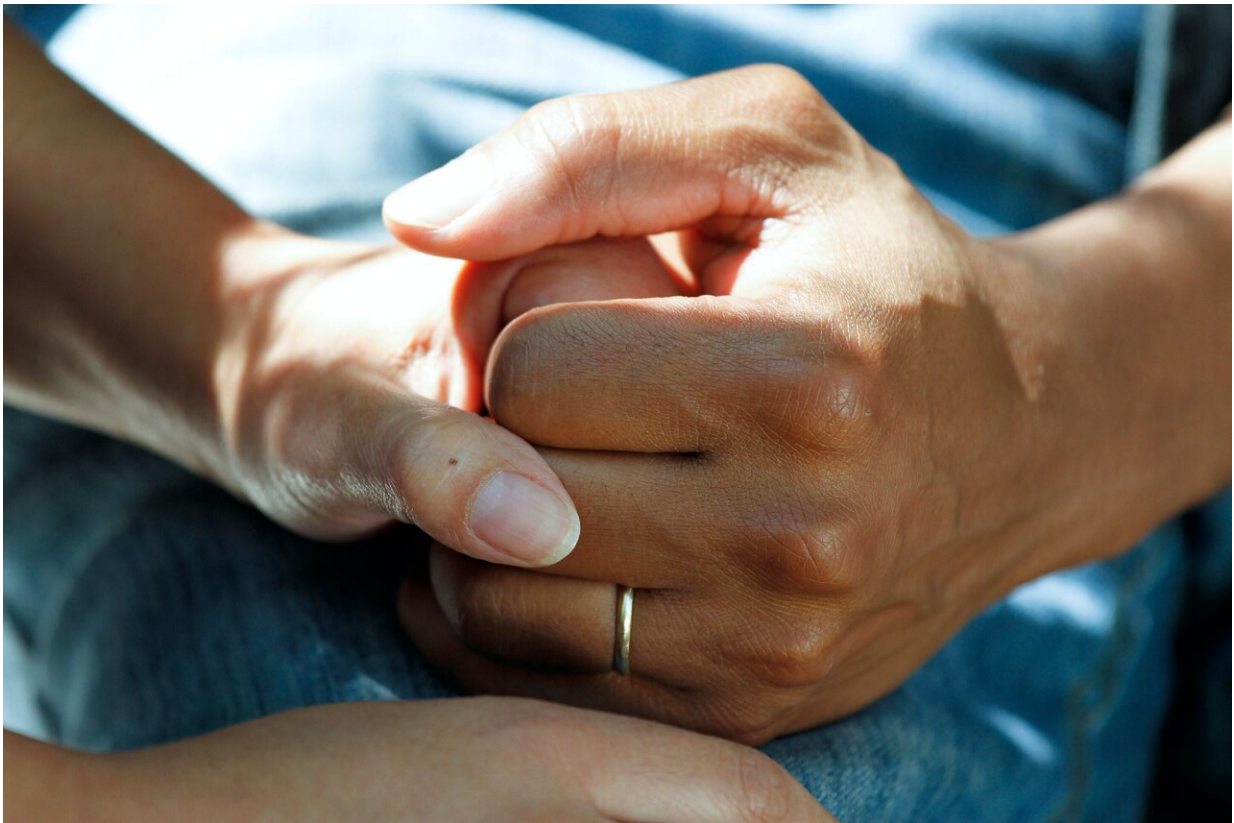


# Risk score predicts disease progression in patients with rheumatoid arthritis

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Scientists have created a risk score based on thousands of genetic variants to determine the prognosis of individual patients with rheumatoid arthritis.

In a study published in *Arthritis & Rheumatology*, the risk score that was constructed of 43,784 genetic variants significantly differed between patients with severe and non-severe arthritis progression.

"Our study reveals that genetic profiling in... [rheumatic diseases](#) has potential applications in precision medicine, which should be validated and improved in future studies," the authors wrote.

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