



# Esclerodermia

Principales novedades en enfermedades autoinmunes sistémicas

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# ESCLERODERMIA

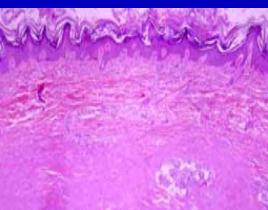
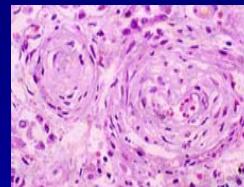
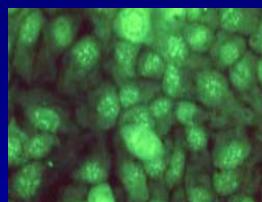
Autoinmunidad  
(Inflamación)

Vasculopatía

ESC

Afec. Cutánea  
Fibrosis pulmonar

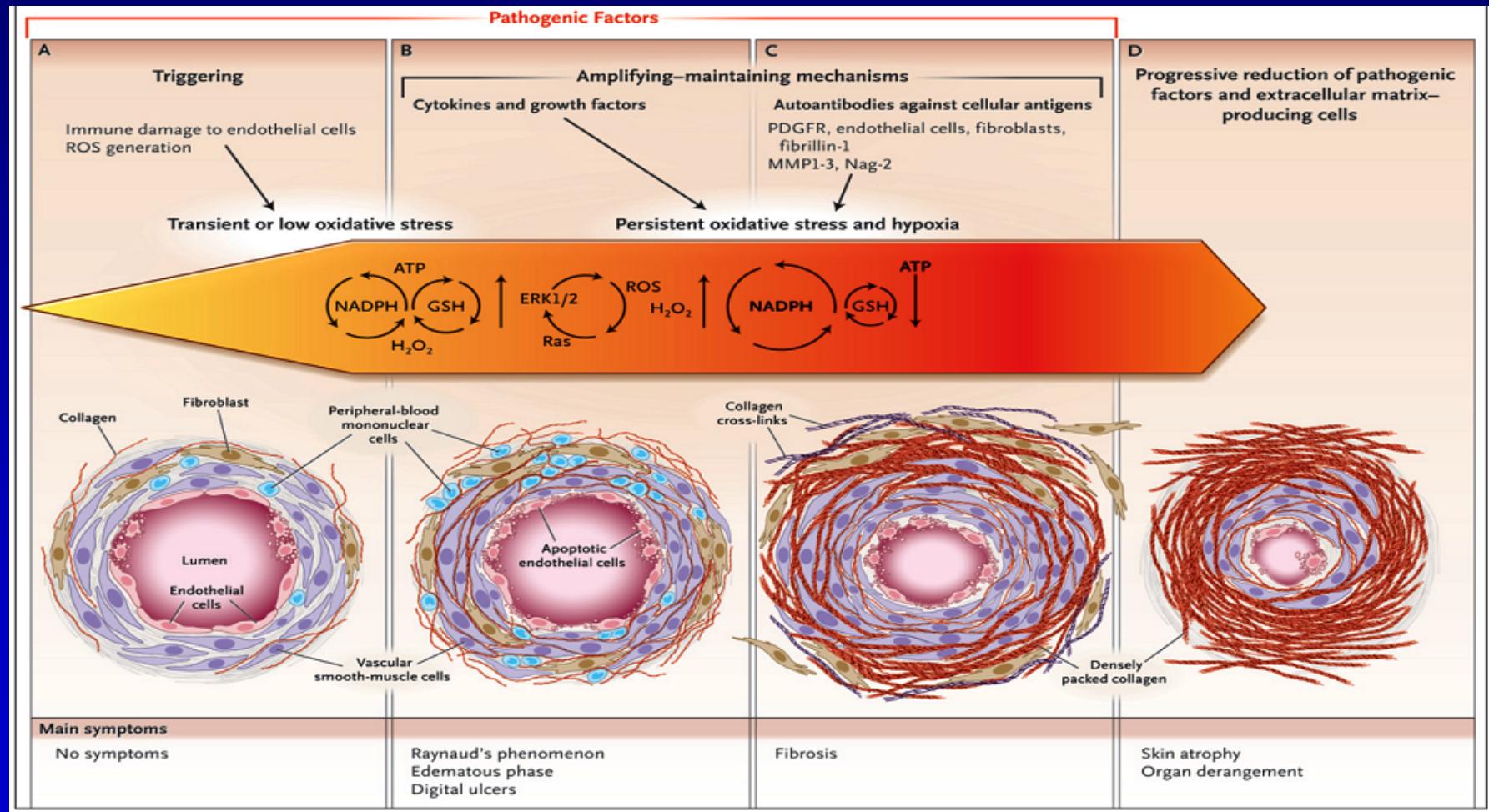
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Crisis renal

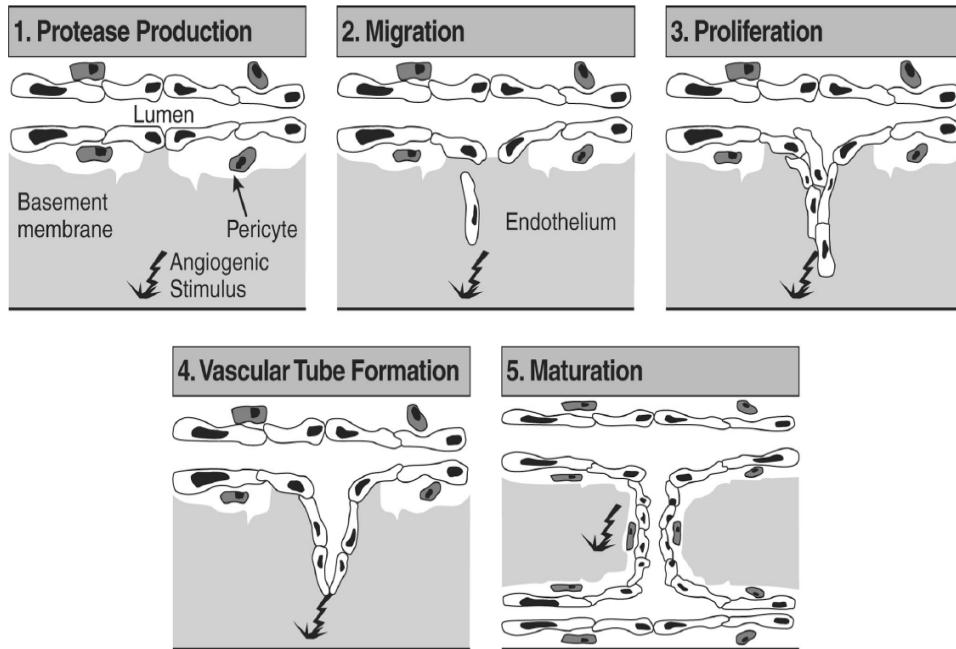


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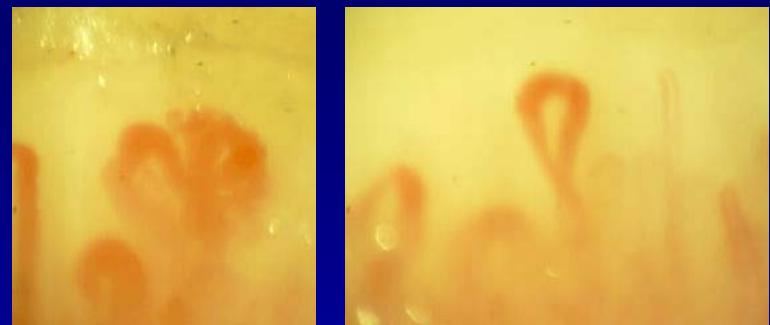
# Scleroderma

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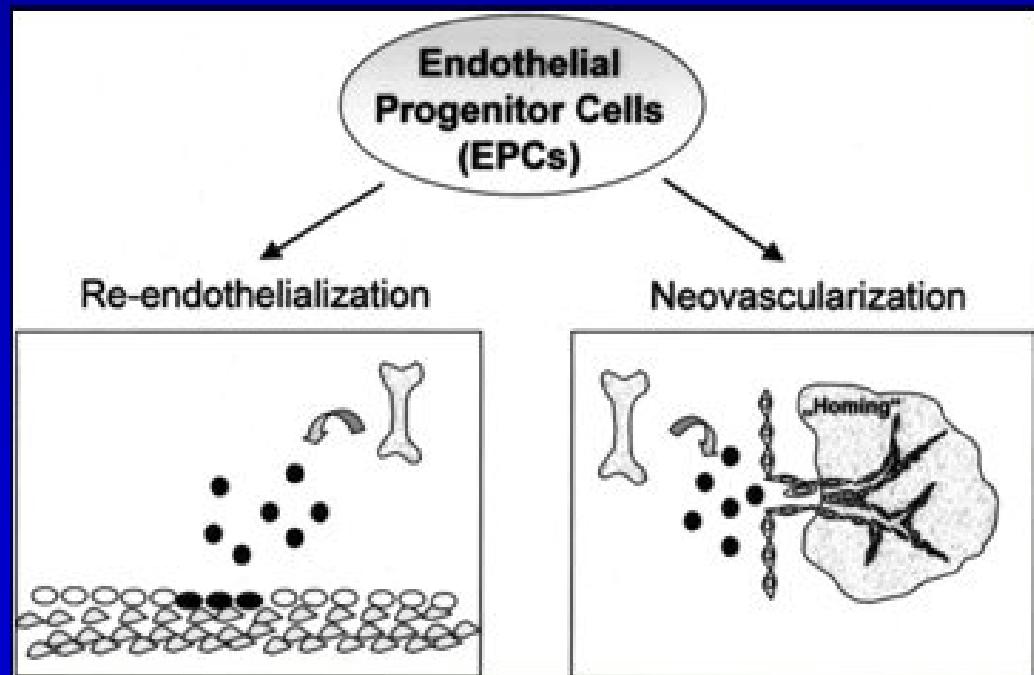




