

Table 2

Modified New York criteria for ankylosing spondylitis⁴

Clinical criteria

- Low back pain and stiffness for more than three months that improves with exercise, but is not relieved by rest
- Limitation of motion of the lumbar spine in the sagittal and frontal planes
- Limitation of chest expansion relative to normal values correlated for age and sex

Radiological criterion

- Sacroiliitis grade ≥ 2 bilaterally or 3-4 unilaterally

Definite AS if the radiological criterion is associated with at least one clinical criterion