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## *Highlights in Systemic Sclerosis*

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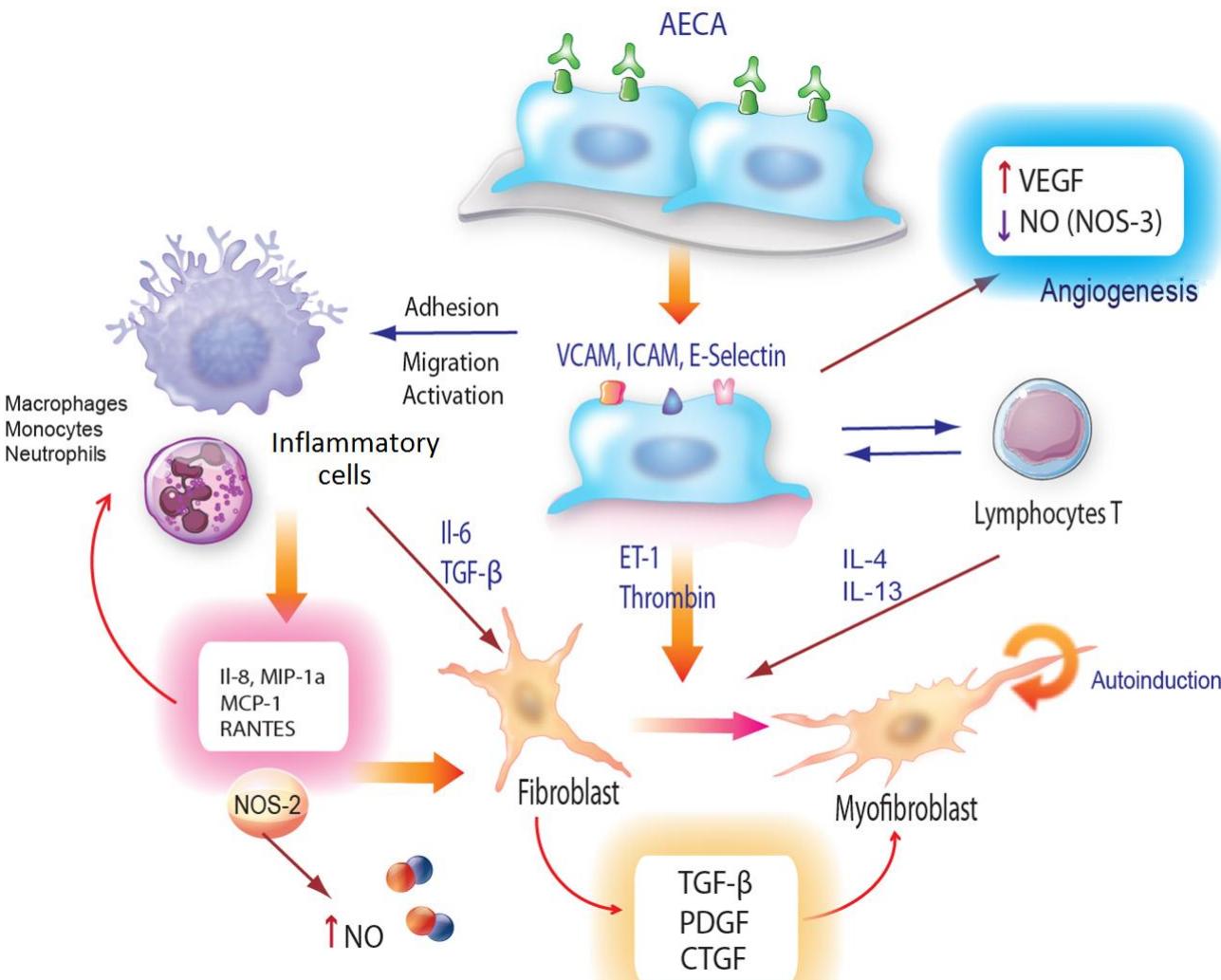
# Σύγκρουση Συμφερόντων

Καμία για αυτή την παρουσίαση

# Τι ειπώθηκε στο ACR meeting για το Σκληρόδερμα

- Παθοφυσιολογία (Basic science)
- Γενετική (Genetics)
- Κλινική πρακτική (Clinical Practice)
- Θεραπεία (Treatment)
- Μελλοντικοί στόχοι (what's next..?)