## ANGIOGÉNESIS DEFECTUOSA / INSUFICIENTE

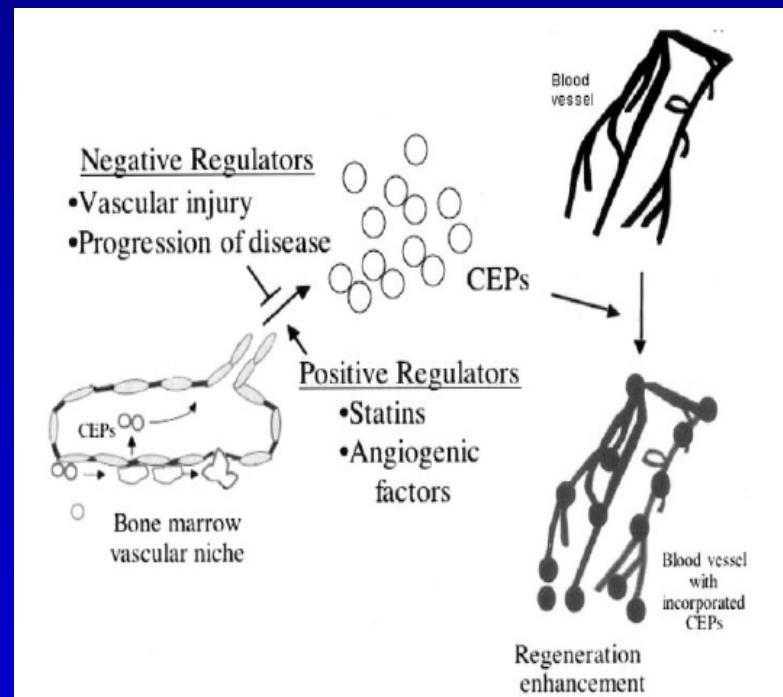
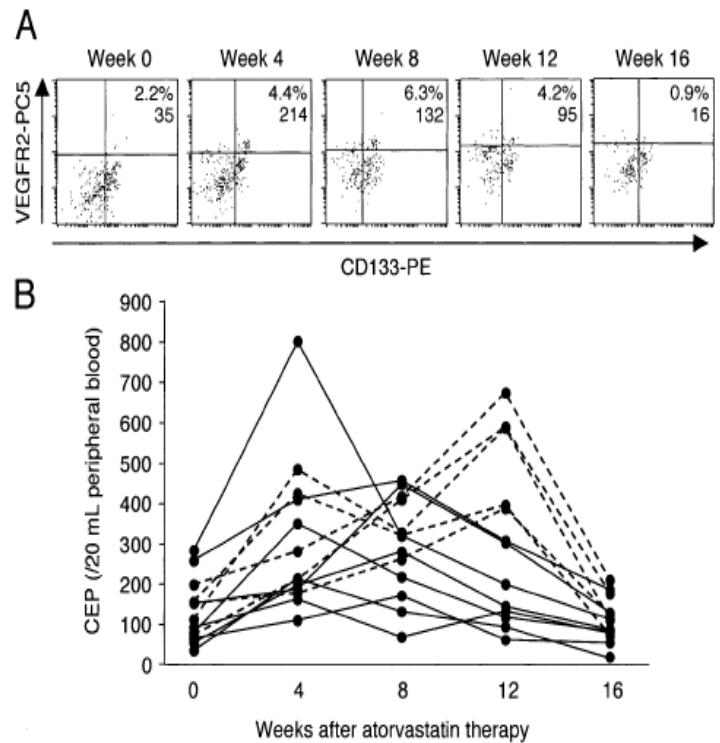


## VASCULOGÉNESIS INSUFICIENTE / DEFECTUOSA

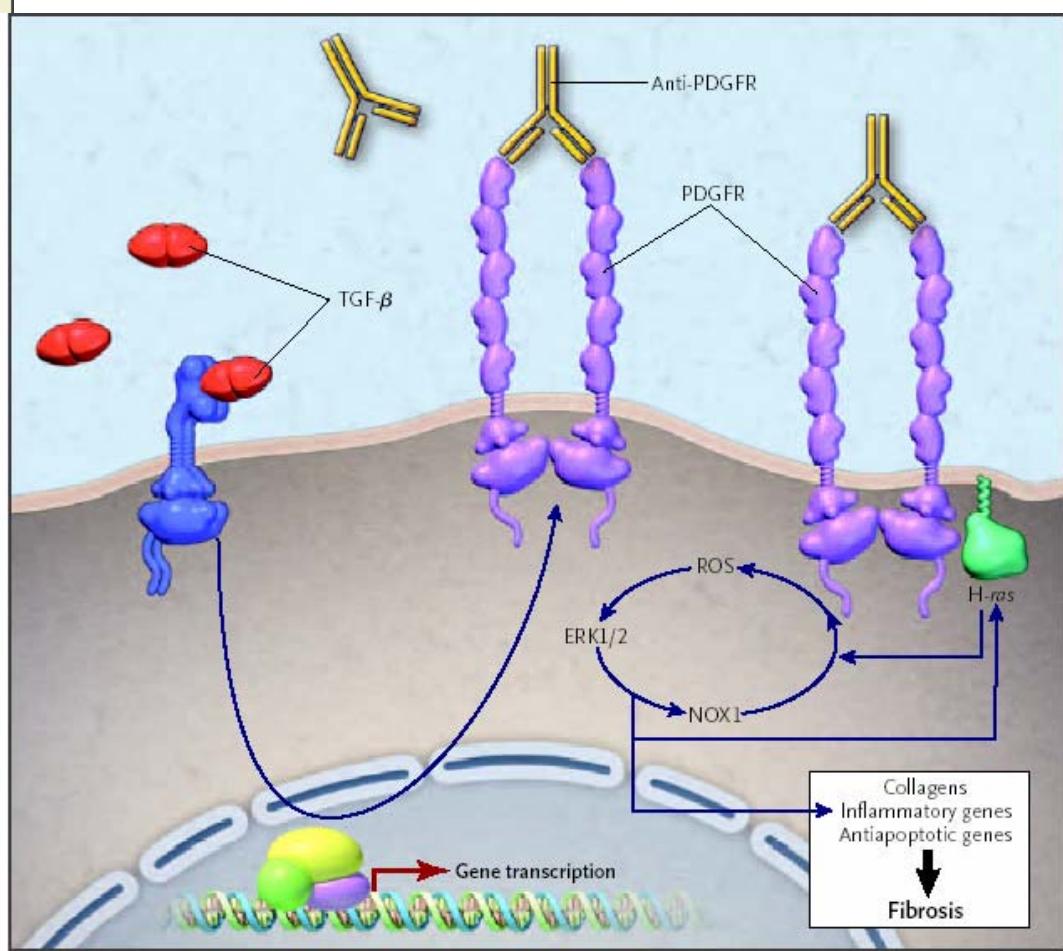
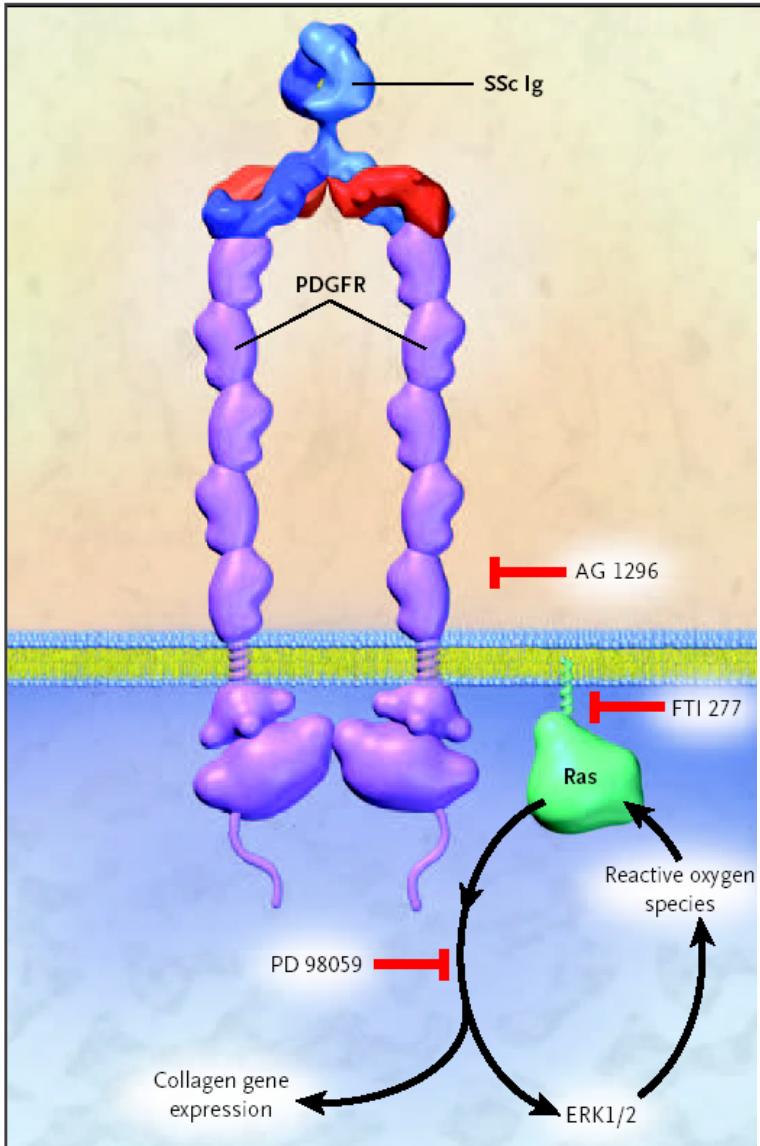


## Increase in Circulating Endothelial Precursors by Atorvastatin in Patients With Systemic Sclerosis

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Yutaka Kawakami,<sup>1</sup> and Yasuo Ikeda<sup>1</sup>



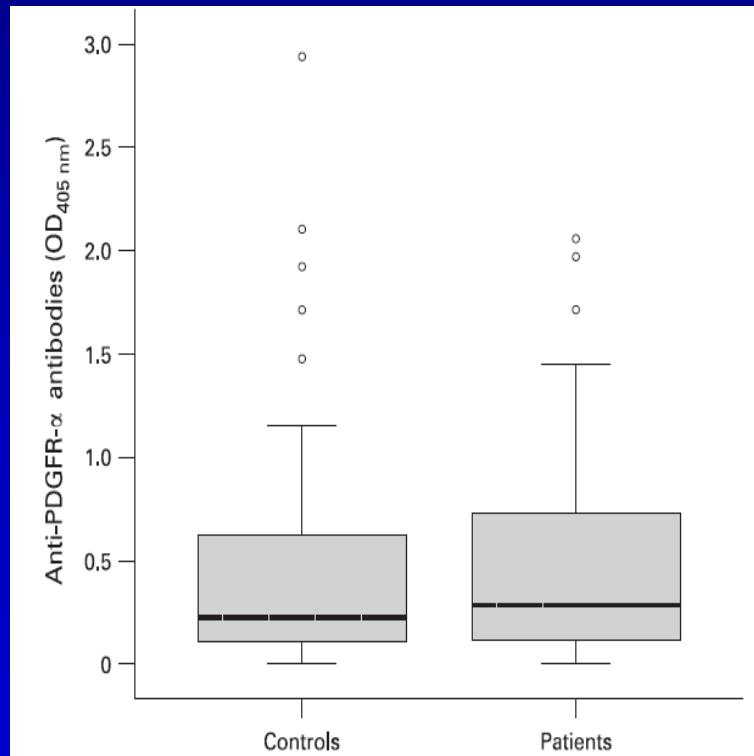
## Stimulatory Autoantibodies to the PDGF Receptor in Systemic Sclerosis



# Anti-PDGFR- $\alpha$ antibodies measured by non-bioactivity assays are not specific for systemic sclerosis

*Ann Rheum Dis* 2008;67:1027–1029.

