


Distribution of Stiffness index

The Distribution of Stiffness Index was originally described in [Dalakas et al. \(2000\)](#)  and replicated for the use in Stiff Person Syndrome in the *Criteria* from Dalakas et al. (2017). It can be used to provide a baseline and to monitor the response to Ig therapy.

The Distribution of Stiffness Index in BloodSTAR has been replicated from:

- Dalakas MC, Rakocevic, G., Dambrosia J.M., Alexopoulos, H. and McElroy, B. A Double-Blind, Placebo-Controlled Study of Rituximab in Patients with Stiff Person Syndrome. *Ann Neurol* 2017;82:271-277 <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC5755707/> 