AB0451

TO EVALUATE THE PREVALENCE OF INTERSTITIAL LUNG DISEASE (ILD) AND/OR PULMONARY ARTERIAL HYPERTENSION (PAH) IN PATIENTS AFFECTED BY SYSTEMIC SCLEROSIS (SSC) AND TO DETERMINE THE FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH ILD

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Background: Systemic sclerosis (SSc) is a chronic autoimmune disease that carries significant mortality. Despite diagnostic and therapeutic advances in recent years, there is still a significant percentage of patients who do not present a complete clinical response, with the associated increase in morbidity and mortality. Specifically, pulmonary disease is frequent and entails a poor prognosis, with interstitial lung disease (ILD) and pulmonary hypertension (PAH) being the two most important complications, the first and second cause of mortality, respectively.

Objectives: To evaluate the prevalence of ILD and/or PAH in patients affected by SSC and to determine the factors associated with ILD.

Methods: Cross-sectional observational study of 102 patients diagnosed with SSC (Limited, Diffuse, SSC without scleroderma or Pre-scleroderma), treated between 1975 and 2020 at the Reina Sofia University Hospital in Cordoba. A descriptive study of the cohort was carried out and factors independently associated with ILD were evaluated using a multiple logistic regression model.

Results: 102 patients were included, 87.3% of these were female with an average age of 50.8 ± 14 years. There were 20 deaths (19.8%), from which 55% died because of SSC and the main reason was ILD and/or PAH. Respiratory complications (as ILD or as PAH) were present in 59 patients (57.8%), of whom 52 were diagnosed with ILD (90.4% with a pattern of non-specific interstitial pneumonia) and 25 PAH, whose mean pulmonary artery systolic pressure was 47 ± 16 (18.54) mmHg. Anti-topoisomerase I antibodies were positive in 34.6% of patients who developed ILD, while anticientromere antibodies were more frequent in SSC without interstitial lung disease (80%). Independent factors associated with ILD were type of SSC, proximal skin involvement, anticientromere antibodies, current treatment with corticoids and the death.

Conclusion: Just over half of the patients with SSC have lung disease as ILD or as PAH. The main risk factors associated with ILD are proximal skin involvement and treatment with glucocorticoids, probably in the context of more severe forms that require more treatment. Anticientromere antibodies are more prevalent in patients with Limited SSC and their expression decreases the risk of developing ILD in these patients.

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GENDER FEATURES IN PSYCHOLOGICAL STATUS IN PATIENTS WITH LUNG ULTRASOUND SYNDROME

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Background: The use of lung ultrasound (LUS) in the management of patients with ILD has the advantage of lower cost and the absence of x-ray radiation. Assessment and depression and anxiety were used the following scales: State-Trait Anxiety Inventory, symptomatic questionnaire SCL-90-R, Beck Depression Inventory. LUS was carried out for the evaluation of the location and number of B-lines on both right and left hemithoraces using commercially available echoequipment with a 5-12 MHz linear transducer (Accuvix A30, Samsung Medison).

Results: Most patients had an average number of B-lines 24.5±11.5±3.4. In woman the total number of B-lines correlated with the situational anxiety (r=0.71, p<0.05), with the personal anxiety (r=0.6, p<0.05) and with somatization (r=0.67, p<0.05). Also there was a trend between somatic (r=-0.49, p=0.08) and affective (r=-0.51, p=0.07) subscales, general depression (r=-0.48, p=0.1), but did not achieve statistical significance, probably due to the small number of patients. Among patients, including men and women, no statistically significant correlation was found.

Conclusion: The relationship between situational, personal anxiety, somatization and the total number of B-lines among women with secondary ILD was found. Further research is needed to clarify details.

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THE CHARACTERISTICS OF SSC-ILD PATIENTS WITH ACTIVE THERAPY IN DIFFERENT PROGNOSIS INTERVALS BASED ON DISCRIMINANT ANALYSIS

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Background: Interstitial lung disease (ILD) frequently complicates SSCs and can be a debilitating disorder with a poor prognosis. Several risk factors for progressive SSC-ILD have been identified and prognostic scoring systems have identified predictors of mortality. It’s important to develop treatment recommendation.

Objectives: To use the discrimination function for pts with SSC-ILD and highlight pts with different prognoses.

Methods: It was a longitudinal study involving 140pts with SSCs-ILD. The mean age was 46.7±13.8, females 82%, SSC duration 6.2±3.8 years, diffuse subset 54.4%. The mean duration of follow up was 73.2±27.8 months. All pts received low- and moderate-dose glucocorticoids (Gc), RTM (the mean dose 3.14±2.38g) and 77 pts had received parenteral CyP(mean dose 15.9±15.6g).

We have got the discrimination function that included: ground glass opacities (GGO) (1−abests of the GGO, 2−the presents of GGO); index EScSG (the digital value); FVC/FVC275−0,75 (the maximum daily dose of Gc (the digital value, mg); Gamma globulins (the digital value, %); cyclophosphamide (CYC) (the absence of CyP=0, the presence of the CyP=1);DLco (DLco<52% =0, DLco≥52% =1). We assessed all parameters at the entry in the study except DLco evaluated after one year of follow up. Based on this analysis the equation was developed.

The equation of prognosis is 3.14GGO+0.70index EScSG−1.326 FVC-0.1 ββ 0.066 Gamma globulins+0.136 Gamma globulins+1.066 CYP−1.075DLco−2.58ββ

The equation of prognosis to 5.8 corresponds to stabilization or good prognosis. Value of equation of prognosis greater than 5.8 corresponds to poor prognosis. The mean level a-Scl-70, ESR, CRP mg/ml, γ-globulin, ME [25‰/75‰], CRP mg/ml 9.4±10.4 11.5±23.4 21.5±27.1

ββ - p=0.0018.