E Balada, C P Simeón-Aznar, J Ordi-Ros, M Rosa-Leyva, A Selva-O'Callaghan, J Pardos-Gea, V Fonollosa-Pla, M Vilardell-Tarrés



**Conclusion:** Although anti-PDGFR- $\alpha$  antibodies seem to be disease-specific when determined by bioactivity assays, these antibodies are also detected in normal subjects when immunological methods are used. Thus, anti-PDGFR- $\alpha$  antibodies may arise from natural auto-antibodies. Possibly, SSc autoantibodies recognise a different epitope on the PDGFR- $\alpha$  molecule which triggers its stimulatory effect when analysed by functional assays. Alternatively, naturally occurring autoantibodies may even become pathogenic after affinity maturation and class switching in genetically susceptible subjects.

# Lack of Detection of Agonist Activity by Antibodies to Platelet-Derived Growth Factor Receptor $\alpha$ in a Subset of Normal and Systemic Sclerosis Patient Sera

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*Conclusion.* Although approximately one-third of sera from scleroderma patients contained detectable autoantibodies to PDGFR, these antibodies were not specific to scleroderma, since they were also detected in a similar percentage of samples from normal subjects. PDGFR $\alpha$  agonist activity was not demonstrated when purified Ig from these sera was tested in cell-based assays.

## 4. Conclusion

Available data establish a role for genetic factors in the pathophysiology of systemic sclerosis. As with many multifactorial diseases, the presence in a given individual of several polymorphisms probably contributes to the risk of developing the disease, whereas a single polymorphism probably has a limited impact. Additional genes or pathophysiological pathways involved in systemic sclerosis will probably be identified when association studies are conducted in larger populations, finer distinctions are made between the various phenotypes of the disease, and models that more closely replicate systemic sclerosis are developed.

in systemic sclerosis. Only then will it be possible to robustly compare patient subgroups and studies from distinct geographic or ethnic populations to fully understand the significance of genetic factors in determining the disease phenotype.

# **Lack of association of the PTN22 gene polymorphysm R620W with systemic sclerosis**

Balada E. et al. *Clin Exp Rheumatol.* 2006

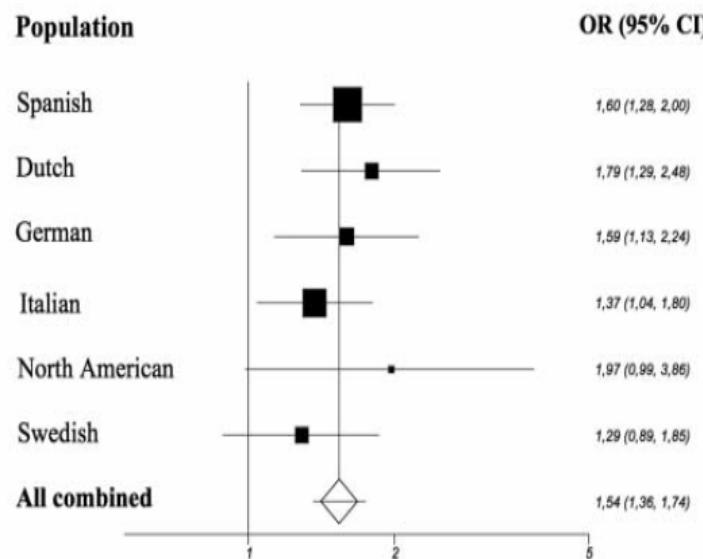
## **A large multicenter analysis of CTGF -945 promoter polymorphism does not confirm association with Systemic Sclerosis susceptibility or phenotype**

Rueda B. et al. *Ann Rheum Dis.* 2008

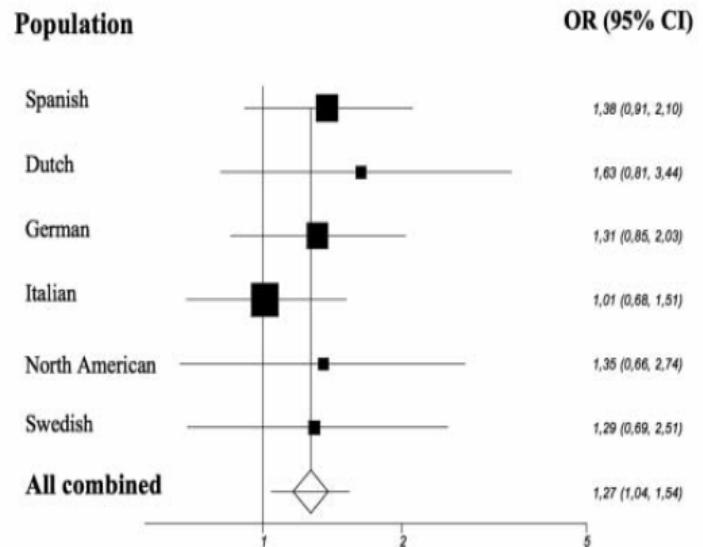
## **The interleukin 23 receptor gene does not confer risk to systemic sclerosis and is not associated with systemic sclerosis disease phenotype**

Rueda B. et al. *Ann Rheum Dis.* 2009

A



B



## The *STAT4* gene influences the genetic predisposition to systemic sclerosis phenotype

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 5 M.J.H. Coenen<sup>3</sup>, P. Airo<sup>16</sup>, L. Beretta<sup>17</sup>, R. Scorzà<sup>17</sup>, J. van Laar<sup>18</sup>, M.F. Gonzalez-Escribano<sup>19</sup>, J.L. Nelson<sup>20</sup>, T.R.D.J. Radstake<sup>2</sup> and J. Martin<sup>1,\*</sup>

## RESULTS

**STAT4 is associated with limited cutaneous SSc in the Spanish population**



# **ESCLERODERMI A**

## **Criterios de clasificación 1980**

### **CRITERIO MAYOR**

**Esclerodermia proximal**

### **CRITERIOS MENORES**

**Esclerodactilia**

**Cicatrices puntiformes en el pulpejo de los dedos**

**Fibrosis pulmonar bilateral**

### **DIAGNÓSTICO**

**Criterio mayor**

**Dos o más de menores**

# ESCLERODERMA. Clasificación en subtipos

## Forma difusa

F. Raynaud < 1 a.  
Afec. cutánea troncal y acra  
Roces tendinosos  
Afección visceral temprana  
Pérdida capilar  
Anti-Scl 70 (25-30%)



## Limitada

F. Raynaud > 5 a.  
Afec. cutánea distal  
Telangiectasias, a.diges.  
Calcinosis,HTP  
Dilatación capilar  
AAcentrómero (60-80%)

## ESC sine esclerodermia

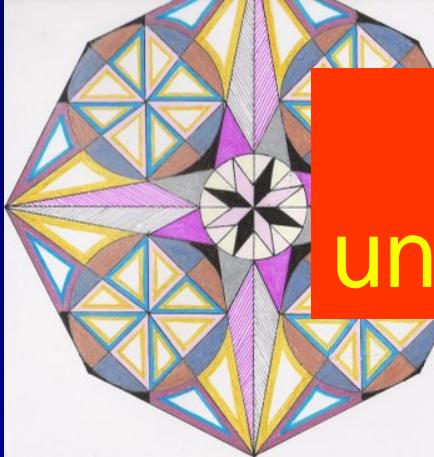
F. Raynaud +/-  
Sin afección cutánea  
Afección visceral  
AANs específicos

## Pre-esclerodermia

Fenómeno de Raynaud  
Alts. capilaroscópicas  
Úlcera digital  
AANs específicos

# ESCLERODERMA DIFUSA

A F C N C C A  
T I Anti-Th/Tg escleromiosistis A P  
I R Beflujo gástrico L I S I L  
C A esofágico C P  
A R ANTIFIBRILARINA A R  
U Y E SCLERODERMIA L S I R  
E N O O D I S I R D  
R A S O M S R S  
P U Anti-centrómeros T PULMONAR R E C  
O D S I M E R E N A L C  
S ANTIPOISOMERASA I R Pérdida capilar O  
Hipertensión arterial pulmonar aislada A A P  
Megacapilares+Hemorragias A A Scl A



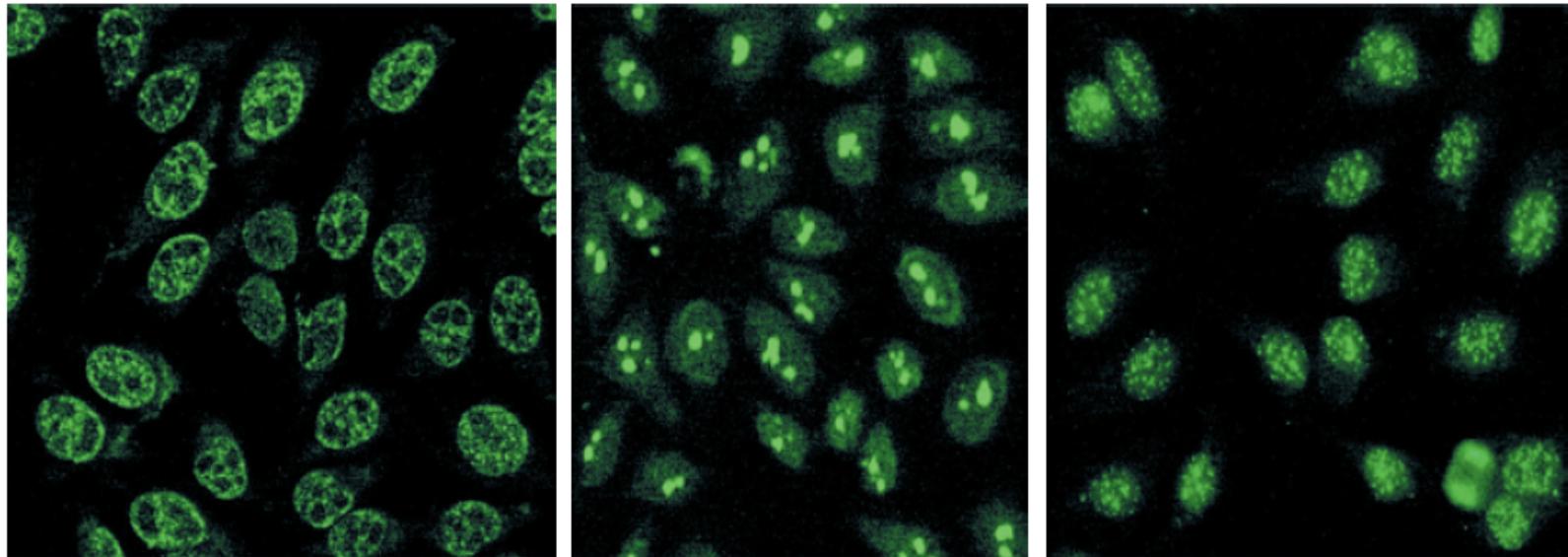
# La esclerodermia: una enfermedad poliédrica



