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SYSTEMIC SCLEROSIS WITHOUT ANTINUCLEAR ANTIBODIES: A MULTI-CENTER STUDY OF EUSTAR COHORT IN CHINA

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Background: The presence of circulating antinuclear antibodies (ANAs) is a hallmark of immune dysregulation and malfunction in patients with systemic sclerosis (SSc) [1]. A variety of ANAs [2], including anti-centromere antibody, anti-topoisomerase I antibody, and anti-RNA polymerase III antibody, are associated with unique sets of disease manifestations and widely used in routine clinical practice for diagnosis, clinical subgrouping, risk stratification and prediction of future organ involvements and prognosis in SSc patients [3,4].

Objectives: This study aimed to investigate the clinical features of SSc patients with negative ANAs in a European League Against Rheumatism Scleroderma Trials and Research Group (EUSTAR) and Chinese Rheumatism Data Center (CRDC) multi-center cohort in China.

Methods: Patients were prospectively recruited between April 2008 and June 2019 based on the EUSTAR database and CRDC multi-center cohort from 154 clinical centers nationwide, all of whom fulfilled the 2013 ACR/EULAR classification criteria for systemic sclerosis. Antibody antibody testing result was intensively collected. Demographic, clinical, and laboratory data were compared between ANA-positive SSc patients and those with negative ANAs. T-test and chi-square analysis were performed in the comparisons.
Results: Antinuclear antibodies were detected in 2129 out of 2809 systemic sclerosis patients enrolled in the multi-center cohort and 4.2% of them were negative. There was significant difference between patients with negative and positive ANAs based on gender (29/60 vs 294/1746, p<0.001). The presence of Raynaud’s phenomenon is less common (71.8% vs 99.8%, p<0.001) in the ANA-negative patients. In addition, compared with ANA-positive patients, the incidence of certain critical organ involvements, including gastroesophageal reflux (5.6% vs 18.5%, p=0.002), interstitial lung disease (65.2% vs 77.9%, p=0.015) and pulmonary arterial hypertension (11.5% vs 29.0%, p=0.006) were significantly lower in ANA-negative patients than in the positive group. The proportion of IgG elevation, an indicator of disease activity and severity of inflammation, was significantly lower in the ANA-negative patients than that in the positive group (14.3% vs 41.2%, p<0.001), while no significant differences were found in other inflammatory indicators and skin scores.

Conclusion: This study describes the clinical features of SSc patients with negative ANAs, which have been rarely mentioned or focused in existing studies. Antinuclear antibody is proved to be strongly associated with the clinical manifestations of systemic sclerosis patients and ANA-negative SSc patients tend to be in relatively milder conditions, including a less common involvement of critical organs and a more temperate inflammatory severity.

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SAT0328 OUTCOME OF INTERSTITIAL LUNG DISEASE (ILD) IN ANTI-PM/SCL PATIENTS WITH SYSTEMIC SCLEROSIS: RESULTS FROM AN EUSTAR CASE-CONTROL STUDY.

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Methods: A case-control study within the EUSTAR cohort collected 165 anti-PM/Scl+ SSc cases and 257 anti-PM/Scl- SSc controls, matched for sex, cutaneous involvement and survival in systemic sclerosis: Results of a Cross-sectional Study. [J]. J Rheumatol 2015; 42:1111-5.

Background: Systemic Sclerosis (Scleroderma, SSc) is an autoimmune disorder characterized by multi-organ dysfunction, which ultimately leads to multiple clinical and psychological complications. Among various complications of scleroderma, sexual dysfunction can be named as a major issue in both multiple clinical and psychological complications. Among various complications of scleroderma, sexual dysfunction can be named as a major issue in both male and female patients, which has great impact on quality of life of the patients.

Objectives: Investigating the sexual dysfunction in scleroderma patients and its relation to their vascular involvements.

Methods: A case control study was done on 80 married female scleroderma patients with age between 20-60 years old. Eighty normal individuals adjusted for age, place of living and socioeconomic status were also recruited. Sexual performance in both groups was assessed using FSFI standardized questionnaire, which evaluated it in 6 domains of desire, arousal, lubrication, orgasm, satisfaction, and pain. Micro and macro-vascular involvements of the patients were also determined using Raynaud Condition Score, Echocardiography, physical exam for assessing their digital ulcers and reviewing their medical records for presence of past or present history of renal crisis and thromboembolic events.

Results: The total score of FSFI in the case group was significantly lower compared to control group (16.68 ± 6.35, 19.69 ± 6.01, p-value <0.001). The scale was significantly lower in all domains of sexual dysfunction except for pain and lubrication. Moreover, the mean score of FSFI was also found to be significantly lower in limited form of the disease compared to diffuse one (14.6 ± 6.9, 18.1 ± 5.5, p-value 0.01). No significant association was found between vascular complications and sexual impairment of the scleroderma patients.

Conclusion: This study can be named as the first survey investigating the sexual dysfunction in Iranian female scleroderma patients and assessing its relation with vascular complication of the disease. Thus, it can be a guide for future studies on sexual dysfunction especially in societies with cultural limitations in discussing this issue.

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