

Table 3 The trend of receiving DMARDs, NSAIDs, and steroids after using a biological agent (presented as number and percentage)

			‡Early (n=410)		‡Late (n=411)		<i>p</i> -value
N=821		RA patients, n (%)	n	%	n	%	
DMARDs	†A/B ≤ 75	488 (59.44)	249	60.73	239	58.15	0.29
	†A/B > 75	331 (40.32)	161	39.27	170	41.36	
	no used	2 (0.24)	0	0	2	0.49	
NSAIDs	†A/B ≤ 75	379 (46.16)	205	50	174	42.34	0.06
	†A/B > 75	441 (53.71)	205	50	236	57.42	
	no used	1 (0.12)	0	0	1	0.24	
Steroids	†A/B ≤ 75	356 (43.36)	195	47.56	161	39.17	0.047*
	†A/B > 75	427 (51.28)	196	47.8	231	56.2	
	no used	38 (4.63)	19	4.63	19	4.62	

†A/B=(days after biologics/days before biologics)*100 *, *p* <0.05

‡EARLY indicates early intervention with biologics. LATE indicates late intervention with biologics.

‡Early: use biologics year < 2.24

‡Late: use biologics year ≥ 2.24