The Many Faces of Scleroderma

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Classic Autoantibodies	Clinical Features	New Autoantibodies	Role
Anti-topoisomerase I	Diffuse cutaneous scleroderma	Anti-endothelial cell	Induce apoptosis of endothelial cells
Anticentromere proteins	Limited cutaneous scleroderma, pulmonary hypertension	Anti-FBN 1	Activate normal human fibroblasts
Anti-RNA polymerase I/II	Diffuse cutaneous scleroderma, renal involvement	Anti-MMP 1 and 3	Prevent degradation of ECM proteins
Antipolymyositis, sclerosis	Polymyositis, calcinosis	Anti-PDGFR	Stimulate normal human fibroblasts through Ha-Ras-ERK1/2-ROS
Antifibrillarin (U3RNP)	Diffuse cutaneous scleroderma, internal-organ involvement	Anti-Nag-2	Induce endothelial-cell apoptosis
Anti-Th/To	Limited cutaneous scleroderma, pulmonary fibrosis		

# The Many Faces of Scleroderma

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Features of patients with limited scleroderma-specific autoantibodies

Antibody	ACA	Th/To	Pm/Scl	U1-RNP
No. of patients	291	72	36	71
Male sex, %*	<b>8</b>	19	19	21
African African, %*	3	4	3	<b>13</b>
Age of onset*	42	40	38	<b>33</b>
Diffuse SSc, %*	5	7	22	20
Disease duration				
At diagnosis*	<b>8.7</b>	<b>7.9</b>	3.2	3.2
Joints, %*	60	60	75	<b>94</b>
Digital ulcers, %*	<b>61</b>	29	47	49
Gangrene, %*	<b>18</b>	5	5	11
Digital tuft	<b>27</b>	7	<b>32</b>	17
Resorption* (x-ray numbers actually performed)	(41/151)	(2/28)	(7/22)	(5/29)
Calcinosis, %*	<b>46</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>39</b>	14
Muscle inflammation, %*	1	6	<b>58</b>	<b>27</b>
Any GI, %	57	33	39	39
Severe GI, %*	8	<b>13</b>	0	14
Any lung, %	45	62	58	53
Number with PFTs	(184)	(49)	(22)	(49)
Severe fibrosis, %*	6	<b>16</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>22</b>
Lowest FVC, % predicted	87	<b>70</b>	74	75
Isolated PAH*	<b>19</b>	<b>32</b>	3	14
Severe heart, %*	4	7	6	11
Renal crisis, %*	1	4	4	7
Survival, % cumulative survival from diagnosis 5 y, 10 y	85.75	<b>78.65</b>	95.72	<b>78.65</b>

Features of patients with diffuse scleroderma specific autoantibodies present

Antibody	TOPO	POL 3	U3 RNP
No. of patients	318	120	55
Male sex, %*	27	<b>19</b>	29
African African, %*	<b>17</b>	3	<b>29</b>
Age of onset*	43	44	<b>35</b>
Diffuse SSc, %*	<b>71</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>64</b>
Disease duration			
At diagnosis	2.2	1.5	2.9
Joints, %	<b>86</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>89</b>
Carpal tunnel, %*	28	<b>43</b>	27
Tendon rubs, %	<b>50</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>42</b>
Digital ulcers, %*	<b>63</b>	42	<b>58</b>
Gangrene, %*	<b>13</b>	3	9
Digital tuft	<b>28</b>	5	9
Resorption* (x-ray numbers actually performed)	49/173	3/54	2/22
Calcinosis, %*	17	14	<b>22</b>
Muscle inflammation, %*	9	4	<b>18</b>
Any GI, %	56	37	59
Severe GI, %*	8	5	<b>25</b>
Any lung %	73	49	67
Number with PFTs	(235)	(74)	(37)
Severe fibrosis, %*	<b>23</b>	7	24
Lowest FVC, % predicted	<b>67</b>	81	68
Isolated PAH	2	6	24
Severe heart, %*	<b>16</b>	7	<b>18</b>
Renal crisis, %*	<b>10</b>	<b>28</b>	7
Survival, % cumulative survival from diagnosis 5 y, 10 y	78.65	<b>90.75</b>	80.61

# Prognostic Model Based on Nailfold Capillaroscopy for Identifying Raynaud's Phenomenon Patients at High Risk for the Development of a Scleroderma Spectrum Disorder

ARTHRITIS & RHEUMATISM  
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## PRINCE (Prognostic Index for Nailfold Capillaroscopic Examination)

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Table 2. Multivariate regression analysis of the 3 prognostically relevant capillaroscopy parameters\*

Prognostic variable	HR	95% CI	$\chi^2$	P
Giant loops	1.58	0.6–4.14	0.86	0.355
Microhemorrhages	1.77	0.79–3.95	1.93	0.164
No. of capillaries				
Linear	0.66	0.45–0.98	4.15	0.042
Nonlinear	1.66	1.01–2.70	4.06	0.044

\* HR = hazard ratio; 95% CI = 95% confidence interval.

**Conclusion.** Our prognostic capillaroscopic index identifies RP patients in whom the risk of developing SSDs is high. This model is a weighted combination of different capillaroscopy parameters that allows physicians to stratify RP patients easily, using a relatively simple diagram to deduce the prognosis. Our results suggest that this index could be used in clinical practice, and its further inclusion in prospective studies will undoubtedly help in exploring its potential in predicting treatment response.

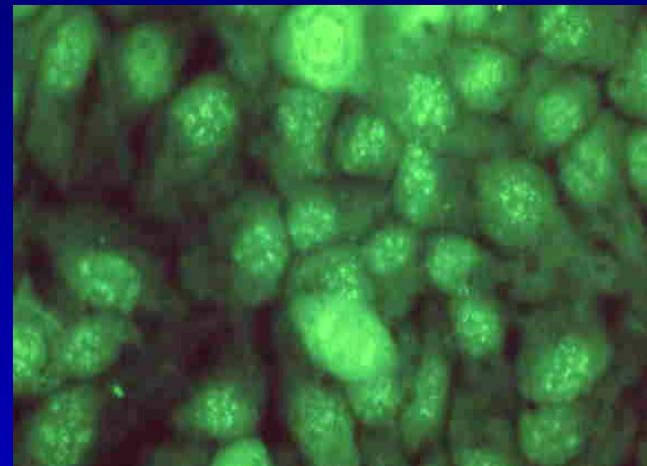


# Autoantibodies and Microvascular Damage Are Independent Predictive Factors for the Progression of Raynaud's Phenomenon to Systemic Sclerosis

A Twenty-Year Prospective Study of 586 Patients,  
With Validation of Proposed Criteria for Early Systemic Sclerosis

Koenig M et al. *Arthritis and Rheumatism*. 2008;58:3.902-12

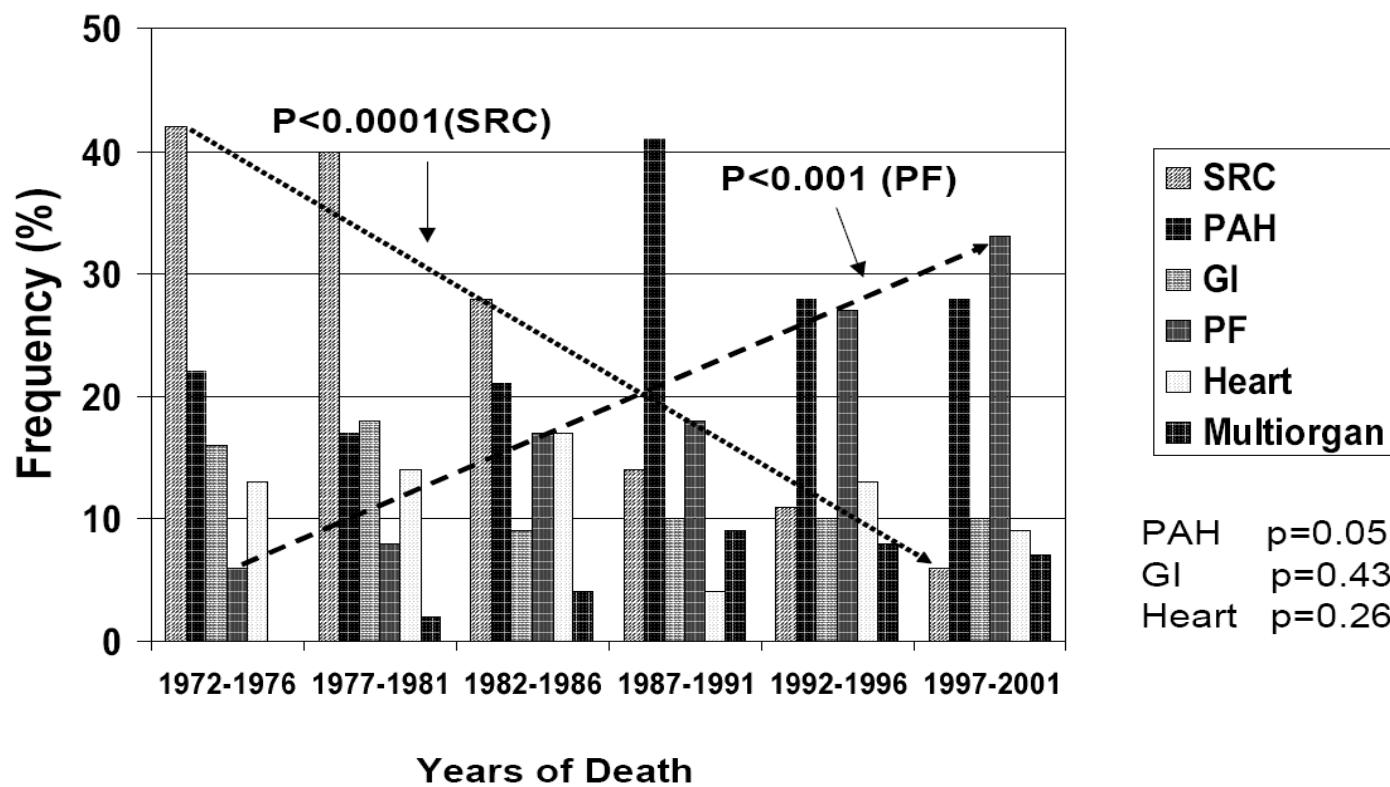
Last, this study is the first to validate the criteria for early SSc that were proposed by LeRoy and Medsger, but were not validated (21). According to these criteria, when the presence of RP is subjective only (i.e., by patient report only), as in the present study, early SSc may be diagnosed when both an SSc pattern on NCM and SSc-specific autoantibodies are observed (21). In our cohort, patients in whom both predictors were present at baseline were 60 times more likely to develop definite SSc than were patients without these predictors.



