

Table 2 Changes of days of receiving DMARDs, NSAIDS, and steroids 12 months before initiation of and 12 months following 1-month washout of a biological agent.

	12 months before last bio-drug use					12 months after last bio-drug use					<i>p</i> -value
	mean	SD	Q1	Q2	Q3	mean	SD	Q1	Q2	Q3	
N=821											
DMARDs	753.74	257.01	602	728	924	497.21	341.97	252	456	707	<0.01*
NSAIDs	338.35	146.71	258	344	392	256.24	170.08	116.5	265.5	363.5	<0.01*
STERIODS	275.87	147.9	199	308	364	207.19	157.23	28	238	340.5	<0.01*
EARLY											
	12 months before last bio-drug use					12 months after last bio-drug use					p-value
	mean	SD	Q1	Q2	Q3	mean	SD	Q1	Q2	Q3	
N=410											
DMARDs	748.64	244.54	602	722	930	479.85	341.37	223.5	445.75	701	<0.01*
NSAIDs	337.54	145.99	254	345.5	392	246.58	173.04	91	250.75	358	<0.01*
STERIODS	283.52	148.26	210	311	368	202.17	163.53	14	224	339	<0.01*
LATE											
	12 months before last bio-drug use					12 months after last bio-drug use					p-value
	mean	SD	Q1	Q2	Q3	mean	SD	Q1	Q2	Q3	
N=411											
DMARDs	758.83	269.08	602	728	924	514.54	342.11	284	465	717	<0.01*
NSAIDs	339.15	147.61	273	343	392	265.87	166.74	138.5	282.5	368	<0.01*
STERIODS	268.23	147.33	182	301	361	212.18	150.7	35	253.5	340.5	<0.01*

Pair-T test was performed.

*, $p < 0.05$

abbreviations: DMARDs: disease modifying anti-rheumatic drugs, NSAIDs: non-steroid anti-inflammatory drugs.

SD: standard deviation.

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