

# Diagnostic accuracy of recently proposed criteria for inflammatory back pain (IBP) in suspected ankylosing spondylitis (AS) and early axial spondyloarthritis (axial SpA)

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**Plain English summary of protocol**  
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## Additional identifiers

## Study information

**Scientific Title**

**Acronym**

DIVERS

**Study objectives**

Sensitivity of at least 70% and specificity of at least 70% for the previously proposed criteria for inflammatory back pain (IBP).

**Ethics approval required**

Old ethics approval format

**Ethics approval(s)**

Ethics approval received from the Ethics Committee of Charité - University Medicine Berlin on the 8th July 2008 (ref: EA4/058/08).

**Study design**

Observational diagnostic accuracy study

**Primary study design**

Observational

**Study type(s)**

Diagnostic

**Health condition(s) or problem(s) studied**

Ankylosing spondylitis (AS), early axial spondyloarthritis (axial SpA)

**Interventions**

Experimental group (no medical intervention):

The diagnostic accuracy of IBP will be investigated in four private practices and two hospitals by assessing IBP by an independent and blinded observer (rheumatologist in each setting) in patients with undiagnosed chronic back pain who are referred because of suspected SpA.

IBP will also be assessed by primary care physicians or orthopaedists in patients with chronic back pain of unclear origin, and also self-assessed by the patient prior to referral to the Rheumatology Department at Charité CBF for further work-up.

The total duration of the trial is two years. There is no follow-up.

**Intervention Type**

Other

**Phase**

Not Specified

**Primary outcome(s)**

Sensitivity, specificity and positive likelihood-ratio (LR+) if two out of four parameters of IBP are present.

**Key secondary outcome(s)**

Sensitivity, specificity and positive likelihood-ratio (LR+) if three or four out of four parameters of IBP are present.

**Completion date**

01/08/2010

## Eligibility

**Key inclusion criteria**

Patients (aged greater than 18 years, either sex) with chronic back pain (greater than 3 months) of unknown origin:

1. Referred to the rheumatologist because of suspected AS/axial SpA
2. Seen by primary care physicians/orthopaedists, who agree to subsequently be referred to the rheumatologists

**Participant type(s)**

Patient

**Healthy volunteers allowed**

No

**Age group**

Adult

**Lower age limit**

18 years

**Sex**

All

**Key exclusion criteria**

Patients with a definite diagnosis (cause) related to their back pain.

**Date of first enrolment**

01/09/2008

**Date of final enrolment**

01/08/2010

## Locations

**Countries of recruitment**

Germany

**Study participating centre**

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# Sponsor information

## Organisation

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## ROR

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# Funder(s)

## Funder type

Research council

## Funder Name

German Research Council (Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft [DFG]) (Germany)

# Results and Publications

## Individual participant data (IPD) sharing plan

## IPD sharing plan summary

Not provided at time of registration