

1 Characteristics of functional impairment in patients with long-standing rheumatoid arthritis
2 based on range of motion of joints: Baseline data from a multicenter prospective observational
3 cohort study to evaluate the effectiveness of joint surgery in the treat-to-target era

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1 **Abstract**

2 **Objective:** To explore the characteristics of functional impairment in patients with established
3 rheumatoid arthritis (RA) based on the range of motion (ROM) of joints in a prospective
4 observational study of RA patients undergoing joint surgery.

5 **Methods:** We collected data on demographics, HAQ-DI, and the ROM of large joints including
6 the shoulder, elbow, wrist, hip, knee, and ankle. Associations between the ROM of each joint
7 and disability in the eight HAQ-DI categories were determined using receiver operating
8 characteristic (ROC) and logistic regression analyses. ROM cut-off values of each joint for the
9 absence of disability in each HAQ-DI category were determined using ROC curves.

10 **Results:** A total of 460 patients were enrolled and analyzed in this study. Based on ROC
11 analysis, the ROM of each joint was significantly associated with disability in each category.
12 After adjusting for disease activity, age, and sex, shoulder abduction had the highest
13 independent impact on disability in activity [cut-off: 139 degrees (OR: 5.26)], elbow
14 flexion-extension in dressing [121 degrees (OR: 2.22)], wrist flexion-extension in reach [86
15 degrees (OR: 2.71)], hip flexion-extension in walking [126 degrees (OR: 3.42)], and knee
16 flexion-extension in walking [134 degrees (OR: 2.97)].

17 **Conclusion:** Limited ROM of multiple joints was significantly associated with functional
18 impairment in patients with long-standing RA. Motion in daily activity involves multiple joints,

1 and at least two joints were independently involved in disability.

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1 **INTRODUCTION**

2 Rheumatoid arthritis (RA) is a chronic disease that affects multiple joints and causes physical
3 disability. Remarkable progress has been made in the past decade with respect to drug therapies
4 for RA. At present, aggressive and early therapy is recommended [1, 2]. However, as shown in
5 post-marketing surveillance studies, the mean disease duration of patients treated with biologics
6 in clinical practice is about 8-10 years [3-7]. Many RA patients have long-standing disease and
7 irreversible structural damage to their joints (both small and large joints), and as a result
8 experience disability in daily life [8] and often must resign from their jobs [9]. These patients
9 require reconstructive joint surgery to improve physical function and quality of life, as well as to
10 control inflammation.

11 Range of motion (ROM) is widely used to assess joint function in daily practice. The
12 treat-to-target strategy for RA clearly shows a benefit in terms of clinical outcome. ROM targets
13 should be set in order to guide surgery and rehabilitation, but no such target values currently
14 exist. In this context, it would be informative to understand how much improvement in ROM
15 corresponds to an improvement in physical function in RA patients with joint damage.

16 This study aimed to explore the characteristics of functional impairment in RA patients
17 with long-standing disease with joint damage based on ROM of joints using a multicenter
18 prospective observational cohort.

1 **PATIENTS AND METHODS**

2 We conducted a multicenter prospective observational cohort study with patients who
3 underwent elective joint surgery for RA from April 2012 to March 2016 (UMIN000012649)
4 with/without a history of joint surgery, in order to evaluate the effectiveness of joint
5 reconstructive surgery on improving physical function and patient-reported outcomes.

6 A total of ten institutes throughout Japan have joined this project. Baseline data were
7 collected before the time of elective joint surgery. Documented variables at baseline included
8 sex, age, disease duration, disease activity assessed by the 28-joint disease activity score using
9 CRP (DAS28-CRP), and drug therapy [methotrexate (MTX), glucocorticoid (GC), and
10 biologics]. With respect to the assessment of physical function, we used a validated Japanese
11 version of the Health Assessment Questionnaire Disability Index (HAQ-DI) [10], ROMs of
12 joints (shoulder, elbow, wrist, hip, knee, and ankle), and the Timed Up and Go test. Measured
13 ROMs were as follows: shoulder: abduction, elbow: flexion-extension, wrist:
14 supination-pronation and flexion-extension, hip: flexion-extension, knee: flexion-extension, and
15 ankle: flexion-extension. These ROMs were measured by a well-trained orthopedic surgeon or
16 physiotherapist using a manual goniometer.

17 Registered patients were followed for one year. At 6 months and 1 year after surgery,
18 data on physical function and patient-reported outcomes were collected. If another operation

1 was performed within one year, the follow-up was censored at that time point.

