

# Η ποιότητα ζωής στο επίκεντρο

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# QoL

What is it?

Does it matter?

What influences it?

What to do?

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# Aspects of HrQoL

Physical functioning

Bodily pain

Role-physical

General health

Vitality

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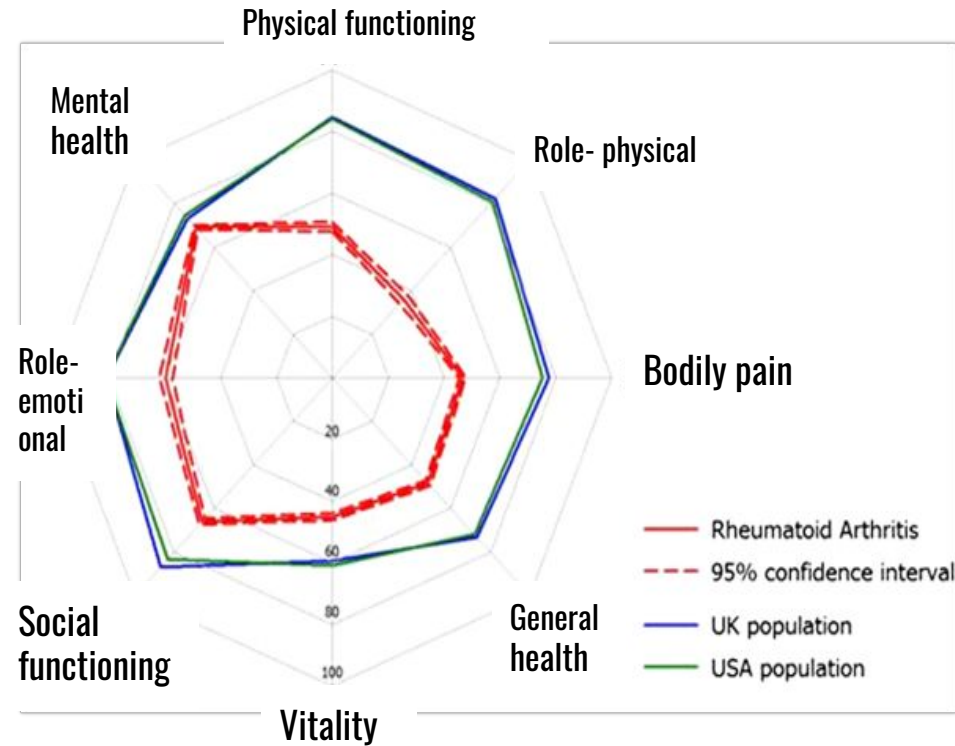
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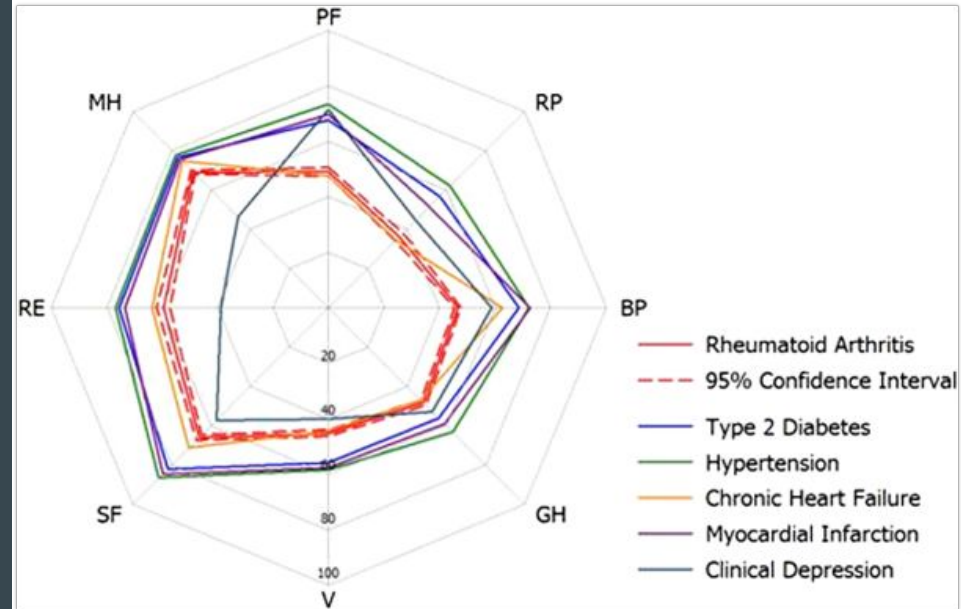
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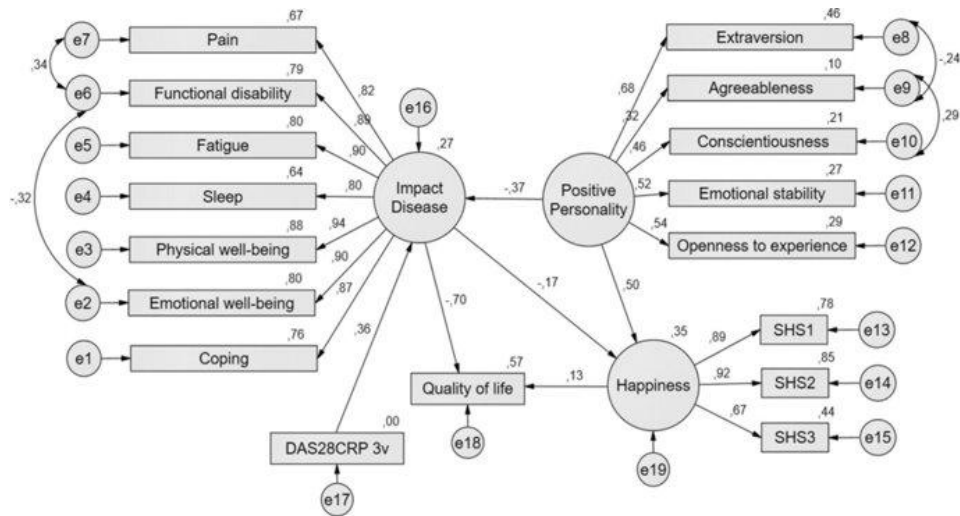
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# Impact on QoL: what matters most?



