Table S1. Contributing causes of death when rheumatoid arthritis/other musculoskeletal disorders were recorded as the underlying cause of death.

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| Contributing causes of death (ICD-10 codes) | Rheumatoid arthritis | Other musculoskeletal disorders |
| Certain infectious and parasitic diseases (A00-B99)  | 48 (14.6) | 111 (16.3) |
| Neoplasms (C00.0-D48.9) | 13 (4.0) | 40 (5.9) |
| Diseases of the blood and blood-forming organs (D50-D89) | 22 (6.7) | 45 (6.6) |
| Endocrine, nutritional and metabolic diseases (E00-E90) | 44 (13.4) | 77 (11.3) |
| Mental and behavioural disorders (F00-F99) | 22 (6.7) | 50 (7.4) |
| Diseases of the nervous system (G00-G99) | 17 (5.2) | 50 (7.4) |
| Diseases of the circulatory system (I00-I99) | 173 (52.6) | 371 (54.6) |
| Diseases of the respiratory system (J00-J99) | 168 (51.1) | 259 (38.1) |
| Diseases of the digestive system (K00-K93) | 23 (7.0) | 82 (12.1) |
| Diseases of the genitourinary system (N00-N99) | 43 (13.1) | 140 (20.6) |
| Total death certificates | 329 (100) | 680 (100) |

Values are reported as number (%).