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# Dapsone in rheumatoid arthritis

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The use of dapsone in the treatment of rheumatoid arthritis ,is still debatable. The aimed of this study is toevaluate the role of dapsone in the disease.- 43 patients -having rheumatoid arthritis were selectedfrom the outpatient clinic Benha University Hospitals. They were 37 females and 6 males with age ranging from (32 to 60) years old (mean  $46.13 \pm 7.55$  years). The selected cases fulfilled the criteria for diagnosis of rheumatoid arthritis according to the American Rheumatism Association (1958) and its modification by Ropes et.al, (1959)- Gold, penicillamine or other suppressive agents were not administered for at least 3 months before the start of the trial patients on corticosteroids were admitted. The dose of corticosteroids or any orally administered anti-inflammatory analgesic drugs had to be constant during the last month before entry into the trial.- All-patients were subjected to: \* Full history taking with special attention to the duration of morning stiffness.\* Thorough clinical examination with special stress.