**What counts most**  
for health care providers and patients  
when choosing a treatment?





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physician and patients ratings**

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**Table III.** Causes of back pain in patients with SpA.

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Axial inflammation including sacroiliitis, spondylitis, spondylodiscitis, enthesitis

Structural damage (new bone formation, ankylosis, hyperkyphosis)

Vertebral fractures

Spinal instability due to atlantoaxial dislocation

Subarachnoidal cysts

Degenerative spinal changes

Disc herniation

Spinal stenosis

Fibromyalgia, myofascial pain syndromes

Muscular dysbalance

Non-specific (low) back pain

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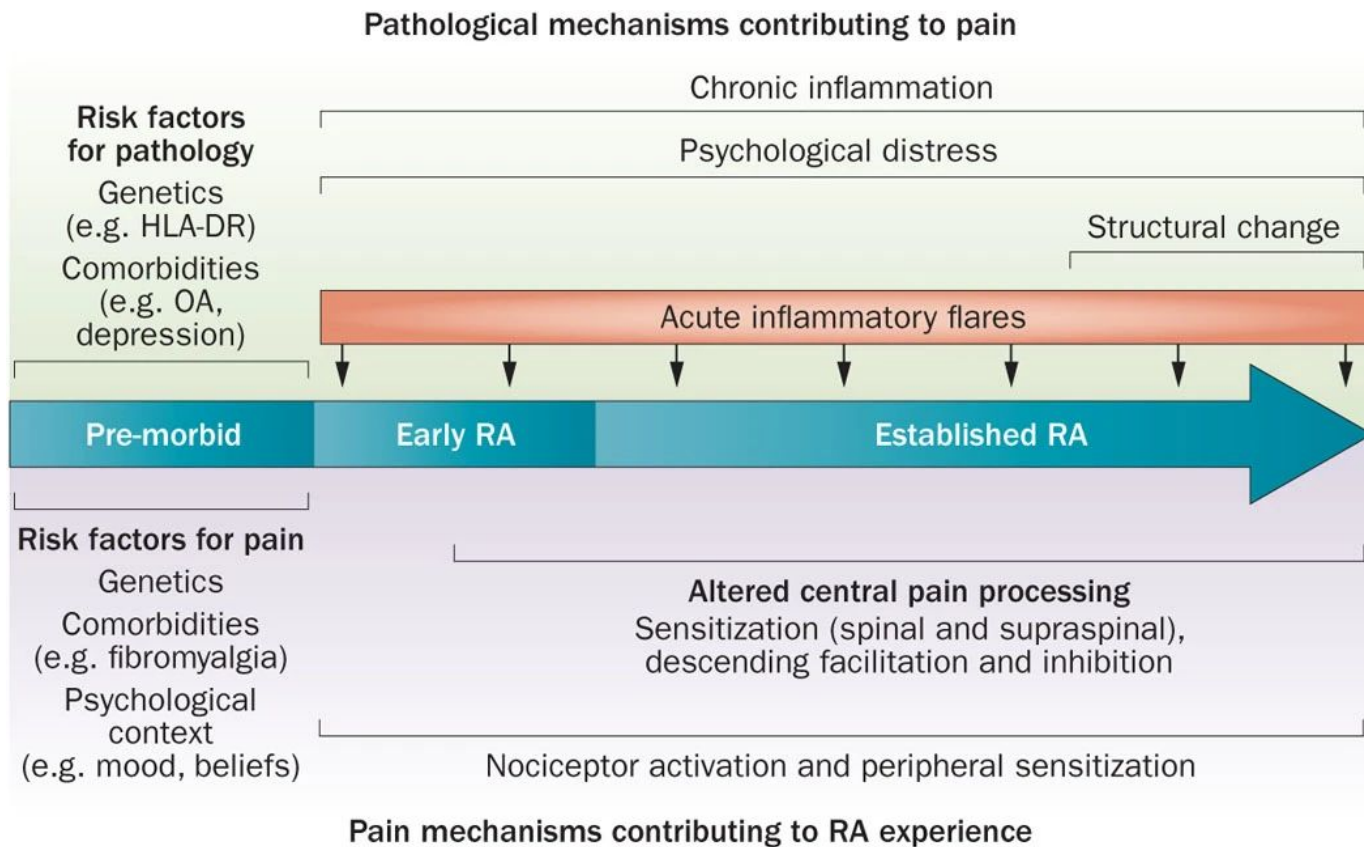
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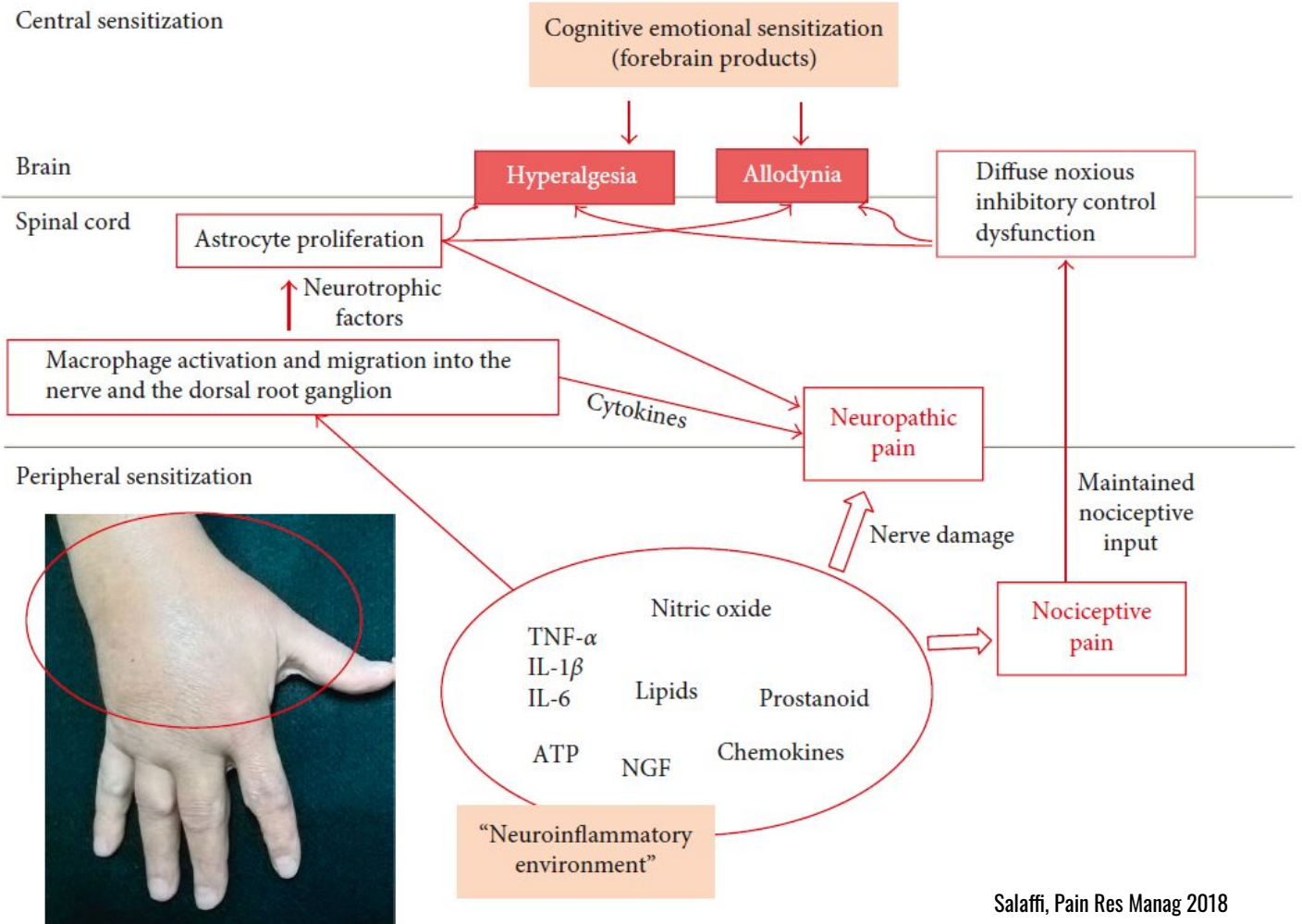
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# **Pain in inflammatory arthritis: basic pathophysiologic considerations**

