; NRS: numeric rating scale; HAQ: Health Assessment Questionnaire; DAS28: 28 joint disease activity score; SD: standard deviation; SE: standard error; CI: confidence interval.