2 The registry and study design were approved by the Ethics Committee of Nagoya
3 University, School of Medicine. Patients provided written informed consent prior to
4 participation. Patient anonymity was maintained during data collection, and the security of
5 personal information was strictly controlled.

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7 **Statistical analysis**

8 The ROM of each joint was defined as the mean ROM value of bilateral joints. To evaluate
9 physical function, we calculated the HAQ-DI score using each score of eight categories
10 (dressing, arising, eating, walking, hygiene, reach, grip, and activity). To clarify differences in
11 patients with/without a history of joint surgery, we compared differences in their characteristics
12 using the unpaired t-test for continuous values and the chi-square test for the categorical value.

13 Receiver operating characteristic (ROC) curves were generated to assess associations
14 between the ROM in each joint and the presence of disability in each HAQ-DI category (score
15 ≥ 1). These curves were also used to determine ROM cut-off points of each joint for the presence
16 of disability in each HAQ-DI category. The best cut-off point was identified as the maximum
17 point of the Youden index, which was calculated using the following formula: [Youden index

1 =sensitivity+specificity-1]. These analyses were performed for the entire study population as
2 well as for patients with/without a history of joint surgery.

3 Multivariate logistic regression analysis was performed to examine the independent
4 impact of the ROM of each joint (arc of motion) on disability in daily activities by HAQ-DI
5 category. The ROM of each joint (arc of motion) was dichotomized using the cut-off values
6 described above. The model was adjusted for age, sex, and disease activity (DAS28-CRP). All
7 data were analyzed using SPSS version 22.0 (IBM Corporation, Armonk, NY). $P<0.05$ was
8 considered statistically significant.

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1 **RESULTS**

2 In total, 700 patients were registered during the study period, of whom 460 with data on age,
3 sex, HAQ-DI, and any ROM of seven joints were identified and enrolled for analysis.
4 Characteristics of all patients are summarized in Table 1. Mean age and disease duration were
5 64.5 years and 16.7 years, respectively. Most patients had long-standing RA. However, median
6 values of CRP and DAS28-CRP were 0.2 mg/dl (within the normal limit) and 3.1 (low disease
7 activity based on DAS category), respectively. About 25% of patients were treated with
8 biologics.

9 Associations between the ROM of each joint and disability by HAQ-DI category
10 differed based on analyses of areas under the ROC curve (Table 2A). With respect to dressing
11 and eating, the ROM in the upper limbs was more strongly associated with disability than the
12 ROM in the lower limbs. Conversely, for arising and walking, the ROM in the lower limbs was
13 more strongly associated with disability than the ROM in the upper limbs. Finally, with respect
14 to hygiene and reach, ROMs in both upper and lower limbs were associated with disability to
15 about the same degree. Cut-off values and their sensitivities and specificities for disability are
16 shown in Table 2B. Cut-offs for the absence of disability based on HAQ-DI (score=0) were as
17 follows: shoulder abduction, 133–151 degrees; elbow extension, -19–-10 degrees; flexion,
18 139–142 degrees; flexion-extension, 114–141 degrees; wrist supination-pronation, 150–156
19 degrees; wrist flexion-extension, 70–89 degrees; knee flexion-extension, 124–134 degrees; hip

1 flexion-extension, 114–131 degrees; and ankle flexion-extension, 54–61 degrees.

2 The independent impact of ROM of each joint on disability for each category was
3 determined by multivariate logistic regression analysis, after adjusting for age, sex, and
4 DAS28-CRP in both patients with/without a history of joint surgery (Table 3). Odds ratios
5 (ORs) of limited ROM dichotomized by cut-off values for disability are also shown. For each
6 category, limited ROM in more than two joints was an independent factor associated with
7 disability, except for disability in eating (only wrist flexion-extension was an independent
8 factor).

9 Limited ROM of shoulder abduction was an independent factor even after adjusting for
10 age, sex and DAS28-CRP for the following categories (Table 3): dressing [OR: 4.80, 95%
11 confidence interval (95%CI): 2.32–9.91], arising (OR: 1.95, 95%CI: 1.14–3.35), hygiene (OR:
12 3.79, 95%CI: 2.1–6.85), reach (OR: 3.53, 95%CI: 1.31–9.53), and activity (OR: 5.26, 95%CI:
13 2.27–12.2). Limited ROM of elbow flexion-extension was an independent factor for the
14 dressing category (OR: 2.22, 95%CI: 1.13–4.37). Limited ROM of wrist flexion-extension was
15 an independent factor for the following categories: eating (OR: 2.20, 95%CI: 1.21–3.99),
16 hygiene (OR: 2.25, 95%CI: 1.27–4.01), reach (OR: 2.71, 95%CI: 1.36–5.39), and grip (OR:
17 2.56, 95%CI: 1.32–4.97). Limited ROM of hip flexion-extension was an independent factor for
18 the following categories: dressing (OR: 2.11, 95%CI: 1.14–3.92), walking (OR: 3.42, 95%CI:

1 1.92–6.12), reach (OR: 2.52, 95%CI: 1.14–5.56), grip (OR: 2.39, 95%CI: 1.18–4.85), and
2 activity (OR: 3.26, 95%CI: 1.65–6.46). Finally, limited ROM of knee flexion-extension was an
3 independent factor for the following categories: arising (OR: 1.75, 95%CI: 1.00–3.06), walking
4 (OR: 2.97, 95%CI: 1.73–5.11), and hygiene (OR: 1.90, 95%CI: 1.08–3.32). Limited ROMs of
5 wrist supination and pronation and ankle flexion-extension were not significant factors for any
6 category by multivariate analysis.

7 In this study, all patients were registered regardless of whether or not they had a history
8 of joint surgery. Thus, in order to clarify differences in patients with/without a history of joint
9 surgery, we compared patient characteristics (Table 3) and analyzed the association of ROM
10 with disability according to with or without joint surgery (Tables 5 and 6).

11 Patients without a history of joint surgery had better physical function and ROM than
12 those with a history of joint surgery (Table 3). ROC analyses revealed that the association of
13 ROM with disability and cut-off values for disability in HAQ-DI categories were almost the
14 same in patients with and without a history of joint surgery (Tables 5A, B and 6A, B).

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1 **DISCUSSION**

2 In this study, we revealed a relationship between the ROM of each joint and disability based on
3 HAQ-DI categories in patients with long-standing RA who underwent elective joint
4 reconstructive surgery under drug therapy. More than half of the patients enrolled in this study
5 had normal levels of CRP and low disease activity. To our knowledge, this is the first study to
6 report cut-off values of ROM for the evaluation of disability in daily life based on data from RA
7 patients in real world practice who have damage to multiple joints.

8 Although only a few reports exist on the efficacy of rehabilitation including
9 occupational therapy [11] and exercise [12] in patients undergoing drug therapy, the efficacy of
10 exercise for improving the function of rheumatic hand was recently reported [13]. The ROM
11 cut-offs reported in our study could serve as a useful tool to guide rehabilitation.

12 Interestingly, ROMs of a number of large joints were significantly associated with
13 physical function in daily life. Motion in daily activity involves multiple joints and, in fact, at
14 least two joints were involved in disability for each HAQ-DI category except for eating (only
15 wrist flexion-extension was an independent factor) independently as shown in results of
16 multivariate analysis. These results suggest that the assessment of only one targeted joint for
17 elective joint surgery is insufficient for RA patients who suffer from damage to multiple joints.

18 Cut-off values of not only total ROM but also ROM in each direction (i.e., wrist
19 pronation-supination, pronation, and supination) are related to disability in most daily activities

1 and provide important information for evaluating disability in long-standing RA patients.
2 Notably, limited ROM of the shoulder had a significant impact on disability in all categories of
3 HAQ-DI, with at least 130 degrees needed for reducing disability in daily life. Exercise and
4 rehabilitation aimed at increasing ROM in the shoulder joint could be very important for daily
5 management of long-standing RA patients. Patients with arthritis in the shoulder could be
6 targets for intensive drug therapy.

7 In this study, all patients were registered regardless of a history of joint surgery. The
8 comparison between patients with and without a history of joint surgery revealed that the
9 association of ROM with disability was almost the same in patients with or without a history of
10 joint surgery (Tables 5A and 6A, 5B and 6B), although patient characteristics significantly
11 differed (Table 3). These results support the reliability of ROM.

12 Most patients showed improvements in ROM and pain after joint surgery. However,
13 even after joint surgery, such as prosthesis implantation and especially joint fixation, limited
14 ROM could remain without pain. Ishikawa et al. reported that patients who underwent partial
15 joint fixation of the wrist (radiocarpal joint) had improved ROM in supination-pronation but not
16 in flexion-extension [14]. Momohara et al. reported that improvement of physical function
17 based on HAQ-DI after joint surgery was limited in spite of decreased pain [15]. This could be
18 related to limited ROM in some patients. Limited ROM of joints that are not targeted in surgery

1 might also have a critical impact on disability after surgery. These information including
2 cut-off of ROMs shown in this study, could be provided to the patients before operation.