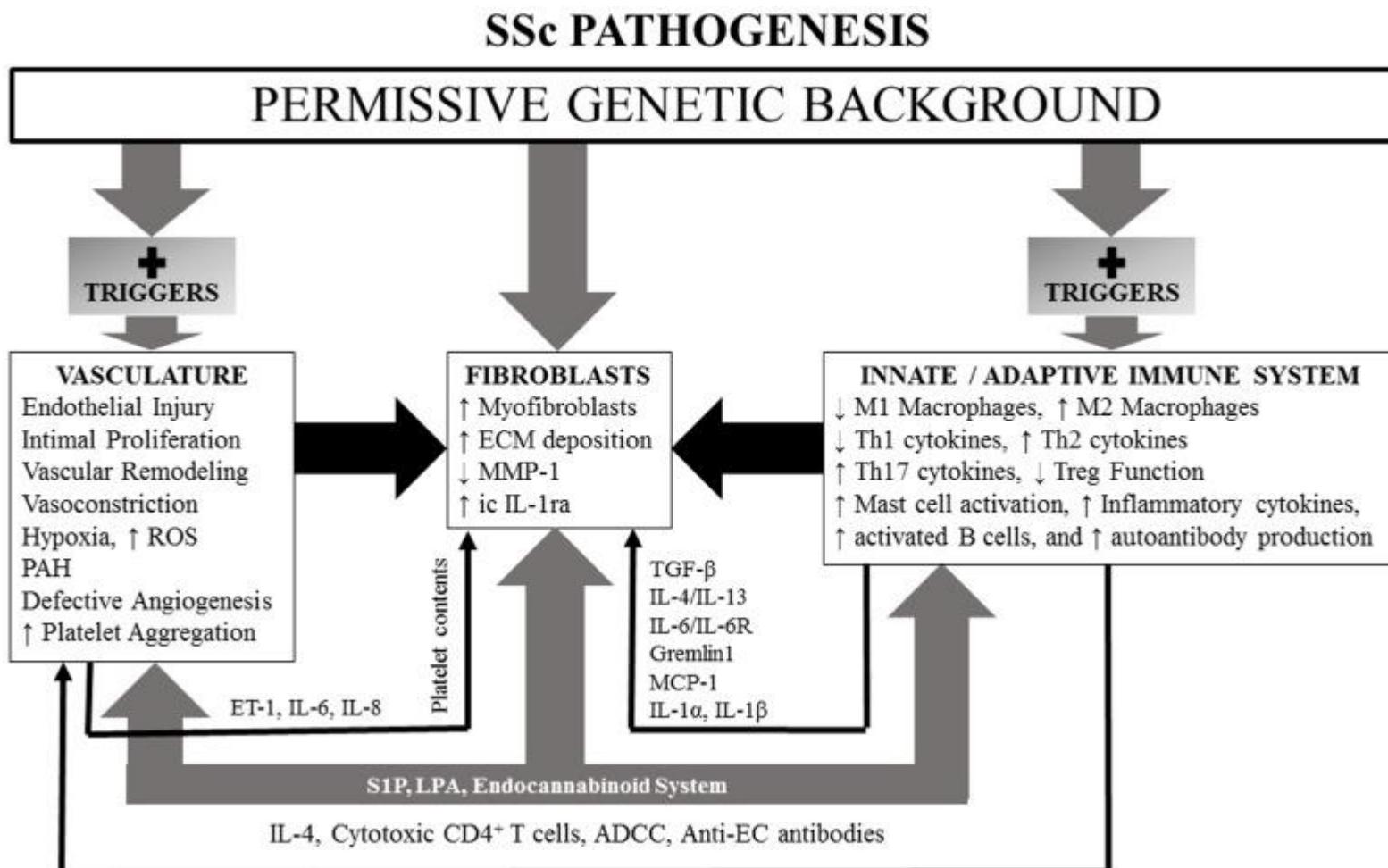
# Παθοφυσιολογία στο Σκληρόδερμα



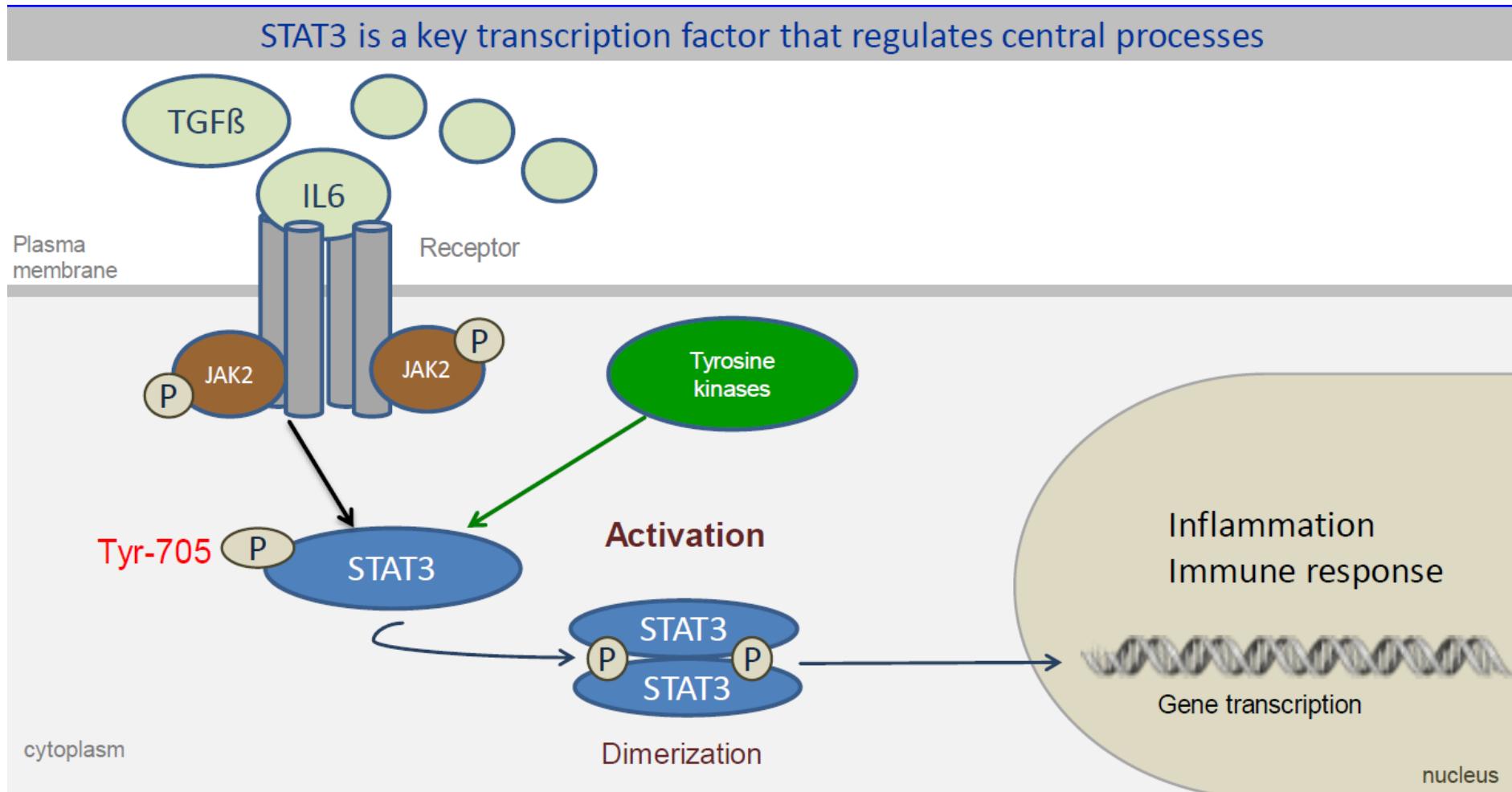
Mediators	Role in fibrogenesis
CTGF	Regulation of fibroblast proliferation and migration
ET-1	Regulation of ECM production and contraction
FGF	Regulation of fibroblast growth
IL-1	Inflammatory mediator
IL-4	Regulation of collagen synthesis
IL-6	Regulation of $\alpha$ -SMA expression in myofibroblasts
IL-10	Anti-inflammatory mediator; lymphocyte B proliferation
IL-12	Regulation of collagen synthesis
IL-13	Induction of TGF- $\beta$
IL-17	Fibroblast proliferation
MCP-1	Inflammatory mediator; regulation of collagen synthesis
MCP-3	Regulation of collagen synthesis
PDGF	Induction of TGF- $\beta$ receptor expression; Recruitment of progenitor cells and fibroblasts
TGF- $\beta$	Extracellular matrix (ECM) synthesis; Fibroblast proliferation, activation, and migration
TNF- $\alpha$	Lymphocyte recruitment, pro-inflammatory et anti-fibrotic effects

