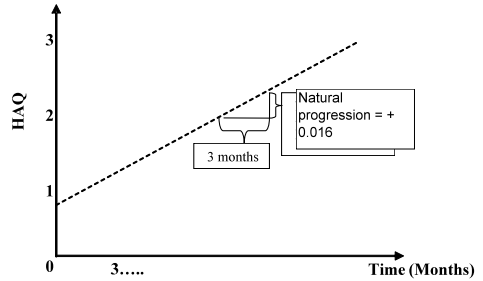


Background information

In this questionnaire you are asked about the initial impact of anti-TNFs (etanercept, infliximab and adalimumab) on HAQ, the change in disease progression whilst responding to anti-TNFs, initial (3-month) progression of disease after withdrawal from treatment and longer term progression of disease after withdrawal.

The diagram opposite shows progression of PsA for untreated patients (natural history) using the Health Assessment Questionnaire (HAQ). The HAQ is a well validated tool in the assessment of PsA. It focuses on two dimensions of health status: physical disability (8 scales) and pain, generating a score of 0 (least disability) to 3 (most severe disability). A change in HAQ toward 0 is interpreted as a "HAQ gain" and a change toward 3 a "HAQ loss".

The questions we will ask you assume that the natural progression of disease is as shown in this diagram and can be represented using the HAQ. For the purposes of this questionnaire, baseline HAQ score for PsA patients is 1.16, with a 3-monthly natural rate of progression of



You will move through the questionnaire by right clicking (with your mouse) the question boxes. Some of the buttons may take a few seconds to move onto the next question. For some of the questions you will be asked to answer a simple yes/no. For some of the questions you will give your answer using a grid (see Figure 1 below). Each value along the horizontal axis represents a possible value for that particular question. The vertical axis represents frequency. We have given you 20 crosses per grid and we would like you to place all of these in some or all of the columns to represent your current belief and uncertainty about that particular question. You place a cross in the grid by left clicking (with your mouse) on a cell.

Please begin by placing 2 of the crosses at the upper and lower limits of your belief about the piece of data. You should then place the remaining 18 crosses so as to express your remaining uncertainty about the particular piece of data (see Figure 2 shown below). In red we show you how many crosses you have left.

If you change your mind about where you want to put your crosses simply press the CLEAR button and all crosses will be moved from the grid. You can also remove an individual "x" by clicking on it a second time. Once you are happy with your grid please press the 'submit your answer' button.

Figure 1: Example uncompleted grid

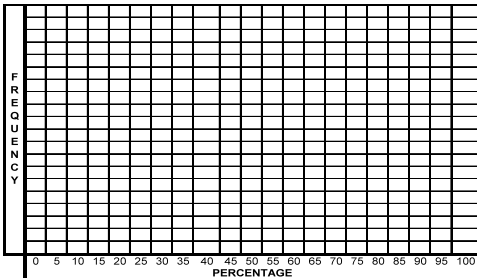
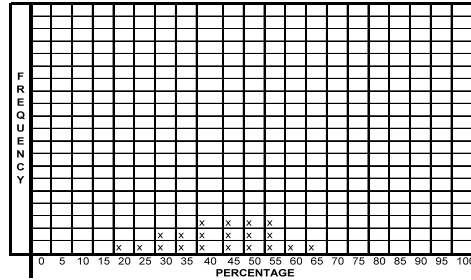


Figure 2: Example completed grid



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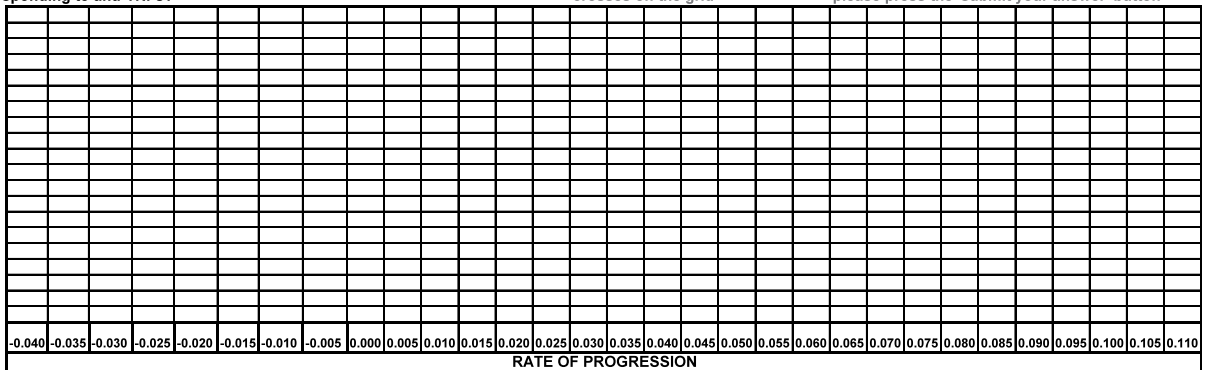
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Example of histogram used

What will the 3-month rate of HAQ progression be for patients responding to anti-TNFs?

Please place 20 crosses on the grid

Once you are happy with your answer please press the 'submit your answer' button



Clear grid

Submit your answer