3 A major limitation of this study was its cross-sectional observational design. **The number of**
4 **cases is still limited to explore the physical dysfunction in established RA patients with many**
5 **factors. It is difficult for multivariate analysis to indicate the range of motion in each direction**
6 **as independent factors in this study.** We could not fully assess the ROM of the shoulder
7 (flexion, extension, adduction, and external and internal rotation) and of the hip (abduction,
8 adduction, and external and internal rotation).

9 The joints in the hands and feet were also not evaluated. Moreover, while instability and pain, as
10 well as ROM, are very important, we could not fully assess each joint in terms of instability,
11 pain, or inflammation. Given that the same trend was observed when the results of multivariate
12 analysis with/without adjustment of disease activity were compared, only ROM might serve as a
13 useful index for assessing physical function in long-standing RA patients.

14 In conclusion, joint ROM was significantly associated with functional impairment. The
15 cut-offs of ROM reported here should be informative for assessing disability in patients with
16 long-standing RA. The data presented here could guide the selection of surgical procedures
17 under the background of aggressive drug therapy, and should be validated by further analyses of
18 longitudinal data.

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Table 1: Patient characteristics (N=460)

Variables	Unit	Mean	SD	Median
Age	(year)	64.5 (11.6)		65.0
Female	(%)	86.8		
Disease duration	(year)	16.7 (10.9)		16.0
HAQ-DI		1.14 (0.79)		1.00
DAS28-CRP		3.14 (0.98)		3.10
CRP	(mg/dl)	1.0 (3.5)		0.2
MTX use	(%)	58.1		
Dose of MTX	(mg/week)	7.9 (3.0)		8.0
GC use	(%)	55.5		
Dose of GC	(mg/day)	4.3 (2.4)		4.0
Biologics use	(%)	24.1		
Previous joint surgery	(%)	58.9		
Elective joint surgery				
prosthesis	(%)	51.5		
arthroplasty/desis	(%)	39.5		
synovectomy	(%)	9.0		
upper/lower limbs	(%)	45.5 / 55		
ROM				
shoulder abduction	n=395 (degrees)	141 (31.1)		150
elbow flexion-extension	n=403 (degrees)	123 (21.6)		130
wrist supination-pronator	n=400 (degrees)	149 (24.8)		153
wrist flexion-extension	n=364 (degrees)	63 (37.2)		63
hip flexion-extension	n=397 (degrees)	126 (19.9)		130
knee flexion-extension	n=415 (degrees)	127 (20.3)		133
ankle flexion-extension	n=399 (degrees)	55 (17.5)		58

HAQ-DI: Health Assessment Questionnaire Disability Index

CRP: C-reactive protein

1 MTX: methotrexate, GC: glucocorticoid, ROM: range of motion

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Table 2: Association between range of motion of each joint and disability in daily activity based on HAQ-DI category using ROC analysis

A: Assessment by area under the ROC curve

		HAQ-DI category							
		Dressing	Arising	Eating	Walking	Hygiene	reach	Grip	Activity
shoulder	abduction	0.70 **	0.64 **	0.70 **	0.63 **	0.71 **	0.67 **	0.66 **	0.70 **
elbow	extension	0.67 **	0.57 *	0.65 **	0.52	0.63 **	0.61 **	0.63 **	0.58 *
	flexion	0.62 **	0.56 *	0.54	0.55	0.58 *	0.53	0.54	0.55
	flexion-extension	0.68 **	0.58 **	0.61 **	0.55	0.63 **	0.59 *	0.60 **	0.59 *
wrist	pronation	0.67 **	0.59 **	0.71 **	0.54	0.64 **	0.67 **	0.65 **	0.59 *
	supination	0.61 **	0.55	0.66 **	0.51	0.61 **	0.60 *	0.62 **	0.54
	supination-pronatio	0.65 **	0.57 *	0.70 **	0.52	0.64 **	0.64 **	0.64 **	0.57
wrist	extension	0.64 **	0.51	0.62 **	0.51	0.59 **	0.57 *	0.56	0.58 *
	flexion	0.64 **	0.52	0.58 *	0.51	0.61 **	0.56	0.55	0.58 *
	flexion-extension	0.67 **	0.52	0.62 **	0.51	0.61 **	0.58 *	0.57 *	0.59 *
hip	extension	0.64 **	0.64 **	0.55	0.68 **	0.59 **	0.61 **	0.58 *	0.64 **
	flexion	0.65 **	0.71 **	0.56	0.72 **	0.63 **	0.65 **	0.62 **	0.65 **
	flexion-extension	0.67 **	0.71 **	0.56	0.74 **	0.63 **	0.65 **	0.62 **	0.67 **
knee	extension	0.50	0.59	0.49	0.63 **	0.53	0.50	0.52	0.54
	flexion	0.59 **	0.68 **	0.51	0.74 **	0.61 **	0.58 *	0.59 *	0.60 **
	flexion-extension	0.59 **	0.69 **	0.50	0.74 **	0.61 **	0.57 *	0.58 *	0.61 **
ankle	extension	0.56 *	0.58 *	0.55 *	0.60 *	0.59 **	0.53	0.54	0.54
	flexion	0.60 **	0.59 **	0.58 *	0.64 **	0.56 *	0.58 *	0.60 **	0.57 *
	flexion-extension	0.65 **	0.63 **	0.62 **	0.68 **	0.61 **	0.61 **	0.62 **	0.60 **