Cellular and molecular mechanisms in the pathophysiology of systemic sclerosis.  
Hua-Huy T, Dinh-Xuan AT Pathol Biol (Paris). 2015 Apr

# Παθοφυσιολογία



# STAT3 κατ «ενεργοποιητές»



# 'Ινωση

- AB1730: IL-6 upregulates expression of IL-4Ra, and stimulation of SSc monocytes with IL-4/IL-13 results in enhanced CCL2 expression in an IL-6-dependent manner
- AB1725: IGFBP-4 exerts anti-fibrotic effects by reducing the levels of CXCR4 and pro-fibrotic factor CTGF. Reduced IGFBP-4 levels in SSc lung fibroblasts may contribute fibrotic phenotype
- AB1718: Peripheral blood monocytes are able to differentiate to the functional myofibroblast phenotype (potential sources of pathological tissue myofibroblasts in SSc) with sustained pro-fibrotic cytokines secretion
- AB1716: XIAP is upregulated in SSc fibroblasts in a TGFβ-dependent manner and promotes fibroblast activation by fostering canonical WNT signaling
- AB1924: RORα as a key checkpoint of TGF-β- and WNT- induced fibroblast activation

# Αγγειακή Βλάβη - Αυτοφαγία

- AB761: Increased Expression of LIGHT/TNFSF14 and Its Receptor (TNFRSF14) in Patients with Systemic Sclerosis → seem to reflect vascular injury in SSc
- AB1926: The TGF $\beta$ /fra-2 axis regulates the autophagy process, leading in turn to stromal-to-myofibroblast transition
- AB1925: Epigenetic control of autophagy is disturbed by a TGF $\beta$ -dependent downregulation of MYST1 in SSc and promotes fibroblast-to-myofibroblast transition and tissue fibrosis

