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I am enclosing herewith a manuscript entitled “Reliability and validity of CDAI and SDAI in comparison to DAS-28 in Moroccan patients with rheumatoid arthritis” submitted to “BMC musculoskeletal disorders” for possible evaluation. With the submission of this manuscript I would like to undertake that the above mentioned manuscript has not been published elsewhere, accepted for publication elsewhere or under editorial review for publication elsewhere; and that my Institute’s El Ayachi hospital representative is fully aware of this submission.

Rheumatoid arthritis is a chronic inflammatory joint disease that causes structural joint damage and alterations in quality of life. Therapeutic goals have changed over the last decade with tight control strategy. Disease Activity Score-28 joints (DAS-28) the gold standard for measuring the disease activity, in patients with RA, which requires a calculator. The SDAI and CDAI are more simple for calculating and they were validated in the original studies. Therefore, the aim of the present study was To assess validity and reliability of CDAI and SDAI in comparison to disease activity score-28 joints (DAS-28) in Moroccan patients with RA.