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Appendix S1

Details on multiple imputation

It was assumed that data on EASI responses were missing at random (MAR) and the probability of missingness depended only on observed data.

Multiple imputation (MI) was conducted within each treatment group independently so that the pattern of missing observations in one treatment group would not influence missing value imputation in another. The imputation model included the relevant baseline and post-baseline values. The SAS PROC MI procedure with the MCMC option was used. For each imputation process, 25 datasets with imputations were calculated, and the results from these analyses were combined into a single inference using SAS PROC MIANALYZE.