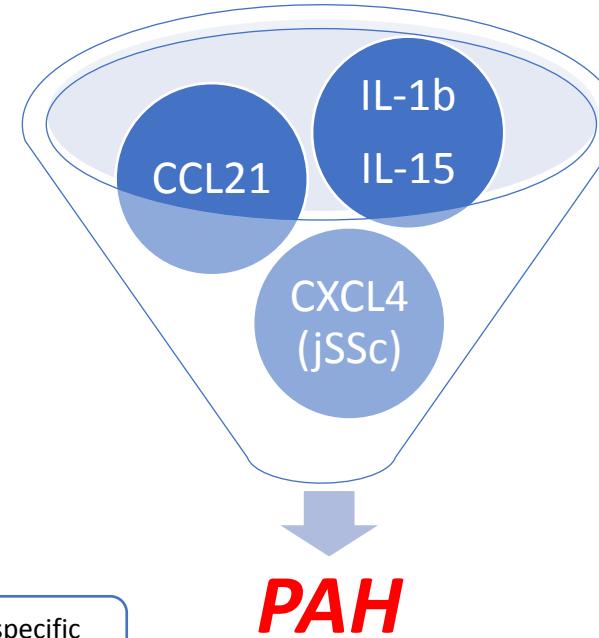
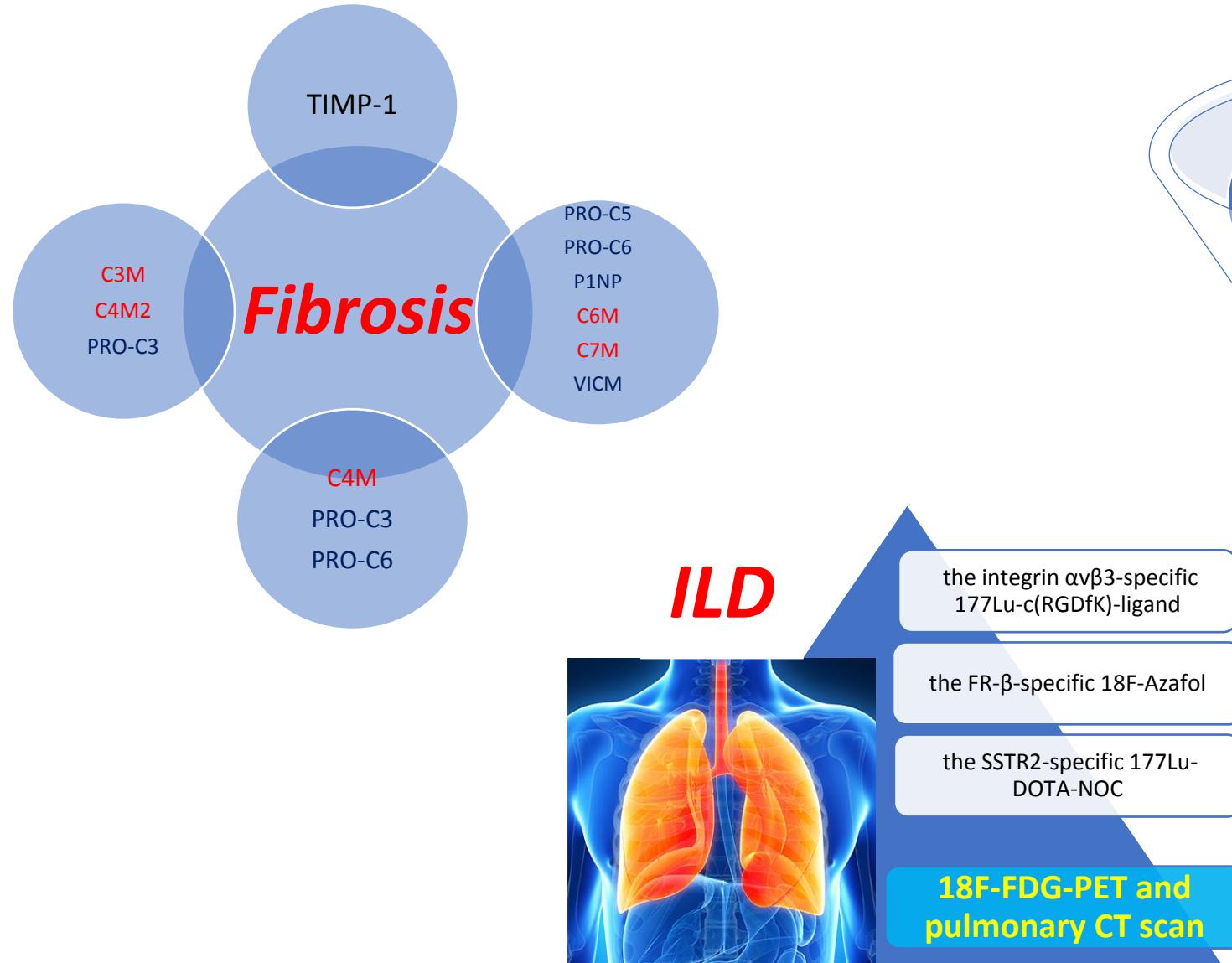
# Γενετική

- AB1727: Hypomethylation of type I IFN-associated genes may be involved in the pathogenesis of SSc
- AB1713: CTNND2 and GPATCH2L genes identified as candidates for investigation of SRC aetiopathogenesis (antiRNA polymerase III related)
- AB754: Numerous ISGs are differentially overexpressed in SSc pulmonary microvascular EC, suggesting that events leading to an interferon response in these cells may play a role in the pathogenesis of SSc lung vasculopathy

