

Table 1. Comparison between Laboratory investigations at different times of follow up (Start, after 6 months, and after 12 months)

Follow up (Start, after 6 months, and after 12 months)						
Variable		At start	After 6 months	After12 months	Chi square*/ t test**	P value
CBC						
WBCs	Mean±SD	8.35±2.97	8.44±2.57	8.01±1.91	0.223**	0.825 (NS)
	Range	4.90-15	5.4-14.8	5.29-13.10		
HB	Mean±SD	11.78±1.34	11.66±0.965	11.96±1.08	0.749**	0.460 (NS)
	Range	9-14	9.5-13.4	9.8-13.6		
PLTS	Mean±SD	318.93±84.06	342.80±67.33	339.5±67.15	1.372**	0.180 (NS)
	Range	90-486	196-536	187-486		
APR						
ESR	Mean±SD	49.87±25.67	38.5±27.15	40±22.8	3.107**	0.004 (S)
	Range	12-102	8-102	9-90		
CRP	Mean±SD	16.34±12.58	9.40±13.04	11.03±14.72	2.806**	0.009 (S)
	Range	4-48	0-48	0-48		

Table 2. Disease activity indices

Variable		Mean±SD	Range	Paired T test	P value
Swollen joints	At start	7.17±2.60	1-12	4.218	<0.001(HS)
	After 6 months	5.57±2.90	1-12		
	After 12 months	5.23±3.23	0-12		
Tender joints	At start	9.73±4.46	3-20	3.179	0.004 (S)
	After 6 months	7.80±4.60	2-18		
	After 12 months	7.53±4.21	2-19		
VAS	At start	58±18.64	30-90	5.277	<0.001(HS)
	After 6 months	40.67±20.16	10-90		
	After 12 months	39.67±22.51	10-90		
DAS	At start	5.88±1.01	3.85-7.66	7.329	<0.001(HS)
	After 6 months	4.89±1.13	2.78-7.08		
	After 12 months	4.99±1.28	2.75-6.81		