onset of clinical RA
are a marker of erosive disease in RA may be detected in healthy individuals years before
may predict the eventual development into RA when found in undifferentiated arthritides
in early and fully established disease
are as sensitive as, and more specific than, IgM rheumatoid factors (RF)

Anti-CCP antibodies are potentially important markers for diagnosis and prognosis in rheumatoid arthritis (RA), because they:

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