# Κλινική Πρακτική- Μετρολογία

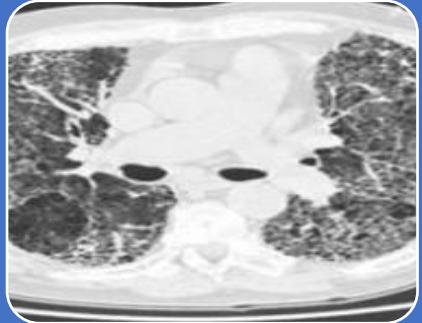
ACR 2017 Abstract	Δείκτης	Κοορτή	Στόχος/Σκοπός Μελέτης	Αποτέλεσμα
726 2981	CRISS (mRSS,FVC%,HAQ-DI,PT&MD GA)	SLS-(134p) FaSScinate	CYC vs PLB in ILD TCZ vs PLB in Skin (FaSScinate)	Can discriminate (caution on GA)
728	COMPASS-31 (autonomic dysfunction)	J.Hopkins (104p)	Compare according to type of SSc and Abs	GI most important irrespective of type/Abs
734	CRISS (mRSS,FVC%,HAQ-DI,PT&MD GA)	Italy (31p)	Relate CRISS to biomarkers (TIMP-1, PIIINP, HA)	TIMP-1 higher baseline in CRISS responders
735	CPET (cardiopulmonary exercise) (+DETECT)	Italy (39p)	CPET in DETECT eligible for RHC patients	reduce useless invasive RHC (39 to 17), without increasing missed diagnosis rate
1676	mRSS	Retrospect (61p)	Compare finger mRSS to “fingerless” mRSS	“fingerless” mRSS correlates better to change
2662	Scleroid	Multicenter (224p)	Compare Scleroid to SHAQ, EQ5D, SF36	Raynaud, hand function and fatigue: main patient reported drivers of disease impact

# Κλινική Πρακτική – Πρόγνωση – Πιθανοί Βιοδείκτες



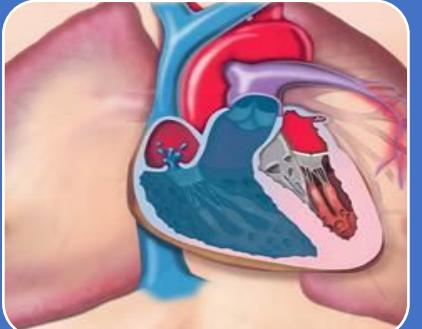
# Κλινική Πρακτική – Θεραπεία: ILD / PAH

## ILD



- Rituximab (iRTX- “Graz Protocol”) [RTX,500mgx2/3m → 500mgx1/3m] → DLCO(~), EScSG(+),mRSS(-)
- Cyclophosphamide pos (SLS I,II) → Δεν διατηρείται το αποτελέσμα μετά τη διακοπή
- Tacrolimus (single center, retrospective) → TAC+χαμηλή δόση ΚΣ μετά CYC διατήρησε την ανταπόκριση σε DLCO,FVC χωρίς σοβαρές ανεπιθυμ. ενεργ.

## PAH



- Δεξιά καρδιακή ανεπάρκεια (baseline) → PAH → αυξημένη θνησιμότητα (απαίτηση για εντατικόποίηση της θεραπείας)
- DETECT follow-up → 40% (1y) PAH επιδεινώθηκε παρά τη θεραπεία – Συσχέτιση της επιδεινώσης με: PFT, Λειτουργική χωρητικότητα, άρρεν φύλο

# Κλινική Πρακτική – Θεραπεία: Δέρμα/Μυοπάθεια

## Δέρμα

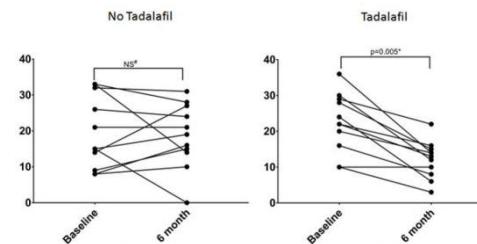
### Tadalafil

ABSTRACT NUMBER: 2885

#### Tadalafil Reduces Skin Fibrosis and Profibrotic Genes Expression in Patients with Systemic Sclerosis

Sakir Ahmed, Mohit Kumar Rai, Durga Prasanna Misra and Vikas Agarwal, Clinical Immunology, Sanjay Gandhi Postgraduate Institute of Medical Sciences, Lucknow, India

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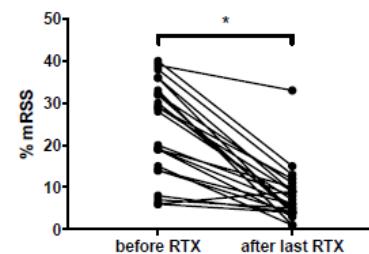
### Rituximab