**p<0.01, *p<0.05

B₁ Cut-off value of ROM of each joint

		Dressing	Arising	Eating	Walking	Hygiene	Reach	Grip	Activity
		Cut-off							
		sensitivity		specificity		sensitivity		specificity	
shoulder	abduction	133	143	149	148	141	134	151	139
		0.91 0.47	0.75 0.54	0.74 0.57	0.68 0.58	0.82 0.55	0.91 0.39	0.69 0.57	0.91 0.46
elbow	extension	-19	-14	-16		-13	-16	-10	-19
		0.91 0.40	0.72 0.43	0.86 0.39		0.78 0.48	0.86 0.37	0.69 0.55	0.86 0.33
	flexion-extension	141	139			142			
		0.49 0.76	0.54 0.61			0.42 0.76			
wrist	pronation	121	122	114		142	121	121	114
		0.84 0.48	0.73 0.44	0.87 0.36		0.42 0.76	0.80 0.40	0.82 0.41	0.81 0.33
wrist	supination	73		69		72	79		73
		0.64 0.61		0.74 0.44		0.64 0.55	0.47 0.68		0.61 0.56
		79		82		79			76
wrist	supination-pronation	0.74 0.52		0.62 0.54		0.70 0.51			0.75 0.43
		150		151		153	156	151	152
		0.71 0.60		0.68 0.54		0.60 0.61	0.58 0.59	0.64 0.52	0.66 0.53
wrist	extension	25	43	37		46	47	47	47
		0.85 0.40	0.42 0.75	0.71 0.60		0.39 0.83	0.49 0.79	0.47 0.79	0.38 0.78
		34		29		35	47	48	
wrist	flexion-extension	0.54 0.64		0.71 0.58		0.52 0.66	0.42 0.80	0.39 0.84	
		79	70	76		79	86	89	
		0.49 0.73	0.50 0.63	0.62 0.71		0.48 0.75	0.51 0.77	0.47 0.79	
hip	extension	14	14		14	11	14	14	14
		0.69 0.55	0.69 0.58		0.74 0.58	0.71 0.49	0.75 0.51	0.67 0.49	0.74 0.52
		114	114		111	109	111	119	111
hip	flexion	0.67 0.58	0.71 0.64		0.79 0.56	0.79 0.43	0.78 0.48	0.54 0.68	0.76 0.49
		126	131		126	126	126	131	126
		0.73 0.55	0.61 0.72		0.79 0.59	0.68 0.55	0.75 0.49	0.62 0.63	0.78 0.52
hip	flexion-extension								
knee	extension		-1		-1				
			0.72 0.45		0.79 0.46				
		139	139		134	131	119	116	139
knee	flexion	0.49 0.67	0.57 0.75		0.74 0.64	0.65 0.53	0.88 0.26	0.91 0.24	0.54 0.65
		136	136		134	131	124	124	131
		0.50 0.67	0.57 0.75		0.68 0.70	0.61 0.59	0.74 0.40	0.75 0.40	0.66 0.55
knee	flexion-extension								
ankle	extension	16	16		19	19			
		0.72 0.42	0.74 0.46		0.68 0.52	0.68 0.52			
		39	34	39	39	39	39	39	39
ankle	flexion	0.61 0.57	0.69 0.48	0.64 0.55	0.66 0.59	0.66 0.59	0.65 0.53	0.70 0.55	0.64 0.54
		54	61	56	59	59	54	54	56
		0.74 0.50	0.52 0.70	0.73 0.52	0.66 0.62	0.66 0.62	0.78 0.45	0.79 0.46	0.70 0.50

Cut-off values were determined using ROC curves when a significant association (p<0.05) was found. Sensitivity and specificity of each cut-off value are shown.

