Table 1: Clinical and laboratory parameters of patients over 65 years presenting with new onset rheumatoid ar-

Clinical parameters	n(%)
Oligoarthritis(n (%))	25/128 (19.5%)
Polyarthritis(n (%))	102/128 (79.5%)
Tender joints (mean±SD)	10.2 ± 5.1
Swollen joints (mean±SD)	3.74 ± 2.4
Systemic symptoms (n (%))	18/128 (14%)
Anemia (n (%))	51/128 (39.8%)
Thrombocytosis (n (%))	52/128 (40.6%)

Laboratory parameters n (%)

ESR mm/hr (mean \pm SD) CRP mg/l (mean \pm SD) DAS28 (mean \pm SD)

anti-CCP + [n (%)]ANA + [n (%)]Presence of immunoglobulin

RF + [n (%)]

[n (%)] -low, normal and high polyclonal-

 5.5 ± 0.99 48/102 (47.1)

32/67 (47.8) 23/76 (30.2)

 48.3 ± 29.9

7.8 (0.3-154)

3/74 (4.1%), 57/74 (77%) and 14/74 (18.9%)

SD: standard deviation, ESR: erythrocyte sedimentation rate, CRP: C-reactive protein, DAS28: disease activity score of 28 joints, RF: rheumatoid factor, anti-CCP: anti - cyclic citrullinated peptide antibodies, ANA: antinuclear antibodies.