*Conclusion.* In RP evolving to definite SSc, microvascular damage is dynamic and sequential, while SSc-specific autoantibodies are associated with the course and type of capillary abnormalities. Abnormal findings on NCM at baseline together with an SSc-specific autoantibody indicate a very high probability of developing definite SSc, whereas their absence rules out this outcome.

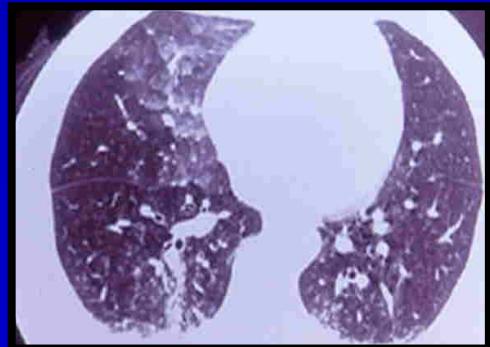
# Changes in causes of death in systemic sclerosis, 1972- 2002

Virginia D. Steen and Thomas A Medsger, Jr  
Ann Rheum Dis, 2007

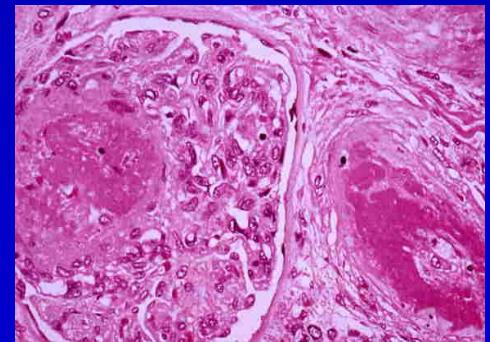




Factores pronósticos	RR	p
Esclerodermia difusa	2,730	0,001
Edad de comienzo	1,079	0,0001
Fibrosis pulmonar	2,463	0,003
HTAP	2,802	0,0001
Crisis renal	30,062	0,0001



## Esclerodermia Factores pronósticos



# Long-Term Outcomes of Scleroderma Renal Crisis

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Conclusions: Renal crisis can be effectively managed when hypertension is aggressively controlled with ACE inhibitors. Patients should continue taking ACE inhibitors even after beginning dialysis in hopes of discontinuing dialysis.

*Ann Intern Med.* 2000;133:600-603.

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## Predictors and Outcomes of Scleroderma Renal Crisis

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in the appropriate clinical setting. Although ACE inhibitors and dialysis are now readily available, SRC continues to be associated with poor survival (in this study, 50% of patients with SRC died).

*Q J Med* 2007; 100:485–494

## Scleroderma renal crisis: patient characteristics and long-term outcomes

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A. BURNS<sup>5</sup> and C.P. DENTON<sup>1</sup>

**Discussion:** Despite the efficacy of ACEIs in managing SRC, the poor long-term outcome warrants evaluation for additional treatments for this devastating complication of systemic sclerosis.

# **ESCLERODERMIA**

## **Manifestaciones clínicas**

**N: 348**

**Fenómeno de Raynaud: 346 (99%)**

**Úlceras digitales: 171 (49%)**

**Afección osteomuscular: 245 (70%)**

**Afección digestiva: 249 (71%)**

**Afección respiratoria: 261 (75%)**

**EPID: 195 ( 56%) (CVF<70%: 84 (24%)**

**HTAP: 66 (19%) (HTAP (s> 55mmHg): 32 (9.7%)**

**Afección cardíaca: 164 (47%)**

**Afección renal (CRE): 14 (4%)**

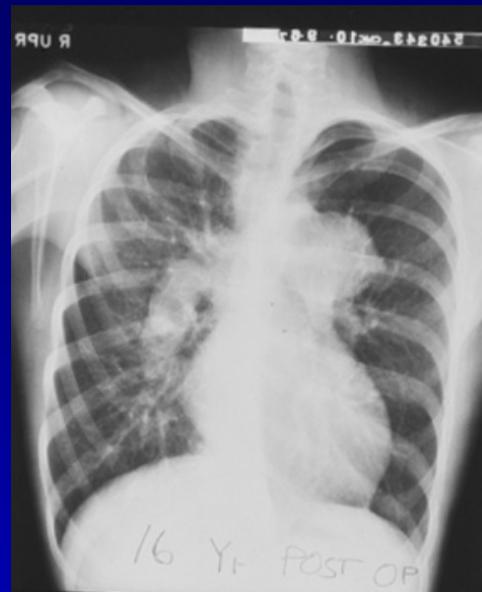


# ESCLERODERMA. Hipertensión pulmonar

N= 335 (Hospital Vall d'Hebron)

## Causas de muerte

Afección pulmonar : 29 (40%)



HTA pulmonar aislada: 15

Fibrosis pulmonar + HTAP: 8

Fibrosis pulmonar: 6

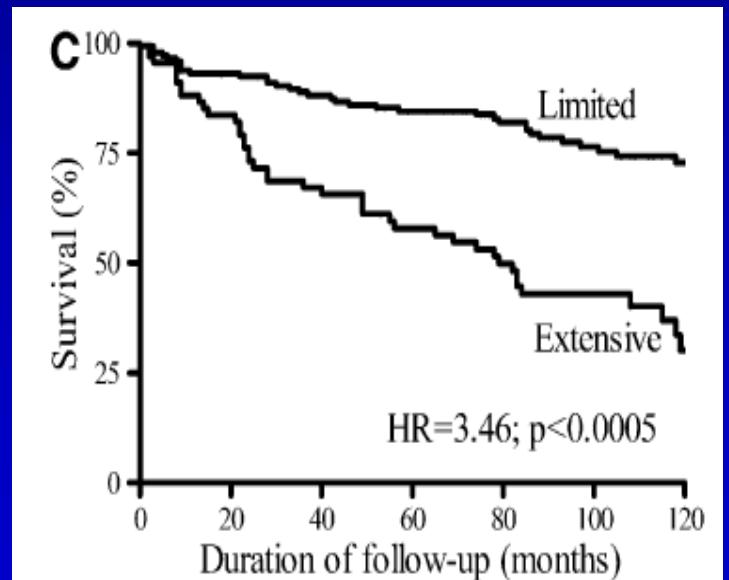
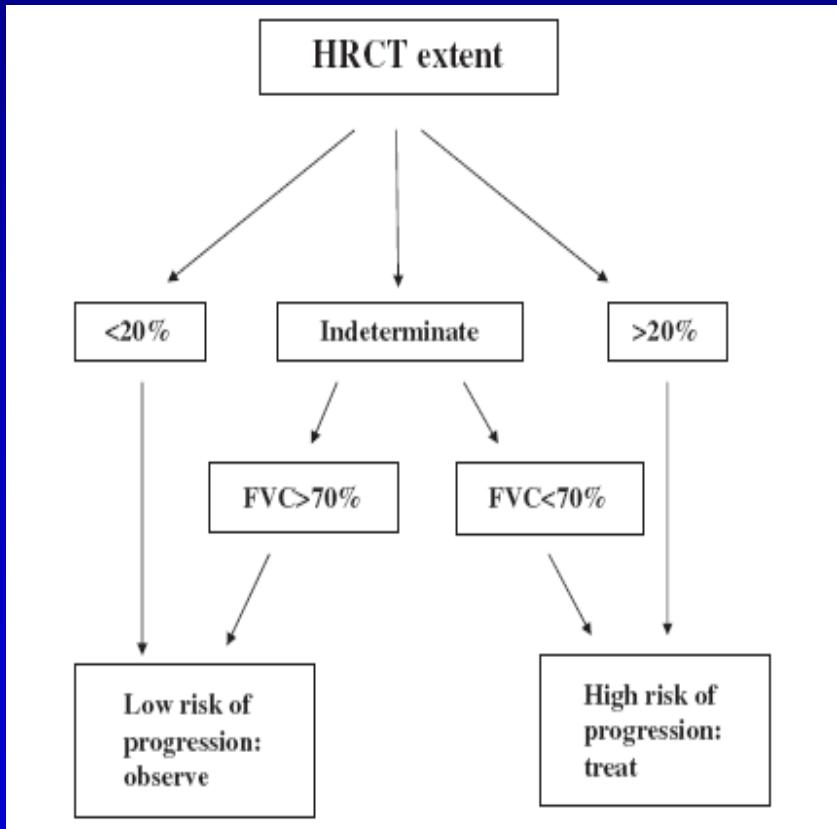