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Table 3: Impacts of limited ROM of each joint on disability in daily activity based on HAQ-DI category: multivariate logistic regression analysis

Age, sex and DAS28-CRP adjusted Model

	Dressing	Arising	Eating	Walking	Hygiene	Reach	Grip	Activity
	OR (95% CI)							
shoulder abduction	4.80 ** (2.32 - 9.91)	1.95 * (1.14 - 3.35)	1.81 (0.95 - 3.47)	1.37 (0.79 - 2.37)	3.79 ** (2.10 - 6.85)	3.53 * (1.31 - 9.53)	1.40 (0.71 - 2.76)	5.26 ** (2.27 - 12.2)
elbow flexion-extension	2.22 * (1.13 - 4.37)	1.51 (0.85 - 2.69)	2.26 (0.99 - 5.17)		0.84 (0.39 - 1.81)	1.35 (0.60 - 3.05)	1.80 (0.79 - 4.12)	1.57 (0.73 - 3.40)
wrist supination-pronation	1.33 (0.73 - 2.41)		1.03 (0.54 - 1.96)		1.28 (0.73 - 2.25)	0.81 (0.40 - 1.65)	0.76 (0.37 - 1.55)	1.15 (0.62 - 2.12)
wrist flexion-extension	1.56 (0.88 - 2.78)	1.26 (0.73 - 2.17)	2.20 * (1.21 - 3.99)		2.25 ** (1.27 - 4.01)	2.71 ** (1.36 - 5.39)	2.56 ** (1.32 - 4.97)	
hip flexion-extension	2.11 * (1.14 - 3.92)	1.69 (0.97 - 2.92)		3.42 ** (1.92 - 6.12)	1.23 (0.69 - 2.19)	2.52 ** (1.14 - 5.56)	2.39 * (1.18 - 4.85)	3.26 * (1.65 - 6.46)
knee flexion-extension	0.91 (0.50 - 1.67)	1.75 * (1.00 - 3.06)		2.97 ** (1.73 - 5.11)	1.90 ** (1.08 - 3.32)	0.96 (0.43 - 2.14)	1.20 (0.55 - 2.64)	1.26 (0.67 - 2.34)
ankle flexion-extension	1.49 (0.81 - 2.75)	1.28 (0.73 - 2.22)	1.72 (0.91 - 3.26)	1.64 (0.95 - 2.85)	0.89 (0.50 - 1.59)	1.27 (0.59 - 2.73)	1.48 (0.71 - 3.08)	0.85 (0.46 - 1.60)

OR: Odds ratio, CI: Confidence interval

Cut-off values in Table 2B were used for dichotomization

**p<0.01, *p<0.05

Table 4: Differences in characteristics between patients with/without history of joint surgery

variables	Unit	Histroy of joint surgery		p-value	
		(-) (N=190)	(+) (N=270)		
age	(year)	Mean (SD) 63.1 (12.7)	Mean (SD) 65.6 (10.2)	.018	
Female	(%)	81.1	90.0	.008	
disease duration	(year)	11.4 (8.5)	20.6 (10.9)	<0.001	
DAS28-CRP		3.31 (0.99)	3.07 (1.01)	.019	
HAQ-DI		.96 (.79)	1.26 (.77)	<0.001	
ROM					
shoulder	abduction	(degrees)	148 (27.7)	136 (32.9)	<0.001
elbow	flexion-extension	(degrees)	128 (19.7)	119 (22.9)	<0.001
wrist	supination-pronation	(degrees)	153 (23.0)	147 (26.4)	.014
wrist	flexion-extension	(degrees)	77 (36.2)	55 (35.9)	<0.001
hip	flexion-extension	(degrees)	129 (20.0)	124 (19.7)	.018
knee	flexion-extension	(degrees)	129 (22.2)	124 (20.6)	.005
ankle	flexion-extension	(degrees)	58 (16.1)	52 (18.2)	.001

HAQ-DI: Health Assessment Questionnaire Disability Index

ROM: range of motion

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Table 5: Association between range of motion of each joint and disability in daily activity based on HAQ-DI category using ROC analysis in patients without history of joint surgery