# Pain mechanisms in RA



# Mechanisms of peripheral and central sensitization in inflammatory arthritis





**Table 1**

Cytokine interactions with the Jak/STAT pathway and likely involvement in pain.

Cytokine (ligand/receptor)	Elements of Jak/STAT pathway affected	Association with pain mechanisms
GM-CSF/GM-CSFR	Jak2 [31,71] STAT3 [71], STAT5 [11]	Induces hyperalgesia [36,40,71] Upregulates sodium channel expression (Nav1.7-Nav1.9) [71]
IFN- $\gamma$ /IFN- $\gamma$ R	Jak1/Jak2 [9,11] STAT1 [9,11] STAT3 [72]	Initiation or maintenance of pain [73,74] IFN- $\gamma$ - and IFN- $\gamma$ receptor-deficient mice demonstrate social dysfunction [75] Can signal through inhibitory (GABAergic-specific) neurons [75]
IL-1 $\beta$ /IL-1R	Indirect via IL-6/STAT3 {Ahmed, 2000 #295}	Initiation of pain [19] Can have detrimental effect on cognitive function [76]
IL-4/IL-4R	Jak1, Jak3 [31] STAT1, STAT3, STAT6 [11,77]	Overexpression of IL-4 can decrease hyperalgesia [34] IL-4-deficient mice show improved social function, may have mechanical allodynia, and demonstrate cognitive deficits [75,78,79]
IL-6/IL-6R, sIL-6R	Jak1, Jak2, TYK2 [9,80] STAT3 [9,31]	Pro-nociceptive factor [21] Contributes to development of hyperalgesia/allodynia in rats [81] Can have detrimental effect on cognitive function [82]
IL-10/IL-10R	Jak1 STAT3 [9]	Mitigates pain (anti-nociceptive effects) [19, 21]
IL-12/IL-12R	TYK2 and STAT4 [34]	Leads to release of pro-nociceptive cytokines TNF and IFN- $\gamma$ [34]
IL-15/IL-15R $\alpha$ , IL-2R $\beta$ , $\gamma_c$	Jak1/Jak3 STAT5 [11]	Associated with severity of pain in osteoarthritis [83] Induces neuropathic pain [84]
IL-17/IL-17RA	Jak2 [38] STAT1, STAT3 [38]	Causes allodynia [85]
IL-18/IL-18R	TYK2 and STAT4 [34]	Pro-nociceptive factor [21]
IL-22/IL-22R	Jak1 [86] STAT3 [86]	Increased expression level is noted in experimental arthritis [87] Inhibiting IL-22 reduces pain [87]
IL-27/gp130	TYK2 [88] STAT1, STAT3, STAT5a/b [32] gp130-signaling subunit [32]	Diminished expression of gp130 can attenuate pain [89]
TNF- $\alpha$ /TNFR1, TNFR2	Indirect via IFN- $\beta$ -Jak/STAT expression and STAT1 [69]	Can initiate pain and induce pain-receptor sensitization (both mechanical and thermal hyperalgesia) [90] Is associated with neuropathic pain [91,92] and has detrimental effect on cognitive function [93,94]

GABA:  $\gamma$ -aminobutyric acid; GM-CSF: granulocyte-macrophage colony-stimulating factor; gp: glycoprotein; IFN: interferon; IL: interleukin; Jak: Janus kinase; R: receptor; STAT: signal transducer and activator of transcription; TNF: tumor necrosis factor; TYK: tyrosine kinase.

# Treatment with jak-inhs rapidly reduces central sensitization and pain catastrophizing

Variable	Baseline	4 weeks	p
Central sensitization inventory	36.73	32.57	<0.0001
Pain Catastrophizing scale	32.46	28.72	0.0001
SDAI	44.3	27.83	<0.0001
US score	5.25	5.03	0.226
Pain Detect Questionnaire	17.65	15.66	0.0005