ABSTRACT NUMBER: 2886

#### Safety and Efficacy of Long-Time Intensified Rituximab Treatment in Patients with Systemic Sclerosis

Hans-Peter Brezinschek<sup>1</sup>, Sonja Kielhauer<sup>2</sup>, Winfried Graninger<sup>3</sup> and Florentine Moaedi-Fürst<sup>2</sup>, <sup>1</sup>Internal Medicine/Division of Rheumatology and Immunology, Rheumatology and Immunology, Medical University Graz, Austria, Graz, Austria, <sup>2</sup>Rheumatology and Immunology, Medical University Graz, Austria, Graz, Austria, <sup>3</sup>Rheumatology and Immunology, Medical University of Graz, Graz, Austria

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## Μυοπάθεια

### ASCS Algorythm

ABSTRACT NUMBER: 948

#### Application of a Diagnostic Algorithm to Identify Inflammatory Myopathy in Systemic Sclerosis

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→ 4πλασια πιθανότητα για θετική βιοψία μυός

### IVIG (+CS)

ABSTRACT NUMBER: 2888

#### Corticosteroid-Sparing Benefit of Intravenous Immunoglobulins in Systemic Sclerosis-Associated Inflammatory Myopathy: A Retrospective Study of 54 Patients

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Ασθενείς σε θεραπεία με IVIG μπόρεσαν να απογαλακτιστούν ευκολότερα και γρηγορότερα από τα ΚΣ

# Κλινική Πρακτική– Θεραπεία: Νεφρική κρύση/Raynaud/ΓΟΠΝ



ABSTRACT NUMBER: 750

## Diltiazem Gel As a New Local Treatment for Scleroderma Digital Ulcers

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ABSTRACT NUMBER: 2889

## Aminaphthone Ameliorates Clinical Symptoms and Increases Skin Blood Perfusion in Patients with Both Primary and Secondary Raynaud Phenomenon: A Six-Month Open Study

Alberto Sulli<sup>1</sup>, Maurizio Cutolo<sup>2</sup>, Carmen Pizzorni<sup>2</sup>, Sabrina Paolino<sup>2</sup>, Elisa Alessandri<sup>2</sup>, Emanuele Gotelli<sup>2</sup> and Barbara Ruaro<sup>2</sup>, <sup>1</sup>Research Laboratory and Academic Division of Clinical Rheumatology, Department of Internal Medicine, University of Genova, IRCCS San Martino, Genoa, Italy, Genova, Italy, <sup>2</sup>Research Laboratory and Academic Division of Clinical Rheumatology, Department of Internal Medicine, University of Genova, IRCCS San Martino, Genoa, Italy, Genoa, Italy

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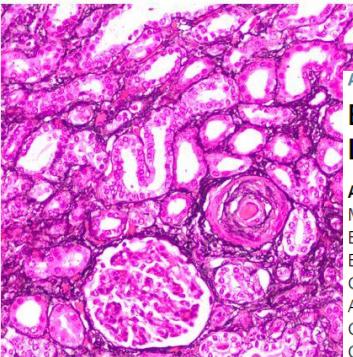


ABSTRACT NUMBER: 1686

## Topical Nitroglycerine (NTG) Vs Matching Vehicle in Secondary Raynaud Phenomenon (RP) – a Double-Blind Crossover Study of Subjective and Physiologic Responses to Controlled Cold Challenge

Dinesh Khanna<sup>1</sup>, Lorele Mendez<sup>2</sup>, Rajaie Namas<sup>3</sup>, Mary Ellen Csuka<sup>4</sup>, Paul Caldron<sup>5</sup>, Jerry A. Molitor<sup>6</sup>, Alan J. Kivitz<sup>7</sup>, Philip Waller<sup>8</sup>, Lee Shapiro<sup>9</sup>, Sabeen Najam<sup>10</sup>, Amber Khan<sup>11</sup>, Virginia D. Steen<sup>12</sup>, Aneureka Chahal<sup>13</sup> and James R Seibold<sup>14</sup>, <sup>1</sup>University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, <sup>2</sup>Medical Research Center of Miami, Miami, FL, <sup>3</sup>Department of Medicine (Division of Rheumatology), University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, <sup>4</sup>Medicine, Medical College of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, WI, <sup>5</sup>Arizona Arthritis & Rheumatology Research PLLC, Phoenix, AZ, <sup>6</sup>Rheumatic & Autoimmune Diseases, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN, <sup>7</sup>Altoona Center for Clinical Research, Duncansville, PA, <sup>8</sup>Accurate Clinical Research Inc, Houston, TX, <sup>9</sup>Rheumatology, Albany Medical College, Albany, NY, <sup>10</sup>Accurate Clinical Management LLC, Baytown, TX, <sup>11</sup>Accurate Clinical Management LLC, Houston, TX, <sup>12</sup>Division of Rheumatology, Department of Medicine, MedStar Georgetown University Hospital, Washington, DC, <sup>13</sup>Austin Regional, Austin, TX, <sup>14</sup>Scleroderma Research Consultants LLC, Litchfield, CT