A: Assessment by area under the ROC curve

		HAQ-DI category							
		Dressing	Arising	Eating	Walking	Hygiene	Reach	Grip	Activity
shoulder	abduction	.675 **	.615 *	.703 **	.663 **	.705 *	.632 **	.659 **	.696 **
elbow	extension	.652 **	.622 **	.643 **	.572	.586	.597	.592	.604 *
	flexion	.609 *	.599 *	.525	.587	.604 *	.488	.531	.544
	flexion-extension	.651 **	.628 **	.593 *	.592 *	.608 *	.550	.570	.588
wrist	pronation	.628 **	.549	.603 *	.552	.557	.560	.553	.582
	supination	.623 **	.533	.608 *	.521	.576	.529	.527	.539
	supination-pronation	.640 **	.548	.632 **	.541	.573	.550	.548	.566
wrist	extension	.676 **	.644 **	.645 *	.580	.627 **	.639 **	.625 *	.601
	flexion	.600 *	.592	.615 *	.566	.609 *	.609 *	.630 *	.605 *
	flexion-extension	.642 **	.622 **	.640 **	.576	.630 **	.635 *	.639 **	.611 *
hip	extension	.616 *	.611 *	.513	.683 **	.578	.562	.524	.631 **
	flexion	.678 **	.733 **	.501	.743 **	.596 *	.585	.603 *	.594
	flexion-extension	.674 **	.708 **	.516	.764 **	.596 *	.589	.584	.628 **
knee	extension	.501	.626 **	.491	.659 **	.552	.472	.490	.535
	flexion	.586	.713 **	.472	.778 **	.602 *	.536	.577	.568
	flexion-extension	.587	.724 **	.471	.787 **	.614 *	.527	.562	.574
ankle	extension	.482	.555	.529	.594 *	.539	.498	.513	.521
	flexion	.586	.579	.545	.610 *	.558	.541	.565	.554
	flexion-extension	.588	.612	.571	.675 **	.574	.549	.576	.576

**p<0.01, *p<0.05

B: Cut-off value of ROM of each joint

		Dressing		Arising		Eating		Walking		Hygiene		Reach		Grip		Activity		
		Cut-off																
		sensitivity								specificity								
shoulder	abduction	147	143	162	143	146	157	151	143									
		0.82	0.53	0.84	0.46	0.58	0.73	0.89	0.46	0.83	0.55	0.65	0.56	0.76	0.48	0.89	0.40	
elbow	extension	-6	-8	-4														
		0.64	0.61	0.71	0.52	0.52	0.75											
		141	136			143												
elbow	flexion	0.50	0.71	0.73	0.47					0.38	0.83							
		126	123	114	123	126												
elbow	flexion-extension	0.79	0.44	0.82	0.42	0.91	0.25	0.82	0.39	0.77	0.43							
		75	79															
wrist	pronation	0.66	0.60	0.51	0.67													
		79	79															
wrist	supination	0.73	0.54	0.72	0.49													
		152	152															
wrist	supination-pronation	0.70	0.56	0.71	0.53													
		42	43	48						47	56	55						
wrist	extension	0.65	0.64	0.58	0.66	0.48	0.76			0.49	0.74	0.39	0.88	0.43	0.83			
		34	44							34	48	48	48	48	55			
wrist	flexion	0.66	0.53	0.57	0.67					0.67	0.54	0.52	0.76	0.52	0.75	0.38	0.84	
		79	70	89						85	85	96	96	96	96			
wrist	flexion-extension	0.63	0.64	0.71	0.51	0.57	0.70			0.57	0.69	0.64	0.64	0.52	0.74	0.49	0.74	
		14	14															
hip	extension	0.73	0.53	0.73	0.53			11										14
		114	114					0.83	0.49									0.78
hip	flexion	0.78	0.60	0.78	0.60			106		109					119			
		124	124					0.96	0.39	0.85	0.36				0.59	0.61		
hip	flexion-extension	0.83	0.51	0.83	0.51			126		116								116
								0.85	0.57	0.86	0.35							0.93
knee	extension	-4	-1															
		0.81	0.43	0.79	0.52													
		134	141															
knee	flexion	0.82	0.54	0.64	0.80	0.80	0.40			129								
		131	131															
knee	flexion-extension	0.82	0.62	0.88	0.58	0.72	0.51											
		19	41															
ankle	extension	0.72	0.44															
		41	59															
ankle	flexion	0.65	0.60															
		61	59															
ankle	flexion-extension	0.59	0.63	0.76	0.57													

Cut-off values were determined using ROC curves when a significant association (p<0.05) was found between ROM and disability in Sensitivity and specificity of each cut-off value are shown.

