Reviewer’s report

Title: Successful long-term remission through tapering tocilizumab infusions: a single-center prospective study

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In this paper the authors aim to evaluate the long term maintenance of remission after progressive tocilizumab tapering in RA patients. The paper adds some concepts for defining patients eligible for TCZ tapering and potential future strategies in using clinical parameters in predicting the risk for disease relapse after initiation of TCZ tapering are addressed.

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