# Upadacitinib improves pain in RA- the SELECT-COMPARE TRIAL

TABLE 2 LSM changes from baseline at weeks 12 and 2 following UPAD initiation

PRO measures	LSM change (95% CI)		
	UPAD 15 mg (n = 651)	PBO (n = 651)	ADA 40 mg (n = 327)
<b>Week 12</b>			
PtGA	-30.39 (-32.62, -28.16) <sup>a,b</sup>	-15.24 (-17.44, -13.04)	-23.55 (-26.43, -20.67) <sup>c</sup>
Pain VAS	-31.76 (-33.96, -29.56) <sup>a,b</sup>	-15.46 (-17.63, -13.29)	-25.31 (-28.16, -22.47) <sup>c</sup>
HAQ-DI	-0.61 (-0.66, -0.56) <sup>a,b</sup>	-0.30 (-0.35, -0.25)	-0.51 (-0.57, -0.44) <sup>c</sup>
AM stiffness duration	-92.63 (-103.03, -82.23) <sup>a</sup>	-48.59 (-58.84, -38.34)	-82.71 (-95.80, -69.62) <sup>c</sup>
AM stiffness severity	-3.37 (-3.59, -3.15) <sup>a,b</sup>	-1.83 (-2.05, -1.61)	-2.86 (-3.14, -2.57) <sup>c</sup>
FACIT-F	8.95 (7.98, 9.93) <sup>a,b</sup>	4.81 (3.85, 5.77)	7.44 (6.25, 8.64) <sup>c</sup>
RA-WIS (among employed patients)	-5.16 (-6.10, -4.23) <sup>a</sup>	-1.98 (-2.87, -1.10)	-4.45 (-5.61, -3.28) <sup>c</sup>
SF-36 Summary Scores			
PCS	7.89 (7.11, 8.68) <sup>a,b</sup>	3.56 (2.79, 4.33)	6.27 (5.31, 7.23) <sup>c</sup>
