Online Table 1

Overview of tasks carried out by patient participants at OMERACT 6-10

- Act as co-chair of the patient participation workshop;
- Moderate break-out sessions
- Formulate questions for the workshop(s)
- Give a presentation at plenary sessions
- Weight different measures and domains
- Participate in different meetings as full delegates
- Provide input on pre- and post-conference documents
- Participate in workshops on fibromyalgia, gout, psoriatic arthritis, RA, AS and vasculitis
- Edit or contribute to the OMERACT patient newsletter
- Compile and edit the patient information pack and the OMERACT glossary
- Assist researchers to produce summaries suitable for lay participants
- Co-author scientific publications
- Promote topics from the research agenda on a national level
- Guide, support and inspire new patient research partners
- Disseminate the outcomes outside OMERACT.
Online figure 1

Rheumatic conditions represented at OMERACT meetings between 2002-2010
Online figure 2

Countries represented at OMERACT meetings between 2002-2010
Online Figure 3

Number of times partners attended OMERACT between 2002-2010
Online figure 4

Number of new versus experienced patient participants between 2002-2010
Online figure 5

Gender of the 47 patient participants between 2002-2010
Online figure 6

Programmed patient integration at OMERACT meetings between 2002-2010