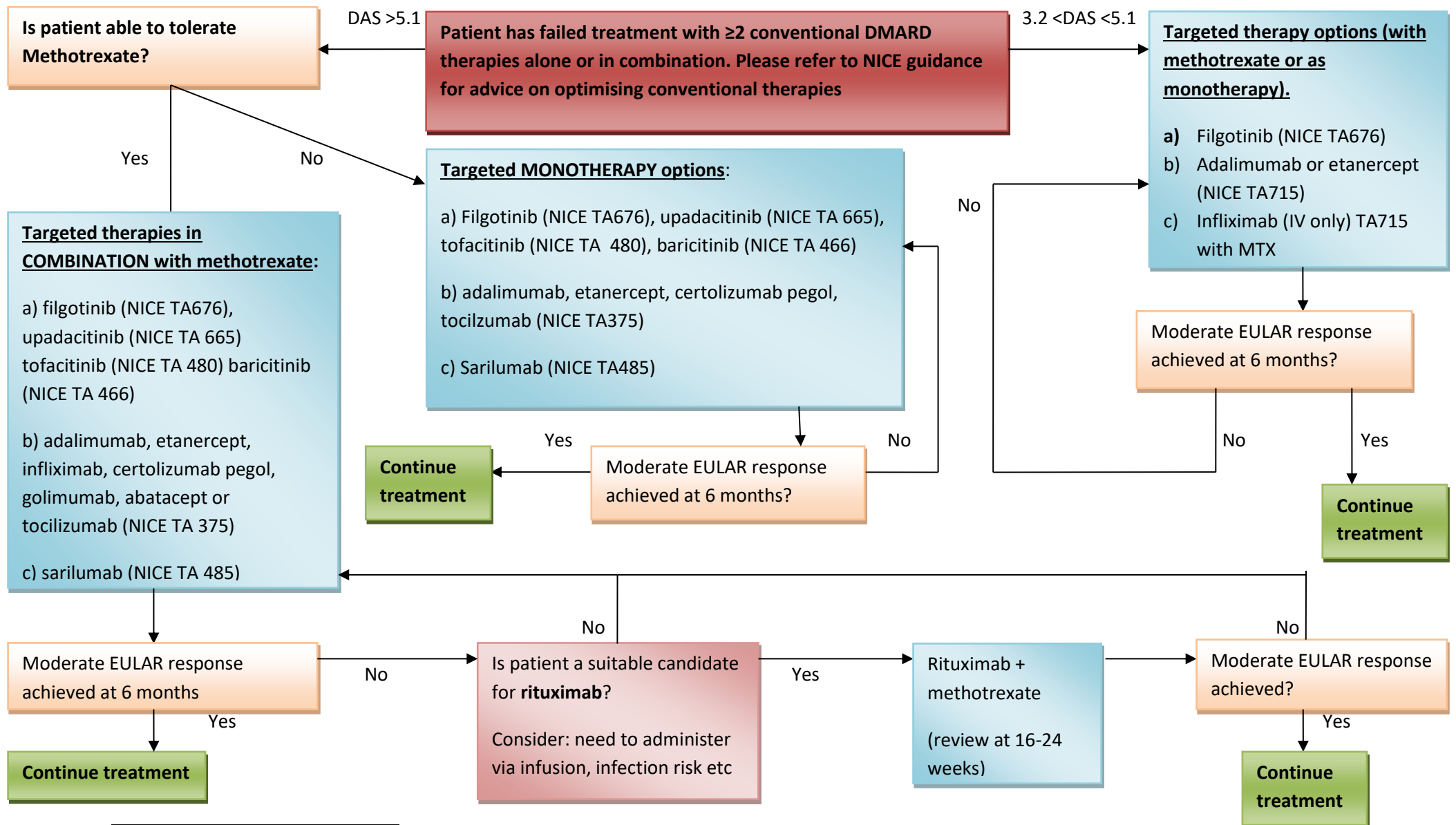


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Additional information:

Ensure that the most cost effective treatment is prescribed where possible

Prescribe a biosimilar version where one is available.

Take patient factors into consideration e.g. needle phobia, family planning, concurrent illnesses etc.

For drugs available in both IV and SC formulation, consider other factors in addition to drug acquisition costs.

Cost Hierarchy (most cost effective at the top)

Rituximab (needs day case admission for IV infusion)

Adalimumab

Filgotinib

Etanercept

Infliximab (NOTE: needs loading via IV route before s/c use)

Upadacitinib

Baricitinib

Tofacitinib

Sarilumab

Abatacept

Golimumab

Tocilizumab

Useful links:

<https://pathways.nice.org.uk/>

<https://www.rheumatology.org.uk>