The presence of erosions in patients with undifferentiated arthritis is not always predictive for unfavourable disease outcomes (this thesis).

Erosions in both feet and hand have an equal value in predicting rheumatoid arthritis development in undifferentiated arthritis patients compared to erosions at hands (this thesis).

The anti-CCP2 test remains the best prognostic test for rheumatoid arthritis in a clinical setting of early arthritis (this thesis).

PADI4 polymorphism predisposes male smokers to rheumatoid arthritis (this thesis).

The FcγR gene region is complex and poorly characterized therefore design and interpretation of genotyping assays in this region must be performed with caution (this thesis).

ACPA status should be taken into consideration when analysing associations between genetic polymorphisms and disease susceptibility and severity.

Optimizing cost-effectiveness of treatment in RA requires early tailor-made treatment decisions rather than the development of novel biologics.

You can’t drive forward looking in the rear view mirror.

Many of life's failures are people who did not realize how close they were to success when they gave up (Thomas Edison, 1847 - 1931).

Time is too slow for those who wait, too swift for those who fear, too long for those who grieve, too short for those who rejoice, but for those who love, time is eternity (Henry Van Dyke, 1852 - 1933)