

Table 1		
	<i>Dataset 1</i>	<i>Dataset 2</i>
Country	Australia	United Kingdom
Sample size	38	58 (for pain NRS) 59 (for stiffness NRS) 78 (for mHAQ)
Age (mean, SD), years	70.6 (8.5)	72.2 (8.1)
Female (%)	61%	57.1%
Disease duration (mean, SD), months	38.4 (48.5)	16.1 (8.9)
Measurement instruments tested	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pain severity VAS - Stiffness severity VAS - HAQ-DI - mHAQ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pain severity NRS - Stiffness severity NRS - mHAQ
Method of confirming disease stability	Participant report that condition was “the same as before”, “a bit better than before” or “a bit worse than before”	Participant report that symptom / function had “stayed the same”
Question stem used for VAS / NRS	“How would you rate the level of [pain / stiffness] you are currently experiencing from PMR?”	“How bad has the [pain / stiffness] caused by your PMR been during the last week?”
Lower anchor used for VAS / NRS	“No [pain / stiffness]”	“No [pain / stiffness]”
Upper anchor used for VAS / NRS	“[Pain / Stiffness] as bad as it could be”	“Severe [pain / stiffness]”