# ESCLERODERMA: EPI. Factores pronósticos

LBA. Dudosa utilidad clínica

PFRs. Diagnóstico y seguimiento

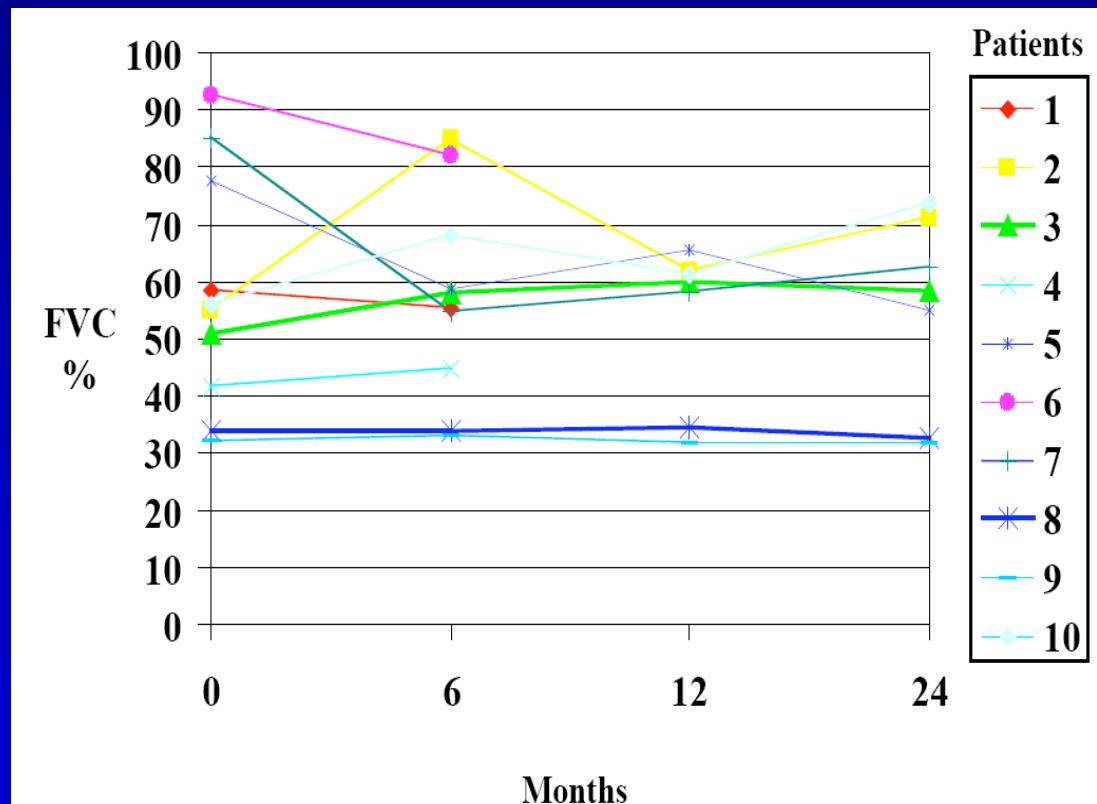
TACAR: Diagnóstico y factor pronóstico



Goh NSL et al. Interstitial lung disease in systemic sclerosis: A simple staging system. *Am J Respir Crit Care Med.* 2008

## Intravenous Cyclophosphamide Pulse Therapy in the Treatment of Systemic Sclerosis-Related Interstitial Lung Disease: A Long Term Study

C.P. Simeón-Aznar<sup>1</sup>, V. Fonollosa-Plá<sup>1</sup>, C. Tolosa-Vilella<sup>2</sup>, A. Selva-O'Callaghan<sup>1</sup>, R. Solans-Laqué<sup>1</sup>, E. Palliza<sup>3</sup>, X. Muñoz<sup>4</sup> and M. Vilardell-Tarrés<sup>1</sup>



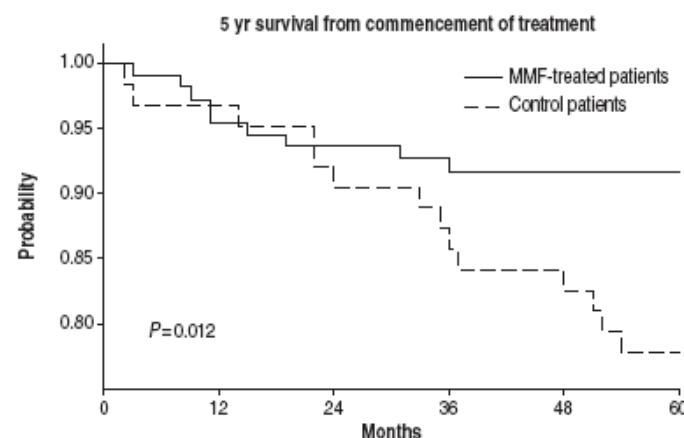
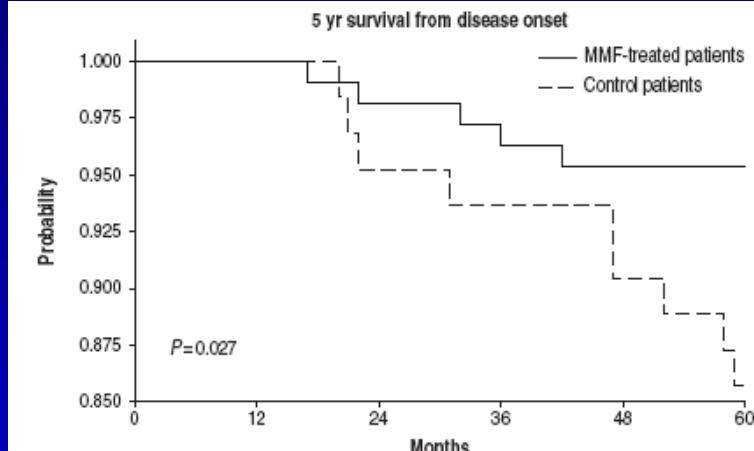
## Concise Report

# Mycophenolate mofetil in diffuse cutaneous systemic sclerosis—a retrospective analysis

Svetlana I. Nihtyanova, Geraldine M. Brough, Carol M. Black and Christopher P. Denton

## Controls

	MMF patients % (No)	Controls % (No)
Patients	100 (109)	100 (63)
Female sex	82.6 (90)	81 (51)
Race		
Asian	9.2 (10)	9.5 (6)
Black	7.3 (8)	6.3 (4)
Caucasian	79.8 (87)	79.4 (50)
Other	3.7 (4)	4.8 (3)
Diffuse disease	92.7 (101)	98.4 (62)
Age at onset (yrs) mean ± s.d.	47 ± 13	45 ± 12
Overlap		
Total	23.9 (26)	22.2 (14)
>1 overlap	3.7 (4)	1.6 (1)
Polymyositis/dermatomyositis	11.9 (13)	14.3 (9)
Arthritis	8.3 (9)	7.9 (5)
Sjogren's	1.8 (2)	0 (0)
SLE	3.7 (4)	1.6 (1)
Vasculitis	3.7 (4)	1.6 (1)
Antibodies		
ScI 70	32.1 (35)	27 (17)
RNA polymerase	23.9 (26)	22.2 (14)
nRNP	4.6 (5)	3.2 (2)
U3RNP	4.6 (5)	6.3 (4)
ACA	1.8 (2)	1.6 (1)
PM/ScI	1.8 (2)	4.8 (3)
dsDNA	4.6 (5)	0 (0)
Ro	5.5 (6)	7.9 (5)
Sm	1.8 (2)	0 (0)
Non-defined Abs	30.3 (33)	30.2 (19)
Organ involvement		
Skin	100 (109)	100 (63)
Raynaud's	100 (109)	100 (63)
GIT <sup>a</sup>	78 (85)	87.3 (55)
Lung	56 (61)	63.5 (40)
Joint	19.3 (21)	14.3 (9)
Muscle	13.8 (15)	15.9 (10)
Heart	6.4 (7)	6.3 (4)
Kidney	22.9 (25)	4.8 (3)

<sup>a</sup>GIT, gastrointestinal tract.

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**Table 2: Differences in median of FVC (%) expected values prior, initiation and after treatment with MS**

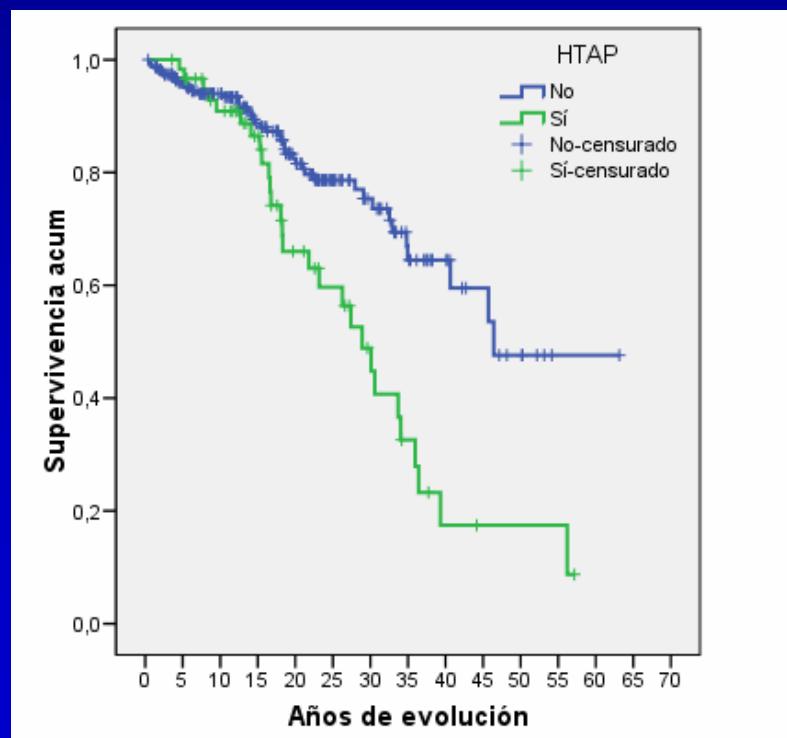
Variables	Prior to MS	Initiation MS	One year of MS
FVC(%)	59.80	55.5	59.00
Change (%)	-7.2	+ 6.3	
p value	0.3115	0.951	



Factores pronósticos	RR	p
Esclerodermia difusa	2,730	0,001
Edad de comienzo	1,079	0,0001
Fibrosis pulmonar	2,463	0,003
HTAP	2,802	0,0001
Crisis renal	30,062	0,0001

## Esclerodermia Factores pronósticos

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# Early Detection of Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension in Systemic Sclerosis