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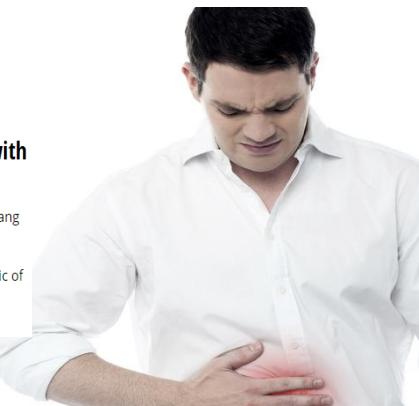


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## Bosentan in Scleroderma Renal Crisis: A National Open Label Prospective Study

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## Regional and Whole Gut Transit Times in Patients with Systemic Sclerosis Using the Wireless Motility Capsule

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Or...not!

ABSTRACT NUMBER: 1677

## Low Baseline Impedance in Proximal Esophagus and Decreased Pspw Index May Related with Pathogenesis of Interstitial Lung Disease in Systemic Sclerosis

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## Reduction of DLco and FVC in Patients with GERD and Systemic Sclerosis

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## Pathogenic Mechanisms of Esophageal Peristaltic Dysfunction By High Resolution Manometry in Patients with Systemic Sclerosis

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Connection between GERD, ILD, autonomic dysfunction and fibrosis ??

# Κλινική Πρακτική – Τι θα δούμε στο μέλλον;

ABSTRACT NUMBER: 1707

## Effect of Anabasum (JBT-101) on Gene Expression in Skin Biopsies from Subjects with Diffuse Cutaneous Systemic Sclerosis (dcSSc) and the Relationship of Baseline Molecular Subsets to Clinical Benefit in the Phase 2 Trial

Viktor Martyanov<sup>1</sup>, Yolanda Nesbeth<sup>2</sup>, Guoshuai Cai<sup>1</sup>, Tammara A. Wood<sup>1</sup>, Jake Reder<sup>2</sup>, Scott Constantine<sup>3</sup>, Barbara White<sup>3</sup>, Robert F. Spiera<sup>4</sup> and Michael L. Whitfield<sup>1</sup>,  
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## SIRT1 May Protect Against Systemic Sclerosis-Related Pulmonary Fibrosis By Decreasing Pro-Inflammatory and Pro-Fibrotic Processes

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## The αV Integrin Inhibitor Abituzumab Inhibits Myofibroblast Differentiation

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## TGF-β-Induced Tissue Fibrosis in TBR1caCol1Cre Transgenic Mice Is Abrogated By the Second Generation Tyrosine Kinase Inhibitor SKI-606 (Bosutinib)

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## Dipeptidyl-Peptidase-4 (DPP4) Promotes Fibroblast Activation and Is a Potential Molecular Target for Treatment of Fibrosis

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## Inhibition of EZH2 Stops Fibrosis and Improves Angiogenesis in Scleroderma

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# Και από όλα αυτά τι να κρατήσω...?

- ✓ STAT3, JAK, TGFβ, ενεργοποίηση και «μετατροπή» μακροφάγων
- ✓ Η ίνωση είναι ο νέος θεραπευτικός στόχος
- ✓ Χρειάζεται έγκαιρη διάγνωση και πιθανότερα συνεχής παρέμβαση (ILD και PAH)
- ✓ Rituximab, Tocilizumab, DPP4s, Tadalafil = χρήσιμα
- ✓ Triplex καρδιάς, ΗΚΓφημα για PAH στην κλινική πράξη
- ✓ Aminaphthone, Anabasum = άμεσο μέλλον