ββ 35±11.9

ββ 47.5±23.3

ββ γ γ γ γ p=0.0018.Mean level of γ-globulins and CYP were significantly greater in group 1 vs group 2. Mean value of PAP and dose of CyP were significantly increased in group 3. It should be noted that pts with good prognosis have had low level of all parameters and high dose of RTM.

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Table 1. Baseline characteristics of the groups

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<td>CRP mg/ml</td>
<td>9.4±10.4</td>
<td>11.5±23.4</td>
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<td>ME (25%/75%)</td>
<td>7.5 [1.9;11.2]</td>
<td>5 [1.6;10.4]</td>
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<td>ESR mm/h</td>
<td>17±16.3</td>
<td>23±16.7</td>
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<td>γ-globulin</td>
<td>31.9±17.2</td>
<td>31.1±11.8</td>
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<td>Skin score</td>
<td>9.6±3.77</td>
<td>11.5±9.9</td>
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<td>Index EScSG</td>
<td>1.9±1.7*</td>
<td>3.4±1.9*</td>
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<td>Mean level γ-globulins</td>
<td>31.9±17.2</td>
<td>31.1±11.8</td>
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<td>Cumulative dose of CyP g</td>
<td>1.5±3.7</td>
<td>11.4±24.7</td>
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<td>ME (25%/75%)</td>
<td>0 [0;2]</td>
<td>4.9 [0;17]</td>
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<td>Maximum dose of glucocorticoids</td>
<td>3±1±6</td>
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Conclusion: The discrimination function is a proposed screening algorithm for pts with SSc-ILD who could develop progression disease. Usage of discrimination function revealed that 64% pts with ILD-SSc have got poor prognosis and 9% of them have got fatal outcome. Usage the equation of prognosis is very useful to choice of treatment and observation pts SSc-ILD.

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SPECIFICITY OF INTERSTITIAL LUNG DISEASE IN PATIENTS WITH SYSTEMIC SCLEROSIS POSITIVE FOR A-Topo-1 AND α-RNP

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Background: The classification criteria of SSC (EULAR/ACR 2013) compared to the criteria of 1980 showed high sensitivity and allow to detect the full spectrum of systemic sclerosis (SSc). The use of the new criteria led to the fact that some of the patients who were diagnosed with MCTD began to meet the criteria of SSc. Since these patients have hyperproduction of antibodies to RNP, but no other SSc-specific autoantibodies, we believe that they represent a special clinical and immunological phenotype of SSC. Lung involvement in SSc impairs the quality of life and the prognosis, so the study of interstitial lung disease(ILD) in different phenotypes is relevant.

Objectives: To compare the main manifestations of ILD in two groups of patients who meet the classification criteria of SSc 2013 - positive for a-Topo-1 and for α-RNP.

Methods: The study included 100 patients. The first group - 50 patients positive for a-Topo-1 (45 women and 5 men, mean age 55±10 years, duration of the disease 10.2±8 years, subset of the disease: diffuse 52%, limited 48%) and the second group - 50 patients positive for α-RNP (43 women and 7 men, mean age 44.5±14 years, duration of the disease 11.7±8 years; form of the disease: diffuse 14%, limited 86). The diagnosis of ILD was established by HRCT.

Results: In patients of group I ILD was detected in 94% of cases, in group II - 68% (p<0.05). In both groups a decrease in functional lung tests was noted with a high frequency, but a severe decrease in the lung diffusion capacity was significantly more often observed in group I.

Table 1. Data of laboratory and instrumental parameters

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<tr>
<th>Parameters</th>
<th>a-Topo-1-positive</th>
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<td>Decrease of DLCO &lt; 80%</td>
<td>49 (98)</td>
<td>43 (86)</td>
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<td>DLCO &lt;55%</td>
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<td>16 (32)</td>
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<td>Decrease of FVC 80%</td>
<td>19 (38)</td>
<td>10 (20)</td>
<td>p&lt;0.05</td>
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<td>FVC-70%</td>
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<td>7 (14)</td>
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<td>Ground glass opacity</td>
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<td>26 (52)</td>
<td>NS</td>
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<td>Honeycombing</td>
<td>17 (34)</td>
<td>8 (16)</td>
<td>p&lt;0.05</td>
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<td>SPAP &gt;40mmHg</td>
<td>6 (12)</td>
<td>10 (20)</td>
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<td>including PAH**</td>
<td>2 (4)</td>
<td>3 (4.6)</td>
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<td>ANA=1:640</td>
<td>37 (74)</td>
<td>45 (90)</td>
<td>p&lt;0.05</td>
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** ANA – antinuclear antibodies, PAH – pulmonary arterial hypertension, SPAP – systolic pulmonary artery pressure ** confirmed by the data of catheterization of the right heart

Typical changes according to HRCT were detected in both groups, but fibrotic changes dominates in group I. There were no significant differences in the frequency of occurrence of PAH. Patients of group II had high level of ANA more often.

Conclusion: In both groups, a high frequency and similar manifestations of ILD were noted. In patients with SSc positive for anti-U1RNP, despite the predominance of limited skin lesions (in 86% of patients), a high incidence of ILD was detected, while the frequency of PAH was comparable to SSc in general.

Compared with a-Topo-1 positive patients, ILD was significantly less frequent in anti-U1RNP positive patients and was accompanied with a smaller reduction of DLCO and/or FVC and a lower frequency of severe lung fibrosis. These data confirm the similarity of lung involvement in compared phenotypes of SSc and indicate the importance of screening for ILD in patients with hyperproduction of α-RNP, especially at an early stage of the disease.

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