

Additional file 1. Mothers' views about methotrexate

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<i>Compared to what you expected, how do you rate the effectiveness of methotrexate?</i>	
A lot better than expected	91 (53.2)
A little better than expected	26 (15.2)
About the same as expected	33 (19.3)
A little worse than expected	11 (6.4)
A lot worse than expected	6 (3.5)
Don't know	1 (0.6)
Not stated (NS)	3 (1.8)
<i>Compared to what you expected how do you rate the side effects of methotrexate?</i>	
A lot better than expected	68 (39.8)
A little better than expected	23 (13.5)
About the same as expected	47 (27.5)
A little worse than expected	18 (10.5)
A lot worse than expected	14 (8.2)
NS	1 (0.6)
<i>Are you satisfied with the effects of methotrexate?</i>	
Completely	73 (42.7)
For the most part	57 (33.3)
To some extent	28 (16.4)
Not at all	11 (6.4)
Don't know	1 (0.6)
NS	1 (0.6)
<i>Do you feel that your child received the treatment that was right for them?</i>	
Completely	109 (63.7)
For the most part	45 (26.3)
To some extent	14 (8.2)
Not at all	3 (1.8)
<i>How do you rate methotrexate overall?</i>	
Excellent	53 (31.0)
Very good	58 (33.9)
Good	30 (17.5)
Fair	17 (9.9)
Poor	8 (4.7)
Don't know	2 (1.2)
NS	3 (1.8)

Future medication:

How willing you would be for your child to try other arthritis medications prescribed in the future^a, mean (S.D.) 6.72 2.59)

a. 10cm VAS, higher score = more willing