Decision process for choosing appropriate outcome measures in clinical trials

1. What is the focus of the study?
   - Short term control
     - Use existing validated scales
   - Long term control

2. Daily collection of symptoms and treatment possible?
   - Yes
     - 3. Is rescue treatment* applied in response to disease activity?
       - Yes
         - Include concept of flares, Totally Controlled Week and Well-Controlled Week
       - No
         - Use existing validated scales at fixed time points
   - No

*Or study treatment if applied “as required” in response to disease activity

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