MCS	6.39 (5.50, 7.29) <sup>a</sup>	3.67 (2.78, 4.55)	5.39 (4.29, 6.49) <sup>c</sup>
SF-36 domains			
Physical functioning	7.31 (6.45, 8.18) <sup>a,b</sup>	3.59 (2.74, 4.45)	6.18 (5.12, 7.25) <sup>c</sup>
Role-physical	6.85 (6.06, 7.65) <sup>a,b</sup>	3.63 (2.85, 4.41)	5.16 (4.19, 6.14) <sup>c</sup>
Bodily pain	9.85 (9.02, 10.68) <sup>a,b</sup>	4.61 (3.80, 5.43)	8.03 (7.02, 9.05) <sup>c</sup>
General health	7.27 (6.49, 8.05) <sup>a,b</sup>	3.12 (2.35, 3.89)	5.67 (4.72, 6.63) <sup>c</sup>
Vitality	8.24 (7.38, 9.10) <sup>a,b</sup>	4.26 (3.41, 5.10)	6.79 (5.74, 7.84) <sup>c</sup>
Social functioning	7.19 (6.32, 8.06) <sup>a,b</sup>	3.40 (2.54, 4.25)	5.75 (4.69, 6.82) <sup>c</sup>
Role-emotional	6.24 (5.31, 7.18) <sup>a</sup>	3.60 (2.68, 4.53)	5.21 (4.05, 6.36) <sup>c</sup>
Mental health	6.99 (6.11, 7.87) <sup>a</sup>	4.02 (3.15, 4.88)	5.91 (4.83, 6.99) <sup>c</sup>
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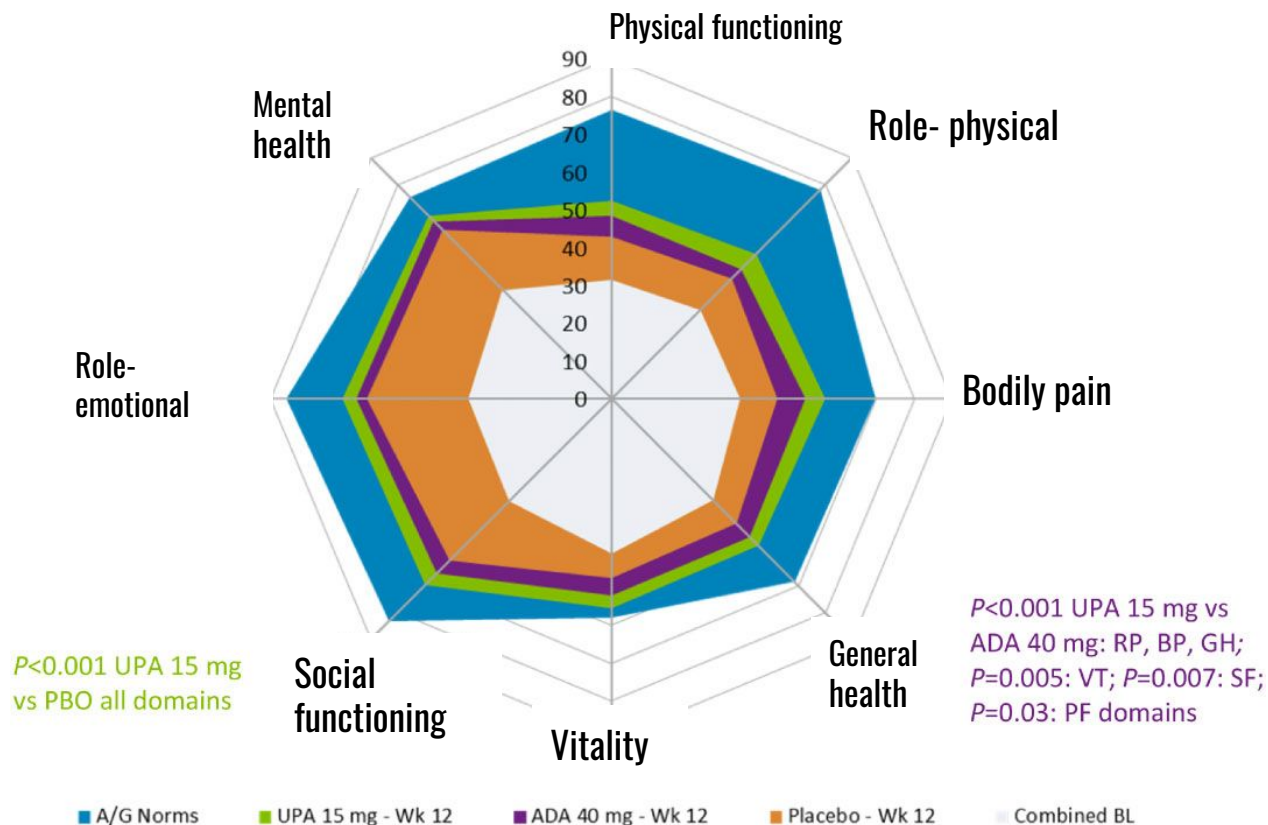
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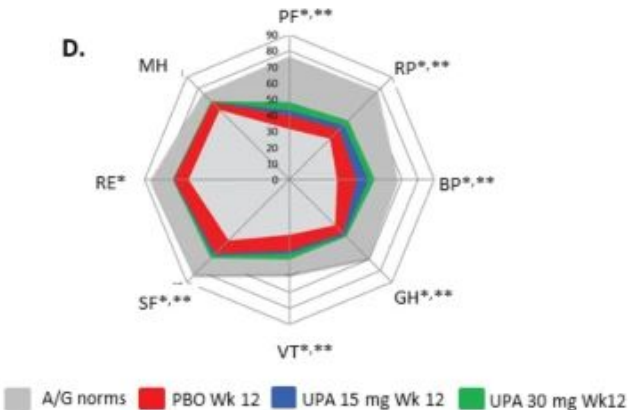
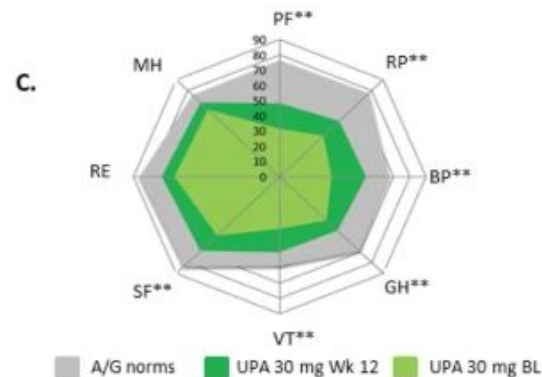
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