SSc patients with no severe pulmonary function abnormalities

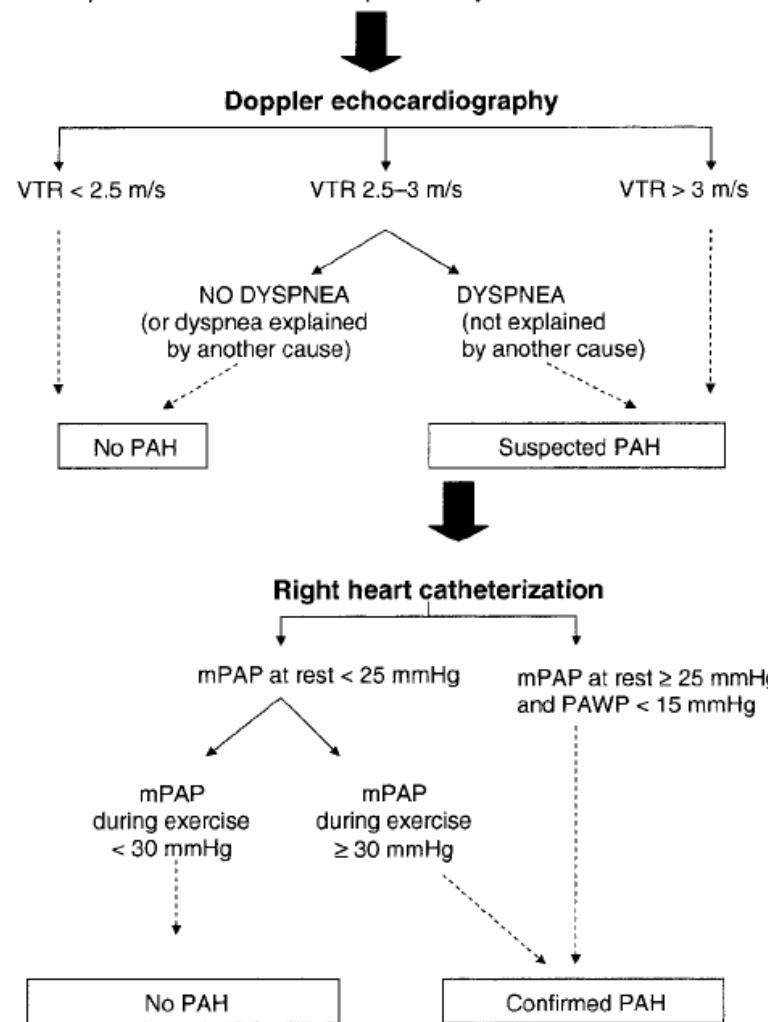


Table 3. Clinical characteristics, signs, symptoms, and pulmonary function test results in patients with newly diagnosed PAH versus those with no PAH (n = 566)\*

Parameter	Newly diagnosed PAH (n = 18)	No PAH (n = 548)	P
Age, years	65.0 ± 11.7	54.1 ± 12.9	<0.001
Female, no. (%)	16 (88.9)	465 (84.9)	1.00
Body mass index, kg/m <sup>2</sup>	26.6 ± 5.9	23.9 ± 4.5	0.014
SSc subtype, no. (%) limited	10 (55.6)	409 (74.6)	0.10
Age at first non-RP SSc symptom, years	52.0 ± 14.7	45.7 ± 13.8	0.07
Age at SSc diagnosis, years	57.4 ± 13.4	47.3 ± 13.6	0.003
Time since first non-RP symptom, years	11.9 ± 12.6	8.5 ± 7.8	0.29
Rodnan score	13.8 ± 8.6	13.0 ± 10.7	0.77
Dyspnea, no. (%)	15 (83.3)	147 (26.8)	<0.0001
Fatigue, no. (%)	11 (61.1)	182 (33.2)	0.014
Palpitations, no. (%)	6 (33.3)	78 (14.2)	0.037
Syncope or presyncope during exercise, no. (%)	3 (16.7)	15 (2.7)	0.016
Chest pain, no. (%)	1 (5.6)	17 (3.1)	0.45
Lower limb edema, no. (%)	6 (33.3)	37 (6.8)	<0.001
Hepatojugular reflux, no. (%)	4 (22.2)	4 (0.7)	<0.0001
Jugular venous distention, no. (%)	4 (22.2)	6 (1.1)	<0.0001
DLCO, % of predicted	56.2 ± 23.3	72.6 ± 18.0	<0.0004
Patients with DLCO <60%, no. (%)	13 (72.2)	149 (27.2)	<0.0001
PaO <sub>2</sub> + PaCO <sub>2</sub> , mm Hg	111.3 ± 12.6	127.5 ± 15.1	<0.0001

patients with known PAH were mPAP  $49 \pm 17$  mm Hg and TPR  $1,007 \pm 615$  dynes × second/cm<sup>5</sup>. The estimate of PAH prevalence was 7.85% (95% confidence interval 5.70–10.00).

# Risk factors for death and the 3-year survival of patients with systemic sclerosis: the French ItinérAIR-Sclérodermie study

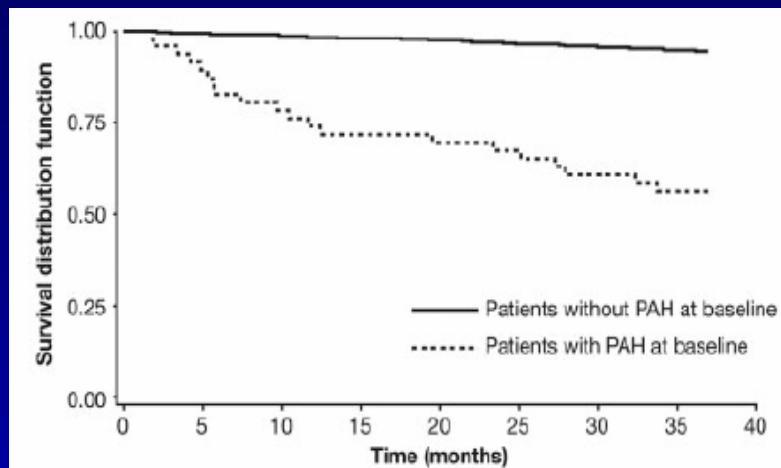


TABLE 3. Risk of death associated with baseline characteristics (univariate analysis)

Parameter	Univariate analysis HR (95% CI)	<i>p</i>
Male sex	2.60 (1.41, 4.81)	0.002
Age (per year)	1.06 (1.03, 1.09)	<0.0001
Age at first non-RP symptom (per year)	1.04 (1.02, 1.07)	0.0003
Time since first SSc sign (per year)	1.01 (0.98, 1.05)	0.39
dcSSc	2.21 (1.24, 3.92)	0.007
Rodnan skin score (per 1 point)	1.04 (0.94, 0.98)	<0.0001
Moderate dyspnoea (NYHA FC II)	2.45 (1.29, 4.67)	0.007
Severe dyspnoea (NYHA FC III-IV)	4.15 (1.93, 8.93)	0.0003
VTR $\geq$ 2.8 m/s	5.74 (2.81, 11.75)	<0.0001
PAH at baseline	10.41 (5.81, 18.52)	<0.0001
DL <sub>CO</sub> <60% of predicted (per 1%)	1.05 (1.03, 1.08)	<0.0001
TLC (percentage of predicted)	95 (93, 98)	<0.0001
FVC (percentage of predicted)	96 (94, 98)	<0.0001
Anti-topoisomerase antibodies	0.58 (0.30, 1.14)	0.12
Anti-centromere antibodies	0.56 (0.28, 1.11)	0.10

TABLE 2. Causes of death observed in the total population

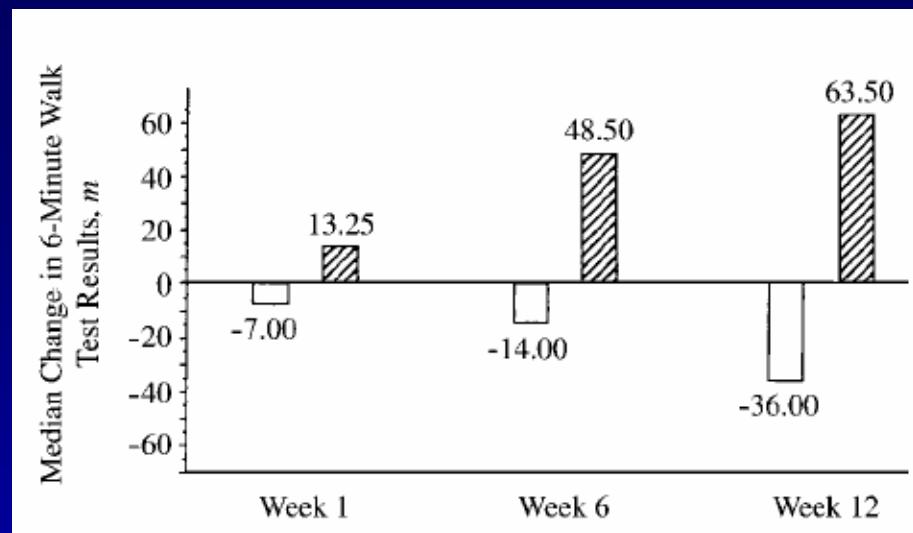
Causes of death, n (%)	All patients (n=546)
Total number of deaths	47 (8.6)
Scleroderma-related causes of death	24 (4.4)
PAH	17 (red circle)
Pulmonary fibrosis	2
Gastrointestinal	2
Renal crisis	3
Non-scleroderma-related causes of death	23 (4.2)
Cancer	8
Infection	4
Cardiovascular or cerebrovascular atherosclerosis	2
Other cause	2
Unknown cause	7

TABLE 4. Risk of mortality associated with baseline characteristics (multivariate analysis)

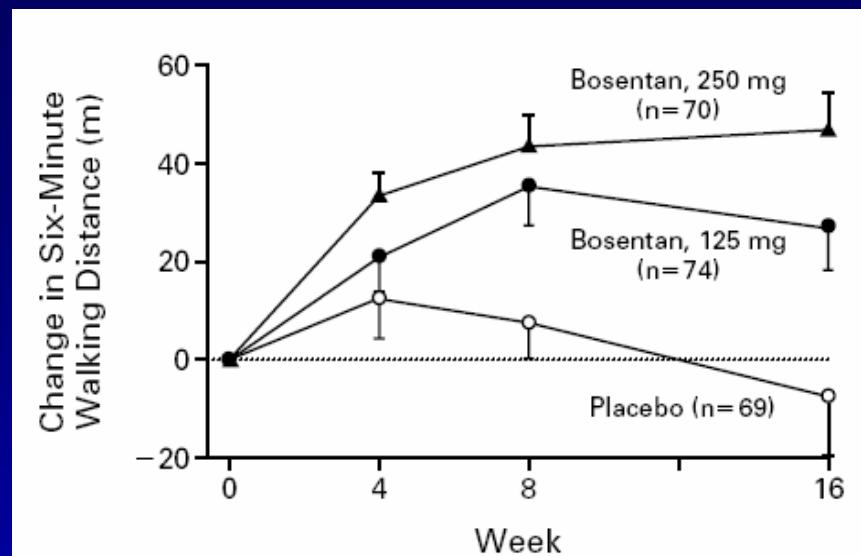
Parameter	S.E.	$\chi^2$	<i>P</i>	HR (95% CI)
Age at first non-RP symptom, years	0.051	0.013	14.440	0.0001
Duration of SSc	0.046	0.019	5.722	0.016
PAH at baseline	1.979	0.302	42.909 (red circle)	<0.0001
Rodnan skin score (per 1 point)	0.0436	0.0104	17.392	<0.0001

- The 3-year Kaplan-Meier survival estimate of 91.1% in the ItinérAIR-Sclérodermie population is reduced to 56.3% among patients with baseline PAH.
- A Doppler echocardiographic VTR  $\geq$ 2.8 m/s is a strong predictor of death.

