

Table 1. Diagnostic sensitivity of rheumatoid factor and anti-cyclic citrullinated (CCP) antibodies in early and late rheumatoid arthritis

		GROUP 1 (ERA) n=66 (%)	GROUP 2 (LRA) n=32 (%)
RF	+ve	38 (57)	26 (81)
	-ve	28 (43)	6 (19)
Anti-CCP antibodies	+ve	52 (79)	27 (84)
	-ve	14 (21)	5 (16)

RF=rheumatoid factor; ERA=early rheumatoid arthritis; LRA=late rheumatoid arthritis.