Table 6: Association between range of motion of each joint and disability in daily activity based on HAQ-DI category using ROC analysis in patients with history of joint surgery

A: Assessment by area under the ROC curve

		HAQ-DI category							
		Dressing	Arising	Eating	Walking	Hygiene	Reach	Grip	Activity
shoulder	abduction	.703 **	.637 **	.671 **	.587 *	.711 **	.660 **	.627 *	.689 **
elbow	extension	.659 **	.517	.600 *	.449	.635 **	.564	.614 *	.521
	flexion	.615 **	.523	.516	.506	.546	.532	.506	.525
	flexion-extension	.670 **	.535	.578	.489	.625 **	.559	.581	.536
wrist	pronation	.639 **	.476	.600 *	.470	.596 *	.552	.542	.551
	supination	.653 **	.511	.539	.493	.620 **	.574	.567	.617 *
	supination-pronation	.677 **	.497	.582	.472	.621 **	.584	.564	.592
wrist	extension	.643 **	.522	.734 **	.477	.642 **	.657 *	.637 *	.543
	flexion	.574	.494	.661 **	.448	.591 *	.516	.553	.444
	flexion-extension	.611 **	.505	.710 **	.451	.623 **	.579	.598	.476
hip	extension	.641 **	.652 **	.565	.675 **	.589 *	.664 **	.621 *	.646 **
	flexion	.606 **	.681 **	.567	.696 **	.633 **	.692 **	.589	.669 **
	flexion-extension	.646 **	.703 **	.579	.717 **	.640 **	.705 **	.625 *	.695 **
knee	extension	.509	.579 *	.506	.603 **	.520	.548	.559	.541
	flexion	.560	.635 **	.456	.692 **	.580 *	.536	.522	.589
	flexion-extension	.562	.636 **	.460	.696 **	.579 *	.545	.532	.592
ankle	extension	.609 **	.593 *	.544	.593 *	.607 **	.528	.548	.540
	flexion	.590 *	.579 *	.572	.645 **	.542	.583	.609 *	.545
	flexion-extension	.671 **	.624 **	.613 *	.662 **	.622 **	.612 *	.611 *	.572

**p<0.01, *p<0.05

B: Cut-off value of ROM of each joint

		Dressing	Arising	Eating	Walking	Hygiene	Reach	Grip	Activity		
		sensitivity				specificity					
		Cut-off									
shoulder	abduction	131	141	131	131	131	136	131	139		
		0.92 0.51	0.71 0.57	0.91 0.44	0.75 0.44	0.86 0.54	0.90 0.47	0.83 0.41	0.91 0.52		
elbow	extension	-16		-16		-16		-18			
		0.85 0.51		0.82 0.45		0.78 0.51		0.83 0.41			
	flexion	141									
		0.48 0.78									
flexion-extension	121					122					
	0.81 0.55					0.72 0.55					
wrist	pronation	68		73		68					
		0.73 0.53		0.61 0.59		0.68 0.53					
	supination	76				76			76		
		0.79 0.48				0.72 0.48			0.79 0.44		
supination-pronation	150				153						
		0.72 0.62				0.60 0.64					
wrist	extension	25		26		16	27	47			
		0.77 0.46		0.85 0.50		0.88 0.33	0.81 0.49	0.41 0.86			
	flexion			29		27					
				0.65 0.65		0.53 0.62					
flexion-extension	94		53		68						
		0.27 0.90		0.73 0.60		0.43 0.76					
hip	extension	14	14		14	11	14	16	14		
		0.67 0.58	0.66 0.61		0.71 0.60	0.69 0.52	0.80 0.55	0.54 0.68	0.70 0.54		
	flexion	119	114		111	114	111		109		
		0.41 0.74	0.64 0.66		0.73 0.60	0.61 0.64	0.83 0.54		0.81 0.42		
flexion-extension	126	134		121	126	126	131	126			
		0.68 0.56	0.54 0.80		0.86 0.48	0.67 0.59	0.83 0.54	0.60 0.66	0.77 0.55		
knee	extension		-1		-1						
			0.74 0.42		0.79 0.43						
	flexion		139		136	141					
			0.46 0.80		0.55 0.76	0.33 0.84					
flexion-extension		139		134	141						
		0.43 0.83		0.56 0.75	0.32 0.84						
ankle	extension	19	16		19	16					
		0.65 0.56	0.71 0.51		0.65 0.56	0.70 0.51					
	flexion	44	39		39			39			
		0.41 0.73	0.53 0.62		0.61 0.65			0.63 0.59			
flexion-extension	49	61	49	59	54	61	61				
		0.81 0.43	0.45 0.74	0.84 0.39	0.57 0.65	0.67 0.54	0.50 0.69	0.51 0.70			

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