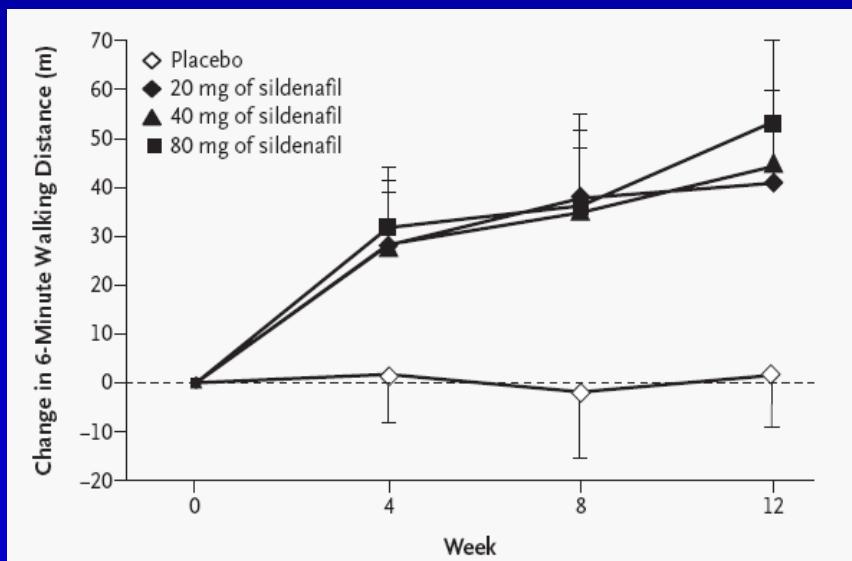
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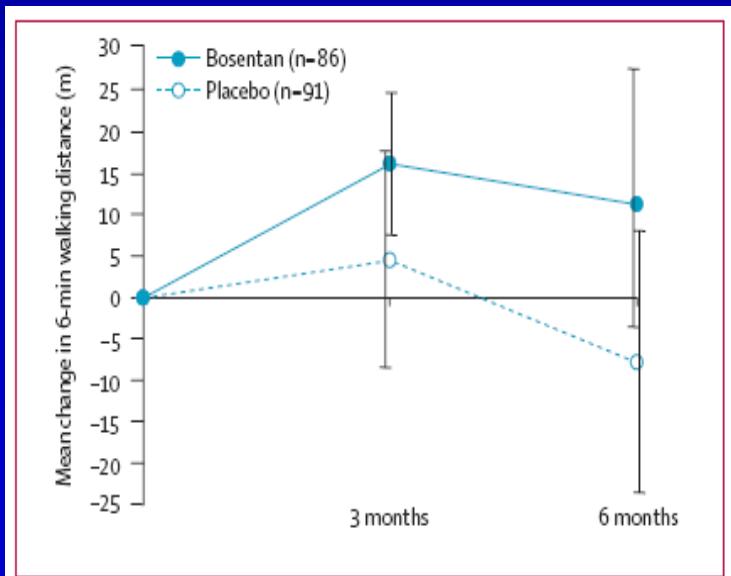
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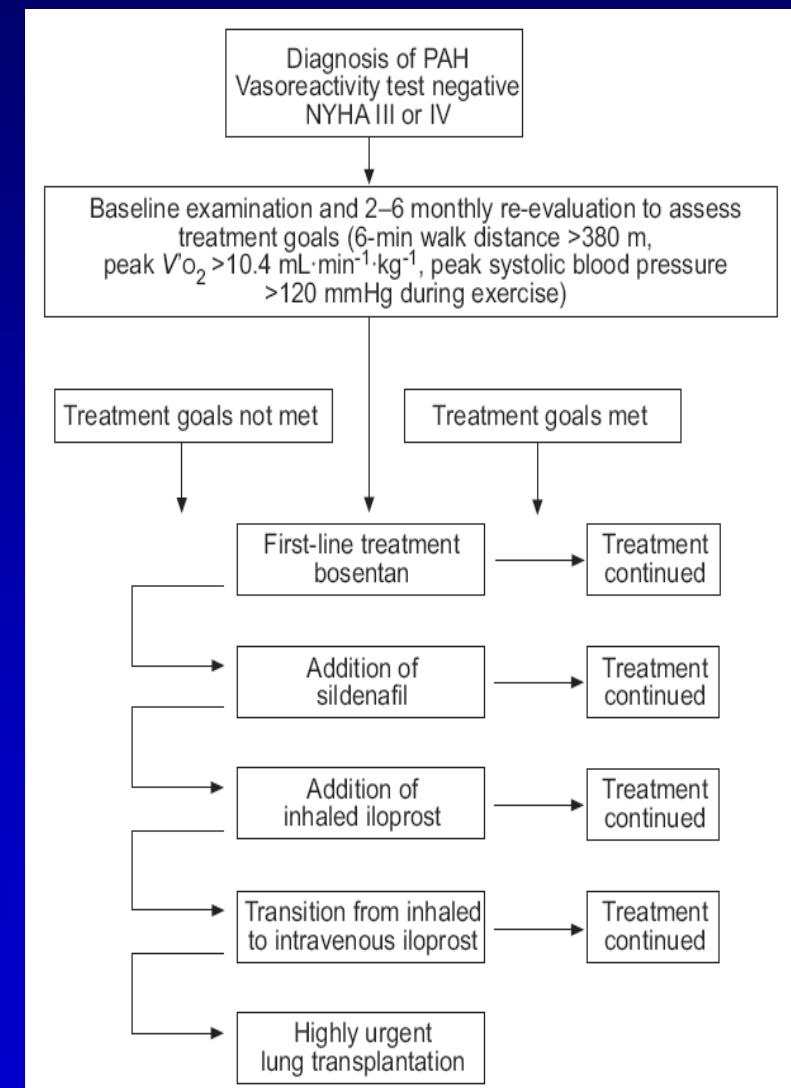
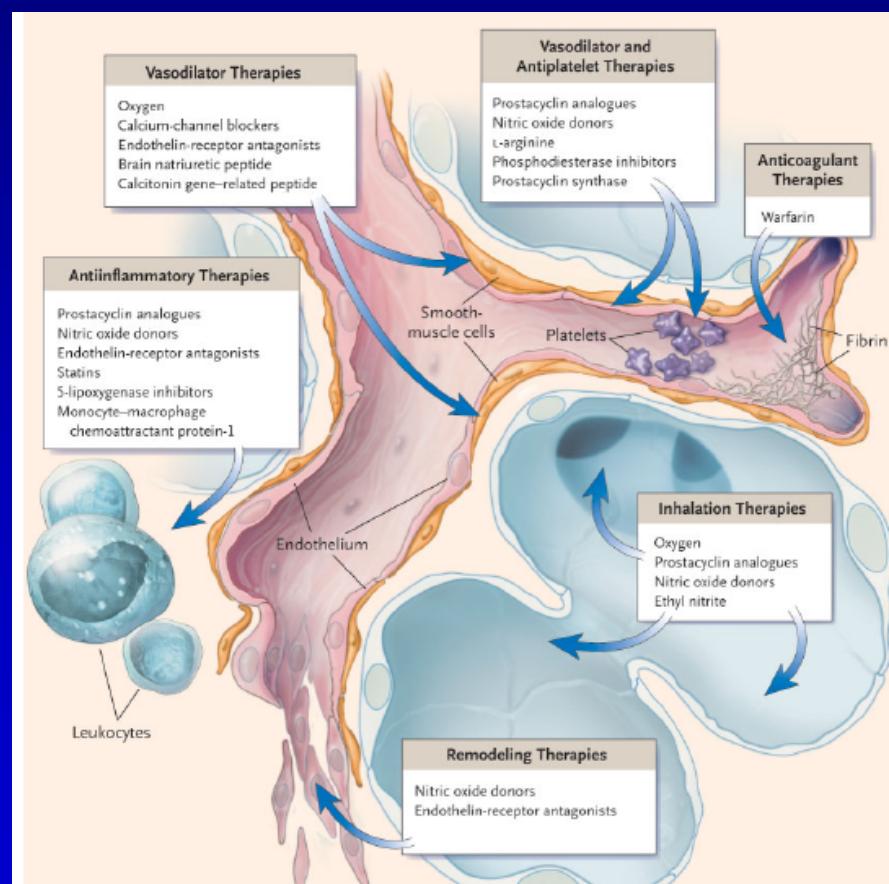


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# Goal-oriented treatment and combination therapy for pulmonary arterial hypertension

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# **ESCLERODERMIA**

## **Manifestaciones clínicas**

**N: 348**

**Fenómeno de Raynaud: 346 (99%)**

**Úlceras digitales: 171 (49%)**

**Afección osteomuscular: 245 (70%)**

**Afección digestiva: 249 (71%)**

**Afección respiratoria: 261 (75%)**

**EPID: 195 ( 56%) (CVF<70%: 84 (24%)**

**HTAP: 66 (19%) (HTAP (s> 55mmHg): 32 (9.7%)**

**Afección cardíaca: 164 (47%)**

**Afección renal (CRE): 14 (4%)**



# RAPIDS-1 AND RAPIDS-2

	RAPIDS-1		RAPIDS-2	
	16 weeks		24 weeks	
	Bos	Pbo	Bos	Pbo
<b>Patients (n)</b>	79	43	90	98
<b>Ulcers at baseline (%)</b>	1.9	2.2	3.7	3.6
<b>New DUs (n)</b>	1.4	2.7	1.9	2.7
	<i>-48% (<math>p=0.008</math>)</i>		<i>-30% (<math>p=0.035</math>)</i>	
<b>Healing</b>	NS		NS	

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## Terapia vascular

Bloqueadores Ca  
Antiagregantes  
IECAs  
Ketanserina  
Fluoxetina  
ARA II  
Prostaglandinas  
Sildenafil  
Antioxidantes  
Sitaxsentan  
Ambrisentan  
Bosentan

## Terapia antifibrótica

D-penicilamina  
Interferon- $\alpha$   
Interferon- $\gamma$   
Relaxina  
Imatinib  
Halofuginona

## Terapia inmunológica

Ciclofosfamida  
Metotrexato  
Azatioprina  
Ciclosporina  
G. Antimocítica  
G. Antilinfocítica  
Fotoférésis  
Trasplante MO  
Colágeno oral  
Anti-citocinas  
Micofenolato  
Glucocorticoides



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