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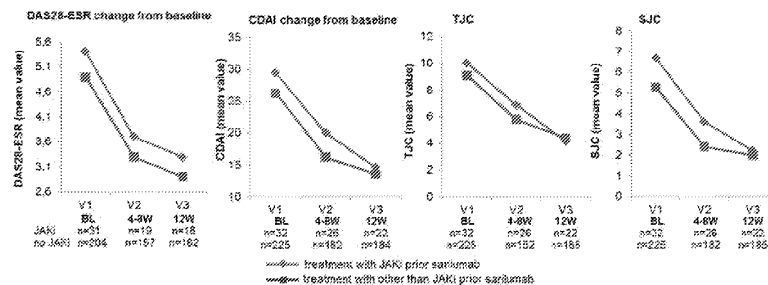


FIG. 1

(57) Abstract: The present technology provides compositions and methods of treating and improving the symptoms of rheumatoid arthritis using an antibody or antigen-binding fragment thereof that specifically binds human interleukin-6 receptor (hIL-6R).